

Copy of original letter re.

PEAS. The last page seems not to be available.

This has already been transcribed + copy from the on-line database is also attached, plus a copy of Charles Darwin's article in the Gardeners Chronicle.

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Interesting comment about your West Wids!

Vicarage  
Thornton Steward

Bedale

Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1862

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Sir,

I have just met with your queries in the Gardeners' Chronicle, respecting peas - I venture therefore to trouble you with a letter in answer.

My late Rector Dr. Davy Master of Caius was a most intimate friend of Mr. Knight, who was

in the habit of sending his  
new productions, if very good,  
to the Doctor's country residence  
in Norfolk - On one occasion  
I recollect seeing some peas in  
bloom which came from Mr.  
Knight, the Tale Marrow, and  
I noticed a large proportion  
of coloured blossom - in fact  
the blossom of the common  
field pea - I noticed this  
early Reels, who told me  
the Peas were a crop by

crop - but at end of 20 years  
the seed appeared to be as  
true as at commencement.

I tried the same kind here  
but our West Winds which are  
most violent, compelled me  
to give it up.

As a practical gardener  
I would venture to suggest  
that the pea producers  
on a large scale, are not  
sufficiently careful in  
gathering or in sowing &  
thus too frequently you find  
a mixture. This was the  
case <sup>this last year</sup> with Hairs & Tale Marrow  
a most desirable variety

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Knight between the Common  
Prussian Blue and the  
common field pea - When  
Curate of Colchester & Wallyfe  
having resided in the two  
Parishes for 20 years, I  
had a very favourite Tale  
pea - Green Tale Marrow.  
It was my great crop & of  
course was surrounded by  
different kind of peas - <sup>most</sup> ~~all~~  
being more or less in blossom  
at the same time - I  
never saw any change - or  
anything approaching to