

destroys the product of conception by retaking its common road?

It appears, therefore, that the periodical revolution of the menstrual blood has great influence on delivery, and that it is the cause why the times of delivery in women vary so much more than in every other female who is not subject to the periodical evacuation, and which always bring forth at the same times. It also appears that this revolution, occasioned by the action of the menstrual blood, is not the sole cause of birth; but that the action of the foetus itself contributes towards it, since there are instances of a child escaping from the womb after the death of the mother, which necessarily supposes an action proper and particular in itself.

The space of time which cows, sheep, and other animals go with young is always the same, and their deliveries are not attended with an hæmorrhage. May we not then conclude, that the blood voided by women after delivery is the menstrual blood, and that the human foetus being born at such different terms, can only be by the actions of this blood on the matrix during every periodical revolution? It is