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The drawing by Ghezzi shows us an intelligent, untidy, and suspicious man in middle age. The most probable date of the original sketch is 1658, when Borelli spent several months in Rome collaborating with the scholar Abramo Echelense in a translation of an Arabic mathematical manuscript.

I wish to acknowledge the permission of the Director of the Vatican Library to publish this portrait.

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Dr. William F. Bynum has been appointed lecturer in the History of Medicine and Head of the Sub-Department of the History of Medicine in University College London from 1 October 1973. He replaces Dr. Edwin Clarke, who has assumed the Directorship of the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine.

Dr. Bynum holds a B.A. in English Literature from Swarthmore College. He obtained his M.D. from the Yale University School of Medicine in 1969, having spent the academic year 1966–1967 studying with Professor Erwin H. Ackerknecht at the Institute of Medical History of the University of Zürich. After an internship at the Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., he went to King's College, Cambridge on a Josiah Macy, Jr. post-doctoral fellowship in the history of the bio-medical sciences. His Cambridge Ph.D. thesis is concerned with a study of human biology in the first half of the nineteenth century.