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Comtee appointed to examine  
His Majesty's Physicians.

The Right Hon<sup>ble</sup> Charles Long  
in the Chair.

J<sup>r</sup> Matthew Baillie M.D.

In the State of His  
Majesty's Health is such as to  
render Him incapable of coming  
to His Parliament in Person and  
of attending to any Public  
Business?

The State of His Majesty's  
Health is such as to render Him  
incapable of coming to Parliament  
or of attending to Public Business.

What is the State of His Majesty's Bodily Health?

His Majesty's Bodily Health when I left him on Monday last and generally of late has been but little disordered.

What is the present State of His Majesty's Mental Health?

The Errors of His Majesty's Mind seem to be as strongly impressed upon it, as during any Part of His Illness; but His Majesty has within the last few weeks been able

to relate Anecdotes more distinctly than for two or three Months before that Period.

Adverting to the state of His Majesty's Bodily & Mental Health since you was last examined before a Committee of this House, are you now of Opinion that His Majesty's Recovery is probable or improbable?

I think that His Majesty's Recovery is highly improbable.

Are you of Opinion that His Majesty's Recovery is hopeless?

I cannot state that His Majesty's Recovery is altogether without Hope; but I think it still improbable.

On what do you ground your Opinion that His Majesty's Recovery is highly improbable?

I think His Majesty's Recovery is highly improbable because His Majesty's Illness has continued for many Months; and ~~his~~ His Mental Health is in a considerably worse state than it was Eight or Ten Months ago—  
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because His Majesty is considerably advanced in Life; and because His Majesty's present Indisposition has assumed a more determined Form, than in any of His former Illnesses.

Has His Majesty's present degree of Mental Infirmitly taken place gradually or suddenly?

The present degree of His Majesty's Mental Infirmitly may be said to have taken place rather suddenly, He was in a much better State of Mental Health towards the End of June—  
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—Early in July His Mind was  
impaired with all the Errors  
which have continued since

Have you ever known  
an Instance of any Person  
exactly circumstanced as His  
Majesty now is in point of  
Mental Health recovering?

My Experiences in  
Complaints of this general  
Nature is very limited - I have  
not known any Case  
resembling very exactly in  
all its Features that of His  
Majesty - The only Person that  
I have known about His  
Majesty's

Majesty's Time of Life whose  
Mental Health was deranged  
did not recover.

At the Time of the sudden  
Change from better to worse in  
His Majesty's Mental Health in the  
Month of July, was His Bodily  
Health much impaired, & was  
His Life in Danger?

I cannot recollect the  
minute Circumstances  
attending the Derangement of  
His Bodily Health at that  
exact Period, but the general  
Impression which remains on  
my Mind is that His Bodily  
Health

Health was not worse at that  
Time than it has been through  
the general Course of His  
Indisposition.

Were the Paroxysms  
of Mental Disorder at that  
Time such, and so violent,  
or are they so now as during  
their Continuation to bring  
His Majesty's Life into Danger  
from their Effect?

In some of the most  
violent Paroxysms of His  
Majesty's Complaint - He may  
perhaps be said to have  
been in some Hazard, but  
it never appeared to me  
to be considerable with  
regard

regard to the present State of  
His Disorder I believe that  
His Life is in no Hazard whatever

Can you state how long  
ago it is since you formed an  
opinion that His Majesty's Recovery  
was improbable

I began to be less confident  
about His Majesty's recovery at the  
time of the Depart of July - in the  
beginning of October I thought His  
Majesty's recovery very improbable  
and now my opinion with respect to  
the improbability of His Majesty's  
recovery is rather strengthened than  
weakened

In your opinion are His Ma-  
jesty's faculties of perception and  
reasoning impaired in any material  
degree

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His Majesty's perception or  
Befindenschein seem to me to be as  
acute at present as during any period  
of His indisposition. His memory  
seems to be unimpaired but in a very  
inconsiderable degree

The Witnesses withdrew

Doctor William Heberden was called  
in and examined

Is the state of His Ma-  
jesty's health such as to render Him  
incapable of coming in person to His  
Parliament and of attending to any  
Public business

It is such as to render Him  
incapable of coming in person to  
His Parliament or of attending to  
any public business

What is the present state  
of His Majesty's Bodily health

It is very little removed  
from His Majesty's natural state  
to of

of health

What is the present state of  
His Majesty's mental health

His Majesty's state of mind  
is very much disordered

Adverting to the state of His  
Majesty's mental and bodily health  
since your last examination before a  
Committee of the House of Commons  
are you now of opinion that His Ma-  
jesty's recovery is probable or improbable

Improbable

In what degree do you consider  
it as improbable

It is highly improbable but  
not in an extreme degree

Are you of opinion that His  
Majesty's recovery is hopeless

No

Is it your opinion that the pros-  
pect of His Majesty's recovery is all but  
hopeless

No. His Majesty from the  
middle

middle of July last till about the second week of December appeared to me to be more uniformly disordered in His mind than He has been since that period, had the same degree of disorder still continued I might perhaps consider His Majesty's condition as almost hopeless but the subsequent improvement slight as it has been makes me think altogether more favorably of the termination

In what has that slight improvement consisted

It consists in a greater power of conversation and in having laid aside some erroneous notions with which His Majesty had been before possessed.

So it to be understood that His Majesty's mind is not as much impressed with the errors which had possession of it before as He was in

the middle of the month of July last.

The errors to which I allude had grown up in His Majesty's mind between the middle of July and the end of August. From the second week in December His Majesty's mind has appeared to me to be clearer and freer from error than it had been in the latter part of August.

Do the errors which existed in His Majesty's mind before the middle of July last still continue to exist in the same degree that they did formerly?

The errors and general character of His Majesty's disorder since the middle of July have appeared to me altogether different from what they were in any previous part of His Majesty's illness and though some ideas may still remain which possessed His Majesty's mind early in His disorder the greater part of them have grown up since the middle of July

You are understood to say that those errors that have possessed the mind of His Majesty between the middle of July and the second week in December were quite distinct from those that had possessed it previously to the middle of July.

Yes

And you are understood to say that those errors were removed or very much diminished at least.

Some of them have been removed.

State whether the errors which possessed His Majesty's mind before the middle of July still continue to possess it.

I believe I must go into some history of His Majesty's complaint from as long ago as February last to the end of April. His Majesty had appeared to be getting materially better in the months of April, May,

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and June there was very little of disorder exhibited. Early in July there seemed to be a fresh accession of disorder so distinct in its character from His Majesty's previous state that I took upon it as indeed a new complaint.

Did the old complaint continue to subsist along with the new complaint or when the new complaint manifested itself in the mind did the old complaint seem to be extinguished?

When the new complaint arose early in July though His Majesty was not well from His former disorder yet I am not conscious that there were any particular errors that at that time rested upon His mind.

Do any of the errors that possessed His Majesty's mind before the middle of last July now possess it?

His Majesty's mind is still possessed with the same sort of false reasoning but I am not aware

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that

that for some time previous to the commencement of the present disorder in July there were any false facts upon His Majesty's mind

When the error of His Majesty's mind, as you are understood to state previous to July was merely that of false reasoning are you to be understood that that was the sole error of His Majesty's mind previous to that

I think for two or three months previous to July that had been the state of His Majesty's mind

Does that propensity of the mind still continue

Yes

Did that false reasoning extend itself to many subjects or did it confine itself to a few

It was principally confined to a few but there were many subjects upon which His Majesty's

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judgment could not be trusted.

Does His Majesty's mind continue to be engaged upon those particular subjects on which you say it was principally engaged at that period

Yes

When His Majesty's mind runs upon those subjects on which you say it was principally engaged is it subject now to the same false reasoning it was then

Yes

You have said that you consider His Majesty's recovery as highly improbable have you ever known any person circumstanced in mental health as the King is now circumstanced and of the same age as His Majesty recover from an illness such as His Majesty's

I never knew any person under the same circumstances of disorder and age as His Majesty

How long have you been of

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of opinion

opinion that His Majesty's recovery  
was highly improbable

Perhaps from the latter  
end of August

The Witness withdrew

Doctor Thomas Munro was called in and  
examined

Is the state of His Majesty's  
health such as to render Him incapable  
of coming in person to His Parliament  
and of attending to any kind of pub-  
lic business

I think His Majesty's state  
is such as to render Him incapable  
of coming to His Parliament or of  
doing any public business

What is the present state  
of His Majesty's bodily health

The present state of  
His Majesty's bodily health is toler-  
ably good

What is the present state  
of His Majesty's mental health

His Majesty's mental

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health

health is insane

Adverting to the state of His  
Majesty's mental and bodily health  
during His present indisposition as far as it  
has come under your observation are you  
now of opinion that His Majesty's recovery  
is probable or improbable

I think His Majesty's recovery  
is improbable

In what degree do you consider  
His Majesty's recovery to be improbable

I think it to be very improbable

Are you of opinion that it is

hopeless

Certainly not

On what do you found your  
opinion that His Majesty's mental situa-  
tion is not hopeless

His Majesty has no symptoms  
of fatuity if His Majesty had those  
symptoms I should certainly consider it  
as a hopeless case

Do you consider that in all

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mental disorders not accompanied by  
lunacy there is always some hope

I certainly think there is a  
chance of recovery.

In the course of your prac-  
tice have you frequently had hopes  
founded upon such reasoning realized

Certainly

Have you ever known a  
patient circumstanced as Her Majesty  
is as to mental disorder and period  
of life recover

I have known patients  
older than Her Majesty recover

With the same degree  
of mental disorder

Not with the same  
degree of mental disorder I have  
seen very few cases of persons so  
old as Her Majesty

Do you conceive that  
the peculiar situation of Her Majesty

circumstanced as she is with regard to  
Her regal dignity has any effect upon  
Her disorder

I think there is a vast deal  
of irritation about Her Majesty which  
is seldom seen in patients in general

Do you conceive that any degree  
of irritation of Her Majesty's disorder is  
ascribable to Her being a King

I think certainly that the an-  
xiety and cares of Government may  
possibly have contributed to the  
disorder

At this moment do you  
think that the sense of Her own  
situation as being the Sovereign  
of the Country has any effect one  
way or other upon the state of Her  
mental health

I should think not

Does Her Majesty show any

anxiety on the subject of public affairs

I have had very few opportunities of seeing His Majesty during my presence with Him I have not observed any thing of the kind

Do you conceive that His Majesty's station has or has had or is likely to have any and what effect upon His mental disorder

I conceive that His Majesty has not suffered from His high situation as far as I have had an opportunity of observing during my attendance

Do you think that the reflection upon His own Royal state when His mind is in a state of progress towards recovery might have any effect either in retarding or accelerating that recovery

I think it might have some

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effect in retarding that recovery

How long ago is it since you first saw His Majesty

The first time I saw His Majesty was the 9<sup>th</sup> of October

Have you seen the King regularly from the 9<sup>th</sup> of October

I have been at Windsor ten different times the first seven weeks I was there once a week - went on the Friday and came back on the Saturday the three last visits once a fortnight

Have you witnessed any improvement in the King's mental state latterly

I am not aware of any improvement

The Whigs withdrew

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Doctor Samuel Foart Simmons

was called in and  
examined

Is the state of His  
Majesty's health such as to  
render Him incapable of coming  
in person to His Parliament and  
of attending to any kind of  
public business

It certainly is

What is the present  
state of His Majesty's bodily  
health

Upon the whole very  
good

What is the present  
state of His Majesty's bodily  
health

Upon the whole very good

What is the present state  
of His Majesty's mental health

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A State of great derangement  
Adverting to the state of His  
Majesty's mental and bodily health during  
his present indisposition as far as it has  
come under your observation are you of  
opinion that His Majesty's recovery is pro-  
bable or improbable

Improbable

In what degree do you conceive  
it to be improbable

It is difficult perhaps impos-  
sible to say

Are you of opinion that it is  
hopeless

I am not

How long have you attended  
The King

From the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October

Upon what do you ground  
your opinion that The Kings recovery is  
improbable

On the different attacks and  
the repeated attacks His Majesty has had  
His age and what I have observed occasionally

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of

of the symptoms of the disease under  
which he now labors

Did you ever see any  
person as old as His Majesty and  
laboring under the same degree of  
mental derangement recover

Several

Did you ever see any  
person as old as His Majesty and  
who had so long labored under the  
same degree of mental infirmity  
recover

I have seen persons as  
old as His Majesty recover after  
I think a longer duration of the  
disease than the present attack

After as many repeated  
attacks as His Majesty has had

With respect to the num-  
ber of attacks I have had occasion-  
~~ally~~ in hospital practice to see per-  
sons who have gone through a long  
life occasionally subject to attacks  
of this kind I have known persons  
attacked

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attacked ten twelve or more times and  
recover from each of those attacks

And die of age at last

Yes

Not in a state of insanity

I cannot immediately recollect  
instances but I believe I may venture to  
say that I have known some die of other  
disease and not in a state of insanity

Their last attack having come  
upon them at the age His Majesty has  
now attained

That is hazarding a great deal  
it would require time and reference to  
records to answer that question but I  
certainly have seen patients as old and  
much older than His Majesty recover  
from attacks of this kind

You say that you consider  
His Majestys recovery as improbable

I do

You say you have known  
persons as old as His Majesty and la-  
boring under an equal degree of mental  
derangement

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derangement recover

Yes

Then why do you think His Majesty's recovery improbable

Because the number of recoveries of persons of <sup>that</sup> age is very small in comparison with the number of recoveries of those that are younger the instances of recovery become less in the advanced periods of life - in St. Luke's Hospital we find that to be so much the case that for the last three years it has been resolved to admit no person above the age of seventy before that we were not restricted in point of age and in the course of about thirty years there have occurred (for I looked over the reports) about seventy eight instances of persons of seventy years and upwards who had been admitted and of that number only about sixteen had been discharged from the

the books of the Hospital as cured whereas taking the whole number of patients during that period the number amounting to above six thousand about one half or very nearly half have recovered but only one patient in five of that advanced age have recovered

Is not the state of His Majesty's constitution and general health remarkably strong considering the period of his life

His Majesty's constitution is so good that I should rate him as a man of sixty in point of health now at this moment

Have you perceived <sup>latterly</sup> any symptoms of improvement in His Majesty's mental health

I have thought for the last month His Majesty detailed anecdote and seemed inclined to listen to what was said to Him by those about Him rather more than He did at the beginning of my attendance

Do you consider that as  
any material symptom of im-  
provement

I have thought it rather  
a favorable sign

Do the symptoms of His  
Majesty's present disorder differ  
in any respect and in what from  
those which you had an opportunity  
of observing when you attended His  
Majesty in His illness in 1804

The state of His Majesty's ideas  
is very different from what it was  
in 1804 the fact is that the symp-  
toms of mental disease must be  
in a great degree the ideas of  
the patient it is not like a bodily  
disease you can judge of the state  
of a man's mind only from the  
ideas he gives forth and they are  
in many respects very different from  
what they were when I attended  
His Majesty before

Do the differences which  
you

you observed in His Majesty's present  
and past state lead you to form con-  
clusions more or less unfavorable to  
His ultimate recovery

More unfavorable

Have you ever discovered any  
symptoms of fatuity in His Majesty's  
case

I have not

Do you on account of the ab-  
sence of that symptom think less un-  
favorably of His Majesty's recovery

More favorably

Have you been in the habit  
of clasping the different descriptions of  
mental disorder

That is a matter of so much  
difficulty that I have not attempted  
it any more than the common dis-  
tinction of mania and melancholia  
low spirits and high spirits or more  
or less of irritability

Do you conceive the loss of  
sight in His Majesty would have any  
effect

effect in retarding or accelerating his recovery or rendering it more or less probable

The number of cases of blind persons that I have met with who have been insane has been extremely small they do not amount to more than seven or eight they have been all of them unfavorable cases and it is difficult to say what effect blindness may have with respect to the treatment of an insane person in some points it may be favorable but in general one would suppose it was <sup>rather</sup> unfavorable you cannot guide and manage the patient so well as if he saw

Do you mean by unfavorable cases cases in which the patients did not recover

Yes

Do you conceive that the reflection upon His Royal state when

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His Majesty's mind is in a state of progress towards recovery might have any effect whatever in retarding or accelerating that recovery

His Majesty has appeared to regain a consciousness of His regal state and that seems to have given a peculiar feature to His disorder and make it in some degree different from that of an ordinary case but I should find it very difficult to say how far that would retard or promote his recovery it makes therefore rather more difficult to conduct

Have the goodness to state whether you consider His Majesty's perceptions as clear and distinct

His Majesty's perceptions with respect to any objects that are presented to him are correct but he has a number of ideas floating in His mind that are extremely erroneous but He judges of the objects immediately around Him His food and those things with great precision speaks of the goodness of a dish whether he likes it or not

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not and knows every thing presented  
to him so far His perception is correct

Does His Majesty's memory  
appear to be at all affected

His memory is firm and  
good

Do you draw any inference  
from that circumstance with res-  
pect to the probability or improba-  
bility of recovery

That is certainly a favorable  
circumstance

The Witness withdrew  
Adjourned to Monday twelve o'clock

and also having my things put  
to have a few things purchased  
Also the things I want  
you to send to office  
The money is for  
you  
Do you have any more  
from that in London with  
just to be probably in London  
with your  
There is a small amount  
of money  
The things will  
be sent to the office

