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OF

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JAMES' SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, ROBERT JAMES, of the Parish of Saint James, Westminster, Doctor in Physick, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty King George the Second, by His
5 Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date the
Thirteenth day of November, in the twenty-first year of His reign, did give
and grant unto me, the said Robert James, His especial licence, that I, the
said Robert James, during the term of years therein expressed, should and
lawfully might make, use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and
10 Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and His Majesty's Colonies and Plantations
in America, my Invention of "A POWDER AND PILL, WHICH IN A FEW HOURS,
AND WITH A VERY FEW DOSES, MOST EFFECTUALLY CURE ACUTE FEVERS OF ALL
KINDS;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the
said Robert James, by a writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular
15 description of the nature of the said Invention, and in what manner the
same is to be performed, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of
Chancery within three kalendar months after the date of the said recited
Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may
more at large appear.

20 NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said
Robert James, do hereby declare that the said Invention is to be performed
in the manner following (that is to say):—

THE POWDER.

Take antimony, calcine it with a continual, long protracted heat in a flat
25 unglazed earthen vessell, adding to it from time to time a sufficient quantity

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of any animal oyl and salt well dephlegmated; then boil it in melted nitre for a considerable time and seperate the powder from the nitre by dissolving it in water.

THE PILL.

Take quicksilver, make an amalgama with equal parts of the marcial 5
regulus of antimony and pure silver, adding a proportionable quantity of sal
ammoniac; distill off the mercury by a retort into a glass receiver; then,
with this quicksilver, make a fresh amalgama with the same ingredients;
distill again, and repeat this operation nine or ten times; then dissolve this
mercury in spirit of nitre, put it into a glass retort, and distill to dryness; 10
calcine the caput mortuum till it becomes of a gold colour, burn spirit of wine
upon it, and keep it for use. It is impossible for any one that does not see or
attend to the process to specify the precise dose, because the medicines will be
stronger or weaker, according as the process is conducted. In general thirty
grains of the antimonial powder and one grain of the mercurial powder is a 15
moderate dose, though sometimes more, sometimes less, is required.

In witness whereof, I, the said Robert James, have hereunto set my
hand and seal, this Eleventh day of February, One thousand seven
hundred and forty-seven.

ROBERT JAMES. 20

THURSTON.

AND BE IT REMEMBRED, that on the Eleventh day of February, the
aforesaid Robert James came before our Lord the King in His Chancery, and
acknowledged the aforesaid Writing, and every thing therein contained and
specified, in form above said. And the said Writing was stamped according
to the Act of Parliament made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King 25
William and Queen Mary, and so forth.

Inrolled the Eleventh day of February, in the twenty-first year of the
reign of His Majesty King George the Second.

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