Letter, December 7, 1840, from George Patterson to Thomas Green Clemson

George Patterson

Follow this and additional works at: https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/tgc

Materials in this collection may be protected by copyright law (Title 17, U.S. code). Use of these materials beyond the exceptions provided for in the Fair Use and Educational Use clauses of the U.S. Copyright Law may violate federal law.

For additional rights information, please contact Kirstin O’Keefe (kokeefe [at] clemson [dot] edu)

For additional information about the collections, please contact the Special Collections and Archives by phone at 864.656.3031 or via email at cuscl [at] clemson [dot] edu

Recommended Citation
Patterson, George, "Letter, December 7, 1840, from George Patterson to Thomas Green Clemson" (1840). Thomas Green Clemson Papers, Mss 2. 132.
https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/tgc/132

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Manuscript Collections at TigerPrints. It has been accepted for inclusion in Thomas Green Clemson Papers, Mss 2 by an authorized administrator of TigerPrints. For more information, please contact kokeefe@clemson.edu.
Ykesville
Dec. 3
Thos. J. Mclemore
Fort Hill
Randleton
S. Carolina
Springfield, Dec. 7th 1840—

Dear Sir,

Your letter of 29 Oct. was received some time since. The Devon cattle, I think, are fully equal to any other breed for milk, taking into consideration the quantity, as well as the quality. I saw a cow in England, belonging to a Mr. Denny, which made 13 1/2 lbs. of butter a week; the mother of a bull I bought of the late Henry Thompson of Guttery gave twenty three quarters of milk a day. There are cows that produce twenty quarters upwards with right management.

The milking property runs in families, a great deal depends on feed and management, and still greater effect is produced by pruning. This breed of cattle is undoubtedly better adapted to the Southern country, than any other; it is a pure breed, they are of medium size, with fine constitutions, more easily kept than any other. If good dispositions make the best oxen, and stand the heat, I have none for sale. I bought the past summer, a lot of Berkshire pigs, black with white spots or white feet, they are better formed than any I had before, their fattening propensity about equal. My wheat crop was a bad one, part of it in new land, not limed.
was nearly destroyed by the storm, my principal field was affected with the wet. My corn was very heavy, but not measured. I wrote romantically about my average yield of wheat and corn. It will give me pleasure to see you at any time, but I have a great aversion to writing.

Yours very respectfully,

George Patterson
Dear Sir

Your letter of 29 Oct. was received some time since. The Devon Cattle, I think, are fully equal to any other breed for milk, taking into consideration the quality, as well as the quantity. I saw a cow in England, belonging to a Mr. Denny, which made 13 1/2 lbs. of butter per week; the mother, of a bull I bought of the late Henry Thompson of Balt, gave twenty three quarts of milk a day - I have cows that produce twenty quarts upwards with negro management - The milking property runs in families, a great deal depends on feed and management, and still greater effect is produced by pulling - This breed of cattle is undoubtedly better adapted to the Southern country, than any other, it is a pure breed, they are of medium size, with fine constitutions, more easily kept than any other, of good dispositions, make the best oxen, and stand the heat - I have none for sale I bought the past summer, a lot of Berkshire pigs, black with white spots & white feet, they are better formed, than any I had before, their fattening propensity about equal. My wheat crop was a bad one, part of it in new land (not limed) was nearly destroyed, by the sorrel, my principal field was affected with the rust. My corn was very heavy, but not measured - Ducatel romanced about my average yield of wheat and corn - It will give me pleasure to see you at any time; but I have a great aversion to writing.

Yours very respectfully,

George Patterson