

Letter from Adam Hunter to Sir Thomas Dick Lauder 1839 regarding corpses for anatomical teaching



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Letter from Adam Hunter, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, to Sir Thomas Dick Lauder Bart, of Fountain Hall and Grange, Chairman of the Managers for the Poor of the Parish of St Cuthberts, complaining that the study of anatomy is impeded by the deficient supply of corpses obtained under the provisions of the Act of Parliament for regulating schools of anatomy. The popularity of the **Edinburgh School of Medicine** is jeopardised and the Managers are requested to confer with a deputation from the RCSEd with a view to securing a satisfactory supply of dead bodies. In only one district has regular supply of bodies been obtained and here reference is made to "the judicious manner in which the business has been conducted, nothing has occurred in any degree to excite popular commotion, or to do injury to the feeling of individuals".
