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V. Part of a Letter from Dr. Nettleton, Physician at Halifax, to Dr. Jurin, R. S. Secr. concerning the Inoculation of the Small Pox, and the Mortality of that Distemper in the natural Way.

THERE are two Propositions advanced by the Favourers of the Practice of Inoculation, concerning which the Publick seems to require more full Satisfaction. *That the Distemper rais'd by Inoculation is really the Small Pox; and, That it is much more mild and favourable, and far less mortal, than the natural sort.*

As to the latter Proposition, *That the Ingrafted Small Pox is far less dangerous than the Natural:* the Truth of this, I suppose, can only be found by making a Comparison, so far as our Experience will extend. In order to this, I have taken an Account in this Town, and some Part of the Country, and have procured the same from several other Towns hereabouts, where the Small Pox has been Epidemical this last Year, with as much Exactness as was possible, how many have had the Small Pox, and how many out of that Number have died.

	Have had the Small Pox.	Died.
In Halifax — — — — —	276	43
In a Part of the Parish of Halifax, stretch- ing towards Bradford — — — — — } 297	—	59
In another Part of the same Parish —	268	28
In Bradford — — — — —	129	36
In Leeds — — — — —	792	189
In Wakefield — — — — —	418	57
In Rochdale — — — — —	177	38
In Ashton under Line, a small Market- Town in Lancashire, including two neighbouring Villages — — — — — } 279	—	56
In Macclesfield — — — — —	302	37
In Stockport — — — — —	287	73
In Hatherfield — — — — —	180	20
Total	3405	636

I am very sensible you will require a great number of Observations, before you can draw any certain Conclusions. I would only crave leave to remark, that it appears from these Accounts, that this last Year, in this Part of the Kingdom, almost nineteen out of every hundred, or *near one fifth of those, who have had the natural Small Pox, have died*; whereas out of *sixty one which have been inoculated hereabouts, not one has died*; for as to the Case of Mr. *John Symson's* Daughter, which would have made the sixty second, I leave it out of my Account, and I will refer it to any impartial Judgment, whether I may not justly do so *. The Facts are open to every one's Enquiry, and whoever will give himself the Trouble, may be satisfied as to the Truth of them.

Halifax, Dec. 16.

1722.

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