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Though these memoirs are undated, this piece is part of Lavoisier's writings on the task of the [Royal Commission](#) - of which he was a member - appointed in 1784 to examine the claims made by Mesmer and his followers for Animal Magnetism. The context indicates that the piece was written either during, or in recent recollection of, the deliberations of the Commission.

On page 499 of the Oeuvres, Vol. III, the Editor added a footnote saying:

Lavoisier had collected together the following pieces, written in his own hand, with the intention of publishing them. We have conformed to his intentions.

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