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December 23rd, 1937

My dear Bill:

Your letter marked "private, personal and disgusting" warmed my heart and has renewed my interest in cetaceana. I wish I had had the learned citation which you have sent in the course of my trip to Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, Des Moines, St. Paul and Minneapolis, as I was frequently in need of a new story late in the evening. I found that the amorous antics of cetaceans always stir the popular imagination.

I have just written a line to Pariseau to thank him again for the nice book he gave me. I have sent him a number of things that I think he wanted.

With best wishes to you and Hilda and to Marion whom I so sorry not to see. I have just returned this morning, still quite intact!

Yours sincerely,



J. F. Fulton, M.D.

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December 10, 1937

My dear Bill:

I had a nice letter from the secretary-treasurer of the Osler Society, inviting me to stay over for their meeting on December 16. I do wish it were possible, but most unhappily the Kansas City Academy of Medicine is expecting me to "orate" on Friday night, the seventeenth, and as I do not like flying at this time of the year I am afraid I cannot stay over. I have just written a line expressing my regrets to Mr. Trevastis.

Needless to say, I am keenly looking forward to seeing you. There are so many things to catch up on, and I hope that I may be able to lunch with you on Wednesday. I don't think the Institute group are planning anything at that time, but it might be well to ring up McEachern, who is secretary of the Montreal Neurological. I believe I am speaking at five o'clock.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

*John*

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November 24th, 1937

My dear Bill:

I wrote John Carter several weeks ago suggesting that the Elizabethan Club and the Yale Press might conceivably be interested in the publication of his edition of Urne Buriall and I have had the enclosed somewhat startling reply. He must have Jewish ancestors. I have decided not to show the letter to the Chief as he would hit the ceiling, and so would the members of the Elizabethan Club who have already evinced some interest. I send you a copy also of my reply. Carter has irritated me on several previous occasions by his financial "adroitness," and I think the only thing to do is to call him and I hope I have not overdone it. He used to be such a nice fellow before he went into the trade. If you have any suggestions let me know.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

November 24, 1937

My dear Carter:

Many thanks for your letter of the twelfth enclosing the review from The Times Literary Supplement for January, 1933, of your edition of Urne Buriall.

I wish you would write me another letter expressing your interest in the Elizabethan Club and the Yale University Press, but omitting the second paragraph concerning your gesture of asking only "the most nominal payment" from the Press, should it have the courage to publish the book. The authorities of the Press and of the Elizabethan Club would be disturbed if I should show them your letter as it stands, and I think that many of your friends here who are unfamiliar with author-publisher relationships in England might misunderstand it. You know full well that an edition of Sir Thomas Browne issued under these circumstances is not going to pay, and that the Elizabethan Club, if it issues it, will have to put up some kind of a subvention (extracting it from a few of its members); and that you as editor would expect payment in addition leaves me completely at a loss. Indeed it makes me wish that I had not brought the matter to the attention of the Club. Possibly it would be better for you to have Scribners publish the book, and then you might secure a more desirable financial arrangement.

Many thanks for your comments about my appreciation of Mackall.

Yours sincerely,

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

John W. Carter, Esq.  
Charles Scribner's Sons, Ltd.  
23, Bedford Square  
London, W.C.1  
England

C O P Y

Charles Scribner's Sons, Ltd.  
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London, W.C.1  
12th November, 1937

Dr. John Fulton  
333 Cedar Street  
New Haven,  
Conn., U. S. A.

Dear Fulton,

Many thanks for your letter of October 30th. I have learned from experience never to be sanguine about the prospects of getting any work of scholarship published, so that I build no hopes. I must say, however, that the combination of Dr. Cushing, the Elizabethan Club, and the Yale University Press could not be a more satisfactory one for an editor to contemplate, and I shall be more than delighted if anything comes of it.

I know that the remuneration of authors or editors is only a minute part of that cost which publishers so much dislike facing, but in case an additional argument would come in handy I should like to make it clear that I should be happy to do what work remains, and see the book through the press, for the most nominal payment -  
now in ms → [or indeed, I suppose, for the mere satisfaction of seeing it done.]

As to any possible support for the book from England, I expect the Press has its own arrangements, but if not I could probably induce my firm here to take a small edition for this country.

I am also very glad to have your appreciation of Mackall, which I have much enjoyed. I only met him once, but we correspond at various times, and of course I was a regular reader of his column in The Tribune, where he will be almost impossible to replace. As a friend of mine once said to me "Mackall writes with the fullness, and in general with the accuracy, of a telephone directory".

Yours sincerely,

(signed) John Carter

I enclose a copy of The Times Literary Supplement's review of the de luxe edition.

Dr H. Selye - (A. Biedl's khins.

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November 12th, 1937

My dear Bill:

My warm thanks to you for your most charming letter about my appreciation of Leonard Mackall. It was hurriedly written but I think it came from the heart and if it has met with your approval, I take this as praise indeed.

I had forgotten that you were sensitive about your middle name. I have always liked it because after all, it has so many pleasant associations--the Willoughby books, which are always things of beauty (I mean the books from the Willoughby Library), and Willoughby's Ornithology, and then of course William Willoughby, which rolls off the tongue so pleasantly. But I won't use it if you really prefer me not to.

With all good wishes,

Yours ever,

*Jm*

P.S. Wroth is thinking of editing a volume about Leonard including the appreciations and some of his better things from Notes for Bibliophiles. Have you any suggestions as to what might be included. Carl Rollins is much interested and I think would like to print it.  
P.S.S. I am glad you liked "bibliometrician". No one laughed at "bibliomeretrician" and you are the first to comment on it!

10 November, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University  
School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
New Haven

Dear John:

I don't know when I've enjoyed anything so much as your masterly little "Humanism in bibliography, an appreciation of Leonard Mackall" - not to mention a ~~bibliometrical~~ <sup>ation</sup> of T. J. W. You have coined two excellent words which deserve to live - "bibliometrician" for its usefulness and "bibliometricalian" for its wit and aptness. I hope the latter ~~was~~ <sup>wasn't</sup> entirely lost on your audience and won't be attributed to the printer's devil by your readers! The editorial eye spots a couple of moles (not wens - Sir T. B.'s classification) in footnote 2: editor's for editors' in the first line, and the quotes at the end should come after "mention" in the 7th line. It always jolts me slightly to see my "William Willoughby" printed in extenso, and you and Sam. Lambert seem to make me a member of the N. Y. Academy in the middle of col. 1, p. 281.

I have met with "parallel <sup>lives</sup> lines" but you have gone Plutarch one better, and I wish Leonardo could have read this contrasted life.

Thanks and congratulations.

-Yours ever,

R. W.

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October 16, 1937.

My dear Bill:

The letter from John Carter has just come, in which he asks your advice about publishing the text of Urneßuriall. I know the de luxe edition originally issued and to me it was a very unsympathetic book. It is filled with absurd illustrations and is issued on a thick hand-made paper, bound inappropriately, and the whole thing would have been a good emetic for Sir Thomas Browne; but unlike most modern hand-made papered nonsense the text was scholarly and certainly deserves to be more widely known. Carter is a reliable scholar - perhaps I should say was a reliable scholar, for I have been less drawn toward him since he has been in the trade issuing de luxe catalogues for Scribner's with stupid prices. This is a round-about way of giving you "advice". To be a little more brief, if such a proposal came up to the Yale Press I should certainly submit a favorable recommendation. You know more about Carter's contribution to the text than I do. My impression is that his contributions are important and that a new well printed edition would be favorably received.

I return Carter's letter herewith.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



J. F. Fulton, M. D.

P. S. I hope you are going to be in the Library the morning of December 15th as I expect to be in Montreal then to speak at five o'clock that afternoon at the Montreal Neurological Society.

Dr. William W. Francis  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

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October 12th, 1937

My dear Bill:

I find on my desk this morning a letter from you dated October 9th mentioning that you were enclosing a letter from "Carter". I suppose you mean John Carter, but I can find no trace of the letter; I have explored the waste basket and the envelope in which your letter arrived, but there is no trace of it. Possibly it is still on your desk.

You mention having referred Carter to Hoeber. Paul Hoeber, Senior, died a month or so ago at the age of 53 from a perforated duodenal ulcer, poor chap. The business I have just learned from Harpers has been taken over by his 27 year old son Paul Hoeber, Junior, with the assistance of a very competent woman long in Hoeber's service, named Miss Fuller, so I take it they will still be considering historical matters.

I am looking forward to seeing you in December when I am in Montreal. The Neurological Society has asked me to speak on the 15th.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

9 October, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
355 Cedar Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John:

I wrote to Carter and told him I was sending on the enclosed letter to you in the hope that you would give him better advice than I can. I should like to see his text decently published but I never want to see the present edition with its ghastly inappropriate pictures. In answering Carter I mentioned Thomas and Hoerber but without much hope.

Love to you both.

Yours ever,

*ru*

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September 18, 1937

My dear Bill:

Yours was the first Priestley handlist to come back and Mrs. Peters and I are certainly grateful to you for all the trouble you have taken and for the several suggestions. I was especially glad that you mentioned Watt. It is a bibliography that I forget about periodically and ~~we~~<sup>we</sup> discover about once every two years.

Lucia and I were pleased to hear that you and Hilda have had such a pleasant summer. I am relieved to learn that even Como was hot, because Rangeley Lake where I went for a week was sweltering and now we are all frozen.

How nice that you are giving lectures regularly to the second year class. I wish I could be there and hear them. I hope you are writing them out so that we all can benefit by them.

Love to Hilda and Marian. With best wishes,

Yours ever,



Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

13 September, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear John:

I have just checked the short title Priestley list which is a fine bit of work and not such a formidable list as it might have been considering the interests and energy of the old boy. I am glad to keep one of the copies; the other I return herewith annotated on pp. 4, 5, 8, 10, 12 and 15.

Have you checked the publisher, Johnson's, various lists? We have two of them, one appended to the letters to Burke, 3.ed., 1791, in which it forms part of the book, ll. 17-22, and the other appended to "The present state of Europe", 1794, # 1196. M 2  
I started to compare the former with your list and could not identify the following items given in Johnson's list: 2 (5.ed.), 9, 11, 13 ("Remarks ... formerly published separately"), 21, 22. I did not go any further. Any such missing or unidentified works will I suppose be mentioned in your bibliography. It might be well also to check such lists as Watt's and note any that cannot be found or identified under these titles. Congratulations to you and Mrs. Peters. I will look forward to the bibliography. Let me know any time if I can do anything to help.

We had a very good summer, particularly a fine month in Nova Scotia. August at Como was rather hot, especially for commuting. Marian again distinguished herself as an actress, this time as Autolychus in "A winter's tale".

I have started to lecture to the second year, beginning with Osler and the Library and McGill and then going back to the beginnings. There is one lecture a week until the middle of November. Our session starts now September 1st.

Love to you and L.

Yours ever,

*Will*

Dr. Fulton's letter is in one copy in Pamphlet file.

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July 16th, 1937

Miss Edith Brownlee  
The Osler Library  
McGill University  
Montreal, Canada

My dear Miss Brownlee:

Thank you so much for your prompt reply to my enquiry about the Osler copy of Priestley's Description of a chart of biography, 1770. You have given me exactly the information which we needed and I am most grateful. Mr. Muirhead's copy, will I am sure, come back to us in a day or two.

Yours very sincerely,

*J. F. Fulton*

J. F. Fulton, M.D.

Title: (see photostat).

12mo., 7 x 4 in., 176 x 103 mm.; A<sup>12</sup> B<sup>8</sup> C<sup>2</sup> D<sup>4</sup> E<sup>2</sup> F<sup>4</sup> G<sup>2</sup> H<sup>4</sup> I<sup>2</sup> J<sup>4</sup> K<sup>2</sup> L<sup>4</sup> M<sup>2</sup> N<sup>4</sup> O<sup>2</sup> P<sup>4</sup> Q<sup>2</sup> R<sup>4</sup> S<sup>2</sup> T<sup>4</sup> U<sup>2</sup> V<sup>4</sup> W<sup>2</sup> X<sup>4</sup> Y<sup>2</sup> Z<sup>4</sup> 14 July, 1937 72 pp.

Contents: A1 title; A2 - B3a, pp. 3-18, text of Description;

Dr. J. F. Fulton,

Yale University School of Medicine,

533 Cedar Street,

New Haven, Conn.

... in the CHART, / with the DATES annexed to them./

Dear Dr. Fulton: 1. Advertisement (abbreviations &c.); p. 32 blank;

B3a - B2a, pp. 33-6 Priestley's "Description of a chart of biography", 1770.

according to the Hebrew Chronology.

We ought to have told you - I thought we had - that Dr. Francis would be in Nova Scotia (The Gainsborough, Hubbards) for the month of July. He will be back in the Library on the 2nd of August.

Your letter of the 7th duly arrived on the 8th facing p. 72.

but the book only reached me yesterday, our building having

been closed from Friday to Monday. I would like to send it

on with our copy to Dr. Francis but, as you know, we are not

allowed to send out any of the "Bibliotheca Osleriana" books.

So I have compared the two copies page by page and, except for

the cloth binding and the bookplates in ours (no. 1192) and the

wrongly inserted sheets (pp. 9-10-15-16 and 11-12-13-14) in

Dr. Muirhead's, the two are exactly the same, including the

signatures.

Will of Edward Duke of Norfolk to remain in his Family. Henry Howard

What Dr. Francis (in his "description") calls "D1"

(p. 42, sheet unsigned) is your C3 (from your pencil notes in

the margin of the "description"). His F1 (p. 54, sheet unsigned)

is your E3 and his G1 (p. 61 wrongly signed "F") is your second

F1. In the paragraph headed "Memo" he explains his collation.

Memo: The queer quires are really sixes, tho' I don't pretend to understand

I return the description herewith and am sending

Dr. Muirhead's copy by accompanying insured mail. I hope I haven't

kept it too long. I've been swamped by the annual July influx of

visitors and couldn't get at it sooner. Yrs and by the way (short)

lower edges of D1 with kind regards, showing that those pairs are

respectively conf. etc. Yours sincerely, p. 37 "C", p. 38 string,

p. 41 (H1) unsigned, untrimmed edge, p. 43 (D2, signed "F"), p. 44 string,

p. 45 unsigned, p. 47 untrimmed.

J.F.F.

\* P.S. 1st chart (only) signed "J.F. Priestley M.D. F.R.S. invt. et del."

This Ed. Howard was doubtless the 9th duke (died in 1777), mentioned in D.M.B. under Charles H., 10th duke.

Title: (see photostat).

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Contents: A1 title; A2 - B1a, pp. 3-<sup>25</sup>~~15~~, text of Description;

B1b, p. 26, blank; B2a, p. 27, half-title, "A / CATALOGUE / Of all the NAMES / Inserted in the CHART, / with the DATES annexed to them./";

B2b - 4a, pp. 28-31, Advertisement (abbreviations &c.); p. 32 blank;

B5a - H2<sup>4</sup>, pp. 33-68, Catalogue; H3-4, pp. 69-72, Catalogue ...

according to the Hebrew Chronology.

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Engravings: 2 folding charts, "A specimen of a Chart of Biography",

plate-mark 216 x 106 mm., facing title, and "A Continuation of the

Chart according to the Hebrew Chronology", 240 x 125 mm., facing p. 72.

Note: In each of the three four-leaf quires, only the second leaf

(pp. 43, 55 and 67) is signed, "D", "F", "H"; G1 is wrongly signed "F".

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Book-plate of "Edward Duke of Norfolk, Earle-Marshall of England", with

engraved label below it: "Belonging to the Library bequeathed by the

Will of Edward Duke of Norfolk to remain in his Family. Henry Howard

& Tho. Eyre Esqs. Executors". Bound for Osler after 1905; old

(original?) bluish-gray wrappers preserved.

Memo: The queer quires are really sixes, tho' I don't pretend to understand

them. Some would give the collation as A<sup>12</sup> B<sup>6</sup> CD<sup>4</sup> - [G] H<sup>2,4</sup>.

I determine (?) the quiring by the strings and by the uncut (short)

lower edges of D1 and 4, and of H1 and 4, showing that those pairs are

respectively conjugate, e.g., pp. 37-48: p. 37 "C", p. 38 string,

p. 41 (D1) unsigned, untrimmed edge, p. 43 (D2, signed "D"), p. <sup>44</sup>~~43~~ string,

p. 45 unsigned, p. 47 untrimmed.

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↑  
note on p. 73 -  
copy ret'd to him

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July 7, 1937.

Dr. W.W. Francis,  
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McGill University,  
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Bill:

I am sending you under separate cover Arnold Muirhead's  
copy of the fourth edition (1770) of Priestley's Description of a  
chart of biography. The signatures do not seem to correspond with  
those in the Osler copy (no. 1192) and I thought it would be more  
satisfactory for us all if you could have the opportunity of  
comparing the two copies while Arnold's is on this side of the water.  
Will you return your description and the book to me at your  
convenience?

Yours ever,

*John*

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July 13th, 1937

My dear Bill:

I can't seem to remember what your vacations plans are for the summer, but I just wanted to warn you that I have given a letter of introduction to a most charming young Englishman named Hugh Sinclair, the grandson of Sir John Sinclair, 1754-1835, whom you probably know much more about than I do. Sinclair is an ardent Oslerian, a member of the Osler Club, a newly appointed fellow of Magdalen in physiology, demonstrator in biochemistry, and lord of ~~the manor~~ Sutton Courtenay. I think he expects to be in Montreal the end of next week. Are you going to be there at that time? I am enclosing a carbon of my letter of introduction.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

John

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DR. JOHN F. FULTON  
333 CEDAR STREET  
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July 12, 1937

My dear Bill:

I write you on July 12th to introduce a good Oslerian, Hugh Sinclair of Sutton Courtenay who took Schools in Physiology and who has just been elected a Fellow of Magdalen. What more need I say, except that he is a member of the Osler Club and we have just sent a cable of felicitations to Alexander Gibson, this years Oslerian Orator. Sinclair is eager to see the Library but he has come to Montreal especially to meet you.

Yours ever,

John

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June 11th, 1937

My dear Bill:

I am grateful to you for sending me a carbon copy of your excellent letter to Wroth about Leonard's assistance and generosity to the Library. I am sure this will be exactly what Wroth wishes. It will also help me in my disquisition about bibliographers before the Special Libraries Association. Klebs writes that he too is comparing Wise and Mackall; I wish he would send me his lucubration before my paper next Wednesday. I am having terrible cold feet about it, and I wish I had chosen some other subject. Would you were nearer my elbow to steer me right.

I have just been down to Atlantic City attending meetings and I wish I had stayed at home--too much heat, too many people, too little sleep.

Yours ever,

John

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June 7th, 1937

My dear Bill:

It was awfully good of you to let me have the carbon of your letter to Archie about Leonard. I am awfully glad to have the several anecdotes and I shall certainly use one of them.

I am asking Leona Baumgartner to be sure to send you a copy of her Howard mimeographed list. I have just had a note from her and she mentions having had an especially pleasant letter from you written from Mill Rock.

Geoffrey Keynes has been here for the weekend and he read a simply superb paper on Evelyn Saturday night at the Elizabethan Club. Since then he has talked and talked books almost without taking a breath and I have just put him on the train for Boston. He is a charming human being. I gave him your greetings and he was much pleased to have word from you.

Yours ever,

*John*

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June 5th, 1937

My dear Bill:

I am so grateful to you for sending me the later pages of the Digby paper with your helpful comments. I am also much pleased to know that the paper appeals to you.

I am enclosing a letter from Lawrence Wroth. Wouldn't you be willing to write him a line telling him more authoritatively than I can the extent of Mackall's contribution to the Yale Lectures and to the Catalogue? I gather that he would like to have it soon.

Lucia and I much appreciated your gracious bread and butter letter. I am just off to the train to meet Geoffrey Keynes; I shall give him your greetings.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

*Jim*

Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
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Montreal, Canada

*Returned the 2 enclosures  
from Wroth & Turkey  
together with a carbon copy of  
my letter to Wroth, 7. vi. 37  
L.W.F.*

2 June, 1937

Dr. J. P. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
533 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

I enclose pp. 32-40 of your Digby paper with a few untidy scratchings, mostly concerned with the normalizing of u's and v's, i's and j's. It does not do nowadays to quote them 17th century fashion. The paper strikes me as a real contribution. Until you got after him I had never thought of Digby as a serious physiologist.

I saw something of the neurosurgeons yesterday and got out an exhibit for them here but very few of them had time to turn up in the Library.

It was a real joy to have two days with you and Lucia and H.C.

Yours ever,

*W. L. F.*

51 May, 1937

Mrs. J. F. Fulton,  
Mill Rock,  
Deep Wood Drive,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear Lucia:

Many thanks for your good hospitality. I enjoyed every minute of my visit except the music and I ought to apologise for that, not you. That Mary of yours is a wonderful woman. When I opened my bag here yesterday morning I called the family to see how beautifully I had packed it, but they would not believe me. When Hilda hauled out my silk pyjamas she found to <sup>our</sup> ~~my~~ astonishment that they had been beautifully patched. I don't like pyjamas of silk but I have one set they gave me on a birthday which Hilda insists on my taking away. I knew they were torn but I had no idea they had been patched and I could only suspect Mary. She may not be able to rouse me from sleep but she can evidently do everything else efficiently. I am much more grateful to her than I was to an old lady who stopped me when I was a small boy and told me that I had a very good mother. I agreed and asked her how she knew. She said "I can tell from the beautiful patch on your trousers".

Please tell John that he did send me, as he thought, the cuttings about Leonard Mackall. I find them here on my return. Many thanks to him.

The girls gave me such a welcome home that I am feeling very important.

Yours ever,

Affectionately

*Will*

DR. JOHN F. FULTON  
333 CEDAR STREET  
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May 21st, 1937

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter. I was in New York yesterday and have obtained a copy for you of the splendid appreciation of Mackall which appeared in the Herald-Tribune. I believe it was written by Geoffrey Parsons who is the principal editorial writer of the Herald-Tribune and the man who chiefly controls their public policies. Everyone at the Century was speaking of Leonard and I really did not appreciate how thoroughly beloved he was.

We are counting on seeing you the 27th. I will talk with you then about the Elyot introduction. You are of course the person to do it.

Yours ever,

John

8 May, 1957

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

My dear John:

Many thanks for the cheque for \$10.50 covering  
the Digby and the Descartes photostats.

Henry Viets sent me the Falmouth photographs and  
we are delighted with them.

I hope you may be right about the "Montrealer"  
getting to New Haven at 11:50 daylight saving time. The agents  
here told me that it arrived at 11.25 p.m. standard time. That  
may be the best time of the day for me but I don't like to keep  
you up so late and I am wondering whether I had not better stay  
over in Baltimore and come through to you next morning at a  
reasonable hour.

Many thanks.

Yours ever,

Bill

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April 30, 1937

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter. We shall expect you then on the Montrealer, Thursday, May 27th. It arrives at 11:50 daylight saving time and I shall meet you. If I remember correctly this is about the time you wake up for the day so I shall expect to find you in top form.

I hope Henry has sent you the nice photographs taken at Falmouth the day we were there for lunch. They are really extraordinarily nice, especially the one of Leonard. No further news of him.

I don't know about the date of Fabricius birth but 1574 is the year in which Fabricius himself says he first saw the valves though he did not publish until 1603. I shall Franklin about it

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

*John*

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Montreal, Canada

29 April, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

My dear John:

Thanks for yours of the 17th with its  
enclosure from Boggs, which I return.

The Descartes photostats went off to  
you on the 26th. I paid the photographer \$4.80 for  
them and \$5.70 for the Digby, so if you prefer to repay  
me you can send me a cheque for the \$10.50.

I finish with Richmond on the evening of  
May 26th and am planning to have a few hours in Baltimore  
on the 27th, picking up the "Montrealer" there that ~~evening~~<sup>afternoon</sup>  
and blowing in on you that night if it isn't too late.  
I shall find out what time the train arrives at New Haven.  
Will you be on summer time? I should like to have a couple  
of days with you and get back here on Sunday morning,  
May 30. But this is all rather uncertain. I might have  
to stop off in New York and do some work with Archie, so  
please don't let my plans interfere with any of yours.

Setting out some books of Fabricius this  
morning in a show-case to celebrate the 400th anniversary  
of his birth, I was reminded that Franklin on his "Valves  
of the Veins" title-page gives Fabricius's date as "1533?".  
He does not seem to explain this anywhere in the book and  
I wonder why he changed the 1537, the traditional figure.  
Another odd thing is that Foster in his "Lectures", p. 36,  
says that "De venarum osteolis" saw the light in 1574!

Yours ever,

Bill

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April 27, 1937

My dear Bill:

Thank you so much for arranging the photostats of the Descartes letters. I am very grateful and I do hope you will let me have the photographer's bill.

The enclosed letter has just come from Tom Boggs. A week ago he thought the end was in sight but apparently Leonard has rallied somewhat.

When are we to expect you in New Haven?

Yours ever,

*John*

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*Deby \$5.70*  
*Deby 4.80*  

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*\$10.50*

26 April, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

I am sending by this mail photostats of Post's translation of the Descartes correspondence on the motion of the heart (no. 723). There are 24 photographs, some of them double, taking in the two pages. They are reduced one-third but I think are still quite legible. You will notice Hill's neat foliation 1 to 16 on the right hand pages and my less tidy verso foliation which I put on the left hand pages before they were photographed. Notice that the reference is given on the last page.

I have had no more word of Leonard. Drop me a line if you hear.

Love to you both.

Yours ever,

*Hill*

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April 19, 1937

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of the 16th. I am so glad that you are able to let me have a photostat of the English translation of the Descartes letters. I have been trying to locate a copy of Beverwyck for several days and Saturday morning a list arrived from Lier with a Beverwyck on it so I cabled. I do hope it arrives.

The Grolier Club paper seemed to go off quite well and sometime when you are <sup>at</sup> peace with the universe I may send it up for you to tear to pieces. I hate to impose on you this way but everything that you peruse is a hundred-fold enriched.

The 27th and 28th will be entirely convenient and I shall look forward to seeing you. Just write us a line beforehand.

I am just off to Memphis.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,



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16 April, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University  
School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

The photostats have been paid for and I would be glad if you accept them with my compliments on the what-is-that-betwixt-thee-and-me basis, but if this would hesitate to *make you* order photostats from us whenever you want them I would much rather of course let you pay.

I have handed over the Van Beverwyck-Descartes correspondence (no. 723) to the photographer just now. He can't let me have the photostats before Monday. I am sorry that I have never checked this translation out of Post's. I think he is now a professor of Greek. No doubt he knew his Latin but he was probably weak on his 17th century physiology. However, you can correct that.

I am glad to have the hint about Digby's "Two treatises". I shall look up the passage and make a note of it in the catalogue. W.O. could not have known about it or he would certainly have mentioned it in connection with his Descartes notes. I think the earliest published discussion of Harvey in England is Primrose's "Exercitationes", 1630 (no. 724), though no doubt in comparison with Digby's it is too unscientific to be taken seriously.

Don't, I implore you, "sic" the Burlington Osler Society on my trail, not this year at any rate. I have just been appointed Lecturer in the History of Medicine and my duties will be to get up fifteen lectures for next September-February. That prospect will be enough to spoil my summer.

I hope I may be able to drop in on you for 24 hours about May 27th or 28th, if that will be convenient, on my way home from Richmond. Sad about poor old Leonard.

I return the Burlington and Boggs letters with thanks.

Yours ever,

*Rich*

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April 15, 1937

Dr. W. W. Francis  
The Osler Library  
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Montreal, Canada

My dear Billy:

This is just a line to thank you once more for the photostat of the Digby, but your photographer did not enclose a bill. You must be sure to have it sent.

Do you suppose I could also have a photostat copy of the Descartes Letters on the Circulation--the translated manuscript I mean? <sup>or</sup> I have never seen these letters published by Beveric<sup>ic</sup>us and I should especially like to have the translation. Mlle. Droz is looking for a copy of the original book. I felt awfully confused about the Descartes-Harvey business until I read the notes in the catalogue because Digby in his Two Treatises, 1644, has a long and detailed criticism of Descartes' views on Harvey. I believe therefore that Digby was one of the earliest in England to discuss the matter. Do you know of anyone earlier?

I enclose with this a letter from the Osler Clinical Society. They have asked me twice and I don't see how I can go next year because I shall probably be away during December. I think you ought to go. I also enclose a letter I have just had from Tom Boggs about L. I fear Leonard's illness is going to be a long drawn out affair.

Yours ever,



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April 12, 1937

Dr. W. W. Francis  
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Montreal, Canada

My dear Bill:

This is just a line to acknowledge a photostat of W. O.'s Powder of Sympathy. It is a grand address, and it gives me just the light touch which I need in certain parts of mine. It has come just at the right moment because I am revising the section on the Powder of Sympathy this morning. You are more than kind.

Thanks also for sending me the mimeographed text of your address on W. O. I have read part of it already; it makes me the more distressed that I could not have heard it.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,



J. F. Fulton, M.D.

8 April, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University  
School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

I am distressed to have forgotten about the Digby manuscript. I am having it photostated now and hope to post it to you tomorrow evening. I would not do this for anyone but you and I hope you can devise some means to make sure that it gets back here to the library when you are finished with it (long hence, I hope), because one of my jobs is to see that none of these unpublished things get into print. It was never finished, as you can see, but was read to the Johns Hopkins Historical Club on 12 November, 1900 (Cushing, i, p. 539). There would be no objection to your quoting from it if you want to.

I hope I shall have a chance to see the Grolier Club exhibit. I suppose many of the items in it are yours. Imagine your having 70! How do you do it?

Sincere apologies for the delay.

Yours ever,

*Bill*

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March 29, 1937

My dear Bill:

Many thanks for your letter of the 27th. I have had no further word from Leonard which means I suppose that the poor fellow is hanging on.

I am reading a paper on Digby the 15th of April. Is there anything in W.O.'s. unpublished manuscripts on Powder of Sympathy which I should know about. Would it be a great trouble to have this photostated as I should like to have it with my Digby things in any case.

I sincerely hope that you and Marian and Hilda will stop with us coming or going on one of your several trips. They sound just a little complicated but the point is that you will be near New Haven, and you have a standing invitation always.

Sincerely,



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April 10, 1937

My dear Bill:

Thank you so much for the Digby photostat. I assume it will reach me early next week. I shall of course not print any part of it without your express permission. It seems to me there is a paragraph in the beginning that would help in connection with the Powder of Sympathy and I may wish to quote that but you will be fully informed. I shall see that the photostat is left with full instructions to my executors to be returned to you.

With best wishes and many thanks,

Yours ever,

*John*

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April 7, 1937

My dear Bill:

I have an idea that WO wrote something on the Powder of Sympathy which was never published. Is the manuscript available and would it be possible to have a photostat made of it for my Digby collection, with the understanding of course that it would never be referred to or quoted from with your express permission. I am reading a paper on Digby next week at the Grolier Club and enclose herewith a formal invitation. If you are not able to attend perhaps you may like to see the exhibition when you pass through New York in May. When it came to putting them altogether I discovered I had nearly seventy Digby items.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

*John*

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Montreal, Canada

27 March, 1957

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
333 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

Many thanks for your note of the 19th telling me about poor old Leonard. I wrote to Tom Boggs and have just heard from him that they enjoyed your visit very much. It was good of you to go down. It looks pretty tragic and with no certainty of any speedy release.

I have just had an invitation to the 150th anniversary of the Philadelphia College on May 13th. I am afraid I won't make it as I must be in Richmond on the 23rd for our association meeting. I really ought to develop your flighty habits.

Love to Lucia. We had a nice postcard from her from The Devil's Garden.

Yours ever,

*Bill*

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March 19, 1937

My dear Bill:

I have just had a most distressing letter from Mrs. Gari Melchers saying that Leonard is lying critically ill in the Johns Hopkins Hospital. I have called the hospital and got hold of the resident in charge of the case. He sounded like a vague southern boy and said that Leonard was deteriorating rapidly from cerebral arteriosclerosis and that he had a weak right side and a left facial palsy but that he still recognized people. They assured me that there was no evidence of malignancy but I can't believe that sclerosis as such would progress so fast. He apparently has had no sudden vascular accident. If he is still lucid on Sunday I may fly down to see him, but in case you have not been informed I knew you would wish to know.

Lucia is just back from California this morning.

Yours ever,



*J. H. Brown is now from New York & in Providence*

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February 19, 1937

My dear Bill:

I have looked through several things on Spallanzani and I have not yet found a picture of him extracting gastric juice from a pigeon. I will make a further search in some of the histories of gastric physiology, but I am doubtful whether I can run it down. If I learn anything further I shall write you.

What do you think we ought to do about the beetles in Ewelme's belfry?

Yours ever,

*John*

*The point is not reproduced in the 5 vol. Opera which  
Hofstetler is now publishing - it is not in Loepfer*

Dr. W. W. Francis  
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17 February, 1937

Dr. J. F. Fulton,  
Yale University School of Medicine,  
533 Cedar Street,  
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

Dear John:

Do you happen to know of a picture of Spallanzani  
and an assistant in his lab., extracting gastric juice from a pigeon?  
A fellow in Michigan, said to have a print (?) of it, asked one of  
our students to look here for its source.

Love to you both.

Yours ever,

*Bill*