



AN
ACCOUNT
OF THE

YELLOW FEVER,

WHICH OCCURRED
IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
IN THE
Year 1822,

TO WHICH IS PREFIXED

*A brief sketch of the different Pestilential Diseases,
with which this City was afflicted,*

IN THE

YEARS 1798, 1799, 1803 & 1805,

WITH THE OPINION

OF SEVERAL OF OUR MOST EMINENT PHYSICIANS,

RESPECTING

THE ORIGIN OF THE DISEASE,

ITS PREVENTION AND CURE.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

A CORRECT LIST

OF ALL THE

DEATHS BY YELLOW FEVER

DURING THE LATE SEASON,

TAKEN FROM OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

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sister Antoinette, aged about 11 years, inhabitants of Brooklyn, who occupied with their family the same house as Davis, died of Yellow Fever the 22d instant.

The young man had been often in the city; but Mr. Isaacs could not say to what part of it he had gone. He was inclined to believe, that the sister had not been there. The inhabitants were removed from the house yesterday, by order of the magistrates.

If this account be correct, is it not probable, that Davis has introduced the disease into that dwelling. If the sister of Baisley has not been to the city, and her disease was Yellow Fever, in what manner did she contract it?

I do not think it improbable, that Mr. Isaacs has taken his disease from Davis, although there are instances of 13 days having elapsed after exposure to the infected air of Yellow Fever; yet they are very rare, as you have noticed, this season.

The most frequent period has been from four to seven days after their removal from the infected district. Mr. Isaacs has assisted Davis' wife in attending him, and he was the only person who laid him out, and in six days after he sickened (on the 19th instant).

Although Baisley's family did not visit Davis, when he was sick, yet they were exposed to his bedding, which was put into the yard immediately after his death, and kept there some days. With great respect, &c.

JOSEPH BAYLEY,

HON. STEPHEN ALLEN.

On the 28th September, four cases were reported of Yellow Fever, two of whom had been sent to the Quarantine Ground, one from the infected district, the other from 60 Broad-street. On the 29th no cases were reported; but two deaths. On the 30th there were six cases, one of which was stated to be convalescent, the other to be dead. Besides this last, there were four other deaths reported.

On the 30th September, the following was presented to the Common Council and ordered to be published.

“To the Honourable the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the city of New-York.

"The memorial of the undersigned clergymen of different denominations of this city, respectfully suggests to your honourable body, that acknowledging as we do the being and Providence of the "only Lord God our Lord Jesus Christ," and confessing as we must, a common criminality and demerit in his sight, and visited as we are with one of those desolating scourges, which himself expressly challenges in his word, not only as a judgment, of which he is the righteous disposer ; but as one of his "sore judgments," upon a community of transgressors, and knowing as we may, that his own invisible agency appoints and controls, in sovereign wisdom, all the series of secondary causes, however, complex and inscrutable to man, it becomes us, every way in our collective character as a city, and after the example of ancient Nineveh to "humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt us in due time."

"The reasons and propriety of such a general humiliation before God are sufficiently obvious, we fondly hope, to your honourable body.

"Having thus suggested to your Honourable Body a measure which we confide in your wisdom to approve, because it seemed, all things considered, to be expedient and incumbent ; a measure, which seems to be demanded, not more by our present circumstances and the aspect of Divine Providence, than by the common consent of the wise and the good and praying, that "the wisdom that is from above," may enlighten all your deliberations and bless your administration, we subscribe ourselves, honourable Sirs, your friends and fellow citizens.

J. B. Romeyn

E. Washburn

N. Bangs

Alexander M'Leod

H. Peneveyre

S. N. Rowan

Samuel Nott, Jun.

Nich. S. Marselus

R. M'Cartee

James G. Ogilvie

S. Martindale

William Gray

Isaac Chase

Samuel H. Cox

Ward Stafford

Peter Ludlow, Jun.

The Recorder then moved the following resolution.

The Common Council conceiving it to be the duty of a community in a season of peculiar affliction to unite in

their social capacity in supplicating the favour of the Almighty to avert his judgment, and viewing the present visitation of sickness in our city as one of those events, which calls for the attention of the inhabitants, in imploring the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to stay the disease now prevailing amongst us.

Therefore resolved, that the Common Council earnestly recommend to the inhabitants of this city, to set apart and observe, *Friday the 11th October*, as a day of public humiliation and prayer to Almighty God, that he would be pleased to interfere in our behalf, and arrest the progress of the malady, and, in his infinite mercy, to restore health to the city. And it is hereby recommended to all the citizens, to abstain from servile labour and unnecessary recreations on the above day; and to devote the same to religious worship for the purposes aforesaid.

The question being taken on adopting the resolution, it was unanimously carried, and referred to his Honor the Mayor to fix upon some day for the observance of the religious duties proposed. The Mayor, upon conversing with the Reverend the Clergy, fixed upon Friday the 11th instant, the day, which had been proposed by his Honor the Recorder.

The day appointed for the performance of this solemn duty having arrived, the places of worship, in the lower parts of the town, were not, as might reasonably have been expected, opened; but those in the upper parts and out skirts of the city were well filled by very respectable people, who were, no doubt, highly gratified in hearing the pious, pathetic and truly appropriate discourses which were then delivered from the sacred desks. It is earnestly to be hoped, that the solemn truths then communicated, may have made a deep impression on the minds of the auditors and be productive of good fruits in their future lives and conversation.

On the 1st of October, there were no cases and two deaths.

On the 2d October, six new cases were reported, of whom were John Hull a day and night watchman, and his wife, at No. 50 Pearl-street, and two persons, who had been moved to the Quarantine Ground. John Led-