to

GEN. SIR JAMES STEWART, Bart.
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SIR,

In dedicating this work to you, I do not intend to pursue the common mode by bestowing adulation and encomium on your character and talents, such, I am convinced, would not meet your approbation, and could add nothing to your respectability when offered by an obscure individual; yet allow me to assure you, it gives me the sincerest pleasure to think that you have deigned to favour me with your kind patronage. And while I return you my unfeigned thanks for being thus permitted to send this volume into the world under the protection of your name, I feel highly honoured by the favour you have thus shewn to me.

As the design of this work is to put young veterinary surgeons and others upon their guard

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against errors too long practiced in the treatment of the diseases of animals, and prevent in particular that noble creature, the horse, from falling any longer a sacrifice to the pernicious doctrines propogated by common horse-doctors and cow-leeches, your candour, Sir, will, I make no doubt, excuse any defect in its execution, if, on the whole, you think it calculated to facilitate the spread of the knowledge of so important a branch of science.

Convinced that every attempt to alleviate misery, even in the brute creation, will meet with a favourable reception by you,

I have the honour

To subscribe myself, Sir,

Your most obedient

Humble Servant,

J. FERON,

VETERINARY SURGEON, 12TH LIGHT DRAGOONS.

Sandwich, Aug. 13, 1809.