She expressed her satisfaction at her condition, which had become better than at any period since the commencement of her complaint.

On the ninth day, a pulsation became perceptible in the right carotid artery, which gave rise to much speculation among the distinguished professional men who visited her during her recovery. Some of them were inclined to consider it owing to the inoculation of the vessel with those of the opposite side, the blood thus arriving at the trunk from its extreme ramifications. This opinion seemed to be strengthened by the fact, that the pulsation was at first stronger in the temporal branch, than in the carotid itself. It appeared, however, to me, to be a more plausible way of accounting for this circumstance, by supposing that the aneurismal tumour, which formerly rose high in the neck, had, previous to the operation, compressed the carotid, and thus prevented the circulation of blood through it; but the swelling having now, by the effects of the ligature, become greatly diminished, the pressure had ceased, and a free course now existed for the trajet of the blood. The fact has been observed, and this opinion entertained, by former pathologists. Whatever explanation may appear the most likely, the occurrence itself cannot be at all regretted, since the tumour having subsequently continued gradually to diminish, it tends only to prove more completely the truth of those principles which I advanced, and, from a knowledge of which, the propriety of the operation was deduced; and although, had the vessel been altogether blocked up, the aneurismal tumour would by this time have completely disappeared, yet, even with the circulation of blood through the carotid, that end will, in all probability, ultimately arrive. Be that, however, as it may, the patient has been brought from a state of the greatest suffering, to one of great comfort, bordering on health.

On the 22d day after the operation, the ligature came away, and the wound is now completely healed. The tumour is greatly reduced in size. She has no pain in her head, difficulty of breathing, cough, or sense of suffocation. She can now walk out, and can even ascend stairs with comparative ease. She expresses the greatest gratitude, and considers that the operation has conferred on her incalculable benefit.

She has since gone to the country, for the more complete re-establishment of her health; but in the course of two months she proposes to return, when the further details of the case shall be laid before the profession.

2, Charles-street, July 9th.

INSANE PAUPERS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

Lord Robert Seymour presents his compliments to the Editor, and he trusts that the efforts of Parliament will have the Editor's support, to ameliorate the condition of the lunatic, and that he will give insertion to the following Letter in his Journal:—

TO THE

MAGISTRATES OF ENGLAND AND WALES

GENTLEMEN,—A Committee of the House of Commons have made a report relative to lunatics under restraint in licensed mad-houses, and a printed copy of such report has been deposited with the clerk of the peace of every county and city in the kingdom, for your information.

That Report states, among other things, that "it has been clearly established in evidence, that there is no due precaution with respect to the certificates of admission, to the consideration of discharge, or to the application of any curative process to the mental malady."

Now, Gentlemen, I entreat you to consider the calamitous consequences which must attend these defects, and implore you to take all possible pains to inquire into the extent of the evil, so as to enable Parliament to provide a remedy.

As to pauper lunatics, I beg leave to remind you, that, by the 55th Geo. III. c. 46. s. 8, you are authorised, in petty sessions, to compel overseers to make a return, on oath, of all pauper lunatics (whether in workhouses or elsewhere) maintained by them.

Permit me to request that you will transmit the information you may obtain to the Secretary of State for the Home Department, in order that the same may be laid before Parliament.

The late inquiry in Parliament, as to lunatics having, in some measure, originated with me, I trust you will consider it to be my duty to procure all possible additional information, and that you will, on public grounds, exercise the trouble I seek to cast upon you.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT SEYMOUR.

Portland Place, Aug. 1, 1827.