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THE
DEPOSITION

OF
Nathaniel St. Andre

Of the Parish of
St. Martins in the Fields,

CHIRURGEON.



HO says, That on *Saturday* last, about Four in the Evening, he received by the *Penny Post* a Letter subscribed *W. Baker*, desiring the Deponent to meet the Subscriber at *Nando's* Coffee-house, to consult him upon a Case

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where a great deal of Skill was required, or to that Effect: That accordingly he went to the said Coffee-house, which is near St. *Dunstan's* Church, and at the Door of the said Coffee-house met a Man, middle-sized, having on a light tyed short Wig, a brownish Coat with close Sleeves, a thin faced middle aged Man, who asked the Deponent if he was not Mr. *St. Andre*? To which the Deponent answering, he was, the said Man said, the Deponent only could resolve him in a Case, and it was but hard by, and desired the Deponent to go along with him. Accordingly they went into a Coach which had brought the Deponent, and the Coachman, by the said Man's Direction, carried them a little below the *Hercules's-Pillars*, where they alighted, and the said Man led the Deponent a little lower; they then turned down on the Right Hand by an Oyl-Shop into a narrow Passage into a Street that leads towards the Water-side, there they turned to the Left-Hand, and walked in that Street about Two Hundred Steps, and turned on the Left into a Court or Alley, and then on the Right-Hand into another Court; as the Deponent best remembers, it being at that Time past Seven at Night, and dark. In this last mentioned Court, the said Man carried the Deponent to the

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third or fourth House, as he believes, on the Left-Hand; the House had a mean Appearance, the Stair-Case was very strait, and reached near to the Door of the House. Being got up one Pair of Stairs, the said Man carried the Deponent into a Room where a Woman was sitting, and asked him to sit down, and went out, saying he would wait upon him in a Minute, and accordingly soon returned, having in his Hand a Plate, and on it three Glasses of Liquor, of which he gave one to the said Woman, took another himself, and offered the third upon the Plate to the Deponent, who would have excused himself from drinking it, but the said Man told the Deponent, he hoped he would not affront him, or Words to that Effect. Then the Deponent took the said Glass, but finding the Liquor very strong and ill tasted, he drank but very little of it. Then they talked of the Case; the said Man told the Deponent, that the said Woman had the Foul Disease, and upon Examination the Deponent declared himself to be of that Opinion, but the said Woman denied it; upon which the Deponent replied, he had no more to say, or something to that Purpose, and the said Man gave the Deponent a Fee, and then the Deponent came home. The Depo-

nent further says, that when he came in,
 Mr. *Martin's* Wife, with whom he lodges
 observed that he looked pale, and asked
 if he had been fighting, or had been
 robbed? And to satisfy her it was no
 so, he shewed her his Watch and his
 Purse: She insisted that he looked like
 Death, that his Nostrils were pinched
 and soon after the Deponent began to find
 himself giddy, and shivering with Cold
 and desired his Bed might be warmed, for
 he found himself ill, as she said: That
 he has ever since continued very ill, and
 by what he is able to judge himself, by
 the Symptoms he has felt, as well as by
 the Opinion of several eminent Physicians
 who have visited him, he must have taken
 some very strong Poison; and he can ac-
 count for no other Manner or Occasion
 of his doing it, than in the Glass of Li-
 quor presented to him as is above relate

Jurat. 9. Die Febr.

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WHO says, that for a Twelve-month before the Accident, which happened to him on *Saturday* the Sixth of this Instant *February*, as set forth in his Deposition made on the 9th Instant, he had not taken any Mercurial Medicine whatsoever, nor any other Medicine of any kind, except Ass's Milk, Testaceous Powders and Febrifuge Juleps, neither doth this Deponent know that he had any Necessity or Occasion for taking any Mercurial Medicine, or any other Medicine whatsoever,

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except those above-mentioned ; this Deponent having been for some time before the above-mentioned Accident in perfect good Health, unless that the great Fatigue in his Calling and Profession occasioned some times feverish Disorders. This Deponent further saith, that to the best of his Knowledge and Remembrance, he never took any Mercurial Medicine or Preparation of any kind whatsoever for above these eight Years last past.

Jurat 20 die Feb.

1724. coram me

Geo. Tilson.

N. St. Andre.



THE Reason that obliges me to publish my Case, is, that while that Account was drawing up, which was inserted in the *Gazette* of *Tuesday* the 23d of *February*, I was so very ill, that I could not satisfy the Physicians, who had the Goodness to attend me, as to several Particulars, which are as follow :

Saturday the 6th of *February*, about eight in the Evening, I felt the first Effects of the Poison (I had taken a little before) which were a giddiness and uncommon Coldness, with Hiccoughs, Pains, and Contractions in the Region of the Stomach, followed with a pressing Inclination to Vomit, and not suspecting the true Cause, going to Bed, I was induced to take a *Julep*, composed of a *Scruple* of *Spirit* of *Lavendar*, four *Drachms* of *Syrup* of white *Poppies*, with two *Ounces* of *Barley Cinnamon Water*. The Inclination to Vomit growing more strong, I soon threw up the *Julep*, with a great Quantity of black and greenish Matter, and perceiv'd a detestable Taste of *Copper* in my Throat and Mouth, with a burning intense Heat, which soon raised three large Blisters on my Tongue ; my

Vomit-

1st Day of
the Dis-
ease.

Vomiting continued all Night, with the greatest Violence, and continued without the least Intermiffion, till two the next Day, being *Sunday* the 7th, inso-much that at Times it depriv'd me of my Senses, being frequently seiz'd with an universal Coldness, and violent Contraction of the Muscles, of the Belly, Thighs, Legs, and Feet.

2d Day. *Sunday* the 7th, my Throat and Tongue became so swelled and inflamed, that I could not undergo the Efforts of the Stomach in Vomiting, without the greatest Trouble and Pain; the Giddiness in my Head increased very much, with a violent noise in my Ears, and the Taste and Burning in my Mouth became intolerable; I found the Heat in my Throat and Stomach extending it self in all the Bowels, which by Night were become so painful, that I could not bear the least pressure on them: My Pulse was very low and the Skin parched and dried.

3d Day. I passed the whole Night between the 7th and 8th, in Fainting Fits, and continual Inclination to Vomit, and began *Monday* the 8th, by six violent Purgings; immediately after follow'd the Rupture
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and Dilatation of several of the *Hæmorrhoidal* Vessels, attended with a *Procidencia*; those Accidents were accompanied with the return of the Vomiting, which lasted from Nine in the Morning till Two of the same Day; after which, my Tongue and Throat grew black, more swell'd and Painful: I was seiz'd with universal, acute and burning Pains in every Joint, but more tormenting in the Spine of the Back than in the lower Parts, which began to swell from the Belly downwards, especially the *Scrotum*, the Feet only being *Oidematous*. Of a sudden I was oppress'd with a great Shortness of Breath, which lasted till the Evening, then the Distinctness of my Sight began to fail me, Objects appeared double and encircled with a deep green Colour; at other Times, they appeared inverted, dark and confused. In the Middle of the Night between the 8th and 9th, I voided with the greatest Torture some very dark Urine. I was so much exhausted after it, that I fainted away, and notwithstanding the Use of the strongest Volatiles, it was above three Hours before I could be recover'd. From that Time I remained more weak and faint, with universal convulsive Tremblings and Spasms, and a strong Palpitation of the Heart. The most cruel
Symptom

Symptom was the great Thirst, and at the same Time the Horrour and Dread I had for the taking of Liquids, equal to what is described by one under the most dreadful Symptoms of an *Hydrophobia*; the Pulse was hardly to be felt the whole Night, and the Skin became more hard and dry.

4th Day. *Tuesday* the 9th in the Morning, the Pains in my Limbs were more acute and extended, so as to occasion a Soreness in all my Flesh, I spit tough Phlegm, and my Throat and Mouth were covered with Eschars and Sloughs, attended with a Stench, as in a *Sphacelus*; however, the dread of taking any Liquid was so great, from the Pain I suffered on that Account, that I could not be prevailed upon to use a Gargarism, to avert the impending Danger of a total Mortification of those Parts. I passed that Night as the last, and voided some Urine, with the same Pain and Accidents as before.

5th Day. *Wednesday* the 10th, the Heat and Pain of my Bowels and Stomach somewhat abated, after two Purgings, which depressed me very much; all the other Symptoms remained, the *Nausea* and Inclinations to Vomit having continued
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more or less, from the Beginning. I passed the whole Night in the greatest Anxieties, the Palpitation and convulsive Spasms remaining strong.

Thursday the 11th, I found some little ^{6th Day.} Abatement in the violence of the predominant Symptoms, but I was so very weak and low, that I hardly remember what happened to me, that Day, and the Night following, neither can I give any Account of the Transactions of the *Fri-* ^{7th, 8th,} *day, Saturday,* and *Sunday* following, ^{9th Days.} having been all that Time so weak, delirious, and low, that I could not attend to any Circumstances which then happened.

Monday the 15th, I discharged some ^{10th Day.} Blood at the Mouth and Nose, but was not altogether so low nor weak.

Tuesday the 16th, I was seized with ^{11th Day.} racking Pains in the Bowels, which brought on a great Tension of the Belly, and a stronger return of the difficulty of Breathing. In the Night I had two Evacuations (green and porraceous, as were all the former) which left me in the lowest State that human Nature can be supposed to survive.

12th Day. What I remember of the next Day the 17th, is, that the Sloughs of my Throat, Tongue, and Cheeks, began to loose in my Mouth, some of them having separated with a considerable Hemorrhage; it was impossible for me either to swallow or discharge my Spittle, so that I was in perpetual Danger of being suffocated; which was not a little augmented, by the pressing Instances that some of the Physicians made, for me to keep a Gold Ring in my Mouth.

13th Day. *Thursday* the 18th, the Sloughs continu'd to separate, and the whole Coat of the Tongue came of, with some Loss of Blood, but the burning pain of the Parts was somewhat abated, and I spit more freely, but instead thereof there was a great Soreness and Rawness of those Parts, from which the Sloughs had separated, I slept so, for two Hours, which was the first Moment I shut my Eyes to rest since the Accident.

14th Day. *Friday* the 19th, the Ulcers began to clean, the Sloughs still separating from all the parts of the Mouth and Throat; the pain in swallowing was somewhat abated, although I could not take, in the Space of 24 Hours, the Quantity of half a
Pint

Pint of the thinnest Broths: From this Time the Symptoms began visibly to abate, and the Ulcers to incarn, and fill up; the spitting decreasing; the Nights still were bad; the Fever considerable, with Remissions; but the Convulsive Spasms and Contractions not so violent, the Disease having been from this Time upon its decline. I shall not lengthen this Narrative, only observing, that I have not yet been able to swallow any solid Food, not even Jellies, remaining with the greatest Weakness, and in great Measure with the Loss of the Use of my Legs, which I hope, by the Assistance of God, by Degrees to recover.

To the best of my remembrance the Facts happen'd as above related; but I am assisted in fixing the Days by those who constantly were about me, being very deficient in that Point: No doubt several material Circumstances may be here omitted, which could not but escape my Notice; and imperfect as this Account may be, my Weakness is still so great, it is all I am now able to bring into this Form; neither will it, I hope, be expected I can strictly determine the Duration, Violence, and Dependance of the several Symptoms, as if I had been the Observer only; the

most I can recollect, is, that the Vomiting continu'd by Intervals from the first Day of the Disease to the third Day, and the Nauseas and Reachings to the 6th Day.

The Thirst began with the Disease, and did not abate till the 13th Day.

The 2d Day the Skin became parch'd and dry, and continu'd so to the 13th Day of the Disease; during all that Time not having had the least Marks of Perspiration or Disposition to sweat.

The Third Day brought on these Symptoms.

The Fever, which increased to the 9th Day, with irregular Paroxisms the whole Time, there being some returns of it till the 20th.

The Shortness of Breath, which by Intervals continued to the 12th or 13th Day.

The Accidents of Urine, which did not abate till the 7th, it being the 15th Day before they entirely ceased.

The Palpitation of the Heart, and Convulsive Spasms, the first continued only during the Paroxisms of the Fever, *viz.* to the 9th Day of the Disease, the latter held, without Intermission, till the 14th Day of the Disease, and did not entirely cease till a few Days ago.

The Swellings, which were quite dispersed by the 7th Day.

The Disorder of Sight, which lasted till the 9th Day.

The burning Pains in the Joints, which were felt till the 15th Day.

The fourth Day, the Spitting began, and continued till the 6th, then ceased, and returned by Fits, being most considerable after the falling of the Sloughs, which began the 12th Day of the Disease.

I can give no Account of the Changes of the Pulse, any more than what is said above ; in my lucid Hours. I often attempted to feel it, but could not enumerate above five or six Pulsations, being incapable to fix my Attention any longer.

It would be very impardonable in me, should I not in this Paper, with the utmost Duty and Veneration, express my most humble and submissive Thanks to his *Majesty*, for the extraordinary Marks of Goodness and Favour, which he hath been graciously pleased to shew me under my Affliction; and must here also return my Thanks to His *Majesty's* Ministers, and all those of the *Nobility* and *Gentry*, who have given me many Instances of their Protection and Assistance upon this Occasion, for which I shall ever have the greatest Sense of *Gratitude*, the affectionate Concern of my Friends for my Misfortune, and the Pains which they have been at to justify me from the Aspersions of such unhappy Men, as may delight in the Aggravation of the Sufferings of the afflicted, will never be erased from my Memory: But I must always, and in a particular Manner acknowledge the Obligations I have to Dr. *Steigertabl*, Dr. *Cockburn*, Dr. *Teissir*, Sir *Hans Sloan* and *Richard Manningham* for the kind Assistance I have received from them, and for the Pains they have been at to extricate me from the greatest Torments and Injuries, that can perhaps be suffered by human Nature: And as I think these Injuries could be of little Service or Satisfaction

faction to those who thought fit to inflict them on me, their Folly seems to deserve rather the Pity than the Resentment of my Friends; as to my own Part, I do forgive them from the Bottom of my Soul; and I do sincerely wish, that it may never be their hard Fate to fall into the Hands of such wicked Men as know not Mercy.

*Northumberland-Court,
March the 1st.*

N. St. Andre.

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