

OUTLINE MAP OF ENGLAND, Ä

Shewing the distinction between the Corn and Grazing counties; and the line of division between high and low Wages.

All to the East of the black line, running from North to South, may be regarded as the chief Corn Districts of England; the average rental per acre of the cultivated land of which is 50 per cent. less than that of the counties to the West of the same line, which are the principal Grazing, Green Crop, and Dairy districts.

The dotted line, running from East to West, shows the line of Wages; the average of the counties to the North of that line being 37 per cent. higher than those to the South of it.



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THE "TIMES" COMMISSIONER.

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“ Books will not teach farming, but if they describe the practices of the best farmers they will make men think, and show where to learn it.”—PH. PUSEY.



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LONGMAN, BROWN, GREEN, AND LONGMANS.

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LONDON:
SPOTTISWOODES and SHAW,
New-street-Square.

THIS VOLUME
IS DEDICATED,
WITH RESPECT AND ESTEEM,
TO
JOHN WALTER, ESQ., M.P.
BY WHOSE PUBLIC SPIRIT
THE INQUIRY WHICH IT EMBODIES
WAS UNDERTAKEN.

P R E F A C E.

IN the beginning of 1850, the low prices of agricultural produce and the serious complaints of farmers and landlords, indicated the necessity of some inquiry into the actual state of agriculture in the principal counties of England. In order to ascertain the extent and true cause of the distress, this inquiry was originated by "THE TIMES." Having been invited to undertake a task so extensive and at that time so difficult on account of the excited state of the agricultural mind — I ventured to consult the late Sir Robert Peel, whether such an inquiry, conducted in the fair and temperate spirit which was desired, might not be beneficial to those connected with land, and to the tenant farmers in particular, in whose prosperity I knew that both his feelings and his interests were deeply engaged. With the concurrence of his literary Executors, I am enabled to lay before the Public the following letter from that lamented statesman :—

" Drayton Manor, Fazeley,
" January 6. 1850.

" DEAR SIR,

" I am inclined to advise the acceptance of the offer conveyed in the inclosed.

" There is so little intercommunion between agricul-