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this sketch I consider is pretty correct. his Dref was a black cuttained coat with a large collar as it was worn in his time, loose black trousers and waistcoat a white neckcloth and white stockings he was a little near sighted, but never made use of Glasses. his hair was a dark brown a little curly but not the least grey. he was below the middle stature rather short necked. After dinner he frequently took a nap. he was very partial to me and I often amused him with my pencil. and he was always pleased to have the family round him.

In reference to Vaccination from which I remember I have made so many drawings of the pustules Dr Jenner made two on the right arm inserting the matter slightly under the skin projecting little or no blood. he was very particular with regard to their regular progress of them.

I my wife and family resided in a cottage of Doctor Jenners adjoining his residence. There are many more incidents I could relate which of course considering my age must soon fall into oblivion. A short time before Doctor Jenner died his mind was engaged in making observations on the gradual transformation of the Tadpole showing how the tail was absorbed by the intestines till it became a perfect Toad. I made many sketches of it for him.

Intimating the instability and uncertainty of life a particular circumstance occurred the evening before Dr Jenners death. I was taking a walk with him in the garden and smoking a cigar when his butler came up to us to tell him Mr Joiner Ellis the Coroner was taken very ill and wished to see him immediately. turning to me he said Stephen you can in the mean time go into the Hot House and smoke the red spider and by the time I return tea will be ready. When he returned I asked him how he found Mr Ellis. soon Ellis he replied I am sorry to say he will die the next morning at breakfast. Dr Jenner fell in a fit of Apoplexy. I have before mentioned from which he never rallied. And the report came that morning to say Mr Ellis was much worse. Mr Ellis lived through the next day and then he died. My statements are irregularly written I have given them as they came to mind.