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Welcombe House,

Dorchester.

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Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter  
of the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst. The breed of  
Crows I keep are the "Toughens",  
which had been in years  
past very popular in the  
Midland Counties but I  
am sorry to say they are  
now getting very scarce.

The Toughens are a hard breed  
seen at Melcombe nearly  
100 years. They were greatly  
improved by my late  
Father Mr. Owen before him

& now I believe they are  
beyond doubt the largest &  
purest herd in England  
these. Lasts are particularly  
famous for their size for  
grazing but not so much  
for their milking qualities;  
although their milk if small  
in quantity is quality is  
only second to the Jersey.  
I do not think they  
are the Breed you refer  
to as I have never heard  
of their being crossed

with the best. CATTLE.

The long horns are sometimes accounted  
with large spreading horns & if you  
should feel interested in them I  
should be happy to send you further  
particulars & if you should be in  
my neighbourhood. I should then be  
glad to say more.

Yours  
Wm. Halliday

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