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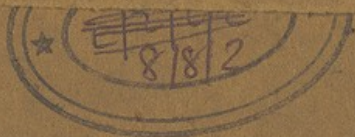
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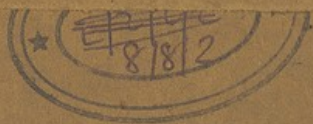
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To the Editor of the Manchester Mercury.

PART of the following Correspondence having been circulated by Dr. Hardie among his Acquaintance, I think it my duty, for the sake of my character and credit, to lay the whole before the Public, through the Medium of your Paper. They will thus be able to judge how far Dr. Hardie's Charges have been met in a fair and candid manner; and will at once see the absurdity of his still persisting in them, after I have so pointedly contradicted, and offered to disprove them by respectable Testimony in a personal Interview.

I am, with respect,

EDWARD CARBUTT.

27, Piccadilly, 20th 3d Month, 1815.

SIR,

HAVING been informed by a Gentleman on whose veracity I have full reliance, that in calling to solicit his Interest at the ensuing Election at the Infirmary, you thought proper, on finding his Vote was engaged to me, to make several Insinuations as to the Respectability of my Medical Testimonials; and particularly to assert, that my Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians had been purchased, and was obtainable by any person who chose to pay £30 for it, and likewise, that you expressed a decided Disbelief of the Representations I have made to my Friends, as to the advantages I had an opportunity of deriving, from having been Assistant to Dr. Monro, jun. asserting, that it extended no further than handing him a Knife when he was going to make a Dissection, and afterwards cleaning it, when he had done with it, and was possessed, in common, with every other Medical Student. I beg to request, that you will, as soon as possible, by Letter, disavow the above Expressions if you have never used them; or, if you think proper to avow them, that you will state the Grounds on which you justify them.

It is, perhaps, almost needless to add, that I expect in your Avowal or Disavowal, you will include not only the above Expressions, but any similar Reflections on my Medical Testimonials.

What may have induced you, (if such Reflections have been used,) thus to transgress the Bounds of open and liberal Hostility, I am at a loss to conceive; but, I beg to assure you, that I have never used any Expressions at all disrespectful to your Medical Character, in any part of my Carriage; and, I am convinced, that the same Course of correct Conduct has been adhered to by all my Friends.

I beg the Favour of as early a Reply as your convenience will allow.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedt. Servant,

HENRY HARDIE, M. D.

57, Piccadilly, Manchester, 15th March, 1815.
(To Dr. CARBUTT.)

DR. CARBUTT begs to inform Dr. Hardie, that he yesterday received his Letter. Dr. C. is of opinion, that the Business to which it relates, will be better settled by a Personal Interview than by a Written Correspondence, and regrets, that the Death of a near Relation having called his principal Friends to a Distance, he is unable to name an earlier Day than Sunday for that Purpose. If Dr. Hardie, accompanied by a Friend, will do him the Favour to call on him in Marsden-street, at 5 o'clock on that day, Dr. Carbott will be happy to converse with him on the Subject of his Letter.

5, Marsden-street, 5th day morning,
16th of 3d Mo. 1815.

DR. HARDIE informs Dr. Carbott, in reply to Dr. C's Note of this morning, that a Conviction of the Advantage resulting from the greater Precision attainable in Written Correspondence, was his reason for preferring that Mode of communicating on the Subject in Discussion. To that Conviction Dr. H. still adheres; and, therefore, in reiterating his Request for a Written Reply to his former Letter, gives Dr. C. a second Opportunity of explaining or disavowing the injurious Expressions imputed to him.

Should Dr. Carbott still decline to make these Explanations, by Letter, Dr. Hardie will feel sorry to be obliged to consider that Course of Conduct as a tacit Avowal of the Use of the Expressions imputed to Dr. C. or others of a similar nature.

Dr. Hardie conceives a very few Sentences will answer every Purpose either of Explanation or Disavowal; and requests the Favour of Dr. Carbott's Reply on Friday morning.

57, Piccadilly, Thursday morning 16th March, 1815.
(To Dr. CARBUTT.)

DR. CARBUTT begs to mention to Dr. Hardie, that although he considers himself under no Obligation to desert a Line of Conduct pointed out by his own Understanding, in order to follow that dictated by another, yet, if it will be any satisfaction to Dr. Hardie, he has no objection to state in Writing thus far.—That the first Charge in Dr. Hardie's Letter is a pure Falshood; and, that with regard to the other two, they are so mixed with Falshood and Misrepresentation, and the Circumstances connected with them are of such a nature, that he remains still

of Opinion, that a *vised* *more* Explanation is the only Means of setting them in their proper Light, and he has no intention of offering any other. If Dr. Hardie still persist in refusing to fair a Mode of coming to a right Understanding, Dr. Carbott hopes he will stand excused in declining any further Correspondence on the subject.

Marsden-street, seventh day morning, 18th of 3d mo.

DR. HARDIE, in reply to Dr. Carbott's Note of this morning, informs him, that as Dr. Carbott has declined to give one Word of Explanation as to what he did say, and as Dr. H.'s Confidence in the Veracity of his Friend is completely shaken, he shall feel himself at Liberty to show the Correspondence between Dr. Carbott and himself whenever he may think proper.

Saturday Morning, March 18, 1815.

DR. CARBUTT begs to inform Dr. Hardie, that he is at perfect Liberty to show the Correspondence between himself and Dr. Carbott whenever he thinks proper, provided he will have the Candour to show the whole of it, including the present Note.

Dr. Carbott, in concluding this Correspondence, takes the Liberty of returning his Charge of *gross Falshood, and intentional Misrepresentation*, against Dr. Hardie's anonymous Informant, in whose Veracity Dr. Hardie expresses so much confidence; and is ready to prove the above Charge in a Personal Interview, (which he again offers Dr. Hardie,) by the Testimony of three of his Friends, who, as before-mentioned, are now out of Town, but will be returned by the Time appointed in Dr. Carbott's first Note.

Dr. Carbott feels much gratified, that he has not solicited a single Vote, except in the Presence of one or more of his Friends, all of whom will bear ample Testimony to the honourable and correct Line of Conduct he has pursued.

After a Life of nearly thirty Years, during which his Honour has not once been called in question, Dr. Carbott is perfectly easy as to the Result of any Efforts of Dr. Hardie's for that Purpose.

Marsden-street, seventh day evening,
18th of 3d month, 1815.

To the Trustees of the

Manchester Infirmary, Dispensary,
Lunatic Hospital and Asylum.

A CORRESPONDENCE having taken place between Dr. Carbott and myself, which has not ended satisfactorily, I beg to submit to you the following Affidavits:—

"WE, Henry Hardie, of Manchester, in the county of Lancaster, Doctor of Physic, and Robert Mutrie, of the same place, gentleman, severally make oath as follows; that is to say, that on or about the fourteenth instant, we were respectively informed by James Hervey, of Manchester aforesaid, dyer, that Dr. Carbott had, in calling on the said James Hervey, to solicit his Vote at the Infirmary, made use of several Insinuations reflecting on the Medical Testimonials and Respectability of the said Henry Hardie, and particularly 'that a Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians at Edinburgh, possessed by the said Henry Hardie, had been purchased, and was obtainable by any person who chose to pay thirty pounds for it, and that the said Henry Hardie (who was private Assistant to Dr. Monro at the Edinburgh Dispensary) had not received any Instruction from Dr. Monro further than what was possessed in common with every other Medical Student, and which extended merely to giving him a Knife when he was going to make a Dissection, and taking it back when he had done with it,' or words to the same effect; and we do further make oath, that from our knowledge of the respectable character of the said James Hervey, we have no doubt of the Truth of the Circumstances he related to us.

"HENRY HARDIE, M. D.

"ROBERT MUTRIE.

"HAVING read the above, I hereby swear, that the said Circumstances as to what passed from Dr. Carbott to me, and between Dr. Hardie, Mr. Mutrie, and myself, are substantially true, tho' I cannot pledge myself to the exact words.

"JAMES HERVEY."

"Sworn by all the Deponents, at the New Bailey Court House, the 20th day of March, 1815, before me,
W. MARRIOTT."

I BEG leave to add, that the Assertions made by Dr. Carbott, both with respect to my Fellowship in the Royal College of Physicians, and to my Connection with Dr. Monro, at the Dispensary in Edinburgh, are entirely unfounded, as will be proved on the Day of Election. You will therefore be able to judge, assisted by the above Affidavits, of Dr. Carbott's Veracity.

I have the Honor to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedt. and Hble. Servt.

HENRY HARDIE.



J. C. C. C.