

[Cure for a Swelling] Jonathan Odell

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poultice

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Louisiana

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Description

This is more of a case study than a recipe, but it provides a method for curing a swelling in the head. It is on page 9-10 of the notebook. Image courtesy of New Brunswick Museum Archives and Research Library.

Transcription

Novem^[ber]. 1763. At Mobile, in Louisiana, Jn^t Walker, Soldier in the 22^d Reg^t from a cold caught by lying exposed to the weather the night after landing, had the whole face jaw & throat of the left side swelled to a great degree, attended wth some fever and a difficulty of breathing.

The swelling was highest & hardest in the parotid gland. He was blooded freely, gently purged, and a large Poultice put to the swelling. The 5th day his difficulty of breathing being rather increased, and his left eye quite closed, a large Blister was

applied to the back of his neck -- The next morning the tumor broke and discharged plentifully. The 7th day a part of the gland appeared to have cast off and came away with the dressings. The swelling & other symp=
=toms in two days were quite gone, & the sore soon healed, all to a small opening, through which, for about ten days, a great quantity of clear

Saliva continued to ooze out upon
the lower part of the cheek; a plain
proof that the duct of the parotid
gland was injured. yet he was
intirely cured in a short time by
the use of only dry lint compressing
the part and often changed as it
grew wet--

Cure for a Swelling recipe from Early Modern Maritime Recipes: <https://emmr.lib.unb.ca/recipes/519>