

My Lord Duke and Sir W^m Knighton

As coexecutors to His late Majesty, I most respectfully beg leave to call your attention to the annexed case or memorial.

Your memorialist begs leave to inform your Grace and Sir W^m Knighton, that he was appointed Surgeon and Apothecary to His late Majesty, and his Majesty's Household in the year 1824, and continued his attendance as such upon them both until the year 1828, charging for medicines and attendance as he did to any Gentleman & Family, in the neighbourhood, at which time Sir W^m Knighton fixed your memorialist's annual salary, at for medicines & attendance at £1000. The great inadequacy of such sum to pay for ^{medicines} and allow your memorialist any thing like a remuneration for his professional services and loss of time, will appear evident from the annexed statement; for in the two last years it will be found barely sufficient to cover the yearly amount of medicines supplied to the King's Household, independent of his professional attendance upon them, and leaving both his professional attendance upon His Majesty and His Majesty's medicines quite out of the question - The number of the late King's Household (the list of whom your memorialist herewith encloses) receiving Surgical and medical attendance and medicines amounted to 197 individuals exclusive of the Huntsmen and servants attached to His Majesty's Hunting establishment at Ascot Heath and (during the King's residence at the Castle) the Establishments kept at the Royal Lodge and Cumberland Lodge

These People were visited as well as in their respective situations, during long illnesses at their own houses, at distances of two, three, and four miles from Windsor, and in one case where the illness was long, and severe a patient was visited at a distance of seven miles twice daily making a journey of 28 miles a day for a long time. Besides the medicines supplied to the King and Household there were large quantities of drugs supplied to the Housekeepers Rooms of the three Establishments and to His Majesty's Wardrobe some of which were of a very expensive nature as Laudanum Otters Salvolatile Huskams Tincture of Bark and various other Tinctures by the pint at a time Castor Oil to the amount of two quart bottles in the week Henry's calcined Magnesia Rhubarb and many other articles in large quantities. The Medicines supplied to the Household exclusive of Surgical and medical attendance exclusive of professional attendance upon His Majesty and His Majesty's Medicines have for months together averaged in their daily amount three pounds as will appear in Day book — Your Memorialist's professional services to His late Majesty were of so peculiar a nature that they could only be particularised to and appreciated by medical men. For the last two years His Majesty's Compuency was so extraordinary and his tenderness to perspire during sleep so great that wherever the skin came in contact by folds as on the lower part of the abdomen the groin and in perinas it thereby became so abraded as to present a raw surface which required daily washing and professional applications.

His Majesty's sufferings for many months before his decease were such as to make the use of opium absolutely necessary to his comfort which was exhibited in various ways in the form of suppositories which ensured the introducing a suppository or large pill of opium into the rectum by the finger this your memorialist had to repeat every six hours for months together There was also much time occupied in administering injections daily per ano as well as into the urethra and other Surgical applications to His Majesty's private parts Also for months together an hour occupied each day in your memorialist's giving electric sparks to His Majesty's extremities and upon other occasions friction to His legs for a considerable time never occupying less than an hour at a time — Your memorialist has thus enumerated some of the various services he had to perform for His Majesty to shew how impossible it was for him to attend to his private practice which under those circumstances he was obliged to relinquish At the time your memorialist's services became so necessary to and so constantly required by His Majesty his private practice which he had been upwards of twenty years in establishing was considered one of the best out of London and yielded him an income of £3000 per annum — Your memorialist having sacrificed his practice as well as his health in his close attendance upon His Majesty for having had to take his turn of duty in sitting up in His Majesty's bed room where the Thermometer was at 80 degrees of heat and His Majesty being in the habit of suddenly crying out for air air when all the windows of a north east aspect were obliged to be thrown wide open and remained so for a considerable time

Those sudden changes from so high a temperature to severe cold in the months of March and April have afflicted your memorialist with chronic Rheumatism from which he fears he will never ^{recover} as he is as lame and helpless now if not more so than he was twelve months ago and your memorialist now finds himself with loss of health and loss of practice turned of 50 to seek another business which he hopes will have its due weight in your consideration of his case. Your memorialist has endeavoured to lay the nature of his services & claims before you in as concise a manner as from their delicacy they will admit of your memorialist must therefore leave the result to you who he feels fully persuaded are men who will be actuated by feelings of honour justice and humanity.

It perhaps may not be out of place here to mention that His present Majesty's Surgeon has a stipend of £1500 a year with his board & Apartments (wherever the King resides) for His Majesty's lifetime simply for his professional services to his Majesty's person alone not being required to supply any medicines or to attend any part of the Household his duty being that of giving medical advice only to His Majesty's person alone and in the event of His Majesty's decease to receive £1000 a year as long as he lives. Having submitted the above to your serious consideration your memorialist begs leave to subscribe himself Your Graces and Sir W^m Knighton's

Obedient Humble Servant.

John O'Rilly