

At the Council Chamber, Whitehall  
 29<sup>th</sup> of November 1840  
 Present.

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

Docket. Matthew Baillie was  
 called in and sworn, and examined  
 as follows.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Parliament, or of  
 attending to any kind of public  
 Business

Answer. — I think His Majesty is at  
 present incapable of coming  
 to Parliament, or of attending  
 to any Public Business

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> — What are the hopes you  
 entertain of His Majesty's recovery.

Answer. — I think it highly probable that  
 His Majesty will recover

Question 3— Do you form Your Opinion  
in Your Answer to the previous  
Question upon the particular  
symptoms of His Majesty's Disorder  
or upon General Experience in  
other cases of the same nature  
or upon both.

Answer - I found the Opinion which  
I delivered as an Answer to the  
second Question upon the  
consideration of the symptoms of His  
Majesty upon perceiving no  
failure in the Faculties of His  
Majesty upon the soundness  
of His Majesty's constitution  
and upon the resemblance  
which his Illness has to what  
I have heard of His <sup>Majesty's</sup> former  
Illness of the same Character.

Question 4 - Whether in that particular  
species of the Disorder His Majesty  
has fallen into, it has been  
found from Experience that  
the greater number of persons  
so affected have been cured.

Answer

*A. Answer - I believe that the greater number have recovered.*

*Question 5. - Can you form any judgment or probable conjecture of the duration of His Majesty's Illness.*

*Answer - I can form no idea of the duration of His Majesty's present Indisposition. If one considers what has taken place in His Majesty's former Illnesses of the same kind, it is probable that it may not continue very long.*

*Question 6. - Whether so far as Experience enables you to judge of His Majesty's Disorder, you think it more probable that His Majesty will, or will not recover so as to render him capable of attending to public business.*

*Answer - I can perceive no failure of His Majesty's Faculties & therefore I presume if His Majesty should recover that he will recover with the same capacity for Business as before his present Illness.*

*Question*

Question 7. - What degree of Experience have you had yourself in this particular species of Disorder.

Answer - My Experience has not been extensive: I have been in Business for Twenty Years & have occasionally seen Patients affected with complaints of the same general Character as that of His Majesty;

Question 8. - Whether any amendment has already taken place in the course of His Majesty's Disorder and whether the appearance of such amendment continues at present.

Answer - His Majesty is considerably better than he was Ten Days ago - He is certainly somewhat better than he was yesterday Evening and perhaps a shade better than yesterday Morning.