Case #5: John Hart and Family
Dr. Rush my Brother has taken the salts which produced 3 or 4 evacuations he seems very languid as well as his urine somewhat less, I hope no great distress, his pulsatioris very little, if any, he had a little fever at night.

Dr. Rush on my advice took a powder according to their direction in about two hours spiked and brought up a considerable quantity of boild in about 2 hours after I had one gr. given to him, and about 3 hours after I took half a dose more which I took up, 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 on my pulse. I thank you as they were this morning.

John Hart

[Signature]
Dr. Rush my Brother in law has taken the Salts which produced 3 or 4 evacuations he seems very languid and week, has taken nourishment, as directed, his pults has very little hitch if any, he had a little fever at noon –

Dr. Rush on my getting home I took a powder agreeable to thy direction in about two hours I puk’d and brought up a considerable quantity of Boil in about 2 Hours after I had One Copious Stool and about 3 Hours after I took half a dose moore which I puked up, I now have taken half a dose moore in the form of Pills which stays on my stomach. I hope they will have the desired effects, my pults. I think as they ware this morning

Thy Assured Friend

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

D. Rush

My brother is here this morning. He

sounded overly sick, not as a rule, but

wishes to be seen another day. The

physic man by my request gave him

false treatment in the night.

D. Rush

Before my letter returned my physic began to give

worse last night and this morning. I still

have a cool fever in my head and have been

very much troubled with running down from

the head, my mother thinks it most prudent to stay in the house. I had a very restless night. 2 or 3 hours of sleep after last evening.

By yours truly,

John Hart

[Signature]
Dr. Rush

My brother in law has no fever this morning. his stomach exceeding 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
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
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
Dear Dr. Rush,

A shepherd of pesto was administered last evening; it operated twice before, now in the right; he had one other opening this morning; he has had an other, it seems to have been the effect of greater days. But my sister thinks she thinks him self a little better.

D. Rush

I feel better this morning; my tongue is known this morning I don't know that I had any fever last night. I had one opening this morning.

Yours,

John Hart
Dr. Rush

N 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. 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)

Dear Sir Rush,

The patient was administered 1/3
Ships ad drinate twice the blister was applied.
It has caused very well, the shivering continued
in the night, but does not this morning, what
before it had taken this morning stays on his
stomach, his throat and tongue is very rough.

Sir Rush,

Feels stronger this morning but had some
fever in the face part of the night which made me
very uncomfortable. I feel at times shooting pains in different
parts of my body not my heart. If this does
not discharge I should like to ride down to
see thee.

Thy Servant,

J. Hart
Dr Rush

The Glyster was administered to N 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 thee does not disapprove I should like to ride down to see thee.

Thy Friend

J Hart