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Collection
1839-1857

Extent:

205 letters

Creator:

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

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The publications by Butcher which are covered in the correspondence are;

- On wounds of arteries, and their treatment (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, August 1854)
- On excision of the knee joint (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Feb 1855)
- On excision of joints (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Nov 1855)
- On the operative measures necessary in the treatment of hare-lip (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Feb 1856)
- On poisoning by corrosive sublimate injected into the vagina (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Feb 1856)
- On encephaloid cancer occurring as an isolated manifestation of malignant disease (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Nov 1856)
- Second memoir on excision of the knee-joint (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Feb 1857)
- Reports in Operative Surgery (Dublin Journal of Medical Science, Nov 1857)

Arrangement:

The letters were originally found in a file and had been numbered in pencil in that arrangement. The letters have been removed from the file, but the order of the letters maintained.

Letters number 125 to 128 inclusive are missing, letters 104, 147, 164 and 171 were identified during cataloguing as parts of other letters and reunited with them.

Administrative History:

Richard Butcher was born in Killarney in 1819. He studied medicine in the Cork School under John Woodroffe, at the Peter Street School in Dublin and in Guy's Hospital in London. He received the Licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons, England (1838) and Ireland (1841), becoming a Fellow of the Irish College in 1844. Butcher lectured in anatomy at the College of surgeons, was Surgeon to the Meath Hospital, and had a sizable private practice. He was appointed to the new post of Lecturer in Operative Surgery in Trinity College and joined the medical staff of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital. Butcher published extensively on various aspects of surgery, mainly in the Dublin Journal of Medical Science, and invented his own surgical saw, 'Butcher's Saw'. He was held in high regard as a skilful surgeon, sparing blood, and 'anxious to conserve as much as possible of the "precious porcelain" of man - in a word, he was a successful practitioner of "bloodless" and "preventative surgery".'

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References:

Cameron, Sir Charles A, History of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (Dublin, 1916)

- RBC/1 Letter from John Woodroffe to Richard Butcher** 31 October
1837
- Extent:*
1 pages
- Creator:*
Woodroffe, John, 1785-1859
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from John Woodroffe to Richard Butcher enclosing a testimonial (RBC/2 or RBC/3) to Butcher which the writer hopes will 'serve to promote your views in life'.
- RBC/2 Testimonial from John Woodroffe to Richard Butcher** 30 October
1837
- Extent:*
1 pages
- Creator:*
Woodroffe, John, 1785-1859
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript testimonial from John Woodroffe to 'the high opinion I entertain of Mr Butcher's professional acquirements'.
See related letter RBC/1 and RBC/3
- RBC/3 Testimonial from John Woodroffe to Richard Butcher** 1 November
1837
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Woodroffe, John, 1785-1859
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript testimonial from John Woodroffe to 'the high opinion I entertain of Mr Butcher's professional

acquirements'. The testimonial also states that Butcher is 'a correct anatomist and [] practical surgeon ... he is particularly qualified to undertake the charge of any public institution, either Civil or Military'.

See related letter RBC/1 and RBC/2

RBC/4 **Letter from [Joshua] Harvey to Richard Butcher** 24 May 1837

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Harvey, Joshua Ruben

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from [Joshua] Harvey to Butcher requesting he will accept 'Brodie as a little token of my recollection of your constant and [] disposition to oblige me during the period of our working together, the letter recalls this time with pleasure and sends best wishes for Butcher's future.

RBC/5 **Letter from Edward Townsend to Richard Butcher** 5 November
1847

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Townsend, Edward R, [1800]-1878

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from Edward Townsend to Richard Butcher congratulating him on his 'advancement and the honorable appointment you have obtained, which he sees as the result of Butcher's 'steady industry .. and the reward of your application'.

- RBC/6a** **Note from John Woodroffe to Richard Butcher** Undated
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Woodroffe, John, 1785-1859
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript note from Woodroffe to Butcher informing him that Woodroffe must 'start for Bandon at once' and asking Butcher to act for him at the infirmary.
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- RBC/6b** **Letter from Edward Townsend to Richard Butcher** 5 May 1848
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Townsend, Edward R, [1800]-1878
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Townsend to Butcher congratulating him on his recent advancement, he writes 'the great difficulty is to find a person with [whits] industry and talent and when existing together they invariably lead to property and honour'.
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- RBC/7** **Letter from Edward Townsend to Richard Butcher** 8 May 184[9]
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Townsend, Edward R, [1800]-1878
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Townsend to Butcher congratulating him on his reappointment to the Count of Examiners, which he believes will help Butcher reach

the top of the profession. He also comments on Butcher's recent publication in the Dublin Medical Press which he read with great pleasure.

RBC/8 **Letter from Edward Townsend to Richard Butler** 21 March
1851

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Townsend, Edward R, [1800]-1878
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Townsend to Butcher congratulating him on his appointment to Mercer's Hospital and his continued advancement in the profession. The letter also contains discussion of some cases that Butcher has recently published, Townsend agreeing with his conclusions.

RBC/9 **Letter from Isabella FitzGibbon to Richard Butler** Undated

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
FitzGibbon, Isabella
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Isabella FitzGibbon to Richard Butcher. Letter informs Butcher that she has written to Lord Clarendon about 'the appointment you desire', and that that she feels he 'is only guided by merit in his appointments'.
See related letter RBC/10

RBC/10 Letter from Isabella FitzGibbon to Richard Butcher Undated

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
FitzGibbon, Isabella
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Isabella FitzGibbon to Richard Butcher. Letter informs Butcher that she has received a reply from Lord Clarendon about 'the appointment' Butcher wishes for. Clarendon has told her the appointment will depend on the Senante, and FitzGibbon recommends that Butcher should canvas the other members of the Senate.
See related letter RBC/9

RBC/11 Letter from the Chief Baron to Richard Butcher 10 May

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pigot, David Richard, [1796]-1873
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from the Chief Baron [probably David Richard Pigot] to Richard Butchther. Letter acknowledges receipt of the letter and statements sent by Butcher, and comments on his 'eminent qualification'.

RBC/12 Letter from James Apjohn to Richard Butcher March

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Apjohn, James, 1796-1886
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from James Apjohn to Richard Butcher. Letter is written in answer to a question asked by Butcher and contains detailed scientific discussion.

RBC/13 Letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher 20 March 1851

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Porter, William Henry, 1790-1861
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher. Porter congratulates Butcher on his recent article in the Medical Press 'which is excellent in every respect except that it brings one professional name a little to prominently forwards, however, the owner of that name receives it as it was meant, with the utmost kindness and is very grateful. The letter goes on to further congratulate Butcher, who Porter expects to take 'a first position as an operating and (what is much better) a scientific surgeon'. A postscript asks for Butcher's views on Porter's ideas regarding 'the treatment of aneurism by compression'.

RBC/14 Letter from James Miller to Richard Butcher 27 March
1851

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Miller, James, 1812-1864
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from James Miller to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his recent article on the treatment of aneurysm by compression. He expresses his view as to the correctness of this treatment and 'rejoice[s] to think that the men of Dublin are demonstrating more & more plainly the successful practice'.

RBC/15 Letter from [a patient] to Richard Butcher Undated

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from [a patient] to Richard Butcher. Letter expresses how 'deeply sensible and grateful I am for the very great kindness I have experienced at your hands for the last 2 months', and encloses 'a small remuneration' which the writer considers 'wholly insufficient' but all that could be afforded.

RBC/16 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher 18 November 1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher thanking him for send a copy of his article on excision of the knee joint and stating that 'I have no hesitation in giving my testimony to the conservative utility of this operation'. The letter also includes notes on a case of Pritchard's in which he used the operation. See related letter RBC/18

RBC/17 Letter from Ceasar Hawkins to Richard Butcher 28 May 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Hawkins, Ceasar Henry, 1798-1884
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Ceasar Hawkins to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his paper on excision of the knee joint. He comments that he see the 'operation as an established one in surgery. The difficulty will be in preventing it being [used] ... in unfit cases'.

RBC/18 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher November 1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher sending additional information on the case of excision of the knee joint, mentioned in a previous letter (RBC/16). The informaiton relates to the 'very little constitutional disturbance attend[ing] the operation'.

RBC/19 Letter from William Coulson to Richard Butcher 23 May 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Coulson, William, 1802-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Coulson to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his paper on excision of the knee joint. Coulson states he is currently work 'on "Diseases of the Knee Joint"' and shall gladly avail myself of the aid which your paper affords me'.

RBC/20 Letter from [] to Richard Butcher 1 March 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher thanking him for his article on excision of the knee joint which he see as 'a credit to yourself and I may add, that it is a credit to Mercers & the Dublin School'.

RBC/21 Letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher 12 February [1855]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Cotton, Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher taking him for his article on the knee joint. The letter discusses the various medical journals and Cotton also details a recent case in which he 'removed by forceps & [] in an adult the end of tibia' with much success.

- RBC/24 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher** 4 October 1854
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher thanking him from his note and kind offer to send a copy of his forthcoming publicaiton. Pemberton 'shall be glad of an early opportunity of perusing you experiences in the matter of excision'.
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- RBC/25 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher** 15 May 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher enclosing a note from Mr [Frederick] Skey (RBC/26) who has been 'converted' by Butcher's paper on excision of the knee joint. Smith talks about potential reviews of the work and refers to a piece published in last week's Lancet. He concluded by discussing [James] Syme, who 'makes such a fool of himself that we hardly think it worth while to notice what he says'.

RBC/26 Letter from Frederick Skey to Henry Smith 5 May [1855]

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Skey, Frederick Carpenter, 1798-1872

Smith, Henry, 1823-1894

Description:

Letter from Frederick Skey to Henry Smith returning [Butcher's pamphlet on excision of the knee joint]. Skey states he has 'read it with pleasure & instruction' and will make use of the procedure if he has a suitable case, with Smith's assistance.

[Letter was forwarded by Smith to Butcher, see RBC/25]

RBC/27 Letter from Ivan [] to Richard Butcher 11 November 1854

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Letter from Ivan [] to Richard Butcher answering a letter from Butcher and providing details of two operations carried out by Ivan, presumably excision of the knee joint.

RBC/28 Letter from Barnard Holt to Richard Butcher 31 October 1854

Extent:

4 pages

Creator:

Holt, Barnard Wight, 1816-1894

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from Barnard Hold to Richard Butcher supplying 'the information you require

respecting my case of excised knee joints'. The letter contains a detailed description of the case.

RBC/29 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 1 May 1855

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Smith, Henry, 1823-1894

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher explaining his failure to get a review of Butcher's work on the knee joint published in the Medical Times, due to his friend Spencer Wells leaving the post as editor. The letter then discusses the best way to counter Syme's views in the Lancet, suggesting Butcher sends him a copy of the monograph to 'counter the misapprehension which exists in his mind that excision of the knee is not as successful as amputation. Smith views Syme's lectures as 'a disgrace to the profession', comments on [William] Fergussons 'flap' at Syme, and gives his belief that Syme's 'if he does not[let] the greatest lies, he keeps back a great quantity of truth.'

RBC/30 Letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher 2 November 1854

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Page, William Bousfield, 1817-1886

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher replying to his letter. Page reports that he sent a patient whose knee he excised 2 years ago and that he 'was walking without a stick, and was able to keep up with my horse, which was going at a walking pace, for several hundred yards'. The

remainder of the letter contains more details of the patient, his case and recovery.

- RBC/31 Letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher** Undated
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Cotton, Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher replying to his letter. Letter contains, as requested by Butcher, details of a case of excision of the knee joint carried out by Cotton.

- RBC/32 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher** 18 May 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his publication on excision of the knee joint, and expressing an opinion in favour of the operation to amputation. Fergusson discusses the current dispute over the advisability of the operation, referring to the 'gentleman in questions', presumably James Syme. Fergusson also refers to his own dispute with [Syme].

RBC/33 Letter from [] to Richard Butcher 24 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher sending him the information he requested, an account of an case of excision of the knee joint.

RBC/34 Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher 31 October
1854

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher replying to a letter and sending information on John Hay who is 'healthy and active on his legs as a cricket'. The letter then discusses another case of excision of the knee joints carried out by Keith, with details of the patient, operation and recovery.

RBC/35 Letter from George Matthew Jones to Richard Butcher 6 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher in answer to his letter. The letter contains

details of cases of excision of the knee joint carried out by Jones, and later published by him.

RBC/36 Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher 13 February
1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher sending a 'letter of thanks from our Council for your pamphlet which they value much'.
The enclosed letter of thanks has not survived.

RBC/37 Letter from Richard Thomas Gore to Richard Butcher 5 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Gore, Richard Thomas, 1799-1881
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Richard Gore to Richard Butcher replying to Butcher's enquiry about a case of excision of the knee joint by Gore. He provides details of the case and states that the 'results of the case has been and continues in all respects complete, both as regards the boy's health and use of the limb'. He dismisses the prejudice against the operation in 'the minds of those who are guided by feelings rather than facts'.

RBC/38 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher 20 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher sending, as requested, details of a case of excision of the knee joint carried out by Pemberton. He states he had intended to publish something on excision doubts he will have time to prepare his notes 'to make them of practical use'.

RBC/39 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher 23 January
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher sending a 'letter I have received from Professor Wm Fergusson - in which he expresses an opinion bearing on the question of excision ... knowing the interest you take on this subject'. Pritchard ask that the enclosed letter is returned.

RBC/40 Letter from John Eirchsen to Richard Butcher 7 December
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher complying with Butcher's request for details of cases. Erichsen sends notes on 'the three cases of excision of the knee joint that have been performed in my wards'.

RBC/41 Letter from John Eirchsen to Richard Butcher 9 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'interesting, valuable paper' on excision, and stating he hopes it will change the mind of 'those who are still sceptical' about the procedure.

RBC/42 Letter from William Fraser to Richard Butcher 10 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fraser, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fraser, on behalf of the Aberdeen Medical Society, thanking Richard Butcher for sending them a copy of his treatise on excision of the knee joint.

RBC/43 Letter from John Eirchsen to Richard Butcher 18 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher thanking him for his paper and expressing a hope that he my 'be able to visit Dublin' as he has a 'leaning towards & admiration for the Dublin School of Surgery'.

RBC/44 Letter from Edward Hutton to Richard Butcher 8th February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Hutton, Edward, 1797-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Hutton to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his recent

publication. He compliments Butcher on his research and the success of the case he reports.

- RBC/45 Letter from Samuel [Saley] May 1855**
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
[Saley], Samuel
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Samuel [Saley] to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his recent publication and hoping to make his personal acquaintance if Butcher comes to London.
- RBC/46 Letter from Richard Mackenzie to Richard Butcher 24 February 1854**
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Mackenzie, Richard James, 1821-1854
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Richard Mackenzie to Richard Butcher asking him to send details of his recent case of excision of the knee joint as the operation will 'again be under discussion at the Medico-chirurgical society'. Mackenzie wishes to use Butcher's experience to support his own idea that the operation is 'both a justifiable and a good one'.

RBC/47 Letter from Kenneth Mackenzie to Richard Butcher 9 February
1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Mackenzie, Kenneth
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Kenneth Mackenzie to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his treatise on excision of the knee joint and 'your dedication of the work to the memory of my brother' the surgeon Richard Mackenzie.

RBC/48 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 10 February
1855

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking him for his pamphlet and congratulating him on the work. Jones, who has also published on excision, believes 'our operation is rapidly gaining ground', he laments that he can not find a letter from [Richard] Mackenzie on the subject he wishes to send to Butcher, and hopes that he will 'have the pleasure of knowing you personally' soon.

RBC/49 Letter from Bernard Holt to Richard Butcher 8 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Holt, Barnard Wight, 1816-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Bernard Hold to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his recent publication. Holt comments on the value of 'the number of cases you have collected together with your practical remarks', and suggests a second edition with additional details of the long term results of the operation would be of benefit in the future.

RBC/50 Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher 6 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher sending 'a thousand thanks for bringing the merits of knee excision in such a masterly manner before the profession'. Keith believes Butcher's publication will encourage many surgeons to try the operation and be of benefit to the profession. Keith also sends Butcher a copy of his latest monography (not present).

RBC/51 Letter from Oliver Pemberton To Richard Butcher 2 September
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher asking if he will send details of his recent operation of excision of the knee, which Pemberton heard about at the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh from Richard Mackenzie.

RBC/52 Letter from Sherard Statham to Richard Butcher 20 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Statham, Sherard Freeman, 1826-1858
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Sherard Statham to Richard Butcher sending details of a case of excision of the knee joint as requested by Butcher. The case has been problematic but Statham expects the patient will recover and offers to send more details in 'a month or two'.

RBC/53 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 26 November
1854

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher. Smith apologises for his delay in replying, he is 'delighted to find a surgeon of your repute lending his aid to the spread of conservative surgery and assisting to destroying ancient [prejudices]'. Smith then provides details of a recent case of excision of the knee carried out by him, and states that 'Dr Keith of Aberdeen has operated on two excisions most successfully.'

RBC/54 Letter from [P E B] 24 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
[B , P E]
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher requesting Butcher to 'desire your artist to make, for the Co. Down Infirmary, a Saw, such as you figure in the last quarterly journal'. The writer also states that he 'cannot understand why the statistics of capital amputation should be so frightful' as of his last 37 cases 'but two died'.

RBC/55 Letter from Edward Cock to Richard Butcher 22 May 1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Cock, Edward, 1805-1892
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Cock to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'excellent and interesting paper', he is most interested as 'we are really overwhelmed with diseased joints in London'.

RBC/56 Letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher 15 February 1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Birkett, John, 1815-1904
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher asking him to forward the enclosed (no longer present) to 'the maker of the saw described in your very excellent paper on excision of the knee-joint'.

RBC/57 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 27 June 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'pamphlet on wounded arteries', and only wishing he had it before publishing a recent

case, which he discusses at length, commenting that 'Guthrie ... scolded me for tying the iliac'. Smith is please Butcher liked 'the notice of your paper' on excision, which he believes it will increase the use of the operation. Smith states that 'even at Guy's, a place we consider of rather antiquated notions in surgery, they have been doing this operation'.

RBC/58 Letter from Evan Thomas to Richard Butcher 16 November 1854

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Thomas, Evan
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Evan Thomas to Richard Butcher answering an enquiry regarding a case [of excision of the knee], he reports the boy is 'in perfect health'.

RBC/59 Letter from William Lawrence to Richard Butcher 22 May 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Lawrence, Sir William, 1786-1867
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Sir William Lawrence to Richard Butcher thanking him for his publication on excision of the knee joint, but stating that it has 'not altered my opinion respecting the operation, which is decidedly unfavourable'.

RBC/60 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 22 June 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher expressing his hope that Butcher will be pleased with the review of his work published in the Medical Times and Gazette. Smith also tells Butcher that 'Sir Benjamin Brodie expressed himself to Mr Fergusson the other day in terms complementary to your work'. Smith also asks Butcher for his view of Smith's recently published case of wounded arteries', which he thinks will be of interested to Dublin surgeons. He ends with a hope to travel to Ireland to 'make your acquaintance and see Dublin'.

RBC/61 Letter from Edward Stanley to Richard Butcher 2 June 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Stanley, Edward, 1793-1862
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Stanley to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his essay on excision of the knee joint, which 'has done good service to surgery'.

- RBC/62 Letter from Frederick Skey to Richard Butcher** 22 May
[1855]
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Skey, Frederick Carpenter, 1798-1872
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Frederick Skey to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his publication on knee excision, and offering to show Butcher St Bartholomews Hospital if he is ever in London.
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- RBC/63 Letter from Thomas Curling to Richard Butcher** 21 May 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Curling, Thomas Blizard, 1811-1888
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Thomas Curling to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his work on excision of the knee joint, and for the 'dedication to the memory of my poor friend Mackensie'.
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- RBC/64 Letter from William Tagert to Richard Butcher** 9 June 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Tagert, William, 1793-1861
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from William Tagert to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his

publication on excision, which he regards as 'a valuable contribution to the cause of constructive surgery'.

RBC/65 Letter from Benjamin Brodie to Richard Butcher 21 February
1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Brodie, Sir Benjamin Collins, 1782-1862
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Benjamin Brodie to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his publication on excision, which 'contains a great deal of information'.

RBC/66 Letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher 19 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Birkett, John, 1815-1904
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher thanking him for 'your kind present'. The letter discusses Butcher's work on excision, Birkett fearing that 'you have been induced to rely too implicitly upon the report of the successful issues of cases of excision'. He offers to follow up on the London case and send Butcher 'the results of my own examination'.

RBC/67 Letter from James Paget to Richard Butcher 19 May 1855

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Paget, Sir James, 1814-1899

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from James Paget to Richard Butcher thanking him for the copy of his work on excision of the knee, which he has 'heard much of ... and shall read it at once with much interest.'

RBC/68 Letter from John Simon to Richard Butcher 31 July 1855

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Simon, Sir John, 1816-1904

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from John Simon to Richard Butcher apologising for the delay in sending thanks for the copy of his work on excision. Simon had delayed writing as he hoped to send Butcher a copy of a forthcoming paper of his own, but it has been delayed. He apologises for a recently published inaccurate description of Butcher's work and 'ingenious invention' although he was not the author, and assures Butcher that he will give him the personal mention which is his due when he does publish on excision.

- RBC/69 Letter from John Hilton to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Hilton, John, 1805-1878
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from John Hilton to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his paper on excision of the joints.
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- RBC/70 Letter from Barnard Holt to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Holt, Barnard Wight, 1816-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Barnard Holt to Richard Butcher thanking him for his paper on excision of the wrist and elbow joints. Holt also notes that the boy who he operated on 'walks well'.
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- RBC/71 Letter from [S J H] to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his pamphlet and giving brief details of the number of similar cases he has seen.

RBC/72 Letter from John South to Richard Butcher 5 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
South, John Flint, 1797-1882
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John South to Richard Butcher
thanking him for sending copies of his recent works,
and suggesting [extirpation] of the scapular.

**RBC/73 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard
Butcher** 4 November
1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard
Butcher thanking him for sending him 'your admirable
cases of excision', and promising to send a account of
'resection of the elbow joint performed last May after
your plan'.

- RBC/74 Letter from [] to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his recent publication and discussing its contents.
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- RBC/75 Letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Birkett, John, 1815-1904
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from John Birkett to Richard Butcher thanking him for his monograph on excision of the joints, and sending him a copy of his own work.
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- RBC/76 Letter from James Miller to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Miller, James, 1812-1864
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from James Miller to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his publication, which he looks forwards to reading.

- RBC/77 Letter from Thomas Tatum to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Tatum, Thomas, 1802-1879
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Thomas Tatum to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending copies of his publications.
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- RBC/78 Letter from James Paget to Richard Butcher** 5 November 1855
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Paget, Sir James, 1814-1899
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from James Paget to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his paper on excision, which he looks forward to reading.
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- RBC/79 Letter from Ceasar Hawkins** 7 November [1855]
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Hawkins, Ceasar Henry, 1798-1884
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from Ceasar Hawkins to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his paper on excision.

RBC/80 Letter from William Lawrence to Richard Butcher 6 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Lawrence, Sir William, 1786-1867
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Lawrence to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his recent publication. Lawrence complements Butcher on setting 'an excellent example to the younger members of our profession, who will I hope be induced to emulate your industry & energy'.

RBC/81 Letter from Thomas Curling to Richard Butcher 6 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Curling, Thomas Blizard, 1811-1888
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Thomas Curling to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his work on excision which he looks forwards to reading.

RBC/82 Letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher 6 February
1855

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Porter, William Henry, 1790-1861
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his recent paper on excision of the knee, Porter believes it 'deserves the highest praise that can be bestowed on a professional work - that of being essentially practical'.

RBC/83 Letter from John Eirchsen to Richard Butcher 8 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his publication on excision of the elbow and wrist. Erichsen has read it 'with much interest' but is not sure of the utility of excision of the wrist joint.

RBC/84 Letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher [1855]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Cotton, Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Charles Cotton to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'kind note'. The letter informs Butcher that Cotton has 'resigned from illness my hospital charges'.

RBC/85 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher 2 June 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his 'most valuable pamphlet ... the expressions it contains are quite in harmony with my own'. Pritchard sends Butcher a copy of 'a little brochure of the watering place near my residence' and ends by 'reiterating my heartfelt thanks for your kindly extended friendship'.

RBC/86 Letter from Henry Smith and Richard Butcher 5 February
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher congratulating him on his 'really splendid contribution' on excision. Smith discusses Butcher's work at length, commenting on the number of cases covered and the dedication to Dr Mackenzie. Smith then provides details of cases of excision under his own and Mr Fergusson's care.

RBC/87 Letter from Henry Smith and Richard Butcher 8 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher thanking him for his recent publication on excision of the joints, which Smith has read with 'intrest and instruction'. Smith sends Butcher details of a number of cases of excision under his own and Mr Fergusson's care in King's College Hospital.

RBC/88 Letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher 5 November
1855

Extent:
2 page

Creator:
Porter, William Henry, 1790-1861
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Porter to Richard Butcher thanking him for his recent publication on excision. Smith believes the work 'perfect' and sees it as 'the precursor of greater and better things - an instalment of the benefits your talents and industry are probably destined to confer on your profession and through it on mankind'.

RBC/89 Letter from William Fraser to Richard Butcher 24 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fraser, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fraser, on behalf of the Aberdeen Medical Society, thanking Richard Butcher for sending them a copy of his treatise on excision of the elbow and wrist joint.

RBC/90 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher 28 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his recent publication on excision. Fergusson also asks Butcher to provide, when he has time, reasoning for some of the terminology used in the publication.

RBC/91 Draft letter from Richard Butcher to William Fergusson 7 January
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Draft manuscript letter from Richard Butcher to William Fergusson in reply to a letter dated 28 November 1855 (RBC/90). In the letter Butcher explains his preference of the 'term preservative to conservative as applied to surgery'.

RBC/92 Letter from J H Corbett to Richard Butcher 21 December
1855

Extent:
1 pages

Creator:
Corbett, J H
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from J H Corbett to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'most interesting and valuable paper'.

RBC/93 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 11 March
1855

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking him for the trouble Butcher has taken over getting Jones 'the saw'. The letter then discusses Butcher's recent publications and Jones' views on it, with examples from his own practice.

RBC/94 Letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher 29 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Druitt, William, 1820-1887
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his paper on fracture of the thigh and complementing him on the

work. Druitt then asks Butcher to provide a testimonial to his 'proper intellect ... and that I deserve well of the profession by my writing', as Druitt is to apply for a post as Officer of Health in London.

RBC/95 Letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher 11 December
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Druitt, William, 1820-1887
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher explaining that he is applying for a post as Officer of Health in London, and is collecting testimonials in support of his application, and apologising for the trouble he is causing in doing so.

RBC/96 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 23 September
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher reporting on his first use of the saw 'you so kindly gave me'. Jones discuss the operation and case at length.

RBC/97 Letter from Richard Gore to Richard Butcher 23 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Gore, Richard Thomas, 1799-1881
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Richard Gore to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his recent publication. Gore comments that a recent article in the Dublin Journal has reminded him of 'a curious instance that occurred in my own practice in 1853 of "poisoning from corrosive sublimate injected into the vagina" '. Gore sends details of the case to Butcher and asks him to 'forward it for publication in that journal'.

RBC/98 Letter from Edward H Sieveking to Richard Butcher 9 January
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Sieveking, Edward H
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Sieveking to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his work on excision, and commenting on 'the valuable manner in which you speak of the pathological anatomy', a subject Sieveking is most interested in and intending to publish on. Sieveking asks Butcher if he may 'hope to number you among the contributors to the Medico-Chirurgical Review ... if you would favour me with an occasional analytical article'.

RBC/99 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 24 January
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher answering various questions put by Butcher regarding cases of excision carried out by Jones.

RBC/100 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher 5 January
1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher sending him best wishes for the New Year and informing Butcher that 'so highly did I prize your work on resection of joints, that I sent a copy to a young surgeon in the Army in the Crimea. Lizars states that while he agrees with Butcher on the value of resection of the 'shoulder, elbow, wrist & finger, but cannot join you, in that of the knee joint'.

RBC/101 Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher

11 March
1856

Extent:
6 pages

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his recent publication on harelip, and commenting on how he carries out the operation. Keith then moves on to the discussion of excision of the joints and includes extensive notes on cases he has treated.

RBC/102 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher

7 March 1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher thanking him for 'another most interesting and instructive essay'.

RBC/103 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher

15 March
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his paper on harelip which he has 'perused attentively & with advantage, as I have derived many valuable hits from it'.

RBC/104 Letter from Richard Gore to Richard Butcher

8 March 1856

Extent:
5 pages

Creator:
Gore, Richard Thomas, 1799-1881
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Richard Gore to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his paper on cleft lip, and informing Butcher of his own approach to undertaking such operations. Gore then discusses another paper of Butchers 'in which fatal bleeding was the consequence of a wound at the inner and upper part of the thigh. Gore discusses the best position to cut the femoral artery during surgery.

RBC/105 Letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher 4 March 1856

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Druitt, William, 1820-1887

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from William Druitt to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending a copy of his paper on harelip, and asking his opinion on the experience of Dublin over London.

RBC/106 Letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher 23 March
1856

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher thanking him for his paper on harelip.

RBC/107 See RBC/104

RBC/108 Letter from William Fraser to Richard Butcher 17 March
1856

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Fraser, William

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from William Fraser to Richard Butcher sending the thanks of the Aberdeen Medical

Society for Butcher's donation of a copy of his work on hare-lip.

RBC/109 Letter from William Brookes to Richard Butcher 8 March 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Brookes, William Philpot, 1819-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Brookes to Richard Butcher request information on 'what surgical instrument maker I can procure the cutting scissors' described by Butcher in his recent publication on hare-lip. Brookes has 'a very sad case' of harelip under his care and was much pleased with Butchers recent publication on the subject.

RBC/110 Letter from Philip Crampton to Richard Butcher 10 April 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Crampton, Sir Philip 1777-1858
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Philip Crampton to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his recent publication on harelip. Crampton encloses a book for Butcher and directs him to a section that is 'worthy of your notice'.

RBC/111 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher 20 May 1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher informing Butcher that he has recommended an old patient, now living in Dublin, to call in Butcher if he requires medical attention. Lizars informs Butcher that he is 'rather a fast man, & will not pull up, although he was paralytic two years ago, from hard living'.

RBC/112 Letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher 26 June 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Price, Peter Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher asking for a copy of his work on excision of the knee joint.

RBC/113 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 8 June [1856]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher asking for a copy of Butcher's paper on excision of the

knee joint to send to a friend in Frankfurt. Smith is unwilling to send his own copy as he finds 'it such a valuable reference'. Smith then reports that how frequently the operation is now used in London, with 'to my knowledge between 60 and 70 cases done, and the deaths averaging about 1 in 7'. Smith then discusses a couple of cases in more detail.

RBC/114 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

13 June 1856

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Smith, Henry, 1823-1894

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending the copy of the paper on excision of the knee joint, which Smith intends to forward to a friend in Frankfurt. Smith expresses the hope that excision will replace, not only in England but also other countries 'the time honoured and barbarous method of amputating limb for [] of the knee joint. He then provides more details of the case mentioned in his previous letter (RBC/113) which has had, as he feared, a fatal outcome.

RBC/115 Letter from Richard James Mackenzie to Richard Butcher

4 March 1854

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Mackenzie, Richard James, 1821-1854

Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from Richard Mackenzie to Richard Butcher sending thanks 'for your very obliging answer to my letter on the subject of excision of the knee-

joint'. Mackenzie states that he has received many similarly favourable accounts and hope that it will 'soon take its place as an established & valuable operation'

RBC/116 Letter from John Windsor to Richard Butcher [1855]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Windsor, John, 1787-1868
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Windsor to Richard Butcher taking 'the liberty of directing you attention to what seems to be an inaccuracy' in Butcher's paper on excision of the knee joint. Windsor also directs Butcher's attention to other published cases of excision.

RBC/117 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 21 April 1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for his 'valuable present' [of a Butcher's saw]. Jones asks if Butcher saw the piece in yesterday's Lancet on excision, and then goes on to give details of 'a few interesting surgical cases'.

RBC/118 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher

21 November
1855

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending 'your continued contribution to conservative surgery'. Pemberton laments that Butcher is not a member of our 'British Association' as he would like to invite Butcher to speak at their next annual meeting to be held in Birmingham.

RBC/119 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher

22 April 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking him for the book he recently sent. Jones then discusses a number of recent publications as well as some cases under his care.

RBC/120 Letter from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to Richard Butcher 18 April 1856

Extent:

1 page

Creator:

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Letter from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his recent publication on hare lip. A post script to the letter reads 'your resignation has been accepted'

RBC/121 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher 14 June 1856

Extent:

2 pages

Creator:

Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:

Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending his paper on harelip. Lizar passes on the recommendation of Dr Sanders of a Dr Cobbold, who is looking for an appointment in Dublin. Lizar reports Cobbold to be a 'good anatomist, [who] puts up morbid specimens of anatomy exceedingly well'. Lizars then recounts a recently created morbid specimen of his own, which he is very pleased with. In a postscript Lizars offers to send Butcher his recent publication, if he has not done so already.

RBC/122 Letter from Henry McCormac to Richard Butcher

2 March
[1856]

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
McCormac, Henry, 1800-1866
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry McCormac to Richard Butcher expressing his interest in Butcher's recent publication on harelip. McCormac send Butcher details of similar cases he has treated in the past.

RBC/123 Letter from William Square to Richard Butcher

20 August
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Square, William Joseph, 1813-1891
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Square to Richard Butcher informing Butcher that he has received 'the instrument from Mr Read today, and am much pleased with his workmanship'. Square reports he is intending to test the saw on an excision of the knee joint and an amputation in the coming week, and gives details of both cases.

RBC/124 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher 29 June 1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher in reply to his (RBC/91). Fergusson apologises for the delay in replying to Butcher and then resumes there discussion of the use and nature of the terms preservative and conservative surgery.

RBC/129 Letter from William Square to Richard Butcher 22 July 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Square, William Joseph, 1813-1891
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Square to Richard Butcher asking Butcher 'if you will cause your instrument make to send me one of your saws' and 'to enclose a pair of your scissors for hare-lip'

RBC/130 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 25 September 1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher expressing Smith's thanks for Butcher's 'kindness to my

friend Assistant Surgeon Jessop' during his visit to Dublin. Smith tells Butcher he is 'glad to find you are bringing out a new edition of your pamphlet on excision of the knee joint'. Smith provides Butcher with details of the number of cases undertaken in London in recent years, and the compares the mortality rate of 1 in 6 to another operation that had a mortality rate of 1 in 3.5. He comments on the continued resistance to excision in some quarters of the profession and recommends Butcher to include 'remarks on the cases of failure and death', which Smith believes are down to poor management and bad instruments.

RBC/131 Note from George Jones to Richard Butcher

Thursday [25
September
1856]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript note, dated Thursday Evening, from George Jones to Richard Butcher. Jones records that he has just received Butcher's last letter and will let him have the information requested. Jones expresses himself flattered at a case of his being of interest to Butcher.

This note may originally have been enclosed with Jones' letter to Butcher dated 25 September 1856 (RBC/132)

RBC/132 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher

25 September
1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher excusing the delay in replying to Butcher's letter, as he wanted to obtain details of case of excision of the knee before answering. Jones sends details of that, and another case he has treated.

RBC/133 Letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher

19 September
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pirrie, William, 1807-1882
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher sending a report with details of a case of excision of the knee joint. Pirrie comments that three of the five cases of excision carried out in his hospital have ended in amputation.

RBC/134 Letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher

24 September
1856

Extent:
6 pages

Creator:
Pirrie, William, 1807-1882
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher apologising for sending the wrong report with his last letter (RBC/133). Pirrie encloses the correct report and provides additional details of the two cases of excision of the knee joint he has undertaken. With the letter is a table [cut from the report] with additional manuscript notes made by Pirrie.

RBC/135 Letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher

29 September
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pirrie, William, 1807-1882
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher sending additional information on the two cases of excision of the knee mentioned in his previous letter (RBC/134).

RBC/136 Letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher

2 March 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pirrie, William, 1807-1882
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Pirrie to Richard Butcher sending additional information on the two cases of excision of the knee mentioned in his previous letters.

RBC/137 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher

27 August
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending copies of his published papers. Jones reports that he used 'your saw' on a case on Monday and 'it answered to the admiration of all'. Jones then provides details of the operation he undertook.

RBC/138 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher 27 September 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher congratulating Butcher on 'your exertions in the establishment of the truth - and believe you succeeded in rousing our first authorities Fergusson - Erichsen - Coulson etc to the advancement of conservative surgery'

RBC/139 Letter from William H Brace to Richard Butcher 23 [September] 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Brace, William H
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Brace to Richard Butcher replying to a request from Butcher for details of a case of excision of the knee joint carried out by Brace. The letter contains a summary of the case and Brace offers to send more details from his case book if required.

RBC/140 Letter from Barnard William Holt to Richard Butcher 30 September
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Holt, Barnard Wight, 1816-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Barnard Holt to Richard Butcher containing an update on the case of excision carried out by him, the boy 'continues to walk and ... he is fat and in excellent health'. Holt also provided brief details of two cases of excision of the elbow, one successful the other 'died from phthisis a month after the operation.'

RBC/141 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 5 October
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher. Smith confirms that Butcher is 'quite at liberty to allude to that case case of Fergusson, and mention me as your informant'. Smith informs Butcher he is visit George Jones in Jersey, and gives an account of a visit with Jones to his hospital and details of one of Jones' cases.

RBC/142 Letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher 28 October
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Price, Peter Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher stating that he would be most happy for Butcher to use details of any of his cases in the proposed second edition of Butcher's work on excision of the knee. The letter then gives details of cases treated by the author and Mr Fergusson.

RBC/143 Letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher 19 November
1856

Extent:
8 pages

Creator:
Price, Peter Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from P C [Price] to Richard Butcher sending, as requested, 'a short account of my three cases of resection of the knee joint'.

RBC/144 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 1 October
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher giving details of two cases of excision of the knee

requested by Butcher. One case was under Smith's care, the other Mr Fergusson.

RBC/145 Letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher 5 October
1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher. Erichsen states he is unable to give any follow up on the case Butcher is interested in as 'I know hardly where to find the child', Erichsen assumes that he is well or 'i should probably have seen him again'.

RBC/146 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher 30 September
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher. Pemberton states he has not carried out an excision of the knee joint recently, but expects to soon and will then send Butcher details. He provides some details of a recent case of amputation he has had under his care.

RBC/147 See RBC/144

RBC/148a Letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher 2 October 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Page, William Bousfield, 1817-1886
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Page to Richard Butcher informing Butcher that he has not recently carried out an excision of the knee joint. He provides details of a case of amputation of the thigh he carried out a year ago, the patient having previously had excision of the knee, from another surgeon, which never healed'. He also details a case of 'removal of the ends of the radius & ulna'.

RBC/148b Letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher 20 October 1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Page, William Bousfield, 1817-1886
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher sending information of an operation of excision of the knee joint carried out by him on 13th October.

RBC/149a Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher 30
September
1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher providing an update on a case of excision under the care of Keith. The letter discusses the merits of excision over amputation, and methods relating to both.

RBC/149b Letter from William Keith to Richard Butcher 7 October

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Keith, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript note from William Keith to Richard Butcher excusing his delay in writing to 'heavy midwifery cases'. He then provides Butcher with details of the number of lithotomy and lithotripsy he has treated.

- RBC/150 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher** 19 October
1856
- Extent:*
3 pages
- Creator:*
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher relaying to a request from Butcher for details of cases of excision. Fergusson provides details of cases under his own and Henry Smith's care.
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- RBC/151 Letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher** 29 September
1856
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Bowman, Sir William, 1816-1892
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher providing details of a case of excision carried out by the author, although initially successful the writer now 'despairs of her life'. Bowman notes that 'Professor Pancoast and his son were present at the operation which they had not witnessed before'. He ends by stating that if presented with the same circumstances again he would opt for amputation.

RBC/152a Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

11 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher, thanking Butcher for sending him his recent publication on encephaloid cancer. Smith forwards the woodcuts of Mr Jone's case published in the Medical Times and Gazette on knee excision, so Butcher can include them in the next edition of his work on the subject. He also sends an update on two new cases of excision, one under the care of Fergusson the other of Bowman.

RBC/152b Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

18 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher clarifying the confusion caused by his last letter over the number of cases of excision carried out by Fergusson. Smith then provides details of the most recent case. Smith then discusses the recent remarks of James Syme in the Lancet on excision, Smith maintains its value over that of amputation.

RBC/153 Letter from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher 13 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Brotherston, Peter
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher giving details of three cases of excision of the knee carried out by him in recent years. Brotherston expresses himself glad that Butcher is interested as 'the surgeons hereabout do not seem to think them of much importance'.

RBC/154 Letter from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher 25 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Brotherston, Peter
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher, giving details of a former case of excision of the knee mentioned in his last letter (RBC/153). Brotherston records his visit to his former patient who he saw 'running down the hill to the house, without any assistance'. He then describes the leg he operated on in detail, and records details of the boy's poor health, social and living conditions at the time of the operation. Brotherston laments 'the disadvantage of not having an hospital or other place to put my patient into'.

RBC/155 Letter from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher 26 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Brotherston, Peter
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript note from Peter Brotherston to Richard Butcher sending additional information on the case detailed in his previous letter (RBC/154), especially in relation to the shortening of the leg.

RBC/156 Letter from William Square to Richard Butcher 13 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Square, William Joseph, 1813-1891
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Square to Richard Butcher sending information on a case of excision of the knee joint carried out by Square. As well as providing details of the case Square also comments of his preference for Butcher's saw, especially in cases of amputation. Square also details a case of harelip he recently treated, copying the method from Butcher's publication.

RBC/157 Letter from Rob[ert] H[] to Richard Butcher 15 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Rob[ert] H[] to Richard Butcher sending the details of a case of excision of the knee joint as requested. The letter also includes details of two cases of excision of the elbow joint.

RBC/158 Letter from George Humphry to Richard Butcher 12 November
1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Humphry, Sir George Murray, 1820-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Humphry to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for his publication on encephaloid cancer, Humphry comments that all cases he had seen operated on 'more than two years since are, I fear, dead & I am glad you have something more promising to offer.' Murray then sends details of a case of excision of the knee joint that Butcher has enquired into. Humphry also discusses which cases he thinks excision should be performed in.

RBC/159 Letter from George Humphry to Richard Butcher 22 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Humphry, Sir George Murray, 1820-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Humphry to Richard Butcher informing Butcher that he has just seen one of her former cases of excision of the knee joint, mentioned in his last letter (RBC/158) and giving an update on her condition.

RBC/160 Letter from Edward William Pritchard to Richard Butcher 12 November
1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Pritchard, Edward William, 1825-1865
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Edward Pritchard to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending his recent paper, 'the disease being fairly frequently met with in this neighbourhood will still further interest me in the perusal of your lucid observations'

RBC/161 Letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher

27 December
[1856]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Bowman, Sir William, 1816-1892
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher sending a table detailing two cases of excision of the knee, carried out by Bowman in King's College Hospital.

RBC/162 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

11 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher forwarding a note from Mr Slatham together with his book on gun shot fractures and resection. Smith then discusses two cases treated by Slatham, and informs Butcher that 'Mr Bowman had another case of excision of the knee last Saturday at King's College Hospital'.

RBC/163 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher

29 November
1856

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher, the first portion dealing with the complication of locating the woodcuts Butcher wants to borrow from Jones (See RBC/152a). Jones then gives Butcher an account of some cases of excision of knee joint, and details of interesting cases he saw on a recent visit to London.

RBC/164 See RBC/163

RBC/165 Letter from [] to Richard Butcher

8 December
1856

Extent:
14 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher sending extensive details of cases of excision of the knee joint.

RBC/166 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 24 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher sending corrections to some cases. Smith also comments on Syme's Clinical Lectures published in the recent edition of the Lancet.

RBC/167 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 5 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher sending additional details of the case of excision mentioned in his previous letter (RBC/163)

RBC/168 Letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher 10 December
[1856]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Bowman, Sir William, 1816-1892
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Bowman to Richard Butcher informing Butcher that the patient mentioned in his previous letter (RBC/161) has since died from 'tubercular diseases of the lungs & kidneys'. Bowman

also reports that 'he operated on two girls lately in KCH & will ask the dresser to give me the particulars your require'.

RBC/169 Letter from [Joseph Lancaster] to Richard Butcher 9 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
[Lancaster, Joseph, d.1890]
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from [Joseph Lancaster] to Richard Butcher.

RBC/170 Letter from Samuel Hey to Richard Butcher 12 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Hey, Samuel, 1815-1888
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Samuel Hey to Richard Butcher promising to soon send an account of two cases of excision but 'the fact is - they are in such a peculiar sort of transition state that I hardly know what to say'.

RBC/171 Letter from Samuel Hey to Richard Butcher

29 December
1856

Extent:
6 pages

Creator:
Hey, Samuel, 1815-1888
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Samuel Hey to Richard Butcher sending details of his two cases of excision, now both in a much better condition than in his previous letter (RBC/170). Letter contains 4 pages of detailed notes on the two cases.

RBC/172 See RBC/171

RBC/173 Letter from William Bousfield Page to Richard Butcher

3 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Page, William Bousfield, 1817-1886
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Page to Richard Butcher sending an update on the two cases of excision of the knee joint carried out by Page.

RBC/174 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 4 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher sending 'the answers of both Mr Henry Thompson ... and of Mr Lansdown' (no longer present). The letter discusses their answers and also recommends the Butcher 'write to Mr Coe of St Georges Sq Bristol about his two cases'.

RBC/175 Case notes on excision of the knee joint [1856]

Extent:
7 pages

Description:
Manuscript notes containing detailed case notes of excision of the knee joint carried out in an unidentified hospital.

RBC/176 Letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher 1 October
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher sending the 'information you requested' on Erichsen's cases of [excision of the knee joint].

RBC/177 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher

29 December
1856

Extent:
5 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher expressing his pleasure that Butcher is 'again working at the subject of excision of the knee joint'. Fergusson gives his views on excision and its value to the profession of surgery at length.

See RBC/178 for covering note from Fergusson.

RBC/178 Note from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher

29 December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript note from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher sending 'the accompanying note [which] will I hope suit you views and wishes' (RBC/177). Fergusson gives Butcher permission to publish the views he expresses in it.

RBC/179 Letter from W [] to Richard Butcher 5 January
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter to Richard Butcher from W [] in Norwich. Letter gives Butcher the information he requested on a case of excision of the knee joint, and gives the authors views on the utility of the operation.

RBC/180 Case notes on Julia Clarke [1856]

Extent:
2 pages

Description:
Manuscript case notes on the case of Julia Clarke on whom excision of the knee joint was carried out.

RBC/181 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 7 January
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher sending an update on the case of excision under the care of Mr Bowman. The 'limb was attacked with erysipelas' and a 'hastey amputation' followed. Smith regrets the amputation as he felt it might not have been necessary.

- RBC/182 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher** 3 January
1857
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'kind intention of dedicating you essay to me'. Fergusson then goes on to discuss his two cases [of excision of the knee joint].
- RBC/183 Letter from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland to Richard Butcher** 21 November
1856
- Extent:*
1 page
- Creator:*
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his work on encephaloid cancer.
- RBC/184 Letter from John Lawrence to Richard Butcher** 12 December
1856
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
Lawrence, John Zachariah, 1829-1870
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from John Lawrence to Richard Butcher. Having just read Butcher article on

encephaloid cancer, Lawrence sends Butcher details of 'a very striking instance' he has recently treated.

RBC/185 Letter from Henry Hancock to Richard Butcher 17 December
1856

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Hancock, Henry, 1809-1880
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Hancock to Richard Butcher thanking him for a copy of his paper on encephaloid cancer, which he believes is 'a most valuable addition to surgical literature'

RBC/186 Letter from Philip Crampton to Richard Butcher December
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Crampton, Sir Philip, 1777-1858
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Philip Crampton to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'valuable paper' on the early removal of 'encepholoid & warty growths'.

RBC/187 Letter from Prof G[irololes] to Richard Butcher

10 September
1853

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
G[irololes], Prof
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Prof G[irololes] to Richard Butcher about his article in the Dublin Journal of Medical Science on surgery of the upper jaw. Letter contains details of a similar case, including a hand drawn illustration.

RBC/188 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher

18 November
1856

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher thanking him for his paper on encephaloid cancer. Liizar asks Butcher if he can get Lizar's newly published 'supplement to my anatomical plates' reviewed in the Dublin Journal.

RBC/189 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher

5 February
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher thanking him for his 'admirable review' of Lizars new book (see RBC/188). Lizars also sends an advertisement (no longer present) asking Butcher to send it to the main Dublin, Cork and Belfast papers.

RBC/190 Letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher

6 February
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Lizars, John, [1787]-1860
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Lizars to Richard Butcher congratulating Butcher on his paper on excision, Lizars express himself convinced of the value of excision over amputation. The letter informs Butcher that 'my friend Edwards has just called, and has undertaken to review your paper in the next number of the Edinburgh Journal'.

RBC/191 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

17 February
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher, giving Smith opinion on Butcher work [on excision of the knee joint]. Smith is very complementary of Butcher's work, believing that although Butcher 'has been very severe upon some of the London surgeons, but in most cases with justice'. Smith discusses various London schools and surgeons and their old fashioned views on surgery and favouring of amputation.

RBC/192 Letter from George Gibb to Richard Butcher

13 March
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Gibb, George Duncan, 1821-1876
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Gibb to Richard Butcher informing him that Gibb has reviewed his work on excision for the next issue of the Lancet, and that Butcher will 'not have any reason to complain of it'. Gibb states that 'your memoir has created considerable excitement among the Hospital men here', which he hopes will have a good result on the number of amputations.

- RBC/193 Letter from [J W] Cusack to Richard Butcher** 1857
- Extent:*
2 pages
- Creator:*
[Cusack, James William, 1785-1861]
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from [James William] Cusack to Richard Butcher thanking him for his latest publication which he has just read.
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- RBC/194 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher** 26 February
1857
- Extent:*
4 pages
- Creator:*
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher sending drawings of a knee Jones has operated on. Jones discusses the case and remarks that it will shortly be published in the Medical Times.
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- RBC/195 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher** 15 February
1857
- Extent:*
4 pages
- Creator:*
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891
- Description:*
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for the way 'you have mentioned me in your highly valuable memoir'. Jones is gratified that he and Butcher think alike on the

subject and discuss the work and his view on excision at length.

RBC/196 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher

9 February
1857

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for the copy of his work on excision, and expressing a view that Butcher has 'made more favourable mention of me than I deserve'. Smith discusses the advisability of getting the work reviewed, and suggests sending a copy to Mr Gibb for that purpose.

RBC/197 Letter from P C Price to Richard Butcher

9 February
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Price, Peter Charles
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Peter Price to Richard Butcher thanking him for sending his recent work on excision. Price comments that 'you have wounded the 'serpent' in a most glorious way. He must repent his "bloody" expression! the blow at the St Georges' men is well dealt, and well deserved'. Price also thanks Butcher for the 'way in which you have spoken on my cases'.

RBC/198 Letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher 4 March 1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fergusson, Sir William, 1808-1877
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fergusson to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for the copy of his paper on excision and for the dedication of the work. Fergusson complements Butcher on his analysis and hopes the paper will reduce the number of amputations.

RBC/199 Letter from Henry Hancock to Richard Butcher 10 February
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Hancock, Henry, 1809-1880
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Hancock to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for a copy of his latest work. Hancock informs him that he has 'lately been engaged on Syme's other "bloody operation" of the hip joint'. Hancock reports the operation has been a success and send a photograph of the patient (no longer present).

RBC/200 Letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher 20 April 1857

Extent:
4 pages

Creator:
Jones, George Matthew
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from George Jones to Richard Butcher discussing the woodcuts [provided by Jones for use by Butcher which have been incorrectly labeled in Butcher's work].

RBC/201 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher 14 February 1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his paper on excision, Pemberton believes it will 'establish the operation amongst the recognised ones of surgery'.

RBC/202 Letter from William Fraser to Richard Butcher 11 February 1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Fraser, William
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Fraser, on behalf of the Aberdeen Medical Society, thanking Richard Butcher

for sending them a copy of his second memoir on excision of the knee joint.

RBC/203 Letter from Samuel Solly to Richard Butcher 12 November
[1857]

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Solly, Samuel, 1805-1871
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Samuel Solly to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his recent publication on excision of the knee.

RBC/204 Letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher 4 August
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Smith, Henry, 1823-1894
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Henry Smith to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for the 'flattering and handsome review of my work in the Dublin Quartely'. Smith congratulates Butcher on the impact of his publication on excision of the knee joint, which Smith credits with an increase in the number of operations taking place in London.

RBC/205 Letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher 3 June 1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Pemberton, Oliver, 1825-1897
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Oliver Pemberton to Richard Butcher enclosing a pamphlet on melanosis and the first part of the Midland Quartely Journal (no longer present). Pemberton invites Butcher to submit to the new journal, but reassures him they want no 'rivalry with your most distinguished and most able Dublin Quartely. A journal - permit me to say - the most able in the English tongue'.

RBC/206 Letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher 25 November 1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Porter, William Henry, 1790-1861
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Henry Porter to Richard Butcher sending Porter's latest pamphlet in return for the one Butcher sent to him. Porter congratulates Butcher on his work, and asks for a copy of his portrait.

RBC/207 Letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher 18 November
1857

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Erichsen, Sir John Eric, 1818-1896
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from John Erichsen to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his latest work.

RBC/208 Letter from William Lawrence to Richard Butcher 23 November
1857

Extent:
1 page

Creator:
Lawrence, Sir William, 1786-1867
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from William Lawrence to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his reports [on operative surgery]

RBC/209 Letter from Charles Moore to Richard Butcher 20 November
1857

Extent:
2 pages

Creator:
Moore, Charles Hewitt, 1821-1870
Butcher, Richard George Herbert, 1819-1891

Description:
Manuscript letter from Charles Moore to Richard Butcher thanking Butcher for sending a copy of his reports on operative surgery which Moore has read with great pleasure.