

BRAEMAR,

KERSFIELD ROAD,

PUTNEY, S.W. 15.

17<sup>th</sup> February 1933.

My dear Hugh

At long last I am returning the Parsons "Tarnet" of their Foxe Yard Lands at Deddington, by the hand of your Father whom I met in Oxford today. I have kept the document for a long time as I was unable to spare time previously to carefully read and check it with the type-written copy which you gave me.

It is very interesting and shows how difficult must have been the working of land cut up into strips in the common fields. A yard was about 16 to 18 acres and there 40 (odd) acres were in different parts of the Field. At that date, George I's reign, Deddington "Field" was unenclosed, and the area of the whole was about 2000 acres I believe. They had the four course system, and the Field seems to have been divided into four quarters, viz. fallow, wheat, barley, peas + beans.

I hope you and Peggy are keeping well. I had 82 members of my staff ill, and 3 died in a fortnight - my Deputy, among the three. A very able + loyal fellow.

A serious loss.

With our love to you both.

Your affectionate Uncle  
Henry S. Stelgoe

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