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INTRODUCTION.

THIS Publication contains the Reports of the Humane Society for the years 1779 and 1780. It may, perhaps, be expected that a reason should be given, why they have not appeared sooner. The custom of the Society has hitherto been to publish their Reports annually. This was naturally attended with a considerable expence, which, the Directors were of opinion, might be better appropriated. They, therefore, resolved to publish the Reports in future but once in two years; and to apply the money saved by this measure to the more important objects of the Society, the preservation and restoration of life.

The Plans of the Humane Society have been so generally distributed, and the utility of it is so self evident, that no accounts of the nature or merits of the institution are now requisite. Its best recommendation is a recital of the cases that have fallen under its cognizance. These, in the present publication, are arranged as follows:

lows : Restorations, Preservations, with and without medical aid, unsuccessful Cases, and Communications. The reader will observe, that the first of these classes is not so numerous as in preceding years ; but the deficiency is amply compensated by the increase of the second. In proportion as the Preservations are augmented, the Restorations will naturally be diminished : and though the latter strike public observation more forcibly, yet as they are subject to much hazard, humanity calls for a prior attention to the former. In compliance with this call the Humane Society cheerfully distribute their rewards to such as afford assistance to persons in imminent danger of drowning. By this proceeding, a greater certainty of saving life is attained ; the object being preserved from the risk which ever must attend so critical a state as that of apparent death.

As to the unsuccessful cases, the enumeration of them, besides accounting for the expenditure of the sums raised for the use of the institution, is productive of this consolation, that the unhappy objects were not lost through inattention : a consolation which has only existed since the establishment of this Society ; as previous thereto, it is to be feared, that thousands were sacrificed to neglect and want of proper information.

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The advantages resulting from the reception and publication of Communications are many and indisputable. Science, in general, is advanced by the correspondence of the learned and ingenious. Errors are thereby discovered and just principles attained. Even an acquaintance with the unsuccessful attempts of others, joined to an examination into the causes of their failure, often leads us to a happier practice. Still more beneficial must the communications of such successful cases be, as conduce the more to the public good in proportion as they are known.

Having thus spoken to the merits of our institution, and explained the plan of this publication, gratitude demands an acknowledgment of the support we have received.

The clergy in particular merit our thanks, whether we consider their readiness to preach for this Society, their zeal and ability in preaching, or the success which has crowned their benevolent labours. To their exertions may principally be attributed the present existence of the institution. It is with regret that we are obliged to observe, that the number of annual or other private subscriptions, would have been inadequate to defray the expences necessarily attendant on such a plan. It must therefore have been totally

tally abandoned, or considerably contracted, had not the clergy roused the humanity of public congregations to contribute to its support.

To so low an ebb was the fund of this society reduced, that at *Michaelmas* last the absolute dissolution of it was apprehended; to prevent which, the following address was published by order of a General Court then held.

“ HUMAN E SOCIETY,

“ Instituted for the Recovery of Persons apparently drowned.

“ THIS Society, which has subsisted for about
 “ six years, and been the means of saving many
 “ valuable lives to the community, now finds
 “ it necessary to address the Public on the state
 “ of its finances. In the course of the above
 “ period, more than 620 accidents have come
 “ under the notice and inspection of the Society,
 “ and its medical Assistants; out of which 321
 “ persons have been preserved and restored to
 “ life. Many other lives have also been saved,
 “ in consequence of that attention to such cases,
 “ which have been excited by the establishment
 “ of this Society. But this signal success, by
 “ which the utility of the institution has been
 “ demonstrated, has not hitherto procured it
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“ that liberal support from the great and wealthy,
 “ which might rationally have been expected.
 “ The friends of this benevolent institution have
 “ been sorry to observe, that though it has been
 “ founded on the noblest principles of huma-
 “ nity, and therefore had a just claim to the
 “ support of the most elevated minds, yet few
 “ persons of high rank have been found in the
 “ list of its Subscribers: nor are the present
 “ annual subscriptions to it from persons of any
 “ rank, nearly adequate to the necessary ex-
 “ pences of the institution. Had it not been
 “ for the collections which have been made in
 “ various churches, in consequence of the ge-
 “ nerous efforts of the Clergy in its favour, the
 “ expences of the Society could not have been
 “ so long supported. As rewards are paid to
 “ all publicans, who take into their houses the
 “ bodies of Drowned Persons, and to those who
 “ assist in such cases, whether they prove suc-
 “ cessful or otherwise, the expences of the So-
 “ ciety are necessarily considerable. But these
 “ rewards cannot continue to be given, nor
 “ can the designs of the institution be pursued,
 “ without the liberal contributions of the pub-
 “ lic. Of the sums which have hitherto been
 “ paid into the hands of the Treasurer, for the
 “ purposes of the Society, there is not now re-
 “ maining a balance of 10l. in its favour. Sub-
 “ scriptions

“ scriptions therefore are hereby earnestly soli-
 “ cited for the support of this institution : and
 “ as the design of it is eminently rational, hu-
 “ mane and honourable to the kingdom ; as it
 “ has already been the means of saving many
 “ lives, and probably will be of great numbers
 “ more, it is hoped that it will not be suffered
 “ to decline, for want of the necessary contri-
 “ butions, in a great and opulent nation, which
 “ has always been characterised by humanity and
 “ generosity.”

This Address had the desired effect of pre-
 venting the immediate decline of the Society ;
 and it is hoped that the generosity of the public
 will continue to support the institution.

R E P O R T S, &c.

C L A S S I.

Persons who were apparently dead, and restored by the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, or Others.

C A S E CCLXXII. No. 1.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Parsons*, of *Clerkenwell*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *February 7, 1779*.

ON *Sunday* night the 7th instant, at half an hour after eleven o'clock, I was called to the assistance of a woman in *Clerkenwell* Workhouse, whose name was *Elizabeth Ellis*, who had thrown herself into a pond near *Rosamond's Row*, in this parish. She was taken out by a watchman with whom she had been carousing some time before. I went to the workhouse and found her laid on a bed, and all parts of her body quite cold; but there seemed some hopes of her recovery, by a small pulsation at the wrist, which came after some friction had been
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used with salt and warm water, and warm flannels continually applied to all parts of the body. I gave her tobacco glysters, and rubbed the temples and nostrils with volatiles; by this method, in or about one hour and a half, she became warm and her pulse more regular, and soon after had an evacuation both by vomit and stool. I staid sometime after and saw her put into a warm bed, and then gave her a carminative mixture, with *Raleigh's* confection and volatile salts, three spoonfuls to be taken now and then, and a little whey to drink by way of common drink; this kept the body in a gentle perspiration, and I had the satisfaction of finding her well the next morning.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your obliged, very humble servant,

JOHN PARSONS.

C A S E CCLXXIII. No. 2.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *B. Rule*, assistant to Mr. *Charles Aylett*, Surgeon, in *Windsor*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Windsor*, March 12, 1779.

S I R,

This is to certify, that the bearer, *John Carter*, of *Eton*, (*Bucks*) in conjunction with *John Piper*, of the said parish, did recover a child, *John Hall*, that had been under the water near
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five minutes on Saturday last, the 6th instant, which they brought to its mother in Eton, and was to all appearance dead.—An assistant to Mr. *Charles Aylett*, Surgeon in *Windsor*, being sent for on the occasion; through the means then using and before his arrival, and continued in for a length of time after, as prescribed by the Humane Society, the child was perfectly recovered, to the joy and comfort of its poor afflicted mother. In consequence of which I apprehend those two men are intitled to the reward.

I am, Sir,

Your most obliged humble servant,

B. RULE,

Assistant to Mr. *C. Aylett*, Surgeon in *Windsor*.

P. S. The child recovered as above related, is about five years old, whose mother's name is *Mary Hall*, of the parish of *Eton*.

C A S E CCLXXIV. No. 3.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *R. R. Newell*, to the Secretary, dated *March 1, 1779*.

DEAR SIR,

It is with no small pleasure that I take up my pen, to give you a case that happened here a few days since, which proves that the attention of the people seems to be roused, towards the unhappy objects of the Humane Society.

Edward Rouse, a lad about fifteen year of age and very much troubled with epileptic fits, was on *Saturday* the 20th instant, playing on a quay or wharf, near our river, and being attacked with a fit fell into the water and instantly disappeared; a lad who saw him fall in, coolly observed to a man that was passing by, that there was a boy in the water, and pointed out the place he fell in at; the man called his companion; one ran and fetched a boat hook, and the other a boom, and began feeling for him; the man who had got the boat hook felt the body, but was so agitated he could not get hold of it, and therefore resigned his instrument to the other, who directly got hold of him and brought him out; he had been in the water between *five* and *ten* minutes; as soon as he was out they laid him on some straw and began rubbing him, and sent a messenger for me (about a mile and a half); after this they laid him across a board, when he threw up a little water and began to groan.

These, they say, were the first signs of life which they perceived; they then laid him on a barrel which stood by, and began to shake it about, but a gentleman coming by who had read our directions, pointed out to them the absurdity of this proceeding, and directed them to put him into a waggon and carry him home; this was done, and I met them just at the door, had him stripped, a bed warmed, dry linen put on him, and began rubbing him with cloths; he groaned much and seemed as if in a fit; I then rubbed his nostrils with some volatile alkali fluor (as *M. Sage* terms it) and gave him a few drops in some water; this seemed to revive him much; I then left him to the care of his mother and friends,
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and went to enquire into the circumstances of the case, and had the preceding relation given me by the two men; when I came back he was much recovered, and complained of great pain in his head and forenefs all over him; I desired them to give him nourishment and keep him warm; in the evening I called, found him so very low, that I despaired of his life; however, by the assistance of cordials, wine, &c. he in a few days got much better, and is, I believe, now free from every complaint that arose from the water; he still is very sore, he says, in his body, which I imagine proceeds from their rough usage of him at first. I forgot to observe, that as he fell he struck his head against the quay, and made a small wound there, but which has been of no consequence.

Such is the history of the case; I think the two men, who are partners and work on the river, are entitled to some reward, as is the messenger; what you think proper though, I submit to the Treasurer and yourself.

Your's,

R. R. NEWELL.

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CASE CCLXXV. No. 4.

Copy of a Letter from *Oswestry*, to Mr. *Cooper*, Surgeon, at *Shrewsbury*, communicated to the Secretary, dated *Oswestry*, March 29, 1779.

S I R,

On *Thursday* evening last, a little girl, (*Jane Evans*) three years of age (pauper), being with some other children at play in a field near this town, unfortunately fell into a deep ditch, where she remained under water for several minutes, the exact time I am unable to learn, as the first information was given by a boy about four years of age, who was present when the accident happened; she was taken up without any signs of life, and carried in that state to the town: the house that received the body being situated next door to *Edward Browne*, Esq; (a gentleman retired from business) he with the greatest humanity, immediately took upon him the management of every thing, while a messenger was dispatched for me; but by the time I arrived, his endeavours were happily attended with success. The means of recovery were used about twenty minutes, and the first signs of life were a pulsation at the wrist and a gaping, which were soon followed with crying: a glass of white wine was administered and the child put into a warm bed, which in a few hours perfectly restored her.

If you think this case will be acceptable to the Humane Society, you will be kind enough to communicate it.

I am Sir,

Your humble servant,

JOHN EVANS

CASE CCLXXVI. No. 5.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Vaux* to the Treasurer.

James Woolverstone, an aged man between sixty and seventy, fell into the *Thames* at *Billingsgate*, on *Tuesday* morning the 16th of *March*, between one and two o'clock; and after being in the water full *twelve minutes*, was brought on shore apparently dead, and taken to Mrs. *Fair's*, the *Tilt-boat*, *Darkhouse-lane*. The necessary measures prescribed by the Society were made use of; in about forty minutes he became sensible, and in about an hour and a half was able to declare the great obligation he was under for the assistance he had received from *James Cleverly*, the waterman, who dived after and brought him on shore.

Mrs. *Fair*, Landlady.

Assistants { *W. Tomlinson*.
James Cleverly.
Isaac Game.
Joshua Fisher.

——— *James*, fetched Mr. *Vaux*.

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CASE CCLXXVII. No. 6.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Vevers*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Lambeth*, April 2, 1779.

S I R,

The following are the particulars of the case of a poor woman named *Woodrooffe*, about forty, who attempted to drown herself in the river *Thames*, at *Lambeth*, on *Monday* last; she was taken out of the river after being upwards of *ten minutes* under water, and carried to the sign of the *Ship*, at *Lambeth*, apparently dead. I was immediately desired to attend, and found her deprived of every sensation that could give one hopes of any visible appearance of life. I ordered several applications as directed by the Humane Society, which were used an hour before I had hopes of her recovery; the first favourable symptom was a copious discharge of water, a convulsive motion of the head succeeded, with a difficult respiration. Her pulse returned, and in two hours her body recovered its natural warmth, with a florid countenance. From the great irritability of the lungs with the concurring symptoms, I found it necessary to bleed her in the arm, which lessened the irritation; she breathed easier, and found herself greatly relieved in every respect. In this situation I left her to the care of the assistants, with proper directions; in two hours I visited her again, she was then able to inform me, that her stomach was uneasy, and her breath troublesome. I ordered an oily enema to be administered, which

which occasioned an evacuation of water, it relieved the woman, and she slept tolerably easy all night.

Had this poor woman been suffered to remain without any assistance, she must inevitably have perished.

The man's name who is appointed to receive the reward and to distribute it equally, is *John Ward*.

If any other information is necessary, I shall be very happy to communicate it.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient humble servant,

HENRY VEVERS.

C A S E CCLXXVIII. No. 7.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Beaumont*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Villier's-street*, June 10, 1779.

S I R,

On *Sunday* last, about six in the evening, *Benjamin Newton*, a lad about twelve years of age, bathing near *Joy-bridge*, was observed by some persons on the shore to sink. A gentleman standing by, prevailed on two lads who could swim, to strip and go in, which they did, and fortunately one of the lads soon caught hold of his leg, and brought him to the shore. The body was conveyed quite cold and lifeless to the

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Fox-under-the-hill, a house just by the stairs, and laid on a bed between two warm blankets. A messenger was sent for my father, who not being at home, I immediately went, and found him quite motionless; his face swollen and livid, and his extremities quite cold. I ordered him to be rubbed dry with warm cloths, and then used frictions with hot flannels all over the body. A man also who stood by, proposed to undress and go to bed to him, which I encouraged, and his natural warmth seemed very conducive to his recovery, for he soon shewed signs of life, by moving, and the warmth of the limbs returned. In a few minutes he seemed inclined to vomit, which I encouraged, by giving him some warm water with salt in it, which made him reach, and he brought up a large quantity from his stomach, which seemed to rouse him, and he gradually grew better. His pulse being very languid and breathing difficult, a small quantity of blood was taken away, which relieved his breath, and with the help of some warm wine and water, he soon was perfectly restored.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your most humble servant,

JOHN BEAUMONT, Junior.

C A S E CCLXXIX. No. 8.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Bill*, to the Treasurer.

S I R,

In consequence of the accident that happened this day to *Thomas Yarrow*, of *Shoe-lane*, I was sent for to the *Swan*, in *Bride-street*, where I found him with few signs of life; but after using the usual methods of restoring drowned persons, we had the satisfaction to find the circulation and other offices necessary for life return. After enquiring who the persons were that assisted him out of the water, found them to be *Martin Hilton*, *Thomas Oliver*, and *John Witaker*.

EDWARD BILL,

Assistant to Mr. *Robert Sherson*.

N. B. He was about *five minutes* under water; I continued friction and warm applications for about sixteen minutes.

C A S E CCLXXX. No. 9.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Gainer*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Deptford*, *June 22*, 1779.

S I R,

I take this opportunity to acquaint you, that yesterday, between the hours of eight and nine in the morning, one *John Gossage*, a poor man

of thirty-two, came to dip a pail of water out of the river *Ravenborne*, and by accident fell in, it being then near high water, and remained under nearly the space of ten minutes; Mr. *Banks* hearing of the above accident, sent his men to get a boat hook in order to get him out, when in a little time they hooked him by the breeches and hawled him to the top of the water, and took him out to all appearance quite dead; Mr. *Banks* very humanely took him immediately on his premises, and sent for Mr. *Harris*, one of the faculty, who was not in the way just then, upon which Mr. *Banks* used all the means he could, as prescribed by the Society, and in the space of a quarter of an hour he was greatly recovered, and in a short time able to be led home by *John Smith*, and *Richard Bailey*, the aforementioned people of Mr. *Banks's*, who hooked him up; Mr. *Banks* saw him put into a warm bed, and he is now so well, as to be about his business: the reason of my troubling you with these lines was, I thought it an object worthy of your notice in such a case.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

CHARLES GAINER.

N. B. I have a great number of witnesses that can attest the same. Mr. *William Norris* assisted Mr. *Banks's* men in getting him out of the water.

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CASE CCLXXXI. No. 10.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Inwood*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated No. 25, *Bread-street-bill*, June 23, 1779.

S I R,

Being at *Chelsea* on *Monday* night, I was so fortunate to have the happiness of restoring to life, *Thomas Dodd*, a child eight years old, the son of Mr. *Dodd*, Tailor, of that place. He was taken out of the *Thames* about eight o'clock, and carried to the *Magpye* alehouse, where I had him put into bed, and after using every method necessary, with the assistance of the undermentioned persons, am happy to acquaint you and the gentlemen of the Humane Society, that we succeeded in our attempt, and the boy is returned to his disconsolate parents.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient,

And very humble servant,

W. INWOOD.

Stephen Picard,

A. Fordham,

Edward Lewis, } Watermen.

John Sadler,

William White and William Lover.

CASE

CASE CCLXXXII. No, 10.

Copy of a Letter to Dr. *Harwes*, dated *June 26*,
1779.

S I R,

Thomas Brasier, a farmer in a village called *Cardington*, four miles distant from *Church Stretton*, in the county of *Salop*, upon *Saturday* the 26th day of *June*, about half past twelve o'clock at noon, found means, during a fit of insanity, to hang himself, whilst the rest of the family were busily engaged in the affairs of the house. The time he continued in the above situation, cannot be exactly ascertained; but from a variety of concurring circumstances, it is firmly believed to be about *twelve* or *fourteen* minutes, (some think between fifteen or sixteen). When he was cut down, there was not the least apparent sign of life remained; it was however recommended by some of the neighbours, to send to *Stretton* with all possible speed, to request my attendance. I fortunately happened to be at home when the messenger arrived, and set off instantly. During this interval (about thirty-five or forty minutes), the attendants did every thing they could think of, to promote his recovery, and a short time before I saw him, he had been observed to fetch a few deep sighs, or gasps, though a considerable space of time had elapsed between each;—upon examination, I found there was scarce any perceptible motion in the artery at the wrist, the surface of his body was remarkably cold, particularly his extremities, the blood was settled in
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his face, so as to make his mouth, lips, &c. appear very livid, a large quantity of frothy saliva was frequently discharged, together with several clots of coagulated blood. As there was no time to be lost, I immediately ordered him to be placed upon a bed (till now he had been supported between two assistants upon a chair) with a hot blanket under him, his head and shoulders a little raised; in this attitude I employed four strong men, to make use of the most powerful friction, with warm flannels, strong volatile spirits were frequently applied to his nose, temples, &c. &c. the door and windows were kept open, so that the fresh air might have free access to him; in a short time I had the pleasure to find the good effects of the above treatment were very visible, an agreeable warmth began to be diffused over the surface of the body; his gasps and sighs became more frequent, his pulse became stronger, and the vibrations more regular; soon after the appearances of the above favourable symptoms, he was attacked with the most violent spasms, and they became so general, that I believe there was scarcely a muscle in the whole system unaffected. I now ventured to open a vein during a remission of the spasmodic contractions, and discharged about eight or nine ounces of blood, in hopes that evacuation might be a means of abating this troublesome symptom; in this I was disappointed, for they continued with unremitting violence near an hour after, so that the assistants had often great difficulty to keep him upon the bed; and I was under the necessity of requiring an attendant to keep his thumb upon the orifice the whole time, as his arm could never be kept sufficiently steady to apply a bandage

- till the spasms left him. About four o'clock, I had the satisfaction to perceive they began to diminish, and in a few minutes left him entirely, when he immediately fell into a fine easy sleep, and was in every respect so completely restored, that I ordered the attendant to leave the room (except one) that he might not be disturbed; he continued in a dosing state till between ten and eleven o'clock the same night, and then awaked perfectly sensible, but complained of a prodigious soreness in the muscles of his back, breast, throat, &c. &c. Upon visiting him the next day, I was informed he had a continual discharge of saliva from his mouth, together with a remarkable soreness in his gums, teeth, &c. similar to what occurs during a ptyalism raised by the use of mercury. I observed his neck, where the cord had pressed, was very black, particularly that part where the knot was applied, which was under the ear, immediately over the superior attachment of the mastoideus muscle, and the whole of that muscle was much inflamed, sore, and tender. I ordered him an acid gargle for his mouth, and a discutient embrocation to be frequently applied to his throat externally, from the use of which, all complaints gradually disappeared, and he is now (*Friday 2d of July*) in perfect health.

I am Sir,

Your humble servant,

RICHARD LANGSLOW.

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C A S E CCLXXXIII. No. 12.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Brien*, to the Treasurer,
dated *Shadwell-street*, July 6, 1779.

Last *Friday* night I was called to the assistance of *Elizabeth Ingham*, who had been taken up out of the *Thames*, by the following persons, by whom I was not applied to till to-day, therefore submit it to your consideration, whether you think them entitled to the reward of the society or not. *Elizabeth Ingham* is supposed to have been under water *seven* or *eight* minutes, and she was taken up apparently dead; but when I saw her she was in strong hysteric fits, in which she continued for the most part till the following morning; being now perfectly recovered, and at the age of about fourteen years.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JAMES BRIEN.

The publican who received the body into his house, is named *Robert Farthing*, and the assistants are *Samuel Kendall*, *David Reynolds*, and *Bryan Maginnis*.

C A S E CCLXXXIV. No. 13.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Jarvis*, to the Secretary, dated *May's Buildings*, July 20, 1779.

S I R,

I beg leave to recommend the bearer, *David Weldon*, to you, if you can be of any service to him for any reward that is thought proper, he having saved a man, one *Robert Taveroy*, from being drowned on *Saturday* night last; the circumstance was as follows:

Robert Taveroy went into the *Thames* at *Millbank*, to bathe, and running furiously, not considering the depth, the tide immediately took him off his legs and carried him into the water one or two fathom deep; the man came up three times; at last, the above *David Weldon* jumped in after him, and by chance found him, and by the hair of his head drew him to shore: when he came on shore he was senseless and motionless; they conveyed him to one Mr. *Hescott's*, the *Spread Eagle*, near the place, and after having rubbed him well, and given him some brandy, which they got down with difficulty, in about three quarters of an hour they got him to utter a word or two: they then put him into a warm bed, and in about three hours he seemed to recover; he every now and then between the times, had a sort of convulsion fit. The man at present is just able to walk about, but he spits some blood now and then, and seems much indisposed. In fact they did what is in general recommended for the recovery by the Society.

The above *David Weldon* will give you a better account himself, and what he says may be depended on, as his master I know well, and he asserts the same.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

H. JARVIS, Surgeon,

And one of the Medical Assistants.

C A S E CCLXXXV. No. 14.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Norris*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Putney*, July 22, 1779.

S I R,

This is to certify, that Mr. *Hugh Monro*, a carpenter, aged twenty-five, by bathing himself in a piece of water belonging to *Bond Hopkins*, Esq; at *Wimbledon*, in *Surry*, would unfortunately have lost his life, had it not been for the philanthropy of Mr. *Edward Allwood*, who by going into the pond endangered his own, though fortunately saved the life of his neighbour, by diving into the water and catching hold of his hair, and then swimming safe with him to the shore. The said Mr. *Hugh Monro* to all outward appearance was dead; but by using the various proper means as laid down by the Humane Society, he was brought to life before any medical assistance could come from *Putney*, (which is three miles distant). Mr. *Malden*, who is in partnership with Mr. *Norris*, at *Putney*, attended as soon

as possible, and prescribed proper medicines, which restored the said *Hugh Monro* to his perfect health ; as a sure proof of the pleasing facts, several of the people who were present at the time of the accident, have set their names :

J. Malden, } Surgeons.
Edmund Norris, }
Charles Abercrombie,
Samuel Mason,
Edward Kelly,
Thomas Redworth,
James Redworth,
John Bacon,
Edward Allwood.

C A S E CCLXXXVI. No. 15.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Church, to James Horsfall, Esq; dated *Islington, August 10, 1779.*

S I R,

I have now the pleasure to communicate to you a case of recovery, which happened under my inspection on the 2d of this month at *Canonbury-house*. *William Townsend*, an infant about two years and a half old, was at play near a pond whilst his father was at work. His mother missing him, asked his father where he was, who on examination found him lying in the pond just under the water: when he took him out he was to all appearance dead. Whilst his father came to me, the women got off his wet clothes and wrapped

ped him in a warm blanket, by which means he began to shew some signs of life in about three minutes time, which encreased so much, that when we arrived he just began to cry; he was then dead-cold, and had no perceptible pulsation any where; in about a quarter of an hour his pulse began to beat, and in half an hour warmth returned, which however did not become general till a full hour had elapsed, when we left him perfectly recovered.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN CHURCH.

The persons worthy reward, are

Nathaniel Clifton,

Eleanor Palmer,

Elizabeth Clarkeston.

CASE CCLXXXVII. No. 16.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Mitchell*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Hermitage, August 17, 1779.*

S I R,

Thomas Crockett, a common sailer belonging to the *Endeavour*, Captain *Paggan*, lying at the *Hermitage-chain*, being employed at the side of the ship, fell overboard on *Saturday* the 14th instant, and immediately passed under the bottom
of

of the ship, and after being under water above *five minutes*, he was got up. At the time he was taken out of the water he was apparently dead; but as they were bringing him on shore, some convulsive motions were observed, and at last a groan was heard; he was immediately carried to the *Gun*, a public house kept by *Isaac Hill*, at the *Hermitage*, who readily received him; he was stripped directly and put into a bed, the blankets of which had been previously warmed during the time they were stripping him; he laboured hard for breath, and by friction and the warmth of the bed, his breathing soon became easier and he spoke; he was then directed to drink a little brandy and water; and having in the fall received a contusion on his head, he was bled and had a mixture of the Sal C. C. to take occasionally; he continued to breathe easier, and in the evening complained of a pain and uneasiness at his stomach, when a laxative was ordered, which operated gently, and he has gradually recovered, at this present time having no complaint except the contusion of his head.

Although I have not the honour of being a Member of your Society, yet I beg leave to recommend to your notice the bearer, *Isaac Wizard*, a waterman at the *Hermitage*, by whose extraordinary exertions, the man was got out of the water, and a useful member of society saved.

G. MITCHELL.

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CASE CCLXXXVIII. No. 17.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Bill* to the Treasurer,
dated *London, August 21, 1779.*

S I R,

These are to certify to the Humane Society, that on *Wednesday* morning about eight o'clock, we saved *Robert Faircloth* from being drowned in the *Thames* near *Blackfriars-stairs*; but we with great difficulty took him out of the water, to the house of Mr. *Falkner*, and by using the methods in such cases prescribed, were fortunately successful; he was apparently dead when taken out of the water.

EDWARD BILL,

Assistant to Mr. *Robert Sherison*,

Witnesses	{	<i>Elizabeth Falkener,</i>
		<i>Thomas Peacock, Glass-cutter, Black-</i>
		<i>friars-stairs.</i>
		<i>John Mico,</i>
		<i>George Price,</i>
		<i>John Worrall,</i>
		<i>Henry Peck,</i>
		<i>Robert Falkener.</i>

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C A S E CCLXXXIX. No. 18.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Davis*, to Dr. *Hawes*,
dated *Mortlake*, August 24, 1779.

D E A R S I R,

I was last night, about seven o'clock, sent for to a young woman, *Elizabeth Corsty*, who was apparently dead by drowning. She fell out of a boat (opposite the sign of the *Ship*, at *Mortlake*) on the *Middlesex* side, in the parish of *Chiswick*; she was seen by the people at the public house, who put off to her assistance; the time she was under water, some say, *ten or twelve minutes*; others say *a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes*; however, she was brought on shore to Mr. *Hill's*, at the *Ship*, at *Mortlake*, and the methods as recommended by the Society, had been used a quarter of an hour before I came, and in a few minutes after, I found a small palpitation; by continuing the methods a quarter of an hour longer, she went into strong convulsions, which lasted above an hour, when she came to her speech, and told me that she found acute pains under her left breast, therefore I thought it prudent to take eight ounces of blood, which relieved her a great deal; however, she had several fits after; this morning she is purely and out of danger, but excessive weak after it, which I attribute more to the fits than any thing else. I hope you will think with me, that the people who assisted are entitled to reward; if you think so, the master of the public house will wait on the Treasurer. This is the second instance, Sir,
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in which I have seen the happy effects of the methods recommended by the Society.

I have the pleasure to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOHN DAVIS.

P. S. The young woman is an inhabitant of *Brentford* parish; she is gone home this afternoon.

CASE CCXC. No. 19.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Chapman*, to *James Horsfall, Esq;* dated *Rotherhithe, August 28, 1779.*

S I R,

On *Thursday* the 26th instant, about eleven o'clock, I was sent for to the *Red-house*, to one *Thomas Richford*, an apprentice of Captain *Scofield*, of the *Head* transport, who was bathing in the river *Thames*; the tide being rapid against him, drove him along-side the tier of ships, which suction drew him under; but by timely assistance he was taken up, tho' to all appearance dead, and carried to the house of Mr. *Aiton*, at the sign of the *Windsor-castle*, upon the *Red-house Wharf*, where I had him dried with warm flannels, and used the means ordered by the Society, for about a quarter of an hour, by which time I perceived some spasms in his left eye-lid; I con-

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tinued the frictions, and in about two minutes after he opened the eye; I now found some small pulsation and degree of warmth at his chest; I then got a little warm brandy and water down, though with great difficulty; he soon afterwards spoke; I next gave a little more, which threw him into a perspiration and gentle sleep; I then left him and waited on him again in the evening, and found him much better but very languid, his pulse very low; I gave him a cordial mixture and called upon him the morning following, and found him quite restored and able to go on board to his master.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

WILLIAM CHAPMAN, Medical-Assistant,

Assistants. { *S. Burrough,*
James Steward,
Robert Goodrick,
William Humphrys,
Daniel Ryan Assengar.

C A S E CCXCI. No. 20.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Parkinson*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Hoxton-square*, September 7, 1779.

S I R,

On *Monday* evening last, the bearer of this (*Timothy White*) happily saved a boy (*John Scott*)

Scott) fourteen years old, from drowning: the boy was bathing in a pond near *Bethnall-green*, and finding himself beyond his depth, cried to his companions for assistance; they being able to afford him none, ran to this man, whom they saw at two fields distance, who whilst he was running towards the pond, saw the boy rise and sink again three times; the last time he remained under the water *three* or *four* minutes; he now dived and luckily brought him up, but intirely insensible, and so remained for five minutes. If you think the man deserving of the reward adjudged in these cases, I doubt not of its being gratefully received.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JAMES PARKINSON.

P. S. It may be necessary to inform you, that I saw the boy as soon as brought home; he then being universally affected with convulsive twitchings, his pulse extremely irregular, intermitting (and that for a long interval) every four or five pulsations; he likewise complaining of a violent pain at the pit of his stomach with urgings to vomit, I gave him a gentle emetic, and after it a sudorific anodyne; the next morning he was well, excepting some little pain at the pit of his stomach.

C A S E CCXCII. No. 21.

Copy of a Letter to the Treasurer, dated *September 8, 1779.*

S I R,

We the inhabitants of *St. Pancras*, residing in *Tottenham-court-road*, do hereby recommend *Mr. William Herring*, of the *Duke of Grafton*; *Mr. Richard Tandey*, Butcher; and *Mr. James Noaks*, Smith; that they did pull out of a certain pond in *Tottenham-court-road*, at the hazard of their lives, a woman apparently dead, on the 8th of *September*; who after some hours (much pains being taken with her) was perfectly restored to life, whereunto we were eye-witnesses, and knowing the above to be true, have set our hands this 14th of *September, 1779.*

Mary Cope,

J. Phillips,

Henry Macbinder,

John Ashton, overseer of the poor.

G. Seares.

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C A S E CCXCIII. No. 22.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *George Chapman*, to
Dr. Hawes, dated *Allard's-hill*, September 20,
 1779.

S I R,

With much pleasure, I here give you an account of a remarkable case I attended on *Saturday* noon last.

Thomas Lidster, aged upwards of 60, cook to the ship *Tinmouth-castle* collier, of *Shields*, Capt. *George Ditchburn*, being with three other men in the ship's boat, which was fastened by a rope to the fluke of the ship's bower anchor of 1500 cwt. the ship dropping down the river near the *Greenland-dock*, and it blowing a hard gale, the Captain to avoid running foul of another vessel riding in the stream, ordered the anchor to be let go, having no idea the boat was fast to it, being an uncommon thing; by which circumstance the boat was carried down with the anchor to the bottom of the river then fourteen feet deep; three of the men floated clear of the boat and saved themselves; the above *Thomas Lidster's* jacket being entangled went down with the boat, and it was not till the anchor was hove up they could get at the boat, which took up more than ten minutes to accomplish. A waterman at the instant of the boat's coming up, passing by, observed the man's feet sticking out of the water, and immediately extricated him from the boat; part of his body was under one of the thwarts or rowing seats.

They immediately put him in warm blankets, and the mate and a seaman continued frictions with salt till I arrived, which must be a considerable time from taking the body out of the water, as the distance from my house to the ship was more than a mile, and in going down the river we were much obstructed by the wind blowing very hard against us.

When I got on board, by their continued friction he was much recovered, his pulse were perceptible though languid, and he was able to speak, but the external surface of his body extremely cold. I immediately ordered him some brandy and water warm, in which I put a few drops of Spirits C. C. a few minutes after its being in the stomach he puked, after which, he said he found himself much easier. I ordered him into bed between the blankets, and in about ten minutes his pulse getting up strong and quick, induced me to take blood from his arm to the quantity of six ounces, which came freely. The external surface continuing still very cold, I gave him more brandy, &c. stronger than before; soon after it he began to get warm, and was able to converse, but made no particular complaint. I then left him, sent some cordial draughts and saw him again in the evening, when he complained of the left shoulder, also of the back part of his head, which I examined; there was no wound, tumor, or bad symptom.

The wind coming fair, the Captain was then going down the river, therefore could give no further attendance.

In the above case, the good effects of the Society's public plan is demonstrable, as in all probability

bability the man would have lost his life, as it was a full hour before my assistance was given.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

And good wishes for the success of the Society,

Your most obedient,

GEORGE CHAPMAN.

P. S. I desired Captain *Ditchburn* to order *Thomas Lidster*, also the mate, *William Stoney*, and *James Reay*, the men who rubbed him, to wait personally on you as soon as the ship returns to *London*, which will be as soon as loaded, &c.

The waterman, *William Webb*, will also wait on you, but did not know the proper days and hours, having mislaid your card.

Shall be much obliged for a line of information from you as soon as convenient, as I ordered the man to call on me.

I think so remarkable a case should be published in the daily papers.

N. B. An observation of Captain *Ditchburn's* I forgot to mention, which was, that the man was under water *ten minutes* before they could begin heaving the anchor.

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C A S E CCXCIV. No. 23.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Pierce*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *December 8, 1779*.

S I R,

Last *Friday* morning between eight and nine, a boy about four year old (son of ——— *Pain*) fell from the second floor of a warehouse into the water; in his fall he received a large wound in the scalp, from the side of a vessel which lay near the wharf under the warehouse.—The boy was brought to my house without any perceptible pulse, pale, cold, and insensible, and in all appearance dead. He however soon shewed some signs of life without any particular application, except washing the head and face with warm water, in order to examine the wound; in about five or six minutes, whilst I was dressing the head, the boy cried; he was soon after taken home, when the surgeon of the family attended him. I hear since, the boy is very well, except the wound, which is likely soon to heal.

The bearer (*Alexander Stewart*, of *Rotherhithe*) took the child out of the water, which if he had not immediately done, in all probability the boy would either have been drawn under the barge, or carried into deeper water—either way, it is likely he would have perished.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

J. HARVEY PIERCE.

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Persons saved from Drowning, who in
consequence of the Accident required
MEDICAL AID.

C A S E CCXCV. No. 24.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Burgefs*, to Dr.
Hawes, dated *Lambeth*, April 5, 1779.

S I R,

Mr. *Burgefs* begs to inform Dr. *Hawes*, that about a week since, a poor unfortunate woman, (*Jane Jordan*, about twenty-three) in liquor attempted to drown herself at the *Dock*; it was on *Sunday* the 28th instant, between nine and ten at night, and she was seven months gone with child. Very luckily for her, a poor man passing by at the same time, went into the water and got her out. In this as in most cases, four men carried her home; when I arrived, I found it necessary to have recourse to the usual methods, and in a small time she was perfectly recovered. Mr. *Burgefs* thinks the paying the two women for setting up one night, a shilling or two a-piece; as likewise the three men that assisted to carry her

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home, one shilling a-piece, is very sufficient ; the man that went into the water does deserve more. The three men and two women had very little trouble, as the distance they carried her to her home is not above an hundred yards ; Mr. B. will fend the people to Dr. *Hawes*, on *Saturday* next.

John Bullins, was in the river.

John Burne,

Thomas Gibbs.

C A S E CCXCVI. No. 25.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Fare*, to the Treasurer, dated *Tower*, *April 6*, 1779.

S I R,

On the fifth instant, about eleven o'clock at noon, an unfortunate poor man fell from the *Galley Quay*, into the *Thames*, in sight of my house, and would have been inevitably lost, had not the bearer hereof, *John Edwards*, at the risque of his own life, went after him and brought him up ; he is restored and well. In justice to such willing exertions, I trouble you with this account pursuant to your directions, and am,

Sir,

Your very humble servant,

T. W. FARE.

Thomas Sambidge, No. 13, *Red-lyon-court*, *Fleet-street*, was present and saw the readiness of the above *Edwards*.

CASE CCXCVII. No, 26.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Church, to James Horsfall, Esq; dated Islington, May 26, 1779.

S I R,

This waits on you, to inform you, that about eight o'clock on *Sunday evening last*, *Mercy Lechannel* threw herself into the *New River*, near *Sadler's Wells*; she was taken out in three or four minutes alive, but so cold and so much spent as to require the assistance of Mr. Clifton, my journeyman, for above an hour, before he judged it safe to leave her.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN CHURCH.

Robert Fold,	} Assistants and Mes-
Nathaniel Clifton,	
Thomas Swawbrook,	
—— Ward.	
fenger.	

Mr. Haynes, the *Hugh Middleton's Head*, received her into his house.

C A S E CCXCVIII. No. 27.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Curtis*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *June 31, 1779.*

S I R,

I was sent for last *Wednesday*, about 12 o'clock at noon, to *Mary Leach*, aged about thirty, who was just taken out of the *New River* opposite *Sadler's Well's*. She was carried to Mr. *Morland's*, at the *King of Prussia*: she was much bruised in her left arm, body, &c. but with the usual applications of hot flannels, rubbing, &c. she soon recovered. In the afternoon I ordered her to be blooded on account of her bruises. As I was not at home when the accident happened, my journeyman, *William Priddie*, assisted. The following are the names of the people who took her out of the river, &c.

I am Sir,

Your very humble servant,

W. CURTIS.

George Cross,
Theophilus Johnson, } took her out of the river.

William Kearsley, Messenger.

Thomas Vernon,
Robert Henwood,
Thomas Darnely,
Alexander Abell, } Assistants.

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CASE CCXCIX. No. 28.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *White*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Wednesday, June 23, 1779.*

S I R,

I take the liberty of sending you an account of the happy preservation of *Jane Watson*, daughter of a Mrs. *Watson*, at a chandler's shop on the *Bankside*, near *Mason-stairs*; she is a girl of about fourteen years of age. Her mother and she having some words, she told the mother she would make away with herself; upon which she repaired to *Molstrand-dock*, which is the next stairs, and threw herself off a float of timber into the *Thames*; she had not lain above *a minute or two*, before she was taken out by *Alexander Blasdon*, a waterman, who was passing by in his boat; who had her conveyed to her mother's, and sent for me: when I came, I found her violently convulsed, attended with a great difficulty of respiration; having a tolerable pulse, I took from the arm about three ounces of blood, which presently relieved her breathing; I directed a little warm brandy and water to be given her, which she swallowed with some difficulty; I ordered my young man to stay with her and use frictions to the extremities, and bottles of warm water to the soles of her feet, &c. and in an hour after she was tolerably recovered.

I am, Sir,

With the greatest respect,

Your's, &c.

J. WHITE.

C A S E CCC. No. 29.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Curtis, to James Horsfall, Esq; dated *Islington, September 12, 1779.*

S I R,

I was sent for last *Tuesday*, about four o'clock in the afternoon, to attend *Sarah Tweesdale*, of *Beech-lane, Whitecross-street*, just taken out of a pond the back of *Pulling's-row, Islington*; she was taken to the *General Blakeney's Head*, and put into a warm bed, had hot cloths, &c. applied to her, and by the time I saw her (which could not be more than a quarter of an hour) was partly recovered: it was with difficulty I could learn her place of abode, being conscious of the crime she had in fact committed. She would most certainly have perished in a few minutes, if proper assistance had not been near at hand; for from the circumstances I could gather, she came out with an intention to commit suicide. Her father appeared in consequence of a letter left at home informing him of her design, and said she had been in a desponding way some time; I saw her again in the evening and bled her to prevent a fever, as her brain seemed affected.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

W. PRIDDEY,

Assistant to *William Curtis*, Surgeon.

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C A S E C C C I. No. 30.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Hornsby*, to the Treasurer, dated *Palsgrave-place*, September 29, 1779.

S I R,

I have the honour to inform you, that I was sent for on *Monday*, September the 27th, to the *Waterman's Arms*, a public house in *Arundel-street*, to *Joseph Evans*, a boy about eight years of age, who fell from a boat's head, as he was playing therein, lying off *Arundel-stairs*. He was immediately taken to the above-mentioned place (where he was hospitably received) by *John Morris*, who caught hold of his shoulder as he was sinking the third time, and who brought him out perfectly insensible. When I came I found him in the state above described; I immediately gave him some salt and water, as a great deal of water had got into his stomach, and which made him vomit; I then ordered him to be put into a warm bed, his extremities being quite frigid, and administered a cordial volatile medicine, which contributed an universal warmth, after which he gradually recovered.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

NATHANIEL HORNSBY.

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C A S E CCCII. No. 31.

Copy of a Letter communicated by *Mr. Boyse*, to
James Horsfall, Esq; dated *October 28*, 1779.

S I R,

Thursday night, *October 28*, at half after eleven, a man whose name and place of abode is unknown, was found almost suffocated in the mud, opposite the *Northumberland* wharf, *Upper-Ground*, by *Laury Carter*, who by the assistance of *William Turpin*, took him into a boat and rowed him to *Blackfriars-stairs*, where he was taken out and laid on the bank near the *Toll-house*; the assistants having knocked at two or three public houses, but being denied admittance, they immediately sent for *Mr. Boyse*, who being absent, I attended, and found the poor object held up in a sitting posture between the above-mentioned men, very much convulsed, and discharging much froth at the mouth. *Hugh Poole*, the toll-man, being present, and finding so much inhumanity in the publicans, said, that his house was just by, and should be opened for his reception; embracing this humane offer, he was instantly carried thither, where a good fire was lighted and a bed brought into the room.

In the mean time I took ten ounces of blood from his arm, after which he seemed to revive much. When we had proceeded thus far, *Mr. Armiger's* assistant arrived, and thinking that a revulsion from the stomach would not be amiss, with much difficulty got a puking draught down his

throat, and waited for the operation; whilst every method directed by the Society was very assiduously used towards his recovery, such as frictions, fomentations, fumigations, &c. but at four o'clock the following morning, he suddenly expired, when we had great hopes of his recovery. I have thought proper to give you an account thereof, which if you think merits the reward promised by the Society, shall be thankfully received by, Sir,

Your most obedient servants,

JOHN THOMAS, }
JOHN BRODBELT, } Superintendants.

William Turpin, }
Laury Carter, } Assistants.

John Allen, }
John Fell, } Messengers.

Hugh Pool, Landlord.

C A S E CCCIII. No. 32.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Ansell*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Brentford*, December 4, 1779.

S I R,

I take the liberty of recommending to your notice *John White* and *Charles Long*, who assisted a few days ago in taking two children out of the *Thames*, the eldest of which was a girl of about thirteen years old, the other a child she was carrying in her arms; they must have been a

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quarter of an hour in the water, and were taken out with scarce any signs of life, but were soon recovered by the remedies prescribed.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

JOHN ANSELL.

*Elizabeth Bonner, Old Brentford,
—— Roofes, New Brentford.*

P. S. The little infant was quite motionless.

CASE CCCIV. No. 33.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Beaumont*, to *James Horsfall, Esq;* dated *York-Buildings, December 24, 1779.*

SIR,

I have the satisfaction of informing you of the preservation of *Edward Roots*, (a lad about eighteen, apprentice to *William Evans*, Waterman, at *Hungerford-stairs*) by the bearers of this, whose names are underneath. About seven o'clock yesterday morning, as he was getting his boat into the stairs, (being subject to fits) he was seized and suddenly fell into the *Thames*. These persons as they were unloading a boat saw the accident, and went to his assistance, and in a few minutes took him up and carried him home, it being near the stairs. I was sent for and immediately went, and found him quite cold and insensible, though he groaned much.

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His wet clothes were taken off directly, wiped dry, and he was put to bed between warm blankets; and I was soon able to administer a medicine proper for the fits; he grew better, and in a few hours quite recovered. As the preservation of life is the object of the Humane Society, I dare say you will think these persons deserve to be rewarded, for had the accident happened in the middle of the river, he must have been inevitably lost.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN BEAUMONT.

<i>Thomas Day,</i>	}	Assistants.
<i>William Powell,</i>		
<i>Richard Forggatt,</i>		
<i>George Middleton,</i>		
<i>John Sparrow,</i>		Messenger.

C L A S S III.

A summary View of the Cases of Persons saved from Drowning who required no MEDICAL AID.

No.	Persons preserved.	When.	By whom attested.
1	William Goodwin	Jan. 6, 1779	Mr. James Taylor
2	Edward Bestwick, and Unknown	Feb. 1, —	Mr. Avis, Clerk to Henry Thrale, Esq.
3	Thomas London	— 17, —	Mr. Hodgson, Wapping
4	James Graham	— 27, —	Mr. White, Queen-street, Southwark.
5	John Morton	{ March 4, —	Mr. Hanbury, King-street, Westminster Mr. Wastell, Surgeon, Margaret-street Mr. Lynn, ditto, Wapping
6	Charles Finley	{ — — —	Mr. Hanall, Mr. Turnbull, Mr. Bet- tley, and Mr. Brooke, all of Wap- ping
7	Michael Walton	— — —	Mr. George Vauk

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No.	Persons preserved.	When.	By whom attested.
8	Ann Hopkins	April 1, 1779.	} Mr. Saunders, Mr. Todd, of Acton-street Gray's-inn-lane, and Mr. Stone, and confirmed by Mr. James Taylor
9	James Curry	— 4, —	
10	Margaret Ballard	— 6, —	
11	Joseph Iron, and	} — 7, —	Mr. Mico, Water-lane, Blackfriars
12	Jane Sharpen		Mr. Woodhouse, Temple Coffee-house
13	Joseph Campion	— 8, —	Mr. Mackdonald, Churchwarden, Islington
14	Mary Wells	— 17, —	Mr. Smith, Limehouse,
15	William Matthews,	} — 22, —	Mr. Patten, Ratcliffe-crofs
	Richard Cadman,		Mr. Smith, Limehouse
	and Willim Brooks	} — 26, —	} Mr. Claughton, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Hearne, King's Head, East-lane-stairs
16	Peter Jemmison		
17	William Jekorn	May 8, —	Mr. Newby, Horslydown
18	John Nangbourn	— 16, —	Mr. Whalton, Bankside Coffee-house
19	Joseph Debat	— 16, —	Mr. Friend, King's arms, King's Arms-stairs
20	Jane Shank	— 26, —	Mr. Maddox, Rotherithe

No.	Persons preserved.	When.	By whom attested.
21	John Budd	—	{ Catherine Dewe, and Elizabeth Cotes, at
22	Samuel Alnon	25, 1779	Mr. Dewe's, Maid-lane, Southwark
23	John Quarry	June 3,	Mr. Patten, Ratcliff-crofs
24	William Proffer, and Thomas Scott	14,	Mr. Vaux
25	Catherine Kitchen	28,	Mr. Church, Islington
26	William How	July 5,	Mr. Richmond, Ship Tavern
27	Mathew Low	9,	Mr. Mico, Water-lane, Blackfriars
28	John Webb	12,	{ Mr. Cox, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Wisdom, and
29	John Hunter	16,	Mrs. Meeks
30	William Hall	18,	Mr. Fowle, deputy clerk, Fishmongers-hall
31	A boy unknown	22,	Mr. Brien, Shadwell
32	Thomas Mean	24,	Mr. Kinnard, Chelsea
33	Robert Crawford	26,	Mr. Burnell, Chief Mate of the Union
34	Nicholas Benfield	29,	Mr. Amos, Wapping-dock
35	Martha Thomas	30,	Mr. Wilfon, Union-street, Westminster
		Aug. 5,	Mr. Kits, junior, Gravesend
			Mr. Smith, Limehouse

<i>Persons preserved.</i>		<i>When.</i>		<i>By whom attested.</i>	
No.		Aug.	3, 1779	Mr. Forlyth, No. 2, Church-lane	
36	Henry Knight	—	15,	Mr. Hooper, Tooley-street	
37	Elizabeth Wood	—	15,	Dr. Biddle, Windfor	
38	Jonathan Woodford	—	16s	Mr. Kilbie, Shipwright, St. John's	
39	James Thornbury	—	16,	Mr. Sexton, Church-court, St. Martin's	
40	John Edwards	}	—	{ Mr. Bell, pilot, Rotherhithe	
41	A boy		25,	{ Mr. Smith, Limehouse	
42	Sarah Hipp and daughter	—	25,	Captain Bruce	
43	John Haynes	—	27,	Mr. Belither, Falcon-wharf	
44	Charles Richards	—	29,	Mr. Smith, Limehouse	
45	Samuel Venables	—	29,	Mr. Smith, Limehouse	
46	William Buckingham	—	31,	Mr. Jefferys, Hampstead	
47	Thomas Bell	—	31,	Mr. James Spratwill, Milford-lane	
48	John Taylor	Sept.	1,	Mr. John Taylor, Horslydown	
49	Winnal Trevally	—	1,	Mr. Smith, Limehouse	
50	Thomas Kem	—	1,	Mr. Burges, Lambeth	
51	John Williams	—	26,	Mr. Ford, victualler, Deptford	

<i>No.</i>	<i>Persons preserved.</i>	<i>When.</i>		<i>By whom attested.</i>
52	Sarah Holdsworth	} Sept. 26, 1779	—	{ Mr. Worms, and Mr. Hotchins, St. John's, Wapping
53	Philip Overy			
54	— Sims	Oct. 1,	—	Mr. Patten, Ratcliffe-crofs
55	Mary Bane	— 6,	—	Mr. Banks, Deptford
56	Sarah Benfield	— 7,	—	Mr. Burges, Lambeth
57	John Johnson	— 11,	—	Mr. Church, Islington
58	Simon Shepherd	— 12,	—	Admiral Hardy
59	Phoebe Twigg	Nov. 4,	—	Mr. Jackson, Knightsbridge
60	Mary Clarkson	— 9,	—	Mr. Cooper, Temple New-wharf
61	Henry Chapman	— 10,	—	Mr. Wastell, Margaret-street
62	Hannah Fitzpatrick	Dec. 3,	—	Mr. Walford, Garlick-hill
		— 19,	—	Mr. Church, Islington

A summary View of the unsuccessful CASES for which the SOCIETY have paid the PREMIUMS in the Year 1779.

No.		Date.	Subject.	Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.	Length of Time under Water, and other Circumstances.	No.
1	January	9	Edward Keel	Isleworth	Half an Hour	
2	—	16	William Jones	Limehouse Bridge	Half an Hour	
3	—	—	Johanna Dollafon	Ditch near Well's Yard, Rotherhithe	Appearance of Strangulatn.	
4	February	9	Charles Williams	Isleworth	An Hour	
5	—	18	William Bradley	Thames, near Custom-house	Ten Minutes	
6	March	10	William Lewis	Thames, Ratcliffe-crofs	Quarter of an Hour	
7	—	14	Sarah Skerrett	Thames, Prince's Stairs	Quarter of an Hour	
8	April	5	Joseph Stevens	Thames, Wapping	Half an Hour	
9	—	—	John Hastings	Thames, Iron Gate	Ten Minutes	
10	May	7	William Wheeler	Thames, Bell Wharf, Shadwell	Near a Quarter of an Hour	
11	—	19	Isaac Walton	Thames, Bankside	Unknown	
12	—	—	Two Forcigners	Thames, Iron Gate	5 Min. and Qr. of an Hour	
13	June	7	John Trigg	Serpentine River	Half an Hour	
14	—	17	Rodman Vinn	Cistern, Timber-street	Near two Hours missing	
15	July	11	James Gilbert	Thames, Southwark	Upwards of 20 Minutes	
16	—	13	William Brown	Thames, Paris-garden-lane	Forty Minutes	
17	—	14	Young Man, unknown	River Lee, Clapton H	Unknown	No.

No.	Date.	Subject.	Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.	Length of Time under Water, and other Circumstances.	No.
18	July 14 1779	Thomas Ellingsford	Cistern, Colchester	Quarter of an Hour	
19	—	William Ford	Wet Dock, Rotherhithe	Twenty Minutes	
20	—	A Boy, Name unknown	— River, Shrewsbury	Near an Hour	
21	—	George Clark	Canal, St. James's Park	Three Qrs. of an Hour	
22	—	Thomas Ryland	Thames, Adelphi	Few Minutes	
23	August 3	John Davis	Thames, Greenwich	Apoplectic Fit	
24	—	James Johnson	Pond near Pancras	Quarter of an Hour	
25	—	John Avery	Thames, Cox's Key	Above twenty Minutes	
26	—	— Wheeler	Thames, Chelfea	Quarter of an Hour	
27	—	William Carr	Thames, Scotland-yard	Quarter of an Hour	
28	—	Old Man, Name unknown	Canal, near Shrewsbury	Intoxicated	
29	—	John Stevens	Thames, St. Catherine's Stairs	An Hour and Half	
30	—	Richard Clark	River, Brentford	Three Qrs. of an Hour	
31	—	Richard Weatherley	Thames, Putney	Near Half an Hour	
32	—	— Birmingham	Thames, Fulham	Three Qrs. of an Hour	
33	—	Nathaniel Hurst	Thames, Cox's Quay	Intoxicated	
34	Septem. 2	Philip Perriam	Thames, Eton	Near Half an Hour	
35	—	William Bailey	Thames, Blackfriars	Near 3 Qrs. of an Hour	
36	—	John Roberts	River, Pimlico	Twenty Minutes	
37	—	— Frith	Thames, Rotherhithe	Quarter of an Hour	

*Length of Time under Water,
and other Circumstances.*

Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.

Subject.

No.

Date.

38	Septem. 13	Henry Hankfy	Cutt, Chelsea Water Works	Forty Minutes
39	— 27	John Franklin	Thames, Mortlake	Two Hours
40	— 28	Thomas Fuller	Pond, near Foundling Hospital	Unknown
41	Novem. 1	William Gutterfon	Greenland Dock	Quarter of an Hour
42	— 13	Edward Ray	Cutt, Deptford	Few Minutes
43	— 20	Martin Scorer	Thames, Rotherhithe	Few Minutes
44	— —	John Williams	Thames, Hayes's Wharf	Unknown
45	— 30	A Man, Name unknown	Thames, Cotton's Wharf	Few Minutes
46	Decem. 4	A Boy, Name unknown	Thames, Still-yard	An Hour and Half

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C L A S S I.

Persons who were apparently dead, and restored by the MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, or Others.

C A S E CCCV. No. 34.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Egerton*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *Great Ealing*, February 5, 1780.

S I R,

I WAS called to the son of a poor man of this village, (one *Jordan*) who had been sliding on the ice on *Thursday* afternoon last, which breaking, let him in, and he remained under water *twelve minutes*, no person (through fear) the pond being deep and muddy, endeavouring to get him out, except the bearer, *John Kerchwall*, at the hazard of his life; the child to all appearance was dead; however, I had him brought before a good fire, where I made use of the methods recommended by the Humane Society, and some signs of life appeared, which being continued, the child was happily restored,
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and is now very well, though much bruised in several parts of the body.

I am, Sir,

With due respect,

Your very humble servant,

RICHARD EGERTON, Surgeon.

CASE CCCVI. No. 35.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Vaux*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *April 12, 1780.*

S I R,

John Roberts, of *Clare-market*, was taken out of the *Thames* at *Fresh-wharf*, on *Saturday* morning last, about one o'clock, apparently dead. He was immediately carried to — *King's*, the *Tilt-boat*, in *Darkhouse-lane*, where I was called to him; I found him somewhat recovering, from the means that had been used; I left him to the care of my assistant, (Mr. *Field*) and by a perseverance in the rules laid down by the *Humane Society*, he was happily restored.

GEORGE VAUX.

Assistants. { — *Field*,
 { *W. Tomlinson*,
 { *W. Giles*,
 { *G. Napier*.

Messenger, *E. Roach*.

Taken up by *William Giles* and *George Napier*.

CASE CCCVII. No. 36.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Breach*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *May 4, 1780*.

S I R,

Yesterday between one and two o'clock at noon, *Joseph Rice*, a boy about eleven years of age, tumbled out of a ship at *Pickle-Herring-stairs, Southwark*, when the tide was full, and was in the water *eighteen minutes*. *Samuel Parker* jumped in to his assistance, and was very near being lost himself, had not *John Babington* pulled them both out: the boy, to all appearance dead, was carefully removed to his mother's house, when I was sent for with my assistant, Mr. *Thomas Essex*; by the means laid down by the Humane Society, the boy was in half an hour restored again to his natural senses, and is at this time perfectly recovered.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

WILLIAM BREACH.

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C A S E CCCVIII. No. 37.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Thomas*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *May 31*, 1780.

S I R,

At eleven o'clock in the morning, as *Isaac Sheavett* was crossing the water in a boat (opposite *Paris-garden-lane*) it overfet; and calling in vain for help, he immediately sunk. Two watermen went to his assistance, and took him up apparently dead, after he had been under water about *ten minutes*.

He was brought into the sign of the *Windmill*, *Paris-garden-lane*; Mr. *Boyse* being sent for and not at home, I instantly attended; and directed the wet clothes to be taken off, and warm blankets to be laid on the table where he was laid, whilst a warm bed was getting ready.

After ten minutes friction with warm flannels, I could feel a weak intermitting pulse coming on in the arm, which at first I could not, neither could I feel the least motion at the heart. This pulsation induced me to open a vein in the arm, which at first did not bleed but by drops, but soon flowed more freely, though ten minutes had elapsed before it bled half a pint; after I had tied up his arm, I directed him to be carried into the warm bed, where the friction, fumigation, &c. was continued, and shewing an inclination to puke, I gave him a draught to forward it, which operated presently.

In about an hour and a half he became sensible enough to thank us all for our assistance,
and

and asked for his son and daughters, at which time I left him. Visiting him again in the evening, I found him in a fine breathing sweat, which with a little sleep so far recovered him against the next morning, as to be able to walk home to *Grey-Eagle-street, Spitalfields*.

JOHN THOMAS, Superintendant.

William Wells,
Samuel Stanton, } Assistants.
Richard Russell, }

Thomas Morris, Messenger.

George Rice, Landlord.

The above *Isaac Sheavett* is 60 years of age.

C A S E CCCIX. No. 38.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Bell*, to the Treasurer, dated *June 29, 1780*.

S I R,

Richard Stanley, son of *Richard Stanley*, carpenter, of *Dowgate*, in the parish of *Allhallows the Great*, fell from a lighter into the river, near *Cold-harbour-stairs*, this day, and was taken up by *William Davis*, waterman, and *Richard Hunt*, his apprentice, who immediately carried him to Mr. *Hilton's*, the *Dyers-arms*, in *Cold-harbour*, without any visible signs of life; they directly came for me; I went down, and found some returning symptoms of life. I used all necessary means.

means. In about half an hour he recovered much; though in a great state of insensibility; he vomited much; I poured down a little warm wine and water, wrapped him in a blanket, put him into a hot bed, and he is now recovered.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

N. LABAN BEE.

William Frazer, } Assistants.
John Broker, }

William Davis, Lighterman, came for me.

P. S. As vomiting seemed to relieve this lad much, would it not be worth the notice of the Society to recommend a grain or two of Tartar Emetic to be poured into the stomach, as soon as a gentleman of the faculty is called in?

CASE CCCX. No. 39.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Burrough*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Rotherhithe*, June 29, 1780.

S I R,

On *Thursday* noon at eleven o'clock, as Mr. *Robert Bunny*, of *Deptford*, cooper, was bathing in the river *Thames*, near the *Greenland-dock*, *Rotherhithe*, he was accidentally drowned. After being under water *ten minutes*, he was taken up but to all appearance dead, and conveyed to an apartment

ment of Mr. *Rich*, a cooper, where I made use of frictions with salt and brandy, and applied spirits volatile aromat. to the temples, wrist, and chest, and as soon as possible put him in a warm bath; about twenty minutes after which I perceived a spasm in the lower jaw; I ordered the frictions to be well continued upon the spine; soon after came on a total spasm; I still kept him in the bath for near an hour, by which time he began to sigh; I then endeavoured to get a little warm brandy and water down, but with great difficulty, a contraction being so strong on the lower jaw; I repeated the trial very often, until such time as he swallowed with ease. Soon after he began to cry and utter some words, but not so as to be understood; I continued the means until such time as he was capable of speaking distinct; I then took him out and wiped him dry, and wrapped him up in flannel, and had him put into a warm bed; I then gave him a cordial mixture and left him for near an hour, by which time I called again, and found he had several fits; I still repeated the medicine. I saw him again in the evening; he had dosed and was better, but complained of much soreness upon the parts where frictions had been made use of, but was able to be carried home in a chaise the next morning; I sent my young man to see him, who found him better, but he had no stool and his fits returned; I ordered a laxative mixture, from which time he continued to be better.

I have the honour to be,

With respect,

Your humble servant,

S. BURROUGH,

Successor to the late *William Chapman*, Medical Assistant.

Henry Coates,	}	Assistants.
Thomas Gosling,		
Joshua Parse,		
John Younger, my apprentice,		
Thomas Wilson, Messenger.		

C A S E CCCXI. No. 40.

Copy of a Letter from *Mr. Boyse*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Southwark*, June 30, 1780.

S I R,

I was sent for to a boy, *John Brooks*, twelve years of age, that was taken out of the water and carried to a public house, the *Welch Trooper*, on the *Bankside*, *Southwark*, who had been under water with his brother above *ten minutes* (the brother of the boy not being found when this was taken up). His wet clothes were taken off, his limbs rubbed with warm flannel, &c. Then finding signs of life, put him into a warm bed, and he recovered. The man that took him out of the water is one *George Baker*, a waterman, who ran to his assistance with all his clothes on, into the *Thames*, and held the boy fast, and was with him two or three times under water, until a boat came to their assistance and took them up, or they both would have been drowned.

About an hour before this happened, I was sent for to the sign of the *Windmill*, *Paris-garden-lane*, to a waterman's boy, *Robert Huntley*, that fell overboard, going from one bottle sloop to the other, and was taken up and brought to

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the public house, where I saw the boy as if dead stretched on the floor ; they had rubbed him with salt before I came, and while I was there he recovered and called for drink, and drank very greedily. The people here are very active when they hear of any body that is drowning.

I am, Sir,

With great respect,

Your very humble servant,

WILLIAM BOYSE.

<i>George Baker,</i>	}	Assistants in the recovery of <i>John Brooks.</i>
<i>Slackdon Ferson,</i>		
<i>Shadrack Croker,</i>		

<i>Samuel Stanton,</i>	}	Assistants in recovering <i>Robert Huntley.</i>
<i>James Stanton,</i>		
<i>Richard Preston,</i>		
<i>William Wells,</i>		

<i>Mr. Rice,</i>	}	Landlords.
<i>Mr. Spencer,</i>		

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C A S E CCCXII. No. 41.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Kitching*, to *James Horsfall, Esq*; dated *Streatham, Surry*, July 6, 1780.

S I R,

On *Monday* the 3d instant, *Ann Green*, aged seven years, was sent to fetch water from a neighbouring pond on *Norwood Common*; unfortunately she fell in and must have remained above *twenty minutes* under the water before any person could find her; when she was taken out no signs of life were to be discovered, her countenance was black and livid, her heart and arterial system had totally lost their action, and every vital function ceased to perform their office: by perseverance in the treatment recommended by the Society, in about an hour and a half she began to shew some faint glimmers of returning life; the pulsation of the radial artery was just discoverable, her stomach began to reassume its action, and vomiting was produced; she continued to amend during the evening, and the next day was perfectly recovered. *Edward Farmborough*, and *William Hardy*, were the men who took her out of the water, and were otherwise useful in her recovery; as such, I beg leave to recommend them worthy of reward.

I am, Sir,

Your's, &c.

M. KITCHING.

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C A S E CCCXIII. No. 42.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Barrett*, to Dr.
Hawes, dated *July 23*, 1780.

S I R,

As the Humane Society have desired to be informed when any persons apparently drowned have been recovered; on *Thursday* evening I was called to the son of *Margaret Hillier*, of *Colnbrook*, four years old, that had fallen into a rivulet and was to all appearance dead. I was within three minutes after it was taken up with the child; a gentleman passing by at the time very humanely ordered it to be rubbed with salt, before I got there. I directed some flannels to be warmed immediately, in the mean time had its arms and legs rubbed by four assistants, whilst I rubbed the vertebræ with some hartshorn that happened to be in the room. I perceived its little breast heave, therefore did not attempt to inflate the lungs; it soon shewed symptoms of life; in half an hour I put a feather into its throat and caused it to throw up at different times, a considerable quantity of water; I then gave it a very small quantity of warm wine and water, repeating it at different times; I placed the child with its mother in a warm bed, and then left them.

I called yesterday, and saw it was perfectly recovered. It is impossible from all the enquiry I could make, to say how long it was in the water; it had been missed a considerable time, and when found seemed totally lifeless, and cold

cold to an extreme degree; yet by the continued friction and warm flannels, very soon shewed symptoms of life.

If *Edward Holdernefs* should apply, I should think he merits the notice of the Society on this occasion, as he took the child out of the water.

I have communicated this matter to Dr. *Biddle*, who approves of what I have done, directing me to communicate it to the Society.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

ONSLow BARRETT,
Surgeon, at *Windsor*.

C A S E CCCXIV. No. 43.

Copy of a Letter communicated by Mr. *Boyse*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Upper-ground, Southwark, July 27, 1780*.

S I R,

Yesterday at eleven o'clock in the evening, there came a message for Mr. *Boyse*, desiring his attendance down at the *Bell, Bankside*, where a boy four or five years old was carried, who had been just taken out of the water apparently drowned.

I instantly went to the place and was informed, before I saw the unfortunate subject, that he shewed some signs of life, though very unlikely to recover; this I found not to be an injudicious
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conjecture ; for when I saw him, he was all over very cold, his limbs stiff, and very pale in the face, and his jaws close shut, yet by holding a feather before his nostrils, I found he was not intirely breathless, and I could feel an intermitting motion of the heart.

They had taken off his clothes, and had begun a friction with salt, before they had *rubbed him dry* ; this I ordered to be done immediately with warm flannels, while I chafed his temples and spine with warm brandy ; by which treatment his warmth very soon returned, and I could feel a pretty strong pulsation at the wrist, though still intermitting ; by a little more friction he opened his mouth and made a crying noise ; I took this opportunity to pour a little luke-warm water with a little brandy down his throat, which he presently puked up, and afterwards he cried very loud. I very soon afterwards left him, and desired one of the women who belonged to him, to go to bed to him and endeavour to lull him to sleep ; this they promised to do ; but very soon after I went home, one of the assistants came down to Mr. *Boyse*, and informed me, that his mother (the child's) was so ungrateful as to carry the child home to her own house, which happily proved of no bad consequence, for I hear the child is now very well.

Launcelot Haskins says, when he took him out of the water, he was very black in the face and totally void of motion, but by his carrying him into the house he seemed to struggle for breath, and distorted the muscles of his face as if going to cry ; but when they laid him upon the table to strip him, he turned quite pale and lay motion-

tionless for some time, in which situation he was when I first saw him ;

Who am, Sir,

Respectfully, your most humble servant,

JOHN THOMAS.

Launcelot Haskins,
John Undey,
Thomas Wells, } Assistants.

Mary Gingly, Messenger.

James Kilvington, at the *Old Bell, Bankside.*

P. S. The child's name is *William Thornbury*, is between four and five years of age, son to *Thomas Thornbury*, waterman, *Smith's-rents, Bankside.*

C A S E CCCXV. No. 44.

Copy of a Letter from Messrs. *Hawes* and *Beaumont*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *July 27, 1780.*

S I R,

On *Wednesday* last about noon, *James Kipping*, son of *Mrs. Kipping*, of *Lumber-court, St. Giles's*, fell from one of the barges into the *Thames*, near *Northumberland-wharf*; the boy unfortunately sunk under the lighters; so that several watermen and bargemen were earnestly employed upwards of ten minutes before the
body

body could be found ; which was at last brought up, to all appearance dead, as many creditable persons testified, who were anxious spectators of this melancholy event.

The apparent corpse was carefully conveyed to Mr. *Drawith's*, the master of the *Fox-under-the-hill*, a publican well known to the Medical Assistants, for his tenderness and kindness on such occasions. Mr. *Dobson*, one of the clerks at the Coal-meter's Office, *Northumberland-street*, convinced the great number of persons collected in consequence of the accident, that he possessed the finer feelings of human nature ; for at the instant that there was an alarm of a boy being drowned, he came out of his compting-house to the wharf, and by giving the bargemen, &c. the strongest assurances of the rewards paid by the Humane Society, he stimulated them even at the hazard of their own lives, to find the body ; he also assisted in using the methods of recovery, as directed in the little books published by the Society ; one of which he very properly kept constantly in his office. In about five minutes, Mr. *Dobson* says, he had the pleasing satisfaction of perceiving a tremulous motion about the breast, and a very laborious deep sigh soon succeeded, with such strong and universal convulsions, that three of the men could hardly keep the boy upon the bed.

The recovery being so far happily compleated before our arrival, it was then thought expedient to consult upon the most eligible medical plan, to remove the present morbid affection ; accordingly the most powerful antispasmodics were prescribed, which in about seven hours carried off the convulsion fits, and our patient so far re-

covered by the evening, that his mother was enabled by the beneficence of some gentlemen, who had been present at the whole process of restoring animation, to carry him home with her in a coach.

An alarming and dangerous fever ensued, which continued several days; we diligently attended to the disease, till his health was perfectly reinstated, to the great joy of his poor, industrious, and fond parent.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient humble servants,

W. HAWES,

JOHN BEAUMONT.

The publican, bargemen, and watermen, recommended by Mr. *Dobson*, as assistants in the above fortunate recovery, received the rewards given by the Humane Society on such occasions.

CASE CCCXVI. No. 45.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Corney*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Southwark*, *August 5*, 1780.

SIR,

This morning at a quarter before six o'clock I was called out of my bed, to attend *Joseph Waygood*, aged fifteen years, who is servant to Captain *Angel*, of the ship named *Joseph and Daniel*, from *Bridgeport*, who had fallen into the
river

river *Thames*, and had been *eight minutes* under water, before any effectual assistance could be obtained.

Upon my arrival at the sign of the *Old Rose*, a public house in this parish, where the people had brought him, I discovered several persons were engaged in cleaning and rubbing his body; I immediately used the methods prescribed by your Society, and soon discovered some transient spasms affect different parts of his body; but the extremities were quite cold, and his lips were totally purple; a very feeble pulsation, his abdomen much swelled, and his eyes without the least motion, and much discoloured all over the face. I was informed before he was brought there, there was not the least appearance of life to be discovered: in about half an hour I discovered the spasms encrease, and convulsions of a violent sort seemed to agitate his whole system; he frequently attempted to speak, but had no powers. I then ventured to give a small quantity of weak brandy and water, and gave it with the greatest care, to prevent strangulation, and at last discovered he swallowed some, which occasioned a sickness, which having brought some water from his stomach, and appearing very cold, I ordered him to bed with three blankets made very hot, and a little warm liquor; I left him an hour, and at my return found he had discharged some quarts, and was in a profuse sweat and quite sensible, said he was well in every respect, but a small pain in the head; I ordered him to keep in bed, and on *Sunday* morning found him quite restored and very thankful for his deliverance. I ordered him to attend the
bearer

bearer of this letter, that you might see one object added to the number already *restored* by the Humane Society. I am sensible of the pleasure it must give you, to see a *young sailor* RESTORED, and you may be certain my endeavours will always be exerted on any similar occasion. The under-named were assistants in the recovery, viz.

Samuel Ash, publican, who was very diligent.

<i>Thomas Scott,</i>	}	Assistants.
<i>Nathaniel Wilcocks,</i>		
<i>Thomas Mosely,</i>		
<i>James Cooper,</i>		
<i>William Gibson,</i>		

George Bennet, Messenger, came for me at first.

I wish every success may attend your laudable undertaking, and I am with sincerity on every occasion,

Your most obedient servant,

T. CORNEY.

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C A S E CCCXVII. No. 46.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Hanbury*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *King-street, Westminster, August 16, 1780.*

S I R,

The bearers, *William Skinner, William Dorfley, Harry Hall, and William Huntley*, have been very instrumental in recovering the son of *William Mitchell*, who belongs to a lime barge, at the *Nine Elms, Battersea*, and fell into the *Thames* on the 10th instant: he was under water *some minutes* and taken out insensible; I here recommend them to you, as deserving some reward for their care and humanity, if agreeable to the rules of the Society. I saw the child about an hour after his recovery, and upon a strict inquiry, learnt from several bystanders, he was quite insensible when taken out, and that the above men had very prudently made use of the means laid down in the printed papers dispersed by the Society, and after about an hour's application, happily recovered him. I must observe to you, they had sent several people about the vicinity of *Westminster*, for a medical gentleman, but could find no one at home, it being about seven o'clock in the evening.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

S. HANBURY.

The child tumbled out of a boat at *Millbank*.

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C A S E CCCXVIII. No. 47.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Smith*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Limehouse*, September 1, 1780.

S I R,

Yesterday, the 31st of *August*, about two o'clock in the afternoon, *William Thompson*, a lad about thirteen years of age, belonging to the free-school of *Limehouse* and *Poplar*, went to bathe in the *New Cut*, at *Limehouse*, with several others; the tide flowing in, drove him out of his depth, and he sunk in the presence of several people, who could give him no assistance, till *Richard Davis* came up, who being informed of the accident, immediately stripped himself and dived for him several times, before he caught hold of him; at last he was successful and laid hold of his arm, and brought him to the shore, when *Samuel Pucel* received him, and carried him immediately to the *Britannia Tavern*, where the landlord, Mr. *Cooper*, received him, and supplied the assistants with every thing needful; I was sent for immediately, but being engaged with a patient, who had received great hurt by a fall of near sixty feet, I dispatched my assistant, Mr. *James Bachelor*, with full instructions, who with Mr. *Marten's* assistant, *B. Stevenson*, used the means directed by the Society, and were so happy as to succeed; the lad recovered in about an hour and a half, when he was bled by Mr. *Bachelor*, and is now intirely well; when first taken out of the water he was to all appear-

pearance dead, not the last sign of life; was under water more than *ten minutes*: the porters who assisted will attend with this letter, and from whom you will receive all the information you desire.

I am, Sir,

With sincere respect,

Your obliged humble servant,

RICHARD SMITH.

C A S E CCCXIX. No. 48.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Bill*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *September 13, 1780*.

S I R,

On the 7th instant, about the hour of eleven at night, being sent for to the relief of one *Sarah Day*, whom the messenger informed me was drowned, I instantly accompanied him to the house of Mr. *Gogney*, the *White Swan*, *New Bridge-street*, *Blackfriars*, where I found the woman laid upon a table. Mr. *Gogney*, and the men that carried her from the water were rubbing the breast with salt: the wet clothes being yet on, my first care was to have them taken off, and a bed with warm blankets ordered immediately. She was in a perfect state of insensibility, quite cold all over, and the pulse imperceptible; but after continuing the friction for half an hour or more, with the assistance of the warm blankets, the breathing (preceded by several

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ral heavy sighings) returned, then the pulsation returned; though for some time very faint; a little warm wine and water was administered; by the above means, I was satisfied that every obstruction was removed, but could not get her to speak that night, whilst I continued with her. The next morning I visited her, and found every function necessary for health restored; and upon strict enquiry learned, "that she threw herself intentionally into the water;" she was about twenty-five years of age, and prompted to this action for the want of the necessaries of life. Her parish being *Crutched-friars*, she was delivered into the hands of the proper officers, and is now in that workhouse.

The men that took her out of the water and assisted in rubbing her, &c. were

James Holland, Henry Sexton, John Barton, and Thomas Davis.

Messenger, Benjamin Crispin.

EDWARD BILL,

Assistant to Mr. Robert Sherson, No. 18, *New Bridge-street.*

CASE

C A S E CCCXX. No. 49.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *John White*, to the
Treasurer, dated *Queen-street, Southwark,*
September 12, 1780.

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I have now the pleasure to add a case of success to the many lives restored by the establishment of the truly Humane Society.

Thomas Boutron, son of *J. Boutron*, accidentally fell into a horse-pond on *Thursday* last. It was allowed by several persons, that he must have been in the water upwards of a *quarter of an hour*, before he was discovered by two men.

Mr. Ellerton hearing of the accident, very kindly had the body conveyed to his own house; it was perfectly cold and livid, no pulse, nor the least breathing could be observed. He ordered the body to be stripped and laid before the fire, and himself assisted in using friction. In about ten minutes I came, and ordered the body to be removed from the fire to a more convenient place, and continued the frictions, with the addition of several other methods recommended by the Society. In a short time a gutterel noise was heard, which was followed by strong convulsions, but it was *full an hour and a half* before any warmth diffused itself over the body, and then a very feeble pulse became evident, which was soon followed by a laborious respiration. The boy gradually recovered by continuing the means, with the assistance of proper medicines,—*Mr. Hooper*, junior, of *Tooley-*

street, hearing of the accident, came to Mr. *Ellerton's* house, and in the most friendly manner assisted me in using the methods of recovery ; so that he also enjoyed the pleasure of seeing a life restored. It would be an act of injustice in me not to acquaint you of the humanity and kindness of Mr. and Mrs. *Ellerton*, who supplied us with every thing desired, in order to promote the happy recovery ; and in consequence of Mr. *Ellerton's* generously admitting the boy into his house, *one guinea* is saved to the Society.

I am, Sir, &c.

JOHN WHITE, Surgeon.

The persons justly entitled to the rewards offered by the Humane Society, are a maid of Mr. *Ellerton's*, two of his men, and another person ; their names are as follow ;

Jane Fry, Jarvis Gilbert, Frederic Lloyd, and William Crabb.

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Persons saved from Drowning, who in
consequence of the Accident required
MEDICAL AID.

C A S E CCCXXI. No. 50.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Curtis, to *James
Horsfall, Esq;* dated *January 1, 1780.*

To the Gentlemen of the HUMANE SOCIETY.

We whose names are under-written, do hereby certify, that *Thomas Smith, John Smith, and Saint John Astbey*, were walking on a piece of ice in a brick-field, near *Sadler's-wells*, and that the ice gave way and they fell into a clay-pit near twenty feet deep, and that they were taken out of the said pit by *William Bradbury, Richard Harris, George Jones, and Taylor Richards*, almost dead, and brought to the house of *John Mouland*, and there put to bed on the 7th day of *January, 1780.*

S I R,

I was sent for to Mr. *Mouland's*, to see the above three children, they were all in bed very cold and
shivering;

shivering; one of them was exceeding bad and vomited a great deal of water; I ordered every thing that was necessary.

GEORGE DIXON.

Witnesses {	<i>Robert Henwood</i> , No. 19, facing <i>Sadler's-wells</i> . His son was the Messenger.
	<i>Richard Carter</i> , No. 2, <i>Vineyard-</i> <i>walk</i> .
	<i>Thomas Chandler</i> , No. 17, <i>St. John-</i> <i>street</i> .

CASE CCCXXII. No. 51.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *White*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Queen-street, Southwark*,
March 2, 1780.

S I R,

Thursday evening, between six and seven o'clock, I was called in haste to — *Dunvill*, son of — *Dunvill*, publican, at the sign of the *Hat and Feather*, in *Gravel-lane*, who by accident fell into a canal belonging to Mr. *Peddle*, setter, in *Great Bandy-leg-walk*, and was perceived in about a minute or two afterwards by *William Rice*, assisted by *William Taylor*, who immediately dragged him out, and conveyed him home, and as they say, apparently lifeless; when I came, I found him in bed, his body exceedingly cold, which was soon restored, by a warming-pan of coals applied along the spine,

spine, &c. together with a cordial mixture ; he began to speak faintly, and gradually recovered.

I am, Sir,

Your very humble servant,

JOHN WHITE.

William Rice was the man that jumped into the mill-pond and saved the boy, and *William Taylor* went for the doctor.

P. S. William Rice and *William Taylor* are intitled to the rewards.

CASE CCCXXIII. No. 52.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Skuter*, to the Treasurer, dated *Black's-fields*, June 2, 1780.

S I R,

I was called the 31st instant to the assistance of *John Simmonds*, a sailor boy, aged fifteen or sixteen, who fell from the mast of a ship into the river ; the people declared he had been at least *ten minutes* under water, and had no appearance of life when taken out. When I saw him, which was very soon after, he was making some faint efforts to vomit, and discharged a good deal of water ; by removing his wet clothes, using frictions, &c. he gradually recovered his warmth, but was much convulsed ; and lastly, had a great difficulty of breathing, which was relieved by bleeding, and he continues very well.

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The persons who took him up were *James Cooper* and *Harry Coy*, and *Mr. Moore* very humanely received him into his house and lent every assistance.

I am, Sir,

Your most humble servant,

JOHN SHUTER.

C A S E CCCXXIV. No. 53.

Copy of a Letter from *Mr. Curtis*, to the Treasurer, dated *June 4, 1780.*

S I R,

My apprentice attended *Ann Weeks*, a woman that was taken out of the *New River* last *Sunday*, between five and six o'clock in the morning; she was taken to *Mr. Patrick Shean's*, at the *Blakeney's Head, Islington*. When he saw her she was convulsed and very black in the face; they had put her into a warm bed, and were rubbing her with hot cloths, &c. which he ordered to be continued, as he could just feel a weak intermitting pulse. In about half an hour she attempted to speak, but could not to be understood. In about two hours she was so far recovered as to be out of danger, but very weak and low.

WILLIAM CURTIS.

George Dixon,
Patrick Shean, *Blakeney's Head*, to whose house she was taken.

John Murray, } Assistants.
Patrick Balfe, }

Thomas Yates, took her out of the river.

Thomas Murray, Messenger.

C A S E CCCXXV. No. 54.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Wilkinson* to the
Treasurer, dated *July 10, 1780.*

S I R,

This is to certify to whom it may concern, that *Thomas Barnes*, a boy about eleven years of age, was on the 23d of *June* last taken out of the river *Lee*, into which he was thrown by a horse taking fright, and had in all probability been drowned, but for the timely assistance of *John Loftie*, who leaped into the river and bore him out after he had sunk twice. As the boy presently recovered his breathing and speech, no medical assistance was necessary, more than a cordial drink and a warm bed.

EDWARD WILKINSON, Surgeon,
at *Bow, Middlesex.*

C A S E CCCXXVI. No. 55.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Burges*, to Dr.
Hawes, dated *Lambeth, July 15, 1780.*

Mr. *Burges*'s compliments to Dr. *Hawes*, recommends to him the bearer, *Ann Hip*, who received into her house *John Cock*, and gave him every assistance in her power; this lad on *Wednesday* last was bathing in the river near the *White-hart-stairs, Lambeth*, and had the mis-
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fortune to get into a ballast hole, when one of his companions who was likewise in the river with him, by some means got hold of him and swam to shore with him. When *B.* first saw him, there appeared no other signs of life but a very small pulse hardly to be felt; by putting him into a warm bed and the use of friction, with other proper means, he soon recovered. Mr. *Hip*, husband of the above, together with this lad, *William Fiander*, are the only persons *B.* thinks intitled to be rewarded.

CASE CCCXXVII. No. 56.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Shaw*, to *James Horsfall, Esq;* dated *St. Margaret's-hill, Southwark*, July 20, 1780.

S I R,

Sarah Brannam, on Tuesday the 18th of this instant July, came to me in much distress, and said, her child *John Brannam*, of three years old, had fell into a ditch in *Snow's-fields*, and was almost suffocated; but before she got to the place where it happened, the child had been taken out and cleaned, and was much recovered. I sent immediately with her my apprentice, *John Hearwood*, with a solution of emetic tartar, to be given at divided doses till it operated, which soon took a proper effect, and the child has been well ever since.

But the immediate act of humanity seems to lie with the following deponents, whose state of the case is follows:

That *John Harley*, upon hearing some children screaming and crying that a child was in the ditch stepped into it, and caught hold of the child by the heels and dragged it out; when he was assisted by *Hope Hazard*, who carried the child to his own house quite senseless, washed and rubbed it with salt, and put it into a warm bed, when in about half an hour it began to recover. In the mean time somebody ran for its mother, who came to fetch me.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JOSEPH SHAW.

CASE CCCXXVIII. No. 57.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Farar*, to the Treasurer, dated *Deptford, Kent, August 6, 1780.*

SIR,

This is to certify, that *John Smith*, waterman, of *Greenwich*, did on the day of the above date, unfortunately fall over-board along-side of the *India Packet*, lying opposite the *Middle Water-gate, Deptford*; but by the speedy and humane assistance of *John Hall* and *William Shephard*, was happily saved from being drowned. He was immediately taken by sufficient help, and carried to Mr. *John Foord's*, the nearest public house, which is the sign of the *Royal Anne, Middle Water-gate, Deptford*, and there, by the order of a surgeon, put to bed, and every necessary

effort made to recover him, which was in a very little time happily effected; in witness whereof we have set our hands.

Witnesses. { *Thomas Burges*, cook to the *Bed-*
ford Hulk,
Samuel Sedgwick, master's attend-
 ant.

The above *John Smith* fell overboard on the above date, and was under water about *two minutes*, and was taken up by two men, but who they were, I do not know.

Robert Neve, Chief-mate.

C A S E CCCXXIX. No. 58.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Burges*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *Lambeth*, August 29, 1780.

S I R,

On Sunday, August 20, *John Francis*, apprentice to *Richard Jenkins*, fisherman, in the *Fore-street*, *Lambeth*, being bathing in the river, unfortunately got into a ballast-hole, where he would have perished had it not been for Mr. *Walker's* going into the river after him (at the great hazard of his own life, it being a very dangerous place) and bringing him to shore; the lad was at least *ten minutes* in this dangerous situation; when I first visited him, I found him in a very faint and low state, but by proper remedies

medies being applied, together with the use of friction, he happily recovered. I likewise commend to you a Mrs. *Wolford*, for some small gratuity, who, with the bearer, are the only persons intitled to any reward.

I remain, your's, &c.

ELIZEUS BURGESS.

CASE CCCXXX. No. 59.

Copy of a Letter to the Treasurer, dated *August*
26, 1780.

SIR,

To the Gentlemen of the HUMANE SOCIETY.

This is to acquaint you, that the bearer, *Richard Rutland*, did on *Saturday*, the 26th of *August*, 1780, save *Samuel Flindall*, the son of *Ann Flindall*, at No. 38, in *Fleet-lane*, in the parish of *St. Sepulchre's*, from drowning, by rowing as quick as possible to him and running his arm under water, and so caught him by the hand and brought him up, and got him into his boat, when presently the boy came to himself.

Witness, *Thomas Harrison*, dealer in coals,
Water-lane, Blackfriars.

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C A S E CCCXXXI. No. 60.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. Keate, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Parliament-street*, September 8, 1780.

S I R,

The bearer, *Daniel Salsby*, having assisted in bringing a boy, (*Isaac Skinner*, No. 14, *Thieving-lane*, his father a weaver there) out of the water, facing *Palace-yard*, who had been some little time under, and was nearly drowned, applied to me to assist him and to certify that he, together with *George Adams* and *James Burton*, were the men that took him out.

Thomas Burgefs was likewise assisting.

J. KEATE, Surgeon.

J. M. Parrat.

C A S E CCCXXXII. No. 61.

Copy of a Letter to the Treasurer, dated October 1, 1780.

S I R,

On Sunday evening, October 1, 1780, about half past eleven o'clock, a man fell into the *Thames*, at *Cox's Quay*, near *Billingsgate*. *John Brogden*, then on the King's duty at the above place,

place, with the assistance of *John Walker*, and others with lights, discovered a person clinging to the piles, his head just to be seen, and in about *twenty minutes* got him on shore and conveyed him to the *Dolphin, Darkhouse-lane*, where he was stripped and put to bed; Mr. *Vaux* was called, who directed the messenger to call Mr. *Tomlinson*, who with assistance and the means prescribed by the Humane Society, in about fifteen minutes was able to leave him to the care of a person who sat up with him all night, and on the next evening the man (who was a foreigner) went away from the above house, but as he could speak no *English* or *French*, we could by no means learn his name.

We do believe the above to be a true state of the case.

John Lawrence, Green Man and Bell, Darkhouse-lane.

William Slery, lighterman.

Simon Pyman, of the Custom-house.

CASE CCCXXXIII. No. 62.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Andrews*, to the Treasurer, dated *Charing-cross, October 18, 1780.*

S I R,

Mr. *Philpot*, of the *Northumberland Arms*, the corner of *Northumberland-street*, sent for me

me on *Monday* in the afternoon, *October 16*, to see a boy that had fallen from a barge into the river, and had remained under water some time. He was taken out by *Thomas Deerhan*, and brought by *Samuel Stoakes* to the above-named Mr. *Philpot's* house, who sent for me, and on my arrival, I found the boy recovered in part, but still in a state of stupefaction. The people in the house had made use of frictions, &c. which had restored him to the state I found him. The boy is now perfectly recovered.

THOMAS ANDREWS.

The boy's name is *William Hedge*, and lodged at a lodging-house in *Dial-street, St. Giles's*, and was taken out of the water about two or three o'clock in the afternoon, in which he had been near a *quarter of an hour*; a boy, *Robert Denham*, ran for a surgeon; *Mary Edwards* and *Mary Thompson*, assisted.

CASE CCCXXXIV. No. 63.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Bee*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *November 2, 1780*.

SIR,

Yesterday, about four o'clock, *John Roberts*, son of *Samuel Roberts*, *Pepper-alley-stairs*, fell into the river from a barge lying against Mr. *Gates's Wharf, Thames-street*.

Richard King, waterman, was called to by a boy on the wharf, to take the boy up out of the river,

river, as he was rowing by with a fare, *James Broughton* joined him; both together took him up without any appearance of life. *Henry Smith*, waterman, greatly assisted in carrying him to the house of *Ann Haynes*, the sign of the *White Swan*, *Ebgate-lane*, where he was put into a hot bed, and was smoothed with a pan of hot coals. *Richard King* came for me; I found in him symptoms of life, and by rubbing and using all necessary means, he recovered in about half an hour, and went home this morning in health.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

N. LABAN BEE.

Richard King,
James Broughton, } Assistants.
Henry Smith,
Ann Haines, keeper of the *White Swan*.

C A S E CCCXXXV. No. 64.

Copy of a Letter from *Mr. Curtis*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Islington*, December 5, 1780.

S I R,

I was sent for to *Mr. Morland's*, at the *King of Prussia's Head*, to see *William Grey*, who was just taken out of the *New River*, near *Sadler's Wells*. I found him in bed very cold and shivering, with a weak low pulse; he had discharged

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a great quantity of water from off his stomach. I immediately ordered hot flannels sprinkled with brandy to his chest, and likewise hot cloths to his feet, and gave him some warm wine and water, all which seemed greatly to relieve him. He was very thankful for our assistance, and seemed very sensible of the great danger he had escaped.

GEORGE DIXON.

Robert Henwood, } Assisted in taking him out
Robert Scott, } of the water

C A S E CCCXXXVI. No. 65.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Smith*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq; dated *Limehouse*, December 7, 1780.

S I R,

On *Thursday*, December 7, as *Ruth Hornsby*, of *St. John's-street*, *Spital-fields*, was walking by the *New River*, *Limehouse*, she was overtaken by a man who pushed her into the river, in a place where there was about three feet water; but the bank being very high, the hurt she received in the fall, together with the fright, made her incapable of standing. Her cries soon brought to her assistance two men who were walking at some distance down the side of the river; when they first drew her on shore, she was so far gone that she could not speak, and breathed with great difficulty; they immediately carried her to *Mount Pleasant*, (a public house about

about a quarter of a mile up the river) where she was stripped and put into a warm bed, and a messenger was dispatched to acquaint me with it. Mr. *Bachelor* (my assistant) immediately attended, and found her with a weak pulse, a laborious respiration, and exceeding cold in the extremities. She attempted to speak, but could not articulately; he instantly began to put in execution those means recommended by the Society, such as friction with hot flannels, bottles of hot water to the soles of the feet, armpits, &c. which had so good an effect, that in about an hour, she began to be pretty warm, breathed easier, and could speak articulately, but complained of great pain in her breast and sides; upon which (her pulse being pretty strong) it was thought prudent to bleed her, and in about half an hour more she was so well as to be thought past danger.

The persons who assisted were *Thomas Gagen* and *Alexander Wright*, (who drew her out of the river) *James Bachelor*, my assistant, and *Sarah Webb*, the mistress of the public house.
William Barber, Messenger.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

RICHARD SMITH.

C L A S S III.

A summary View of the Cases of Persons saved from Drowning who required no MEDICAL AID.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Persons preserved.</i>	<i>When.</i>		<i>By whom attested.</i>
1	Ann Wall	Jan.	1, 1780	Mr. Midford, Burr-street
2	Thomas Pontis	Feb.	13, —	Mr. Hooper, Southwark
3	Joseph Chambers	—	26, —	Mr. Harris, Deptford
4	Ann Maffer	Mar.	29, —	Mr. Radford, Rotherhithe
5	William Cleave	April	10, —	Mr. Hutchinson, Burlington-street
6	J. P. Pottinger	—	18, —	Mr. Clarke, Upper Thames-street
7	Mary Infton	—	25, —	Mr. Church, Islington
8	Charles Gower	—	26, —	Mr. Manwaring, Clerkenwell
9	Henry Eglepo	May	19, —	Mr. Richmond, Islington
10	Joseph Rifton	—	28, —	Mr. Walford, Garlick-hill
11	Elizabeth Ivy	—	31, —	Mr. Armiger
12	William Woodbine	June	1, —	Mr. Hodson, Wapping

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No.	Persons preserved.	When.	By whom attested.
13	Sarah Bagnell	— 29, —	} Messrs. Clarke, Parkin, White, and Wal- ler, Illington
14	John Wharaoth	— 24, —	
15	Thomas Congreve	Aug. 2, —	
16	John Best	— 3, —	
17	An insane gentleman of	— 24, —	Mr. Shervin, Enfield
18	a great family	— 6, —	Mr. Jackson, Knightbridge
19	Mary Becket	— 5, —	Ann Rawlins, his mother
20	John Rawlins	— 3, —	Mr. Church
21	William Willbury	Sept. 12, —	Mr. Garfed, Goldsmith-street
22	William Neave	Nov. 10, —	Mr. Wright, Westminster
23	Mary Wilkinson	— 18, —	Mr. Walford
24	David Hall	Dec. 26, —	Mr. Biddle, Windsor
	Humphrey Stafford		

A summary View of the unsuccessful CASES for which the SOCIETY have paid the PREMIUMS in the Year 1780.

No.	Date. 1780.	Subject.	Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.	Length of Time under Water, and other Circumstances.
1	January 1	Thomas Lee	Cookham, Berks	Quarter of an hour
2	— 26	Samuel Clarke	Thames, Bear-Quay	Ten minutes
3	February 1	Edward Boyd	Thames, Botolph Wharf	Few minutes
4	— 24	John Forbes	Thames, Deptford	Restored but relapsed
5	April 9	Thomas Hoskins	Thames, Wapping New- stairs	Unknown
6	— 17	Samuel Oxford	Thames, Stone Stairs	About 12 minutes
7	— 21	Philip Fewell	Waltham Abbey	About an hour
8	May 6	Alexander Scott	Thames, Wapping	Half an hour
9	— 17	Humphrey Beezley	Deptford	Unknown
10	— 18	Stephen Ironmonger	Thames, Isleworth	Near half an hour
11	— 27	John Holland	Thames, Horseshoe-alley	Hour and a half unassisted
12	— 28	William Dorton	Thames, Queenhithe	Near half an hour
13	— 28	Frederick Wilmer	Thames, New Crane	Half an hour
14	— 29	A man unknown	New River	Unknown
15	June 3	John Candler	Thames, Hungerford	Hour and a half
16	— 3	William Wright	Battle Bridge	Quarter of an hour

No.	Date. 1780.	Subject.	Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.	Length of Time under Water, and other Circumstances.	No.
17	—	Francis Barnard	Richmond Bridge	Few minutes	
18	—	Richard Taylor	Thames, Tooley-street	Near an hour	
19	—	William Pykes	Thames, Parsons Stairs	Quarter of an hour	
20	—	William Griffiths	Thames, Cotton's Wharf	Half an hour	
21	—	Job Brough	Thames, Windfor	Few minutes	
22	—	John Gibson	Thames, Limehouse-hole	Ten minutes	
23	—	John Cape	Thames, Shadwell	Subject to fits	
24	—	John Fenning	Nayland Lock	Near half an hour	
25	July	John Gunner	Thames, Shadwell	Half an hour	
26	—	Mary Reynolds	Bow Bridge	Quarter of an hour	
27	—	Daniel M'Carty	Thames, Shadwell	Half an hour	
28	—	— Cartwright	New River	Apoplectic fit	
29	—	Charlotte Bridgman	Ditch, Rotherhithe	Missing twenty minutes	
30	—	John Gowland	Thames, Strand	Quarter of an hour	
31	—	William Scott	Serpentine River	Unknown	
32	—	Thomas Alton	Thames, Hampton	Forty minutes	
33	—	John Roach	Gravel-pit, Hackney Road	Forty minutes	
34	—	Edward Tobias	Blackfriars Bridge	Half an hour	
35	—	John Hillier	Pond, Pancras	Half an hour	
36	—	John Miller	Thames, Limehouse	Half an hour	
37	—	John Harley	Thames, Ratcliffe Crofs	Unknown	

No.	Date.	Subject.	Places of, or adjacent to the Accident.	Length of Time under Water, and other Circumstances.
38	—	Charles Berry	Mortlake	Unknown
39	—	— Tafts	Serpentine River	Unknown
40	August 2	Benjamin Follow	Chelfea Waterworks	Half an hour
41	—	Alexander Haffock	Rotherhithe	Half an hour
42	—	Thomas Cofter	New River	Half an hour
43	—	William Bull	Mote, Woolwich	Twenty-five minutes
44	—	Benjamin Reynolds	Thames, Wapping	Fourteen minutes
45	—	Samuel Blomfield	Thames, Trigg Stairs	Twenty minutes
46	—	Sarah Jones and John Stevenson	Thames, Cuper's Bridge	Quarter of an hour and an hour
47	—	Ann Ruffel and Robert Ward	River, Lewisham	Unknown and an hour
48	—	Edward Dickson	Pond, near the Brill	Near an hour
49	Sept. 3	William Harding	Thames, St. Saviour's Stairs	Quarter of an hour
50	—	James Wilfon	Tower Wharf	Unknown
51	—	John Christian Clofen	Thames	Three quarters of an hour
52	—	Kinnard M'Kenzie	Thames, Greenland Dock	Half an hour
53	Oct. 11	George Nesbitt	Thames, Shadwell	Near an hour
54	Nov. 11	Thomas Johnfon	Thames, Ratcliffe Crofs	Twenty minutes
55	—	John Rider	Ditch, near Holywell Mount	Unknown
56	—	John Hanks	Thames, Limehouse	Intoxicated
57	Dec. 21	Thomas Lumfdale	Thames, Shadwell	Quarter of an hour

Communicated CASES.

Of the Success attending the Institution at *Liverpool*, (on a Plan similar to ours) the following Account has been transmitted to the SECRETARY by Dr. HOULSTON.

CASE CCCXXXVII. No. I.

OCTOBER 23, 1779. *Bridget Gill*, aged thirty-seven, at eleven at night, walked into the *Salt-house Dock*, owing, as she said, to her being a stranger, and having drank a little more than usual. The watch came to her assistance and dragged for her. She was *ten minutes* in the water and quite insensible, by her own account, till the hook caught hold of the flesh of her thigh, when she felt the pain. She was got out and taken to the receiving-house insensible, the breathing difficult, the pulse feeble and irregular; in about three quarters of an hour it became full; some blood was then taken away, and in half an hour more she was much better. Some difficulty of breathing remained the next day.

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On account of the wound she was sent to the *Infirmary*, where she was discharged well a fortnight after.

C A S E CCCXXXVIII. No. 2.

December 25, 1779. Thomas Cherry, a boatman, in liquor, fell into the Dock, at midnight. His wife being with him gave the alarm; the watch got him out speedily, though speechless and motionless, but he very soon came to himself.

C A S E CCCXXXIX. No. 3.

January 9, 1780. Nehemiah Blamire, a custom-house officer, drunk, fell off a plank into the Dock, about eight o'clock at night. When taken up by the watch (in *four or five minutes*) he stirred, but did not speak. By the usual means he gradually recovered; his head was cut by the fall.

In each of these cases the Dock watch received the reward; and, for having a week before taken out of the mud in the dry dock, one of the *Denbighshire* militia, who, being drunk, had fallen in and must have perished, had he not been assisted in time: they were farther rewarded as an encouragement. And ten days after they took out of the water (little hurt) four country people, who, being intoxicated, had walked into the dock. To guard against such accidents, the Corporation were at the expence
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of furrounding some of the docks with posts and chains, which have answered a good end.

C A S E CCCXL. No. 4.

February 2. *John Williams*, a carpenter, drunk, walked into the dry-dock about ten at night, near the time of high water. He remained in nearly *six minutes*, but floated most of the time. He was got out by the watch, assisted by a soldier, in a state of stupid insensibility. He was carried to the receiving house, and by the usual methods was soon pretty well recovered.

C A S E CCCXLI. No. 5.

February 2. *William Jones*, a cobbler, very much in liquor, walked into the *Old Dock* about eleven at night. It was near a *quarter of an hour* before he was got out, by one of the militia and the dock watch (who, that evening, had taken out of the same dock in *three or four minutes*, a boy not much hurt); when the man was got to the receiving-house, he was judged by those who saw him to be dead, though he had frothed at the mouth; but by means of frictions, warmth, a glyster and vomit, in two hours time he was pretty well recovered; yet a difficulty of breathing remained above a week.

C A S E CCCXLII. No. 6.

February 23. *Ann Jones* going on board a flat near midnight, fell into the *Dock-gut*, though a person had hold of her, but she was so heavy, he could not prevent it. He immediately called the watch, who, with a hook caught hold of and pulled her out; though she did not speak for some time, that seemed rather owing to intoxication than to the immersion, and she soon recovered.

C A S E CCCXLIII. No. 7.

April 3. In the afternoon, *William Blenherbasset*, aged fourteen, fell into the *New Dock*; he was taken up by a man on board one of the ships, after having been in, as supposed, near *ten minutes*. He could not speak, but frothed at the mouth. When got to the receiving-house, the extremities were cold, the pulse irregular, weak, and intermitting. By the warm bath and other usual means, he was gradually recovered, although at first there seemed great reason to despair of HIS DOING WELL.

[— *Bailey*, a soldier in the *Cheshire* militia, a few days before had been in very imminent danger from drinking brandy in a large quantity, but by bleeding, diluents thrown down into the stomach by means of a pipe passed beyond the glottis, and proper attention, after remaining many hours in a very uncertain state, he with difficulty

difficulty recovered, under the care of Dr. *Houlston* and Mr. *Richard Audley*, Surgeon. The former had, a little time before, drawn up *Directions for assisting persons dying from drinking Spirits*, which were printed and distributed at *Liverpool*, where such accidents have been too frequent. This paper is published by Dr. *Duncan*, in his *Medical Commentaries* for 1780, Part 3.]

CASE CCCXLIV. No. 8.

April 11. — *Cafe* missed his road, being very drunk, and walked into the *New Dock*, at one in the morning. The watch got him out speedily: a vomit of four grains of tartar emetic were given him, which operated powerfully, and in the forenoon he went home well.

CASE CCCXLV. No. 9.

June 21. *Mrs. Batson*, a widow, threw herself into the *New Dock* about midnight. The watch heard her and took her up little hurt, as she floated in the water.

This (as well as some of the foregoing cases, where the persons might be rather looked upon as saved, than recovered from drowning) is noticed here, as having been taken to the house of reception, and it having been judged proper to pay the full reward to the assistants; as was done also in the following ones.

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C A S E CCCXLVI. No. 10.

August 4. — — —, a barber, about six in the evening, jumped into the *Dock* in order to bathe. As he could swim very little and was greatly in liquor, in a short time he was in the utmost danger of drowning. A young man working on board the ship *Nelly*, seeing his situation, jumped in with his clothes on, and got him into a boat, nearly drowned. He was laid upon a little straw for some time before they thought of taking him to the receiving-house, where proper means being used, he was perfectly recovered.

C A S E CCCXLVII. No. 11.

September 21. *John Humphries*, a boy of six years of age, playing about the *Old Dock* in the afternoon, fell in. Great numbers of people saw him, but no one ventured to go in to save him, till one of the *Cheshire* militia (*Thomas Whitehead*) very humanely jumped in with his clothes on, and supported the child above the water till a boat came and took them up. The man's humanity was greatly commended and rewarded.

These are the successful cases which have occurred in the course of the last year, during which, *Dr. Houlston* informs us, there have been *five* others, on whom the means were used without any benefit, and who never shewed any signs of

of life; and *one*, who, though he lived six hours after he was taken out, died at last. This was an old man, (*James Murphy, January 3*) said to be asthmatic and very much in liquor, who, missing the bridge, had walked into the *Dock-gut*. The watch were soon alarmed, and took him up in *four or five minutes*, during most of which time he floated. He spoke, swore, and seemed only in stupor from liquor. The usual means were however applied; an emetic given, which did not operate, and a glyster which procured a copious stool. He seemed well recovered, but died in the night under the care of *his relations*.

CASE CCCXLVIII. No. 12.

The following Case was communicated by *John Groves, Esq*; to the Rev. Mr. *Herbert Jones*, who having at the time he received it, undertaken to preach for the HUMANE SOCIETY, at *Camberwell*, related it with suitable and judicious remarks in his Sermon; the SECRETARY observing it to be a very strong proof of the utility of the institution, requested a copy, which Mr. *Jones* kindly granted.

REV. SIR,

I beg you to communicate to the Directors of the Humane Society, the following case, in which by a slight remembrance of their instructions, I was the happy instrument of restoring to life and the embraces of a fond mother, a child of four years of age.

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Some time in the month of *July*, 1778, passing through *Peter-street, Westminster*, I was alarmed with the cries of a woman in great distress; on enquiring the cause, was informed that her child was just drowned. On entering the house, I found that the child had lain in the water above *twenty minutes*, and had been taken out about ten minutes before I saw it. The body was exceedingly swoln, and black from head to foot, no pulsation, or other semblance of life was perceived. I began to practise as many of the instructions as I recollected. In about three quarters of an hour signs of returning life were visible. Persevering in the use of the means about an hour longer, I had the great satisfaction of delivering the child perfectly well to its mother.

I am,

Reverend Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN GROVES.

This case, and those which fell under the care of Mr. *Browne* and Mr. *Dobson* prove the extensive utility of the Humane Society, as they shew that the methods of treatment recommended and adopted by that Institution are capable of being successfully applied by private persons as well as the faculty; and further, the presentation of honorary medals to these gentlemen for their assiduity and humanity, evinces that the directors are anxious to encourage every attempt to rescue their fellow creatures from apparent

parent death, whether it be made by those who are skilled in the medical art or others.

CASE CCCXLIX. No. 13.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Baker*, to Dr. *Cogan*,
dated *October 7*, 1778.

My kind respects to Dr. *Cogan*, though unknown; his favor of the 20th of *May* last, with the bills from the Humane Society, came safe to my hands; I have (as requested) caused the large papers to be stuck up, the others I have disposed of amongst the humane and attentive, with the small ones to my medical acquaintance.

I have the satisfaction to inform him, that his benevolent endeavours, by the disposal of the papers (as noted) in the most conspicuous manner, have not proved altogether abortive——A child the other day, about two years old, was taken out of a brook seemingly dead and quite cold, but by the information acquired as above, instead of being laid on the cold ground for the inspection of the inquisitive, and the Coroner sent for (as formerly customary,) it was immediately stripped, rubbed dry, wrapped in a warm blanket, and put into a cradle before a good fire; and before I could get thither, which I did with all possible expedition, in about twenty minutes, the child had acquired a considerable warmth about the breast, with a manifest beating of the heart, but the extremities yet cold. I requested the mother to take it immediately

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into a warm bed to her bosom, rubbing the extremities with her warm hand; by which means the recovery was very expeditious.

I should have acknowledged the receipt of Dr. *Cogan's* kind favour before this time, but not having disposed of the papers, and being unwilling to be troublesome, postponed it till something satisfactory might offer; which I doubt not the above will prove both to him as well as to his sincere friend unknown,

WILLIAM BAKER.

P. S. No acknowledgment either pecuniary or honorary is meant or required; there is a secret satisfaction, much superior to either, attends the success of the benevolent.

My kind respects to Dr. *Hawes*; he once favored me with a very obliging letter on this subject.

W. B.

C A S E CCCL. No. 14.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Anderson*, to Dr. *Cogan*, dated off *Plymouth Sound*, September the 3d, 1779.

S I R,

An extraordinary instance of the efficacious methods recommended by the Humane Society for the recovering drowned persons, having occurred

curred to me, I beg leave to communicate it to you.

James Farrel, a private marine on board his Majesty's ship the *America*, had been under my care for some time, for the cure of a fever; and in a fit of delirium, leapt out at the port into the sea. Notwithstanding every effort was made, the ship being under way, with a leading wind, it was more than three quarters of an hour before he was brought on board, apparently lifeless; the people told me, his head was great part of the time under water. I laid him before the fire, in the galley, and after two hours repeated application of every method recommended, had the happiness to perceive some small symptoms of life return; which encouraged me to persevere 'till he was so recovered as to take some warm wine and gruel. Notwithstanding his fever was so violent before, he is now in a fair way of doing well. The Captain, officers, and majority of five hundred spectators, can testify the above.

I am the more happy, as this is the third successful opportunity I have experienced lately of the benign effects of the Society's undertakings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

H. ANDERSON,

(Surgeon of his Majesty's ship the *America*.)

CASE CCCLI. No. 15.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Mantill*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *Dover*, December 25th, 1780.

S I R,

The favour of your's I received, for which I think myself much obliged to you.

The most material cases I have ever met with, I here send you, and shall be well pleased to see them in the annual Reports of the Humane Society; in the mean time, if you will be so obliging, as to send some plans of the Society, and proposals for subscription, I will endeavour all in my power to promote some benefactions.

First case in *June*, 1778.—A maid-servant of Mr. *Thomas Thompson*, miller, on the river *Stour*, at *Chilham*, near *Canterbury*, being with a child, a year old, in her arms, son of the miller, near the river, accidentally (as supposed) slipt in. It was at least fifteen minutes before she was missed; how long she had been in the water from that time is uncertain, but by the water being clear and still about the place, it was conjectured she had not struggled or disturbed it for near the above period. It was now near a quarter of an hour before she could be got out, and some minutes after that elapsed before the child was brought up: from this, it was at least *twenty minutes* before I was with them; and soon after, my father, an experienced surgeon, at *Chilham*, was likewise of the party. The child was laid by as totally dead; the maid thought to be the same, no means having

having been used to recover them. We recommended the child's being placed before a large fire, undressed, friction with the hands, flannel, and warm cloths, blowing in the mouth frequently, volatile spirits applied to its temples, nostrils, &c. and very soon we had the pleasure, and the mother the inexpressible joy, of perceiving he shewed some small signs of life, which increased, and continued still more visible: it soon after appearing much convulsed, threw up large quantities of water from the stomach, and in short, had no greater difficulties to encounter; but in a few days was well, and, I believe, is now alive, likely to become a useful, if not a valuable member of society.—The maid was carried up stairs, put in a bed, friction with warm wood-ashes, salt, &c. on her stomach, arms, and legs, was continued for a long time; as well as the use of volatiles, blowing in the mouth, bleeding at the arm, &c. Succeeding so well with the child, induced us to renew our efforts for some time more; but all in vain, not the least signs of life appearing.

The next similar case I met with, was as follows: On *April 26th*, 1777, I attended Mrs. *Howard*, of *Molash*, near *Chilham*, in her labour, which was not præternatural or laborious, though to my own and gossip's thinking, the child was born dead, and laid by as such. In about twenty minutes, after I was disengaged from my attendance on the mother, as I looked at the child, which, though it appeared totally dead, it struck me as a thing worth trying, to endeavour to set the little animal frame in motion: accordingly I laid it up by the fire, rubb'd it well with warm cloths, applied volatile spirits,
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burnt feathers under its nose, blowed in its mouth, and very soon, to my great pleasure, as well as surprize, the child struggled, breathed, and soon after, announced his recovery, by his cries. To the best of my knowledge he is still living.

The next, and last case I have to acquaint you with, happened in *July*, 1777. Two boys, *Robert Barker* and *John Noble*, the one eight, the other nine years old, were bathing in the river *Stour*, at *Chilham*, and by going out of their depth, they were both unfortunately drowned. Some men at work near the place, recollecting they had not seen the children since they went in, which, according to their account, was ten or fifteen minutes, went to the spot, and saw they were both under water; they immediately took them out, laid them on the grass, and ran to tell the dismal news. I immediately hurried to them, and soon after me many assistants; every method was tried, friction with flannel and ashes, bleeding, fumes of tobacco in the anus, blowing at the mouth, volatiles, &c. a perseverance in trials for more than two hours availed nothing, not the least signs of life at all appearing. The time they were under water might be a quarter of an hour, and the time elapsed in the messengers coming and my going, must be, at least, twenty minutes, it being more than a half a mile distance from me; there was no house near, or fire to place them immediately at, though in our favour, the weather was extremely hot.

These, Sir, are the most material cases of the kind I ever recollect meeting with. Children, supposed to be still-born, I have often seen recover, contrary to the expectations of the good people

people at a labour; this case I have mentioned, I think, in all human probability, was a life saved by my fortunate trial.

I am, Sir,

With due respect,

Your most obedient humble servant,

THOMAS MANTILL.

CASE CCCLII. No. 16.

Copy of a Letter from the Rev. Mr. *Turner*, to
Dr. *Hawes*, dated *Woolwich*, December 20th,
1780.

DEAR SIR,

I think it my duty to communicate to you the following interesting case; whereby one more unhappy individual is restored to society, and another proof gained of the utility of that humane institution, of which you have the honour to be a father; an institution, which, doubtless, meets with the good wishes, at least, of every worthy heart; and needs but the patronage of the great, to be still more extensive in its influence.

On *Wednesday* the 13th current, a poor woman, by name *Mary Davis*, went to shop, bought a pennyworth of cord, and fixing it to rails, at the head of a dark lane in *Woolwich*, thereby hanged herself. She is supposed to have hung for the space of fifteen minutes, as far as can be learned from the children who first saw her. A maid-servant or two went down the lane, in the evening,

evening, but supposing her drunk, took no further notice; especially when they perceived her leaning against the rails. At last, *John Kitchen*, a poor labourer in his Majesty's dock-yard, hearing the children at play, saying, "there's a hanged woman!" went up to her, cut her down, and, assisted by another man, carried her to the door of a tallow-chandler, who humanely received the body into his shop, while *Kitchen* ran for Mr. *Taylor*. He not being at home, Mr. *Parfitt*, the senior apprentice, with the Doctor's nephew, Mr. *Grabme*, the junior, came: and though Mr. *Parfitt* rather doubted the possibility of recovering her, yet he lost not a moment in pursuing the steps laid down by the Society; and was so eager, that while the junior apprentice went for things requisite, he, for want of flannel, &c. kept rubbing with the lining of his coat. At the return of Mr. *Grabme*, both did their utmost, and in about seven minutes she gave the first symptom of returning life, by *starting*. On this, Mr. *Parfitt* desired Mr. *Bickerton*, a surgeon in *Woolwich*, might be called; who came, gave his assistance, and in about an hour and a half after the woman was restored, so as to be perfectly sensible. *Kitchen* and another man carried her to the work-house; where she is now, hearty and well. He came to me to-day for the reward; which he certainly merits, and which the numerous friends of the Humane Society in this place doubt not will be cheerfully paid him, seeing he had a deal of trouble in the affair. I told him, I did not know in what proportion you paid for such care, in successful cases; but that I should state it to the Society,

ciety, and would act according to their directions. With my best respects to Mr. *Horsfall*,

I am, Dear Sir,

With great esteem,

Your most obedient humble servant,

DANIEL TURNER.

* * * The Rev. Mr. *Turner* having, in a very genteel and kind manner, taken upon him to manage the business of the Society at *Woolwich*; he therefore transmitted the particulars of the above recovery to the Treasurer; and the parties were properly and satisfactorily rewarded by him.

C A S E CCCLIII. No. 17.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Tudor*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *November 5th*, 1780.

S I R,

On *Tuesday* morning, as *Edward Thomas* was carrying water from the *Severn*, a bucket which he had in his hand fell into the water, and in the attempt to recover it, he was unfortunately drowned. The body, before assistance could be procured, must have lain in the water an hour and a half: when found, it was cautiously conveyed to his own house, (which was in the neighbourhood) where every method recommended by
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the Society, were pursued for upwards of two hours.

I am, Sir,

Your humble servant,

J. TUDOR.

John Wilde.

William Rogers.

Thomas Williams.

R. Williams.

R. Austin, Messenger.

} Names of the Assistants.

CASE CCCLIV. No. 18.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. *Wright*, of *Lambeth*, to *James Horsfall*, Esq. dated *October 9th*, 1780.

Margaret Dann, a servant, out of place, who lodged with Mrs. *Craig*, *Warwick Court*, *Holborn*, from infirmity of body and distress of mind, on *Saturday* morning, the 9th instant, between eight and nine o'clock, threw herself with the greatest precipitancy over the ballustrades, about the middle of *Westminster-Bridge*, (at very low water) into the *Thames*; and was drove by the tide through one of the arches, toward *Standgate*. She was under the water near a quarter of an hour before she was taken out: the body was then carried to the *Mitre*, the nearest public house, apparently dead, and readily received: but after the usual means were used for near an hour, some faint signs of returning life were visible, and by persevering two hours longer, I was the happy instrument to add her to the

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number of those saved, by the methods of recovery recommended by your most excellent institution. Permit me to add, that the people of the house where this poor woman was carried, with the greatest alacrity and chearfulness, did every thing in their power to assist, as well as those who took her out of the water.

Thomas Price, Publican, *Mitre*, *Standgate*.

John Scott,

Samuel Clements,

John Maw,

William Maynard,

Henry Honey, Messenger.

} Watermen and
} Assistants.

* * * This Case should have been introduced under the head of *Restorations for the Year 1780*; but was by accident overlooked.

C A S E CCCLV. No. 19.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. *Oldham*, one of the Directors of the HUMANE SOCIETY, to Dr. *Hawes*.

DEAR SIR,

The present improved mode of treating bodies apparently dead, by drowning, suffocation, &c. has, indisputably, arisen from that universal communicative disposition, which the members of the Humane Society have always shewn to the public, in dispersing their annual reports, and in giving the particular history of each individual case, with the means used for recovery.

The old and destructive (however well meant) practice of suspending the body with its head downwards, for the water to escape from the lungs, &c. together with indiscriminate blood-letting, exposing the naked body to the cold air, &c. &c. were universally practised here, till of late years; and it is now probable, that *these* are amongst the first efforts made use of in many parts of this kingdom, where the improvements published by the Society are either totally unknown, or disregarded.

I have published in this town and neighbourhood all the rules, and premiums offered by the Society; as well as the various machines and applications recommended in such deplorable cases: and although no opportunity has occurred in my own practice, enabling me to attempt the recovery of any drowned person; yet the following short account of a case may not be unacceptable to the Society, being the only instance of *success* that has happened here for several years past, or within my memory.

Alice Newton, a young woman of about eighteen years of age, in a fit of passion, threw herself into the river *Irwell*, which runs thorough this town, and remained under water a considerable time (supposed to be above five minutes) and notwithstanding the modes of treatment were such as prescribed by the Society, she shewed no signs of life for near fifteen minutes; and about three hours elapsed, before she perfectly recovered her senses.

The particulars of the above case were given me by Mr. *Oldfield Yate*, an apprentice to Mr. *Drinkwater*, surgeon, of this town.

C A S E CCCLVI. No. 20.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *M^cAulay*, to Dr. *Hawes*, dated *Auchtermuchty*, *October* the 22d, 1780.

S I R,

Your letter of the 7th instant arrived here from *Glasgow*, yesterday. I think I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you concerning the same subject, soon after the accident happened after which you now enquire. Conformable to your request, I wrote you a circumstantial detail of every particular. From the spirit of your last, I see, *that* letter has never reached you. I am sorry it did not; because I have a treacherous memory, and some of the particulars I may not, at this distance of time, be able accurately to recite.—I shall, however, make an attempt.

About the beginning of *July*, 1780, crossing the water of *Eden*, I accidentally saw a child in the bottom of the river. I instantly dismounted my horse, ran into the water, and laid hold of the boy; a child about seventeen months old. I laid him upon the warm sand, and called out for help. A man, with three or four women, came instantly to my assistance. I soon got blankets, salt, spirits, &c. I had a female, and by mere accident also a male catheter, in my pocket. I laid him upon the blankets, with his head a little elevated, and stript him of his wet clothes, chusing to begin to work directly where I was, as the day was exceedingly warm, rather than
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run any risk by delay, especially as I understood that the fires in the neighbouring houses were mostly out, or very weak. There was not the most distant appearance of life; every thing about him had the strongest marks of mortality. I began with rubbing his left breast with salt; I next applied a little hartshorn to his nose and lips; I then chafed his temples with some aqua-vitæ; and finally, I introduced the female catheter into his mouth, and the male one into his nostril; blowing alternately with the one and the other. I persevered in rubbing, blowing, and chafing, for a quarter of an hour. Still there was no appearance of life: every spectator seemed convinced that my attempts were fruitless; and that it was impossible for a man to do any service. They endeavoured at this time to dissuade me from making any further attempts; but I silenced their clamours, by telling them, matters could be no worse than what *they* apprehended; and I was determined to persevere. I dispatched one of the women for a bandage, &c. being resolved to open the jugular vein. In the mean time I renewed the friction with salt, and blew strongly with the catheters. Anterior to the return of the woman with the bandage, I thought I perceived a weak *pulsation at the heart*. This exhilarated my spirits, *and animated* me in the discharge of my duty. By persevering for a minute or two longer, I could hear a feeble rattling in the throat, and saw a weak quivering of the lips; the livid appearance in the countenance began to disperse; one of his eyes soon half opened; and life seemed willing once more to animate his little frame. I again applied the hartshorn to his nose and lips; ordering one of

the spectators to rub his hands and feet with a little spirits. By this time he emitted a little curdled milk which he had taken before the accident happened: he also got passage of his belly; and now every thing wore a most favourable appearance. I ordered his mother to run home, strip, and go to bed: I wrapped him in the blankets, and carried him to the house. I caused a pair of blankets extraordinary to be put upon the bed, and a fire lighted in the room: the heat of his mother soon warmed his system; he fell into a profound sleep, and profuse sweats. I ordered a pretty brisk cathartic to be exhibited next morning, which emptied the stomach and bowels of their contents: nothing further was necessary to be done. The boy has had the confluent small-pox since, and recovered very well.

As no person saw him fall into the water, it is impossible to say with certainty, how long he remained there. But if we may judge from the time he left his mother; the distance he had walked; the time I found him; and the situation he was in; I think, he must have been at least nine minutes under water. It was about twenty minutes after I had begun, before I was sensible of the least presence of life; and I suppose, I had wrought with him about half an hour, or near that period, before I had him in bed.

Thus have I endeavoured to give you as particular an account of this happy event, as my memory will permit. I admire the Providence which directed me to the spot at such a critical moment.

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I am much obliged to my old friend, Mr. *Turner*, for the favourable report which he has been pleased to make of me to you. As the young gentleman who carries this is upon the eve of departing, I am prevented from sub-joining the case of a still-born child, which I recovered at *Edinburgh*, in the year 1776; I shall, however, take some future opportunity for this purpose: and if it shall ever be in my power to inform you of any fact, or theory, which can be in the least serviceable for elucidating any part of your undertaking, I will be happy in doing myself the pleasure of transmitting it.

Since you are so good as to promise me the Reports of the Society, &c. it will be very obliging, if you will be so kind as order them to *J. M. surgeon, Auchtermuchty*. To the care of Mr. *Norrie*, No. 39, *Burr-street, London*.—I am, in haste,

With the greatest respect,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

JAMES M'AULAY.

C A S E CCCLVII. No. 21.

Copy of a Letter from Mr. *Thompson*, to Dr.
Hawes, dated *Rocheſter*, July 20th, 1780.

DEAR SIR,

In a correſpondence I had the pleaſure of holding with you ſome years ago, I intimated my purpoſe of offering ſmall rewards to ſuch people as ſhould inform me of drowning accidents, wiſhing to forward all in my power, ſuch truly laudable undertakings as thoſe of the Society you do yourſelf ſo much honour in promoting and ſupporting: 'till July the 6th, however, I have not been ſo fortunate as to meet with any thing worth obſervation. But the caſe which fell into my hands that day, ſo highly favours the plan of diligent, long, and reſolute perſeverance, in the means recommended by your highly reſpectable inſtitution, that I cannot reſiſt the intention of communicating it, as an encouragement to continued and ſteadfaſt endeavours on ſuch occaſions, and a confirmation of the benefits the public derive from ſuch generous and humane labours as your's has the juſteſt pretenſions to boaſt of.

William Clark, aged four years, ſon to a private ſoldier in the *Surry* militia, now quartered in this neighbourhood, fell from one of the wharfs here, into the river *Medway*: after having continued above a quarter of an hour under water, the body was found, and laid on the ſhore, without any apparent remains of life, where it lay for a quarter of an hour, when the

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owner of the wharf coming to the knowledge of the accident, sent for me: but I was not instantly at hand. Mr. *Bethune*, an apprentice of mine, immediately attending, found the face of the child very livid, and considerably swelled; the extremities cold and rigid. Mr. *Bethune* very judiciously ordered the body to be carried home, and immediately to be put into a bath of hot water, which seemed to have a surprising effect in removing the livid appearance. The body was suffered to remain in the hot water twenty minutes, and in a few minutes after it was taken out of the bath, I came first to see it, and proceeded to use stimulants, and every method suggested by your Society. It was, however, an hour and forty minutes that we had persisted in constant frictions on each of the extremities, and administering injections of the fumes of tobacco, before any artery could be perceived to move; when, at length, some very indistinct tremor at first was perceivable in the pulse, attended with some very slight kecking of the breath, upon which I poured down the throat from a spoon, a strong solution of emetic tartar; in all, perhaps, five grains were poured down, with several small doses of oxymel of squills: but after all this, for the space of still an hour and a half more, no farther advances seemed to have been made; so that the byestanders gave up all hopes of life, and concluded its return impossible; yet still I persevered in the use of every stimulus I could think of, and at the end of, in all, four hours, I had the pleasing satisfaction of perceiving a very profuse discharge from the anus, immediately accompanied with a violent vomiting, and gradually powerful in-

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crease of the pulse and respiration; at first seemingly convulsive, but by degrees more enlarged and full, 'till every favourable circumstance was fully established: so that in five hours from the time the child was taken out of the river, I had the highest of gratifications in acquainting the distracted parents, that he was fully escaped from all the danger.

I cannot help adding here, that had I not been prompted by the hints you furnished me with, this child had been most certainly lost; as I never would have otherwise thought of such resolute perseverance in any means, with so little apparent success for so many hours. The pleasure and gratification I feel in the event itself, and the utility such examples may be of to others, as well as the satisfaction it must afford to minds possessing, like your's, such high degrees of benevolence towards their fellow creatures, compensate most abundantly to me, for all I could do on the occasion, and powerfully urge me to trouble you with the communication of the case.

I have the honour to be,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient,

And most obliged humble servant,

RICHARD THOMPSON.

SECOND LETTER.

DEAR SIR,

July 26, 1780.

It is with great pleasure I now inform you, that my little patient is perfectly recovered; and I am most positively convinced, that the antimonial solution and oxymel were principally instrumental in restoring the energy of the vital powers. Permit me to repeat once more, that the parents are much indebted to you for the recovery of their child; for had I never had the honour of your correspondence, I should have desisted from every mode of treatment long before there was any signs of returning life.—I am afraid that, even at this time, too many of the unfortunate are lost, for want of perseverance in the proper methods laid down by the Humane Society.

I am,

Dear Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

RICHARD THOMPSON.

* * * The Reports for the year 1777, Case 119, prove, in the strongest manner, the advantages of an *emetic tartar solution* in such desperate cases. “ In about five minutes after its adhibition, a great quantity of froth issued
“ from

“ from the mouth and nostrils, and in a few
 “ minutes more he vomited violently, groaned
 “ very much, and fell into strong convulsions;
 “ these went off gradually, the warmth of the
 “ body returned; so that the heart and arterial
 “ system once more regained their vital func-
 “ tions.”

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<i>April</i>	28.	Rev. Dr. FRANCKLIN	preached the			
			<i>Anniversary Sermon</i> at St. George's,			
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			mounted to	£.37	7	4 $\frac{1}{4}$
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				48	6	0
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	£. 718	4	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
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Balance at the end of that year,	£. 108	15	3 $\frac{3}{4}$
4	SERMONS		

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<i>April</i>	16.	Rev. Mr. NEWMAN preached the <i>Anniversary Sermon</i> at Audley- Chapel; the collection amounted to	£.45	17	2 $\frac{1}{4}$
<i>May</i>	21.	Rev. Mr. NEWMAN, Brentford,		17	16 7
<i>June</i>	12.	Rev. Mr. DAVIES, Islington,		37	15 0
—	26.	Rev. Mr. WALKER, Wimbledon,		12	15 6
<i>July</i>	23.	Rev. Dr. MILNE, Windsor	22	17	9
<i>August</i>	27.	Rev. Mr. JOHN HUNT, Woolwich,*		50	13 6
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—	24.	Rev. Dr. MILNE, St. Mary Over's,		32	12 7
<i>October</i>	15.	Rev. Mr. HERBERT JONES, Camber- well,		59	4 9 $\frac{1}{4}$

* Upon this occasion the Rev. Mr. TURNER shut up his Meeting, in order to give his congregation an opportunity of attending the sermon on behalf of the Charity; and exerted himself in every possible way to promote the interests of the Humane Society.

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Paid in the course of that year £. 663 1 4 $\frac{7}{4}$
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APPENDIX

A P P E N D I X:

CONTAINING

The PLAN of the SOCIETY,
and the Methods of Treatment
of Drowned Persons.

T H E P L A N.

I. **T**HE Society has undertaken to publish, in as extensive a manner as possible, the proper methods of treating persons in those unfortunate circumstances.

II. To distribute a premium of *Two Guineas* among the first persons, not exceeding *four* in number, who will attempt to recover man, woman, or child, taken out of the water for dead, within thirty miles of the cities of *London* and *Westminster*; provided they had not been longer than *two hours* under the water; and provided the assistants persevere in the use of the means recommended, and no others, unless under the direction of a regular practitioner, for the space of *two hours*. This reward to be given, though they may *not* prove successful.

III. To distribute in like manner *Four Guineas* wherever the patient has been restored to life.

IV. To give to any publican, or other, who shall admit the body into his house without delay,

lay, and furnish the necessary accommodations, the sum of *One Guinea*; and also to secure them from the charge of burial, in unsuccessful cases.

V. A certain number of medical gentlemen, stationed near to the places where disasters by water are most frequent, have engaged to give their assistance *gratis*: these gentlemen are to have a fumigator, and other necessaries, always in readiness.

METHODS of TREATMENT.

I. IN removing the body to a convenient place, great care should be taken that it be not bruised, nor shaken violently, nor roughly handled, nor carried over any one's shoulders, with the head hanging downwards, nor rolled upon the ground, or over a barrel, nor lifted up by the heels : for experience proves, that all these methods are injurious, and often destroy the small remains of life. The unfortunate object should be cautiously conveyed in the arms of two or more persons, or in a carriage upon straw, lying, as on a bed, with the head a little raised, and kept in as natural and easy a position as possible.

II. The body being well dried with a cloth, should be placed in a bed or blanket properly warmed ; but not too near a large fire. Bottles of hot water should be laid to the bottoms of the feet, in the joints of the knees, and under the arm-pits ; and a warming pan, moderately heated, or hot bricks wrapped in cloths, should be rubbed over the body, and particularly along the back. The natural and kindly warmth of a healthy person lying by the side of the body, particularly by that of a child, has been found in many cases very efficacious. The windows or door of the room should be left open, and no more persons be admitted into it than those who are absolutely necessary, as the life of the patient greatly depends upon his having the benefit of a pure air. The shirt or clothes of an attendant, or the skin of a sheep fresh killed, may

may also be used with advantage. Should these accidents happen in the neighbourhood of a warm bath, brew-house, bake-house, glass-house, saltern, soap manufactory, or any fabrick where warm lees, ashes, embers, grains, sand, water, &c. can be easily procured, it would be very proper to place the body in any of these, moderated to a degree of heat, but very little exceeding that of a healthy person.

III. The body being placed in one or other of these advantageous circumstances as speedily as possible, various stimulating means should next be employed. The most efficacious are:—Blowing with force into the lungs, by applying the mouth to that of the patient, closing at the same time his nostrils with one hand, and gently expelling the air again by pressing the chest with the other, imitating the strong breathing of a healthy person; the medium of a handkerchief or cloth may be used to render the operation less indelicate:—Throwing the smoke of tobacco up the fundament into the bowels, by means of a pipe or fumigator, such as are used in administering clysters; a pair of bellows may be employed until the others can be procured:—Rubbing the belly, chest, back, and arms, with a coarse cloth, or dry salt, so as not to rub off the skin; or with a flannel dipped in brandy, rum, or gin:—Applying spirits of hartshorn, volatile salts, or any other stimulating substance, to the nostrils, and rubbing them upon the temples very frequently:—Tickling the throat with a feather, so as to excite a propensity to vomit; and the nostrils also with a feather, snuff, or any other stimulant, so as to provoke sneezing.

sneezing. The body should at intervals be shaken also, and varied in its position.

IV. If there be any signs of returning life, such as sighing, gasping, twitchings, or any other convulsive motions, beating of the heart, the return of the natural colour and warmth, a spoonful of water may be administered, in order to learn whether the power of swallowing be returned; if it be, a spoonful or two of warm wine, or brandy and water, may be given with advantage; but not before, as the liquor might otherwise get into the lungs. One or other of the above methods should be persevered in, until the patient be restored.

We have been as circumstantial as possible in the above directions, that if one conveniency should be wanting, the attendants may not be at a loss for others. Where the patient has lain but a short time senseless, blowing into the lungs or bowels has been, in some cases, found sufficient: yet a *speedy* recovery is not to be expected in general. The above methods are therefore to be continued with spirit for *two hours or upwards*, although there be not the least symptoms of returning life. The vulgar notion that a person will recover in a few minutes, or not at all, and the ignorant foolish ridiculing of those who are willing to persevere, as if they were attempting impossibilities, have most certainly caused the death of many who might otherwise have been saved.

Most of the above means are happily of such a nature that they may be begun *immediately*, and that by persons who are not acquainted with the medical art; yet it is always adviseable to seek the assistance of some regular practitioner

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as soon as possible, as it is to be presumed that such a one will be more skilful and expert, and better able to vary the methods of procedure, as circumstances may require.

✍ The Society find it necessary to inform practitioners in general, that several cases have fallen under their observation, in which *early* bleeding has been productive of pernicious, and even fatal, effects. They are therefore of opinion, that the opening of a vessel should not be placed among the common methods of treatment, or such as are *always* applicable, although it may sometimes be successfully employed to remove subsequent symptoms of an inflammatory nature.

* * The Society think it proper to observe, that most of the above means of restoration are applicable to various other cases of apparent deaths; whether from hanging, apoplectic and convulsive fits, cold, suffocation by damps, or noxious vapours proceeding from coal mines, the confined air of wells, cisterns, caves, or the must of fermenting liquors.

Whenever any good has been produced by the means recommended, the person who has superintended the cure is desired to write a circumstantial account of it to *James Horsfall, Esq; Treasurer, Middle Temple; or Dr. Hawes, Secretary to the Society, Palsgrave Place, Strand.*

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