

**[Circular letter to supporters of John Walker's London Vaccine Institution, emphasising the Society's disapproval of Walker and his activities. Begins]  
At a special Board of Directors of the Royal Jennerian Society, 23rd of March 1808.**

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At a SPECIAL BOARD of DIRECTORS of the ROYAL JENNERIAN SOCIETY, 23rd of MARCH 1808,

DR. JENNER IN THE CHAIR,

A Letter to the following purport was ordered to be printed :

*Sir,*

Your name having appeared in the printed list of the supporters of a society recently established under the title of the London Vaccine Institution, the Board of Directors of the Royal Jennerian Society, formed in the year 1803, under the immediate patronage of their Majesties and the Royal Family, have ordered me to communicate to you the following statement of facts :

In August 1806, after repeated private and public admonitions to Dr. John Walker, then Resident Inoculator of the Royal Jennerian Society, on account of various instances of conduct militating against the welfare of that Society, specific complaints were made to the Directors and Medical Council, of his continuing to act contrary to the rules prescribed for Vaccination



by Dr. Jenner, and enjoined by the Society; and also of his publishing opinions highly prejudicial to the success of Dr. Jenner's discovery. These charges having been investigated, and fully substantiated, a general meeting was called, for the express purpose of balloting for his dismissal; when, as a matter of indulgence, he was permitted to resign.

Soon after Dr. J. Walker's resignation, the London Vaccine Institution was formed, to which he was appointed Inoculator.

This circumstance was evidently intended in direct opposition to the Jennerian Society, from his having immediately engaged an inoculating room within a few doors of their Central House, at the very entrance of Salisbury-square, Fleet-street, where it is situated. Not content with calumniating this Society, or with adopting ordinary means of inviting persons to his station, he has since continued forcibly to interrupt the patients approaching the Central House of this Society; whereby the business of this Institution has been greatly impeded, and its supplies of Vaccine Matter frequently prevented.

Dr. J. Walker has also endeavoured to deprive the Jennerian Society of the co-operation of its friends and correspondents in the





country, by refusing to deliver up the registers entrusted to his care, when he was an officer of this Institution; and which he still retains after repeated official applications to restore them.

Besides the steps thus taken by Dr. J. Walker, as inoculator of the London Vaccine Institution, upon enquiry made by a Committee of this Society it appeared, that many of the names of the persons published as patrons and supporters of Dr. J. Walker's new establishment, called the London Vaccine Institution, have been inserted without their knowledge or permission, and, in some instances, even after their absolute refusal.

The Board considering it not improbable that your name may be among this number, and that you may not be acquainted with these circumstances, deem it right to transmit to you the above information.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

Charles Murray, Secretary.

13, Bedford Street, Bedford Row,

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Yours very obedient servant,  
Charles Murray, Esq.

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