

public authority in the United States, with the pure heifer-lymph obtained from the establishment of Dr. Martin of Roxbury, Massachusetts; and having myself visited it, I can testify to the conscientious care with which the purest lymph is there supplied. There have, on the other hand, been some most severe—even fatal—cases of purulent infection, which were traced to the employment (from motives of economy) of vaccine matter supplied from another source, which proved, on microscopic examination, to be charged with pus-corpuscles.—The moral of this is obvious.

I now commend these recent experiences to the attentive consideration of those, with whom rests the grave responsibility of deciding whether, under the guidance of Mr. P. A. Taylor, and in opposition to the general voice of the Medical Profession, they will *undo* a system, under which the death-rate from Small-pox is shown by Mr. Taylor's own Table—still more by the corresponding Table for Scotland—to have undergone such an enormous reduction; and which has restrained within narrow limits an Epidemic whose virulence among the unprotected populations of Borneo, the Gold Coast, and Madagascar (as attested by recent Consular reports) shows it to be no less deadly than that which ravaged most of the countries of Europe in 1614 even more destructively than the Plague.

Although Mr. P. A. Taylor treated my former assertion of this virulence as *invented* on the part of the advocates of Vaccination, in order to cover its failure, I trust that the intelligence of your House will see that it is fully borne out by the additional facts I have now adduced from authoritative sources.

I remain, Dear DR. PLAYFAIR,

Yours faithfully,

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LONDON,

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