Case #4: Mr. Meredith
Dear Sir,

Mr. Meredith had a very good night he took an injection in the evening which was injected once moderately, he had one the night before which had much the same effect, they are the only openings he has had since he took the salt on Sunday evening. He feels a slight pain in his head and stabbing pains at times about his back, stomach, and side, but they are by no means severe as well as he can judge the mind by his feelings are pretty much as they were yesterday, I wish to know what his diet must be and whether you think there is any danger from his being too much.
Dear Sir

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with the bearer, as I know he live
weakened) of the disorder taking an unfavorable turn. and now my Dear sir let me inquire the state of your health. I am extremely anxious to hear particularly how you are and whether you expect you will be out soon without any risk of a relapse, I hope you will be very careful of yourself and remember Man on you depend the life & happiness of a great number of persons whose only hope is in your assistance & advice. If you think it necessary Mr. Stall should see Mr [Meredith?] to Day please to let him come on with the bearer. As I know he is so
much engaged I will not insist on it if you think you can safely inscribe for Mr. M – from what I have told you.

Yours sincerely

MM
[Beginning at Arrow]

Dear Sir

I should be very glad if you will visit Mr. Meredith sometime To Day neither he nor myself are sufficient judges of the Puke to know whether he requires bleeding. He is still a little indisposed both in his head and stomach...
[Beginning at Arrow]

.... I hope to see you & if you think bleeding necessary shall be greatly obliged if you will operate on Mr. Meredith yourself.

Yours

M. Meredith
Dear Sir,

My powder have been out since yesterday. They have no effect in keeping my body open and I am obliged to use Cremor Partar. Every day at about noon I have an appearance on my finger of a chill with a very slight headache. Eat nothing but bread with now and then a baked pear, drink tea and molasses and water. Can you recommend what is to be done?
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With wishes for your health

I am dear Sir

Yours

S. Meredith

Friday Morning
Dear Sir,

We should be glad to see you as soon as possible. Mrs. Meredith has had a bad night, the pain at the pit of her stomach returned about two or three o'clock. Thirty drops of laudanum, this procured some ease, and about two hours since when his pain has returned and continues severe, I am not a judge of the pulse or cannot give you any information respecting his fever. He seems to think the complaint in his stomach, lighter, than the other one, I shall be very impatient till I have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours etc.

S.M. Meredith.
Dear Sir

We should be glad to see you as soon as possible. Mr. Meredith has had a bad night the pain at the pit of his stomach returned about eleven at two he took thirty drops of Laudanum, this procured some ease and about two hours sleep since when his pain has returned and continues severe, I am not a judge of the pulse so cannot give you any information respecting his fever. He seems to think the complaint in his stomach heightening every other one, I shall be very impotent till I have the pleasure of seeing you.

Yours,

M Meredith