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has promised me to take care for paper both for you
& Dr. Gregory & to send the signature &c. to the printer.

I doubt not you have seen a very malicious pamphlet
agt. the translation. I am very glad the author of it was
so ignorant, for in many things he ridicules the terms of
art & lays down very false principles that any person
who knew the least in surgery, anatomy, physick or nat=
ural history must own to be great mistakes. And for the
criticall part, either he is altogether out, or frivolous. For
my part I am not the least concerned at it & shall answer
it no otherways then by despising it. I have not been yet
able to find out the author or book-seller but by what I can
guess by my best informations ^{they are} the same that wrote & printed
the Journey to London agt. Dr. Lister. Though there is some
reason to believe there were more then one abt. it, yet I
believe the chief compiler was the same with that. Several persons
of the Society are angrier then I who am principally concer=
ned in it. ~~for~~ I have heard of it above a year since.

There is also another libell printed in French in Holland by
one Damont. I formerly mentioned ^{to you} a person who proposed some
difficulties abt. the gravitation of the air. He has now —

printed his papers & has taken occasion to abuse you
M^r. Boyle & me amongst the rest ^{but} I am somewhat of
opinion both by what I see here & in his book that he
is somewhat gone beyond ordinary undiscord & I
doubt even beyond himself. I am

J. J. most obeyt=
servt Hans Sloane

London, Exptd Feb 19. 1692.
I received yours yesterday; and thank you for it. I have heard
of the book you mention, but havent seen it. The Author of it
and of your journey to London, is here said to be Dr. King, truely abt. it.
Christiansburg Oxford, aser of Doctor Lister's Library, & do not
see him concerned for it. It is thought below his char=,
acter to write at that rate, nor have I seen that of Damont
such written are but answered by being neglected. They
had body to answer them then before.

As the subject of my letter, I am much of your mind. I think
there may be some flesh or (without flesh) or many other
things which we may eat. Before the
Flesh is good flesh as well as fine. And I think all kinds
of all flesh. But I ~~think~~ I think the Raw flesh, is not eligible
for, where others can be had; because it is nowise, we make
use of it. And the Apes kind (& I think) do naturally make chow
of other fed. But the last is much different when you call it
Cortion. But the question is not with you a man may perfectly like what
is most agreeable to our constitution of our things we know
and horizon; others are less abhorred; & horrid things, which at first
are not agreeable, may by custom become & accepted; the
shame