

# SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE

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SEQUEL TO A PAPER ON ENTEROTOMY, BY CROKER PENNELL,  
ESQ., CONTAINED IN THE THIRTY-THIRD VOLUME OF THE  
SOCIETY'S TRANSACTIONS.

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THE subject of the operation was Mr. G.—; it was performed in November, 1849, and the present Paper is dated August 13, 1851, nearly twenty-two months afterwards. The report is as follows :

“ For some months after the operation his health continued to improve steadily, and at the end of that time he had gained upwards of thirty pounds in weight. During that period the only ailment for which he consulted me was a slight biliary derangement.

“ The next inconvenience from which he suffered was an attack of rheumatic gout, which appeared about six weeks ago, and has now nearly left him. Before the appearance of the stricture of the rectum he lived very freely, and indulged largely in vinous potations. The effects of these habits and the plethora which has followed the operation are probably the cause of his gout. In other respects he continues exceedingly well, and can perform all the functions of life with ease and comfort. A week ago he undertook the duties of manager of a very extensive and complicated banking establishment in the City.

“ The artificial anus answers exceedingly well, the mucous membrane of the bowel having united to the skin through the greater part of the wound as evenly as the red margin of the lip joins the white. During the first month, and then only, the fæces, on two or three different occasions, passed into the lower part of the bowel and occasioned great suffering; and at that time, the urine escaping from the bladder into the bowel, made its appearance at the wound; a proof of the narrowness of the stricture.