

**Minutes of the proceedings of the Royal College of Physicians, relating to Dr. Isaac Schomberg, from February the 6th, 1746, to December the 22d, 1753.**

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*Comitiis Ordinariis Majoribus.*

*April 1, 1751.*

Present Dr. *Wasey*, President.

Sir <i>Edward Hulse</i> ,	Dr. <i>Chauncy</i> ,
Dr. <i>Bourchier</i> ,	Dr. <i>Addams</i> ,
Sir <i>William Browne</i> ,	Dr. <i>Lawrence</i> ,
Dr. <i>Bamber</i> ,	Dr. <i>Feake</i> .
Dr. <i>Mortimer</i> ,	Dr. <i>Heberden</i> ,
Dr. <i>Nesbitt</i> ,	Dr. <i>Coxe</i> ,
Dr. <i>Johnson</i> ,	Dr. <i>Batt</i> ,
Dr. <i>Dawson</i> ,	Dr. <i>Taylor</i> ,
Dr. <i>Horseman</i> ,	Dr. <i>Musket</i> ,
Dr. <i>Battie</i> ,	Dr. <i>Conyers</i> .
Dr. <i>Hawley</i> ,	

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TO THE  
 PRESIDENT,  
 CENSORS and FELLOWS  
 OF THE  
 ROYAL COLLEGE of PHYSICIANS,  
 LONDON.

GENTLEMEN,

ON *February* the 6th, 1746, the President and Censors of the College were pleased to send me a Summons in the Words following :

“ S I R,

“ T H E President and Censors of the Col-  
 “ lege of Physicians, *London*, do hereby  
 “ require you personally to appear before  
 “ them on *Friday* the sixth Day of *March*  
 “ next, between the Hours of Five and Six  
 “ in the Afternoon, at their College in  
 “ *Warwick-Lane*, there to answer to such

“ Things as shall be objected to you, con-  
“ cerning your Skill in Physic, and your  
“ Practice thereof. Given at the College of  
“ Physicians the 6th Day of *February*,  
“ 1746.

“ By Order of the President and Censors,

“ GEO. EDWARDS, Beadle.”

On *March* the 6th, 1746, I wrote a Letter to the Censors Board, to excuse my Attendance ; informing them, I intended to enter myself a Member of the University of *Cambridge* the then next Term, and hoped they would give me Leave to defer waiting on them until I had my Doctor's Degree from thence.

I afterwards received a second Summons from the President and Censors in the Words following :

“ S I R,

“ **T**HE President and Censors of the  
“ College of Physicians, *London*, do  
“ hereby require you personally to appear

“ before them on *Friday* the third Day of  
 “ *April* next, between the Hours of Five  
 “ and Six in the Afternoon, at their College  
 “ in *Warwick-Lane*, there to answer to such  
 “ Things as shall be objected to you con-  
 “ cerning your Skill in *Physic*, and your  
 “ Practice thereof. Given at the College of  
 “ *Physicians* the 6th Day of *March*, 1746.

“ By Order of the President and Censors,

“ GEO. EDWARDS, Beadle.”

On *April* the third, 1747, I attended the  
 Censors Board, in Consequence of this se-  
 cond Summons, and informed them, I was  
 entered of *Trinity-College, Cambridge*, and de-  
 sired they would indulge me, as they had  
 done others, until I had obtained my  
 Doctor's Degree from the University of  
*Cambridge*.—The Answer given by the Cen-  
 sors was, That unless I submitted to be  
 examined, my Practice should be prohi-  
 bited.

*June* 27, 1747. The College, on a  
 Report from the Censors, were pleased to  
 interdict

interdict my Practice by an order in the following Words :

*June 25, 1747. College of Physicians,  
London.*

“ S I R,

“ T H E Statutes of our College justly  
“ deeming all Persons ignorant and  
“ unqualified for the Practice of Physic,  
“ who, after sufficient Summons, do not  
“ appear to take their Examination before  
“ the Censors of the College, according to  
“ the Laws of the Land; and you having  
“ been duly summoned to appear before the  
“ Censors, and having refused to submit to  
“ be examined by them ;

“ The President and College think it their  
“ Duty towards their Country and its Laws  
“ to interdict and prohibit you from exhibiting any Medicines, or giving your Advice, to any sick People, for any Fee or Reward, within the City of *London*, or seven Miles about, as you will answer the contrary in his Majesty's Courts of  
“ Justice,

“ Justice, according to the Laws of the  
“ Land in such Case provided.

“ By Order of the College,

“ GEO. EDWARDS, Beadle.”

*July 21, 1749.* I obtained my Degree  
of a Doctor in Physic from the University  
of *Cambridge*.

*Dec. 1, 1749.* I attended the Censors  
Board, and produced to them the Diploma  
of my Degree, and desired Leave to visit the  
Fellows in order to my being examined ;  
which being granted,

*February 2, } 1749. { I went thro' the  
March 2, } { three usual Exa-  
And } { minations with-  
April 6, 1750. } { out Objection,  
and was directed to attend the College the  
next Grand Comitia.*

*April 9, 1750.* I attended the College,  
and desired to be admitted a Candidate,  
which I was advised to, as a Graduate of the  
University of *Cambridge*, after having gone  
thro'

thro' the usual Examinations, I had a Right to ask ; and being withdrawn, was afterwards called in again, and the President verbally informed me the College had refused my Request, without assigning any Reason for such Refusal, or permitting me to read or see the Minute thereof.

*Oct.* 1, 1750. I a second Time after my Examinations attended the *Comitia*, and by Letter renewed my Request of being admitted a Candidate, agreeable to former Precedents, and the immemorial Custom and Usage of this College, with respect to Graduates of both our Universities of *Cambridge* and *Oxford* :—And in case of Refusal I thereby desired to know the Reasons for such Refusal, as also Copies of the Minutes of the Censors, or such other Entries as had been made in the College Books, with regard to me, since my first Application to the College, in order that the Validity of those Objections, and my Right to be admitted into the College, might be brought to be determined in a legal Course by the Persons by Law intitled to judge and determine thereon.



To this Letter and Application I then received a verbal Answer from the President and College, [by Mr. *Mead*] That my Affair must be deferred to the next Quarterly *Comitia*.

On *Dec. 22, 1750*, being the next Quarterly *Comitia*, I attended the College a third Time, when a verbal Answer was brought me to my Letter and Application of *Oct.* the first [by Mr. *Mead*] to this Effect, “ The  
 “ President acquaints Dr. *Schomberg*, that  
 “ the College is determined not to recede  
 “ from their Resolution of the ninth of  
 “ *April* last, with which the Doctor was  
 “ then made acquainted by the President;  
 “ and with regard to the Copies of the  
 “ Minutes and Proceedings which the  
 “ Doctor requires, he may, in Company  
 “ with any Person he thinks fit, see the said  
 “ Minutes and Proceedings that relate to  
 “ him, upon giving proper Notice to Mr.  
 “ *Mead* and the Register. — And upon my  
 “ asking Mr. *Mead* whether I might be per-  
 “ mitted to have Copies of them, he said, the  
 “ College had left that to his and the Regi-  
 “ ster’s Discretion.

In consequence of this Permission I, at the Register's Appointment, attended him, Mr. *Mead*, and Mr. *Geekie*, on the 26th of *January* last, in Company with Mr. *Webb*, to inspect and take Copies of the said Minutes. When the Book was produced, and the Minutes read over, and my Sollicitor having begun to take short Extracts from them; it was declared to be unnecessary to proceed in that Manner; Mr. *Mead* then agreeing I should have Copies of them; and for that Purpose Mr. *Webb* then delivered to Dr. *Lawrence* a List, in Writing, of the Minutes of which he desired Copies to be made, Mr. *Webb* agreeing to pay for the Copies whatever Mr. *Mead* should think proper: But Dr. *Lawrence* expressed a Difficulty of delivering the Copies without an Order of the Censors Board, which, as was then said, would doubtless be obtained at their next Meeting, which was to be in a few Days. I afterwards sent to the Register for the Copies, who refused to deliver them, saying, the Censors Board did not think proper to give any Directions concerning it.

February 23d and 25th last, I sent again to the Register and Mr. *Mead*, to desire that, as it was not thought proper to give me Copies, I and my Solicitor might again inspect the Minutes, which the Register said he did not think himself at Liberty to grant, without new Authority from the College.

I am very sorry to find myself obliged to enter into this long Detail of these Proceedings, but as the Delays I have met with prove very injurious to me, several Members of the College having refused to consult with me, under Pretence that by your Order of *June 25, 1747*, I am interdicted Practice; you will be of Opinion this Proceeding is very unreasonable when you reflect, that that Interdiction was founded singly upon my not submitting to be then examined by the Censors. — This you know I have since done, and have repeatedly applied and offered to be admitted into the College; and the Censors and College, in *December 1749*, came to a Resolution, “ That I had given them “ proper Satisfaction.” — It therefore seems very hard for any one now to insist that the

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voured in the same Manner as all Graduates  
of our two Univerfities have been.

He was directed to withdraw; and the  
Beadle brought him a Paper containing the  
following Words;

*Comitiis Ordinariis Majoribus.*

*Die Oct. 1, 1753.*

The Answer of the College to Dr. Schom-  
berg's Propofal is, That they ftand to their  
former Refolution.

*Comitiis Ordinariis Majoribus.*

*Dec. 22, 1753.*

Present Dr. *Wafey*, Present.

Sir <i>William Browne</i> ,	Dr. <i>Nicholls</i> ,
Sir <i>Edward Hulse</i> ,	Dr. <i>Monro</i> ,
Dr. <i>Taylor</i> ,	Dr. <i>Askerw</i> ,
Dr. <i>Conyers</i> ,	Dr. <i>Wilmot</i> ,
Dr. <i>Heberden</i> ,	Dr. <i>Nesbitt</i> ,
Dr. <i>Watson</i> ,	Dr. <i>Lawrence</i> ,
Dr. <i>Reeve</i> ,	Dr. <i>Hawley</i> ,
Dr. <i>Coxe</i> ,	Dr. <i>Pitcairn</i> ,
Dr. <i>Darwson</i> ,	Dr. <i>Feake</i> .

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Dr. *Schomberg* again waited on the College the 22d of *December* last, and sent the following Letter.

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TO THE  
PRESIDENT  
AND  
FELLOWS  
OF THE  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.

GENTLEMEN,

AS I have never been able to express myself to your Satisfaction when I have appeared before you, give me Leave to inform you by this Letter, that I have always looked upon the Misunderstanding between us as a very great Misfortune to me, and such as I am extremely desirous to put an End to.

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I do

I do assure you, Gentlemen, I never had the least Intention to affront the College of Physicians. And if any Part of my Behaviour has given Offence, I am extremely sorry for it.

I hope you will believe this Declaration to be made with the utmost Sincerity of Heart. And if I am so happy as to be admitted a Candidate, I will do every thing in my Power to promote the Peace, Welfare, and Honour of the College.

I am,

GENTLEMEN,

With the greatest Respect,

Your most obedient,

Humble Servant,

ISAAC SCHOMBERG.

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