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Founded upon attested facts and observations, without suffering the illusions of theory to influence and pervert the judgment. For, that things certain may precede what is uncertain, the theory, and the inferences from it, are placed at the latter end.

In the third part, where I have given an abridgment of what has been written upon the subject by the most celebrated medical authors, and others, I have always endeavoured to express their sentiments with as much clearness and consiseness as I could. I have indeed through the whole aimed at perspicuity rather than elegance of diction, as most proper in a book of science. To know a disease, and to cure it, being the two things most essential to be learned; I have therefore transcribed the symptoms and cure of the fever from these authors, where they do not entirely copy from each other.

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Addington.  

sweet and wholesome water. When lime-water, by standing exposed for some time to the air, has thrown up all its curds, none of the qualities of lime-water remain in it. From the notable quality he found in quicklime to prevent water from corrupting, he often thought, that some of it put in the ship’s well would effectually prevent the corruption of the water there, and consequently the putrid thaws or foul air arising from thence. All these experiments are safe, easy, and attended with no expence.

An essay on the sea-farr: wherein is proposed an easy method of curing that distemper at sea, and of preserving water fresh for any cruise or voyage. By Dr. Anthony Addington.

The description of the disease is borrowed from Cockburn, Beerbohm, Hoffman, Engleton, Lord Aysay’s voyage, &c. The cure proposed at sea, to be begun, if there be any marks of fumes, by blood-letting. This is recommended upon the authority of Hoffman, Beerbohm, Egenus, and Bruceus, as also Engleton. In order to lessen the quantity of redundant blood fill more, the patient is afterwards to be put under a course of gentle and daily purgation, with sea-water. Beerbohm, without any restriction to the habit of the patient, gives us the greatest expectation from a moderate and promptud course of purging in the farr; and Hoffman speaks to the same purpose. But where there are marks of virulence in the farr, it will be lost labour to rely on simple sea-water, unaltered with any antiputrid medicine. So if, in conjunction with that water, we make a prudent use of the spirit of sea-farr, we shall but seldom be disappointed in our hopes of a cure. This is the safe and effectual correcţion, which will constuct the purifying quality of rock and bay farr, when they have been taken in such large quantities as to occasion the farr. Twenty drops of this spirit taken every day, 3 K 2 will