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Dear Sir:

All you have heard, & read of the Kinepox is true. I consider its substitution to the smallpox as the greatest discovery of the 18th Century. It bids fair to annihilate the smallpox in a few years, and thereby to save many millions of lives.

Its advantages over the variolous inoculation are as follow:--

1. It requires no previous preparation in diet or medicine.
2. It may be performed at all seasons of the year.
3. It seldom confines a patient to his house, or interrupts his business.
4. It risks no sense, and never impairs beauty.
5. It is not contagious.
6. It is never mortal. Its supposed mortality has arisen from its being accidentally combined with other diseases.
7. It frequently removes old, & constitutional indispositions.

Success to your attempts to reform your penal laws! - With  
best wishes for your health and happiness I am Dr Sir Yours  
very respectfully

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