

to see them dance Country Dances. For three Days all the City has been finely illuminated, and To-morrow, being the last Day of the Carnival, there is to be another Ball and Masquerade at Court, and a costly Fire-work to be play'd off, which puts a Period to the Diversions.

Whitehall, March 18, 1739-40.

Yesterday Mrs. *Stephens* received the Five Thousand Pounds Reward, assigned to her by an Act of Parliament on the Discovery of her Medicines for the Stone, and Proofs made of their *Utility, Efficacy, and Dissolving Power*. And the following Accounts relating thereto are published by Order of the Trustees named in the said Act.

*At a Meeting of the Trustees appointed by an Act of Parliament to examine Mrs. Stephens's Medicines, on Wednesday March 5, 1739-40, in the Prince's Chamber adjoining to the House of Lords, Four Persons appeared before them on whom these Medicines had been tried, viz.*

1. Mr. *Gardiner* of *Fetter-Lane*, aged 61, who had the usual Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder, with violent Pains for several Years. He was searched by Mr. *Nourse*, Surgeon, Dec. 30, 1738, when both he, and Mr. *Wall*, Apothecary, felt a Stone in the Bladder. Mr. *Gardiner* took the Medicines about Eight Months, voided many Pieces of Stone in that Time, was freed from all his Symptoms, and being searched again, first by Mr. *Sharp*, Sept. 14, 1739, and then on the 30th of November following by Mr. *Nourse*, Mr. *Chefelden*, Mr. *Sainthill*, and Mr. *Belcher*, Surgeons, at *Child's* Coffee-house in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, no Stone could be found.

2. *Peter Appleton*, of *Black-Fryars*, aged 67, who had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder for more than Seven Years, with excessive Pains for the Five last Years of that Time. He was searched July 6, 1739, by Mr. *Sharp*, and found to have a Stone in the Bladder, which Stone was also felt by Dr. *Pellet*, Dr. *Nesbit*, Dr. *Whitaker*, and Dr. *Hartley*, and judg'd by all present to be a large one. He took the Medicines for about Five Months, during which Time he voided a very large Quantity of Stone in Flakes and small Fragments. He grew quite free from all his Complaints, and was searched again, first by Mr. *Sharp*, Nov. 9, and afterwards by Thirteen Physicians and Surgeons, Nov. 30, at *Child's* Coffee-house in *St. Paul's Church-yard*, but no Stone could be found.

3. *Henry Norris*, of *Leather-Lane*, aged 55, who had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder for about a Year and half. Aug. 17, 1739, he was searched at *St. George's* Hospital by several Physicians and Surgeons, who all felt the Stone. He took the Medicines about four Months, and voided only a thick Sediment in that Time, however he was entirely freed from all his Symptoms; and being searched again, Dec. 14, at *St. George's* Hospital, by Eight Physicians and Surgeons, no Stone could be found.

4. *William Brighty*, of *Colchester*, aged 79, who had the Symptoms of a Stone in the Bladder for more than Three Years. He was searched Sept. 8, 1739, at *Guy's* Hospital, by Dr. *Gardiner* and Mr. *Sharp*, and found to have a Stone. He took the Medicines for about Four Months, voided many Pieces of Stone during that Time, became free from all his Symptoms, and being searched again at *Guy's* Hospital, Jan. 19, 1739-40, by Dr. *Gardiner*, Mr. *Sharp*, and Mr. *Belcher*, no Stone could be found.

After these Persons and other Evidence had been produced, the following Certificate, being that which is required by the Act of Parliament, was signed by all the Trustees that were present at this Meeting, except Dr. *Pellet* and Dr. *Nesbit*, who having some Doubts with Respect to the Words *Dissolving Power*, chose to give the separate Certificates hereunto annex'd.

*The Certificate required by the Act of Parliament.*

March 5, 1739.

We whose Names are underwritten, being the major Part of the Trustees appointed by an Act of Parliament, entitled, *An Act for providing a Reward to Joanna Stephens, upon a proper Discovery to be made by her, for the Use of the Publick, of the Medicines prepared by her for the Cure of the Stone*, do certify, That the said *Joanna Stephens* did, with all convenient Speed after the passing of the said Act, make a Discovery to our Satisfaction, for the Use of the Publick, of the said Medicines, and of her Method of preparing the same; and that we have examined the said Medicines, and are convinced by Experiment of the *Utility, Efficacy, and Dissolving Power* thereof.

Jo. Cant.	Tho. Oxford.
Hardwicke C.	Ste. Poyntz.
Wilmington P.	Stephen Hales.
Godolphin C. P. S.	Jo. Gardiner.
Dorset.	Sim. Burton.
Montagu.	Peter Shaw.
Pembroke.	D. Hartley.
Baltimore.	W. Chefelden.
Cornbury.	C. Hawkins.
M. Gloucester.	Sam. Sharp.

*Dr. Pellet's Certificate.*

I am satisfy'd from Experience, and do hereby certify, That the Medicines published by Mrs. *Stephens* for the Cure of the Stone in the Bladder, are often useful and efficacious in that Case. Witness my Hand.

March 5, 1739.

*Tho. Pellet.*

*Dr. Nesbit's Certificate.*

The Case of *Appleton* I take to be as strong a Proof of the Utility and Efficacy of Mrs. *Stephens's* Medicines within the Meaning and Intent of the Act for providing a Reward to *Joanna Stephens, &c.* as can be had from one Experiment during the Life of the Patient, because I am thoroughly satisfied that *Appleton* had a Stone in his Bladder before he took the Medicines, and I do now believe he has not one.

March 5, 1739.

*Robt. Nesbit.*

Whitehall, March 20th, 1739-40.

Whereas *Robert Gainsford*, of *Culbam*, in the County of *Oxford*, Gent. did, in the Year 1729, build and erect a Brick Kiln House, and four other Houses thereto adjoining, for the making of Bricks, Tyles, and Lyme, and on or about the 10th Day of January 1731, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, one of the Houses was privately and maliciously set on Fire by some wicked Person or Persons, which entirely consumed the same. And on or about the 5th day of November then next following, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, two other Houses adjoining to the said Kiln were in like Manner set on Fire, which entirely consumed the same with the Utensils thereto belonging; and also a large Quantity of Fuel. And on or about the 23d Day of December then next following, between the Hours of Twelve and One at Night, one other of the said Houses was in the like Manner set on Fire, which entirely consumed the same. And on or about the 10th Day of December 1737, be-