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Hon: James M. Wayne
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Sir We have examined the work
entitled "Experiments and observations on the Gastric
juice & the Physiology of Digestion - by William Beaumont
M.D. of United States Army"

The subject on which the experiments
referred to, ~~were~~ in the above recited, were made,
exhibits a case hitherto unknown in medical
history and one not likely to recur.

These experiments have already elicited
many curious facts in the economy of digestion,
relative to the action of the Stomach as an
organic function and the properties of the Gastric
juice as a Chemical solvent.

It would seem to be the part of a wise Legislation
to encourage the continuance of these "Expts" with prospective
views of benefit to the interests of Science and Humanity.

With these views, the undersigned members of
the Medical profession (& H of Reps) respectfully recommend
that Copies of Beaumont's Expts be purchased for the use of the
Medical Gentlemen of the Army & Navy, and that copies
of the same be placed in Library of Congress -

(Signed) Abel Huntington, John Thompson and
Robert Mitchell. M. C.

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Dr Huntington. Mitchell
and Whipple's

February 11. 1834

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