APPENDIX I.

Abstract of the account of a Case of Adhesion of the Labia Pudendi in a Negro, obstructing Delivery, drawn up by DR. WILLIAM RUSSELL, of Jamaica : presented to the Society by WILLIAM ROOTS, ESQ. Surgeon, of Kingston on Thames, dated Cascade, St. Mary, Jamaica, June 12, 1819.

MR. THOMAS GEOGHAGEN had amongst his Negroes in Jamaica a woman named Avis, about 27 years of age, of the Eboe nation, who, on declaring herself in an advanced state of pregnancy, asserted at the same time that she could not be delivered, as there was no external passage, and therefore expected that she should die in consequence. There was found on examination to be a cicatrix extending from the mons Veneris to within an inch of the anus, where there existed a small orifice barely sufficient for the introduction of a small female catheter, through which orifice the urine and menses exuded. This cicatrix appeared to have been the consequence of an operation which had been performed upon her in her native country when a child, and which she said was commonly practised with the female offspring of families of rank, as a security against improper connections. The adhesion being removed by an incision with a sharp pointed bistoury, the delivery was easily accomplished, and future adhesion prevented by interposing a bougie till the wound of the labia on each side had healed.