

to Eston Nab or Barnaby Moor (camp). Roads which appear to be of the Roman period lead from Malton toward the Wolds, as by Wharram-le-Street towards the point between Fimber and Wetwang, agreeing with the supposed position of Delgovitia, on the road to Bridlington. And on the Wolds we see or seem to see ancient tracks leading northward from Beverley and Driffield, and pointing by Ganton, Sherburn, and Yeddingham, from the camps and entrenchments of the Wolds, to the dikes and camps of the oolitic hills and northern moorlands.

Besides all these are fragments of other roads on the Wolds, and in the West Riding, which it would be tedious to enumerate. They are often designated Street, or Gate, sometimes marked by the words 'wath,' 'brough,' and 'thorn,' the latter seldom far from old camps, and mounds of importance. Were all these roads used by the Romans?—all constructed by them?

The answer must not be given without explanation. Almost every one of these old roads leads between centres of population, marked by Roman stations, so that it is very probable they were all useful to the soldiers. If they were all constructed by them, we must be prepared to admit deviations from straight lines, where nature offered no impediments to that favourite mode of laying the 'strata viarum.' Nor have they all, or indeed any great proportion of them, the solid causeway which has been sometimes noticed, or the elevation above the neighbouring surface, which has procured for some parts of these works the title of 'Roman Ridge,' as west of Ripon, and on Bramham Moor. None of these roads are, properly speaking, circuitous; they are for the most part composed of lengths which meet one another at very obtuse angles, and are straight between one high point and another.

'STREET,' the general name for these roads, recalls their Roman origin. Their proper names in Yorkshire include neither Fosse nor Ermin, though some one of the roads north of Brough Ferry, to which they come in a united stem, may be regarded as the continuation of them. In like manner the