

in the same country, or they will not succeed. The system of farming that would be *best* for me to follow in order to obtain from the land I cultivate the largest and most valuable produce for my own direct use, or that I can exchange or sell, for what I want or consume, must unquestionably be the best for all other farmers similarly circumstanced, in every respect. The well instructed will never reject any thing that would be good and profitable for him to adopt, for no other reason but that of its not being proposed by himself, or one of his own countrymen.

We know that wealth consists in having abundance of what we want or desire; and much is attainable by those who will have due energy, and know how to apply it. Surrounded, or rather connected, as we are with nations that are advancing rapidly in improvement, we must go with them in the same race, or we must inevitably be retrograding. It is not sufficient for a country to maintain the same degree of industry from generation to generation, without making some effort to advance or improve it. "There is a sort of energy in attempting to obtain, that is not to be found in those who are only exerting themselves to keep, of which it is difficult to explain the cause, but of which the existence is very certain." The intelligence and industry of every people ought to go on constantly increasing, or it will be impossible to prevent them from retrograding if they are connected with, or in the neighbourhood of countries that are advancing in industry and intelligence. It is this conviction that has urged me to offer this address, and I hope it will not give offence in any quarter, as in truth none is intended. As to my interfering in this subject, I do so, as an agriculturalist permanently settled with my family in the country, interested in its prosperity, and anxious to see the class to which I belong fitted to assume that station in society