

To Professor William H. Richardson

Sir

You would be free to pardon this intrusion, if you knew the estimation in which I hold you as a man and as a Physician. The care which you have bestowed upon my humble efforts, in judiciously directing them towards the attainment of proper knowledge in this one of the most important departments of science, leaves me under such feelings of obligation as neither this dedication, nor any language I can command, would be adequate to express. About to withdraw from your immediate protection & guidance, I must assure you that no change of place shall obliterate the impressions which your guardian counsels have made.

Be my destiny prosperous or adverse, I can