

Condition of agricultural labourer early in XVIIIth
century

worn clothing far denser than now

time almost inaccessible

no cheap calicoes & prints

no tea sugar &c

Fresh meat eaten twice a week by one half of
the working people: never by the other half

Salt to cure his pork hear & bed

His house had one chimney, unpagged,
badly thatched & in the bed walls

His furniture was a bench & a plank or tressels
on iron feet & a brown plank or bed

He had a cure; & scarce any medical aid

He had no knowledge & no power of writing

But as yet he was not pauperised

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