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WILLIAM WINDHAM, Esq.
OF FELBRIG, IN NORFOLK;
AND ONE OF THE
REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT
For the City of NORWICH.

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IF I have taken the Liberty of addressing to you this Work, it is not from a presumption of any merit in such a translation,---nor yet to seek an occasion of praising your legislative abilities or your literary accomplishments. It is to tell you my confidence, that whatever appears to you intended to promote the public health *must* have your approbation, and your support as a le-

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gislator,---if such support be wanted. It is, perhaps, much more, to indulge a fond and grateful desire of publicly acknowledging the favour, and the pleasure, I have enjoyed in the friendship of a WINDHAM, ---- to assure you that I feel a satisfaction, something like paternal, in whatever contributes to your fortune, your reputation, or your dignity, --- and that I cannot but be,

With the most sincere Respect,

Your affectionate humble

Servant and Friend,

THOMAS HEALDE.

St. Mary-Axe,
February 26, 1788,

P R E F A C E
O F T H E
C O L L E G E.

ALMOST half a century has elapsed since our predecessors executed the same task we have now undertaken, no less to the praise of their judgement than their diligence. If Medicine, during that space, advanced not equally with other useful arts, it received many valuable improvements; as well from the industry and discoveries of others, as from those more particularly who have, of late, studied Chemistry with unusual zeal and penetration.

As, for that reason, it became our duty to examine anew the common instruments of the art of healing, we thought *that* duty required us to employ all the assistance which could be derived from modern chemistry;