

Gen. Richard FitzPatrick to Col. McCracken.

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Dear Sir  
The Author of the book which accompanies is an  
ingenious French Physician, who is extremely con-  
-fident of having discovered a remedy which he  
believes to be efficacious in cases of consumption &  
he is desirous of forming an establishment in  
this country for the reception of the poor afflicted  
with that disease, the want of which, among  
the great number of hospitals that abound  
in London, he ascribes to the mistaken idea  
of the disorder being incurable. That he should  
be extremely anxious to be honoured with the  
patronage of the Prince of Wales, & the honour  
of his Roy. Highness's countenance & the undw-  
-taking is very natural, But I have told  
him that I could not presume to solicit  
so great a favour in his behalf. I have  
however, promised him to take the liberty,  
(which I had no doubt of your allowing me)

of requesting you to present to his Royal  
Highness a treatise which he has written  
upon the remedy he recommends, a very sensib[le]  
pamphlet & stating many cases where his  
treatments has been eminently successful.  
I have inclosed a prospectus of the establishment  
he is desirous of forming, but which, without  
powerful protection, I fear a Foreigner will  
encounter many difficulties in carrying into  
effect. If he is not too sanguine in believing  
that he has discovered a remedy for a  
disorder so dreadfully frequent & fatal in  
this country, there can be no doubt that  
the undertaking is deserving of the greatest  
encouragement from the Nation at large  
& of his being entitled to every support from  
the public.

I am D<sup>r</sup> Sir,  
with very great regard,  
Y<sup>r</sup> most obed<sup>t</sup> & humble serv<sup>t</sup>  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Fitzpatrick.