

The Hon. John S. Williams, United States Senator,
for Kentucky, writes as follows :

UNITED STATES SENATE CHAMBER,

WASHINGTON, October 13th, 1881.

HENRY FRANKLIN SHEARMAN, ESQ.,

"DEAR SIR,

"I think well of your plan of introducing into Kentucky young Englishmen who wish to learn American modes of business. I think Kentucky the most desirable of all the States of the Union for the better class of English Emigrants. The Kentuckians are nearly all descended from English ancestors, and have still strongly marked traits of English character. There is a striking resemblance between the blue-grass region of Kentucky and some of the best portions of England.

As an agricultural and stock raising country, Kentucky has no equal on the American Continent. The other States all come to Kentucky for their fine horses and cattle. Not an American horse has won a race in England that did not come from Kentucky. The soil is of surprising fertility, and the climate so mild that men may work on our farms every day in the year. Geological survey shews that Kentucky has more coal and iron than the whole of Great Britain. The farmers of Kentucky, as you must have observed are superior to those of any other State of our Union. Kentucky is the only State where the rich and educated people reside upon and cultivate their own farms. I am a farmer myself and produce tobacco wheat, Indian corn, sheep, and short horn cattle; and within the last year have sold from off a farm of 1,200 acres 32,000 dollars worth of products, without touching a short horn, and this without any artificial manure. I usually get 100 bushels of Indian corn, 35 bushels of wheat, 75 bushels of oats, and 1,500 lbs. of White Burley tobacco to the acre.

I sold a few weeks since my last year's crop of tobacco at a price which averaged me 300 dollars to the acre. I gave the tenants one half for their work, which left me 150 dollars clear rent to the acre. Our climate is healthy, and nowhere in the world is animal life, both in man and the lower animals to be found in a more vigorous and perfect existence than in Kentucky.

Very truly yours,

JOHN S. WILLIAMS.