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With Mr. W. Cole's compliments.

Copy of a letter from H. Dixon  
travelling in Yorkshire

York. Thursday night.

Dear Sir,  
Ignorance - indifference - hostility: these  
are in brief the characteristics of the Agricultural Towns  
which I have visited today. At Thirsk, I saw a few of the  
Magistrates & others; but they said the people in their  
district would give nothing - & it was useless to form a  
Com<sup>tee</sup>. They admitted that nothing was known about  
the design - & expressed a wish to have some "abstracts"  
such as I have had the honor to propose to you at  
the suggestion of persons in Leicestershire - to circulate  
in the neighbourhood, as out of this, a feeling in favor  
of the project may arise. These "abstracts" may be sent  
to Thomas Smith Esq. Thirsk. I had a long conference  
with the parties, & hope some seeds of good are sown  
in the plan: but beyond this hope I have nothing to  
Shew