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Carbonic Acid Gas, if proper means were taken to restore the animal powers, and I have no hesitation in saying that suspended animation may be continued for a sufficient time for any surgical operation providing the Surgeon acts with skill and promptitude; and I think it would be found particularly advisable in Cases where hemorrhage would be dangerous on the Surgeon is apprehensive of Gangrene taking place after the operation as it is well known that carbon has a most powerful antiseptic quality - It will be found, if the means for suspending animation are slow and gradual the return of the powers of life will be in the same proportion, if the means of suspension are sudden, it generally happens by the application of certain agents that the return of life is equally so, and I think it very probable, ~~that~~ if the galvanic Fluid could have been applied in Cases that have proved fatal ~~that~~ the persons may have been saved - From a number of others I have selected the experiments now sent, each is correctly noted in as few words as possible - which I think will prove a most object, with great respect
I am Sir your Obedt Servt

W. Wickman

Ludlow Feb^{ry} 21 - 1824
T. A. Knight Esq.