

University of Virginia

January 29th 1853

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Dear Sir,

I received your letter so late that I was unable to answer it before I left Washington. I thank you much for your Bottle of the fastue fluid, which I will examine at leisure, and in most happy to communicate the results as early as conveniently can, as a trifling return for your kindness in permitting me to examine the case, and to be associated with you in your experiments.

With regard to the publication of your results, you may rely upon me implicitly. I have but one desire in the prosecution of my profession, by teaching and by practice, to benefit my fellow men, and that can always be done with due credit, without pre-empting my coadjutors in the field of science, or arrogating to myself merit, ~~to~~ which I may be but secondarily entitled.

The praiseworthy manner in which you have entered upon your experiments demands my thanks, as well as those of every lover of science, and I have no doubt that when completed they will add largely to our amount of useful knowledge.

I will with pleasure afford you every facility in the communication of the results of your labors to the public, and shall be quite satisfied to perform a secondary part. Certainly I shall not anticipate you. The field is yours and I wish you, for your own sake, to till it to the best account. Pray to me the favor at your leisure to

experiment anticipially with the ^{salivary} ~~pancreatic~~ acidulated
with the phosphoric, the marianic and acetic acids, and
to note the results. They ~~results~~ will be valuable, as
connected with the secretion on the agents of digestion, raised by
Monteggia, & referred to at Page 489 of my Physiology.

It will afford me sincere pleasure to hear from you
at any time and to find that your labors are duly
appreciated by the liberal and enlightened members of
our Profession, who, unfortunately form but a small
portion of the Mass.

To morrow I hope to be able to institute experi-
ments for detecting with accuracy the nature of the
acid, which gives character to the gastric fluid.
The sensible properties and the simple chemical experiments
made at Washington lead me to believe that it is the
Marianic. This we shall fix with certainty, as well
as the other great ingredients.

Believe me, dear Sir,
with great respect & esteem,

Yours &c
Robley Dunglison.

Professor Beaumont.

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Dr Beaumont,
United States Service,
Washington City.

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