[Untitled Diary Entry on Smallpox Inoculation]

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smallpox

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Pox

Places
Pleasant Street
Granville Street
Halifax
Nova Scotia

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Description

An account of a smallpox outbreak among the "negros" and Dr. Jenner's purported success in inoculating against the disease, p. 56. PANS MG1. Vol. 728.

Transcription

May 14 Sir John Wentworth sworn into Office and at night the Town was brightly illuminated to celebrate and there was more drunkenness than usual in the streets which is a poor welcome to my way of thinking. Attended a ball in the evening & He and his Lady made a handsome pair on a raised dais with negro slaves fanning them with large fans of red, white and blue ostrich feathers and the silver cloth around the base.

July -- Have had a housewarming at my new Town House and the very best of Society were there. If business keeps as it has been will be able to purchase a family chariot as Margaret wishes with the coat of Arms. She had a new gown for the occasion and we were very proud of our place. Had imported a fancy chandelier for the dining room patterned after the one in Government House but smaller. When we walk on the Promenade on Pleasant Street people look around at us now and many stop to pass the time of day.

Greatly honoured by being invited to the Prince's Box in the Halifax Theatre for a performance of The Merchant of Venice and were presented to Madame St.Lawrence who is not so beautiful but very lively, and gracious.

Aug. 17 A large fire on Granville Street started in a soap-maker's place and did considerable damage before it was extinguished. Two old persons were burnt to death in it.

Sept. -- The small-pox which had broken out among some negroes has begun to spread through the Town and a Dr. Jenner has a novel cure for it which consists in scratching the arm of a person and daubing in some of the pox. The patient is supposed to suffer a very mild case and be permanently cured but most of the people are suspicious and will have nothing to do with it.

On the Sevres China which I have been getting from time to time the trade-mark has been two crossed L's but it is now changed to R.F. which is for the Republic of France.

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