

# Letter from Professor Alexander Monro 'Tertius' to Hugh Scott

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Monro 'Tertius' (1773-1859) was the son of Alexander Monro 'Secundus' (1733-1817), who was the son of Alexander Monro 'Primus' (1697-1767) FRCSEd 1719. Between these three men the Monro family held the Chair of Anatomy in Edinburgh University for 126 years. Of Monro 'Tertius', Charles Darwin said "He made his lectures on human anatomy as dull as he was himself".

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Letter from Alexander Monro Tertius to Hugh Scott, Surgeons' Hall, respecting Monro's lectures on the Principles and Practice of Surgery, in which Monro asserts that his lectures on Surgery "are as numerous as those delivered in Edinburgh by any individual on the same subject during the Winter Session".

Although he only delivers two lectures in the week in the earlier part of the course, he gives up to ten lectures per week in the subsequent part and this enables him to "give the Anatomy in the first, without which all observations upon Operative Surgery cannot fail to be unintelligible to my learners".

Thus his students may with benefit study surgery from the very first year of their medical careers. He encloses a copy of the printed syllabus of his lectures which he asks to be returned to him after it has been laid before members of the Royal College of Surgeons so that they can form "a correct estimate of the nature and extent of my Course of Lectures on Surgery".

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