

# [Lime-Water Cure for the Stone] Mather Byles

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Symptoms

bladder stones

Ingredients

lime

water

shell lime

stone lime

lime water

Places

Halifax

Nova Scotia

Boston

Massachusetts

America

**Source:** Byles Papers

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Description

A description of using lime-water to expel bladder stones. Letter dated 23 September 1783 from Rev. Dr. Mather Byles to his sisters. See also Byles' "[Treatment and Precaution for Being Disordered](#)" and "[Blackberry Jelly to Treat Nephritic Complaints](#)" as well as the Almon Family Scrapbook's "[Receipt to Make Blackberry Jelly: An Approved Medicine for Nephritic Disorders.](#)"

Transcription

Time into Eternity! On the 12<sup>th</sup>. by the Advice of my Physicians,

I began to drink Lime-Water. On the 13<sup>th</sup>. I discharged formidable Calculus: & on the 14<sup>th</sup>. a second, with many circumstances of Distress & Horror. It would be the most criminal Ingratitude in me not to add that the merciful Interposition of a kind Providence was very visible & remarkable. Since this, I have been easy: & my Strength is recruiting. I still continue the Lime Water: but am unable to procure any Shell-Lime, which I am told is preferable to Stone. [...]

Lime-Water Cure for the Stone recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes:  
<https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/141>