

name of Rykniel, which accompanies the long way from Caermarthen to Derby and Chesterfield, ceases before the border of Yorkshire is reached; but 'Watling Street,' a name which is given to the great route from London toward Chester, is not only applied by Leland in Yorkshire to the line which extends from Aldborough by Castleford to Doncaster, but is also found on the line from Aldborough to Ilkley. Another name of the part between Aldborough and Castleford is 'Rudgate.' Wade's Causeway between Malton and Whitby, the Long Causeway west of Sheffield, and a Causeway between Bolton Bridge and Blueberhouses, seem to mark the Roman construction of the roads to which they belong. Upon the whole it seems that the greater part of the old roads may be ascribed to the Romans, and though antiquaries have desired to except from this rule the Fosse, Ermin, Watling, Rykniel and Akeman Streets, it seems hard to conceive that when Britain was held by dissociated tribes, anything more than pathways over the open hills would be traced by commercial necessity from South Wales, Devonshire, and London, to Lincoln, from North Wales to the coast of Kent, and from London to Bath. But it is easy to see that when Deva, Aquæsolis, Londinium, Verulamium, Camulodunum, and Lindum, became centres of Roman government, they required connexion by Roman roads.

If we regard as originally British ways, those in which the main feature is a clinging to high ridges of open ground, thickly set with tumuli and earthworks, and which exhibit a negligent flexuosity, such as suits the notion of a customary track, rather than a well-planned and firmly-executed road,—the old Wold road from York to Bridlington may claim to be such. The old road which runs from Malton by Thornthorpe to Stamford Brig, and by another branch to Acklam Wold, Wilton Beacon, Givendale, Warter and Londesborough, is of this character. The fortified way from Acklam by Sledmere toward Bridlington, and that which runs among entrenchments and camps from Malton by Settrington toward Bridlington, may be put in the