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We the Presidents and Members of the PHYSICAL SOCIETY of GUY'S HOSPITAL

Deeply impressed with the importance of the Discovery of Vaccine Inoculation are anxious to express our opinion of its efficacy and our profound Veneration for its Author

EDWARD JENNER. M.D.FRS.

We entertain a perfect conviction that this INOCULATION is a certain preventive of the Small Pox, and that the Period is not remote when that dreadful scourge of the human Race will become totally extinct.

We are fully persuaded that where Vaccination has been properly conducted, no instance has occurred of its having occasioned any dangerous consequence, or failed to produce those effects which its discoverer has uniformly obtained.

We further state our belief that the Vaccine Inoculation from its superior mildness will not call forth those latent seeds of disease which occasionally arise after the Small Pox even under the best management and which otherwise might never have taken place.

We feel the warmest sensations of Gratitude and Respect for the liberal manner in which the Author has communicated his Discovery to the World unobscured by any motives of self-consideration and we contemplate the Discovery itself as a memorable Epoch in the Annals of Medicine.

The Society presume to hope that the Author of this happy Discovery will meet with that Reward from his grateful Country which he justly deserves for having thus rendered himself the Benefactor of MANKIND.

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