



Directory of Medical Licenses

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William Dorchester of Etchilhampton, Wilts

Letters testimonial certifying that for several years Dorchester had been 'instructed and employed in the art of physic under his father Roger Dorchester, an allowed, skilfull & successful physitian', who had recently died, whereupon they recommended Dorchester 'as a person fitly qualified for a licence publickly to practise and administer physic, by which means ... he may become very beneficial both in this and other countreys', signed by William Pynsent (sen., and jun.), Walter Ernle, and the Rev. James Cobham, 29 April 1700, countersigned by Robert Woodward, dean of Salisbury 'I knew this gentleman's father very well, who was a very carefull good man, & did a great deal of good in this country, my wife having been [his] patient, and having good grounds to believe that his son will bee usefull among us', 1 May 1700; annotated with fiat for a commission by Charles Hedges, master of the faculties, 25 May 1700. Commission, 25 May 1700, executed and returned, with oaths and subscription, by James Cobham, rector of Patney, Wilts., 31 May 1700. FII/41/14a-b. Licensed to practise medicine and surgery throughout the whole kingdom of England, 10 June 1700: F1/E, f.112.

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