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was time enough to reverse them. "Events are working together," Cobbett wrote in 1825, "to make the country worth living in which, for the great body of the people, is at present hardly the case." It was for the sake of discovering the true state of affairs and appealing to others to help promote the proper remedies that Cobbett began to travel round England. The text follows the edition o 1853, with Note by James Paul Cobbett.