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To Whom It May Concern:

There is continuing concern about a footnote in my article in the April 1993 issue of the *Journal of British Studies*, entitled: "A Different Kind of Speenhamland: Nonresident Relief in the Industrial Revolution" (vol. 30, no. 2, p. 185, n. 7), in which I made reference to an article Professor Norma Landau had written for *Continuity and Change* in 1988. The relevant portion of that footnote stated that Professor Landau's article appeared to bear some relationship to a paper that I had presented at a conference in 1984, and that she had received a copy of the paper, but that her approach and conclusions were significantly different from my own.

The intent of that comment was *not* to suggest that plagiarism was in any way involved, but that our views might appear to be in some ways similar, although I was of the view that our approach and conclusions were significantly different.

Let it be clarified, forcefully and definitively, that Professor Landau did *not* use any work original to my unpublished conference paper, that that paper was based in large part on an article of mine published in *Past and Present* in 1976 (as noted in endnote 11 of that paper), and which was cited in full by Professor Landau in her aforementioned article, and that I apologize for any misunderstanding that this particular footnote has caused.

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