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Die Lunae, 18^o Junii. 1838.

The Lord WHARNCLIFFE in the Chair.

Evidence on

Mr. HORATIO NELSON TILSLEY is called in, and examined as follows:

Mr. HORATIO NELSON TILSLEY YOU are a Surgeon?

Yes.

At Bridgwater?

North Petherton.

Is that near Bridgwater?

Three Miles from Bridgwater.

In the Bridgwater Union?

Yes.

You had Charge of the North Petherton District from June 1836 to June 1837 as the Medical Officer?

Yes.

Have you that District now?

I have.

You have taken it again?

I have.

When you had it from June 1836 to June 1837 the Population was 4,967?

I believe that was the Population.

And your Salary was 63l.?

Yes.

Now the Population of your District is 4,697, and your Salary is 75l.?

Yes.

You have taken it this Year?

After Midsummer.

Lyng is added to it?

Yes.

What is the Population of Lyng?

363.

And there is a small Addition made to your Salary on that Account?

Yes; 12l.

Then 871. you get for the ensuing Year?

Yes.

Then the Population of your District, including Lyng, is not more than the Population of the North Petherton District was from June 1836 to June 1837?

Rather more.

Do you live in the Centre of your District?

Yes, I should think about the Centre.

How far are the extreme Points of your District from your Residence?

In the West the extreme Point is about Six Miles almost, and certainly not so far now on

the East; about Five, I should presume, is the very Outside at present.

634 *Do you now live in North Petherton?*

I live in the Town of North Petherton.

You had been settled at North Petherton before you took the District?

Yes.

How long?

Twelve Years last Christmas.

You took the District at a Salary of 63l, the first Year; did you find it answer to you at that Rate?

No.

Did you make any Remonstrance in the course of the Year?

No.

Had you any Conversation with the Guardians or any of the Guardians with regard to the Way in which your Services were remunerated?

I have had with individual Guardians, but not with the Board; I believe I did express my Feelings to some of the Guardians.

You keep a Horse or Two for your Profession?

Yes.

How many Horses do you keep?

Two.

Did you always keep Two, or did you take more in consequence of having this District?

I kept Two in consequence of having this District.

How many did you keep before?

Only One.

Did One do your Business?

Yes.

Has your Business, independently of the Paupers, increased since you took this District?

Last Christmas Twelvemonth I entered into Partnership with another Medical Man in North Petherton.

What is his Name?

Strong. He keeps two Horses; so do I now.

Supposing you had not taken this District, how many Horses would have been sufficient for you and your Partner?

Three, certainly.

Therefore it makes the Difference of the Keep of a Horse to you?

Yes, it does.

Can you give any Notion of the Amount you have expended in the prime Cost of Medicines for the Relief of the Poor?

No, I cannot; I never kept a separate Account of that.

Can you give the Committee any Notion upon that Point?

No, I cannot; I know that I have used occasionally a great many Leeches, which are sometimes very expensive; as to fixing any Sum, I really cannot.

What would be the prime Charge to you for Leeches?

We have paid from 3s, to 4s. 6d. a Dozen for Leeches.

Once used do they ever recover again?

We never take them again.

What do the Chemists charge?

8s. to 4s. 6d. a Dozen; 4s. 6d. has been the highest Price I have paid.

Beside your Salary you get 10s, each for Midwifery Cases?

Yes.

635 *You get nothing for Fractures or Surgical Cases?*

No

So you get any thing for Vaccination?

No.

How many Cases of Midwifery should you say you had in the Year?

I do not believe I have had more than Four during the Two Years.

Did you not make some Calculation before you took that District in June 1836 as to how far it would or would not answer your Purpose?

I knew that it would not answer my Purpose.

But when you took it did you not make some Calculation of what the Result would probably be to you as to Profit or otherwise?

I did not expect any Profit.

Then what induced you to take it?

In order to keep other Surgeons from coming into the Neighbourhood.

And so interfering with your Custom?

Exactly so.

At the End of the Year was it proposed to you to take the North Petherton District at a Salary the same as in the former Year, or at any less Sum?

At a reduced Sum.

In consequence of its being so offered to you what did you do; did you remonstrate?

I remonstrated with the Board.

Upon what Occasion did you remonstrate?

After the Board had fixed the Prices for the ensuing Year the Medical Men addressed a Letter to the Board.

Did you remonstrate with the Board personally or singly, or did you join in that Letter, and is that the Remonstrance to which you allude?

I joined in that Letter; that is the Remonstrance to which I allude.

After that Letter what Steps were taken with respect to the raising of the Salary for the North Petherton District; had you any Communication with the Guardians upon that Subject?

No, I think not.

The Advertisement upon that Subject, fixing a Salary of 50l. for the North Petherton District, was dated the 22d of May 1837?

I do not recollect the Date.

How long after that was it that you contracted for it at this increased Price at which you have now taken it?

How long after that was it that you made any other Offer to them?

We then offered gratuitously to attend the Paupers till the Board could provide Medical Men.

That Offer was refused?

Yes; we were desired to attend the Paupers as private Patients, and to be paid in that Way.

Was there not an Offer made to take them at so much a Head?

Yes, there was; I forget how much per Head it was.

Were you personally a Party to that Offer?

I was.

How came the Sum of 75l. to be fixed as the Salary, the Board of Guardians having put it down at only 55l.

I think the Board advertised in the different London Papers offering the Sum of 75l.

636 *Then the Offer did not come from you for 75l. but the Offer came from the Board?*

Yes.

There is an Association at Bridgwater, which is called by the Name of "The Bridgwater Medical Association"?

I do not know that there is now; there was then.

Were you a Member of it?

Yes.

At what Time was that formed?

It was formed some Time in May or the early Part of June.

Was it formed previously to your writing that Letter of which you have spoken?

I do not recollect.

That Letter was received by the Board, as it appears by the Minutes, on the 2d of June; was the Association formed before you wrote that Letter, or was it formed subsequently to your writing that Letter?

I do not recollect.

Can you recollect ever attending the Association in any Way before you wrote that Letter?

I do not know, but I think it must have been before; I do not recollect; if I knew I would state.

That Letter was accompanied by a Sort of Adhesion to it on the Part of other Medical Persons living at Bridgwater?

Yes, it was.

Will you have the goodness to state what was the Object which you, who signed that Letter, had in view in getting that Paper, adhering to what you had said, signed by the other Medical Persons?

That they should not take the different Districts of the Union.

Your Letter states that you could not take the Districts upon the Salaries proposed, and that Letter is signed by all those who had the Charge of the Districts in the preceding Year; why did the Surgeons who had the Charge of the Districts, and who had found the Salaries not sufficient, think it advisable to have this Certificate or Declaration of Adhesion from the other Medical Gentlemen?

It was because we wished to show that it was a general Feeling.

Were you, generally, the Juniors of the Profession, and were the others who signed it the Seniors?

Not all of them.

Was it signed by all the others as well as by yourselves in consequence of any Direction given or any Resolution passed at the Bridgwater Medical Association?

Certainly not.

It arose from the Feelings of yourself and of the others who had been in charge of Districts?

It did. There was no such Resolution when I was present at the Association. A Letter was shown to me, and I was asked whether I had any Objection to sign it, and I said none.

You do not recollect whether the Association was formed before the 2d of June?

No, I do not.

If you do not recollect that, probably it was not formed long before?

I do not recollect.

What was the Object of the Association?

To uphold the Character and Respectability of the Profession altogether.

637 *Did you think that the Character and Respectability of the Profession had been attacked, so that it wanted upholding?*

Yes, by the very low Prices which had been paid.

Was it not rather to uphold the Emoluments of the Profession?

We did consider it derogatory to us to take such low Salaries.

You consider that you have received an expensive

and liberal Education, and you therefore thought you were entitled to a proper Remuneration?

Yes; that was the Object, certainly.

It was with that Object that that Paper was signed; but you say it was not signed in consequence of any Direction from the Association, or any Resolution on the Part of the Association?

No, it was not.

Did you attend the Board upon the 16th of June, upon which Day the Board were to consider the Salaries again?

I do not remember.

When was it that you gave in your Tender to take the North Petherton District at 75l. a Year?

That was I think about the 12th or 18th of July, after the Expiration of Three Weeks.

On the 16th Mr. Phillips and Mr. Young were elected, and the further Election was postponed till the following Week, the 23d?

Then I did attend on the 16th; I recollect now.

On the 23d did you attend?

I did not.

You made a Tender at 4½d. a Head?

Yes.

Those Tenders were not accepted, and then they determined to advertise for other Tenders at the advanced Sum, and it was upon that Day that they advertised for North Petherton 75l.?

I believe it was.

You say on the 23d you made a Tender of 4½d, a Head; what would the Amount of that have been upon your District?

Between 80l. and 90l.

Upon your District without Lyng?

Yes.

You finally agreed to their Tender of 75l.?

Yes, on the Payment of my Bill for Three Weeks.

What was the Amount of that?

15l. 18s.

Had you had many Pauper Patients during those Three Weeks?

I think I had about the average Number.

There was no Objection made to your Bill?

No, there was not.

Were there any bad Cases among them, or were they the common Cases?

Common. Some inflammatory Cases.

Had you, between the 2d of June, or the 16th of June, and the Time at which you took Petherton, any Conversation with the Board, or were you consulted by the Board with respect to the Amount that was to

be paid for the Care of the Petherton District?

No, I believe not; not between the 16th of June and the 14th of July.

Were those Three Weeks particularly unhealthy?

Not in my District.

638 *Was there any Agreement made at this Medical Association among the Medical Men that they would not tender for those Districts unless there was a more liberal Salary given them?*

I do not remember that there was; I did not attend all the Meetings of the Association.

Do not you believe that there was an Understanding between the Medical Men that they should not tender at the small Salaries; have you any Doubt about it?

There might have been an Understanding; I rather think there was; I do not remember precisely.

Do you remember Mr. Young taking One of the Districts?

Yes; I believe that was on the 16th of June.

Was that the Hill District?

I forget whether it was the Hill District or 'he Polden; the Hill District I think it was.

Mr. Young having taken that District is it true that none of you who belonged to that Association at Bridgwater held any Communication with him in your Profession?

Certainly it is not; it is not true with me, for till that Day I never knew Mr. Young.

Is it not true that a certain Number of the Persons, at any rate, who belonged to that Association have in point of fact declined to attend to any professional Business if they are to meet Mr. Young?

We all dined together and were very friendly at the Bridgwater Branch of the Provincial Medical Association.

Is Mr. Young a Member of it?

He is.

Is Mr. Ward?

No, he is not.

Were you at the Board upon the 16th of June, when Mr. Young took One of those Districts?

Yes; if it was the 16th of June that Mr. Young was appointed I was there.

Were all the Medical Men in a Room together upon that Occasion?

No, I believe not.

Do you remember Mr. Young coming out of the Board Room after he had taken that District?

No, I do not; I did not know Mr. Young on that Day till all the Business of the Board was over, and then some Person pointed him out to

me.

Did you hear any Gentleman apply to him any Reproaches for having taken it?

No; I have heard of such, but I did not hear them.

You say you have a Partner with you; at the present Price of 75l. how came it that it did not answer your Purpose, and that the Salary has been increased in consequence, 12l. being added to your Salary?

I did not ask for an Increase.

Do you mean to say that if it had not been added you would not have required an Increase?

Yes, I should; I did not ask for it. The Board wrote to know whether it would be inconvenient to me to have Lyng added to my District, as it was inconvenient to the Medical Officer to have it in the other District; and I replied that it was inconvenient to me.

Has any thing been said to you by any Members of the Profession, finding Fault with you for having taken that District?

Not at all; I do not recollect a Word of the Sort.

639 *You do not consider by so doing that you have put yourself on unpleasant Terms with the Members of the Association?*

I do not meet the Association; I do not know whether it is in existence Or not.

There was another Gentleman who took a District at the same Time with you, Mr. Poole?

Yes; Mr. Poole or Mr. Ruddock was appointed on the same Day. The Two Districts were, I think, united; that Mr. Poole and Mr. Ruddock had before Cannington and Stowey, but which of the Two were appointed I do not remember.

A Pamphlet, called "Facts connected with the Medical Relief of the Poor in the Bridgwater Union," was published by the Association, drawn by some Gentlemen for the rest of the Association; do you know any thing of that?

It never had my Sanction.

You never sanctioned the Publication of that Pamphlet?

No.

This is the Entry: "Moved, that it be adopted at this Meeting;" at which you are said to be present. "Moved by Mr. Ruddock, and seconded by Mr. Toogood, that this Meeting will not recognise or hold intercourse with any Medical Practitioner who dishonours the Profession, by acting in opposition to the foregoing Resolution."

That was the very Day of the Formation of the Association.

When was that?

I do not remember.

You dissented from that?

From the Pamphlet.

Did you agree to that Resolution?

The Publication of the Pamphlet and the Formation of the Association had no Connexion with each other.

The Pamphlet was the Production of those Gentlemen?

I do not know who produced the Pamphlet.

It is stated to be published by Order of the Association?

It is.

But you are not aware that that was so?

No.

You never gave your Sanction to it?

Never.

Did you protest against its being published?

I was not aware that it was coming out.

When it was out did you make any Remonstrance?

I did.

To whom?

To Mr. Poole, who showed it to me.

Did Mr. Poole act as Honorary Secretary?

Yes.

Have you withdrawn from the Association in consequence?

Not formally, but I have not attended for many Months; I do not believe I have attended since I was appointed.

Is it still in existence?

I am not aware that it is; I am not aware that they have any Meetings now.

Why did you object to the Publication of this Pamphlet?

Because it contained many Assertions that I knew nothing of.

640 *And therefore you told Mr. Poole that you would not sign it?*

Yes; that I should not sign it, and would not authorize him to sign it on my Behalf.

You did not remonstrate with the Association?

No; I have not met them since.

Did you state the Ground of your Objection to sign it when you said "I will not sign it;" did you assign your Reasons for that Refusal?

No, I think not then; but when it was shown to me in Manuscript, which was by the way a very different Thing from that Pamphlet, then I did say that I dissented altogether from it, for I thought it was political.

That it arose from political Feelings?

That was what I said.

A Resolution was read to you at a Meeting at

which you were present, "Moved by Mr. King, and seconded by Mr. Poole, that this Meeting pledges itself not to accept any Appointment under the Poor Law Amendment Act without the Sanction of the Committee."

Had you the Sanction of the Committee for accepting the Office that you did accept?

I do not know that I attended to that.

Was that the Reason for your withdrawing from the Association?

I never have formally withdrawn, and I do not know really whether the Association is at this Moment in existence or not.

Have you ever received from the Association any Remonstrance in consequence of your having taken this District?

Never.

Have any of the active Members of the Association looked coolly upon you in consequence of your having taken this Office?

No, I do not think they have; I am as friendly with them as usual.

There has never been any thing like a Determination shown by them not to meet you professionally?

Not at all.

Do you consider yourself bound not to meet Mr. Ward?

No.

You would have no Objection to meet him?

I have met him since, but I do not see him once in Six Months. When they were removing the Children from North Petherton Workhouse to Bridg water Mr. Ward sent for me, and I met him.

Have you ever met him in private Practice?

No.

Was it in the last Summer that you met him?

I think in the Autumn.

When the Workhouse was at Petherton had you more to do than you have now?

Yes; but in addition to the 68l. they gave me something.

What did they give you in addition?

There was a Gratuity presented to every Medical Officer on account of the Influenza, and my Gratuity on account of the Influenza and for the Workhouse were thrown together.

What was the Gratuity that was made to you?

£15.

What did they give the other Medical Gentlemen?

Ten per Cent., I think.

If you had Ten per Cent: what would you have had?

Six Guineas for the Workhouse.

641 *Then the Workhouse was taken away from your District, which relieved you of a good deal of your Work, and the next Year you had 75l.?*

Yes

Now you have 87l.?

After Midsummer next.

How many Paupers were there in the Workhouse?

From Seventy to Eighty.

It was in the Town?

Yes; about Two hundred Yards from the Place where I lived.

From Seventy to Eighty on the Average?

Yes, I think so; not quite so many at the Commencement.

Was Amy Ellis Matron of the Workhouse at Petherton?

Yes.

Do you remember a certain Person of the Name of Harriet Binden in the Workhouse at Petherton?

Yes.

She was in a very feeble State of Health, and you ordered her some Tea and Sugar and Butter?

Yes; I remember her Case.

Did you ascertain whether immediately upon your ordering her those Things she got them?

I believe it was in the Case of Harriet Binden that I had occasion to remonstrate to the Board.

In what Way did you remonstrate, and upon what Subject?

About the Omission to send the Two or Three Articles.

To what Extent did that Omission go, how long did it last, and was there any Omission as to the Quantity, or was it only as to the Time of providing the Articles that were ordered?

I do not think that my Note in the Book applied only to Harriet Binden, but Two or Three Times Articles had been omitted to be sent.

Whose Fault was that?

Gover's, I understood.

When you had ordered those Things and they were not sent by Gover, did not Mrs. Ellis supply them from her own Store, and replace them in her own Store when they were sent by Gover?

I do not know.

Did you find the Patients suffer from the Want of the Articles that you had ordered?

No, I do not believe they had suffered; Mrs. Ellis used to send them in a Bason of Tea occasionally from her own Store.

Did you complain?

Yes, I did.

During the Time that you had charge of the Workhouse was there any Diarrhoea in it?

Yes.

To any Extent?

Yes, to some Extent for some Time.

What Time was that?

It lasted for only a few Days.

Had you any Deaths in consequence?

No; there was One Child who died some Time after being in the Workhouse, but he was brought from Bridgwater in a very bad State of Health.

He had the Diarrhoea at the Time of his being removed from Bridgwater?

Yes.

642 *Had you any Diarrhoea originating in the Petherton Workhouse?*

Yes.

Did the Diarrhoea spread in consequence of that Child being brought to the Workhouse?

No; the Child was brought after the Diarrhoea had ceased in a great measure.

Was the Diarrhoea prevalent in the Neighbourhood at the Time?

Yes; it was prevalent through the District with my private Patients.

Do you think that there was a greater Proportion of Cases in the Workhouse than in the Neighbourhood?

I think upon one Occasion there were Fifteen.

Do you think that was a greater Proportion than the Proportion in the District?

Yes, I think it was.

Is it catching?

I do not know; I think it may be where a great Number of Patients are confined together very closely.

Were they closely confined in the Workhouse at Petherton?

Not very.

Do you attribute any Part of that Diarrhoea to the Dietary?

When it set in, and I had Fifteen or Twenty Patients at once, I did think so.

In consequence of so thinking did you make any Remonstrance with respect to the Dietary, requesting that it might be varied?

It was just at th time when the Diarrhoea was raging at the Bridgwater Workhouse I desired the Matron, Mrs. Ellis, to get some Milk and give it to a Portion of them, and to allow the others to go on with the Oatmeal Gruel; and the Fact was that they all got well together.

You do not attribute the Diarrhoea to the Gruel?

No; I did at that Time, but I did not

afterwards.

Are the People in your Country accustomed to that Sort of Food?

No.

Have they any thing of that Sort; any Mixture of Flour and Water?

No.

What is their usual Food?

Potatoes.

Do not they drink a great deal of Tea?

Yes.

Is not that a very inferior Sort of Tea?

Yes; I believe it is low-priced Tea.

Do they eat Bread?

Yes, they eat Bread and Potatoes.

A considerable Quantity of Bread?

They eat more Bread now they are supplied by the Board than they did before.

Is not the common Food of that Country very much Potatoes?

Yes, a large Quantity of Potatoes.

Meat?

Very little.

Bacon?

Very little Animal Food of any Kind.

Are they well supplied with Milk in general?

No; the Poor get very little Milk with us.

643 *Do you think that the Gruel is as little likely to give them Diarrhoea as the Potatoes that they eat?*

I found Diarrhoea prevail upon the common Diet of the Country at the Time.

And therefore you regard it more as epidemic than any thing else?

Yes.

North Petherton is an open airy Country?

It is rather low; the Town of North Petherton is rather low.

And the Town of Bridgwater is very close, is it not?

The Town of Bridgwater is on a lower Level than North Petherton.

That Part is unhealthy at all Times, is it not?

No, I think not.

Is not the Part of the Town where the old Workhouse is situated very close?

No. it is not in the Town; it is on the South of Bridgwater, immediately outside the Gate; but not confined, excepting by its own Walls.

Is it near the River?

Perhaps 200 or 300 Yards from the River.

It is a Tide River?

Yes.

And leaves muddy Banks?

Yes.

In consequence of this Diarrhoea did you make any Representations to the Guardians upon the Subject of the Dietary; and was the Dietary, in fact, altered?

I made no Representation to the Guardians in consequence of their all getting simultaneously well.

Was the Dietary altered?

There was a Change in the Dietary, but that was some Time after; not in consequence of any Representation of mine.

That was when the Bridgwater Workhouse was completed?

Yes; some Time after, I know.

Have you lived for Twelve Years at the Place you reside at now?

I have, with very little Intermission.

Had you any Parish under your Charge before the new Poor Law?

I had the Parish of North Petherton.

Did they allow you so much a Head there for Midwifery Cases?

Yes, they gave me a Guinea per Head before.

And you always attended those Cases yourself?

Yes, always.

You never employed a Midwife, and paid her for attending Cases?

No.

Is it the Practice in that Country in a great many Cases for the Labourers to employ Midwives to attend their Wives?

Yes.

Have you never known Cases where a Medical Man has taken a Sum from the Parish, and employed a Midwife to attend the Pauper?

No.

You attended North Petherton before the new Law?

Yes.

What is the Population?

About 3,600.

644 *What did you receive for that?*

Forty Guineas for the Parish and the Workhouse, and a Guinea for each Case of Midwifery; if they sent me out of the Parish to attend a Pauper I had 5s, for my Journey.

Then you had suspended Orders?

I had not One.

How many were there in the Workhouse in the Parish of North Petherton prior to the passing of the new Poor Law upon the Average?

I do not know; I should say Thirty or Forty, but they were not Children.

Was Mrs. Ellis the Matron then?

Yes; and her Husband was perpetual Overseer. I do not know whether she was employed as Matron; she did attend the House.

Do you think that the Poor are as well taken care of under the new Poor Law Amendment Act as they were under the old System?

The sick Poor certainly are.

They are as well taken care of when they are ill as they were under the old System?

I should say better.

You say you took Petherton for Forty Guineas a Year and a Guinea for each Case of Midwifery; comparing that with your present Salary for the District you have, which is the better Thing?

In the Parish of Petherton I was constantly employed to see private Patients, whereas now I am called into Parishes that I have no Occasion to go into at all on other Accounts.

It was much easier for you to attend the Parish of Petherton?

Yes.

But, taking the Amount of the Population of the Parish of Petherton and the Population of your present District, which do you think would be the better Thing?

The Population is not doubled now, and the Salary will be doubled for the ensuing Year.

Then you have longer Distances to go?

Yes.

Have you found yourself under the Necessity of giving up or refusing any private Practice in consequence of your increased Duties?

No, I do not know that I have given up any private Practice; I have certainly considerably more to do, and I have much harder Work.

When you signed the Circular on the 2d of June what Names were then signed to it?

I do not know what Names there were to it; I think there were Three or Four

At that Time were the Names attached to the PostScript?

Some were, I believe.

Some of the Names attached to the Postscript were then signed when You signed it?

I believe they were.

How many of them?

I do not know.

Do you recollect what Names they were?

I do not. I was not the First who signed it.

Those Gentlemen who sanctioned your Letter by this Postscript were senior Practitioners in the District, were they?

Some of them, not all.

645 Mr. Jonathan Toogood?

Yes.

Mr. Axford?

Yes.

Mr. Haviland?

Yes.

Mr. Stradling?

Yes.

Mr. J. Toogood?

Not Mr. John Toogood; he is my junior; Jonathan is my senior.

Mr. J. C. Parker?

He is my junior.

Mr. Gill?

He is my junior.

Mr. Poole?

He is my junior.

Mr. Robert Baker?

He is my junior.

The Four first Names attached to that Letter were the leading Practitioners in that District?

Yes.

And those Names were signed to that Postscript before you signed it?

Yes.

Your Name stands Second in the Signatures; Mr. King's Name is First, and then your Name?

Yes.

Did Mr. Abraham King sign at the same Time you did?

Not at the same Time.

Do the Committee understand you rightly that the Four leading Practitioners of the District had signed the Postscript, sanctioning the Letter which you signed, before any other Signature was attached to it but Mr. King's?

Before I signed it.

This is the original Letter; your Name is Second?

I signed Second, but there was a Space left for me to sign.

Are you senior to those whose Signatures appear below yours?

I am senior to every One of them.

Can you recollect whose Names were signed to that Paper at the Time you signed it?

I believe they were all there, with the Exception of Addison and Caswell; the major Part of the Nine annexed Signatures were signed before I signed.

And the Four Names of the leading Practitioners in the District were there when you signed it?

I believe they were.

Was it sent to you to be signed?

Yes, it was; I signed it at North Petherton.

Did you understand before that it was to be sent to you, or was that the first Time you had seen it?

That was the first Time that I had seen it.

Do you recollect what Day that was?

No.

How did it come to you?

I believe it was Mr. Parker's Servant brought it.

646 *If you had not seen the Names of those Four senior leading Practitioners should you have been inclined to sign your Name in common with the other Six, asking for a larger Salary?*

Yes, I should.

You felt thoroughly convinced that that Application was reasonable?

Yes

But you had more Confidence from seeing the other Signatures, in the Postscript?

Yes.

You thought yourself more likely to succeed when the Medical Gentlemen of longer Experience in the District sanctioned it?

Yes.

Are there many Paupers who, under the old Law, received Medical Assistance at the Expense of the Parish who now pay for it themselves?

No, I think not.

You think as many are paid for at the Expense of the Parish as formerly?

Yes; I have none pay me whom I have formerly attended as Paupers.

Have you any Medical Clubs?

No.

Were they attempted in your District?

In the Union there was some Stir made about it, but not in my District.

Are there as many, or nearly as many, attended at the Expense of the Parish as were formerly?

I think so; none of those whom I ever attended before the Union now pay me.

If they are receiving Medical Advice it is at the Expense of the Parish?

Yes.

Are those Persons relieved by you in consequence of the Order of the Relieving Officer, or from Charity on your Part?

I thought it my Duty to attend them, because I had known them ever since I had been in the Parish to be Paupers.

Do you consider them to come within your Contract with the Guardians?

Yes.

Are those Persons attended by you in consequence of any verbal or written Order from the Overseer or

Relieving Officer?

No.

You are in the habit, if you consider them Paupers, to attend them without any specific Order?

Yes, I do, in North Petherton.

With regard to the rest of your District?

With regard to the rest of the District I insist upon their bringing an Order.

By whom do you expect to be paid where you do not receive an Order?

To many perhaps, who are not decidedly Paupers, that we never think of entering in our Book, we give Advice.

Do you do it as private Charity?

I know that they never can pay.

You have a different Rule with respect to the Parish of North Petherton and the other Parishes in the District?

I did at first, in Petherton, insist upon an Order.

Now you attend Persons whom you consider Paupers without any Order?

Yes.

That is done at your Loss?

I do not consider it any Loss, for I should never be paid otherwise

647 *Do you consider them to come within your Contract with the Guardians?*

Yes, I do. -

It is a usual Practice, in Cases of Paupers that are ill, to have a written Order from the Relieving Officer?

It is usual.

In your District, when a Pauper is entitled according to the Rules of the Board to receive Medical Relief, he first obtains an Order from the Relieving Officer?

At first I did insist upon it for a little Time, but I gave it up afterwards, because they had to go sometimes a great Distance to the Overseer for an Order.

Do you mean that those Cases that you are now mentioning, which you say you attend and think it your Duty to attend, could have obtained an Order from the Relieving Officer if they had gone to him?

Yes, they could.

Do you mean to say that you attend others who do not come within the Rule by which Relief is administered in the District?

No; those whom I should consider could not get an Order I should not attend.

The Witness is directed to withdraw.

Mr. RICHARD BEADON RUDDOCK is called in, and examined Mr. R. B. Ruddock. as

follows: --

YOU are a Surgeon?

Yes.

Where do you live?

At Nether Stowey.

Is that in the Bridgwater Union?

It is.

In the Year beginning June 1836 and ending June 1837 had you the Charge of any Medical Districts of that Union?

I had.

Of what?

I had the Nether Stowey District.

What was the Population of it?

I cannot state; it was under 2,000.

1,808?

I think it was.

What was your Salary?

25l.

How long have you been settled at Stowey?

I settled in Stowey when I took the District.

Had you been settled in any other District?

I had not.

Where had you been an Apprentice?

I was apprenticed at Yatton in the Neighbourhood of Bristol.

You were a Stranger at Bridgwater?

My Father lived in the Neighbourhood, within Five Miles of Nether Stowey.

Was he a Surgeon?

He was a Clergyman.

Were there any other Candidates for that District when you took it?

There were not.

648 *When you had taken it where did you reside?*

At Nether Stowey; I entered into Partnership with an old Medical Man there.

Who was he?

Mr. Henry Francis King.

Is he there now?

He is.

And you are still his Partner?

I am.

Your Salary was 25l., you say?

It was.

What Distances had you to go in that District?

The greatest Distance I should think was Five Miles.

In consequence of your becoming Mr. King's Partner and taking this District were there any more Horses kept by Mr. King and you than Mr. King had previously kept?

Mr. King was in the habit of keeping only One Horse, and when I lived at Stowey. I kept One Horse also, which made Two Horses.

If you had not taken that District would it have been necessary for you to have kept One Horse?

I think One Horse would have done.

Do you mean to say that you and Mr. King were put to the Expense of One Horse which you would not otherwise have been put to?

I cannot of course say whether I should not otherwise have kept it.

Would the Salary of 25l. have kept that Horse?

No, certainly not.

Have you any Notion what it cost you in the prime Cost of Drugs for the Pauper Patients during that Year?

I cannot say for certain.

With your Salary of 25l. a Year do you apprehend that you had any Remuneration for your Trouble, after covering your Expenses?

Certainly not.

What induced you then to take it at that Rate?

I wished to settle in the Neighbourhood where my Family were known. I had been at home for a Twelvemonth doing nothing, therefore I was anxious to be doing something.

You wished to get into Practice?

I did wish to get into Practice.

You thought it would lead to Practice?

No, I did not think it would lead to Practice, for my Partner had attended these Parishes before the Formation of the Union.

These same Parishes?

Yes.

What had he got for attending them before the Union?

I think the Salary was 12l for Nether Stowey, and 7l. for Asholt, and 7l for Over Stovey, and 5l. for Fiddington. I will not be sure on that Subject, but I think that was the Salary fixed, and he was paid for Midwifery Cases and Casualties in addition.

What was he paid for Midwifery Cases?

A Guinea a Case.

What do you mean by Casualties?

Surgical Cases.

You were to be paid separately for Midwifery Cases?

649 *How much?*

10s. a Case.

So the following Year you took this Nether Stowey District again, did you not?

I did; there were some other Parishes added.

Were Stowey and Cannington kept together?

They were.

And given to you at the same Time?

At the same Time; and I was appointed to the whole of the District with the Understanding from the Board. Mr. Poole, who held the Cannington District the former Year, should take that the Second Year.

That was understood between you and Mr. Poole?

It was.

You took the Stowey District upon that Occasion, with a Population of 3,226, for a Salary of 25l.?

When the Two Districts were thrown together the Salary was made 80l. for the Two, which gave me 48l., Mr. Poole 32l.; the Salary of 45l. was fixed in the first place, the Two Districts were thrown together, and 5l. were added.

When were you appointed?

I forget the Day.

14th of July?

I think that was the Day, but I cannot speak confidently.

You took the Two Districts at 80l, and let Mr. Poole have the Cannington District?

That was temporary; the Board divided the Districts afterwards.

Who settled the Salaries?

Mr. Poole and I settled. I was paid in the Proportion of Three Fifths, and Mr. Poole Two Fifths, and the 5l. was divided in the same Proportion.

Have you taken the District again?

I have.

What is your Salary to be next Year?

48l.

The same as you took it for before?

Yes.

And you have much more Business thrown upon you in consequence of the Addition to the District?

There is a considerable deal more.

Do you apprehend that it is better paid now than it was in 1836 and 1837?

The Salary is increased, but I do not consider it a fair Remuneration now.

Then if that is the Case why did you continue, having taken it for a Year by way of Experiment and that Year having been completed?

I was a young Man just settled there, and of course it would have been extremely unpleasant

for me if another Medical Man had come there and taken the District.

Then it was from a Fear of the Intrusion of some one else, and not for the Sake of Profit, that you again took the District?

Yes, it was.

Had you any Conversation, during the First Year of your taking the District with any of the Guardians privately, or with the Board, with respect to the Remuneration being less than it ought to be?

If I recollect right we had some Conversation with the Chairman.

What was that Conversation?

He said that the First Year was a Year of Probation, and that neither Party knew much about the Matter. I do not know that those were the very Words, but that in the Second Year but 650 that in the Second Year, if we were not satisfied, our Salaries would be raised.

Can you recollect upon what Occasion it was that that Conversation passed between you and the Chairman?

I cannot.

Were there more People present than yourself and the Chairman?

If I recollect right it was in the Presence of the Board of Guardians, and other Medical Men, besides myself.

What Day was that?

I do not know.

Can you tell what Month it was?

I should suppose it was when we were appointed in the first place; I cannot speak to the Time.

But your Impression is that it was in the Presence of the Board?

Yes.

Try to recollect whether it was when you were first appointed or not?

I really cannot remember when it was.

What other of the Medical Persons besides yourself remonstrated upon the Subject of these Salaries?

The Impression upon my Mind is that it took place before the Board of Guardians, when the other Medical Men were present.

Before you were appointed, or after?

Before we were appointed.

Then it must have been after you were appointed?

I cannot speak confidently that it was.

You must recollect whether it was previous to your First Appointment, or previous to your Second Appointment; was it when you were called in in 1837 to consider about the new division of the Districts?

That was at the End of the First Year; it was not then; my Impression is that it was at the Beginning of the First Year.

Your Impression is that it was in the Presence of the Board of Guardians?

It is.

And upon a Remonstrance upon your Part of the Smallness of the Salaries?

Yes.

Then at the End of the First Year you signed a Paper directed to the Chair. man of the Board of Guardians of the Bridgwater Union, complaining of your

Salaries for the preceding Year?

I did.

Who brought you that Paper to sign?

I cannot speak confidently on that Subject.

Did you at that Time belong to an Association called "The Bridgwater Medical Association"?

I became a Member about that Time, but I forget when it was.

Had you ever attended a Meeting of the Association before you signed that Paper?

I think not.

Can you recollect whether you became a Member of that Association before or after you signed that Paper?

Really I cannot remember when it was.

Do you remember any Resolution or Direction of that Medical Association recommending or calling upon any Surgeons who had taken the District sign such a Paper?

Certainly not

651 *Do you apprehend that it was done of your own free Will, or was it done by Mr. R. B. Ruddock. the Recommendation of other Persons?*

By our own free Will.

That Paper was also accompanied by certain Recommendations on the Part of other Medical Gentlemen?

It was.

Are they Members of the Association?

I believe they are now, but I forget what Medical Gentlemen signed it.

Mr. Jonathan Toogood, Mr. Henry Axford, Mr. James Haviland, Mr. E. A. Stradling, Mr. J. G. Toogood, Mr. J. C. Parker, Mr. J. Gill, Mr. T. J. Poole, Mr. Robert Baker?

I believe the greater Proportion of those are Members of the Association.

Do you know whether they were at that Time?

I do not.

Do you know the Object of their signing such a Paper as that?

I do not.

You do not know what it was that occasioned their Signatures?

I do not.

Do you know when you signed the Paper whether this Paper signed by those other Persons was shown to you?

I cannot state whether it was or not.

Was it suggested to you that that Paper having been signed by the Seniors in your Profession you ought to sign the other Paper?

Certainly not.

Then in point of fact you did not sign the Paper in consequence of seeing the Names of those Persons who were older in the Profession than yourself?

Certainly not.

Had you not seen the Names of Toogood and Haviland and the other attached to the Postscript?

I cannot say whether I had or not at the Time I signed it.

Were you aware of their having signed it?

I cannot speak confidently upon that Subject.

You were ignorant of the Existence of such a Postscript?

I forget whether it was shown to me.

Had you heard of it?

I heard of it then or afterwards.

Is that your Signature? (The original Letter being shown to the Witness.)

Yes.

If anything had been written at that Time upon that Side you must have seen it?

Of course I must have seen it.

Do you recollect whether you did see it or not?

I do not remember whether it was there or not.

Are the Committee to understand from you that the Addition of those Names to that Recommendation was not the Motive which induced you to sign that Paper?

My Motive to sign the Paper was because my Salary was not sufficiently high.

In short for the Reasons stated in the Letter which you signed?

Yes.

And the Authorities quoted here did not lead you to express that Opinion?

No.

652 *When you were aware that those Nine other Medical Gentlemen had signed — it you probably entertained better Hopes that you might succeed in getting a larger Salary when your Letter was sanctioned by the principal Medical Men in Bridgwater?*

I forget what was my Opinion at the Time.

Did you not think that the unanimous Opinion of the Medical Men in Bridgwater would give you a better Hope of succeeding?

I should think such a Paper coming from the old established Medical Men would induce the Board to raise the Salaries, certainly.

Those old Practitioners not being likely to apply themselves with a view to be appointed by the Guardians?

I believe none of them applied.

What Day was it that you took the Cannington and Stowey Districts; was it the first Day that it was advertised for, the 15th of June?

No, not on that Day; the 14th of July, I think.

Where did you sign that Letter?

If I remember right I signed it at my own House.

Did you know that it was coming before it came?

I do not think I did; I cannot speak confidently.

Where is your own House?

At Nether Stowey.

Do you know who brought it to you?

No, I do not.

Did any Message come with it?

Really I forget whether there was any Message with it or not.

Do you know how many Names were to it; were all the Places for Names filled up before you signed it?

I signed next to the one above it.

You do not know whether you knew of its coming beforehand?

I do not.

Had you heard of such a Letter?

I have no Doubt that I was aware that the Letter was to be written to the Board of Guardians; I cannot speak confidently upon that.

Who suggested it in the first instance?

I do not know who suggested it.

Do you recollect from whom you had heard that there was such a Letter to be written to the Board?

I do not.

Was it Mr. Abraham King?

I do not know who it was.

Was it Mr. Parker?

I do not know whether it was he or not. I cannot speak positively as to who sent me the Letter.

Mr. Jonathan Toogood?

I do not know who it was.

You do not know who suggested it?

No, I do not.

What then induced you to expect that Letter to be sent?

I am not exactly confident that I expected the Letter. I am not quite sure upon that Point.

Did you read it before you signed it?

I did.

653 *What Names were attached to it when you signed it?*

There were Two or Three Names to it, the Names that appear to be above mine now.

And you signed it without seeing the Paper on the other Side?

I do not know.

You do not know whether you read the Postscript?

I forget whether it was there or not.

Are you aware whether Mr. Tilsley had signed before you signed, or was there a Blank left for his Name?

Certainly not; no Blank.

Do you think he had signed?

If his Signature is above mine I have no Doubt he had.

Look at the Original?

[The Witness examines the origin]

I think I am confident that those Three Names, Mr. King's, Mr. Tilsley's, and Mr. Evered Poole's, were signed before I signed mine.

You are confident there was not a Blank left there for Mr. Tilsley's Name?

I am not aware that there was a Blank left.

Do you think the Postscript could have been written upon that Page without your seeing it?

Certainly not; if it was there I must have seen it, but I cannot say whether it was there or not.

You are a Son of the Reverend Mr. Ruddock?

I am.

It was not he who suggested this Letter?

Certainly not.

There was a Second Letter, upon the 6th of June, that you signed; that was a much longer Letter?

There was a Letter after this; I forget the Date.

Did you read that before you signed it?

I did.

When that was brought to you to sign you would perceive that you, who signed it, stated that you had heard vague Reports of your being charged with uncandid and improper Conduct; what were those Reports that you had heard?

I forget what they were.

Some one had told you that there were such Reports, and what those Reports were?

I remember hearing that there were such Reports.

What were they that seemed to affect you all so much as to induce you to sign the Second Letter; was it any Expression that had been used at any Meeting of the Board of Guardians?

I think it was.

Cannot you tell the Committee what it was that was stated to have been said at the Board of Guardians?

I cannot.

Who told you of those Charges having been made?

If I remember right I heard it at Bridgwater after the Meeting of the Board of Guardians; but I forget who told me of it; there were Medical Men there and Members of the Board of Guardians as well.

There were several of the Medical Men present?

Yes.

654 *Where was that?*

There was no Meeting.

Where were you assembled?

On the Cornhill at Bridgwater.

In the open Street?

Yes.

Was that near where the Board of Guardians met?

Not very far from it.

Was it after the breaking up of the Board?

I do not know whether it was after the breaking up of the Board, or while the Board was sitting.

What Time of the Day was it?

I think in the Afternoon.

How late?

Perhaps Five o'Clock.

You do not know whether the Board had broken up at that Time?

No.

You do not know who came from the Board and mentioned what had passed?

I do not.

Are you sure you do not?

I am.

You remember making an Offer to attend the Poor gratis till some other Arrangement could be made; that was not accepted?

It was not.

And you were directed to attend the Poor as private Patients, and to charge accordingly?

Yes.

You attended the Poor in that Way?

Yes.

What was the Amount of your Bill for so doing?

About 35l. or 36l.; I forget the exact Sum.

That was considerably more than you received as Salary for the whole Year?

Yes,

Was your Bill demurred to?

It was,

What became of that Bill; has it ever been paid?

Part of it.

How much has been paid; was it settled by Reference?

It was settled by the Board after Mr. Poole's Trial.

Did they make the same Deductions from all the Bills?

Mine was paid in the same Proportion as Mr. Poole's,

Three Quarters?

Yes; I think it was.

You made a Tender afterwards of your Services to the Board, and in that Tender you offered to give up the Amount of your Bill in case you were appointed to your District?

Yes.

But you made an Offer to the Board, that if they would give you a certain Sum your Bill should be cancelled?

Yes.

655 *You were elected to this District; when was that?*

I think it was about the 14th of July.

Were all the Medical Gentlemen that had signed these Papers present in Attendance at the Board in a Room by yourselves?

I believe we were; but as to all being there I cannot speak positively.

The major Part of them?

Yes.

When you were Proposed were you told anything by the Board at the Time With respect to any Division that had taken place upon your Election, or any Proceedings at that Time?

No.

You knew nothing of what had passed in the Board of Guardians with respect to your Election?

No; I was called into the Room, and appointed to the District.

That is all you knew about it?

I understood there was a Division.

What was that Division?

I think there was a Majority of One against me, if I remember right.

There was another Candidate elected in your Room?

Yes.

How came he not to hold that Appointment?

I do not know.

When did he resign it?

After the Meeting.

Before you had all left the Place?

No; I was in Bridgwater at the Time when he resigned it.

Then they elected you?

Yes.

And informed you of it?

Yes.

And you were allowed to divide it with Mr. Poole?

Yes.

They did not think it necessary to call upon you to give up your Bill, but paid you Three Fourths of it. You had offered to give up your Bill upon certain Terms; what were those Terms?

4d. or 4½d. a Head; I think those were the Terms.

Supposing you had taken the District at 4d. a Head, what Difference would there have been between your present Salary and the Amount of the Sum that 4d. a Head would have come to?

I think that 4d. a Head would bring it to 62l. or 63l.

For the Cannington and Stowey Districts?

No, for the Stowey only; but I forget what it would be at 4d. a Head.

Then you took it on for another Year till the 24th of June?

Yes.

If it was so much below your Offer of 4d. a Head how came you to continue your Services now at that Rate?

A Medical Man in the Country has hardly any Alternative; he must either take his District, or if he allows another Medical Man to come in it is impossible to say, when that Medical Man comes in, how much of my private Practice he may take away.

That Motive induces you to take the District now?

Yes.

Not on account of any Emolument that arises from it?

No.

656 *Perhaps you think the fair Emolument would have been to allow you to charge at the same Rate for the Year as you charged for the Three Weeks?*

If we were to take them as private Patients.

Do you think you would receive a fair Emolument for the District?

Yes

Do you mean to say that nothing less than that would be a fair Emolument to you?

I do not mean to say that.

Do you know whether in your Country it is at all the Practice for the Medical Men to contract with Families for common Attendance upon them?

I understand that Mr. King of Bridgwater does so.

Do you know whether in other Parts they do the same Thing?

No. I will not speak confidently, but I have some Idea that Mr. John Poole of Bridgwater has done so; but I will not speak confidently upon that Point,

In such Cases the Contract made with you is upon lower Terms than you charge Persons whom you visit casually?

I never have made any such Contract myself.

Have you heard the Nature of those Contracts?

Yes, I have.

Is the Nature of those Contracts that the Medical Man contracts for a less Sum than would be due to him if he visited the Patients, and charged for every Visit and for every Medicine that he gave?

It is less.

During those Three Weeks for which you made out your Bill was your District sickly or not?

It was more sickly than usual.

You signed a Letter stating that there were some Reports; cannot you bring to your Memory what the Nature of those Reports was?

If I remember right I heard the Term Assassin applied.

To what?

To the Medical Men.

They said they killed their Patients; is that what you mean?

I do not know what they meant when they applied the Word Assassin.

How had the Word Assassin any reference to the Medical Gentlemen?

If I remember right we were considered similar to Assassins.

Upon what Account?

I do not know; I did not hear.

Did you inquire what it meant?

No.

Do you know who applied that Term?

I do not; I cannot speak positively.

Who told you that you had been called Assassins?

I do not know.

Did you hear that People had said that the Medical Men in that Part of the Country had met together, and combined to make the Guardians give them as much as the Medical Men thought fit; was that one of the Reports?

It was, I believe.

Was there any Foundation at all for that Report? .

We did not mean to make the Board of Guardians give what we thought fit.

But you met to make an Agreement among yourselves not to serve unless you got what you thought right?

The Object of our Meeting was not out of Opposition to the Board of Guardians, it was to maintain the Respectability of the Profession.

657 *What is to increase the Amount of the Salaries?*

To increase the Salaries to what we considered a fair and proper Remuneration.

Therefore other Persons, who were not aware of your Motives, chose to say that that was a Combination to make the Board of Guardians give the Price that you asked?

I believe they did.

Was it not in fact a Combination to make the Board of Guardians give what you asked?

I do not consider it a Combination.

It was not a Combination, but a Plan to make the Board of Guardians give what you asked?

Our Object in meeting was to get a proper Remuneration for our Services.

Had you asked any particular Sum at the Time when the First Letter was Written?

I do not think we had.

Then supposing it to have been an Attempt to control the Guardians with respect to the Salaries, was it merely a Declaration upon your Part that you would not serve unless you were properly remunerated, or was it insisting upon any particular Sum as the Amount which you thought you ought to receive?

We offered a Sum.

What Sum?

Our Tender stated if I recollect right.

Had you tendered before that?

If I recollect right we had not tendered before the Second Letter.

Then you had not tendered at the Date of the First Letter?

No.

That Letter was written in consequence of the Advertisement of the 21st of May?

Yes, I believe it was; I do not remember Dates.

Had you at that Time fixed any Sum which you thought would be a Remuneration for your Services, or did your Letter refer merely to a proper

Remuneration?

Yes; I had not fixed any Sum in my own Mind.

And you were prepared to discuss with the Board the proper Remuneration?

Yes.

Had you not thought among yourselves what would be the proper Remuneration?

Decidedly not.

You had not decided that 4d. or 4½d. per Head would be the proper Remuneration?

I do not think we had till the last Letter was written.

Were you led to expect that a greater Remuneration would be given you in the Second Year than the First Year?

Yes.

Were you influenced in the Course of the Proceedings which you adopted by any Feeling upon your Part that there was an Indisposition on the Part of the Board to fulfil the implied Contract which they had entered into to give you increased Salaries?

Yes.

Had you been led to understand by general Rumour, or by any thing that fell from any of the Gentlemen composing the Board, that it was not their Intention to give you . increased Salary?

I expected that the Salary would have been raised, and I heard nothing to the contrary.

658 *Are you not aware that the Board of Guardians is a fluctuating Body, that the same Members do not compose the Board in one Year and the next Year?*

I am aware of that.

At any Meeting did you decide that you would not do the Duty unless the Sum was raised; was there an Agreement among yourselves that none of you would take the Tenders unless they were increased?

I believe there was.

Do you see any Difference between the Journeymen Tailors in London meeting and refusing to work at less than 15s. per Week, and the Medical Men of the Bridgwater Water Union meeting together and saying that they will not undertake the Care of the Poor unless their Salaries are increased?

I consider that the Journeymen Tailors have One Object in view, and I consider that the Medical Men had Two Objects in view; I consider the Object of the Journeymen Tailors is to be repaid for their Trouble, and I consider the Object of the Medical Men is to be repaid for their Trouble and also to maintain their Respectability in Life.

Should you not think that the Journeymen Tailors have a Right to demand what they think a

Remuneration for their Trouble?

I cannot give an Opinion upon that Subject.

Has he not a Right to ask what he thinks his Labour is worth?

Certainly. Yes.

And you estimate your Labour according to your Education and the Profession in which you are serving?

Yes.

Did any Gentleman who met and agreed break his Faith with the Gentlemen of the Profession, and did he tender and accept a District at a lower Rate than that which had been settled by you before?

I believe none of the Medical Men broke their Faith; we all did tender, I believe.

Have none of you maintained that Resolution; was there not an Agreement that you would not take a District?

I have maintained my Resolution; I consider there was no Agreement till after the Second Letter.

Was there any Agreement that you would not take the Situation unless you were better remunerated?

Yes.

Did every Gentleman comply with that?

We took our Districts at a less Sum than the 4d. or 4½d. per Head.

There was a Tender made in the meantime?

When I wrote the Tender offering to do it at 4d, then I was appointed.

Was there any Coolness shown to you by any of the Medical Profession in consequence of your having taken the District at a less Sum than you had tendered to do?

Not that I am aware of.

Had you the Sanction of the Committee of the Association for accepting the Districts upon the Terms upon which you afterwards took them; was there a Committee of the Association?

If I remember rightly Mr. Toogood, Mr. Haviland, and Mr. Axford were appointed the Committee; we had their Sanction for what we did.

Did they fix any precise Sum, and no less a Sum for the District that you were to take possession of?

I think there was a Sum fixed.

659 *What was it?*

4d, or 4½d. per Head.

It was in consequence of that you made the Tender?

It Was.

What was it that induced you and others to agree upon 4d. a Head?

Because I thought it would be a fair

Remuneration.

That was never fixed till after you had written that Letter on the 2d of June?

I should say certainly not.

You were at the Meeting of the Association when this Resolution was come to: "That this Meeting pledges itself not to accept any Appointment under the Poor Law Amendment Act without the Sanction of the Committee"?

I believe I was at that Meeting.

Had you the Sanction of the Committee for accepting the Appointment you did accept?

I forget whether any thing passed between me and the Committee before I was appointed.

You having come to that Resolution you forget whether any thing passed with the Committee?

I forget whether any thing passed; I will not speak confidently upon that.

You agreed to that Resolution?

I did.

And you do not know that you had the Sanction of the Committee for your Appointment?

I do not think I had the Sanction of the Committee.

Has anything passed since between you and the Committee?

I do not think there has.

You did not adhere to that Resolution; you did not observe the Undertaking that you had entered into?

We took the Districts at a Salary fixed, supposing that our Bills would have been paid; and that would have made the Salaries equal to 4d. or 4½d. per Head, whichever it was.

Was that so understood by the Committee appointed at the Meeting; did you adhere to that Resolution?

I have no Doubt that we had the Sanction of the Committee.

Are you not sure whether you had or had not?

We had the Sanction of the Committee, I believe; and I considered that in undertaking to attend the District with the Salary which the Board fixed upon, and upon the Supposition that our Bills were to be paid, we were undertaking to do that which we had agreed to do.

That was sanctioned by the Committee, was it?

I believe it was.

Did you not yourself move the Resolution, "That this Meeting will not recognise or hold Intercourse with any Medical Practitioner who dishonours the Profession by acting in opposition to the foregoing Resolutions;" that is the Resolution to which you are now referring?

Yes.

Do not you know whether you have adhered to that Resolution, which was made and confirmed by a Resolution on your own Motion?

I believe we had the Sanction of the Committee.

Are you not sure?

I would not swear it.

You moved the Resolution, "That this Meeting will not recognise or hold Intercourse with any Medical Practitioner who dishonours the Profession by acting in opposition to the foregoing Resolutions; One of the

660 *Resolutions being, "That this Meeting pledges itself not to accept any Appointment under the Poor Law Amendment Act without the Sanction of the Committee." Do not you know whether you had the Sanction of the Committee?*

I do not.

Will you not undertake to say?

I will not swear.

Then you will not undertake to swear that you have not dishonoured the Profession; do you consider yourself to have dishonoured the Profession by taking charge of that District?

I think I have not dishonoured the Profession, because I considered that the Salary that the Board fixed, and our Bills, would be equal to the Tender that we had offered.

Do you know whether you have the Sanction of the Committee, or not, for so thinking?

I have said that I cannot be positive upon that Point.

And you moved "That this Meeting will not recognise or hold Intercourse with any Medical Practitioner who dishonours the Profession by acting in opposition to the foregoing Resolutions;" you moved that Resolution?

I did.

Would any thing but the Sanction of the Committee have released you from that Pledge?

No, I should think not.

After that Resolution was entered into by the Meeting did any Conversation amongst the Medical Gentlemen pass to this Extent, that you were prepared to make some Sacrifice upon your Part if the Board of Guardians were ready to make some Sacrifice on theirs; in other Words, that you were prepared to give up the Resolution that you would not take the Medical Attendance on such and such a Sum, but that you would take a smaller Sum if it would lead to a Compromise between the Parties: was there any Meeting among you, or did any thing take place to that Effect, as you seem not to have acted up to the Resolutions in taking a smaller Sum?

But I considered that the Salary which was

fixed by the Board and the Amount of our Bills were equal to the Salary which we had fixed.

When you had done all that you could to fix the Salary, did you consider that you had done all that was creditable to yourself, so that none of those with whom you acted could complain afterwards of it?

I do not consider that I have done any thing to dishonour those Resolutions.

By that 4th Resolution did you not feel yourself bound not to accept any Appointment under the Poor Law Amendment Act without the Sanction of the Committee?

I did.

Did you not move the subsequent Resolution, "That this Meeting will not recognise or hold Intercourse with any Medical Practitioner who dishonours the Profession by acting in opposition to the foregoing Resolutions"?

Yes.

Do you consider that accepting any Appointment under the new Poor Law Act without the Sanction of the Committee is contrary to the Resolutions?

Yes.

That being laid down, did you obtain that Sanction? or, do you conceive that the Result of your own Calculation of the annual Stipend for which you had agreed, together with the Payment of some anterior, might excuse you from the pre-requisite of obtaining the Sanction of the Committee?

I considered that when I wrote to the Board of Guardians offering to give up my Bill it was at the Meeting of the Committee, and that I had the Sanction of the Committee for so doing.

661 *Do you believe that any One of the Committee think you have degraded Mr. R. H. Ruddock. yourself, or have behaved dishonourably to them, if you have taken what is something better than 3½d. a Head, when you tried in vain to get 4d.?*

I think that the Salary which I had for the last Twelvemonth, with my Bill, would be a fair Remuneration for the Twelvemonth's Services.

You have taken the District again?

I was appointed.

Have you accepted it?

Yes.

Upon what Terms?

On the same Terms as last Year.

That is 80l. for the Two Districts between you and Mr. Poole?

The District is divided.

Which District have you?

The Stowey District.

What do you receive for that?

£48.

Do you consider that a fair Remuneration?

Certainly not.
Does that Association continue?
 It does.
Have you had the Sanction of the Committee for accepting that?
 I have not.
Have you ever asked for it?
 I have not. ,
Is the Committee now in existence?
 I do not know whether it is or not; we have not met for many Months.
The Association is in existence?
 Yes.
Do you consider that the Association has come to an End, that the Body from which the Resolutions emanated has ceased, and therefore that they are not binding?
 I did not consider them to last for ever.
How long were they to last?
 I do not know; I have never thought of that.
You do not consider that you are bound by them now?
 No, I think not
How long did you act upon those Resolutions?
 I do not know how long I acted upon them.
Have you acted upon them to a certain Extent?
 Yes.
You did act upon them to a certain Extent in the Case of Mr. Young, by refusing to have any Intercourse with him immediately upon his Acceptance of the Office?
 I do not know that I refused to hold any Intercourse with him.
Some of the Members of the Medical Association did, did they not?
 Not that I am aware of
In the Case of Mr. Ward did they not?
 I believe they did.
Have you had Occasion to be called upon to meet Mr. Ward?
 I have.
Did you meet him?
 I did.

662 *How often?*
 Once.
Did you make any Objection to meeting him?
 I did at first, but on consideration I felt that I could not disobey the Order of the Board; I thought I was obliged to meet him.
Did the Board order you to meet Mr. Ward?
 The Clerk of the Board wrote to me, saying that Mr. Ward would be at Stowey on the following Day, and desiring me to meet him; I

do not remember the exact Terms of the Letter.
You did so?
 Yes.
Did you ever meet him on any other Occasion?
 No.
Would you meet him with a private Patient?
 I do not think I should.
Do you think yourself bound to the other Medical Men, or is it any private Feeling of your own?
 I have no private Feeling of Hostility towards Mr. Ward.
Then it is from a Feeling that you are bound to the other Medical Men of the District not to meet Mr. Ward; is that the Reason?
 Yes.
When you were elected upon the 14th of July to the District were you called in to the Board and informed of the Election?
 Yes.
Was there any thing said upon the Occasion; such as asking you whether you would consent to meet this Gentleman, and whether you had been the Mover of this Resolution which has been spoken of?
 Nothing was said upon the Subject.
Had you a Woman of the Name of Charlotte Allen under your Care, a single Woman with a Child?
 I had; she had not a Child at that Time; she was pregnant when I was called upon to attend her.
That continued for some Time, did it not?
 It did.
To the 19th of June?
 I cannot say the Day from Memory.
How long did you continue, of your own Accord, your Attendance upon that Woman?
 I continued it as long as I thought necessary.
You discontinued it upon your own Judgment?
 Yes.
She was afterwards brought to Bed, was she not?
 She was, but I attended her after her Name appears in the Book; previous to her Confinement the Woman did not require Medicine; she was not very ill, and I attended her.
As a private Patient?
 I had no Order from the Board; I had no Order from the Relieving Officer to attend her; her Name was not inserted in the Book.
When she was brought to Bed did you attend her?
 No
When was it that you attended her?
 I will not be positive, for I have nothing about me by which I can tell; but if I remember right, the first Day I attended her was the 5th of June.

663 *Who had attended her in her Labour?*

I was told that Kitty Walker had attended her.

Was that a Midwife?

Yes.

Subsequently to that was any Application made to you to attend her?

Yes; on the Fourth or Fifth Day after she was confined.

In what State did you find her?

Very dangerously ill, labouring under what we call Puerperal Fever.

Was she hysterical?

I saw no hysterical Symptoms about her then.

Was she very weak?

She was very weak.

Did she suffer in any Way from any improper Proceeding in delivering her

She had a lacerated Perinaeum, and Prolapsus Uteri.

What do you call Hysteritis Simplex?

Hysteritis Simplex is Inflammation of the Womb.

That was what you found her labouring under when you visited her?

It was.

Did you examine her Person?

I examined her on the following Morning.

What Time of the Day was it that you were sent for?

I believe between Nine and Ten o'Clock at Night.

How long after her Confinement?

I cannot tell. I have Papers in Town which will tell me the Day of the Month; it was the Fourth or Fifth Day after.

Are the Times stated correctly in this Affidavit which is signed by Mr. Waites?

I have looked it over, but I forget the Dates; I cannot say whether it is correct or not.

You say that you were called upon at Ten o'Clock at Night; did you go that Night?

I did; I went immediately; at least I went that Night.

And you found her in the State that you have described?

Yes.

What did you do then?

I ordered her some Medicine, and the same Evening I went to see her again, and took my Partner with me.

How long did she remain in that State that you have described?

From Memory I cannot say.

This was after you had taken the District?

No; during this Time I was attending her as a private Patient.

You were charging by Bill at the Time?

Yes.

Had you an Order from the Relieving Officer to go to visit her?

Yes.

Did your Partner also examine her Person to ascertain what was the Matter with her?

Neither of us examined her that Night.

But when you did examine her were you alone, or was your Partner with you?

I was alone.

664 *Did your Partner at any Time examine her Person?*

So far as this, he examined her a few Days afterwards, the Date I forget. He was sent for in a great Hurry, the Person saying that something was the Matter with her; he went out to see her; this I had from him, and I believe I am correct in what I say, and he said he found a Prolapsus of the Uterus.

When you examined her before had you found that?

The Womb was down when I examined her.

Did he speak of the Laceration of the Perinaeum?

I forget whether he mentioned it or not, but I have no Doubt that he did.

You saw the Midwife at the Time when you examined her?

I am not sure that the Midwife was there at that Time; I saw her there in the course of the Day.

Had you any Conversation with her about Charlotte Allen's Case?

She might have asked what I thought of her.

Did she ask you what you thought of her Management of the Case?

No; I do not believe she did.

State, as well as you can, what the precise Thing was that she did state to you, and what your Answer was?

I cannot recollect; probably she asked me what I thought of her, and my Answer probably was that she was very dangerously ill.

Did you ever say to the Midwife that there was no Fault of hers in the Case?

I do not believe I did.

If she has said so is that the Truth or not? Cannot you remember whether you did say so or not?

No, I cannot.

Was it her Fault?

I cannot speak upon that.

Is it your Opinion that more Care or greater Skill would have saved this Woman from that Prolapsus or the Laceration of the Perinaeum?

Had she been attended by a Medical Man there would have been less Chance of that occurring; the general Opinion among Medical Men is that he would have prevented this occurring.

And so can a Midwife, can she not, if she knows her Business?

Yes, of course she may.

Was there any thing said to her by Mr. King, your Partner, in your Presence?

Not that I remember.

Did he say that it was no Fault of hers, for that the same Thing had happened after you and after himself upon other Occasions?

I heard him say that the same Case had occurred to him; whether she was present or not I do not know.

Was that to you that he said it, or to her?

I heard him say that; I do not know whom he spoke to.

What became of Charlotte Allen; is she well?

I have been told she is in the Bridgewater Workhouse.

Have you seen her lately?

About Six Weeks since.

What was her State then?

Her general Health was better.

Is she in a State "intolerably offensive" to those around her?

She is subject to Discharge; she told me at that Time that she was so.

665 *Do you mean to say that when you saw her so short a Time since she was then offensive?*

I do not know that she was at that Time, but she said she was subject to Discharge.

Is it then because she is subject to Discharge, that you suppose that she could not be subject to such a Thing without being offensive, or is it that you know that as a Fact?

I knew that as a Fact at the Time I was attending her.

You do not know her present State?

No.

Was this her first Child, do you happen to know?

I believe it was; I am not confident about that.

She is Thirty-one Years of Age?

Yes, about that, I believe.

Is not that rather a late Period of Life for the first Birth of a Child to take place, and may it not therefore be attended with Difficulty occasionally?

It may perhaps be more likely to occur at that

Age.

You said that you had met Mr. Ward once; was not that when he came to visit this Charlotte Allen?

It was.

When was that?

I forget when it was; I should suppose it was Three Months ago.

When you first attended Charlotte Allen was it for any Malady connected with her Pregnancy?

At that Time she was labouring under chronic Inflammation of the Liver.

That was not at all connected with her Pregnancy?

I should give it as my Opinion that it was increased by her Pregnancy.

You attended her by Order of the Relieving Officer?

I did.

And you continued to attend her for some Time?

Yes

Why did you discontinue your Attendance?

Because she was better.

You considered that she did not need your Attendance any longer?

No.

Was there any thing in the Nature of her Case which induced you to believe that it would be a difficult Labour?

From the violent Symptoms the Woman had had I thought it might be a difficult Labour.

How far had she gone in her Pregnancy?

I think she was in the Ninth Month.

She was just on the Eve of her Delivery?

It was about that Time.

That was in June 1837?

Yes.

Where did she live?

At Stowey.

Did she continue after this Delivery very ill for a long Time?

She did.

Did she continue to live at her own House?

Yes, at the Place where she was delivered.

Was she able to move?

She was confined to her Bed for many Weeks.

666 *Do you recollect how many Weeks?*

No, I cannot say.

Did she continue confined to her Bed till the Time of the Visit made to her by Mr. Ward?

I think she got up for a few Days.

And then was she obliged to be confined to her Bed again?

After that she had another Illness; she was worse after that : it was not another Illness, because she did not get well; it was an Affection of the Liver with constitutional Irritation as well as Prolapsus.

She continued to have this Prolapsus?

I do not know whether she had Prolapsus, she suffered violent Pain when she attempted to rise.

When a Prolapsus occurs does it cure itself?

Not if the Woman is standing or walking about.

If she lies in Bed does it cure itself?

Yes.

Does the Womb get into its natural State again?

Yes, certainly it does, if she lies long enough.

What was the Complaint for which she was confined to her Bed when Mr. Ward visited her, and met you at the House?

It was the Affection of the Liver; the Uterus was affected also.

She was affected by the Two Complaints at the Time that you met Mr. Ward?

Yes.

Did you or Mr. Ward examine her?

Neither of us examined her.

Had she received any Relief from the Parish?

I was told so.

Do you know of any Order coming for her Removal into the Workhouse?

I remember her telling me one Day that the Relieving Officer had said she must be removed. I did not consider she was in a proper State to be removed, and I wrote to the Relieving Officer to say so.

Was she removed at that Time?

She was not.

What became of her?

She remained in the same House Two Months or Three Months, it may have been after that, and I visited her.

Did a fresh Order come for her to be removed?

I do not know whether a fresh Order was received; I understood that it was stated that she was to go into the Workhouse.

Where did she go?

To some Relation.

How?

In a Cart, I believe.

Did it draw up to her Door?

I believe it did.

How far had she to go?

About Five Miles.

Up to this Time, had she been able to leave

her Bed, with the Exception of the few Days you have mentioned just now?

She had not been able to sit up, I believe.

She went away in a Cart out of the Union?

Yes.

667 *Have you seen her since?-*

Yes; about Six Weeks ago.

Where was she then?

At the House of a Relation, Five Miles from Stowey.

Was that the Place that she went to in a Cart?

Yes.

How was she?

Her general Health was improved.

Was the Prolapsus Uteri just the same?

I believe the Uterus was in its proper Place.

And she was recovered?

I think she was quite recovered, as far as the Prolapsus was concerned.

How came you to see her?

I wished to see how she was going on.

What has become of her since?

I have been told that she has been removed into the Workhouse.

Did she go back to Stowey?

I have not heard that she did.

At the Time that you were attending upon this Woman do you remember meeting Mr. Waites, the Relieving Officer of the Bridgwater Union, and asking him who was to attend her in her lying-in?

Yes, I do.

What did he answer to that?-

I think he said, "I do not know, but I suppose you will, Sir," or something of that Kind.

Did you apply to him for an Order to do so?

I did

You and Mr. King your Partner had attended her some Days before that?

Yes.

What was his Answer when you applied for an Order?

I think he told me that he could not let me have one, that he must apply to the Board.

Did you give my Reason why you thought you ought to be employed to deliver her?

I told him that I thought the Attendance of a Medical Man would be necessary.

What made you tell him so in this Case, as a Midwife is in the habit of attending other Cases?-

I conceived that it was necessary, because she was more liable to Accident, and that the Process of Labour would not be gone through in so natural a Way as if there had been no Illness with her.

And you had not sufficient Confidence in the Skill of the Midwife to trust her with the Case?

I do not know; I did not know any thing of her.

Then why, if you did not know the Midwife, did you object to her taking the Case?

Because I do not think the Midwives in the Country are ever sufficiently skilful to undertake difficult Cases.

Had you ever heard any thing to make you doubt the Skill of this particular Midwife?

I had not.

Or have you since?

I have since.

668 *Do you doubt her having been skilful on that Occasion?*

I do not consider that she showed any Skill upon that Occasion.

Did Mr. Waites say that he could not give you an Order, but that he must apply to the Board?

He did.

Did any Order come to you to attend her?

No; I asked Mr. Waites if he had got an Order.

And the first Thing you heard of her was that you were sent for after her Delivery, and you found that she had a Laceration of the Perinaeum and a Prolapsus Uteri?"

Yes.

Did you examine Charlotte Allen as to what Part of the Birth it was under which she suffered the most?

I think I have asked her since, and she has stated that it was during the Time that the Child was born.

Did she state that she considered herself improperly or unskilfully treated then or during the After-birth?

She expressed to me her Dissatisfaction with the Way in which she had been treated.

Did she tell you at the Time that she had got out of Bed the next Day?

I do not know that she told me; she has told me since that she did.

Were you aware of that Circumstance at the Time that the Pamphlet published by the Medical Association was written?

I cannot say.

Had she got out of Bed?

She had got out of Bed to make Water.

You are not aware that she got out of Bed for Three Days, and that the Nurse remonstrated with her?

She has since told me that she got out of Bed. *Would not that make a Difference?*

It may have made a Difference, but I should suppose that the Generality of Women get up to make Water.

We have not the Fact with that Reservation?

She has told me herself that she only got up to make Water.

Would not the quitting her Bed at so early a Period have been sufficient to cause that?

I do not consider that it would, had she been in a proper State; I do not consider that the Fact of her getting out to make Water would have produced the Prolapsus.

But she not being in a proper State, would not that have been sufficient to cause it?

I consider that if she had gone through her Labour naturally she might have got up, and still no danger have occurred.

As this appears to be a difficult Labour, does it not sufficiently explain the Prolapsus Uteri when you know that she got up and left her Bed?

I consider the getting up would not produce the Prolapsus; the Laceration of the Perinaeum would render her more liable to the Prolapsus.

And that the Prolapsus may have been in consequence of getting up?

I do not consider that it was.

It may have been?

It is possible.

But, from the whole of the Case, is it your Opinion that the Woman was properly delivered?

My Opinion is that she was not.

669 *And did you state to the Relieving Officer that it would be necessary to have a Medical Person to attend her?*

I did.

And he said, "I cannot give you an Order, but will apply to the Board"?

Yes

And he said she had been ill for some Time, and he supposed you would have to attend her?

Yes.

Kitty Walker was present when you first came, and you ordered some warm Water and Flannels to foment her Bowels with; did not Kitty Walker come the next Morning for Medicines?

She might have come; I do not know whether she did or not.

Are you quite sure that she did not come, and that you had no Conversation with her?

I think she came that Night for Medicine.

Had you any Conversation then with her as to the State of Charlotte Allen, and what had brought her into that State?

She might have asked me.

Was there any Question asked by her as to what there was in the Delivery which had occasioned those unfortunate Circumstances?

I do not remember there was at that Time; I was not aware of the Prolapsus and Laceration.

Did you say that it was no Fault of hers?

No; I do not believe I did.

You saw the Woman the following Morning?

Yes; first by myself.

And afterwards with Mr. King?

Yes.

Was Kitty Walker there when Mr. King was there?

I do not remember whether she was or not.

You knew Kitty Walker at that Time?

Yes; she might have been there; I cannot say.

Did you hear any Conversation between Kitty Walker and Mr. King?

No.

That was the Day on which you examined the Person of the Woman?

Yes.

Did Mr. King examine her?

Not then.

Had you and Mr. King any Conversation together with Kitty Walker?

Not that I remember.

If she has said that you and Mr. King together examined the Person of Charlotte Allen in her Presence, is that true, or is it not true?

I think when I saw her on the following Morning I was by myself.

That was on the Thursday, and then on the Friday you and Mr. King saw her?

I saw her on the Friday Morning first by myself, and afterwards with Mr. King.

Then upon that Occasion are you positive that Kitty Walker had no Conversation with Mr. King in your Presence?

I am not positive.

Did you and Mr. King examine her together?

I do not think we did.

670 *You must know whether you and Mr. King did examine her or not together at any Time.*

I will not swear that we did not examine her together, but my Opinion is that we did not do so.

You are not sure that you did not?

I would not swear it. On the following Morning when I examined her Mr. King was not with me.

Then on the next Day Mr. King went, with you, and it is stated that you together examined the Person of Charlotte Allen in the Presence of Kitty

Walker, the Midwife, and that the Appearance was very different from what it had been when she was examined by Mr. Waites?

I am almost positive that I was alone when I examined her.

Can you say that Mr. King ever examined her at all?

He examined her so far as this, that one Day, when I was from Home, the Nurse came down to say that something was the Matter, and he went up and found that the Uterus had fallen down.

Was that before or after you had examined her?

Some Days afterwards; this is what Mr. King tells me.

That you know from Mr. King?

Yes.

This was during the Time that your Bill was to be paid for as for private Patients?

The first Part of the Attendance was.

Up to what Period?

I believe the last Day we attended her as a private Patient was the 14th of July.

Was it after 14th or 15th of July that you found her in this State which you have been mentioning?

It was before that.

Then it was during the Time that you were to be paid for her as a private Patient?

It was.

How long had you continued after that?

I attended her backwards and forwards during the whole Time she remained at Stowey.

How long did you attend her daily?

I cannot say.

Was it in consequence of the State in which you found her that you begged of Mr. King to go and see her?

It was.

Have you ever given an Opinion to the Effect, that the State in which she was then would be irremediable, and would render her miserable for the rest of her Life?

I do not know whether I have or not.

Is it your Opinion that it will be so, or was it your Opinion that it would be so at the Time?

My Opinion is, that that Laceration is not remediable.

And that it will be the Cause of Suffering to her for the rest of her Life?

Yes, I think so.

Intolerably offensive to those around her?

The last Time I saw her she told me she was subject or liable to unpleasant Discharges.

Is it your Opinion that she will be intolerably

offensive to those around her for the Remainder of her Life?

If she is subject to those Discharges she will.

671 *Are those only occasional?*

Yes.

Is she in such a State of Weakness that she can stand up for only a few Minutes at the Time?

She told me the last Time I saw her that she could do no Labour.

This Case of Charlotte Allen is stated in this Pamphlet, which is called, "Facts connected with the Medical Relief of the Poor in the Bridgwater Union;" did you furnish to the Person who wrote the Pamphlet the Circumstances of the Case that are detailed in it?

I believe I furnished the principal Part of that.

Upon your Character as a Medical Man, are the Medical Facts stated in Page 65, which has been just shown you, the true Facts of that Case of Charlotte Allen?

I consider that if she remains in the State that she is in at present she will be miserable to herself as long as she lives.

Taking the whole Case as stated in that Page, are the Medical Facts of that Case stated properly; and the Question is asked you, stating your Character as a professional Man upon it?

I do not see any thing in that Case which is contrary to the Opinion I have formed of her, and which Opinion I still entertain.

That it is irremediable?

I would not swear that it is irremediable.

But are the Medical Facts true with respect to the Prolapsus, and so forth?

When speaking of the dreadful Laceration and the Prolapsus of the Womb, which is irremediable, I do not speak from my own Experience, because I have never had a Case in which Laceration has continued so long and been cured, but from the Opinion of Medical Writers in general I should consider that it could not be cured. At all events, it is true that she had a Laceration of the Perinaeum I would swear that she had a Laceration.

It is true that she had a Prolapsus Uteri?

Yes.

You give your Opinion that if she had been attended by a more skilful Person it would not have occurred?

I will not swear that, but I think that there is more Chance of her not having received the Injury if she had been attended by a Medical Man; and I consider that had the Woman been attended by a Medical Man the Chances of her being cured would have been greater, because in our own Practice a Case of the same Kind

occurred about the same Time; that Woman was treated properly, and got well, and is well to this Day.

Had she been better attended the Chances of this Accident would have been less?

Certainly; and supposing it had occurred, I consider that had she been attended afterwards by a Medical Man there would have been a greater Probability that the Laceration would have been cured.

And consequently a permanent Recovery?

Yes.

Is it possible that the Symptoms could have arisen from her having got up at too early a Period, or from any Violence having been used in the Examination of her Person?

It might have occurred either from her getting up, had she used violent Exercise, or had she been improperly examined.

Are you not aware that Medical Writers speak of many Cases in which the Symptoms you describe have arisen from an improper Examination of the Person?

I do not remember that I have read so.

672 *You are aware that that may arise from improper Examination?*

I consider that it may.

Would not that be likely to get well much sooner than if it arose during the Period of Delivery; if too much Violence had been used in the Examination of her Person would not that be more quickly cured than if it had arisen from Labour?

I do not see why it should be more quickly cured if it arose from Violence

How came you not to examine her Person that Night when you were sent for?

I did not consider it necessary.

Could you not tell, from the Complaint she made, and from what was detailed to you, that there must have been some Accident of that Sort?

No.

What did you conceive that she was suffering under?

I considered the violent Inflammation that she was labouring under was sufficient to account for the Pain she was suffering.

From what Cause did you suppose that Pain to arise?

Puerperal Fever.

She was suffering under Puerperal Fever?

Yes.

And you considered her Pain was in consequence of that Fever?

Yes.

The Committee find in your Book, dated July the 15th, the Name entered, and opposite the Name, "Hysteritis Simplex," and the following Week it is entered "Puerperal Fever"?

That is the same as Puerperal Fever.

Why did you change the Name?

I had no Object in doing so.

Is it called so at Pleasure by Medical Persons, sometimes Puerperal Fever, and sometimes Hysteritis Simplex?

Yes; Puerperal Fever is the common Name, and Hysteritis Simplex is the professional Name.

And in the Book, dated the 14th of July, her Complaint is stated to be no longer Puerperal Fever, but Debility?

Yes; it may have been so. I forget at present what the Course of the Process was.

Had she got rid of the more aggravated Symptoms?

I suppose so.

Was she cured of the more aggravated Symptoms?

Of the Inflammation, no Doubt.

Does that imply the Cure of the Prolapsus?

Certainly not.

What is Hepatitis?

Inflammation of the Liver.

Do you know at what Time it was that she went out of the Union?

I do not; but I have no Doubt that my Book states that.

On the 15th of March last there is this Entry, "This Woman has gone away, and a good go too;" is that written by you?

It is.

Did you write that because you found her troublesome?

I had a great deal of Trouble with her; when I saw her first I had to see her Five or Six Times in the Day; I was called up in the Night to see her.

Had you any Apprehension that she would become insane?

She was deranged for a few Days.

673 *What was the Occasion of her Derangement?*

If I remember right, it was brought on by her being told that she was to go to the Workhouse.

The Entry is this, the Date of December the 28th :—"This Woman has been for several Days deranged in her Mind, occasioned, in my Opinion, by the Proposal to remove her to the Union Workhouse, to which she constantly referred;" then subsequently, "Her Mind is now better, but in other respects she is just the same as when I made my last Report; I consider her in a doubtful State, and that it would not be right to repeat the Proposal for her Removal;"

and afterwards she went away Five Miles into the other Union; did she suffer from that Removal?

I do not know; I am not aware that she did.

How soon after her Removal did you see her?

I forget when it was; it may have been Six Weeks or Two Months ago; I cannot speak confidently.

Did the Child live or die?

It lived.

Is the Child with her?

It was when I last saw her.

This Book is laid before the Guardians, is it not?

Yes.

With respect to this Entry, "and a good go too," did the Guardians ever make any Remark upon that Subject?

No.

You do not go to the Board?

No.

Did you often make Remarks of that Sort in your Report: "this Woman has gone away, and a good go too;" do you think that is serious enough for the Sort of Thing that this Report is?

I did not think there was any Harm in making it.

When you said it was "a good go too" did you think it a good Thing for yourself?

I thought it a good Thing for myself.

Did you consider it a good Thing for her?

I thought she would be benefited by Change of Air.

These Words "a good go too," have no Reference to her, but yourself?

To me.

In point of fact, it had nothing to do with the Patient, but was an Expression of Joy that you had got rid of her?

Yes.

Do you think it is a proper Thing for you to make an Entry of that Sort in a serious Report of the Illness of the Patients?

I did not see any Harm in doing so.

Do you mean to say that it was a good Thing for the Woman, whose Case you have described in the Way detailed in this Pamphlet, to go in a Cart Five Miles over cross Country Roads?

Not in the State in which she was described in that Book.

What is the Date of that Book?

I do not know.

Do you think that her Case is altered since?

I do not consider that she is in the same State as she was in at first.

Do you think there was no Impropriety in her going Five Miles over cross Country Roads in a Cart?

I do not consider that it would do her any Injury.

674 *Do know where she went to?*

She went to some Relation's.

In what Direction?

She went to a Place called Crowcombe.

Over the Quantock Hills?

Yes.

The Roads are not the smoothest Roads, are they?

They are not so bad as a great many Country Roads.

This is a Person whom you considered irremediable from Prolapsus Uteri, is it not?

I did not consider that she was suffering irremediably from the Prolapsus, because I considered that might be cured.

Was there any thing in her Removal that appeared to you to be likely to aggravate her Sufferings?

I considered that she would be more benefited by the Change of Air than she would be injured by the Removal.

Would she not be equally improved by the Change of Air in Bridgwater?

I considered that the Country Air, and being among her Friends, was more likely to benefit her Health.

What Situation of Life were her Friends in that she went among?

They are poor People.

Was she likely to have good Medical Advice?

I do not know the Medical Man of that District.

Would she not have had Medical Advice in the Workhouse?

I suppose she would, if she had required it.

Is not the present Workhouse in an airy Situation?

It is.

Would not the Removal to the Workhouse in an airy Situation, where she would have had Medical Advice on the Spot, contribute more to her Health than being removed to a Part of the Country among Friends where she could not have Medical Advice?

I did not consider that at the Time she was removed she actually required Medical Advice.

How came you to attend upon her?

She was poorly.

You had attended upon her up to that Time?

I had.

Then you thought it necessary to attend her?

Yes.

If she had not gone would you have continued to attend her?

If she had not got better; I do not think that she actually required it.

Then you attended her though you did not consider it necessary to do so?

I did not attend her unless I did consider it necessary.

This Road from Stowey to Crowcombe, is it a Road which a Gentleman's Four-wheeled Carriage would easily travel along?

I know very little of that Road, but as far as the Road is concerned I should suppose it is, because it is the Road from Bridgwater to Crowcombe.

Does the Road from Crowcombe to Bridgwater go through Stowey?

It does not go through Stowey, but through Part of the Parish.

What was the Amount of your Bill for Three Weeks?

I forget what the exact Amount was.

Do you know what was the Amount of your Charge for Attendance upon this Woman? was it 7l. 5s.?

It might have been; I cannot say positively.

675 *The Charges that you made during that Time were precisely the same Charges as made to any Family that you visited?*

Just so. That is the most violent and severe Case I have had since I have attended the Union.

What is the Character of this Woman?

I knew nothing about the Woman before I went to see her.

Is she a Native of Stowey?

I do not know.

Has she Friends there?

I do not think she has; she belongs to that Parish.

How came she to get her Settlement there?

I do not know.

When this Matter of this Woman happened did you make any special Report upon the Subject of her Sufferings to the Board of Guardians?

I do not believe I gave any specific Account of the Prolapsus.

Did you state it in private to the Chairman or any Member of the Board of Guardians?

Not to the Chairman, certainly; I might have told the Guardians of it.

Did you or your Partner ever make any other Reports than what are contained in this Book?

Never; unless I wrote a Letter upon any particular Occasion.

Did you write a Letter upon that Occasion?

No, I did not.

Then you made no other Report but what is contained in this Book?

None but in this Book.

Did you not state to them the Neglect of the Relieving Officer, or the Ignorance or the Want of Skill of the Widwife?

I am not aware that the Relieving Officer had neglected anything.

Did you not state to the Board any thing about this Woman having suffered from this Neglect of theirs, or from the Want of Skill of Kitty Walker?

No.

The Witness is directed to withdraw.

Mr. ROBERT YOUNG is called in, and examined as follows:

YOU are a Surgeon?

I am.

You have the Charge of the Hill District?

Yes.

Where do you live?

At Ashcot.

Have you lately taken that District?

I have.

In June 1837?

Yes.

Was that the first Time you had taken a District under the Union?

It was.

How long have you been resident in the District?

Since October of the previous Year.

Who had the District before you?

Mr. Baruch Toogood had Part of the District; and when I came into the District, in consequence of its being said to be too large for myself, though it was not too large for Mr. Baruch Toogood before, the Board of Guardians divided it.

676 *And you being resident within that, it was given to you?*

It was.

Did you make a Tender for it?

No; the Salaries were sent out by the Board of Guardians at the old Prices, and I as resident in the District thought that I was equally entitled, perhaps rather more than a Person resident some Miles Distance not in the District.

Is that the Advertisement of the 22d of May that you are speaking of?

It was the first Advertisement.

That first Advertisement contained the Terms

upon which you now have it?

It did.

There has been no Increase in?

Not at all.

And no Increase to the Numbers put under your Charge?

None at all.

You were appointed on the 16th of June?

Yes, to the Hill District.

That was the Day that was named for the Election?

Yes.

You say that you came to live there in October 1836?

I did.

Had you any private Practice at that Time?

Yes. -

Had you Connexions in the Country?

Not nearer than Taunton. The Hill District was the District to which I was originally appointed. I had the Offer of the Two Districts at the old Prices, which I have refused.

And you are now in Negotiation with the Guardians?

I am. I have had no official Document since my Refusal, but the Election does not officially take place till the 21st.

What is the Difference between your present Demand and that for which you took those Two Districts last Year?

They have not asked me to send in any Tender at the present; they elected me, without my requesting it, at the old Salaries, subject to my Approbation.

That they have done with respect to all?

Yes.

When was that conveyed to you?

About a Fortnight ago.

Have you any Objection to say why you have not answered it?

Merely that the Salary is not sufficiently adequate to the Duties of the Office.

You discovered that in the course of last Year?

I did.

You find upon Experience that that is not a sufficient Salary?

Yes; but I was convinced at the Time that it was not adequate.

Why then did you accept it?

For the same Reason that all young Men take Districts now, and took them formerly, as Stepping-stones to Practice.

Then is it your Opinion that you are not sufficiently remunerated for your Trouble?

Certainly not.

At the Time that you were elected to the Charge of this District there was an Association at Bridgwater, called "The District Branch of the Medical and Surgical Association;" did you belong to it?

I did

677 *Have you been at their Consultations?**

At the half-yearly Meetings I have attended; it was a Branch District of a Central Association, which Centre was at Worcester, Dr. Hastings at the Head of it.

How long had it been formed at Bridgwater previous to this 24th of May?

It was not originally formed at Bridgwater; Bridgwater was one of the Three Towns at which we held our Meetings, Bridgwater, Wells, and Taunton, and it took in the adjoining Town.

When did it begin to meet at Bridgwater?

In September 1837.

Then it was not till some Time after the first Letter of the Medical Gentlemen in that Year?

The September after the June, Four or Five Months.

Then this Letter did not emanate from the Association?

Decidedly not; though it was supposed by a select Body of the Incorporation that they were entitled to consider this as a Meeting of the Association, without first applying to the Board to ask whether they had their Sanction.

That Letter being written to the Board of Guardians, and signed by all the Surgeons who had served the Board during the preceding Year, and some of the older Practitioners in that Neighbourhood?

Yes.

You were aware of that at the Time?

I was.

Did you receive a Note to attend the Meeting previous to your Election?

I received an anonymous Note, and I also received one bearing the Signature of Mr. Baruch Toogood.

What did that invite you to do?.

It invited me to attend the Meeting for the Purpose of taking into consideration the Effects of the Poor Law Bill, as far as related to the Remarks contained in it medically, relative to the Profession generally.

A Meeting of the Association?

A Meeting of the Association.

It was before the Association was formed?

Before it met at Bridgwater.

Where was this Meeting to be?

At the Clarence Hotel in Bridgwater. Here is the Note which I had anonymously.

Then it was to be a Meeting of the Association? .

Yes. "Sir, A Meeting of the Medical Profession will be held at the Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Thursday the 8th Instant, at One o'Clock, for the Purpose of taking into consideration the present Position of Medical Men as regards the Poor Law Bill."

Then it was not a Meeting of the Association, but a Meeting of the Professions of that Place?

Yes.

That was the 8th of June?

Yes; before my Election to the District.

Did you attend that Meeting?

I did not.

Why did you not?

I did not attend, in consequence of my Knowledge of its being the Wish of the Medical Men in Bridgwater to keep me out of the Districts; and although worded as it is thus, I was decidedly aware that that was merely to have a Meeting of the Medical Men confined to Bridgwater, and the Result proved it, in as much as the Meeting was not composed of Medical Men at large throughout the different Counties, but none presented themselves but the Members of the Medical Profession at Bridgwater.

678 *Did you say you were a Member of the Association?*

Yes

What is the Object of the Association?

For the general Advancement of the Profession throughout the Kingdom.

They have taken considerable pains upon this Question of Remuneration to Medical Officers under the Poor Law, have they not?

They have.

And they have complained, both by Petitions to the Two Houses of Parliament, and by other Means, that the Medical Officers are improperly treated, and do not receive sufficient Remuneration?

They have.

Have you joined in such Representations?

I have not actually signed such Petition; it has not come into our Quarter, inasmuch as ours is a Branch Association.

If it came into your Quarter should you sign the Petition, as far as regards the receiving an insufficient Remuneration?

Yes, I should sign that.

When did that Association first begin?

The Central Association has been in existence for some Years.

What do you mean by some Years?

Decidedly before the new Poor Law was brought into action.

When you were elected those who had served the Parish for the preceding Year, and those that had written the Letter to the Board of Guardians which appeared previous to that Election, were in a Room at hand; were they not?

They were at hand in the Neighbourhood of the Board of Guardians, where the Board was sitting.

Were they in a Room, or in the open Air?

I believe in both at different Times.

When you had been elected you stated to the Guardians that some of the other Medical Men had behaved improperly and uncivilly to you?

Yes.

Will you have the goodness to state to the Committee what that Conduct was?

At this Meeting were passed certain Resolutions which were to this Effect: that any Medical Man taking Office at the present Rate of Remuneration should be deemed by this Body, this Party at Bridgwater, unprofessional, unhandsome in their Conduct, and unworthy of the Confidence of their professional Brethren. Those Resolutions were not made known to a single Individual except those who were present until the Termination of the Election, which was privately agreed at the Meeting; the Consequence was, I was not able, had I been willing, to have sided with those Medical Men in demanding or asking for an Increase of Salary at the Board, and I inadvertently sent my Testimonials in to the Board, quite unaware of any thing that had taken place at their Meeting; and I thought that if what the Note expressed as that which was about to be taken in consideration was the real Fact that the Medical Profession at large would be made acquainted with those Facts. I then said, "If such is the Case, I will join the Profession at large; but to serve any private Portion of the Profession, and cut myself out, I am not going to lend my Hand to such a Thing, decidedly not." On my Election one of the Party taunted me with unprofessional Conduct.

Who was that?

Mr. Caswell. Mr. Abraham King was the first Person who came up to me, with whom before I had been on friendly Terms till the Day of the Election, and he said, in Words to this Effect, "I am now directed by the Meeting that was convened the other Day for the

679 Purpose of considering the Benefit of the Medical Profession with regard to the Poor Law, to tell you what Resolutions were passed; and he told me the Resolutions I allude to; on which I told them all candidly, that it was a very ungentlemanly and very unprofessional Mode

of proceeding, and that the least they could have done was to make me acquainted with the Resolution before I sent in the Testimonials, which they were aware I was about to do; and having agreed to take the District, I was obliged to abide by it. Nor was I sorry that such was the Fact, because I did not consider myself entangled in any Deficiency of professional Etiquette.

What did Mr. Caswell say?

He expressed himself in a very insulting Manner; some very ungentlemanly Simile, which it would be scarcely worth while to repeat.

Did you make a Complaint to the Board of that Conduct?

With regard to their telling me that I should have no Assistance in my Medical Capacity, I did. I went up immediately.

You requested to see the Board again, did you?

I did.

Did you state to the Board that you had been treated in a most ungentle manly and insulting Manner by several of the Medical Officers, and told by them that, whatever your Difficulties might be, they would not render you any Assistance?

I did; they told me so.

Did Mr. King tell you so?

Mr. King was one of the Number.

Was he the chief Organ, or Mr. Caswell?

I hardly know which; Mr. King's Communication was not in an ungentle manly Way; Mr. Caswell's was. Mr. John Toogood was there, and Mr. Baruch

Toogood was there.?

Did they behave in an unhandsome Manner?

Three of them, Mr. Caswell, Mr. Addison, and Mr. Abraham King.

Did you consider that which those Gentlemen said to be the Opinion of all the others?

I did; the Opinion of all the Medical Men in Bridgwater.

Since you have been appointed have you found any Unwillingness on the Part of the Medical Men to act with you?

I am happy to say that no Cases have occurred in which I have had Occasion to ask for their Assistance.

Upon what Sort of Terms are you with them now?

In consequence of their having behaved in an unprofessional Manner since, I cannot say that I am on very friendly Terms with some of the Parties.

Have you found any Difficulty in performing your Duty in consequence of that Resolution?

I have not; inasmuch as I got the Permission of the Board to get the Assistance of any Medical Friend in the Neighbourhood, as I had many, when I liked, independently of those officially connected with the Union.

Are you a Stranger to that Country?

I was a Medical Pupil of a Gentleman at Taunton.

How far is this Place where you live from Taunton?

Fifteen Miles.

How far from Bridgwater?

Ten Miles.

So that you are not very far from Half Way between Taunton and Bridgwater?

They form a Triangle.

But it is five Miles further to send to Taunton than to Bridgwater?

Yes; indeed, we have nearer Medical Aid than Taunton, which I could have had if I had required it.

680 *And that was the Object for which you went to see the Board?*

Yes; as well as to acquaint them with the unprofessional Conduct of the Surgeons.

Are you a Member of the College of Surgeons?

Yes

And a Licentiate of the Company of Apothecaries?

I am not.

How happens it that you are not a Licentiate of the Company of Apothecaries?

My original Intention was to act as a pure Surgeon in Town, and had I done that I should not have taken out a Licentiate's Certificate; but hearing of something at Bristol which I thought would turn to my Advantage, I was induced to go down, with the Intention to act as a pure Surgeon there, which I did. That not answering, I purchased a Practice, as many young Men do, and it turned out badly. Hearing that there was a good Opening at Ashcot, I was induced to adopt the same Plan at that Place, and knowing that one of the principal Medical Men in the Neighbourhood had committed himself a good deal, I immediately went and fixed my Residence at Ashcot.

Have you any Objection to state to the Committee what the Difference that you and the Board is with respect to the Salary that you expect to have?

I am sorry to say that there is but One Stepping-stone, and I cannot say that I shall take it during the ensuing Year; it is a very poor

District, and independently of One Family in the Middlezoy District, I had not a single Case of private Practice during the Year.

So that Inducement has failed?

Yes.

Are there any Medical Clubs in your District?

There are not.

And no Prospect of any?

I think with very great Difficulty they could be formed; a great deal of Opposition would be met with from the Poor, and then they would be very small.

Would any Opposition be met with from the Medical Men?

No.

There is an Unwillingness on the Part of the Poor to contribute, on account of the Smallness of their Wages

Yes.

You little imagined when you entered into the Agreement with the Board that you were conducting yourself in a Manner dishonouring the Profession?

I had not the least Idea that I was.

You had not had the least Intimation of it?

No.

Those Gentlemen had laid down a System of professional Morals, without communicating with anybody in their Neighbourhood?

Yes.

Perhaps you were not prepared to admit that they had the Power to do so?

I should say they had not.

Therefore they could not adequately represent the Profession?

Decidedly not.

They had not the Power to speak in its Name?

No.

681 *Now, have you found in Communication with other professional Men out of this immediate Neighbourhood any Disinclination to hold Intercourse or Communication with you?*

Quite the contrary, inasmuch as it was proved at the Meeting which we had in September that all the Medical Men in Bridgwater were brought in that very Morning as nominated Members, in order to vote me out of the General Association; the Result was, they could not do it.

You keep your Place?

I keep my Place, not that I endeavoured to make Friends; and I pledged my Honour that I did not state the Circumstances to any Medical Man whatever; I said, "No; let the Justice of the Case be settled on the Day of Arbitration." I then challenged Mr. Toogood, with whom I had

a fiery Battle, to choose any Three Medical Men out of Bridgwater; that I would meet them when and where he liked; I would not know who they were the Day before I met them; and that if Two out of the Three said that I had behaved unprofessionally I would erase my Name from the List of Members belonging to the Association.

Then, as far as you know the Opinion of the Profession, they have repudiated the System adopted by the Gentlemen at Bridgwater as regards yourself?

Exactly.

Have they repudiated the Attempt upon the Part of the Medical Gentlemen at Bridgwater to obtain a better Remuneration?

No; I should doubt that.

You subscribe to that?

Yes; I should be very willing to form one of its Members.

You think that Persons of a liberal Education are entitled to a proper Reward for their Services?

I do, indeed.

Are you of opinion that the Medical Officers in the Bridgwater Union have not up to this Time received such a Remuneration as they are entitled to ask?

Certainly not.

Is it your Opinion that a Supply of good Medical Attendance can be obtained for the Poor at that Rate?

I should say, not without Loss of Money and Time, which is a Medical Man's Income.

But could a Supply of Medical Men be obtained properly qualified at the Rate offered by the Bridgwater Union?

I think that ours is hardly a fair Standard of Remuneration, inasmuch as many of the neighbouring Boards have paid a much higher Rate, 6½d. a Head, in some of the Dorsetshire Unions.

In Somersetshire?

In Somersetshire they are paid much better in many Places, for this Reason: Their Population is more in a Ring-fence.

Is not the Population about Bridgwater pretty dense?

Very dense in the Villages; but the Villages are scattered.

The Calculation must be made with reference to the Acreage as well as the Mileage?

Yes; which I think has been the Fault, in not considering the relative Distances of Parishes and sometimes of Unions.

Have you ever made a Calculation of the Number of Miles you have gone for the Sum that you have received? What do you receive?

£35.

How many Miles have you gone for that?

682 *Have you been obliged to keep a Horse for the Purpose?*

I found that One Horse could not do the Work.

You keep Two then?

Yes.

What do you reckon those Horses cost you?

You are speaking of Two Districts, the Hill and the Middlezoy.

Yes.

I have not been able to do the Duty of those Districts without Two horses. I should keep One; but it knocks up One and a Half, at any rate.

What do you set the keeping of One Horse and a Half at?

45l. a Year to keep them well.

If you had gone over and pitched your Tent in Ashcott, without having any thing to do with the Union, should you not have kept a Horse?

Yes; One Horse only.

That One Horse would not have been fully employed?

No.

Can you give an Idea of the prime Cost of your Medicines?

I should say, for the Two Districts, from 12l. to 15l.

What was the Salary for the Year?

£70.

Then what was your Profit?

£10.

The elder Mr. Toogood is a Person of very considerable Influence in the Town of Bridgwater, is he not?

He is.

Do you know whether he is very intimate with the Reverend Mr. Ruddock, the Father of the Surgeon?

I should rather think so.

Do you know it?

Yes.

Do you know any thing of the Motion that was made by Mr. Ruddock in the Board of Guardians with respect to the Exclusion from the Districts of the Union of any Person who was not both an Apothecary and a Surgeon?

Yes.

If that had been carried would the Effect have been to exclude you?

It would not only have excluded me, but have retained in its Number one of the Party, who was then acting in the single Capacity.

Who was that?

Mr. Addison, who was only a Member of the Apothecaries Company.

In travelling have you any Turnpikes to pay?

Yes.

That is an Item to be taken out of that 10l.?

Yes.

Have you any Notion what that comes to?

I should think at least 2l.

When a Person first commences Practice he does not expect to make a large Sum of Money at first, does he?

No; certainly not.

But he expects to make a greater Remuneration than 8l. per Annum?

Yes.

Do you mean to take out a Licentiate's Certificate as an Apothecary?

I think not.

683 *You think you can carry on your Profession without it?*

I think I decidedly can.

And in that District?

Yes. In fact I was taunted with the Threat of a Prosecution by one of the Party in consequence of my taking Office under the Union, not being a Licentiate of the Apothecaries and one of the Party told me, that no doubt the Party in Bridgwater would prosecute me in consequence of not being a Licentiate.

Are you not liable?

No; not under my own System of Practice.

What is the Effect of the Act?

The Act is, that you cannot dispense Medicine or draw out a Bill at full Length, nor can you claim for Medicines in the Case of a Law Suit; you would be nonsuited; in fact, that you can charge only for your Opinion and Time.

Is not that a considerable Disadvantage where you have no Certificate?

It depends upon your Practice; if you have convinced your Patients that your Opinion is more valuable than your Medicine they will be satisfied about it.

But, supposing that you find a Person unwilling to pay you for your Opinion and your Medicine, you could not recover it?

I never charge for my Medicines; I charge as a pure Surgeon.

You say that the Population in your District is very much scattered; is that generally the Case in the Bridgwater Union?

I think mine is the most extensive and scattered.

You say 45l. is the Expense of a Horse and a Half; does that include the Wear and Tear of the Horse, or

is it the mere Feed?

The mere Feed.

Then a further Reduction is to be made for the Wear and Tear?

Yes; you may buy them for 50l., and sell them for 40l., or perhaps 20l.

Your Opinion is, that you may be said to get nothing for your Time and Skill?

Nothing, decidedly; in fact, the Question is, whether I am not out of Pocket by it.

The Witness is directed to withdraw.

Mr. RICHARD BEADON RUDDOCK is again called in, and further examined as follows:

HAVE you taken a District in another Union?

I have.

What is that?

Stogursey District, in the Williton Union.

How is that situated with respect to Stowey?

It is West of Stowey.

Where do you reside?

At Stowey.

Upon what Terms have you taken that District?

4d. a Head.

Those were the Terms you tendered?

Yes.

How far is that from your Residence

Six Miles from my Residence, the very utmost Point.

684 *Is it 4d. per Head upon the whole Population?*

Yes.

What Parishes does it include?

Stogursey, Dodington, Stringston, Holford, East Quantoxhead, Kilve, Kilton, and Lilstock.

What is the Amount of the Population of the whole?

Under 3,000.

Is it a scattered Population?

The principal Part, more than Half, is situated at Stogursey, about Two Miles from my Residence; I go through this Parish to my other District.

The rest of it is rather wild and wide?

Some Parts of it.

It skirts the Quantox Hills?

Yes.

What is the Salary you receive?

£44.

The Witness is directed to withdraw.

Ordered, That this Committee be adjourned till To-morrow, Twelve o'Clock