

At the Council Chamber Whitehall
the 3.rd of Dec^r. 1738.

Present

The Lords of His Majesty's most
Honourable Privy Council.

Resolved - That Copies of
the Examinations of D^r. Richard
Warren, Sir George Baker Bart.
Sir Lucas Pepys Bart. D^r. Henry
Kewell Reynolds, and D^r. Anthony
Addington touching the State
of His Majesty's Health, which
were this Day taken on Oath
before their Lordships, be laid
to morrow before both Houses
of Parliament, and that the
same be laid before the House
of Lords, by the Lord President
and before the House of
Commons by the Chancellor
of the Exchequer.

Examination of D^r.
Richard Warren.

2. You are desired to acquaint
the Board, whether the State
of

of His Majesty's Health
is such as to render Him
incapable of coming in
Person to His Parliament,
or of attending to any
kind of Publick Business.

A - Certainly incapable.

2. What are the Hopes
You entertain of His Majesty's
Recovery?

A - The probability of Cure
can only be determined
by past Experience, by which
I learn, that the greater
Number of Persons who
have fallen into the same
State in which His Majesty
now is, including all the
Species of the Disorder
have been cured.

2. Can you form any
Judgment or probable
Conjecture of the duration
of

of His Majesty's Illness.^a

A— The Time necessary for obtaining the Cure cannot be ascertained.

Q— Whether in that particular Species of the Disorder that His Majesty has fallen into, It has been found from Experience that the greater Number of Persons so affected have been cured.^a

A— It is not in my Power to ascertain the Species, because no known Disorder has preceded, that can account for it.

Q— Whether so far as Experience enables Dr. Warren to judge of His Majesty's Disorder, he thinks it more probable that His Majesty will or will not recover, so as to render Him capable of

of attending to publick
Business.

A- I have not, and I believe
it is impossible for any
one to have, Data sufficient
for the answer to this Question.

Q. What Degree of Experience
has Dr. Warren had
himself, or does he know
others to have had in this
particular Species of Disorder.

A- It has fallen to my Lot
to see a great Number of
Persons in the Course of
twenty seven or twenty eight
Years Practice, who have
had the same Disorder with
which His Majesty is now
Afflicted; I have generally
attended them for a short
space of Time, and have
seen some of them get well,
sometimes under my sole
Care - sometimes in Con-
junction with Physicians
who profess this Branch
of Medicine only - It has
frequently happened, but

not

not always, that if the
 patient did not soon
 get well, I left him
 under the care of the
 Physicians who professed
 this particular Branch
 of Medicine only, who
 sometimes afterwards sent
 for me in consultation.

Examination of Sir
 George Baker Bart. -

Q. - You are desired to
 acquaint this Board, whether
 the State of His Majesty's
 Health is such as to render
 Him incapable of coming
 in Person to His Parliament,
 or of attending to any kind
 of Publick Business?

A. - His Majesty in His
 present State is unfit for
 any Publick Business. -

Q. - What are the hopes You
 entertain of His Majesty's
 Recovery? -

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A. The hopes that I
entertain of His Majesty's
Recovery depend upon
the Experience of Physicians,
particularly those who
attend the Publick Hospitals;
by which we learn, that
the greater part of those
who have been affected, as
His Majesty now is, have
been cured. —

Q. — Can you form any
Judgment or probable
Conjecture of the duration
of His Majesty's Illness? —

A. — I can form no conjecture
of the duration of His Majesty's
Illness. —

Examination of Sir
Lucas Pepys Bart. —

Q. — You are desired to
acquaint this Board —
whether the State of His
Majesty's Health is such
as to render Him incapable
of

of coming in Person to His Parliament, or of attending to any kind of publick Business?

A. - Undoubtedly the State of His Majestys Health is such. -

Q. - What are the hopes you entertain of His Majestys Recovery? -

A. - There is a probability of His Majestys Recovery. -

Q. - Does Sir Lucas Pepys found the Opinion given in his Answer to the preceding Question upon the particular Symptoms of His Majestys Disorder, or upon general Experience in other Cases of the same Nature, or upon both? -

A. - I do not found my Opinion of the Probability of His Majestys Recovery, on any particular Symptom or Circumstance peculiar to the
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case of His Majesty, but on
the general consideration,
that the Majority of those
who are afflicted with
Symptoms of a similar
disorder do Recover.

Q. - Can you form any
Judgment, or Probable
conjecture of the duration
of His Majesty's Illness? -

A. - It will be impossible to
form any Opinion upon
that. -

Q. - What degree of Experience
has Sir Lucas Pepys had
himself, or does he know
others to have had of this
particular Species of
Disorder? -

A. - I have occasionally
attended Patients, who
have had a similar
disorder; but more frequently
with those Physicians who
have made It their particular
Practice to attend such
Patients. -

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Examination of
Dr. Henry Revell Reynolds

Q - You are desired to acquaint
this Board whether, the
State of His Majesty's Health
is such as to render him
incapable of coming in
Person to His Parliament,
or of attending to any kind
of Public Business?

A - I think the state of His
Majesty at present is such
as will prevent Him &
from doing that -

Q - What are the hopes you
entertain of His Majesty's Recovery?

A - I think that the probability
is in favour of His Majesty's
Recovery -

Q - Does Dr. Reynolds sound the
Opinion given in his answer to
the preceding Question upon the
particular Symptoms of His
Majesty's

Majesty's Disorder, or upon a
general Experience, in other
Cases of the same nature, or
upon both? —

A. — Upon general Experience,
upon my own experience, and
upon the Experience of Gentlemen
older in the Profession than I
myself, with whom I have
conversed upon such Subjects

Q. — Can Dr. Reynolds form
any Judgment or probable
Conjecture of the duration of
His Majesty's Illness? —

A. — No I cannot — it may
be some Weeks — it may be
some Months — but it is
impossible to ascertain the
time —

Q. — What degree of Experience
has Doctor Reynolds had
himself, or does he know others
to have had, in this particular
Species of Disorder? —

A. — I have been very near
twenty years in the Practice
of

of my Profession - I have
 seen several Persons afflicted
 with the Malady with
 which His Majesty is &
 afflicted, both singly and
 in consultation with
 Gentlemen who have
 dedicated themselves to
 that particular Branch.

Examination of
 Doctor Anthony Addington

Q. You are desired to
 acquaint this Board whether
 the State of His Majesty's
 Health is such as to render
 him incapable of coming in
 Person to His Parliament, or
 of attending to any kind
 of Publick Business?

A. Most certainly it is. —

Q. What are the hopes you
 entertain of His Majesty's
 Recovery? —

A. The same hopes that I
 should

Should have of any other
Patient, in whose Family this
Disease is not Hereditary —
His Majesty has no Symptom
whatever that I know of, but
what I have seen in other
Patients who have recovered —

Q — Can you form any
Judgment or probable conjecture
of the duration of His Majesty's
Illness? —

A — I protest I cannot
with any kind of certainty —

Q — Whether so far as
Experience enables Dr Addington
to judge of His Majesty's Disorder,
he thinks it more probable, that
His Majesty will or will not
recover, so as to render Him
capable of attending to Publick
Business? —

A — I should think it more
probable that His Majesty will
recover so as to be in Health to
enable Him to attend to Publick
Business — By which I mean
in as good Health as He was
before He had the misfortune
to labour under His present
Illness. —

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Q. What Degree of Experience has D^r Addington had himself, or does he know others to have had of this particular Species of Disorder.

A. It is impossible to be a Physician for any length of time, without being concerned with Patients afflicted with this Disorder - They were so common in the Neighbourhood of Reading, that I built an House, contiguous to my own Dwelling House, for the reception of such unfortunate Patients; In this House I had constantly Patients attended by myself every Day, unless I was ill, for five Years - The House usually contained eight or ten such Patients - of those I believe I never saw an Instance of any, who was not reasonably deemed

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before he or she were brought
to my House, but what -
recovered within the Year -
and many in much less
time - I never saw but
two Patients of my own
confined longer than one
year - perhaps it may be
material to say that several
of these Patients had been
afflicted for two or three
years before they came
into my House. -