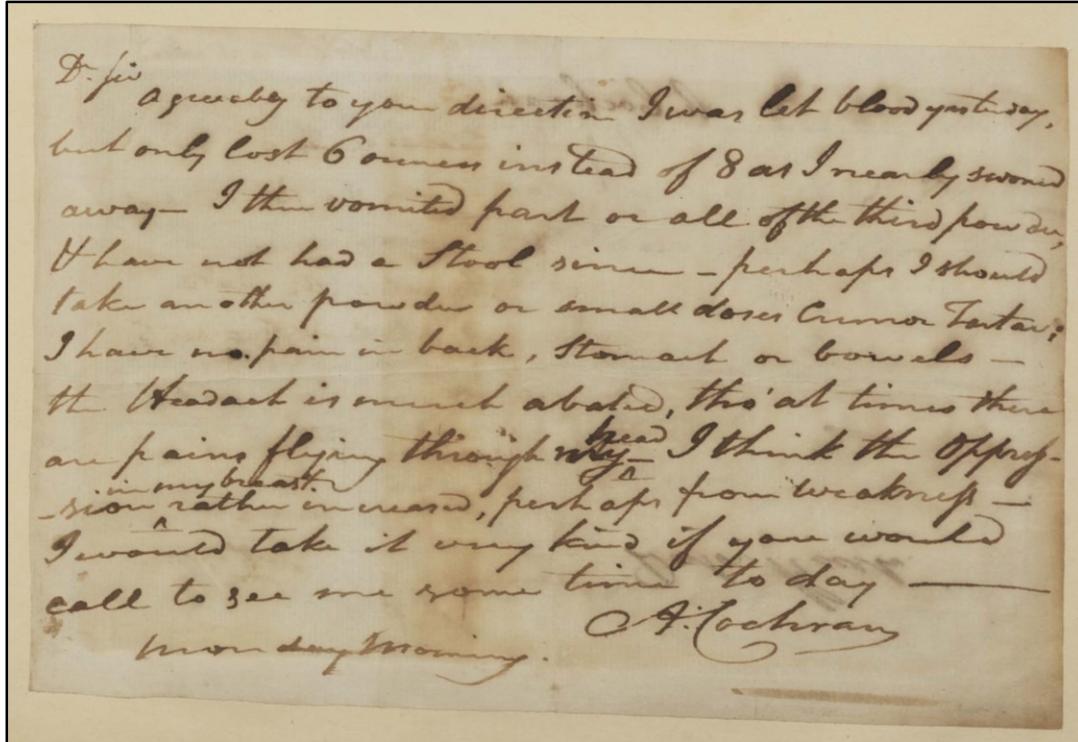




## **Case #7: Alexander Cochran**

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



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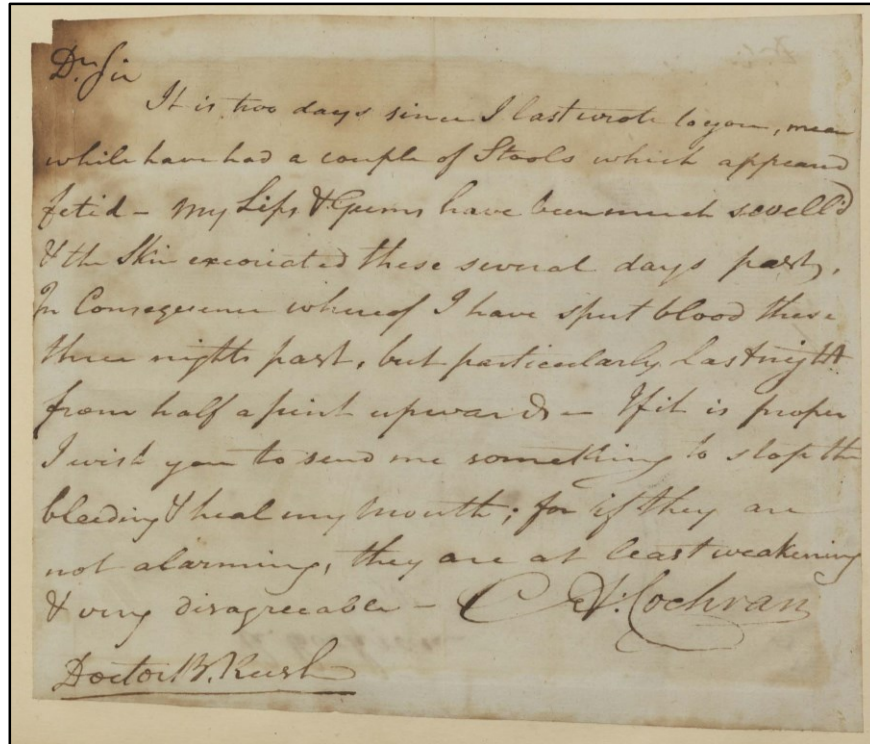
Dr. Sir

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 Cremor 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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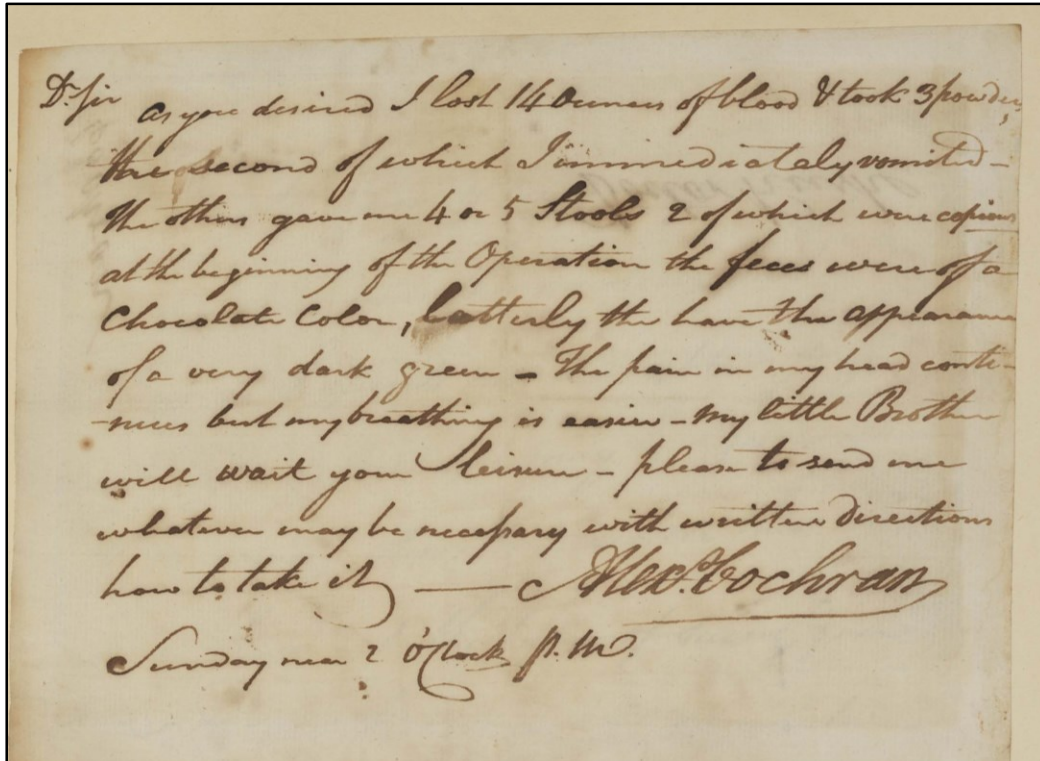
Dr. Sir

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)**



Dr. Sir as you desired I lost 14 ounces of blood & took 3 powders,  
the second of which I immediately vomited -  
The others gave me 4 or 5 stools 2 of which were copious  
at the beginning of the Operation the feces were of a  
Chocolate color, latterly they have the appearance  
of a very dark green - The pain in my head contin-  
ues but my breathing is easier - my little Brother  
will wait your leisure - please to send me  
whatever may be necessary with written directions  
how to take it - Alex. Cochran  
Sunday near 2 O'Clock P.M.

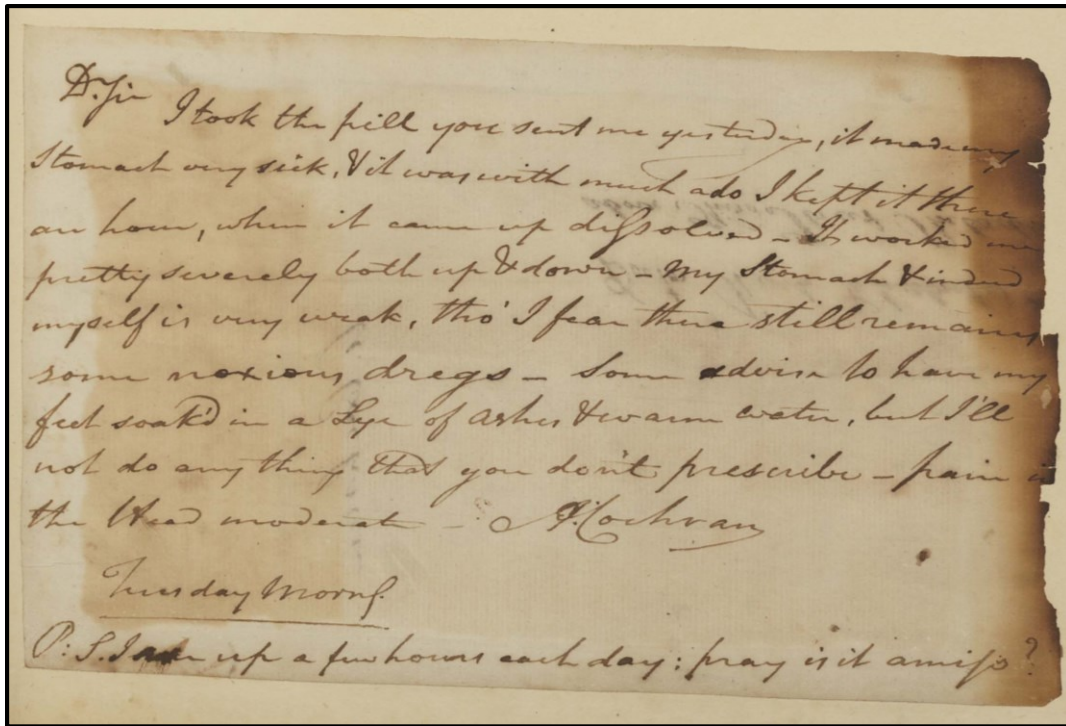
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Sunday near 2 O'Clock P.M.

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



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myself is very weak, tho' I fear there still remains  
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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 Mornf.

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

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Tuesday Morning

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