

Letter and receipt (Script)from William Cock.19 Randolph Road,  
W.9.

Jan. 28th. 1918.

My dear Osler,

The other side explains itself. I sent off the stick by P. post to you this afternoon. I had an umbrella guard by me, so I thought that would be the quickest way. The stick has a bit of sponge in the head which I moistened with genuine old toilet vinegar about 12 months back, so that it has the proper ancient and physician like smell. I see the little shield has Sam. Gurney M.P. on it. I think that it was his Father to whom the stick originally belonged. The silver collar and the two shields are, I fancy, later additions, the head and the ferule are characteristic work of c<sup>a</sup> 1775. I have seen watch canes with the same dot and strap work of that period. It is evidently an earlier piece than those we saw at the R.S.M. some time back. It certainly belongs to the ? of bygones.

Sincerely yours,

F. William Cock.

Received of Dr. Cock on behalf of Sir William Osler for physician's  
stick the sum of £3. 3.

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Eleanor F. Reynolds.  
Margarette Reynolds.