

TO THE
FARMERS AND LAND-HOLDERS
IN THE
PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU are here presented with the proceedings of a Society which was lately formed by a few public-spirited Gentlemen in Halifax, for the purpose of promoting Agriculture; also with such papers as they received, and judged to be best adapted to their delight.

The original papers written by members of the Society, or their correspondents, are not numerous; and indeed it could not be expected that a Society of this kind, in the first year of its Institution, and in an Infant Colony, could produce a large stock of original pieces. The scheme is new. Many who possess a considerable knowledge of Husbandry, have not a facility in committing their observations and sentiments to writing; others are timid in submitting their compositions to the scrutiny of the public; and a still greater number, here, as in all other countries, accustomed to proceed in that mode of culture, derived from their ancestors, do not reflect whether it may be altered for the better; and having no knowledge of any other, are apt to consider it as the best, and resist any change or innovation. They blindly pursue a system, founded in ignorance, to their own great detriment, as experience has fully proved.

These difficulties, it is hoped, will in time be surmounted. When the first impressions of novelty are worn off, men of sense and experience will come forward in greater numbers, and communicate that practice to the public which they have found most advantageous; and as it is natural for mankind to pursue their interest, others will follow their example, and strive to share in the advantages resulting from an enlightened and judicious practice. In the mean time, to supply the defect of information, of our own growth, the Society have selected from some of the best publications in Europe and America, several pieces on various branches of Husbandry, which they recommend to your consideration.