



Case #7: Alexander Cochran

Letter #1: Alexander Cochran to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

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Dr. Sir

Agreeably to your direction I was let blood yesterday, but only lost 6 ounces instead of 8 as I nearly swooned away – I then vomited part or all of the third powder, & have not had a stool since – perhaps I should take another powder or small doses Cremar Tartar; I have no pain in back, stomach or bowels – the Headach is much abated, tho' at times there are pains flying through my head – I think the oppression in my breast rather increased, perhaps from weakness – I would take it very kind if you would call to see me some time to day –

A. Cochran

Monday Morning

Letter #2: Alexander Cochran to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

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Dr. Sir

It is two days since I last wrote to you, meanwhile have had a couple of Stools which appeared fetid – My Lips & Gums have been much swell'd & the Skin excoriated these several days past. In Consequence whereof I have spit blood these three nights past, but particularly last night from half a pint upward – If it proper I wish you to send me something to stop the bleeding & heal my mouth; for if they are not alarming, they are at least weakening & very disagreeable – A. Cochran

Dr. B. Rush

Letter #3: Alexander Cochran to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

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Sunday near 2 O'Clock P.M.

Letter #4: Alexander Cochran to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

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Dr. Sir

I took the pill you sent me yesterday, it made my stomach very sick, & it was with much ado I kept t there an hour, when it came up dissolved – It worked me pretty severely both up & down – My Stomach & indeed myself is very weak, tho' I fear there still remains some noxious dregs – some advise to have my feet soak'd in a Lye of ashes & warm water, but I'll not do any thing that you don't prescribe – pain in the Head moderate A. Cochran

Tuesday Morning

P.S. I am up a few hours each day: pray is it amiss?