

7th. Effervescence of residue with acids.

8th. Reduction to metallic grains by heating.

I have not been able to detect any other substance in the powder; and in order more fully to prove its purity, I performed a quantitative analysis:

1.6025 grammes of powder gave

0.5096 grs. of sulphuret of antimony, equivalent to

43.96 per cent. of oxide of antimony; theoretically it is 44.84, and according to other analysis as follows:

43.35 Philips,

43.08 Dulk,

43.16 Brandes.

It is therefore pure tartar emetic, and from the quantity employed fully capable of producing the fatal results you mention.

"I have the honor to be, sir,

"Your very obedient servant,

"HENRY CROFT.

"J. WANLESS, Esq., Coroner."

This was the evidence submitted to the Queen's counsel Colonel Prince at the following assizes. There was no indictment preferred against the accused, Dr. —, who, when relieved from further responsibility, threatened to prosecute me as Coroner, for performing what I conceived to be the strait line of duty. And at the conclusion of the court, Colonel Prince wrote me as follows, in explanation of his action in the matter:

"LONDON, Oct. 9th, 1853.

"DEAR SIR,—I beg leave to return to you herewith the inquisition in Charles Conkwright's case. The course you took with regard to Dr. —, upon whom the coroner's jury so severely animadverted, was the correct and, indeed, the only course you could take without compromising yourself. But as far as I am concerned, I shall take upon myself the responsibility of declining to prosecute Dr. —, because I cannot glean from the evidence that he is chargeable with gross ignorance, or with that degree of gross neglect, which would justify me as an officer of the crown in preferring an indictment against him. It seems to me that his want of success in the case arose rather from an error in judgment than anything else; and therefore, considering his youth and comparative inexperience, I am willing to make some allowance for his failure, and am unwilling to involve him in a prosecution which may, and probably would, have the