

In Lincolnshire there resides a Surgeon
with a good private fortune, who
from Motives of principle & humanity
towards his fellow creatures, happening
to have met with some cases that
particularly affected him undertook
the study of the said disease that
every British heart is now lamenting
he has practiced I believe upwards
of 30 years & his success has been
beyond that of any other person,
in proportion to the numbers that have
passed through his hands — at the
request of different families
of distinction, he has received into
his house as boarders variety of
Ladies & gentlemen, most of which

have been restored to their families,
as perfectly well in every respect,
as before they were under the
sad necessity of being separated from
them. — Among the number I
had the experience of a near
connection of my own, who after
residing some months with Doctor
Willis — returned home without
the smallest remains of her complaint,
if the measures used had
been coercive, yet with such
judgment had they ever been
applied, that after the cure there
remained the most perfect amity
between the parties — & for twelve
years that the lady had the

entire use of her reason — She kept up a correspondence of friendship with Doctor & Mrs. Willis, & expressed the greatest gratitude as due from her to them. —

Dr. Willis's son has for some years been joined with him in the same benevolent occupation, & is supposed to have equal skill; both have the best of private Characters, both have uncommon good natural understandings, & both have had the most liberal educations — it is humbly submitted to those whose judgment on the present occasion cannot be doubted, whether coercion is not easier

procured by means of strangers, than
from those who have been the
objects of immediate command,
& whether if by any means the
Father & son, one or both could be
procured as auxiliaries to the
Faculty & to execute & enforce
their Directions, they might
not be found very useful
on the present intended occasion.

This belongs to the
relating to the
indisposition in
1788.

The Rev^d Dr. W. at Greatford near Stamford