

Certainly incapable.

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; but that the time necessary for obtaining the Cure cannot be ascertained

It is not in my power to ascertain the Species, because no known distemper has preceded, that can account for it.

I have not, & I believe it is impossible for any one to have data sufficient for the answering this Question.

It has fallen to my lot to see a great number of Persons, in the course of 27 or 28 years practice, who have had the same disorder, with which H. M. is now afflicted.

I have generally attended them for a short space of time, & have seen some of them get well, sometimes under my sole care, sometimes in conjunction with Physicians, who profess this branch of Medicine only. It has happened frequently, but not always, that if a Patient did not soon get well, I left him under the care of the Doct.<sup>rs</sup>, who profess this particular branch of Medicine. They sometimes sent for me afterwards in consultation.

S.<sup>r</sup> George Baker

His Majesty in his present state is unfit for any public business.

The Hopes, that I entertain of H. M.'s Recovery depend upon the experience of Physicians, particularly those, who attend the public Hospitals, by which we learn, that the greater part of those, who are affected as H. M. now is, have been cured.

I can form no conjecture of the duration of H. M.'s Illness.

S.<sup>r</sup> Lucas Pepys

Undoubtedly the present state of H. M.'s Health is such as to render him incapable of public business.

There is a probability of his Recovery.

It is impossible to form any opinion upon the duration of H. M.'s illness.

I have occasionally attended Patients, who have had a similar disorder; more frequently with Physicians, who have made it their particular practice.

I do not found my opinion of the probability of H. M.'s Recovery upon any particular symptoms or circumstances peculiar to the case of H. M.; but on the general consideration that a Majority of those, who are afflicted with symptoms of a similar Disorder, do recover.

Dr. Reynolds

I think the state of H. M.'s health at present is such as must prevent him from attending to public business.

I think the probability is in favor of H. M.'s Recovery.

Upon general experience, upon my own experience, & upon the experience of Gentlemen older in the Profession, with whom I have conversed upon such subjects.

No I cannot; it may be some weeks, it may be some months; but it is impossible to ascertain the time. I have seen several Persons afflicted with the Malady, with which H. M. is afflicted, both singly, & in consultation with Gentlemen, who have dedicated themselves to that particular branch.

Dr. Addington

Must certainly it is.

The same Hopes I should have of any other Patient, in whose Family this disorder is not hereditary. H. M. has had no symptom whatever that I know of, but what I have seen in other Patients, who have recovered.

I protest I cannot. I think it more probable he will recover, than not, so as to be in health to enable him to attend to public business, by which I mean in as good health as he was before he had the misfortune to labor under his present illness.

It is impossible to be a Physician for any length of time without being concern'd with Persons afflicted with this disorder. They were so common in the Neighbourhood of Reading, that I built a House contiguous to my own dwelling House for the reception of such unfortunate Patients. In this House I had Patients attended by me every day, unless I was ill for 5 years. The House usually contained 7 or 8 Patients; of those Patients I believe I never saw an instance of any Person, who was not reasonably deemed to be an incurable before he was brought to that House, but recovered within the year, & many in much less time. I never saw but two Patients of my own confined longer than a year. Perhaps it may be material to say, that several of those Patients had been afflicted for 2 or 3 years before they came into my House.

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