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Dear James

Thank you for your letter of the 7th inst, the tone of which I much appreciate.

With reference to the points raised in your 3rd paragraph, Mahmoud's 1936 record for the Derby has, I think, only just been beaten. Professor Messervy thought the Thorough Bred had got just about as far as it would go. It is though worth remembering - as I recall - that for some 200 years the Thorough Bred put on about 1" every 25 years.

Further, one has to remember the disastrous attempt to bring in new (and supposedly) improved blood in the early 19th century - and the time consuming task of removing them from the Stud book - something which I think we would find impossible to do.

Other breeders worldwide have bred for different traits - does a Danish breeder have the same views as one from New Zealand? and with the Thorough Bred experience one might find oneself worse off, and Pandora's box, once opened, cannot be shut!

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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