

LECTORI S.

PLACUIT Præsidi et Collegio, novæ inquisitioni subjicere Pharmacopœciam Londinensẽ, quod efflagitare equidem videbatur, celebriorum medicorum prescribendi modus sanior et contractior; exigebat præterea instituta societatis ratio, cui mandatum erat hoc officium a Rege et regni Senatu, ut publicæ salutis invigilaret.

Dedecus omnino fore visum est, et opprobrium meritum, si ulterius scateret medicamentorum apparatus, inconcinnis et inconditis misturis, quas intulit primæva inscitia, intrasti venenorum metus, aut perpetua suspicio: quibus ut obviam irent præsci, fere toti erant in antidotorum investigatione, quæ plerumque superstitiosè et aniliter petierunt ex oraculis, insomniis, et commentis astrologicis; et inani spe freti, antidota composita efficiendæ, quæ singulatim reprimerent cujusvis generis toxicum, quicquid contagioni adversari animo effinxerant, acervo adjecerunt. Hinc exolevit medicina simplicitas, invaluitque miscendi, augendæ, et accumulandi luxuries: Exinde in nostra tempora fluxit labe. Nos quantum licuit, cumulum amoliri conati sumus, nonnulla verò, vi consuetudinis cedentes, posteritati corrigenda reliquimus.

Nulli certè usui esset, singulas immutationes enarrare; de fine autem instituti operis te admonitum volumus, nec curæ, nec studio nobis fuisse, Pharmaceutices universæ scrinia compilare; attamen, ni fallat opinio, ditavimus affatim Apothecas, non tantummodo medicamentorum numero.

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sed elegantia, et simplicitate; ut in promptu habeant artis professores omnino efficacia, explorata, minimeque ingrata remedia, unde cito, tuto, et jucunde sanare possint; honestum hoc curantibus vorum, et laudabile; aegrotis consilium acceptissimum.

EDICTUM REGIUM,

Quo vetius Anglia Pharmacopœi, Pbbrmacopœiam, nuper a Collegio Regali Medicorum Londinensium compositam, sequi tenentur.

At the Court at Kensington, the 28th Day of
May, 1746.

P R E S E N T

The King's Most Excellent MAJESTY.

Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lord President.

Lord Privy Seal.

Lord Steward.

Lord Chamberlain.

Duke of Bolton.

Duke of Argyll.

Duke of Newcastle.

Earl of Chesterfield.

Earl of Cholmondeley.

Earl of Starr.

Earl of Harrington.

Viscount Torrington.

Lord Cornwallis.

Lord Bathurst.

Lord

Lord Hobart.

Lord Monson.

Lord Sandys.

Mr. Vice-Chamberlain.

Sir William Tonge.

Sir John Norris.

William Pitt Esq;

WHEREAS there was this Day read at the Board the humble Memorial of Dr. Henry Plumpton, President of the College or Commonalty of the Faculty of Physic in London, setting forth, That the said President and College have, with great Care, Pains, and Industry, revised, corrected, and reformed a Book by them formerly published, intituled, *Pharmacopœia Collegii Regalis Medicorum Londinensis*, prescribing and directing the Manner of preparing all Sorts of Medicines therein contained, together with the true Weights and Measures by which they ought to be made: Which Book is now perfected, and ready to be published, and is made more extensive and beneficial to the Public than the former; and, it is conceived, will contribute to the Good of his Majesty's Subjects, by preventing all Deceits, Differences, and Incertainties in the making or compounding of Medicines, if, for the future, the Manner and Forms prescribed therein should be practised by Apothecaries and others in their compositions of Medicines, &c. The Memorialist therefore most humbly prays, that his Majesty will be graciously pleased to

enforce the Observance thereof in such manner as to his Majesty shal seem meet: — His Majesty this Day took the said Memorial into his Royal Consideration, and being desirous to provide in all Cases for the common Good of his People, and being perswaded that the establishing the general Use of the said Book may tend to the Prevention of such Deceits in the making and compounding medicines, wherein the Lives and Health of his Majesty's Subjects are so highly concerned, hath therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of his Privy Council, hereby to notify to all Apothecaries and others concerned, to the intent they may not pretend Ignorance thereof, that the said Book, called *Pharmacopœia Collegii Regalis Medicorum Londinensis*, is perfected and ready to be published: And his Majesty doth therefore strictly require, charge and command all and singular Apothecaries, and others, whose Business it is to compound Medicines, or distil Oils or Waters, or make other Extracts within any Part of his Majesty's Kingdom of Great Britain called England, Dominion of Wales, or Town of Beruvik upon Torveed, that they, and every of them, immediately after the said *Pharmacopœia Collegii Regalis Medicorum Londinensis* shal be printed and published, do not compound or make any Medicine or Medicinal Receipt or Prescription, or distil any Oil or Waters, or make other Extracts that are or shall be in the said *Pharmacopœia Collegii Regalis Medicorum Londinensis* mentioned or named,

named, in any other Manner or Form than is
 or shall be directed, prescribed, and set down
 by the said Book, and according to the Weights
 and Measures that are or shall be therein limi-
 ted, except it shall be by the special Direction
 or Prescription of some learned Physician in
 that Behalf. And his Majesty doth hereby de-
 clare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall
 not only incur his Majesty's just Displeasure, but
 be proceeded against for such their Contempt
 and Offences, according to the utmost Severity
 of the Law.

Collegii Regalis Medicorum

WILLIAM SHARPE.

HENRICUS PLUMPTRE.

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