

Baltimore May 2nd 1831
Mr. Birnie

I am sorry that the fistula has returned, and particularly so as the sinus goes forward, it is a direction that will prove most difficult to manage, if it can at all be done. I expect this proceeds from a sinus that was lurking undiscovered.

You will put half an ounce of the Chloride of Lime into a porter bottleful of water, shaking it well when mixt and every time you use it. Do as you did before, which was alternately between the Chloride & black powder. This powder was Charcoal with half an ounce of blue Vitriol in powder.

Be careful to syringe it to the very extreme part.

If your physician would pass a creator through carrying it the whole length of the sinus, it might be of great service, you having the creator renewed every few days as I before directed.

I should assist in giving health to the part if you give once every day in his feed ~~four~~ grains of powdered Cantharides.

Yours &c
John Haslam

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