



THE ENGLISH FARM-YARD.

The Farm-Yard of Old England—blest be thou
 With peace and plenty, liberty, and worth;
 Pride of the British yeomen who went forth
 To wreath a garland for their country's brow
 At Agincourt. God speed thy sturdy plough,
 Which fears not to compete with south or north,
 Free, unprotected; for, with English skill,
 And wealth, and energies, and more—the soil,
 To triumph o'er all odds, thy Harvest Home
 The joy of Ceres' sickle still shall be;
 And round the hospitable board shall foam
 The nut-brown cup in rural jubilee.
 The Farm-Yard of Old England, be thou blest;
 The homestead pride of Britain's honoured crest.

And equal homage to Old England's sail
 And equal honour to her Commerce free,
 Whose wings o'er waves of prejudice prevail,
 Whose spirit lights the distant, darkest sea
 Cradle of England's navy, joy to thee;
 Ark of our liberty, which cannot quail
 Against the world, triumphant still may be
 Thy path against the billow and the sale
 Bound in the bond of brother-love, the swain
 Of rural cot will hail the hardy tar,
 And the brave ploughman of the stormy main
 Will love that cot when journeying from afar.
 Honour to England's sickle, sail, and trade,
 And long may the olive wreath her glorious blade!

SIR R. PEEL'S NEW CORN BILL OF 1846.

The important measure brought in by Sir Robert Peel last Session for the gradual repeal of the Corn-laws is a very brief one. It commences by stating, that after the passing of the Act, till the 1st of Feb. 1849, the duties set forth in the schedule shall be payable upon all corn, &c., imported. It then recites, that on and after the 1st Feb. 1849, the following duties only shall be levied:—

Upon all Wheat, Barley, Bear or Bigg, Oats, Rye, Pease, and Beans, for every quarter	s. d.
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And so in proportion, for a less quantity.	
Upon all Wheat Meal and Flour, Barley Meal, Oatmeal, Rye Meal and Flour, Pea Meal, and Bean Meal, for every cwt.	0 4½
And so in proportion for a less quantity.	

The average prices are to be still made up according to the regulations made by 5 and 6 Victoria, cap. 14.

The following is the schedule above referred to:—

If imported from any foreign country.	
WHEAT :—Whenever the average price of Wheat made up and published in the manner required by law shall be for every quarter under 48s., the duty shall be	
48s. and under 49s.	10 0
49s. and under 50s.	9 0
50s. and under 51s.	8 0
51s. and under 52s.	7 0
52s. and under 53s.	6 0
53s. and upwards	5 0
BARLEY, BEAR, OR BIGG :—Whenever the average price of Barley, made up and published in the manner required by law, shall be for every quarter under 26s., the duty shall be for every quarter	
26s. and under 27s.	5 0
27s. and under 28s.	4 6
28s. and under 29s.	4 0
.. .. .	3 6

29s. and under 30s.	.. .. .	3 0
30s. and under 31s.	.. .. .	2 6
31s. and upwards	.. .. .	2 0

OATS :—Whenever the average price of Oats, made up and published in the manner required by law, shall be for every quarter under 18s. the duty shall be for every quarter		4 0
18s. and under 19s.	.. .. .	3 6
19s. and under 20s.	.. .. .	3 0
20s. and under 21s.	.. .. .	2 6
21s. and under 22s.	.. .. .	2 0
22s. and upwards	.. .. .	1 6

RYE, PEASE, AND BEANS :—For every quarter, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable on a quarter of Barley.

WHEAT MEAL AND FLOUR :—For every barrel, being one hundred and ninety-six pounds, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable on thirty-eight gallons and a half of Wheat.

BARLEY MEAL :—For every quantity of two hundred and seventeen and a half pounds, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable on a quarter of Barley.

OATMEAL AND GROATS :—For every quantity of one hundred and eighty-one pounds and a half, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable on a quarter of oats.

RYE MEAL AND FLOUR :—For every barrel, being one hundred and ninety-six pounds, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable upon forty gallons of Rye.

PEA MEAL AND BEAN MEAL :—For every quantity of two hundred and seventy-two pounds, a duty equal in amount to the duty payable on a quarter of Pease or Beans.

If the produce of and imported from any British Possession out of Europe:	
Wheat, Barley, Bear, or Bigg, Oats, Rye, Pease, and Beans, the duty shall be for every quarter	s. d.
.. .. .	1 0
Wheat Meal, Barley Meal, Oatmeal, Rye Meal, Pea Meal, and Bean Meal, the duty shall be for every cwt.	0 4½