

or pains to increase their wealth ; and so subtle and inventive, that they would, if possible, extract gold out of ashes. I know none that excel them in these characters, but the Jews and the Banians : The former being the craftiest of all men, and the latter so superlatively cunning, that they will over-reach the devil.

But these are no signs of a pure religion ; for that only prescribes the methods of withdrawing and separating the soul from the contagion of earthly things, and of uniting it to the Diety, which is its source. . . .

Paris, 15<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Moon,  
of the Year 1659.

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### Dr. Thomas Lower to Sir Hans Sloane, 1703.

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Doctor Sloane<sup>1</sup>

I woulde request thee to meete mee at ye white Swan & Crabbe In Martyns Streete by three or neere it this afternoone to Consider & Consult with mee of ye best method for a younge man lately Come uppe out of ye Country yt lyes sicke there of ye Small pox : w<sup>ch</sup> will oblige thy reall ffriende & well wisher

THO. LOWER.<sup>2</sup>

Bartholomew close this 28<sup>th</sup> of ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1703.

(addressed) for my much esteemed friende  
Doct<sup>r</sup> Hans Sloane att his house in  
great Russell Street neere Blooms-  
bury Square these present.

Sloane MSS. 4039, fo. 191, in British Museum.

<sup>1</sup> Hans Sloane (1660-1753), Fellow, Secretary and President of the Royal Society ; President of the Royal College of Physicians, 1716 ; created Baronet 1716. " His various collections were purchased by the nation and placed in Montague House, 1754 (afterwards the British Museum)." —(D.N.B.)

<sup>2</sup> Thomas Lower (1633-1720), Quaker, son-in-law of Margaret Fell, brother of the noted Court Doctor, Richard Lower, M.D., F.R.S., and himself a physician.