



## **Case #5: John Hart and Family**

Letter #1: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

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produced 3 or 4 evacuations he seems very languid and  
weak, has taken nourishment as thee directed, his pulse  
has a very little hitch if any, he had a little fever  
at noon,

Dr Rush on my <sup>getting</sup> home took a powder agreeable to  
thy direction in a bout two hours I puked and  
brought up a considerable quantity of Bile  
in about 2 Hours after I had one copious stool  
and about 3 Hours after took half a dose  
more which I puked up, I now have taken half  
a dose more in the form of pills which stays  
on my stomach, I hope they will have the  
desired effect, my pulse I think as they  
were this morning

Thy Obedient Servant

John Hart

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Thy Assured Friend

John Hart

Letter #2: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)

Dr Rush  
my Colic has no fever this morning. he  
Stomach expelling muck not so as usual but reaches at most he  
takes, he is very desirous of Drinking 100 drops Beer.  
wishes to know whether he may, his Physick operated very  
small it continued in the night,

Dr Rush  
Before my Father returns my Physick began to operate  
Stomach last Night and now this morning, I still  
have a small pain in my head and ~~bone~~ bones, and very weak  
I had thought of Riding down to see the but my mother thinks  
it most prudent to stay in this day. I had a very restless  
night I had 8 or 9 ounces of blood taken last evening  
Thy Obedient Son  
John Hart

Text [Entire Page]:

Dr. Rush

My brother in law has no fever this morning. his stomach exceding week not so as puke but retches at most he takes, he is very desirous of Drinking molasses Beer, wishes to know whether he may, his Physick operated very smart it Continued in the Night

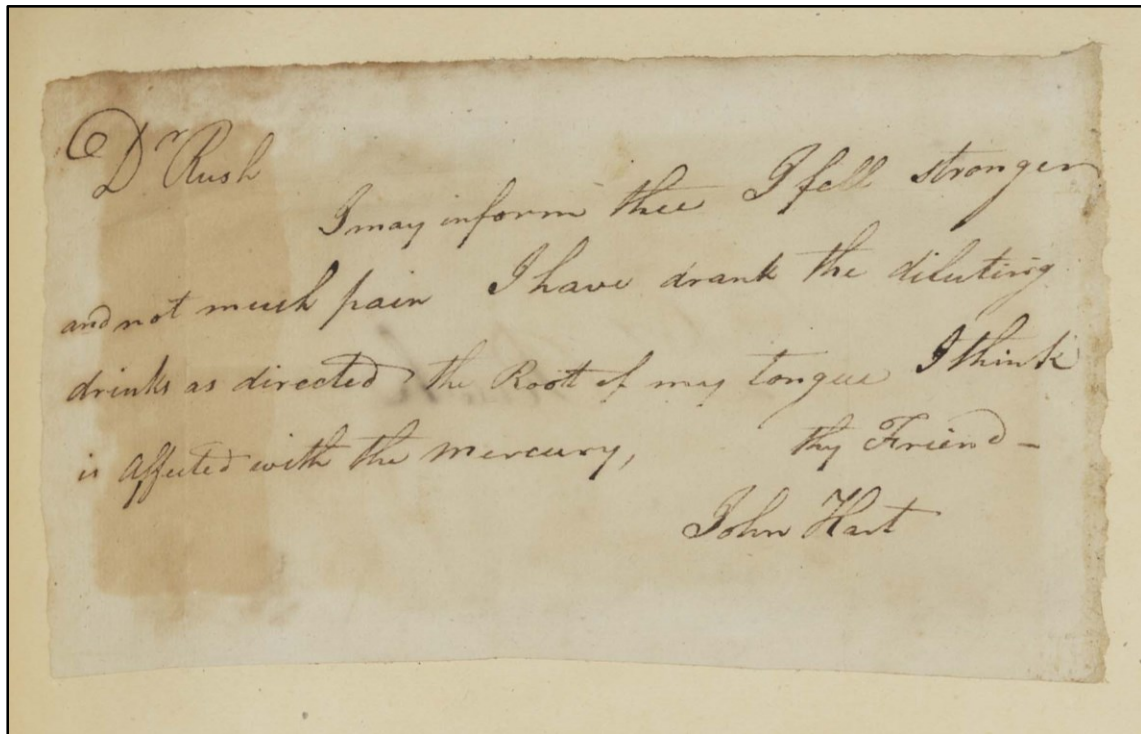
Dr. Rush

Before my Father return my Physick began to operate 8 times last Night and Once this morning, Copiously. I still have a small pain in my head and bones, and very weake I had thought of riding town to see thee but my mother thinks it most prudent to stay in this day. I had a very restless night I had 8 or 9 ounces of Blood taken last evening

Thy Assured Friend

John Hart

**Letter #3: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)**



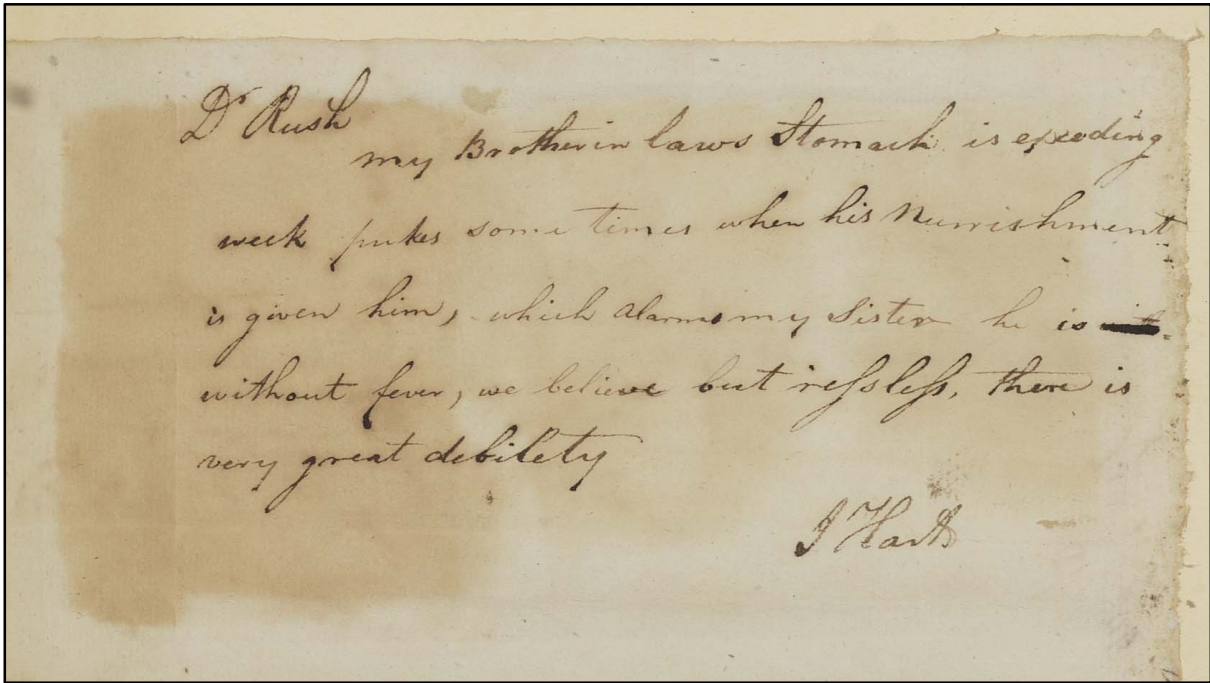
Text [Entire Page]:

Dr. Rush

I may inform thee I feel stronger and not much pain I have drank the diluting drinks as directed the Root of my tongue I think is affected with the mercury, Thy Friend -

John Hart

**Letter #4: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)**



Text [Entire Page]:

Dr. Rush

My Brother in laws Stomach is exceding week pukes some times when his nourishment is given him, which alarms my Sister he is without fever, we believe but restless, there is very great debility

J Hart

**Letter #5: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)**

Dr<sup>r</sup> Rush

N<sup>o</sup> Sheppard's Glyster was administered  
last evening it operated twice pretty soon in  
the Night he had an other Opening, this morning  
he has had an other, it seems to of been the  
effect of yester days Pil, my sister thinks he  
thinks him self a little better

Dr<sup>r</sup> Rush

I feel better this morning my  
Tongue is brown this morning I dont know that  
I had any Fever last night. I had one Opening  
this morning -

Thy Friend

J<sup>o</sup> Hart



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Dr. Rush

I feel better this morning my Tongue is brown this morning I dont know that I had any Fever last night. I had one opening this morning –

Thy Friend,

J Hart

**Letter #6: John Hart to Dr. Benjamin Rush (No Date)**

Dr. Rush  
The Glyster was administered to Mr  
Sheppard it operated twice his Blister was applied  
it has drawn very well, the reaching continued  
in the night but does not this morning what  
little he has taken this morning stays on his  
stomach, his throat and tongue is very rough,

Dr. Rush  
I feel stronger this morning but had some  
fever in the fore part of the night which made me  
restless I feel at times shooting pains in different  
parts of my body not very acute, If thou does  
not disapprove I should like to ride down to  
see thee.

Thy Friend  
J. Hart

Text [Entire Page]:

Dr Rush

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Dr. Rush

I feel stronger this morning but had some fever in the fore part of the night which made me restless I feel at times shooting pains in different parts of my Body not very acute. If thee does not disapprove I should like to ride down to see thee.

Thy Friend

J Hart