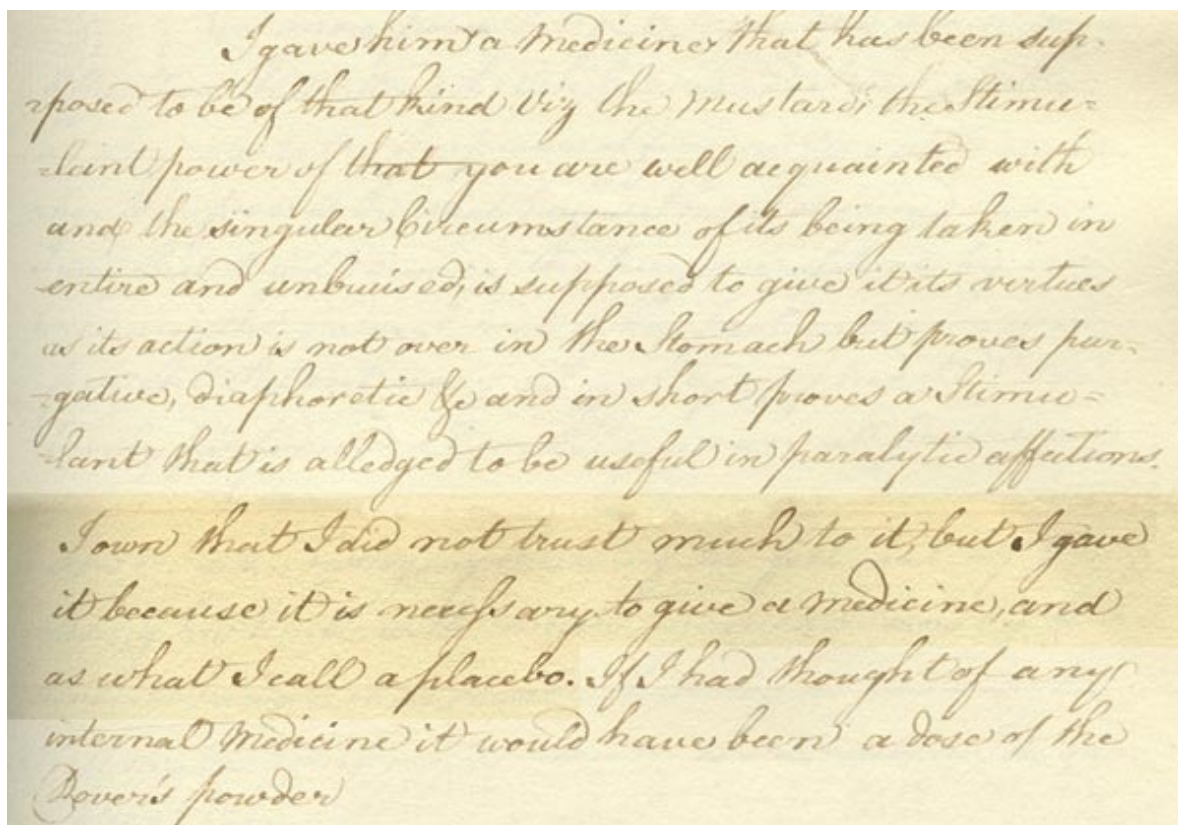


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### Key passages



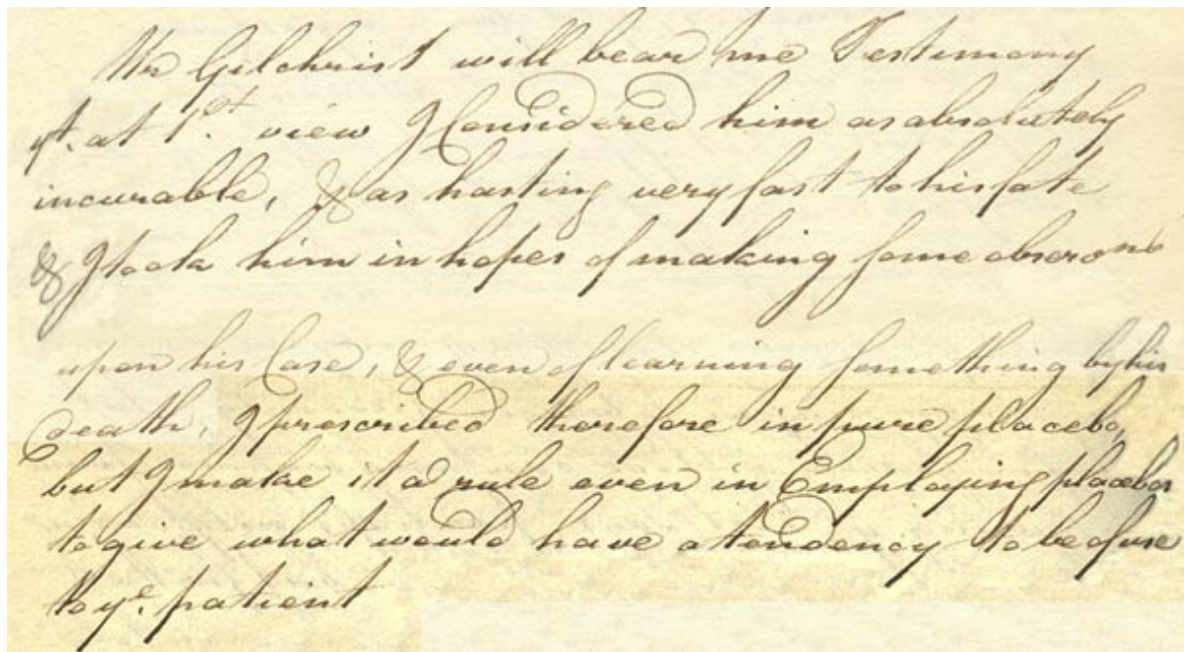
### Translation

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I gave him a medicine that has been supposed to be of that kind viz the mustard the stimulant power of that you are well acquainted with and the singular circumstances of its being taken in entire and unbruised is supposed to give it its virtues as its action is not over in the stomach but proves purgative, diaphoretic &c and in short proves a stimulant that is alleged to be useful in paralytic affections.

I own that I did not trust much to it but I gave it because it is necessary to give a medicine and as what I call a placebo.

If I had thought of any internal medicine it would have been a dose of the Dover's powder.....



Mr Gilchrist will bear me Testimony  
At 1<sup>st</sup> view I considered him as absolutely  
incurable, I was hastening very fast to his fate  
& took him in hopes of making some observations  
upon his case, & even of learning something by his  
death, I prescribed therefore in pure placebo,  
but I make it a rule even in employing placebos  
to give what would have a tendency to be of use  
to y<sup>e</sup> patient

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