

Edward Jenner to Col. J. M. Mahon

A.A. No. 485

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My dear Sir

The enclosed Manuscript, which your goodness allows me to send you for perusal, was written at the request of Count Orloff, with the view of its being presented to the Emperor. The Count desired me to give a concise outline of the origin of Vaccination, & then to state the pecuniary advantages I had derived from promulgating the Discovery, as foreign Nations conceived them to be immense; that is to say, that the British Nation had rewarded me with unbounded generosity.

This brief Memorial has not yet been sent to the Emperor. Count Orloff alters his mind on the subject and expressed a wish that it should first go to the Grand Duke of Oldenburg, & be



presented by her Imperial Highness to her  
Majesties Brother. He urged as a ~~strong~~  
reason, the uncertainty of its reaching the  
Empress's hand, if sent thro' the Channel  
of the Russian Ambassador. Here the  
matter rests.

I should certainly without hesitation  
adopt the plan you kindly suggested, & proceed  
immediately to Vienna, were there not an  
insurmountable obstacle, the indisposition  
of my Wife, which is of such a nature  
that I dare not go far from home.

Pray excuse the trouble I am giving  
you, & believe me dear Sir,

Your faithful  
& obliged humble S<sup>r</sup>.

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Chesham  
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