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James Skelton Gilliam Account Book

**GILLIAM, JAMES SKELTON.**

**James Skelton Gilliam account book and notebook, circa 1786-1787.**

**1 volume (73 pages)**

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**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Physician practicing in Petersburg, Virginia, and its vicinity. He is probably the same James Skelton Gilliam (1763-1814) who received his medical degree in Edinburgh in 1786.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:** Volume entitled "Practical remarks" containing notes on medical reading and patient accounts of Dr. James Skelton Gilliam of Petersburg, VA. The 12 pages of notes primarily relate to fever and the diseases of tropical climates. There are quotes from Huxham, Lind, Lomnus, Pringle, Sydenham, and van Swieten.

The remainder of the volume contains Gilliam's patient accounts. Entries are inconsistent but always include the patient name and the treatment rendered (often simply described as "of a visit"). Prescriptions and fees are sometimes listed, but dates are rarely given.

**LANGUAGE:** English.

**PROVENANCE:** Purchase by the Health Sciences Library, 1938.

**SUBJECTS**

Medicine – Practice – Virginia – 18<sup>th</sup> century.

Physicians – Virginia.

Account books.

Medical records.

Notebooks.