

Report on Opening the Body
of Princess Amelia

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In obedience to the order of His Majesty, the Body of her late Royal Highness Princess Amelia Sophia was this day opened, examined, & embalmed by Mr. John Hunter, Surgeon Extraordinary in the presence of Dr. Warren Physician in ordinary to the King.

As soon as the Integuments of the breast bone were removed, a small Tumor was observed externally.

The Bone was found to be decayed, loose, & yielding to the touch. the Tumour though so small on the outside, as not to be visible during life, was as large as a Pullet's egg within, & by pressing upon the Lungs & the Heart must have greatly impeded the action of both.

The Tumour was of the strumaceous kind, & originated in the centre of the Bone.

The right & left Cavity of the Chest contained each of them more than a Pint of Water.

The Lungs & the Heart were remarkably flaccid, & appeared to be wasted.

A small quantity of Matter was found in y^e Windpipe;
The valves of the Aorta had begun to ossify.

The second Vertebra of the Loins was diseased in the same manner as the breast bone, & was so much decayed as to be almost perforated.

The Brain & the remaining Parts of the Body were free from all marks of Distemper.

The signs of a Decline were visible in her Royal Highness many Months past, & during the last two Months the weakness & disorders which usually come on when the Lungs are in a state of decay or oppression, gradually increased, & finally put an End to her Life.

John Hunter

Rich^d. Warren