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Your merit as a Cultivator is well known to those who have visited the Farm You rent of the Earl of Dysart at Petersham in the County of Surrey, on which Your Predecessors have failed, and which is now in the highest perfection it can arrive at, unless You could expend a larger sum for Manure, which the shortness of Your lease could by no means make advisable. The change of the State of this Farm entirely arises from ~~the~~ unremitting industry and <sup>exertion</sup> spirited ~~exertion~~ with which You have adopted a new style of Husbandry entirely of Your own invention, which seems to embrace all the Advantages of the Old mode of Cultivation as well as of that of M<sup>r</sup>. Galt. It is no wonder that You have not found time to lay Your mode before the Public, Your desire of being useful certainly would I am certain have inclined You to it, had not Your modesty ever checked such an idea.

Every Day almost produces some new publication on Husbandry which certainly give but little fresh light on the subject and seem rather the productions of the closet than of experiments in that useful Science; this may have <sup>increased</sup> ~~increased~~ Your disposition of becoming <sup>an</sup> Author; but that most useful publication now monthly published

published by Arthur Young Esq<sup>r</sup> seems forcibly to call on You to give that assistance to a subject You so well understand by laying Your system of Husbandry before the public through that respectable Channel and in detached papers which will not take up the time that naturally You cannot well spare from Your <sup>daily</sup> ~~occupations by~~ ~~composing~~ ~~the~~ ~~composing~~ a regular treatise on Agriculture ~~under~~ ~~request~~.

What You are therefore desired to draw up is first a paper on Your particular mode of Cultivation and the Instruments You employ which are in general very different from those in use in any part of the Kingdom.

A second Paper would naturally contain the Succession of Crops You have found most advantageous, and how far You think this new mode would succeed on stony and deep soils as well as on sandy ones.

If You will send the papers to the person from whom You will receive this care will be taken to transmit it to the Publisher of the Annals of Agriculture, by which You may of more utility to Your Country than You may be aware and at the same time obtain that <sup>degree of</sup> reputation which must naturally be highly grateful to a man of talents.