





THE ACT,  
INCORPORATING A  
Medical Society,

IN THE  
STATE OF CONNECTICUT ;  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
Bye-Laws and Regulations  
of said Society,

AND A  
LIST OF THE FELLOWS AND OFFICERS,  
FOR THE YEARS 1792, AND 1793.

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## An Act incorporating a Medical Society.

**W**HEREAS *well regulated Medical Societies, have been found to contribute to the diffusion of true science, and particularly the knowledge of the healing Art ; Therefore,*

*BE it enacted by the Governor, and Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, That there be a Medical Society formed within this State, to consist of the following persons, viz : James Potter, Leveret Hubbard, Charles Phelps, Joshua Porter, Amos Mead, Charles Mather, Josiah Hart, Eliakim Fish, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, John Lester, David Rogers, Philip Turner, Elisha Perkins, Isaac Knight, Daniel Sheldon, Phineas Miller, James Scovill, Samuel Woodward, Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, David Sutton, Elihu Tudor, Timothy Rogers, Joseph Baker, John Watrous, Seth Bird, Minor Grant, Simon Wolcott, John Osborne, Afa Hamilton, Theophilus Rogers, Lemuel Hopkins, Philemon Tracy, Mason Cogswell, Thaddeus Betts, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Elnathan Beach, John Turner, John Spalding, Levi Ives, James Clark, Albigenice Waldo, John Clark, and Elisha Lord, with such other Physicians and Surgeons as shall hereafter be approved of, and admitted from time to time, as is hereinafter provided, that is to say, The Physicians and Surgeons living in the respective Counties shall have liberty to meet together on the fourth Tuesday of September next, and at such place within their respective Counties, as shall be appointed by Lemuel Hopkins, Eneas Munson, Simon Wolcott, Albigenice Waldo, James Potter, Seth Bird, Jeremiah West, and John Osborne ; and by them notified, by advertising in some public Gazette in the Counties in which they respectively dwell, and when so met, they shall have authority by their major vote in such respective meetings, to determine the qualifications, and admission of their own members, and the persons who shall then be admitted, shall have authority to make choice of a Chairman and Clerk, to conduct the affairs of such meetings.*

*Be it further enacted, That such County Meetings formed as aforesaid, and all future County Meetings, which the Members so approved and admitted as aforesaid, with such others as shall hereafter be duly approved and admitted pursuant to this Act, shall annual hold on the fourth Tuesday in September, which they are hereby authorized to do and at such place as they shall appoint the said future meetings, having organized themselves with a Chairman and Clerk as aforesaid are hereby authorized and directed to choose by ballot, from amongst themselves, five persons for each County, except for the County of Middlesex and Tolland, and three for each of those Counties, to compose a convention of said Society : which Members so to be chosen for said first convention, shall*  
meet

meet at the Court House in Middletown, on the second Tuesday of October next, at 10 of the clock in the forenoon; and for the future annual conventions at such time and place as they shall appoint, and being so met, they are hereby authorized by ballot, to choose a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, and such other officers as they may think proper, and the convention so formed, shall be known by the name of the President and Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society; and shall hold their offices for the term of one year, and shall have full power to make By-laws to promote the ends of said Society, Provided they be not repugnant to the laws of this State, or of the United States, and may expel Members from said Society, for any misdemeanors as relative to said Society; to appoint examining committees in the respective Counties, who shall examine such candidates as may offer themselves for that purpose, and licence such as shall be found qualified for the practice of physic or surgery, and to receive them on their desire as Members of said Society in their respective Counties; to confer honorary degrees on such of the faculty as they may, from time to time, find of distinguished merit, to purchase and hold, to, and for the benefit of said Society, property, both real and personal, to an amount not exceeding Five Thousand Pounds lawful money; and to manage, improve and convey the same for the common good and interest of said Society; and may have a common Seal, and the same alter and renew at their pleasure; and the said Society, in their corporate capacity, may sue and be sued as other Societies and Bodies corporate may by law, as relative to the contracts, rights and interests, of said Society. Twenty Members\* to be present to be a quorum to transact the business of said Society.

*Be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the several Members of the Society, according to their ability, to communicate useful information to each other in their respective County meetings, and such meetings shall, from time to time, transmit to the Convention, such curious cases and observations, as may come to their knowledge; and it shall be the duty of the Convention to cause to be published, such extraordinary cases, and such observations on the state of the air, and on epidemical and other disorders as they may think proper; and the said County meetings and Conventions shall have power to adjourn, from time to time, as they may think necessary, to promote the design of their institution.

*Be it further enacted,* That if this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall be found inadequate or inconvenient, it may by the General Assembly be altered, amended, or repealed.

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\* By an additional Act, 12 Members constitute a quorum.

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AT A LEGAL CONVENTION OF  
THE FELLOWS OF THE CON-  
NECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIE-  
TY, IN MIDDLETOWN, ON  
THE SECOND TUESDAY OF  
OCTOBER, M,DCC,XCII.

**T**HE following Gentlemen were returned  
Fellows from the several County Meetings of  
the CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY, for  
the ensuing Year, viz.

Eliakim Fish, Elihu Tudor, Lemuel Hopkins, Samuel Flagg, Josiah Hart,	} Hartford County.
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Leveret Hubbard, Eneas Munson, William Gould, Elnathan Beach, Jared Potter,	} New-Haven County.
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Theophilus Rogers, Samuel Mather, Thomas Coit, Joshua Downer, Philip Turner,	} New-London County.
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James Potter,  
Thaddeus Betts,  
Hosea Hurlbut,  
James Clark,  
Amos Mead, } Fairfield County.

John Clark,  
Elisha Perkins,  
Elisha Lord,  
\* Albigence Waldo,  
Isaac Knight, } Windham County.

Seth Bird,  
Samuel Orton,  
Samuel Woodward,  
Seth Hastings,  
Samuel Rockwell, } Litchfield County.

Thomas Mosely,  
John Ely,  
John Osborne, } Middlesex County.

Ichabod Warner,  
Jeremiah West,  
Joseph Parker, } Tolland County.

The following Gentlemen were chosen Officers  
for the ensuing Year, viz.

LEVERET HUBBARD, President.  
ENEAS MUNSON, Vice-President.  
JOHN OSBORNE, Treasurer.  
JARED POTTER, Secretary.

† Since deceased.



The following RESOLUTIONS were passed by the PRESIDENT and FELLOWS of the CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

**R**ESOLVED, That a Committee be appointed in each County, consisting of three Members of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, for the Examination of Candidates for the Practice of Physic and Surgery.

*Resolved*, That the aforesaid Committees, in the several Counties, be furnished with blank Licences, signed by the President, with the Seal of the Society affixed ; to be filled up and countersigned by said Committees, and delivered to such Candidates, as shall be found duly qualified.

*Resolved*, That each Candidate receiving a Licence executed in the aforesaid Manner, pay to the Committee of Examination the Sum of four Dollars ; to be by said Committee deposited in the Treasury of the *Connecticut Medical Society*.

*Resolved*, That the Committee for the Examination of Candidates for the Practice of Physic and Surgery, consist of the following Gentlemen, in their respective Counties, viz.

Hartford County, Elihu Tudor, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins.

New-Haven County, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach.

New-London County, Elihu Marvin, John Scott, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County, James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, John Lester.

Windham County, Albigence Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner.

Litchfield County, Daniel Sheldon, Phineas Meigs, Nathaniel Perry.

Middlesex County, Thomas Mofely, Ebenezer Tracy, John Osborne.

Tolland County, Jeremiah West, Afa Hamilton, William Grosvenor.

*Resolved*, That a Tax of Three Shillings on each Member of the *Connecticut Medical Society*; and also, on such Physicians and Surgeons as shall become Members the current Year, be levied, collected and paid into the Treasury; to defray the Expenses of the Society.

*Resolved*, That the Clerks of the several County Conventions, viz. Elihu Smith, Samuel Darling, Joseph Trowbridge, Albigence Waldo, Simon Wolcott, Seth Hastings, Smith Clark and Jeremiah West, be directed to collect and pay over the Tax of Three Shillings on each Member in the respective Counties, to which they belong, to the Treasurer of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, on or before the sixteenth Day of May next; and the said Clerks are directed to report to the Treasurer at the same Time, the Names of such as are deficient in the Payment of the Tax aforesaid.

*Resolved*, That the Clerks of the several County Conventions, transmit to the Secretary, the Names of all the Members of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, that belong to their respective Counties, by the sixteenth Day of May next.

*Resolved*, That the President and Fellows of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, shall receive a Compensation for their attendance in Convention.

At a Convention of the MEDICAL SOCIETY of CONNECTICUT, holden by Adjournment at Hartford, on the fifteenth Day of May, A. D. 1793. The following Bye Laws were unanimously adopted.

*Be it ordained*, That the Secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society, shall record all the Transactions of the Convention, and conduct their Correspondence, and have the Custody of the Seal of the Society.

*Be it ordained*, That the Treasurer shall keep the Monies of the Society subject to their Orders, and shall annually render an Account to the Convention of all Monies received and paid by him.

*Be it ordained*, That an Auditor of Accounts shall be annually appointed, who shall examine all Claims upon the Society; and if allowed, shall draw Orders on the Treasurer for the A-

mount, and no Money shall be paid on any Account without such Orders. And said Auditor shall annually lay before the Convention the several Accounts so examined and allowed, with the Amount of the Orders he shall draw upon the Treasurer.

*Be it ordained,* That it shall be the Duty of the examining Committees in the several Counties to make an annual Return to the Secretary of the Society, of the several Persons by them licensed, and the Date of their Licenses, and an Entry shall be made in the Records of the Society, of every License granted containing the Name of the Person licensed, and of the President and examining Committee signing the same.

*Be it ordained,* That all Communications from Members of this State, shall be made to the Clerks of the County Meetings, and by them shall be laid before such Meetings for Examination, and if approved by the County Meetings shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Society to be laid before the Convention.

*Be it ordained,* That it shall be highly disreputable for any Member to assume or hold the Knowledge of any *Nostrum*, or palm any Medicine or Composition on the People as a Secret, and that any such Member shall be deemed unworthy to belong to the Medical Society: and that the Members of the Society shall hold no medical Correspondence with such Characters, nor consult with them in any Medical Case whatever; and that all Pretenders to *Nostrums*

shall be deemed and considered proper Subjects for Expulsion from this Society.

*Be it ordained,* That it shall be the Duty of each Member of this Society to accuse any other Member of the Society, for such Misdemeanors as he deems contrary to the Bye Laws of the same.

And the Accuser shall make a Statement in Writing of the Transactions which he deems a Misdemeanor, and lay the same before one of the Fellows of said Society; and the Fellow to whom such Accusation is made shall issue a Notification to the Accused, to appear before the next Convention, stating the Time when it is to be holden to defend, (if he see fit) against the Accusation. A Copy of the said Accusation and Notification shall be left with the Accused, or at his usual Place of Abode at least twelve Days before the holding of the said next Convention. And the Accuser shall cause the said Accusation and Notification to be served and returned to the said Convention on the first Day of their fitting.

And it shall be the Duty of the Accuser to bring forward his Witnesses and support his Accusation.

*Be it ordained,* That if any Member of the Medical Society whose Character stands fair and unimpeached shall ask for a Dismission from said Society, he may on Application to the County Meeting wherein he resides, have a Certificate from the Clerk thereof, that he is dismissed from said Society, on Condition that he pays up his

Proportion of the Taxes and Expences that have arisen previous to the Time of his Application.

*Be it ordained,* That whenever any Tax is laid by the Convention, it shall be the Duty of the Clerk of each County Society to make Returns to the Treasurer, of the Names of any of the Members who may be deficient in the Payment of such Tax.

*Be it ordained,* That all Physicians and Surgeons who pretend to any *Nostrums* or *Secrets*, and are willing to communicate their Knowledge to the Publick: That they may do it under the Solemnity of an Oath before some proper Authority, therein declaring that they have revealed every Simple and Composition that they are possessed of, relative thereto, and their whole Method of administering the same, without the least Reservation whatever: And that the *Nostrums* or *Secrets* shall be advertised in the several Newspapers that circulate in the Counties where they respectively reside.

*Resolved,* That any Member of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, shall have free Access to attend and hear the Debates of the Convention.

*Voted,* That Doctor Eliakim Fish, be Vice-Treasurer to the *Connecticut Medical Society*, for the remaining Part of the present Year.

*Voted,* That Doctor Ebenezer Tracy, be Auditor of Accounts for the Remainder of the current Year.

*Voted,* That a Tax of Three Shillings be laid on each Member of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, and collected on or before the fourth Tuesday of September next by the Clerks of the ref-

pective County Conventions to which they belong; and said Clerks shall be responsible to the Treasurer for the same.

*Voted*, That the President and Fellows of the *Connecticut Medical Society* shall receive Six Shillings per Diem, for each Member while attending in Medical Convention, and Six-pence per Mile while travelling from their several Places of abode to the Convention.

At a Convention of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, holden at New-Haven, on the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 1793.

A List of the Fellows of the Connecticut Medical Society, chosen and returned by the several County Conventions for the ensuing Year, viz.

Eliakim Fish,	}	Hartford County.
Elihu Tudor,		
Samuel Flagg,		
Lemuel Hopkins,		
Josiah Hart,		
Leveret Hubbard,	}	New-Haven County.
Eneas Munson,		
Jared Potter,		
William Gould,		
John Spalding,		
Theophilus Rogers,	}	New-London County.
Philip Turner,		
Simon Woolcot,		
John R. Watrous,		
Philemon Tracy,		

James Clark, Thaddeus Betts, Hosea Hurlbut, James Potter, James E. Beach,	} Fairfield County.
John Clark, Elisha Perkins, Elisha Lord, Albigence Waldo, Allen Campbell,	} Windham County.
Seth Bird, Daniel Sheldon, Seth Hastings, Samuel Woodward, Samuel Orton,	} Litchfield County.
Thomas Moseley, John Osborne, Elisha Phelps,	} Middlefex County.
Ichabod Warner, Jeremiah West, Miner Grant,	} Tolland County.

Officers of the Society for the current Year 1793.

LEVERET HUBBARD, President.  
ENEAS MUNSON, Vice-President.  
JEREMIAH WEST, Treasurer.  
JARED POTTER, Secretary.  
ELIAKIM FISH, Auditor.



Committees for the Examination of Candidates for the Practice of Physic and Surgery for the ensuing Year, in their respective Counties, viz.

Hartford County, Eliakim Fish, Lemuel Hopkins.

New-Haven County, Eneas Munson, Jared Potter, Elnathan Beach.

New-London County, Theophilus Rogers, Elihu Marvin, Philemon Tracy.

Fairfield County, James Potter, Hosea Hurlbut, Joseph Trowbridge.

Windham County, Albigeance Waldo, Jonathan Hall, Jared Warner.

Litchfield County, Daniel Sheldon, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington.

Middlesex County, Thomas Mosely, John Osborne, Ebenezer Tracy.

Tolland County, Jeremiah West, Asa Hamilton, William Grosvenor.

*Voted*, That a Degree of Doctor of Medicine be conferred on Leveret Hubbard and Elihu Tudor: And that the Vice-President and Secretary procure a proper Form for a Diploma for the Purpose.

*Resolved*, That the three following honorary prize Questions be proposed for Discussion to the Faculty or Literati, of the State of Connecticut, or else where.

1. What is the most eligible Mode of increasing and propagating medical Knowledge in the State of Connecticut?

2d. What are the Causes of autumnal bilious Fevers, and what Mode of Treatment the most successful ?

3d. What are the Powers and Properties of Opium in the Cure of Diseases ?

*N. B.* It is expected those Gentlemen, who are disposed to write on one or more of the preceding Questions, transmit their Compositions to the Secretary, in the English, Latin or French Language, on or before the first Day of October next; and the successful Candidates shall receive the Thanks of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, their Names published in the public Gazettes of the State, and their Dissertations kept on file for Publication.—And that with each Dissertation there be delivered a sealed Packet, with some Motto or Device on the Out-side, and within, the Author's Name and Designation; and the same Motto or Device shall be put upon the Dissertations, that the Fellows may know who to address as the successful Candidate. No Dissertation with the Name of the Author affixed, can be received; and if the Author of any Dissertation shall discover himself to any Fellow of the Society before the Adjudication, such Paper shall be excluded from all Competition.

All the Dissertations, the successful excepted, shall be returned, if desired, with the sealed Packets unopened.

*Voted*, That the next Convention of the *Connecticut Medical Society*, shall be at Middletown, on Wednesday, preceeding the second Thursday of October next, at 10 o'Clock P. M. at the Court-House.

*Jared Potter, Sec'ry.*



