

## APPENDIX

### No. 9.

*A copy of the agreement and resolution of the principal Land Owners in the Parishes of Epworth, Owston, Haxey, Belton, and Crowle, at a Meeting held at Epworth, November 8, 1776.*

Epworth, Nov. 8, 1776.

At a meeting here this day of several of the land owners in the parishes of Haxey, Owston, Epworth, Belton, and Crowle, pursuant to notice in the York Currant, to take into consideration an advertisement of the participants, published in the said paper, purporting their intention of applying to this session of parliament, for an act for the more effectual draining and improving certain lands and grounds both within and without the level of Hatfield Chase. It was unanimously agreed and resolved, at the said meeting, to oppose any attempt which shall or may be made, by the said participants, to tax any lands within the Isle of Axholme, or the owners or occupiers thereof, for the purpose aforesaid, or any other purposes other than such lands, or the owners or occupiers thereof, as are now charged or chargeable with the drainage of the said Isle and level, or either of them, or of any lands therein or in either of them. And that for raising money to carry on the said opposition, it should be recommended, to the several parishes aforesaid, and the rest of the parishes within the said Isle, forthwith to call vestry meetings of the land owners within the same, and to order the parish officers to pay, from time to time, in the hands of Mr. JOHN HUTTON, of Gainsbrough, (in case such attempt shall be made,) such sum and sums of money as he shall require, not exceeding two pounds ten shillings for every thousand pounds (and after that rate for any greater or lesser sum) of the yearly value of the lands, tencements, tythes, and hereditaments within such parishes respectively, according to the rental valuation and rule observed in the said several parishes in laying the poor rates within the same. And it was further agreed and resolved, that in case the said participants shall not within twelve months, after this date, make an effectual drainage of the lands within the said Isle, at their own expence, according to their contract for that purpose, and according to the tenure of the great estate, which was granted to them as a