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DONALD MONRO, M. D. F. R. S.

PHYSICIAN TO THE ARMY,

AND

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

SIR,

ALTHOUGH I have not the honour of a personal acquaintance, it is now several years since I have been led to view the distinguished character in which you are so justly placed, by real abilities, and unwearied exertions in the public service.

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There is no one, to whom I can with more propriety address these observations than to yourself: the subject of them, you have had many occasions of considering, and to you it is indebted for many practical illustrations.

The present attempt, is to arrange facts, and connect them, in order; to explain the occasional and proximate causes of the Dysentery; and to describe a mode of treatment, which, so far as our practice extended, was generally found successful.

You are very capable of judging, whether this attempt has a degree
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of merit sufficient to entitle it to some notice. Should it meet with your approbation, I flatter myself you will recommend it to the attention of your numerous medical friends, especially those of a military description, for whom it is particularly designed.

I have the honour of being,

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With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN ROLLO.

Woolwich, in Kent,
11th March, 1786.

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ACUTE DYSENTERY.

IN our observations on the diseases of St. Lucia, we gave a short account of the treatment of the Dysentery, as adopted with success in that Island. In that account, we signified the intention of giving a more particular discussion of the disease, in some future period. But the materials we had collected were partly destroyed, and the dissections which we deemed valuable, as some of them happened early in the disease, were entirely lost in the hurricane of Barbadoes, and during the siege of Brimstone-hill in the Island of St. Christopher.

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However,

However, we flatter ourselves with the view of still being able, from the papers which were preserved, from succeeding enquiries and practice, and from the communications of others, to throw further light on the nature and treatment of the Dysentery. But whether we have had reason or no to form this expectation, must be determined by those gentlemen, who have had opportunities of examining this disease in America, and the West-Indies : And to the candor and attention of such, these observations are most respectfully and diffidently submitted.

It is judged necessary to premise, that any extent we can give to our enquiry, will not enable us to comprehend a full and decided account of the Dysentery. We only expect to have it in our power to convey hints, that may further assist in the elucidation of the nature of the disease, and in fixing the practice on the most rational, just, and successful basis.

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