

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

*To the Editor of THE TIMES.*

The Committee employed in investigating the charges made by Mr. Sleigh against the management of St. George's Hospital, regret to observe in the *Times* newspaper, a letter from Mr. Sleigh, mis-stating some of the facts which have come before them.

They feel called upon to point out to the Governors and the public, the extreme impropriety of any such *ex parte* statement, previously to their report upon Mr. Sleigh's charges having been made to the Governors of the Hospital; and to state, that, highly disapproving of the measure thus adopted by Mr. Sleigh, they conceive the only notice which it can demand on their part, is a reference to the report which is now in progress on all the charges, and which will come before the Governors at their General Meeting on Friday the 13th.

By order of the Committee.

JOSEPH GUNNING, *Sec.*

July 3.

EXCULPATION OF MR. ABERNETHY.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—I observe in the last Number of *THE LANCET*, a copy of a circular letter issued by Mr. Salmon, among the governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the original of which is intended to convey an impression of injustice towards its author on the part of Mr. Abernethy.

To what extent this impression will justly attach to Mr. Abernethy, may be inferred from a knowledge of the two following facts:

1. On applying to Mr. Abernethy, subsequently to the application of Mr. Salmon, he assured me that he did not consider an election probable, and even expressed disapprobation at my canvassing, adding that he had received a letter from Mr. Salmon, to which he had sent the same reply he now gave me, or words to that effect.

2. The testimonial of Mr. Abernethy, published in my circular, was given to me previously to the expected election of July 1825, the first sentence in which refers to the former election of 1824.

In addition to the above, I believe I can positively assure Mr. Salmon, that independently of the testimonial in question, I have received no assistance, either directly or indirectly from Mr. Abernethy. Allow me to add, that this letter is written with-

out the knowledge or concurrence of the latter gentleman.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

FREDERIC C. SKEY.

Southampton Row,

July 3, 1827.

P. S. The substance of the above letter was sent to Mr. Salmon on June 21st, a few days after the appearance of his circular.

ON THE BLOOD.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—If your correspondent, K, in *THE LANCET* of June 2d, will examine the blood of the horse and ass, from the lowest state of debility to the highest state of health and strength, and from health again to debility, produced either from organic disease or otherwise, and inform me of the real appearance of the blood when coagulated, at each period, and the strength of the coagulum, and his real name and address, he shall then have his communication attended to.

R. VINES, Veterinary College.

June 5, 1827.

## HOSPITAL REPORTS.

## ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

## OPERATION OF LITHOTOMY BY MR. TRAVERS.

On Friday, June 22, Mr. Travers performed the operation of lithotomy on a man 81 years of age. The patient had been a resident in St. George's workhouse upwards of two years, during which time his suffering was excessive. On his admission, he earnestly entreated that an operation might be performed for his relief; and notwithstanding his great age, as he was in tolerable bodily vigour, Mr. Travers determined on operating, the presence of a calculus having been previously satisfactorily ascertained. Mr. Travers, as usual, employed the gorget; his first incision with a scalpel through the integuments was very limited, and it was rendered somewhat irregular, in consequence of a puckering of the skin before the knife, owing to its laxity. This circumstance, of course, might have been obviated, by the attendants drawing the skin tight on each side. Mr. Travers having succeeded in placing the beak of the gorget in the groove of the staff, passed the instru-