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Esteemed Friend,
Thos. Allis

Springdale
1^{mo} 18th 1835

Enclosed is a Bank of England
Note £40. which agreeably to the statement in
mine of the 10th Inst. leaves a balance 1.10.4 -

By: J. Fisher Dr	L. S. C.
	15.15.11
do	22.13.9
To Bal ^{ce} of Bill delivered	38.9.8
By - Balance	1.10.4
J. F. Co ^{rs}	<u>£40.00</u>
	1.10.4

My Husband is from home or would unite
with me in love to thee & thy wife -

Please to give my love to St. Pons only & tell
her I intend on 14th day to send one or two
Boxes to her care by the waggon - I am obliged
to her for her communicative & satisfactory
letter -

Thy affec^d Friend

Phoebe Fisher

P.S. If the Boxes alluded to arrive in due
course, thy acknowledgment of the contents
may wait till then, & thence wilt please
say whether they are received -

P. Fisher
1/18 -

Paid

Thomas Allen
Retreat
near York



1836



Manchester Jan. 4, 1836

Mr. Thomas Allis

Sir,

I enclose you have a Bank Post
Bill, Twenty Five Pounds, for my Term in
Ruth Heywood's Half Year's Board, which
please to acknowledge.

Will you be kind enough to say that,
my Mother, and Wife, unite with me in
Love to Her. We are all quite well, and hope
she is the same.

Yours very respectfully,
Peter Rogers.





J. Ryland
1/4-

Mr. Thomas Ellis

Breast

recd

York



Dear Sir

R. Mr Thomson.

In the other side we send you Bankers Draft of
£155. 1. 6 the balance of Monies in the Committee's Hands,
and which you will please to place to the credit of
the Committee's acc with the Retreat. In the course of
April we hope there will be a further sum of £100.
in two hands which shall be immediately committed to
you - Requesting the usual Letter of Acknowledgement
and state how your Patient is,

Believe me Dear Sir very faithfully

L. H. N. Alexander

531. 14. 0
28. 11. 0
509. 11. 0
Halifax Jan. 7. 1836.

N. Alexander
1/7-

Ed. Wiley?

Paul Cartwright
The North
E. Hall
J. Woodhead
J. Bellis
J. Hill &
(Lancaster, Pa.)
J. H. King
Rich. Woodhead

Mr. Thomas Bellis

Superintendent of

The Retreat

York



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JAN 7
1836

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N. Alexander
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60 Miles?

Went Cartwright
The Smith

E. Hall

J. Woodhead

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(Lancaster, York)

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HALIFAX
7 JAN
1836

5 Adelaide Place London Bridge
4 Jan - 1836. -

Thos Allis

Respected Friend

I am concerned to
state that it is reported in London
that my Nephew Samuel Hallam
has made his escape from the
Retreat - Being deeply interested in
the subject not only from regard to
him but to the feelings of his family
I have been endeavoring to ascer-
tain what foundation there is
for the said report but have not
succeeded - It is very desirable
in every account that it should
be contradicted if untrue & that
if true that his friends should
receive direct information on a

subject on which their feelings are
so sensitively alive I shall therefore
be obliged by a few lines by return
of return of post informing me
how the matter really is. &

remains respectfully

Thy friend

J. S. Moline

is are
before
turn
me

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J. S. Maline
1/4-

to be opened if from home

Post-Office



Thomas Allen

Retreat

York

shortly I hope you will be able to make
room for him & I will endeavor to write
there a few lines before he is sent - Joseph
Lamb says his Uncle Robert Whittaker will
not be informed of it as in his tendency to
depression at night &c. him harm

With love & affection

J. Sturge

Birmingham 1/22, 1836

to make
write
Joseph
will
my to
Joseph
Hug

Joseph
1/22

J. Stump
1/22 -

Building Museum of
Natural History
455 Gallery

Post

Phoebe Allen
The Retreat
New York

BIRMINGHAM

Respected Friend

I herewith enclose a Bill on
my dear Sisters account, am glad to hear
she is not worse - hope them and thy
family are well, Sister Hannah has
continued better since her visit to York
the retrospection of friends kindness to her
is pleasant - she wishes to write in kind
regards with thy friend

Abigail Medville

Newby 1st mo 30 - 1836 -



Alfred
1891



A. Massville
1/30

Samuel Smith
York

MASSVILLE
FEB 1836
N.Y.



Atthalstan Hill
nr Hereford 27th of 10th Mo 1836

Respectfully
Thos. Ellis

In the direction of our
Monthly Meeting I hand the enclosed
Bill for Twenty three pounds 14/7 - the
amount of Bill for Jos: Stone which
was presented yesterday. - Please
advise of its receipt to the

Assessors for
Thos. Evans





J. Evans
B. J.

Thomas Allen
W. Retreat
York



Respectful
Thomas. Ellis

On the other side I send at my mother's request a draft for \$62.17.8 being the amt of my sister C. C. T's acct for the present & preceding quarters as per thy letter of the 21st/₂₀th month. In acknowledging the

receipt of the sumittance we hope to hear that my sister is well & comfortable; but if the exception mentioned in thy letter is not removed, please to inform us in what respect she is "not so well as usual".

I am resp^y thy friend

Philip D. Tuckett

Frenchay 1st 12mo. 1835

D. Hallam

J D Duckett
1/12 -

NO 30

Thomas Ellis
Retreat
York

BRISTOL
2 DE 1875
11 P.M.

My Dear Friend

a young man (said a

member of our Society) in our employ has
shown such ~~good~~ ^{as well as} ~~good~~ ^{firmness by} ~~good~~ ^{loyalty} that we think it will
be very desirable to send him to the Retreat
immediately - Will you be kind enough to
inform me ^{by return} if you have room for him
and what are the terms - He is in ~~such~~
circumstances that will give him a claim
to be admitted at the lowest rate of
charge

With love in haste

Very affectionately

J. H. Sturge

Birmingham 11/17, 1835

Please say what is the useful form of
medical certificate &c





J. Hump
1/17

PAID
BIRMINGHAM

Post P
Thomas M. Ellis
Retreat
New York



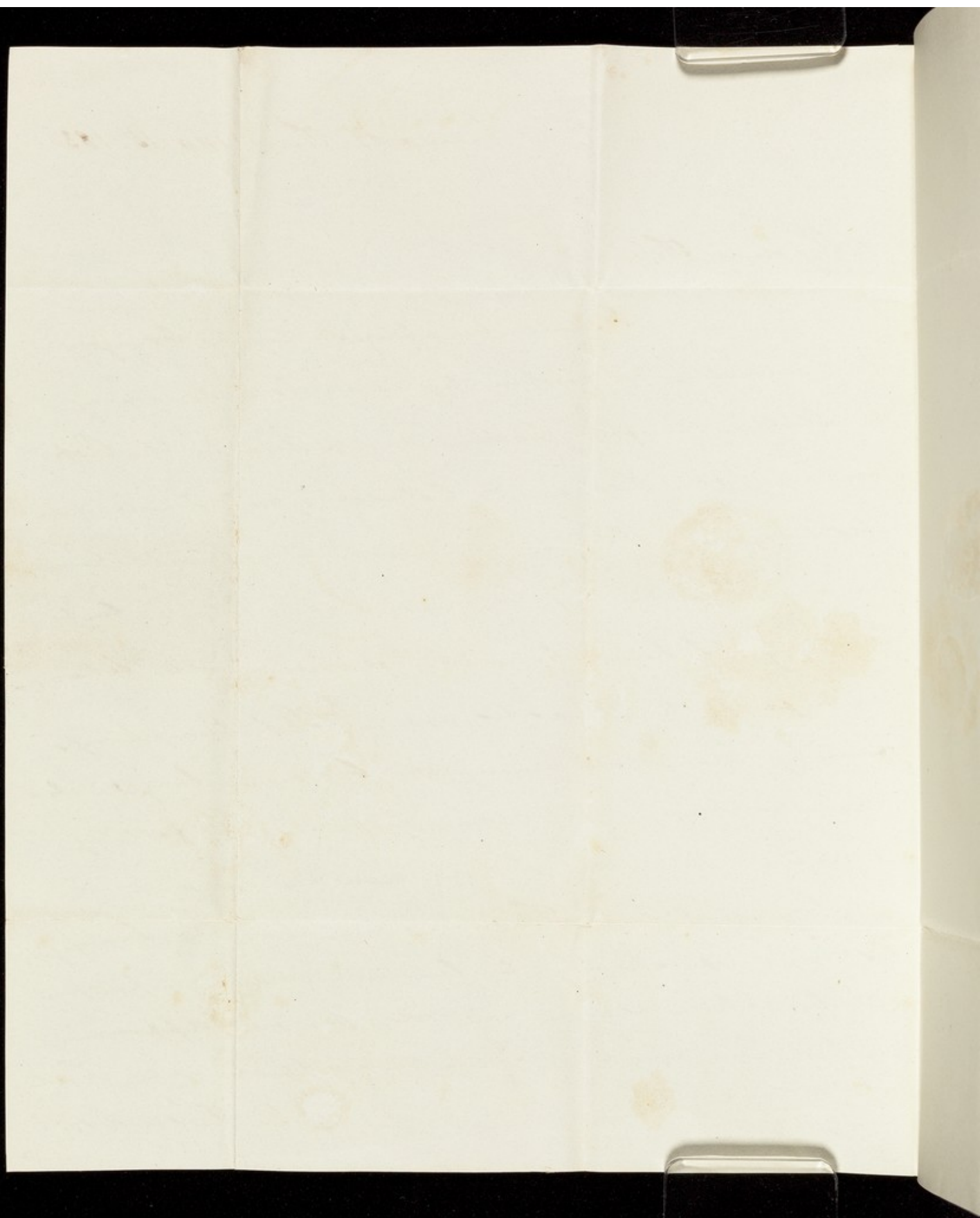
LONG
1817
1836

Schwartz. First No. 15. 1836

My dear Friend

I shall be obliged by thy bringing
to Committee, or sending by some Friend coming,
a Statement of the balance now due to the Re^l
on of John Howard's Estate, which I will then
discharge. We were favoured to get well home,
accompanied by my little grandson Eliot, last
Evening: I have been this morning to the school,
and find the Measles are in Thos Pumphrey's
family, but not among the Children at large: also
that nothing is yet done respecting the fall of
Timber, for which I have now the consent in
writing of all the Trustees; but that the Surveyor
is expected shortly to get out what is proper
to be taken down, in order for our approval
when we meet. I am thy affectionate Friend
Luke Howard

Saml Luke





S. Howard
1/15-

RECEIVED

Paris.

Thos. Bellamy
Mr. O

To Samuel Lake

York.



Respected Friend
Thomas Ellis

Thou was ~~displeased~~ favourable
to my staying when the
Committee met that why
has thou taken against us
against my dear Husband
and me it would be a great
consolation to me to have another
evening but another with
my Husband, if thou would
grant me that favour I would
be greatly obliged to thee I
have not got all my things
packed up and my mind ~~is~~
not ~~free~~ at all ^{at} liberty to enjoy

is company which though
spent mostly in silence may
I be allowed to say is very
precious to me / his wife / will
thou be kind enough to explain
the forepart of this letter to me
and to grant me the latter

I am ever respectfully
thy greatly obliged
frd Janet Crocker

I have not yet sent a letter
to Father & Mother to say I am
going yet I don't think thou
objected to my staying in

til seventh day This morning of
thyself. ~~it is not a long while~~
~~only one time more yet~~ but I
was so foolish as to shorten it
for myself through a want of
thought in me which is my
fault is a want of thought

J.S.D.

J. Prater
/Lw-

Thomas & Co

3

Sir

This day week I sent an order
for 50 L by the usual channel
but not having heard of its
arrival makes me trouble
you with this inquiry -

If you have not already acknowledged
it pray do so by return of post
direct ~~the~~ J. H. Lushington Esq

Norton Court

Levensham

If you have already received it and
written as usual, you need not write again

27th July

J. H. Lushington



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1870
SEP 7/58
FREE

Lushington
1/27

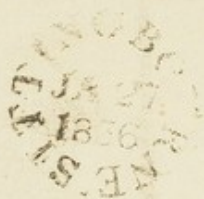
1836
My dear Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen



York

Lushington



With her into the country &c. which always does her good
at the time but I am fearful is of but little permanent
pet - ~~good~~ — I write in great distress of mind not knowing
what more to do than we are doing — which is all that
is possible that sincere affection can suggest — but at
times to see her so dull as I do & at other times so rambly
is almost more than I can bear — she is exceedingly
I seemed to

The cause of my not writing to her
with a remittance earlier since rec^d of mine I am
sorry to say has arisen from the circumstance of my
dear wife being again at times very much worse
I have been kept so very anxious for the last few
days I have hardly been fit for anything —
twice she has been almost ~~has~~ bad as I have
ever known her and would had opportunity been
afforded done injury both to herself and those about
her — she has taken (without any cause) a
violent dislike to my sister Mary, so much so that
whenever she sees her it is sure to affect her much —

We do all that is possible for her and I bestow
very much of my time with her out of my business, riding out

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what more to do than we are doing — which is all that
is possible that sincere affection can suggest — but at
times to see her so dull as I do & at other times so rambly
is almost more than I can bear — she is exceedingly
thin — ~~very~~ & has lost considerably in weight since
her return tho' she does not appear to suffer bodily &
her appetite is good — if Caleb Williams
any of you can suggest anything it will greatly
relieve — for the ~~near~~ bare chance of having again
to remove her is more than I can bear to think of —

I often feel very ~~for~~ grateful for the kindness
with which she was treated when with you & wish
to be kindly remembered to you all; I think my
sister Mary will shortly write to her & ours —

I remain thy obliged friend but in
great trouble
Almy Briggs

Henry Bragg

1/21-

Thomas Ellis

Albany

Mr. York -

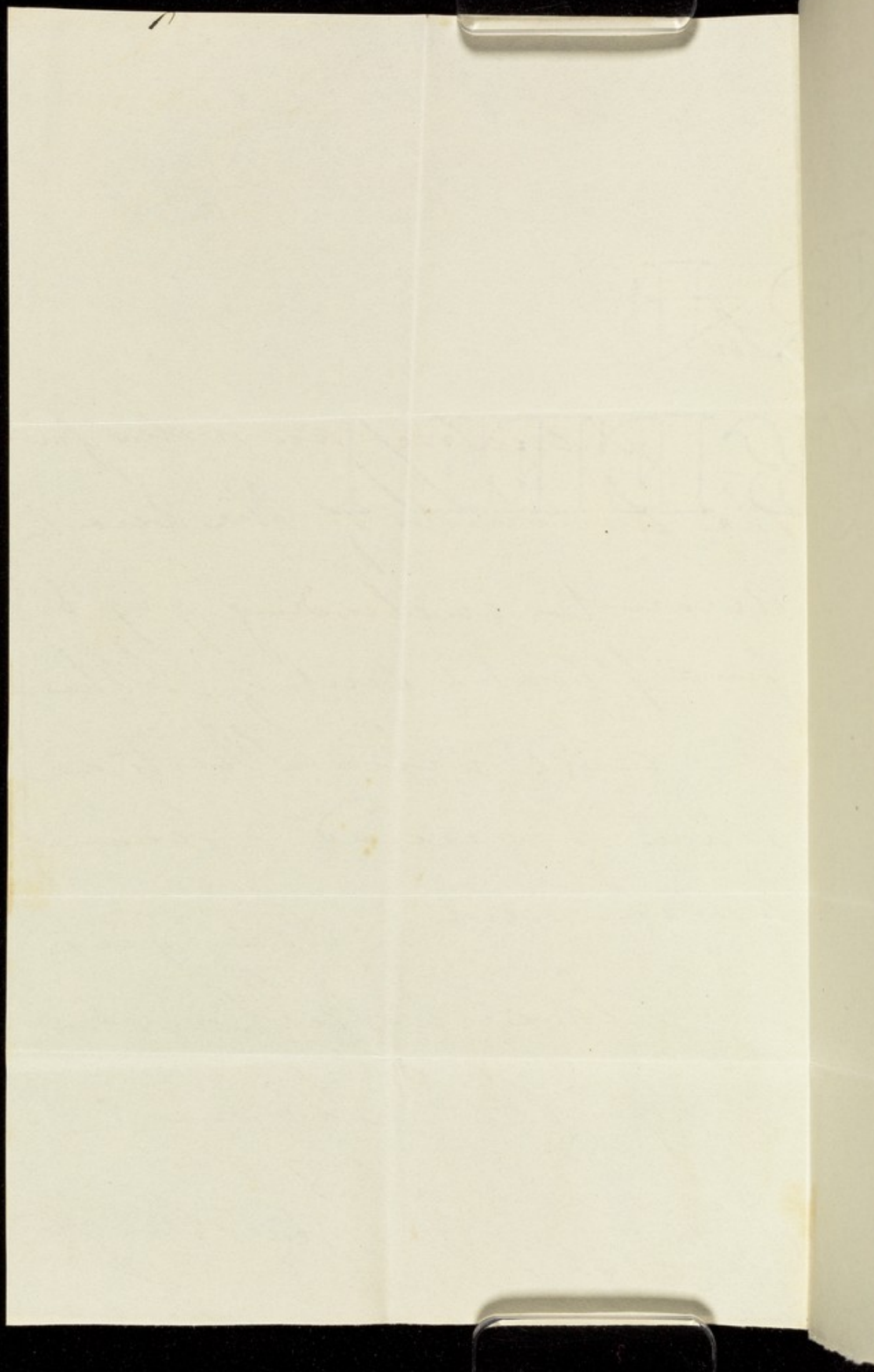
Paid

Sir

I enclose an order for
the amount of the quarter
Account including [£]9 9 6
for a y^e coat & suit of clothes -
We will send Thirtle
when required - having
a stock here - Pray give
my love to Richard

Y^r Obed^t Servant

Jan^y 20th 1836 W^m A^d Lushington



10/10/10
10/10/10

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Luskington

1/20

may be omitted and please advise us as usual how
you go on, he is our principal ^{only} ~~early~~ business;
my dear Wife's sleep is gradually I hope returning tho
her health is not reestablished and yet remains
under medical care, hope thee & thine are well;
my Wife writes in love to Wholeself also please
present the same to Harri &erson by

I remain Thy Affl^{to} Friend
John Procter

PS The Draft No 1054 M. L. S.

Stockton 19/1^{mo} '36

Respected Friend

I reciv'd ^{on the 16th} thine & had intended replying to it
yesterday had opportunity offrd, we feel oblig'd by thy
kind attention to our daughter, on looking at her situation
we came to the conclusion that it w'd be best to have her
home, I think the visits have been sufficiently tried &
it must be acknowledgd that John is not in a fit state to
remove at present, and until thee and both the Medical
attendants can with confidence recommend it, the thing
must not be attempted, James Uncle Wigham at my

request, kindly agreed ~~at my request~~ to go on purpose
for her & return with her, hope she will readily comply
otherwise thy kind advice may be of service, it must
be accomplished, & I have with her our sentiments
need only just remark'd as regards thy letter, that
thou thou it quite necessary, she should have Joseph
or some female present during Johns stay at our lodge
and from any thing that had occurred during those
visits, but as a precaution step and that the thou
had only struck ~~there~~ ^{there} since our leaving York.
I do beg a continuance of thy kind attention to
our dear son, in order to effect his recovery, that nothing

may be omitted and please advise us as usual how
you go on, he is our principal ^{ally} ~~early~~ treasure;
my dear Wifes ship is gradually I hope ~~return~~ ^{returning} tho
her health is not reestablished and yet remains
under medical care, hope she & thine are well,
my Wife writes in love to Wholeself also please
present the same to Harri &erson by

I remain
Thy Affl^d Friend
John Proctor

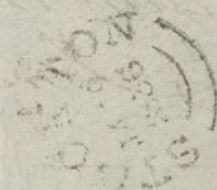
P.S. The Draft for £10.5.11 will be found
right.

In all Johns visits we never observed
any impropriety in his conduct
J.P.

3/0

J. Procter
1/19

Mr. Ellis
Bretton
near York



9/8

Returned Friend Stockholm Fifth day 1836

There runs now a probability
of our Daughter leaving York, there may be
sure I feel much for my dear Son, fearing
the separation will affect him after so
long having the privilege of visiting us,
but at present it seems the best to leave
him a while longer, as the other plan has
now been tried a good while
I will be much obliged by thy writing in
a day or two to inform us how he bears
the change will be obliged also by J. Hammer
taking notice how John sleeps in consequence
thereof and in a few days after please be
kind enough to inform us again
We will be aware that I feel all the
condemns of a mother and none my esteemed
Friend, I will be greatly obliged by thy
desiring the attendants to endeavor to
amuse John, by way of drawing his attention
as much as may con

seventeenth day morning, gone has not yet arrived but we
are rather expecting her to day and are sure to be present in
to say that my feelings are very much heightened with
having had the company of my dear son so
long, and now after all, having to leave him
in this way I fear will offend him greatly,
now, I do hope and trust, ~~and~~ should there
be any brightening in my dear son's features,
that there will be also to some of our tender
feelings, and much anxiety on his account,
which I doubt not there will be kindly attention
in that respect, should there be any fine days,
~~and~~ be much obliged if there would be
kind enough or let him ride with & continue
by way of cheering his spirits
I hope the attendants will be kind to John
and try to amuse him all they can

can to other objects, from the present subject
my dear Love to thy wife, whose kindness to
me was very great. I once said she sent
the little back by Joseph, my dear Love also
to Hannah Hanson, I hope she will
frequently visit my dear Son,
my ship is rather coming round & I feel
little better, that situation was no doubt
maintained by our noisy lodgings
when my dear Son took Tea with us, he
seemed very fond of buttered bread & toast,
we generally use that kind as it suits us
better every way, at York, we bought more
than a shop very near our lodgings,
if it is not too great a liberty to ask we
we would be much obliged sometimes if
I don't could have some, but I trust all
these good things will be secured
I can only say that we are greatly obliged
for all thy kindness, every way returned
I am with Love thy friend Mary Prater

as there has been so many friends in my
great hindings both to me and even dear
son of those not the least doubt but
there will continue my worthy son to
him in all respects with much respect
M^r

at York

Thomas M^r
Richard
next York

M^r M^r

Buckingham ^{St. No 27} 1836. —

Respected Friend,

I trust thou wilt excuse my intruding but I write on my Mother's behalf, as she is in case about her son being very desirous to be able to keep him at the Retreat knowing he is so kindly treated there, and would wish for him to be in the same situation with regard to Board, and would also pay the ^{£ 1} 5⁰⁰ quarterly as usual, as we should be very sorry for him to experience the least difference in that respect knowing he would feel it very much, but if some reduction could be made in the disbursement expenses we should feel relieved, as the Payments for my Brother are made out of Mother's Income which is very limited, but yet she is anxious to keep him there although she was very much grieved to be under the necessity of parting with him having always time to gether. It is not Aunt Clarke who pays for my Brother, having such a number of Nephews and Nieces, although my Uncle left some legacy to the Institution having such a great respect for it, and Aunt was very anxious for my Brother to come.

In the event of Mother's demise some little

little Society would give to my Mother which would be
 placed in the hands of Justice for his maintenance and
 support. But I shall not remember
 with gratitude his kindness and hospitality of which
 I am at my house.

M. B. S. S.
 1/19

Samuel Luke
 York

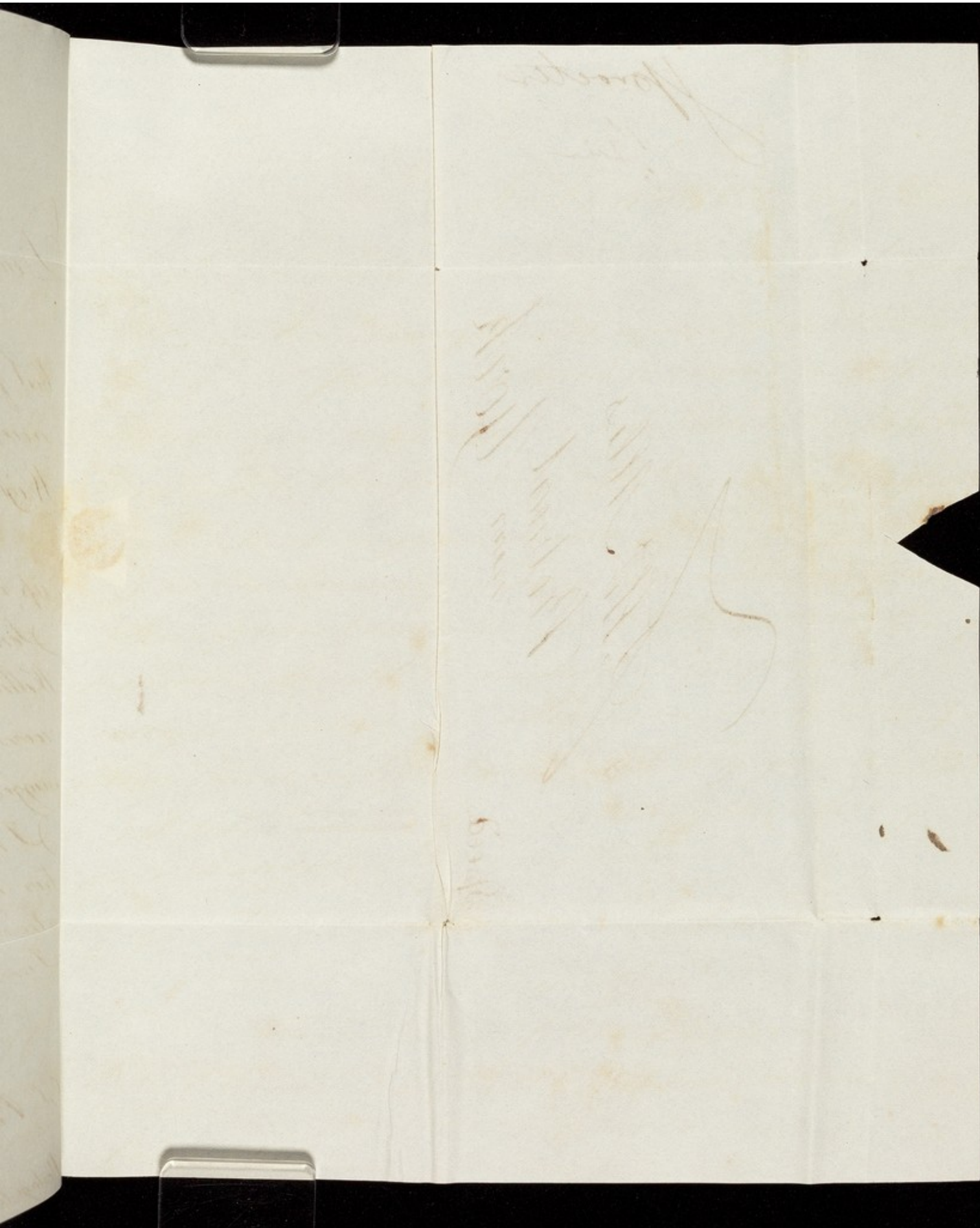
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with regard to the ^{disbursement} of money just add that my little
 Mother may now say, we like the road and
 he advanced it as we say, we like the road and
 a very useful which money will secure the future of
 which he would not willingly let it go. My little Mother both
 her and to Mother would with me in my Mother's
 my Mother's little Mother both

October 22nd 1858

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. in relation to the proposed change in the name of the company. I have conferred with the directors and they are of the opinion that the proposed change is not advisable. I am, therefore, unable to comply with your request. I am, however, very sorry that I cannot do so. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
J. H. [Name]



Procter
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Wm. Allen
Proctor
New York
Speed



Dear Sir,

Garfield House.

Edin^r.

Jan^y 20/36.

Family distress at home, the children having been attacked with Hooping cough and Scarlet fever, prevented me from answering your letter sooner. Above you have an order for payment of the acct of R. M. Co of which I hope you will acknowledge Receipt in course. But respect to my brother.

A. M. Allan
Yours

Ever yours

Very sincerely

G. Leathcraft.

Dear Sir,
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the above named matter. I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the result of the investigation. I have, however, no objection to your making such use of the facts as you may think proper. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 J. W. Foster

Robert
184

C. Calhoun
1/20

ADD
1/2

To
Mr. Thomas Allis
York.



Buckingham 1st Mo 27th 1836.

Respected

Mr. Ellis,

Received

We have this of the 19th and was
pleased to receive to good account of my Brother
but with regard to the account was very much
surprised to receive a Bill £3. 3. 3 whereas we consi-
dered we had made good all payments as they became
due as we transmit the money to Wm Hanby through
our Bankers and concluded some mistake must have
arisen whereupon I sent to Wm Hanby and he notes
receiving £3. 3. 3 the 17th of 18th Mo, and that sum is placed
in the account as Bill delivered which upon further
enquiry I believe thou wilt find paid as I have a re-
ceipt from Wm Hanby to prove the same; and thou
note receiving £5. 11. 0 and also Wm Hanby notes receiving
£5. 11. 0 the 3rd of this present month; therefore I believe upon
further investigation thou wilt find what notice is indebted
to the Debit is £2. 11. 0 for disbursements which we
were not aware of but intend remitting it when the
next Quarters becomes due. — Mother unites with
me in kind love to James and am very glad he
was pleased with his box of things. I have just
enclosed a few lines to Aunt Luke.

Hoping we shall receive an answer when conve-
nient. And trusting the mistake will be rectified
with kind respects to Hannah, Persy and myself,

I remain
Thy obliged Friend
Mary Brown Robt

MB Cotes
1/27

FLAN

Nov

11

James Allen
Rutland
near York
Yorkshire

RECEIVED

Paid.

Esteemed Friend / Shelton, N^o 1, 1837

We received thy very kind and intelligent letter for which we are much obliged, the satisfactory particulars it contained respecting our dear Son were very gratifying, I am which account, we trust there is some improvement.

The weather is with us is very severe and the roads in some places have been blocked up with snow.

hoping thou wilt excuse the freedom of ^{craving} thy attention respecting John. Well, it gets so very cold ^{at night} ~~at night~~ that my ~~children~~ and I are almost stowed under your blankets and a good deal of other covering may I once more ask thy excuse with love thy friend Mary Prater, I am and my dear love to thy wife and Hannah Piersenby we were sorry to hear of the latter being been poorly

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W. P. Rogers
1/1-



Thomas Ellis
Rochester
near York



Said on $\frac{1}{2}$ of York No. Newbury
Nancy Arnett per 3/28 to 9/26. 1836
26 weeks @ 6/- £7. 16. 4

Respectful friend
Thos. Allen / The above order £7. 16. 4 with
the sum of £7. 16. paid to Nancy Arnett,
will settle in full for Anna Canton and
Gleason Dickinson half year at the Retreat.
My friend J. C. Appleton Jr

Jan 22 of 1835
Henry Smith for 300 lbs of 1835
I am a p. 10. 2

Robert Jones
I am well
The sum of \$10.00
will be paid to you for your services
I am a p. 10. 2



Is. Madewell
1/25-

John
Rum
Mr. Petre
New York

18:6
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11/11

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Sir,

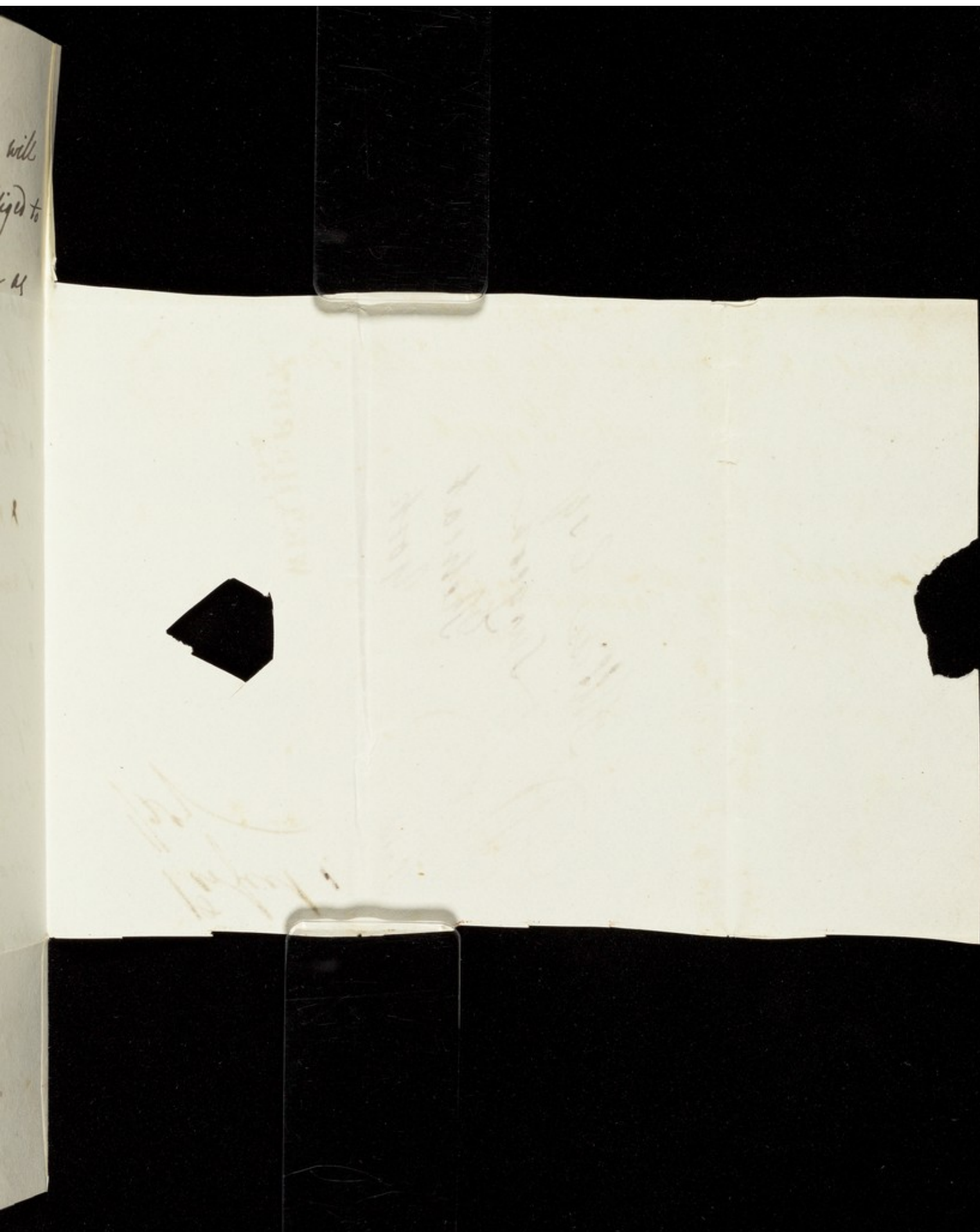
As it is now six weeks since I drove over to York in Dec.^r for the purpose of making enquiries at the Retreat whether my Sister could be taken in & have two rooms to herself in the institution, I am anxious to have an answer if there is yet any chance of such accommodation being at liberty before the expiration of another month, because I cannot wait longer without making some preparatory arrangement, in case her present attendant leaves her as she has given notice to do - and if there is any uncertainty about her being taken in within a couple of months from this time, I must see you again upon the subject before I make any final decision

as the trouble & inconvenience of waiting longer will
be very great. I shall therefore feel much obliged to
yourself or Miss Ponsonby for a few lines as soon as
convenient & remain Sir your obt. Serv^t

M. Perfect

Thorparch
Wetherby 27th January 1836

will
figs to
- 11



as the trouble & inconvenience of waiting longer will
be very great. I shall therefore feel much obliged to
receive in Miss Pomeroy's hands a bill for the same.

Miss Esq
Surgeon
Retreat
York

Paid

WETTERBY

W. Pomeroy
12/27

Carlisle 1st Mo: 1st/36

Respected Friend
Thos. L. Allen

I now enclose thee a

Ten Pounds Note on account of my Dear
Wife, thou wilt please give ^{my} dear love
to her hoping she is pretty ^{well} & that I should
be much gratified by receiving a letter from
her, please inform her that all our Rela-
tives here, & at Long Town, are pretty well
& that my own health is tolerable, I came
to attend our Quarterly Meeting held at
Wigton, yesterday, & intend going on to
Longtown to morrow please acknowledge
the receipt of this by return of 1st or 2^d
Post (directed, Joseph Forster, Brewer,
Longtown, Cumberland,) with a particular
account of her health & state of mind, as our
Friends ^{in the neighbourhood} will be pleas'd to hear before I leave,
please accept & give my love to my wife, H.
Ponsonby. M. Wigham I am much oblig'd to her

for her attention in writing me &c, & it will
be an additional favour would she be so kind
to write me again in 2 or 3 weeks hence.

My love to Christopher Wilson & shall be obly
by his calling at the Robbin Hood Inn
& inquire ~~if~~ for a pair of Leather Leggings
that I left there when ^{I was} at York last,
they ~~stole~~ ^{stole} my Lodgings the last night
& that way it ^{which} occurred, I hope he, (Christ)
is better,

I hope thou will excuse my freedom
I am respectfully thy ob'to friend
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Hartford Jan^y 25. 1836

My dear Sir:!

A recent & great affliction to our family has occurred in the loss of our Lamented Father which it is incumbent on us to acquaint my brother James of, but fearing that such a communication to him by letter would be too sudden & might be attended with ill consequences I have thought you would be so kind as to undertake to convey this message to him in a more deliberate manner.

James I am sure will with the rest of us feel very much & deplore our loss for he knew & could appreciate his Father's indulgence as well as the extent to which his virtuous character enwiled him in its protecting influence.

For 11 years he had been suffering with the complaint of Stone in the bladder of which he had been once relieved by undergoing the operation of Lithotomy 8 years ago. - Unfortunately however a second formation was discovered & became even more voluminous than the former of which at last obliged him to undergo a second time a similar operation to which he succumbed the 9th Inst. after about 6 weeks suffering.

Several days previous to his decease the count had become evident to him, & he perfectly

resigned, departed this life in peace of mind and
with a full hope of being removed to a state of rest.

In view to the occurrence he made a
provision for the continued care of maintenance
of James so that no alteration whatever is at
present meditated relative to his remaining under your
charge: You will therefore please to allow him
a sum of money of continue as usual to
correspond with our Mother who at all times cherishes
a hope of dear James of of some day hearing of
some improvement in his case.

With my Mother's kind regards tell yourself of
our united affection to James.

I remain

My Dear Sir

Yours very respectfully

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M^{rs} Alice
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London 19th of 1st mo. 1836
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Dear Friend

I write to inform thee that one of our members William Hunt of Mile End Road who has been for some time insane requires more care than his family are able to extend, and Joseph Menn himself who have him under care on behalf of the M.M. are desirous of placing him in a suitable asylum and if you could take him at the Retreat it would please us and give satisfaction to the M. Meeting —

Little lately he has been under the control of an elder brother who is now deceased and the charge now devolves upon his two sisters who are in every way incapable

if such an undertaking — at present
he occupies a room at the top
of the house his abode for the
last four years — he has good health
and is generally orderly but his mind
is completely deranged Dr Hodgkin
& Mr. Bevan have seen him and
are prepared to sign certificates —
he is about 45 yrs of age.

You will be kind enough to
answer this at thy earliest convenience
thine with love

J^d Mordant

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Sam'l. Furber

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N. A. Manager of the Retreat

Birmingham 1 mo 14 1836

Respected Bro
Thos. Ellis

I have recd thine with my Bro^r W^m and which I intend sending
by a frd who is going from hence to York in a short time & I
must communicate with my Brother John Denton on the subject
in the mean time I shall be obliged to thee to inform me what
Monthly Meeting William belongs to if thou do not know
perhaps Saml Luke or some Bro of York or Hull of whom thou
can inquire does know & I should be glad of an early answer
to this inquiring

I remain

Thine respectfully

Thos. Rutman



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BOSTON
JAN 14 1836

Geo. Allen
The Patent
York

Wm. Allen

PAID
BOSTON
JAN 14 1836

Dear Friend

I have exchanged a letter with Thomas Allen about Robert Lamb whom we had taken into our boarding house under the hope that a regular employment might be beneficial to him, & relieve his poor mother of much anxiety & a great burden but after going on tolerably well for a week or two he became so decidedly deranged that it was considered best to have to remove him from his mother Joseph's father has been in our employ for some years & at whose house he lodged to our establishment for the insane & during this time.

This however was resorted to only from the urgency of the case & as merely temporary. I Busby has just forwarded to us a letter he rec^d from the dated the 2nd of this month in which she kindly offers to provide a recommendation which will give him gratuitous admission for 12 months and if I Allen can find room (of which he speaks ^{rather} doubtfully) and should wish to leave to ^(the expense of which of course will be by R Lamb's friends) do so and will be an advantage for him, the

sooner he is removed I think the better though
I mentioned to I Alice's thoughts he as well as try being
were he is for a time, I have think otherwise
his brother Jacob is very decidedly in favor of his
going to York at once - Then out I believe aware
that he was for a time a teacher at Ackworth.
Mr Lamb thinks his uncle R Whittaker had better
not be informed of it as he fears with his tendency
to depression it may do him harm

affectionately thy friend

J. Sturge

Birmingham 1/23, 1836

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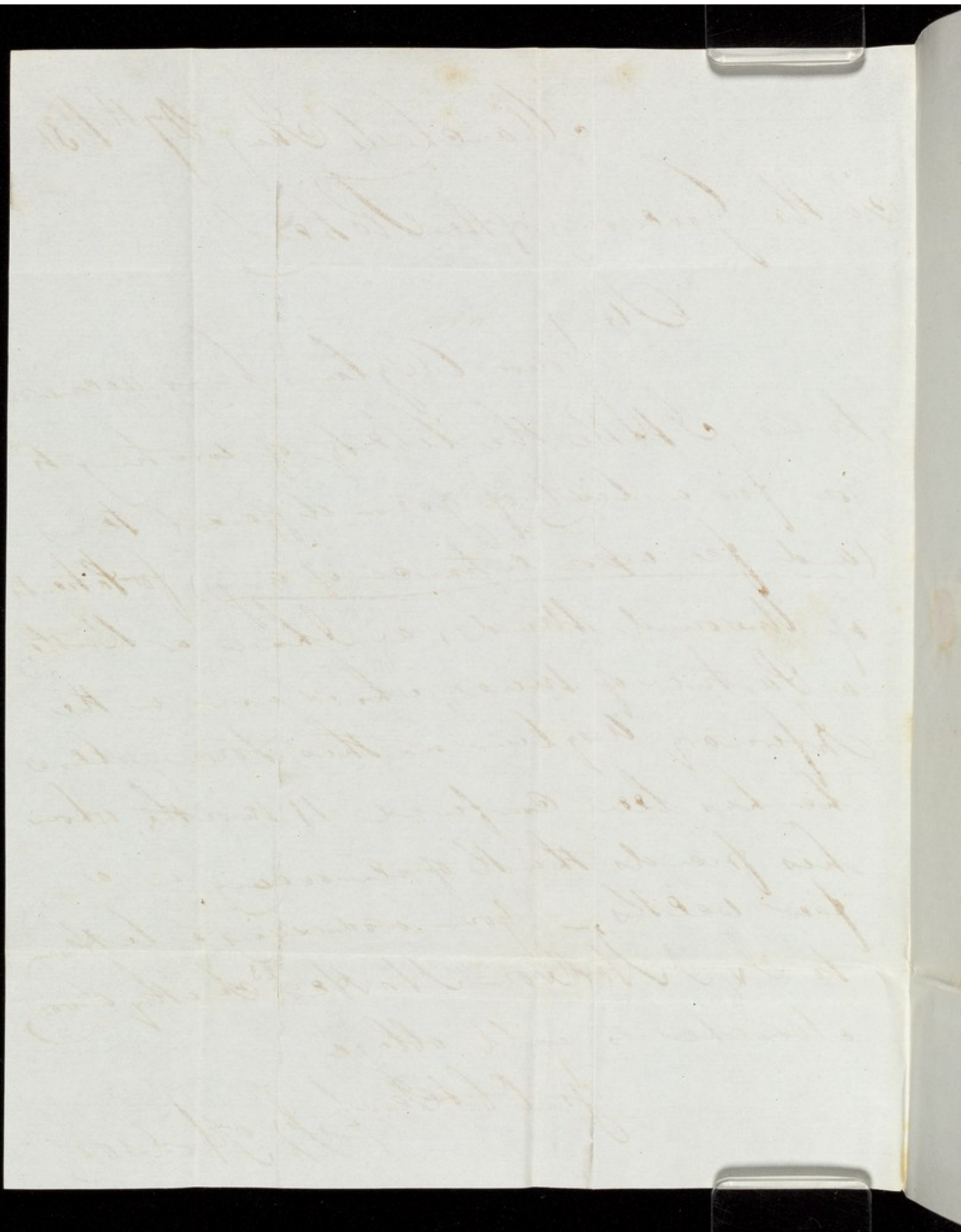
BIRMINGHAM
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Post paid
Saml. L. Tucker
York

Manchester Aug 27th 1836
To the Governour of the Retreat

Sir,
Your Asylum being recommended
to me, I take the liberty of writing to
you for a list of your different terms
(and fee upon entrance if any), for patients
of Unsound Mind; as I have a Brother,
a Partner of mine, who is now in the
Infirmary Asylum in this town, where
he has been confined 11 months, whom
his friends think of removing in a
few weeks, - your addressing a letter
to Mr. Hodgson Hatters²³ Chichey door
Manchester will oblige

Yr Obedt Servt
R. Hodgson



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J. Adams
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of the Governors of the State
Senate & Assembly
New York
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Bantury, 22nd of 1st Mo 1836-

Dear Friend

Sam^l Tuke-

I have delayed much longer than has been satisfactory to myself replying to the ~~scarcely~~ favourable communication from the Retreat Com^{ee} relative to poor Robt Lamb - I have thus acted by the request of his family -

Soon after the application was made Robt was removed to Birmingham & his Mother and some other friends indulged the hope that this complete change (with suitable employment) might render any other step unnecessary - This however was not the opinion of the medical men who had seen him before his going to B - and it now appears that they had ample grounds for the recommendation which they gave - which was

that the sooner he was placed under
proper care the better -

In consequence of information
today from B. I forwarded to
Dr Sturge the letter I rec^d from him
two weeks ago - I understand that
J.S. has already applied to the Referee
on the young man's account - I regret
that he was not aware of the previous
application tho' this is no neglect
of mine -

As we have of no decided
proof of insolvency previously to one
which took place about four weeks
ago it may be said that we con-
sider his disease of not more than
six months standing - and I shall
be very glad to find that he may
have the benefit of the consequent
terms as well as of the kind re-
commendation - which will be a real
service to his Mother - the further
communications & arrangements
I'd however now better be made with

his friends at Birmingham - my object
in writing is to account for the delay
in replying to thy letter & I remain

Thy obliged friend

S. Peesley

J. Wesley
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Robert
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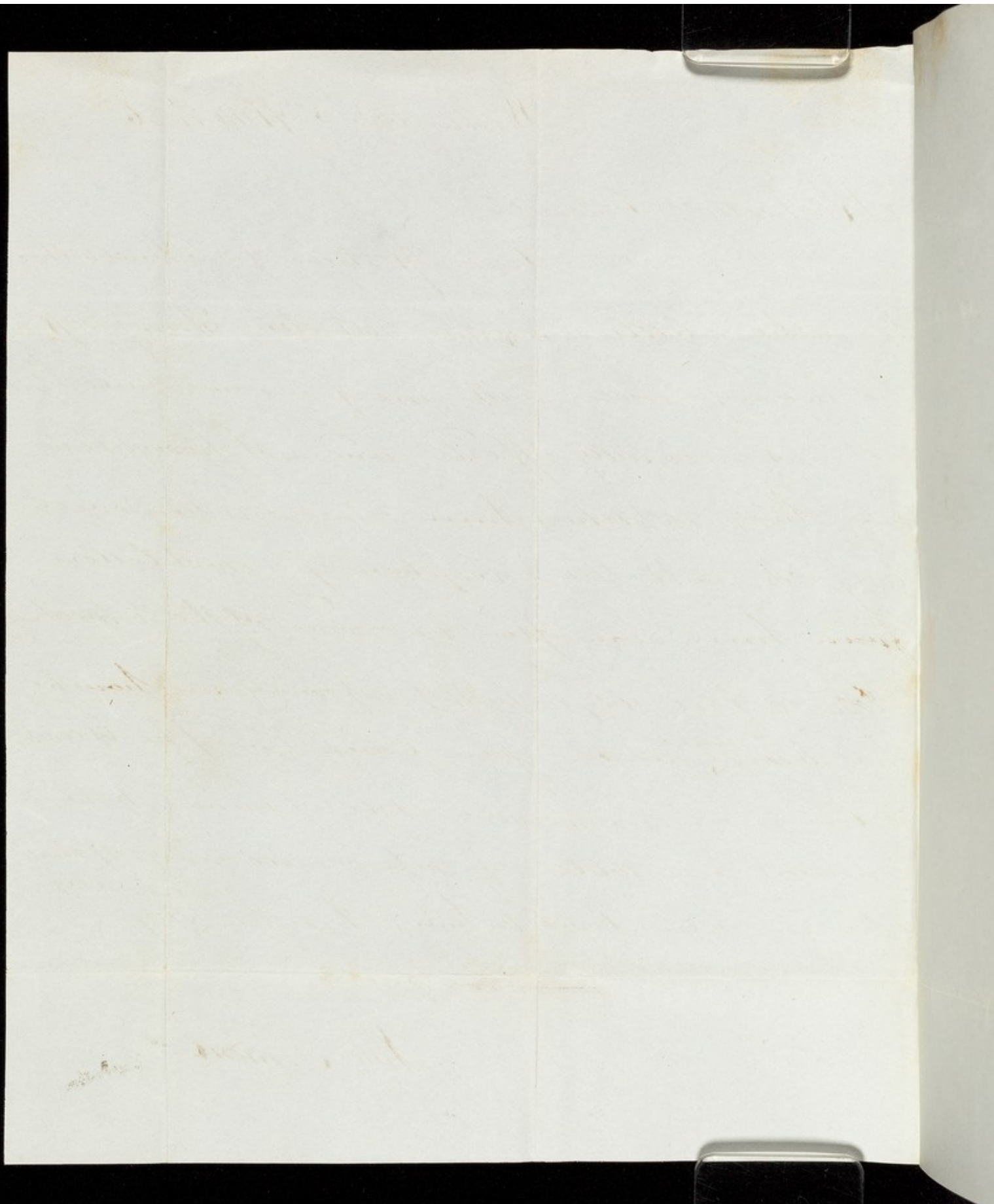
Wellington 3rd of Mo 1836

Respected Friend

I addreſs theſe few lines to thee
to make a little enquiry reſpecting Henry Beſſ
he having reſided with me for ſome time before
he was mentally affected, and not having heard
any thing reſpecting him ſince his removal
to York, with the exception of a ſhort letter
from him ſoon after he arrived at the Retreat.
— I ſhall feel obliged by thy informing me how he
has been ^{ſince} under your care, and if he is conſidered
to be in an improving ſtate of mind. — If thou
conſiders it ſuitable my wife as well as my ſelf ſhould
like our kind loves to him, — I remain ^{reſpectfully} thy

~~Respectful~~ friend

Wm. Simon





W. Sims
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The Superintendent

at the Ortoecus

in York

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My dear Lu

As the other note I
sent you a Draft for the last half years
account which please to acknowledge
by return of Post — Will you please
to inform me the amount of the last half years
account — Also the exact day & year
when Mr Potter came to the retreat, if you
can do so without much trouble —

The last letters we have had from
Mary are tolerable rational — I hope
she keeps in good health Believe me
Yours

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Jan 23 1836

Rich Potter

My daughter Mary was much
abused & pleased with the shells

R. Potter
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1836
Manchester January
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Mr. Phillips

Retreat

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Bristol 13th of 12th Month 1836

Respected Friend

Thomas Allis

I received thy very
acceptable letter for which I feel much
obliged I was glad to hear my dear Peter
was as well as could be expected I hope
that he is improving shall be glad
to have particulars by the bearer
of this. I have sent an Annual Monitor
for him as my doing so last year gave
him pleasure and have also written a
letter which if thou think proper he
should have I will thank thee to put
a wafer in and give it him if thou

think it better for him not to have it. than
with destroy it and I will wait to hear
from thee when I may write him don't
let him think himself slighted by me
his feelings are when well very tender
and my neglecting writing to him would
cause him much uneasiness. My brother-in-law
and Alfred Will both arrived safely home
the latter crossed from Liverpool to Dublin
and the steamer ^{for Bristol} having left just before
he arrived there he was detained nearly
a week. My love to E. C. Tuckers

Thine respectfully

E. J. Challacombe

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Thomas Allie
Retreat
York

Finbury Circus 7.1.1836

My dear Friend,

I have been requested to write to thee, on behalf of Devonshire house monthly meeting, respecting a poor member who is insane. He has been in that state for some years & is very inadequately attended to by his sisters who are infirm in body & mind. He has not long since lost a brother & this circumstance has called for increased attention on the part of Friends, who are desirous to have him placed, if practicable, in the Retreat & my object in writing to thee is to enquire if this is the case. Should it not be so at present, when is it probable that it will be so? The poor man

is I believe between 40 & 50 years of age. He appears to be in good bodily health though he spends much of his time in bed. I believe that he is inoffensive & not desponding, but quite hallucinated - I think he has not been shaved for years - He fancies himself to be David Barclay & various other persons.

Should it be possible to have him placed in the Retreat we should like to have your opinion respecting the mode of removal.

I hope that thy own health & that of thy family is good. Please to present my kind regards to our friends C. Williams & H. Shephard & believe me thy affectionate friend
Thomas Hodgkin

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Samuel Luke

York

To

M.D.

London 1th of 2 Month 1836

Dear Friend
Saml Luke

Joseph Benns
of Brimsderry put a letter into my
hands containing a bill from York Relief
for expenses of William Funch which I
have forwarded to a friend of Leighton
Monthly Meeting he being a member
as regards maintenance. I am requested
to write to them for particulars of the
bill delivered which they have never
received an early compliance will oblige
as the Monthly Meeting is early in
next week

Thy Sincere Friend
Saml Theobald
Turnover

It will be better to direct the
letter containing the particulars
of William Fench to a friend of
Leighton Monthly Meeting say

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Leighton Buzzard
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Sam. D. Tucker
York



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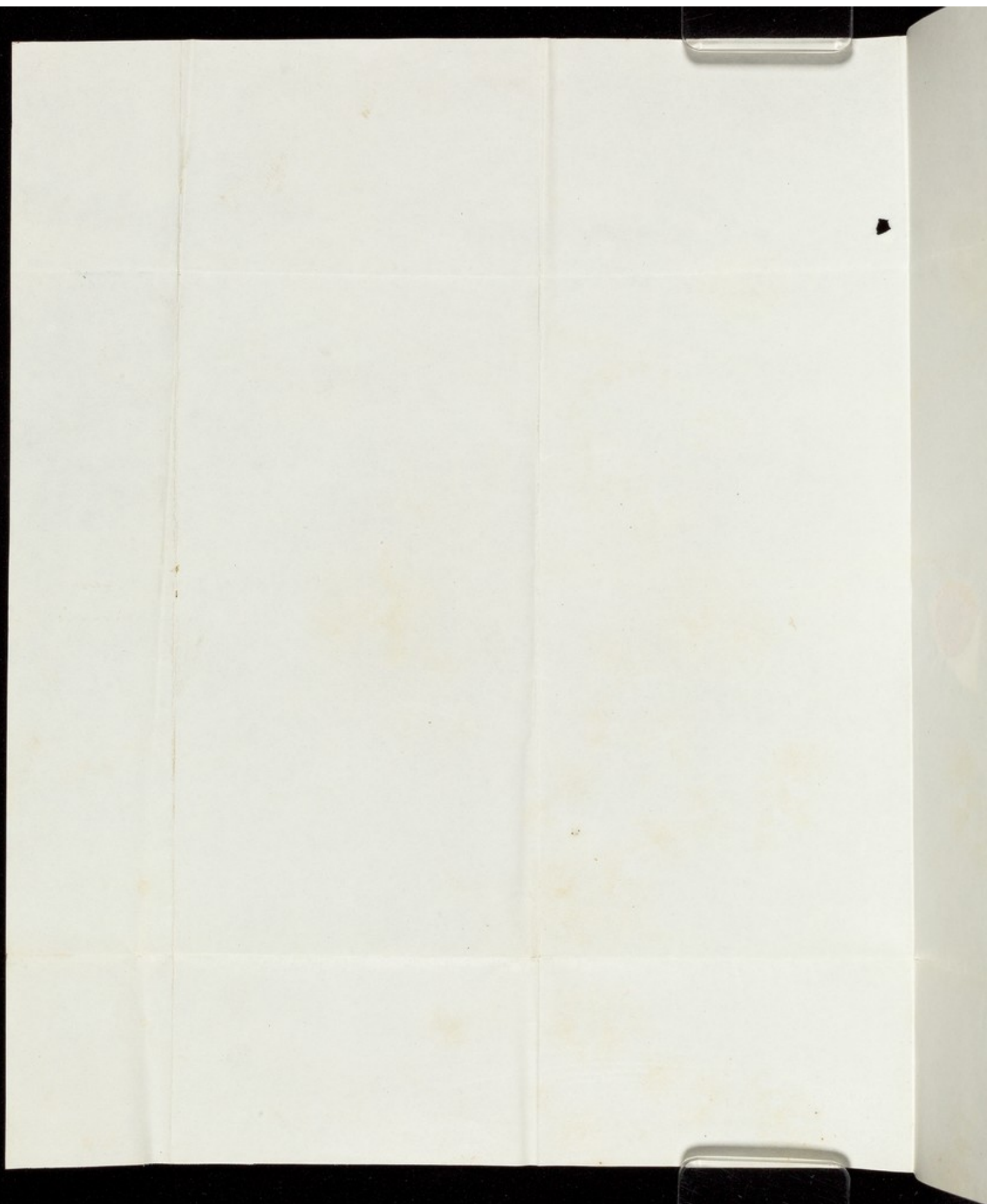
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Esteemed Friend,

My Uncle Anthony Watson who has already been twice under your care as a patient, has I regret to say, been for some weeks much depressed and in such a state of mind as to induce his friends to think that it will be best for him to go again to York. He himself is of the same opinion & at present is desirous of again becoming an inmate of the Retreat for a short time. We hope that the change of air might be beneficial to him & that it will not be necessary for him to remain long. His friends wish me to write to thee on the subject & to inquire of thee if it will be convenient for you to take him at present, and also the shortest time for which you ~~will~~ can take him as a patient. The latter point is more for his satisfaction than for any other reason. I thy reply which will be shown to him - will oblige

Thy Friend
Thomas Allis.

Thy Friend
Joseph Watson



Wm. H. H. H.
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Wm. H. H. H.
1844

Just Water
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To Thomas Allis
at the Friends' Meeting
York

NEWCASTLE
FEB 29 1844



25^d — 1836.

Mr. Ellis,

Dear Friend, I rec^d. thy acct^t about 3 weeks ago
and have delayed sending the amount ^{of my brother J. Nicholson's bill} not knowing
but that I should have had an opportunity of sending
it by a friend of mine but as this seems now
uncertain I enclose £5 which will leave a balance
due to the Institution of 2/5.

Will thou please to remember me affectionately
to Hannah Dowson and tell her - that we heard a few
days ago that Henry Braeg of Belfast is deceased - as most
of his Relations are removed from this town we have not
had any particular acct^t but I believe he was not long
ill. —

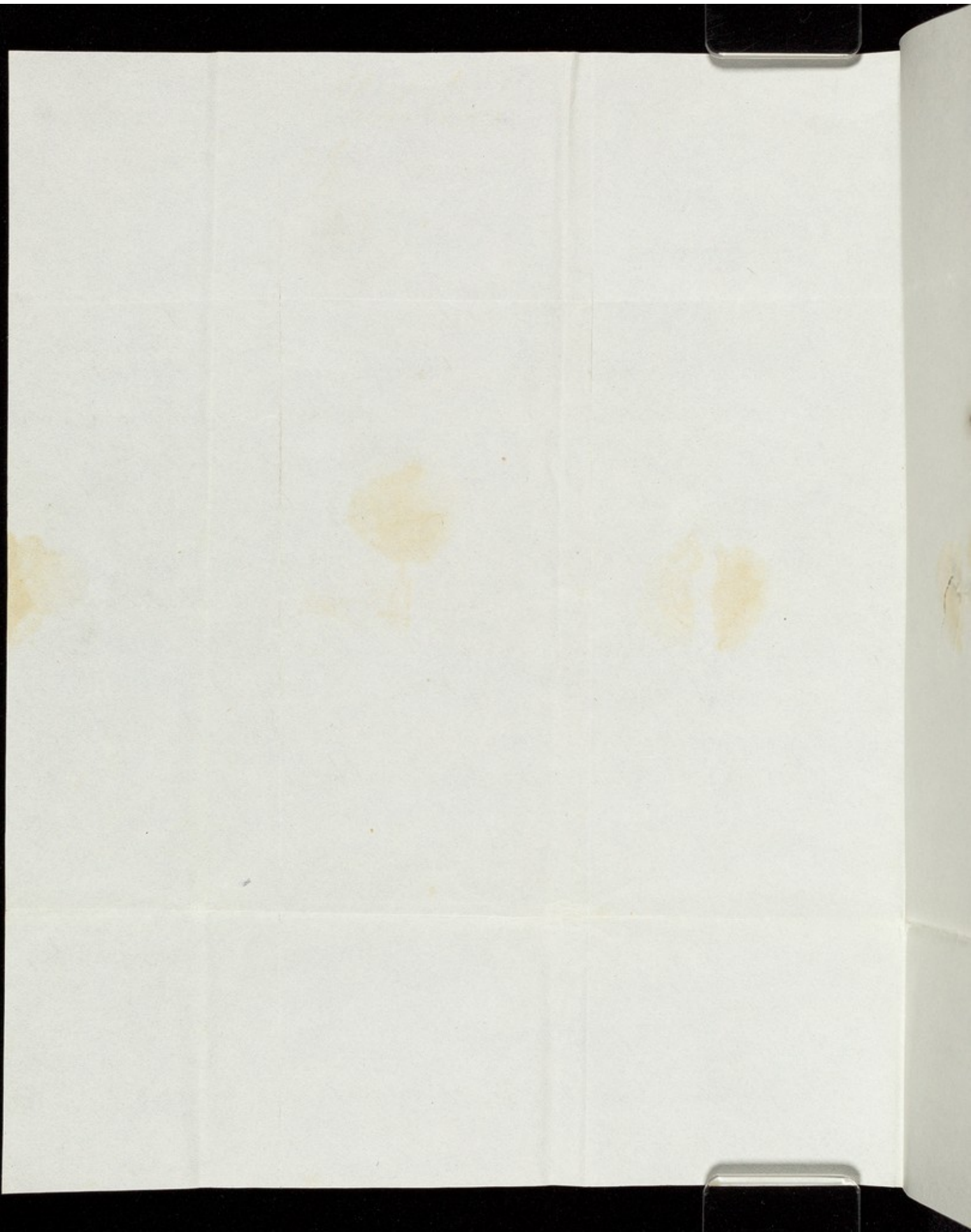
I am with sincere regards to thyself

Thy fr^d
Mary Nicholson

11. Hawgill Street.

Whitehaven - 11th of 2nd Mo.

Mr F. Anna Thorne was here this week and will be at Kendal
next 1st day. —



William
1840



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W. H. A. E.
1855

Acworth 8 Dec^r Mo: 1837

Esteemed Friend

I rec^d thine of 3rd in my return the evening before last from Lattinham, whither I had gone hoping to spend two weeks with my Children and attend to some business of moment to me. But the sudden further illness of our dear Rachel recalled me accompanied by Dr. Hodgkin & my son John Levee. We had of course a very anxious time of it, until the medical attendants were able to pronounce her out of immediate danger, & in the way of present recovery - but not without much anxiety for what might be to come: she having bled from the Lungs. I am now able to attend to any thing requisite in my brother's

beck-hulp: my coming to York is however
at present on serious weighty considerations
out of the question. I have repeatedly
taken leave of him, expecting that I might
never see him more in this life!

I shall now be glad of a letter by
return of post, stating how he is: and
with a surfeit of brotherly affection
to him, must conclude, remaining

Thy friend

Leake Howard

Thomas Allis

Putnam, York.

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L. Howard
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To Thomas A. Lee
Retreat near
York.



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Stockton 6th of 2nd mo.

1837

Respected Friends

J. A.

Mother requests me to write and say that the Influenza is extremely active here and that if thou learn by any means of Father & Mother and myself having it thou will not inform my dear Husband, of our being in it and to be so kind as to do thy endeavours for him not to get to know by any means not any branch of the family that goes to him to be so kind as not to tell him &

my very kind love to thy Wife self
& Daughters also to Hannah Robinson

I remain respectfully

Yours
James Dorocter

It is about 3 weeks since
thy last letter and we want
a day or ~~two~~ two
Y. D.

or any Stranger that goes thou
art to be so kind as to inform
them they are not to name it
to my dear Husband that any
of us is in it ^(the Influenza) I am also to
say that we rely upon thy
kindness to inform us the
earliest when my dear
Husband takes the Infl
enza.

It is one whole
year since I left York to-
day and last evening a
year since I saw my be-
loved Husband. I cannot but
think my attachment a hard
one and wish thou would make
way for our coming to York again with

Procter
2/6.

Dec 11
Single copy
Thomas Ellis
Freetreat
New York



Liverpool Dec 12th 1836

Esteemed friend

Thos. Ellis

When I was over
at York I quite intended to make some
inquiry respecting my Brother William's
clothing, but with leaving in such a hurry
I quite forgot, but here with some home
coat waist coat & trousers I shall feel
ably? when you are sending the said Box
to Manchester if thou wilt write me
and inform me if he is in want of
any clothing of any description direct it
to be left at John Haworth King St -

My wife was confined this day week
of three children one boy and two girls
they are all dead the same place to say
is doing quite as well as we can expect
the doctors are her love to thy wife

I remain

Thy aff. friend

Peter Leicester

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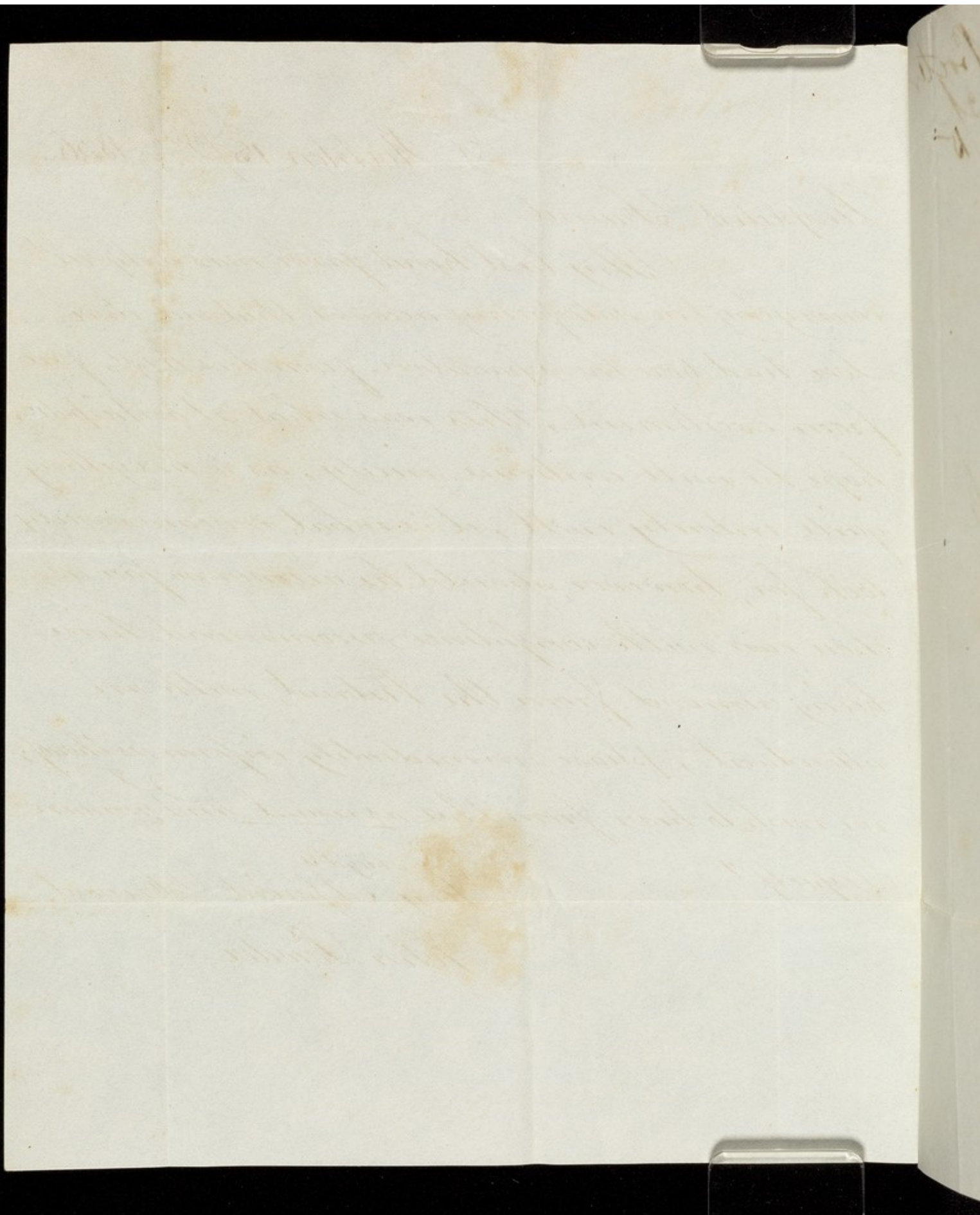
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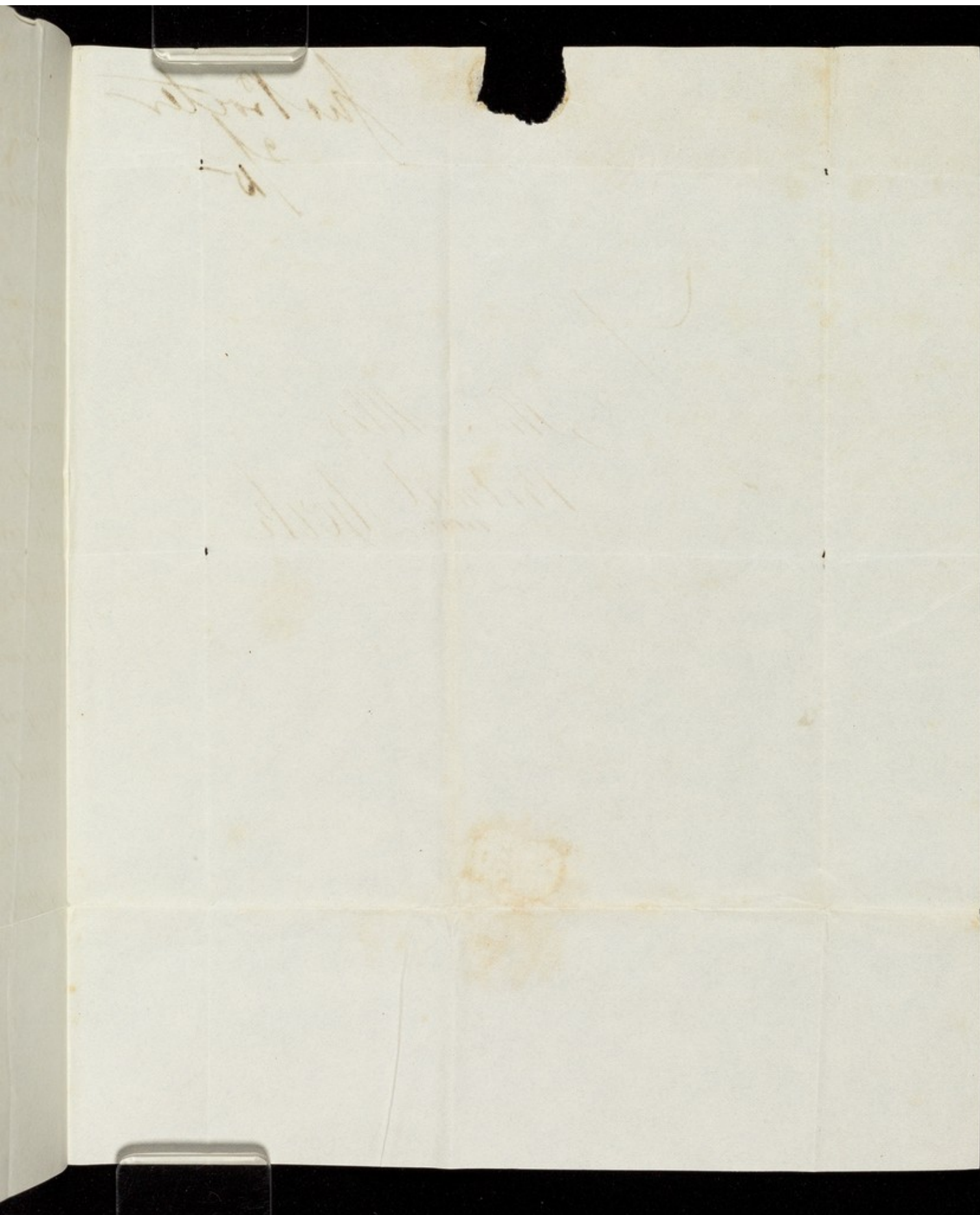
I Rochester 15th/2^{mo} - 1836

Respected Friend

Thy last kind favor was duly rec^d conveying the satisfactory account, that our dear Son had borne the separation from his Wife, free from excitement, this was what I anticipated, hope he will continue nicely, as to his getting quite entirely well, it is what we can reasonably look for, however, should he recover so far as thou can with confidence recommend him being removed from the Retreat, with an attendant, please immediately inform us thereof; we wish to hear from thee as usual and remain
Respectfully

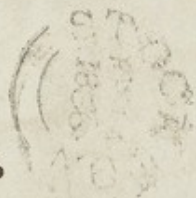
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Thy Affectionate Friend
John Procter





Geo. Procter
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Thos. Ellis
Retreat
near York



High Lomday
Wigan 4 Feb 1836

Wm Ho Allen

Retreat near York

Enclosed is a bill on Barclay & Co for
£14. 2. 1 as pay^t of the apc for my
sister Rachel Evans' board - which
please acknowledge to me with an
apc of her present state of health -

I have to express my regret that this
apc has been again sent to my brother
in law Ho Allen altho' we have before
requested it might be sent direct to me.

I have the goodness to make a memorandum
in the apc that will prevent this mistake in
future - I am Very respectfully
Edw Evans

E. Evans
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Wm. H. Allen
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near York

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Respected Friend,

My Mother wished me to write
a few lines to inform thee we have remitted
£4..8 to Wm. Hawley to day which is £2..11 for
the disbursements in the last account and £5..11
for the ensuing quarter. I was glad to
receive thy letter informing me thy statement
of the accounts was correct; and much obliged.

We were glad to hear the Boy came safe
and that my Brother is well. With
kind love to my Brother, and respects
to Hannah, Penelope, and thyself.

I remain

Thy Obedient Friend

Mary Bwan Coles -

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paid

Thomas Ellis

Superintendent

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near York
Yorkshire

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BECKINGHAM



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Ackworth 22 Second Mo: 1836.

Dear Friend, Samuel Luke

I shall be much obliged to thee
for a Statement of the use of the Retreat of the Estate
of J. H. since the last settlement - I do not want
I time but only sums. I appear to have paid viz.

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1836	1-21	ditto & ditto	72.12.11

I think the use must now be ^{paid} somewhat in
advance - but having left the papers (as I suppose) with
my Nephew in London, cannot say how much. The
Note on the other side may be handed at thy convenience
to J. H. All pretty well here. With Love to
the family thy sincere Friend
Luke Howard

L. Howard
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Lawrence St.

Lancaster, 2mo. 7th 1836

Esteemed Friend

Having just heard of an opportunity to York in the morning we consider it best to avail ourselves of it and accordingly inclose the Am^t of account last received say £7. 6. 3 and shall thank thee to acknowledge receipt soon as convenient. We are sorry to find no progress towards recovery in my brother had the contrary been the case we should have been glad to have seen him here by and by, but suppose there is no chance of that and the distance and expense of so long a journey prevents us from visiting him as often as we could wish to do. same time we think not the less about him and are desirous of doing any thing we can to promote his comfort or make his existence more agreeable - If thou can point out any thing to that end or he could wish any message to us. shall be glad to

have it. We should like to hear of him cheerfully
occupying the time which else must press heavy
on him as it does on any one, any sort of engagement
whatever - but doubtless thou wilt know best what
should be done, and we affectionately commend
him to thy care and attention as heretofore,

It would gratify us to hear as often and at as great
length as may be possible concerning him being next
best to visiting him which circumstances before alluded
to make so rare an occurrence, so that when thou art
disposed or any one as well acquainted as thyself
and time permitting we shall be thankful for
a letter, if he will not write perhaps he might
dictate - Please convey the assurances of ~~our~~ continued
regard and love from his Father Mother Brother
and Sister - and accept the same thyself

I remain thine &c. truly

James Brinton

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Postscript
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Jas Braunton
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Thomas Allen - Superintendent

The Retreat near

York -



Respected Friend Rockton 3/2nd 1836

I have this morning received a letter from dear Jane to the following effect;

The Committee met yesterday, (suppose 2nd day) and decided that I might stay on a while longer, with a servant in the Town with us, or my Father, as might best suit, provided it met with our approbation;

We have considered the matter, and in reply may observe, that the present plan as now been tried upwards of 3 Months, yet if Mrs. & C. Williams are of the judgment that some benefit is likely to arise, by a further extension of his visits to Jane ^{2 or 3 weeks or} suppose a Month we are willing to give it this further trial, but leave it entirely to your determination; now should you believe that no benefit is likely to be derived therefrom, it is our most earnest wish, that she return home, according to her promise, and they informing her, and me, the result of your

decision will oblige as early as can I am
sorry to take up so much of thy valuable time.
I have not wrote to Williams probably
if thou drop him a note he w^d wait on thee
& ^{may} say it was ^{his} my request, thou might ^{then} show
him this, and ^{letter} you could decide on the spot,
unless thou art ^{previously} acquainted with his sentiments
and can undertake to decide alone;

I hope thee and thy family are well, my
Wife I trust is on the improve, with our
united love to Whollyself I remain
Thy Affectionate Friend
John Procter

P.S. Please present my love to Williams.
I rec^d a letter lately received from Jane, she said
that her Husband had never taken any advantage
from being alone. We have not replied to
James letter by this Post.

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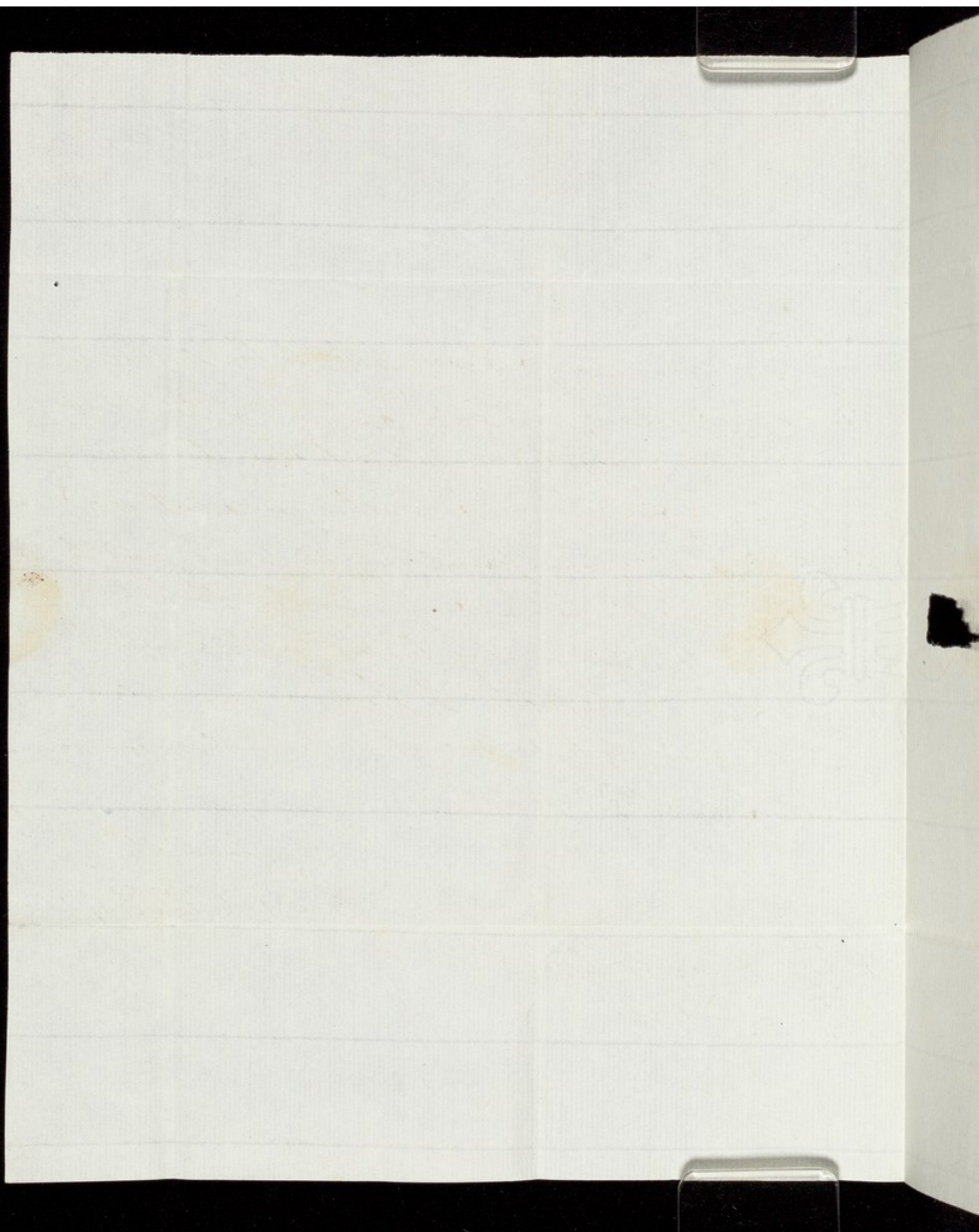
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Pretreat York
near

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Sir, I have handed your letter to the Father of
the young man, and as he approves of the terms
he, he has requested me to ask you to reserve
the vacancy for him. He wishes you also to send
the Rules, &c. in a couple of lines; directed to me, and to
let me know the best mode of conveying the patient
to York, or whether he will be sent for by a person
known from the Retreat. - If therefore you will
have the goodness to do this at your earliest convenience
I shall feel obliged and remain Sir

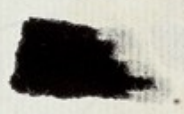
Your obt. Servant
George Proctor,

Rep. H. & W. & Co. }
Feb. 22nd 1836 - }



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G. K. Bates
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ROSD
FEB 23
1896

Sam. Luke Esq.
York.
Read

$\frac{13}{17}$
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 Dear Friend

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I think Thou wilt be pleased to
 hear Samson Jasper since he has returned home
 has conducted himself as to lead us to feel thankful
 we were induced to seek to place him in so valuable
 an Institution as the Retreat and also to feel grateful
 for the kindness of the his friends when there we
 men think that since he has returned other of
 his ideas have been shaken and are giving
 way. he has lately spent some weeks with us much
 to our comfort, there is one thing we much regret
 that he should have given cause just on the evening
 of his arrival for the Superintendent to judge it
 proper to confine him to the gallery we don't know
 to the extent what this offence was but undoubtedly
 such a thing considered a serious one. perhaps
 a new arrangement his brother at Dover and we
 believe to their mutual satisfaction and it is
 the desire of his parents that the dinner
 which has so much affected his mental perception
 may be in time gradually removed, He will
 require tender treatment and be sure with Mc Lane

received the bill my husband before this would
have directed the payment had he not been with
me both confined with similar & serious
indisposition I thought that I sh^d be most satisfied
wth me to settle the account & address a few lines to
thee on the subject the account with some closing
that he obtained the ap^{pr}ox^{imate} charge to be 22. 50.
he had so much under my care, I think in the 20.
he has cost us with the expense of going and returning
nearly 100 £. ^{23 £} which Dr. T. as assistant charged
for taking him to York, I know that my husband
feels very tender of the prospects of the instⁿ & he
and would rather endure some privation than the
should suffer loss on our account but as our cir-
cumstances are now similar I thought I sh^d be most
satisfied to revive some conversation that I had
with thee during the last year's visit and since in
thou kindly expressed if we considered the terms
high & beyond our means then mayst remember
I expect they were higher then we had thought
of - and I certainly felt an impression that some
reduction would be made, sh^d this be the case men^{so}
could be felt by us if the instⁿ were not to
suffer, then will I take leave the freedom I have taken

in thus delivering them and with love to myself
and to friends I tell John & wife to both of them.
I feel grateful for their kindness to assist in
me to remain thy affectionate friend

Willsboro 2nd mo 5th 1836

J. Weston

Suit
Hat
Great Coat
Handkerchiefs
Shirts
Socks
Coach fare home

Sept. 21. 9.4
Board — 36. 2
Dr. Tukey — 23. —
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W. Weston
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York

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from the

Thos. Weston

Sir,

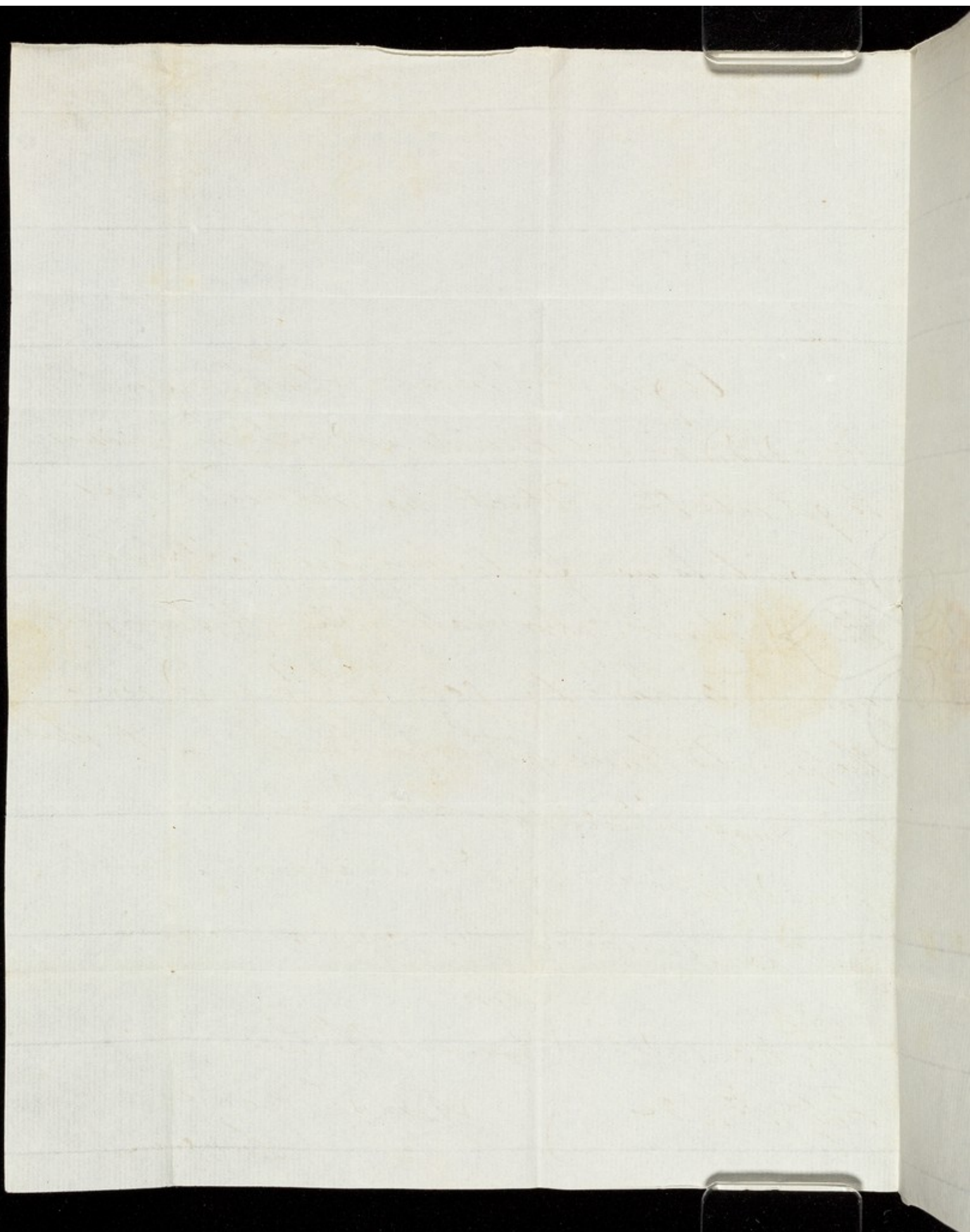
A friend of mine who has a son
disordered in his Mind, and who he wishes
to get into the Retreat, has requested me
to write to you for the purpose of obtaining
the necessary Information &c. - &c. Therefore,
you will have the goodness to send me
the printed Rules of the Institution, with what
else may be necessary for his admission,
(provided there should be a vacancy) I shall
feel particularly obliged, and remain,

Sir.

Respectfully, your old Servant.

Feb 7th 1836

George Roakes
Surgeon



not less than \$5 per week
no extra charge for medical
or other attendance
unless the patient requires
the exclusive attention of a
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11/2nd Mo 1836



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York,

Paid

Best Friend

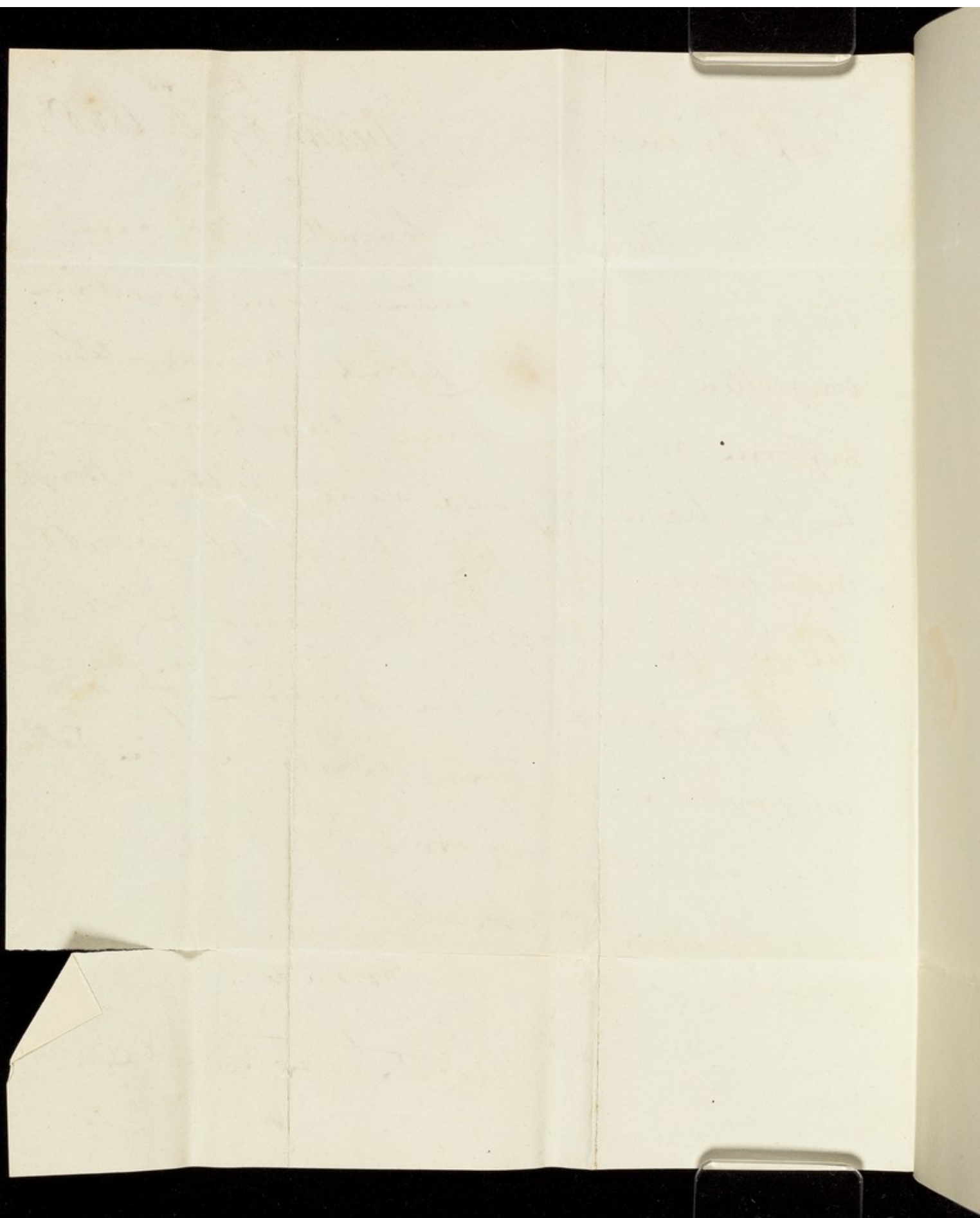
^{th. and}
Boston Sep 2, 1838-

Thine of the seventh let I am
in receipt of this Evening - and have since
consulted with the Cohasset Friends - who
inform me that since I wrote last -
he has been a good deal better. though
not well. but they think it would
be better to defer his being fetched
to your place for the present if an
unfavourable turn should again take
place - will inform thee -

I am Respectfully

thy Friend

Wm. Lathrop





M. Satterthwaite
2/8

Post Paid

Chas. Ellis

Superintendent

of the Retreat at
near York



7th day - 6th of 2nd month 1838

Esteemed Friend,

Thomas Allis

The painful task devolves on me at this time to make inquiries of thee relative to the establishment of which thou hast the superintendence - having a near and very dear female relative, who is in a temporary shelter, under the care of Dr. Munro and who I hope may shortly be removed to York street if there be accommodations vacant for one, who having a small independence I am anxious should be made as comfortable as that independence will allow; and if thou wilt favor me by any and every information that thou

at liberty, to give as to the expense
of different accommodations I should be
much obliged and if it would be con-
venient on a short notice to receive
a patient - who has never shewn any
violence, beyond occasional bursts
of expressions and an anxiety to be
released from every restraint - but in
the latter case gently leading her has
always been sufficient

I am respectfully
Anne Stephenson

Is it convenient to send a person to
^{or usual} conduct a patient from London, I do
not know that such will be required
but I should like to have information
on the subject -

at 89 Minories
London

The earliest reply that can be given will be very acceptable

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A. Stephens
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P. H. P.
Thomas Alder's Office
Retreat
near York

Yorkshire

Paid



Doncaster 2nd: 2. 1836

Esteemed frd
J. Allis

My Cousin John Procter requested me before I left home to write to thee respecting my dear Niece Jane Procter leaving York at the time proposed; which will be next Seventh day — I am not aware that there is any use in my addressing thee as thou art I am quite sure prepared to persuade her to keep to her promise; but it is possible she may wish to protract her stay on the plea of her Husband being better — she promised to comply with the wish of her Friends to return home at the time named unless her Husband was improved — but she was not to be the judge as to whether there was an improvement or not — Myself & the Doctors were to decide that point — that if there be no ~~to~~ improvement I hope you will decide ~~it~~ to put a stop to his going into the Town & press ^{on} Dear Jane the propriety of acceding to the desire of her Father & Mother — & I may add of all her Relations — Nothing but the wish to consult her feelings & to deal very tenderly

I gently with her induced me to plead for the
extension of Mrs Procter's Visits a fortnight — I was
at that time, I yet remain to be, of the Judgment
that Home was the place where she was called to
at the present time to exercise the duties of a Child
to Parents greatly needing all the care & attention
she could give to them —

Remain Thy obliged friend

Arthur Wigham

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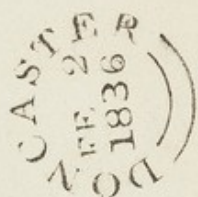
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Thomas & Allen

Liverpool

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Boro, London,

7th of June 1835.

Dear Friend,
J. H. Ellis.

My dear friend, I am very sorry
were in due receipt of yours yesterday and
to day informing me of the death of
intelligence of the 14th of June. I am, I think,
when I am in great haste, but by the time
has been written to you, I am hardly expect your
reply on a subject of the nature and
concern to my own, yet I have no doubt
your conduct, must be very great till you
have been again, so late with you, I suppose,
I must have been a sudden thought as he
promised me when I was at York, he would
never, I think, it seems, I am sure, I am
I am in a terrible anxiety about him
and I have wrote to his dear Mother
this evening informing her of the sad
event, I should have left London
this afternoon had it not been for this
intelligence, I am, I will wait till

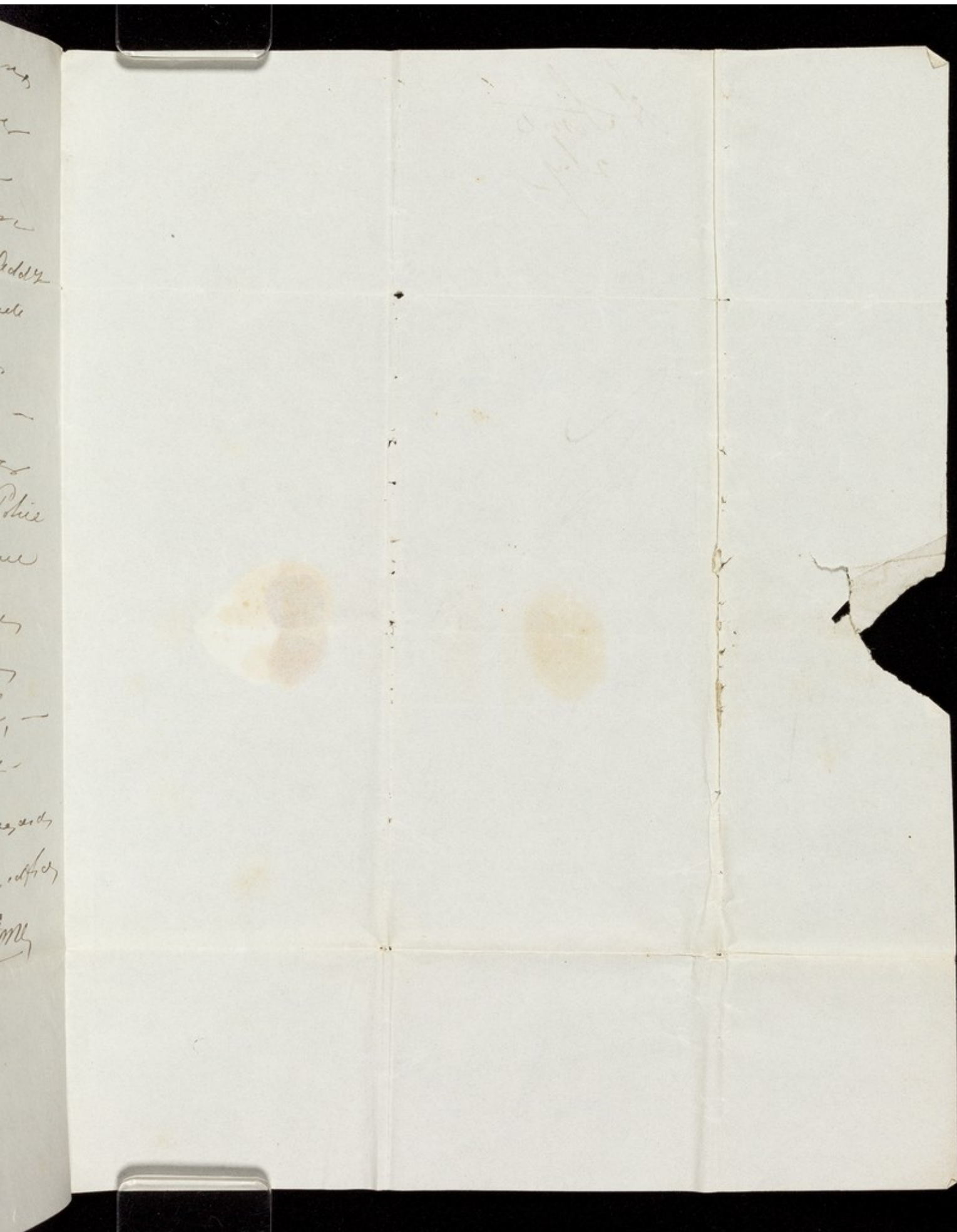
second day, was near till the first time,
and then leave direct for Adderbury
where Misses write me by return, —
I hardly think he will come to Tondor
I am in hopes he may come to Addy
He gets on, well, I assure you well
as our medical officers of the count,
to either have or ever been of him —
I remember Dr. Hod, but this morning
to think it useless acquainting the Police
as Authorities here it might do me
have no share to give us where
write to our friends, here and
he will do anything you wish, —
with love to the Wife & H. Tondor by —

I am with most regards
to you, Mr. & Mrs.

Wm. Stone

I please direct
Wm Stone
Adderbury
near Woodstock
Oxon

A milder day, like our
whether as above or by Barchin



A. Amos
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1. Gilpin New York
9. [illegible]

James
Robert
New York



Postal 2 no 23rd 1836

Esteemed friend / I had indeed become very
anxious to hear of my dear son and quite hoped
he would have written after receiving the parcels
as I hope the one sent by P. Luke reached you before -
This this morning received is not as good a
report as his last letter led me to expect he wrote
comfortably to his sister and wished her to use her
influence to prevail on me to allow of his coming
to Bristol and dinner as to give him some little
hopes, as hope long deferred is indeed hard to bear.
and in a former letter he says he supposes we
shall not get in early time for his leaving we
account of the last severe attack, but that if we
wish to keep him well we must endeavour to find
some employment, mentions that he reads and hopes
soon to do something in the garden, he speaks of his
uncle not being quite well but that he expects to walk
out soon - was his arm hurt at the time of his illness he
has mentioned that he could not well use it much but
that the Dr said it would get well - than inquires
what were his general personal habits, when a boy
he was certainly very untidy but for years was very nice
and attentive to his appearance, and remarkably neat
in his domestic habits, so that it was indeed grievous
to me to observe the change, and a proof that all was
not as I wished, poor dear creature his whole appearance
was indeed altered, and I suppose we must expect it
more so now - his sufferings have no doubt been
great, and he feels anxious I expect to hear from
one, so that I think of writing by this post to let him
know his sister and I are arrived, and that I am

expecting to hear from him without saying that
I have not written to one now, so shall direct to thee
for L.H. — and he need not know — it is very
difficult to know what to say about his coming
without hurting his feelings that is quite
distressing to me but of course in the state he
seems to be now in, if would be impossible
as we are situated to take charge of him, and yet
I suppose a change would be very desirable
and if he would he would see the parlour and
sometimes with thy dear wife it would be
a means of his getting on faster and I am
sure if he was well enough he would much
enjoy it — believe I have told thee before his
natural disposition is reserved, and he never
was in the habit of talking much, what
looks dark than think he is needing mostly
now, suppose he takes his food as usual —

I am sorry to hear that thy wife is not well
please give my dear love to her, I hope they
have had better tidings of her brother — perhaps
she has heard that Tom Smith has had a very good
account of Alfred — he had borne the voyage well &
was much enjoying the beauty of the Island, the
Dr. gave a very favorable report of him believing
the climate would restore him — Allen Foster
is proposed to take a voyage to Jamaica, having
been pronounced necessary for the restoration
of her health, the cause is of some much standing
I believe — if my dear Saml. does not feel
inclined to write pretty soon will thou or

they will kindly let me hear some particulars
of him & with love to his truly and daughter
believe me they obliged and
affectionate friend
O. Wallam

If the amount is due as I suppose it is please
send it on and I will order the payment to
W. Manly — Eliza Wright and baby I hear are going
on well —

J Hallam
2/28 -

2/28 -

Thos. Allen

Re. 1000

Near York

BRITISH
LIBRARY

Hartford June 18. 1836

Estim'd Friend

Sam'l Luke)

I write to enquire if there be an opening for the reception of a Male Patient in the Retreat, he is about 60 years of age and has hitherto been taken care of by his Friends, but from increasing imbecility and determined obstinacy he is become unmanageable, as he will not suffer any one to live in the House with him or do a single domestic office he is in a state most trying to his Friends & subjects them to the reproach of keeping him in a disreputable state. This poor object of commiseration is Special West the eldest son of our late respected & beloved friend Special West - his Mother a short time before she died requested if Special should get worse as she believed he would, that he might be sent to the Retreat, his Brother Joseph West who has the management

of his affairs has conferred with a few
Friends as to the best mode of disposing
of his Brother who are with his medical
Attendant decidedly of opinion that the
Retreat is the only place where he can be
satisfactorily taken care of. I have therefore
to request the favor of a reply & if the
Patient can be admitted to give me ~~my~~
opinion of the best mode of removing
him as I apprehend some artifice perhaps
a little force may be necessary; it has
struck some of us whether the better method
would not be to have some one from
the establishment to come for him as we
might find difficulty in procuring a
suitable conductor — It may be proper
for me to say that Special West has an
income of about £40. Ann. should that
not be sufficient for his support at the
Retreat his Brother will make up the
deficiency; he has been brought up a farmer
and used to nothing but the plough & living
his principal amusement is digging in his

London
a line
to me
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27/2

Gardner which he fancies he must do to procure
a livelihood, he told me the digging "took up
so much of his time that he had not time
to light his fire oftener than once in two
days" - indeed some of us are fearful that
if not removed he may be found some
morning perished with cold -

Waiting thy reply I am with love
to thy circle in which my Daughters join

Thine sincerely
M^r Manser

27/2ⁿ answered

No room at present

Mr. Hauser
2/18 -

Samuel Luke
York

RTFO
FEB 20
1850

Actual

Boston, Feb. 4th 1892.

Sir,

It is my painful duty to lay before you as
the Treasurer of the York Retreat a case of insanity
occurring in my brother-in-law Thos. of Cohasset
Mass. of Boston, a member of the Society of Friends
with a view of ascertaining if admission into that
valuable Institution could be obtained for him.
He appears always to have been unstable and
visionary but it was not till 8 months ago that
we witnessed decided symptoms of aberration. Since
then the symptoms have gradually become more aggravated
and of late we have become apprehensive of danger
to himself and wife and children from the excitement
occasioned by the most groundless jealousies and
excesses in which during his peregrinations he indulges.
It may be necessary to add that there is a predisposition
to insanity in the family of which he is a branch for
I am informed by his wife that two of his near maternal
relations have committed suicide. If admission
into York Retreat could be obtained for him could

you be kind enough to inform us if a Keeper could
be sent from the Retreat & convey him thither or what
other mode of conveying patients the friends usually
recommend? His friends would also feel obliged
by being made acquainted with the terms on which
patients are admitted into the Retreat. Perhaps
the agent in Boston will inform you of his circumstances
and other particulars which may be needed.
An early reply will give great pleasure

Yours most respectfully
J. Harrison -

Park Green

Sam Liddle

I am desired to forward
this application to thee by the Friends to
Thos. Copeland - the writer on the other side is
his Brother in Law and a Medical Man

Thos Copeland's circumstances are
not affluent - yet comfortable, I mention
this supposing the terms of admission
are regulated according to the circumstances
of the Patients

Thy early reply will oblige

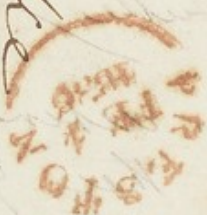
I am thy Friend

Preston 2mo. 4. 1836

Wm M Gatterthwaite

Post paid

James Justice
Detroit
Mich



2/4 -
Mr. J. M. Smith

Dear friend

As the last letter I rec'd from thee was dated last 8th M^c 21st - My Wife and self are very desirous of receiving some information respecting our dear child now at the Retreat. The not receiving as yet the acc^t of disbursement for the last 6 Months has prevented my sending the usual remittⁿ to W^m Manley - Waiting the rec^t of a letter from thee, I remⁿ - Thy sincere friend
Sam^l Rundell

Lirkard 2^d M^c 15th, 1836

P.S. Your dear Martha is in ^a fit state to receive the communication please to give our very dear love to her -

[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text is mirrored and difficult to decipher.]

W. H. Russell
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Thomas. Allis
Retreat near
York's
ppd



Cardiff March 21. 1856

My dear Sir

I venture on the privilege of an acquaintance which may well be called old - (since it originated more than 25 years ago & has not had the benefit of any renewal) in addressing you on a subject, your intimate knowledge of which has been occupied in one of the most interesting books I ever read - I mean your work on "The Retreat" - The cause of these troubles you is the affliction of a valued friend & neighbour, who has been in a state of mental disarray requiring judicious & skillful treatment, & I have undertaken to enquire of you whether you would consider him an eligible subject for the Retreat, in case such a resource should appear inevitable, whether as ^{being} ~~a~~ nearly connected with Friends he could be admitted on the house most advantageous in a pecuniary light. The party is above

18 years of age his acquirement of good abilities
to some degree. A few months ago he mani-
fested symptoms of preternatural excitement
in connection with some chemical experi-
ments he was engaged in; & this was succeeded
by extraordinary self estimation, fastidiousness
about trifles, superfluous restlessness of
body & mind, which alarmed all his friends.
His mother was induced to take him to London
by way of vanity, as well as for the sake of some
medical advice from men here in the habit
of treating mental affections than his father,
who is every respectable practitioner in this
place. - Whilst from some inflammatory
symptoms supervened, & organic disease
of the brain was suspected. In this state he
returned home, & speedily sank into a perfectly
insane state of helplessness - Every indication
of intellect was present, & he was reduced to a degree
of weakness which threatened dissolution. - Asylum

of moderate depletion was first put in practice
succeeded by dietetic treatment of a conservative
character, & he has gradually recovered his health
but the mental depression is still unfavorable
He is not irrational in his general conduct;
he accuses false impressions with singular
firmness, & retains them with unexcep-
table adhesiveness - contending for their
accuracy, & opposing every body who
averts his opinion - At present he
is placed in a quiet & healthy part of
this country under the kind care of some
of the family: but I fear it will prove to be a case
requiring that happy combination of moral
& medical discipline for which your favorite Indi-
an is so justly celebrated. - How may I beg
you to communicate the terms on which such
patients are admitted, as well as your impression
on the case in question? - The grandfather of
this young patient is a most worthy & respectable

member of the Society of Friends. — I am very
 -willing that I should send an apology
 in their requests — Believe me, with great
 esteem, Yours sincerely, *Elijah Waring*

by
 me

Samuel Tuckey Esq^r
York
Paid

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 MA 227
 1851



to Mr. W. L. G. L. L.
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for the same
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by the same

Elijah Waring
3/21/36

Esteemed friend

I yesterday received a most satisfactory letter from my dear friend Saml he has never written me altogether so much as I think and makes a proposal which he says has been mentioned to thyself and to William and you appeared to approve of it - now I wish to know if the person is one you can confide in as to taking a proper care so as you must be the best judges and the responsibility must of course rest on those on the spot if you do approve of the plan and can make arrangements for my dear Sam's comfort I shall be most willing that he should have a change as soon as it could possibly be accomplished, as the time must now feel very long that he has been with you, still I am anxious that any change should be made with caution, he says the person he alludes to has been an attendant at the Retreat and has taken a farm, that he thinks he would take him on moderate terms and he should employ himself in the garden and fields which may be very beneficial to his health generally, and it seems from thy last letter as if he was not willing to employ himself much out of doors with you, so that it does seem desirable to try a little change for him if you think it can be done with safety, we are now settled in a comfortable house and shall be very glad indeed to have dear S. with us as soon as it can be done with prudence, the plan is for him to be employ'd at his cousin O'Kidd's Mill, but when I was with him he had not got over the prejudice in his mind against his dear Uncle who had been smart kind, but having taken ~~him~~ upon himself the painful task of removing him when we could no longer do for him it was no wonder he should feel uncomfortable if suitable with them write at once and let me know the views of thyself and friends on

this subject and make as speedy arrangements for its
accomplishment as may be - I intend sending a
message to thy dear wife by Saml that he may have
an instrument of receiving her and with love
will than send dear Saml's account remain thy friend
is the person who has taken the harm any one I saw when D Hallam
at York

Thy Affec
Return
Dear York

D Hallam

Prof March 26th 1836 -

(Dear Sir, I rec^d your letter with the Rules, &c.
of the Asylum, for which I feel much obliged, -
I have now to inform you that it is the wish of
the friends of the Patient, that you should send
a proper person for him, as they are afraid
there will be some difficulty in getting
him off. - The father of the Patient is a
Clergyman, and a man of large landed property
in this neighbourhood, and in all probability
his son will remain with you for life, as
in my opinion, the case is incurable. He
is about 20 years of age, of weak intellect, and
evident symptoms of Mania, his temper
is rather violent, and at times so much so
as to become dangerous. - The maniacal
symptoms have been gradually increasing
for some time, My son who is a Medical
man, at the request of the father of the Patient,
will accompany him to York. I shall be glad

For you to send off this Person, who I hope will
be an intelligent Man, as soon after the 3. of
April as may be convenient to you. - You
will have the goodness to direct him to come to
the Swan Hotel, Rep, and let me know on what
day he will arrive, that I may meet him there,

I remain, Dear Sir

Your obliged Servt.

George Proctor

To Thomas Allis Esq.

Superintendent, at
the Retreat near York.

Love will
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on an island

Leslie Howe

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Robert
Feb -


To Thomas Callis Esq.
Superintendent of
the Petriest, near
York —

MS. A. 9. 2. 5
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London 8 of 9 Mo 1886

Thomas Ellis York

Dear friend I am likely to be at
York on Friday afternoon by the
mail from this place and I wish
to see my brother but as I intend to
go to Malton that night if it so happens
be quite suitable I should be pleased
if he could meet me at the Inn
on the mail's arrival. Should this
not be proper then need take no
notice and intend if he be not there
to come on to the Reliance

My affectionate friend
Jonathan Brewster



Wm. A. Allen
Rt. 1
York

London
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London Mar 6 1836

My dear

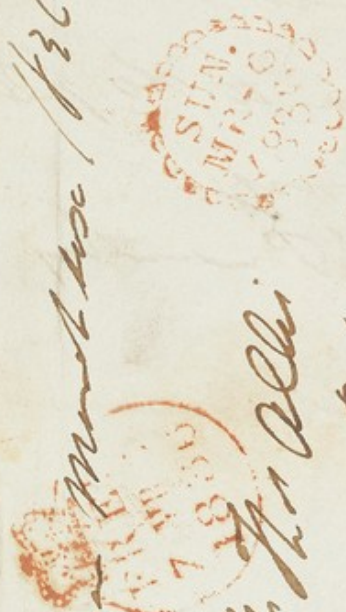
Please to send me enclosed
to my Wife - I sent some Newspapers
for her & shall continue to do so
to her & her to my wife.

I hope Mrs. P. is well

I am J. P. Potter

P. Potter
3/4.

Let me know how / 436



Mr. H. A. Allen

Retreat

Rocky Point, N.Y.



Dear Friend
Thos Allen

Stamford Hill near London
Evg 16/6 no 1036

I have then to request that thou
wilt be kind enough to inform me whether any & what pay-
ment is due to the Retreat for Ann Elgar, in order that
as one of the Exrs of our late Friend Sarah Charnan I may pay
the Amount to thy Order, (suppose to our mutual Friend Mr
Manley) the Account has I believe been heretofore sent to Thos
Elgar of Rye, but he wishes me as acting Exr to do this
Business during the continuance of a small Legacy left for this
purpose - Thou wilt therefore in future please to send the
Accounts to me, should she have to continue under thy care.

I remain with love thy Friend

John Kitching

Any time next Week will do, as I may be from home a few days
next Wk. Thou art probably aware of the decease of our valued
Friend Thos Shuttle, his remains to be interred tomorrow.

Please to mention thy opinion of the present state of our
Nephew John Proctor

J. Ketchum
3/16

LS
18 JUL 18
1836

Mr. Allen
Retreat
near Fort

Thomas Allis
My friend

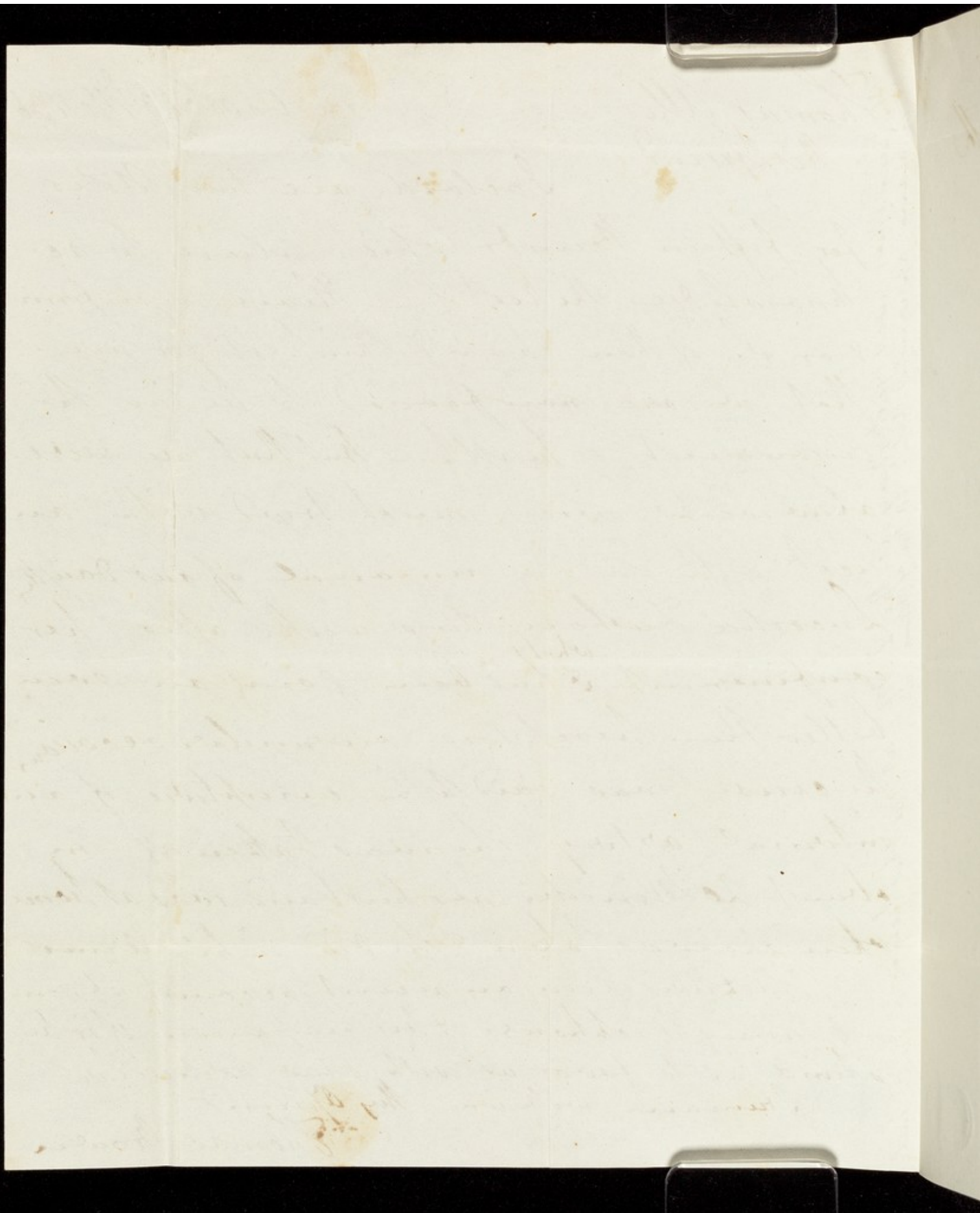
Lincoln 30th of 3rd Mo 1836

Inclosed are two Notes

for fifteen Bonds which please to ac-
knowledge the rec^d of — Please to inform
dear S. if you shoud think it proper
that we are now fadored to be in the
enjoyment of health — But that we were
a few weeks since much tryed with an
acc^t of the sudden removal of our daughter
Lucretia Lachary two weeks after her
confinement ^{when} I had been going on even
better than heretofore on similar occasions
the cause was said to be a rupture of an
internal artery she was taken off in
about 20 Minutes her husband was at home
when she was taken & she died in his arms
Last there been an recent account from
of James Backhouse & his companion if so be
so kind as to favor us with a few particulars
I remain with love My friend

Thomas Brower

My dear Thomas was yesterday at the 2nd of 3rd Mo. as Mr. Backhouse & were with
in again appointed up to the 9th Mo.



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J. Brown
Esq 5th

Wm Lloyd Garrison
New York

CIRENCESTER



Tottenham ^{ms} 3/30. 1836.

Dear Friend,
Thos. Ellis.

In consequence of the
decease of my Uncle Joseph Pinns,
I write to request that my brother
John Pinns's bills may in future
be transmitted to me.

I should be much obliged at any
time if you would kindly add
a line mentioning how my brother
is, & whether any particular change
has occurred since the last report.

Believe me sincerely, My friend

Thos Pinns.

Tottenham,
w. London

I am not aware whether my
brother is in that state
that would admit of his

understanding a message of my dear love
to him. I should be glad to write to
him sometimes; but suppose he is
incapable of deriving interest from
such a source. If it is possible I may
be able to see him during the ap-
proaching summer

J. B.

dear love
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S. B.

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With
C. J. O. F.
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Thomas. Ellis
West
near York

Post
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10-30-6

10-30-6

Newark 3rd 15th 1836

Respected Friend

May inform the
My Brother Anthony Watson has got
very severe Cough his Friends thinks
it better not to remove him for a few
weeks waiting the result —

Remains with respect to the
and Family from
My Friend

Wm Watson

Chas Morgan
Sick

Newark N.J. 95

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Port Jara

PG Thos Dallas
Putnam
York

CASTLE
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Returned Friend Shaktens Friday
7, Ellis

We should be very sorry to give
the unnecessary trouble, the first subject of this,
did not answer to us to come to the house we
left York, which is, when our dear son went last
to your place, he had on a new drab great
coat, made in the Travelling coat manner, as we
suppose it has not been or will be of any use to him,
will be much obliged by its serving him by the
Shaktens Wagon, think it leaves York on
Saturday and Sunday, it may be useful
here, or it is a good winter coat, perhaps
there will be kind enough as let Joseph
or some other attend to its being taken,

when any of the servants go to the City,
will be much obliged by E. Dawson
being told, that in mistake, we took an
old drawers case, will return it some opportunity

gone wished me to say, that a short time
prior to her leaving York, one evening when
her Husband was with her she observed him
unbuttoning his waistcoat once or twice for a
little ~~liberty~~ liberty in appearing over strait,
will be much obliged by them being let
out, should John be inconvenienced by them,
we were greatly obliged by thy two kind
letters respecting our dear sons composed that
of mind after parting from his wife
I assure thee having had his company so
many times at our Lodgings has been &
is a great comfort to me, I am sure it has
been the same to his dear wife whom with
us, he was generally very nicely, I never
knew him misbehave, at the time it was
a great trial to me to leave him
when John wants any clothes, be so kind
mention;

with dear love to thy wife and Mr. Bursley
in which I ever writes, she also writes
with love to thyself, thy friend Mr. Proctor

a short time before our Daughter left York
she gave Joseph a paper case for John,
which his Father left for him, will be
much obliged by him. Having plenty of
writing paper we should be very glad to
pay for a few quires
I have also took a new Board which
John has been frequently conversed with
at our Lodgings, should it be used at
Hoggs and John appear not to like it,
from the recollection of having it when
we were with him ~~in the~~ in that case
we should wish it to be taken out of his
sight, from Jones's study and desks at
Leaving her Husband she did not
think at the time of carrying it to thee

very respectfully

Yours well

He would again and that I trust they
 will be watching my ^{very} motions for
 the first opportunity of when we
 may try my motions out of
 the retreat Jones Street

My Father
 Just Lough
 Water
 Dublin

Thomas Ellis
 Breach
 near York

Procter Jones 29
 At this point that I might make
 an addition to it at the time I thought
 you did not agree to it at the time I
 wrote last I say that I did feel
 I was the leaving I have with my dear

Thos Ellis
Respected Friend,

Leigham Bury
9/3mo 1831

Had not been very particularly engaged since the receipt of thy letter of 29 Ult. I should have replied to it earlier, as it evidently appears, than art under a great mistake with respect to Mr. Finch's finances, having paid for his expences during the time he was first at the Retreat, which was not the case, he having ample funds of his own, had he continued in the Retreat after his own funds had been exhausted Leigham M^o Meeting would in course have been chargeable with him — He was admitted into York Retreat in 4th Mo. 1830. Heft it for a Scholarship in Montefract M^o Meeting 4mo 1831 — On the 26/3mo 1832 I remitted him a balance in my hands of £12.18.7 after discharging every expence attendant on his Journey to York and his board whilst at the Retreat —

On the 8th 8^{mo}. 1832 Leighton Mr. Meeking
forwarded a Certificate on his behalf
the acceptance of which was acknowledged
by Pontretract Mr. Meeking 17th 9^{mo} 1832
when he commenced gaining a Settlement
under the 10th Rule for Removals Settlements
the relief having been applied for or
granted by Leighton Mr. Meeking within
two years from that period - it is clear
by the 2nd provision of said Rule he
ceased to be a Member - for Maintenance
of Leighton Mr. Meeking, this view is
confirmed as the first item in the claim
now made by the Treasurer of the Retreat
is dated 30th 9^{mo} 1834 & for a Quarters board
in advance, it is also to be presumed
that in addition to the £12.18.7 permitted by me
that 1 yr & 3⁴ having elapsed before he was again
admitted into the Retreat - viz 1^{mo} 11 - 1833
he must have obtained some accession
thereto, if this was not the case, how was he
supported from the time of his admission in
the 1st 1833 to the 30th 9^{mo} 1834 - Leighton Mr.
Meeking is further exonerated as Mr. Account

was forwarded to it, or payment demanded
from it till after the middle of 1st Month 1834.

Thy Complaint that it is hard that
in consequence of the exertions of the Committee
at the Retreat to obtain Situation for restored
patients, the Mr. Meeting in which Situations
so obtained should be subject to the
inconvenience of their future Support —
However just — it does not affect the
principle for the Society has made
no specific provision for such a case —
the individual so gaining a Settlement
must be provided after leaving the Retreat
as tho' he had never been an inmate therein
tho' the principle admits of general application
it is fair — every Meeting having the same
liability of escaping as of incurring such
inconvenience —

Yours and Respectfully
Thy Friend

Know readily admit the
great kindness of Mr. Keenan
winced in obtaining a situation for W. Smith, at same time
had our Mr. Meeting felt disposed to have waited it off
of its release at the earliest period, it would have forwarded
his contributions upwards of twelve months previously 1813

J. Baptiste
3/9

Pro. Miss
Petreat
York

Red ink signature

Said

LICHTON F.

77ARD



Esteemed Friend

Stockton 3 M^o 12, 1836

S. Atlee

We being at York at the time called Christmas, our Daughter had not the opportunity of making her Husband a cake as formerly, she therefore has sent him one which went by the York Wagon yesterday, trust he will like it, will be obliged to J. Hammond or those who have the care of it, to be kind enough as let John here direct to S. Fisher & there is a small parcel for E. Dawson, inclosed, our Daughter has also presented my Elizabeth with a cake as a token of respect and wishes her acceptance of it, think the uppermost cake is just what I want, but both are directed Gene has ~~also~~ sent for Husband & son plates and two weekly visits with a letter, she would like to know whom you writes, if John here interested in what she sends and if he wants any thing have in his best
S. Atlee

we received the great book yesterday and feel
much obliged for thy kind attention to it, the
inclosed letter was dated the 1st of this month,
so that it was ten days old, I wish it had come
by Post, we are sorry to observe that our dear
sons spirits seem affected, I fear the depression
is owing to the great change in having come
so long and often to the City, hope by this
time he is better, will be much obliged by
thy writing soon to say how he is, also how
he likes his school, it is so many days since
the other letter was written, we feel anxious
if one wishes me to say, she expects thou received
her letter wherein was mentioned her idea
that I Mrs Trowers did not seem very comfortable
to him, somewhere about the high part of
Thigh, there did not say if thou got her
letter on account of the Trowers

I am with love to thyself wife &
St. Ponsbury not forgetting thy
Daughter, thy friend
Oliver Norton

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M. Proctor
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Thomas C. Mearns
New York

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March 4/36.
Friday. }

Gayfield House
Edinburgh

Dear Sir,

I am truly distressed
to hear, that R. M. Cathcart,
your inmate, has recently become
so much worse; and, I as his
eldest brother, and only acting
executor of his late father, do
hereby request you to procure
the proper Medical certificates,
so as to have the case subject
to the ordinary treatment, in
compliance with the Act of Parlia-
ment. If required, I can be with
you in 48 hours, after hearing from
you, again. I shall write you a
private letter, soon.
Yours very truly
R. M. Cathcart.



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Adl:
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For Mr. James Allen,
York.



Respected Friends

When I was at York I used often to remark that on my dear Husband rising from his Seat he used to pull at his Browsers behind / regularly almost he used to do this / as if they were too tight in the Seam I thought that went between his legs & did not like to remark it to thee when at York or did not well know how to do it. but feeling myself best satisfied to do it, I do it now. To thee I hope it will have thy own kind attention and that thou wilt be kind &

thought to name it when thou
writes it is a fortnight today
since we received thy last letter

I hope thou will give us all fa-
vourable particulars thou canst
respecting my dear Husband. I wish
he might be tried out - we assured
I remember thy wife's great kindness
as well as thy own and Hannah's too
too with love to thy wife daughter & self
and to Hannah too only I am very re-
spectfully thy greatly obliged friend

Thy back sitting

Jane Crocker

A View Room that was built since father & mother
retired for my dear Husband in the hopes that
he might return some part of this Spring is
about inhabitable for

Thos. Ellis
Retreat
1800

York
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1800
Jane Crocker

Sir

When you wrote last you mentioned that Richard would want Shirts soon. I have some ready to send to him, but I want to know previously whether he requires any of the following articles - Cotton Socks - (which will do for summer wear as well as Stockings) -

White Jean Trousers - or Nankin Trousers
Neckcloths - Pocket Handkerchiefs -
Drawers -

Any of these articles if likely to be required in the course of the year, I would send with the Shirts -

Are any Waistcoats wanted? we have plenty of White ones. I hope Richard

Is more comfortable than he was this
time last year - I have written to him
on the other side -

March
25th -

Yours truly

W H Lushington

W H Lushington
2/25

My much esteemed Friend

Thos^r Ellis

Shelton Twelfth day

We received a letter this morning
from our Daughter saying she intended
being at home to day, I hope there will
excuse my freedom when I say that I
think there will recollect the contents of
my last letter about two weeks since, when
I was was expected home by you
I hope there will write in a day or two and
again in a day or two after, to inform us
how my dear Son bears the change from
visiting his wife so frequently, I am afraid
he will feel the deprivation forcibly
I am sure it was a great trial to me
when I left him, but as his wife was
there at that time it helped to make
it easier to me
Please say when there writes if dear John
seems unhappy or uncomfortable with others

other particulars, I feel for my dear son
with all the force of a tender mother,
my dear love to thy wife, I think she will
feel with me my dear love also to Frank
Hansenby, she was likewise very kind
to me

with much respect, thy
friend Mary Traylor

I hope I Hammond will
be kind enough as to be notice
how dear John sleeps at this time with
my respects to D, & F
hope all the attendants will be kind to
my dear son

very respectfully Yoruwell

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M. Proctor
3/-

Charles Ellis
Rushbrook
near York

Philada 4. Mo 16 1856

Respected Friend,

Herewith I have the pleasure to transmit the Nineteenth Annual Report of Friends Asylum for relief of Persons deprived of use of their reason, which is just published. In return we shall be glad to be favored with that of the Retreat. My last respects were under date of 9. Mo 15th which I hope reached thy hands in safety.

We are at present endeavoring to improve the classification of our patients, and understanding you have at the Retreat different Buildings detached from your principal Edifice for the purpose of facilitating your classification, our Committee would esteem it a favor to be informed

by these how they are occupied, and the regulations of them; what are the arrangements for meals, and any other matters connected with your classification which you may deem useful.

Of this opportunity I avail myself to send the First Report of the Shelter for Coloured Orphans - an interesting Establishment under care of an Association of Women Friends, and which I have believed might prove acceptable to thee.

Our Dear Friend Hannah C Backhouse a short time previous to her leaving America when making a visit at my house, in the course of conversation mentioning you were acquainted, permit me to request the favor that when you meet, thou wouldst please offer to her, and to our valued friend Jonathan Backhouse the kindest and

very affectionate remembrances of my Aunt
Paulah Sanson and myself - with
an assurance of the peculiar gratifica-
tion we experienced upon learning
their safe arrival among their home
friends, and in the bosom of their fami-
ly.

With sentiments of respect

I remain

Very sincerely thy friend

J. M. B. Morris.

To
Samuel Luke

S. B. Mowbray
4/16/36

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To Samuel Luke
New York

Spence at the Customs House
Newport



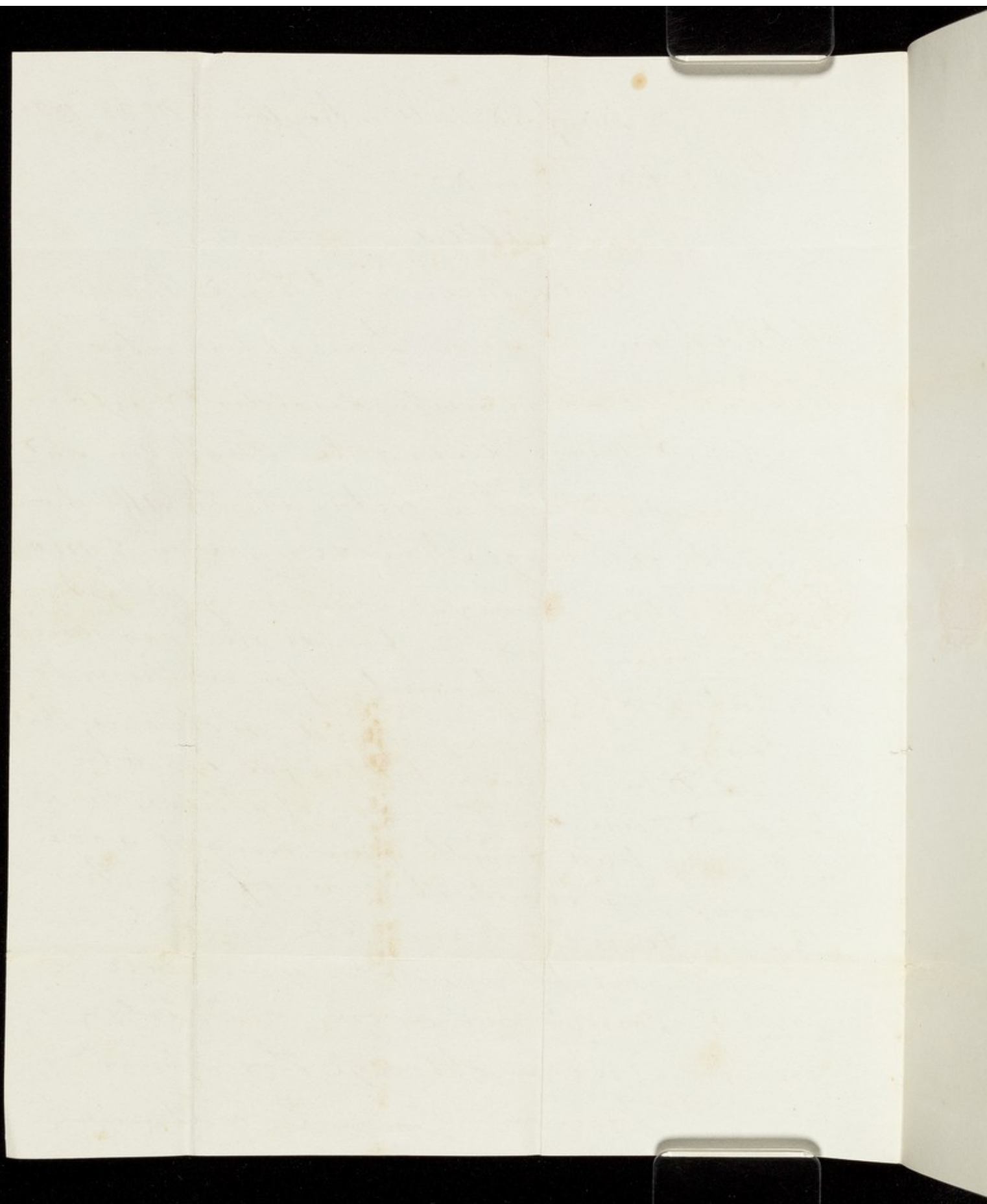
Dagford Mill n Royton 1st Mo 25-1836

Respected Friend

Thomas Allis

Our Friend David Walton
of Oldham has a Daughter whose
mind is so much disordered as to
render it very desirable that she sh^d
be removed to the Retreat, the affliction
is not of long standing say 2 mos
her Father thought she might get over
it at home, but he finds she is so much
irritated at the family for wishing to
controul her wayward notions, that
it would be much better for her to be
placed under the care of others, she is
not very bad & with you might soon
recover, is about 26 years of age, her
Board &c will have to be paid by our
monthly meeting, hope you will be
able to admit her soon, an early
answer will oblige thy assured

Friend George Earnshaw





G. Barnard
4/25



Thomas Ellis
Retreat
York



Lee Greenent near Birmingham 4th Mo. 9th 1836

My Friend
Sam^l Luke,

Enclosed is Taylors & Lloyds Draft N^o B 609 on Hambury & Co London
for the Sum of Thirty Quapounds, Fourteen Shillings & Five Pence, which is re-
mitted to pay my Brothers Account with the Pottery, lately rec^d from Thos Allen

Please to advise me of the Receipt in due course - I remain

Thy affectionate Friend
James Baker.

J. Baker
4/9-

Sam. L. Tucker

Dea. Tucker

Yorke

[Large handwritten flourish or signature]

BIRMINGHAM
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Respected Friend

Y. A.

As my dear Husband used to have great pleasure in watching the Steam vessels last year I & we thought if suitable thou would be kind enough to give directions to Joseph or who walked out with my Husband that he might do it again only that he is not taken over long a walk as I know that one way from your premises to see the some of the Steam vessels is a very long one having once even it myself that if

if thou wilt be kind enough to
see to his not being taken over
long walks I ^{owe} will be greatly
obliged, hoping to have a
long letter from thee ~~soon~~
concerning my beloved husband
soon I am very respectfully
thy obliged friend,

Jane Procter

Stockton first day 4th
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Kind Love to My Wife
Daughter & to Hannah & Son
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Thomas Ellis
Retreat
New York



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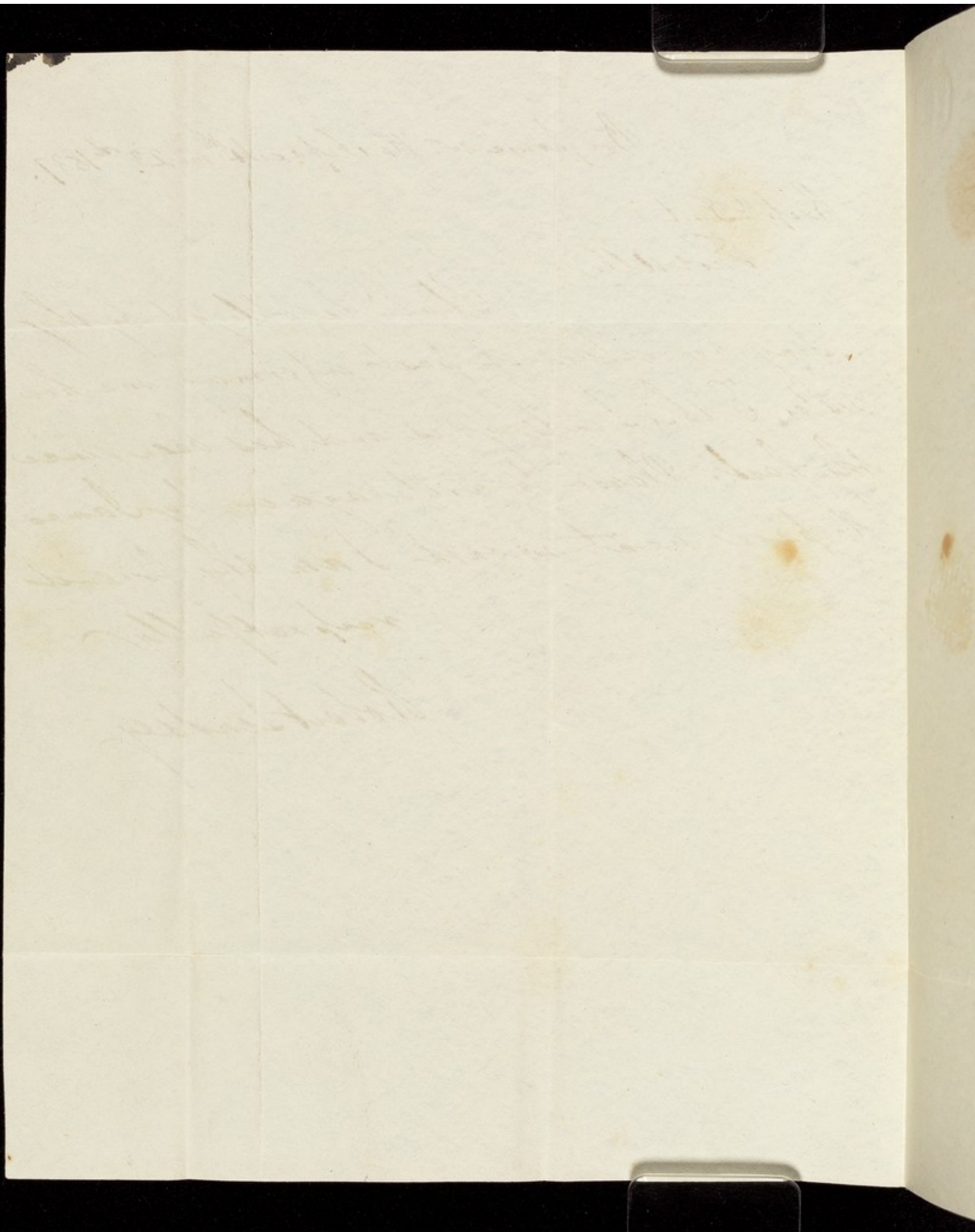
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Resp^d Friend

Thos. Allis

Shall be obliged by thy
writing by return of post informing me how
Sister Esther Lindsey, is and has been since
thy last. Please to write again by James
Copsie next month. I am thy friend
respectfully

Robert Lindsey





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Thomas Atlas
Washington
N.Y.

1837
APR 23

Parsonage Offett
near Wakefield
April 20. 1836.

My dear Sir,

From a letter received on the 16th Inst^l from my Brother in law, the Rev^d John Jones of Langstone Court, near Hops, I have received the melancholy intelligence that my dear Nephew, Matthew Henry Jones, his youngest son, left his Father's House about that time, under your care for the "Theatre" at York —

You may suppose that I am naturally much interested about my Nephew, & very anxious to hear from you as many particulars concerning his journey, & present state of mind, & feelings, as you can oblige me with. I have waited as long as I could before I would trouble you with this letter, that I might receive a better account of him in every respect —

An answer to these hurried lines
I oblige
Sir, Yours truly Jane Jones





Jane Gray
4/28

Post. Paid
April 28

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Penny Post

PAID
AT
WATERBURY

Wm. Allen

Superintendent of the

Retreat

York

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APR 28 1855
E.F.I.

Dear Sir

Strant Broughton 23 April 1836

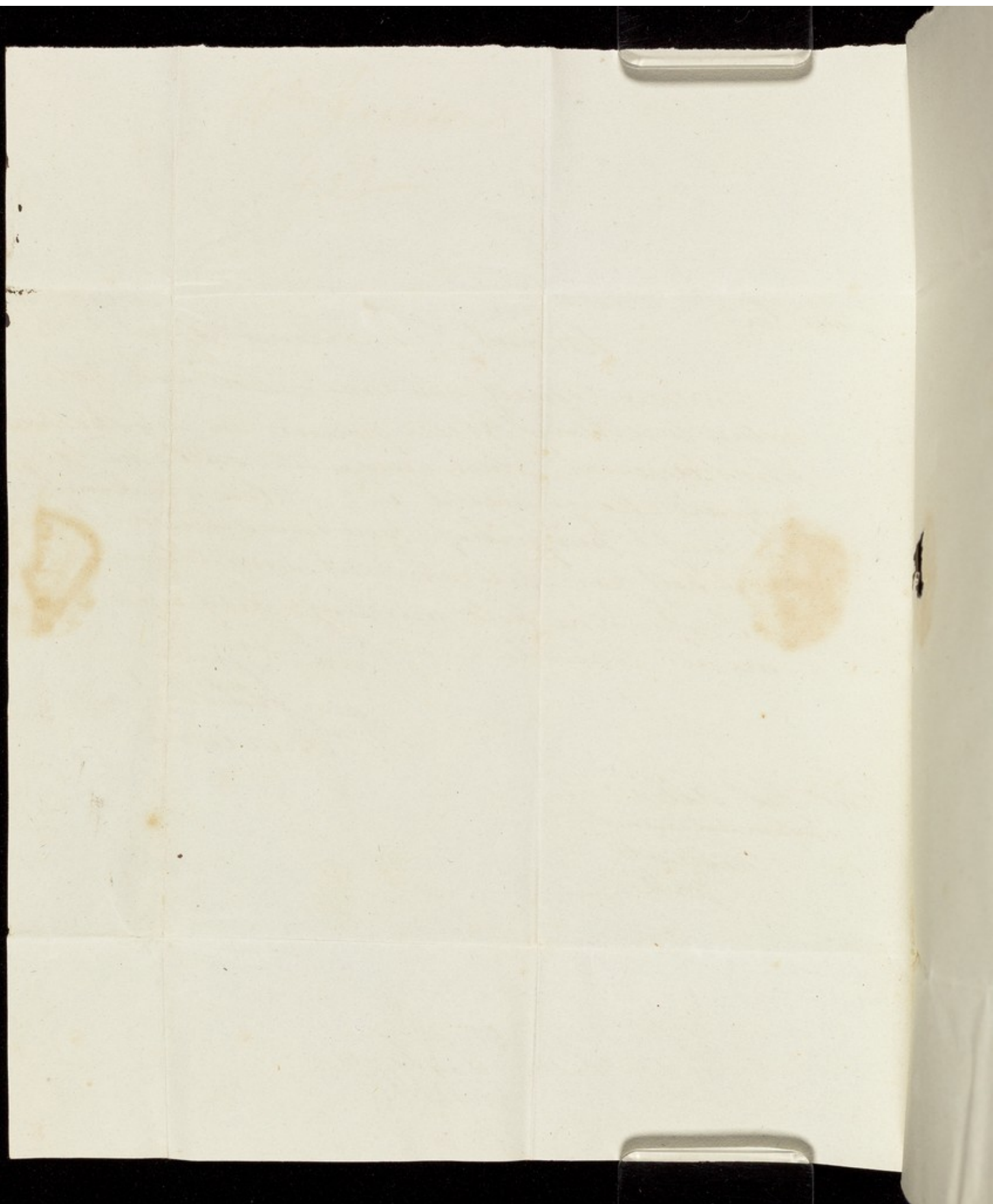
Enclosed I remit you three Newark Notes
value together Fifteen pounds on my Brother
John's Account, which sum will settle the last
1/2 year's charge, except 14/2. Please acknowledge
the receipt, and perhaps you can send me the
next half year's statement at same time.

I hope John holds middling; his funds here
are all tolerable — I am Dr Sir

Your obedt Servt
Wm Harrison

To Mr Tho^s Allis
Superintendent
Retreat
York

J W Ross 52.10.7
M Comby 6.4.4
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Wm Harrison
4/23

Mr Thomas H. Ellis
Superintendent
Retreat
N. York



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Stockton 12/1^{mo} 1836

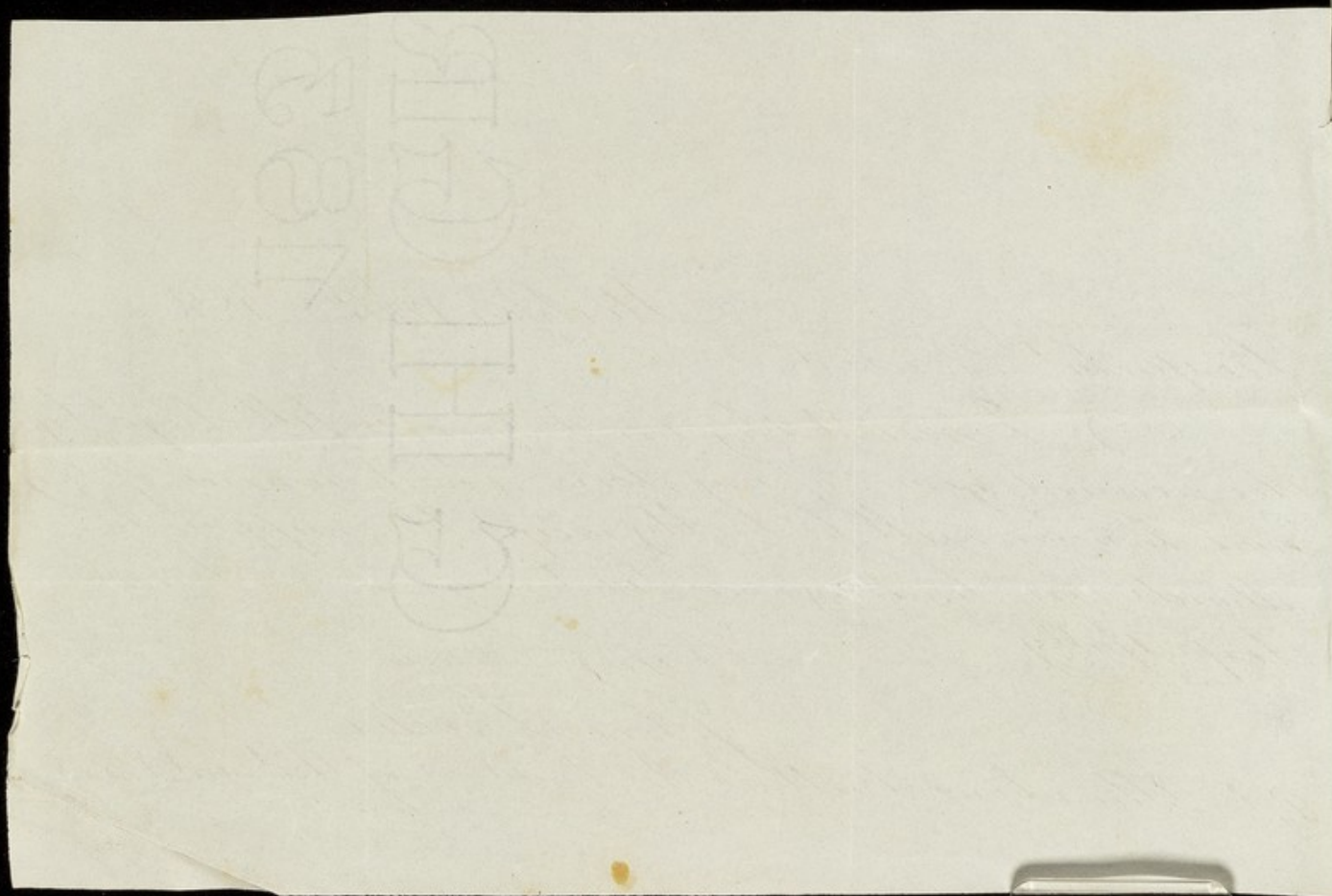
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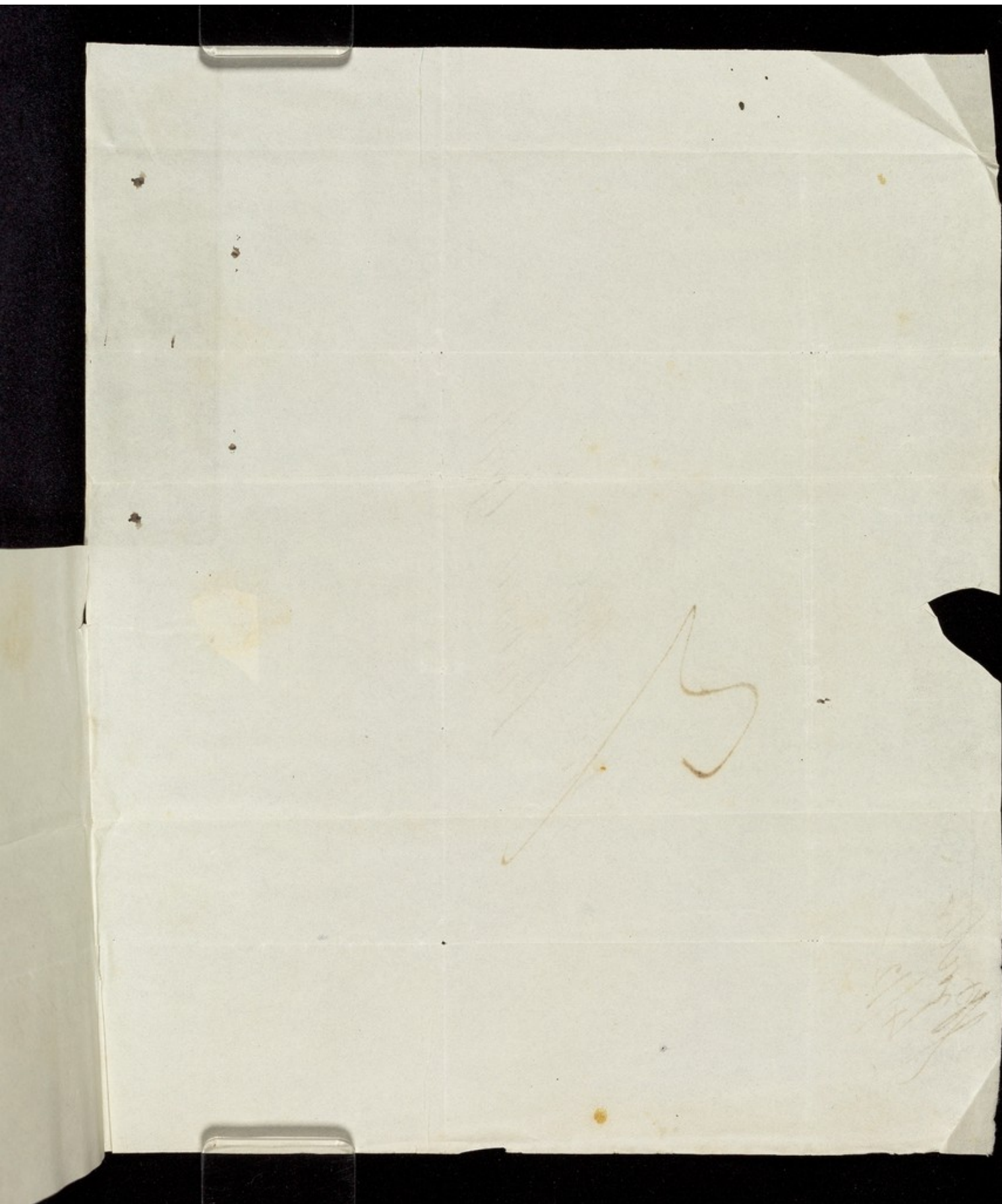
I received thy kind favor & felt oblig'd by
the account given of my son's continuance of study
and business will be highly acceptable, suppose he
attends the meetings on first days; I am
Respectfully

Thy Friend

John Procter

P.S. The above Bill is the Balance of Out sent £35.12.1





Wm
4/12-

Mr. Miss
Pretreat York

Wahaw 23rd of 4th mo 1836

Dear Friend

Since writing thee by this morning
post my friends have advised me to wait
a few days longer before I give up to allow
my wife to go from Home - therefore if this
reaches thee in time thou wilt not need
to send any person till thou hears further
from me - perhaps thou wilt be kind
enough to write and state if there be any
vacancy in your Institution

Thine respectfully, thy friend

Geo Emmott

Geo. Everett
4/25



Paid
Thomas Ellis
Retreat
New York

Bath 4th: 20 1836

Esteemed friend
Mr. Allen

Enclosed is a Dr for 35 £ the
receipt of which please to acknowledge; and
place 20 £ of the amount, to the Credit of
my sister Mary Bowles; and the remainder
15 £ to the Credit of James Thirgston of Bristol.

I am sorry thy report of my sister is not
more favourable; and I am ready to fear
that there is but little prospect of her recovery
Please to give my dear love to her, and state
that we are in about usual health; and if
it be proper to mention it, she may be informed
that our Cousin Phiz. Clark (late Phiz. Bull) was
removed from us by Death, and with her infant
son was buried about a month ago at Bridgewater.

I am with kind regards to thyself & wife
thy sincere friend

Joseph Metford.

Metford
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Chas. Albro
Pretoria
near York
Paid

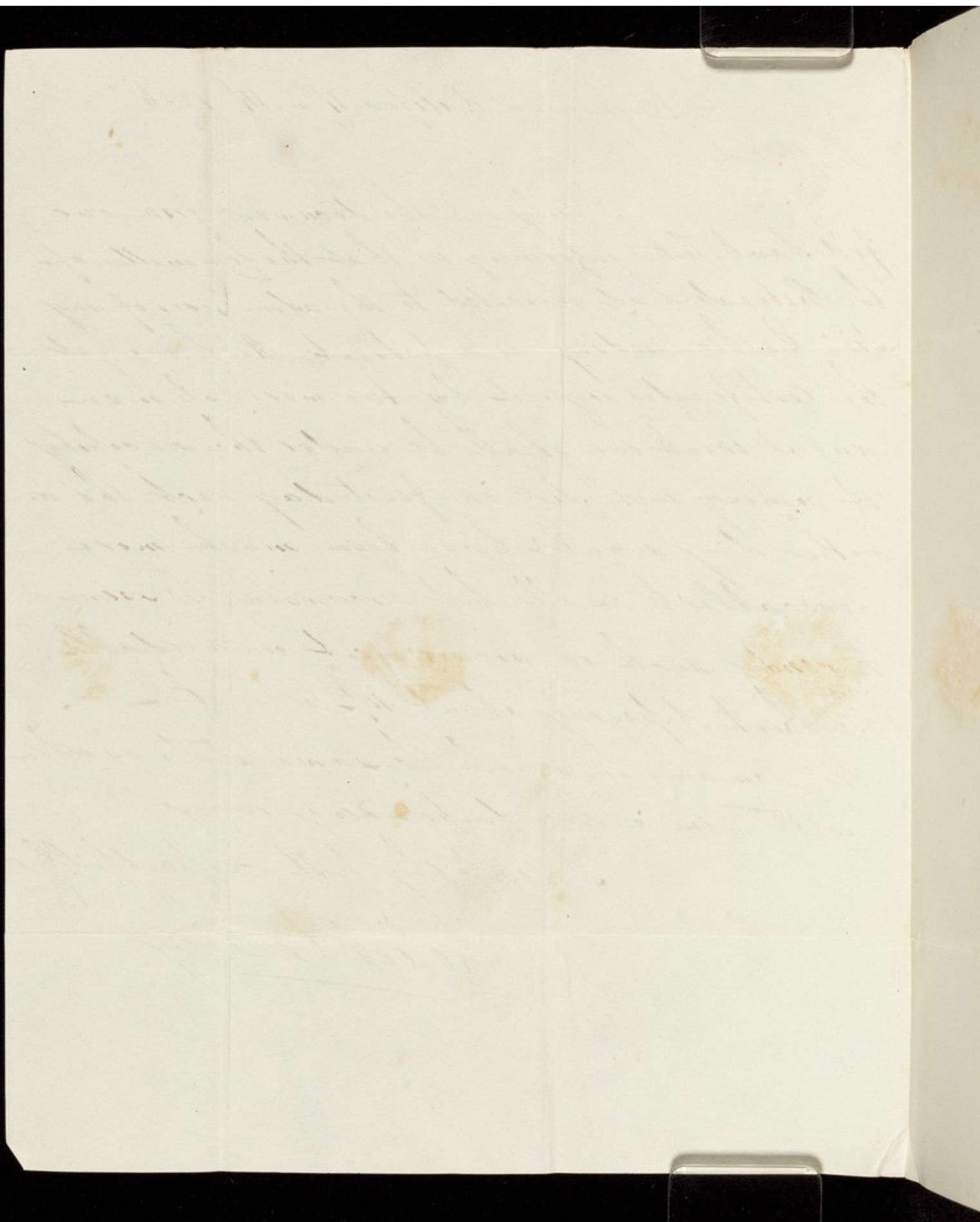


Brighthouse at Halifax 4th mo 14th 1836.

Res^d. To Mr.

I duly rec^d the document from our
frd. Sam^l. Tuttle informing us that the Committee of
the Retreat had consented to the admissions of my
Sis^r. Esther Lindsey as a patient. We have got
the Certificate signed by two medical men
and I think we shall be under the necessity
of coming with Sis^r on first day next, tho' a
rather day would have been much more
agreeable to us all, but circumstances seem
to render such an arrangement unavoidable.
We think of paying about 10/- per week -
Sis^r remains in much the same state as when
I wrote, in a low desponding way.

I am^{ly} frd^{ly} respectfully
Robert Lindsey





R. Lindsey
4/14 -

Post Office
1861

Thomas H. H.

Washington

Mr. Gork

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HALLE

Dear Sir Sunday April 9th 1836.

I try to acknowledge the receipt of your letter this morning with my sister's account to the 31st March, but I find a mistake has arisen with regard to my last payment - In the account now sent you have included Bill delivered of £86-0-9 to 30th Sept. 1835. - This amount was paid thro' my Bankers, Messrs. Baker & Co. to your account with the York Bank on the 24th Feb. As I did not receive the usual letter of acknowledgment I wrote to you soon afterwards inquiring whether you had received the sum when you favored me with a letter dated 11th Mo 19-1835 explaining that you had been struck and as the money had been duly received you supposed that the payment had been acknowledged in your absence. This may now account for the mistake which has arisen, and for the amount so paid not having been placed to my sister's credit. I deducting such sum

of £86. 0-9- from the amount of the account now
received, I shall have to remit you £89. 6-4-
Before I do as I shall hope to hear from you again -
I am obliged by your account of my poor sister -
It is the intention of my brother and myself to visit her
very soon - in the course of the present month if possible,
or if not during the month of May - Perhaps it will
be as well that you should tell my sister that we are
going to see her - I am anxious to know how she would
receive such intelligence.

I remain dear Sir

Yrs. faithfully

Geo. M. Andrews.

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Glen Andrews
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Mr. Thomas Allen
York



Dear Sir Tuesday April 9th 1836.

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Glenn Andrews
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Mr. Thomas Allen
York



April 11/36.
Monday.

Gayfield House
Edin^g

My dear Sir,

Pleased you have an order
for £48.19, of which I request you to
acknowledge the Receipt. I am sorry
to hear such bad acts of poor R
M. Co., and shall not come up at
present.

Yours very
sincerely

C. Bathurst.

To W. Ellis &
York.

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C. T. Arthur
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To Mr. Ellis.
York.

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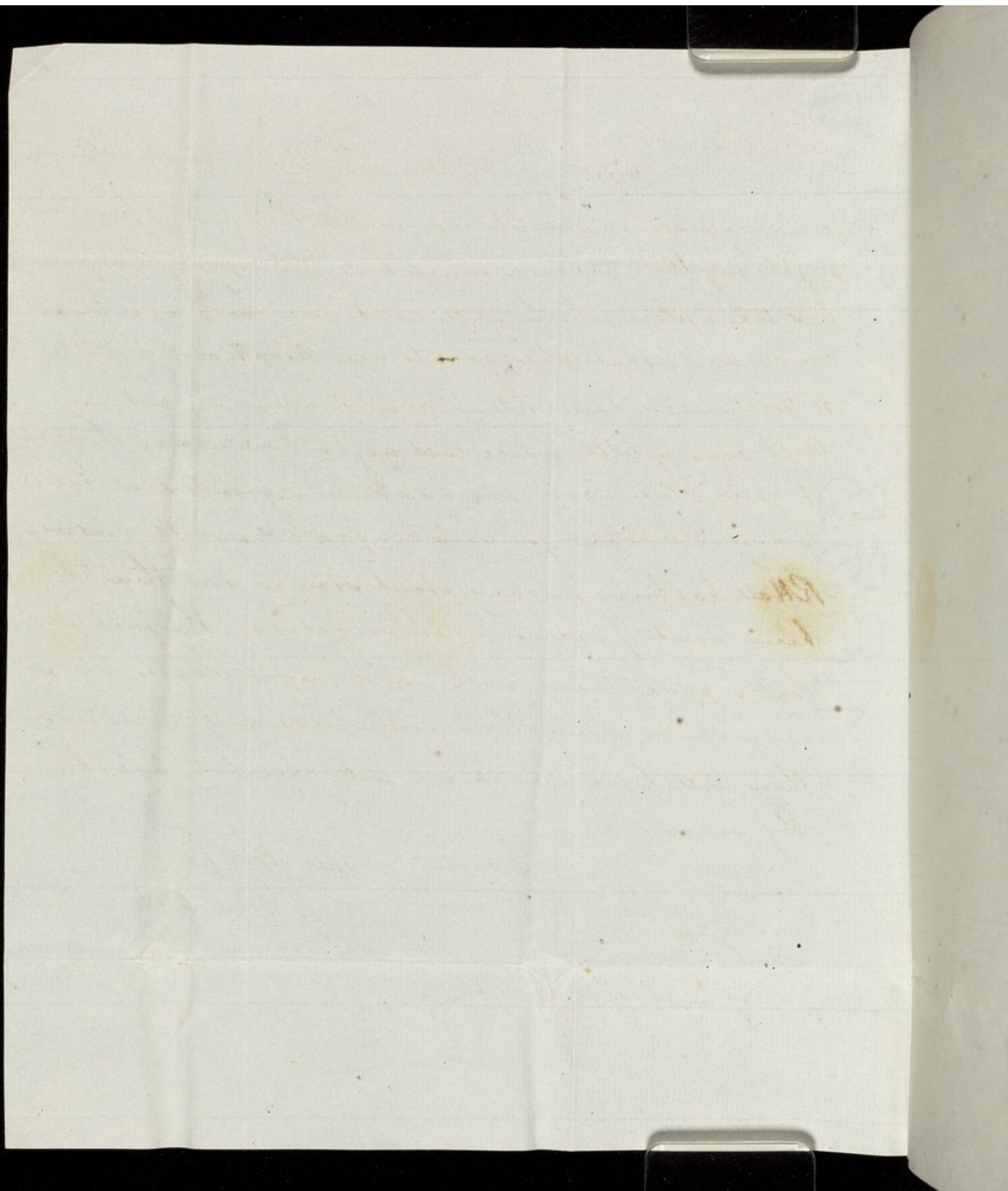


Dear friend

I feel greatly obliged by thy prompt attention to my request - and have to inform thee that since first day night my Wife has been much better & I hope a change has taken place which will continue however it is concluded that she ^{shall} go to her Relations a while R Hall would have returned on this morning but my Wife was a little worse last night I've again thought of your plan but she has been a great deal better to day & I hope going to her friends will answer R Hall has been uneasy about staying but there has been want of decision amongst us - The fact is that I have toiled with my Wife for months whilst she has been worse than since first day. whatever thou wilt have against me will cheerfully pay to thy order -

I am^r respy thy friend
G Emmott

Fourth day night 4th Mo 27. 1836





Geo Enneth
4/27

Thomas Allen
York



Longston Court near Rip 23 April
1836

My dear Friend

More than a week
has now elapsed since my poor Henry
left this place under your care. William
Rostas indeed has informed me of his
safe arrival at the ^{retreat on the} 16th instant - I have
received from him one or two communica-
tions since, but on the subject of all
others to me the most interesting, he has
remained quite silent - My fears
have consequently been excited, & I am
inclined to forebode something bad.
But I think it would be less painful
to know the worst, than to remain in a
state of fearful suspense.

Mr R's last letter contained a long account

A description of the retreat, all which
I knew before, having read the printed
Sketch of that Institution & also,
having married a wife who was born
& bred up among Friends; & who can
discern & appreciate Excellence where
ever it may be found — And now
my dear friend, the purport of all
I have written is to request the favour
of a line informing me particularly of the
conduct of poor Henry since he has been at
the retreat — I shall be glad also to
learn what is the opinion entertained
of his case.

I remain, Dear Sir
Yours very respectfully

John Jones

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J. Jones
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Mr. Geo. Allen
The Retreat
York
Paid



Sheffeld Westfield Place West Street 29. 4. 1836

Esteemed Friend

Thos Allis

Yesterday Mary Davy was here
& brought with ^{her} a letter with so indifferent an
account of my Dear Brother Tho^s as made
me at the time think I should feel it my
duty to attempt seeing him but on consider
ing more maturely I believe it would be un
wise in me to ~~do so~~ ^{as I have} ^{had} so poorly
a Winter I believe the journey would be too
long for me & I could ^{do} nothing ^{for} him if I
were there that I believe I must relinquish
the idea particularly as I can depend up
on his having every attention paid him
that is requisite to make him comfortable

I would have no expence spared to make him
comfortable³⁰ Mary Dary has bro't me thy
second letter by which it appears my dear
Brother continues much the same depend-
ing upon hearing from thee of any ma-
terial change place

in the mean time I remain Respectfully

Thy friend

Sarah Plam

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Thos Ellis
Retreat
York

16/8



Sir

Enclosed is an order for ^L42:7
the amount of the 2nd Act.

Pray acknowledge the receipt
of it as usual by return of post.

I shall soon send some
Linnen for Richard - Give my Love
to him -

Y^r Obed^t Servant

W^m Lushington

15th April



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Al Lushington
4/15-



W. Allen

York

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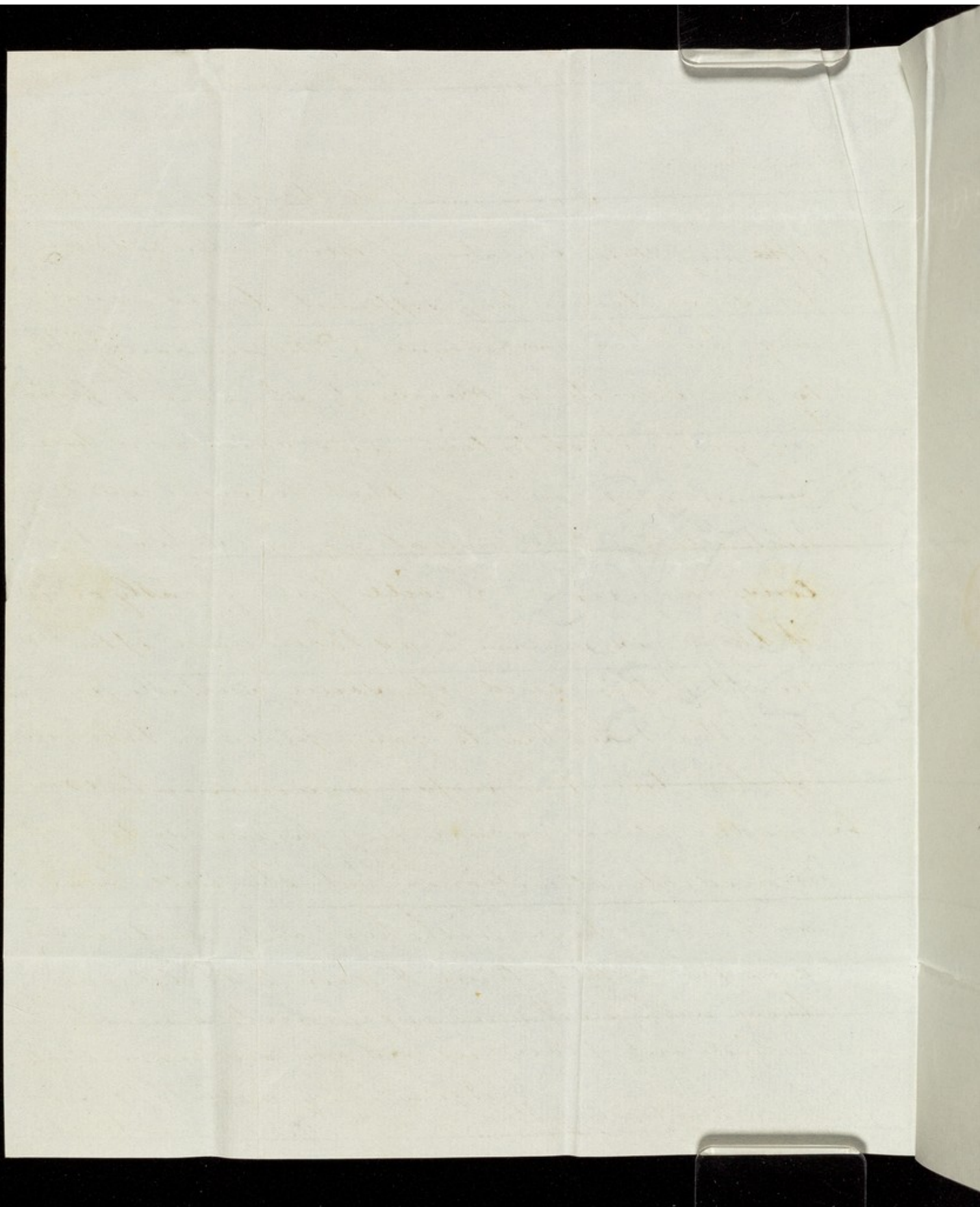
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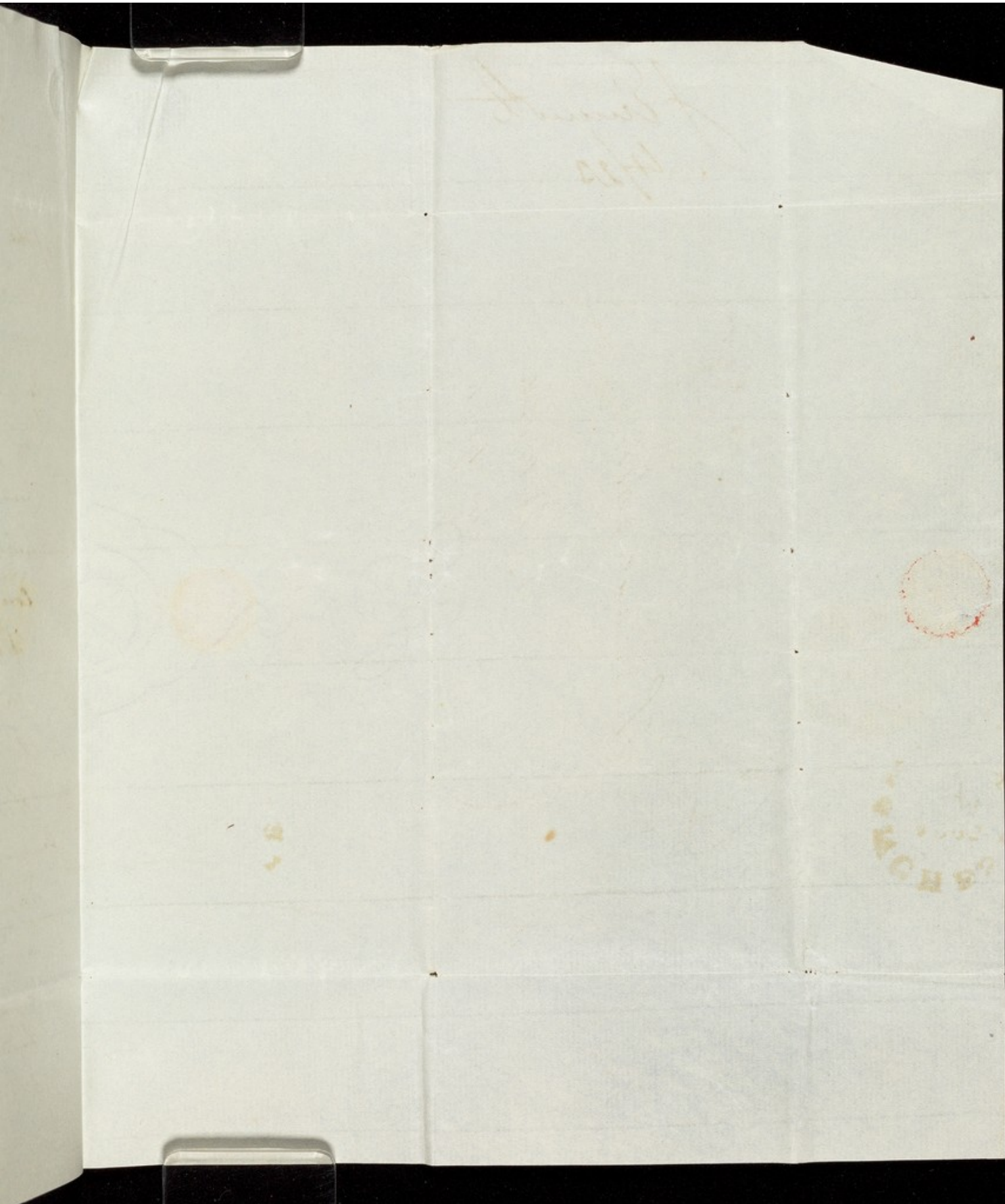
Dear Friend

I am much distressed on account of ~~the~~ my Wifes situation of mind she has been for some time very different to her usual way but has now become quite unmanageable by us - I write to know if she can be placed in your Institution and care - as it has become quite evident that to some such Institution she must go or I fear the consequences - I will feel greatly obliged if thou as in my as thou can after the receipt of this send of some suitable person to either take her to your place or take care of her till the proper arrangement can be made please excuse my pressing thy immediate attention - but she will have no person here with her only such as she calls for a short time & our 2 Children being with us & my engagements almost entirely out-plans us in an awkward situation

I am^y very respy thy friend
Geo Emmott

Please put the post on to Mr Shaw
not a chance to pay it this morn'g }





J. Emmett
4/25.

at 5/10

Alice

Retreat

Mr York

Thomas

Emmett

Emmett



Esteemed Friend
I, etc.

Wheaton & M^o 5, 1836

Having had so many proofs of thy
kindness in various instances, I am induced to trou-
ble thee with a line or two, to inform we were
much obliged by thy last Intelligent & satisfactory
communication respecting our dear Son,
Since that time hope he may have improved a
little, his wife sent him a few days since by
a private conveyance directed to T. Tuck &c.
a parcel containing weekly visitors, some
drawings and a letter, which hope he would
like when thou writes, she will be glad to
know if her Husband seems pleased with the
articles he received, and if he makes any remarks,
about them, with other particulars,
we hope and trust that the contents of my
Husband's last letter will not except thy remembrance
respecting our dear Son, ^{being removed to try a change} I doubt not thy
attending to it,
our united Love with much respect thy friend
Mary Prater



help was sent John is well in health the weather is
very agreeable & we have ^{enjoyed} and ~~the~~ friends

Dear Sir to my wife and stomach nervous

RECORDED
MAR 1850

Charles Allen

Respect

your

Yours

4/5
J. Allen



Esq. Mr. Thomas Allis London 24/4-1836

It is with much pain
I have again to communicate that my dear
Hannah has for a week back been very
much worse & last night so violent as
to require the utmost strength of my next
Neighbour & self to hold & restrain her
from committing violence on those about her.
My long silence has arisen from a state
of great suspense — sometimes she is
so very well at others so much the
reverse — I greatly fear she will have
to return to York — unless someone from
your establishment (for which I would
pay handsomely) could be with her.

We are not happy in our
domestic establishment — she will
not communicate with the servants &

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I don't know but it will be as well to
send a certificate to be used in case of
urgent need - A. B.

It must be necessary there will be no objections to her
again becoming your partner - Believe me
I would spare no expense to avoid it -

her sister Ellen who is the usual organ
is not the most considerate & accommodat-
^{& not of a suitable temper}
to her, — which often irritates & I am
persuaded has been of serious injury to
her — Still she is averse to change
& tho' I have been at very great expense &
showed very much personal attention to
her — I am sorry to say it seems thrown
away — I am almost heart broken &
must you will consider my case in as
favourable light as you can. — Too
would it be ~~at~~ under all circumstances
an infringement of your rules to let such
a one as ~~Hannah~~ her late attendant
(the young woman that formerly resided with
Anthony Clapton Newmarket) to come up to
stay whether two or three weeks being with her
might not do her good & in the event of its
not being beneficial to take her back to York?
Return Dear In great distress & wishing thy reply by
this respectful Henry Briggs

H. Brax
4/26



Thomas Allen
Retreat
York

And



Newlandhouse H 1036
near Lancaster 4 months 29

Esteemed Friend
Thos Allison

Understanding that Rob^t
Brentons Mother is likely to be at the Retreat
I came to beg the favour of my informing
me on her return, what the number
of patients ^{at the retreat} has averaged for the last 12 months
with the number of deaths. Our lunatic
asylum for the County is not far distant
from my residence, & there appears to
me to be such great numbers of deaths
that I feel a curiosity to know what
proportion they bear with Friends estate
under my care. Some years ago there was
an account published by the Superintendent
who has since been discarded & in which it
appeared there were fewer deaths in
the retreat than in any other institution of
the like kind in proportion to the numbers,
and that the asylum here was the next
in succession for a small proportion of deaths -
My wife writes me in kind remembrance
& I am with esteem thy affectionate friend

Thos Albright

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T. Albright

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Wm. H.

Return out for insurance

Wm. H. Ellison

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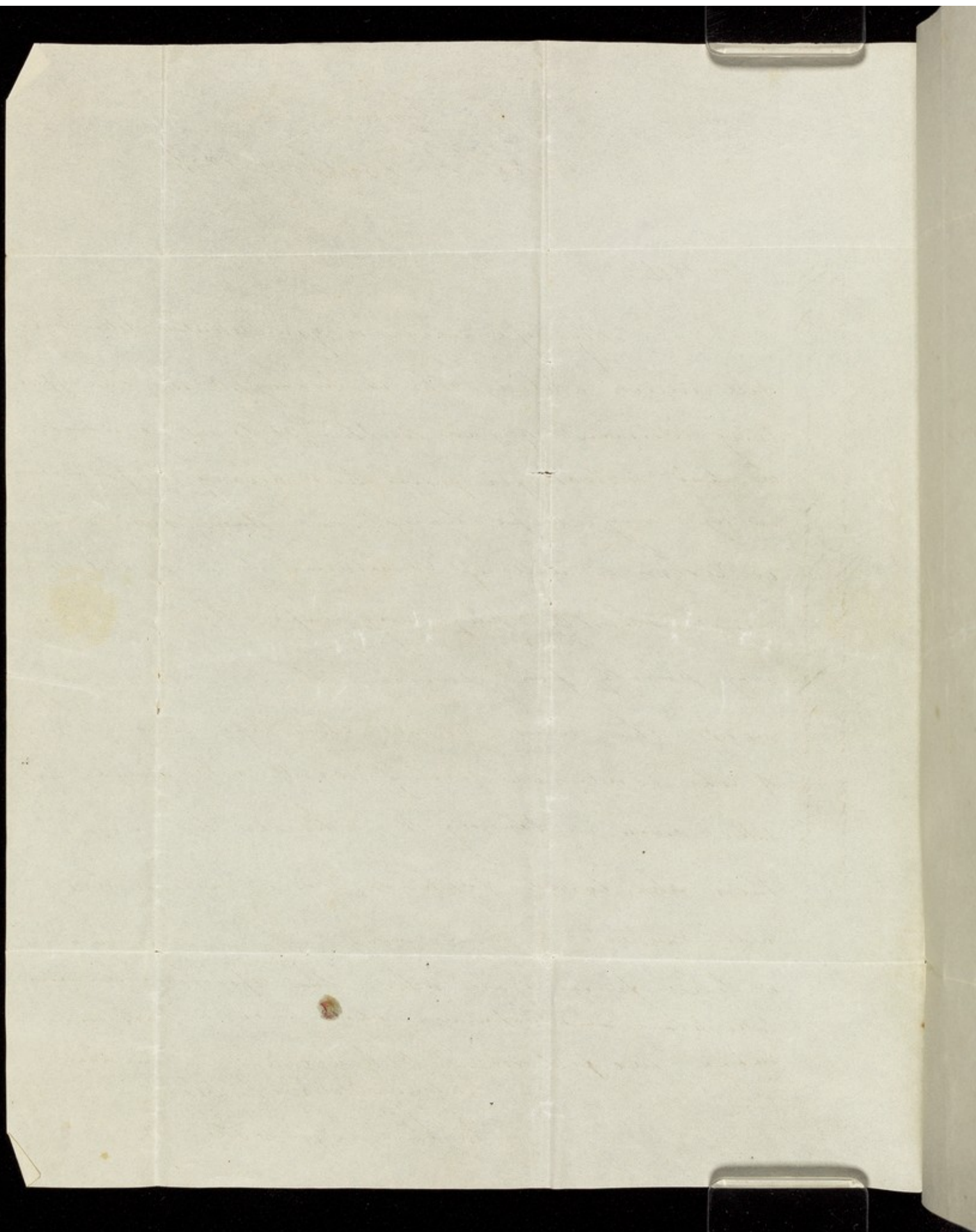
Monday St 25th April 1836

Mr Ellis

Dear Sir
My wife received your attentive letter and
felt much obliged tho it brought us the affec-
ting account of our Brother's ^{wake} state it is what
we had to look for from his being so far advanced
in age my wife have no doubt but Brother
is resign to will of Providence it is a dot we
must shortly pay my wife have been
very poorly for some time this day
week she was so ill that life was despaired
if she continues very weak she could not
take such a journey it would be more
than she could support, she request her
best respects to you and hope to receive
a line from you when the affecting an-
nouncement take place and hope we shall meet to part no
more we feel much obliged to you remain

Yours Respectably
Joseph & Eliza Dike

It is not a far journey if you think not
doubtless your own affectionate love should



Wm. H. H. H.
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Bristol 4th mo 8th 30

Esteemed friend! I have been for several days most anxiously watching the post for a letter from thee, and think thou must have forgotten how long it is since thy last, when my dear afflicted son was very poorly, and I fear there has no material alteration taken place, or thou wouldst I believe ^{not} fail to let me know - however it is more satisfactory to hear how he is, and shall be much obliged by thy writing immediately - I have just seen thy Father and sister A, they divine love and I am to say they are about as usual tho' they hope Mary has rather improved the last fortnight - thy Father seems remarkably well, was at meeting this morning - they had been expecting to hear from thy wife the last week - please tell dear Saml if he is well enough we are all pretty well and send our dear love to him - I fear it may not yet be proper to try a change but some of our friends have been working with me that as he is so well

anxious for it perhaps it might be well
if you could so arrange for him to go to
the farm proposed ~~and~~ for a time even he
was not quite recovered, that the experiment
might not be so trying before a change
was made, it would be satisfactory and
perhaps beneficial to him - with love to thy
wife and the dear child^{ren} behind
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Wm. Allen
Retreat
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Bristol 4 mo 12/30

Esteemed friend / I have with respect friend on thy
return have a letter I had written last week
requesting to hear of my dear Saml having been very
anxiously expecting a letter the last week, ~~in that~~ mine
I had expressed a desire we had felt that if you
thought it proper or that it could be done safely
that dear Saml should as soon as he was sufficiently
recovered still try a change by going for a time
to the place proposed, but that it must be left
to your judgment as to the propriety of such a step
being taken, thy account is rather a discouraging
one of him, but his own letter is written very unctuously
and he says he thinks we say with great truth that
his self possession has very much increased since I was
with him, and of course he wishes to have something
to do - now if thou thought it could be so arranged
that an attendant could be spared to go with him
to the Home for a short time we shall be glad to bear
the additional expence - he expresses a desire to hear
from his brother Wm Naisb and he intends writing
to him very soon, if he does not we shall in a
few days, please give our dear love and tell him
so, he will rather expect to hear from us by thee
as he said if we could send to thee than send out
take any thing for him of course there was no time
for that - ~~we have~~ heard from the Malins lately, who
are all pretty well and desire their dear love to him
as well as our dear relations at Godalming - we have

all had had colds, and I have been and am suffering
from an attack of erysipalis in my face and ear, but
hope it will soon pass off - tell dear Anne his sister, and dear Louisa

I was sorry to hear that had been poorly hope
that are recovered and that my wife and the children
are well, please give my love to them -

It is a considerable time since we have paid and I
requested that would be kind enough to send the
amount before, but suppose that had not that time
should be glad to have it - and will direct
the amount to be paid to Mr. Manly &

with love my fr^d
D. Hallam

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J. Hallam
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J. S. Allen
Retreat
New York



BRISTOL
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Newcastle 22 of July 1836

My dear friend The attached bill for
seventy four pounds 10/11 is the amount
of the three several accounts rendered
and show will please it to the credit
of the parties. Will show your account
dear love to my brother J. W. and inform
me are all pretty well. 25th I was present
sending this on the day I began it. I shall

J. Bristow

be pleased to have ^{4/23} my love given to thy
wife & children & thou only, and accept a
pardon & sheep

Thy sincere friend
Jonathan Bristow

If I believe Mary & Ellen, Lou & daughter
are pretty well, William ^{been} bad, rather poorly
~~but~~ I should be pleased to be remembered
to Mr B when thou sees him I. P.

Broughton April 1st

Dear Sir.

I wrote to my mother to request her, to make a few little things for the Manchester Bazaar, which will be held here on the twelfth instant. I do not know whether she has felt inclined to do so or not, for I have not heard from her since I wrote. If she has prepared any thing we shall be obliged to you to send it. Manchester this week. But if she has not will you tell her not to trouble herself about beginning any thing, as it will be too late. My sister received your note, she is much obliged to you for taking so much trouble she is not at present increasing her small collection, nor attending much to what she has already got, but when she is better she intends to interest herself more about it. My Father arrived in Manchester yesterday he is pretty well, his easter holy days are short but he

intends to attend them We were all very glad to hear
such a favourable account of my mother I trust her
health will continue to improve My Father ~~and~~
brother and sisters beg to be remembered also Miss
Joyce and believe

Yours respectfully
Mary Potter.

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Wm. H. H. H.



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Mary Potter
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Manchester April 2nd 1836

Mr T. Allen

Abstract

Richd. Potter
New York



Respected Friend

Monks Hill Pontefract 5mo/10. ¹⁸³⁶

Samuel Tuke

Thou wilt probably receive a

Letter by the same post that conveys this to in-
form thee that my Daughter Margaret is in the
opinion of Dr. Buchanan and our usual Me-
dical attendant Richard Swallow Surgeon
a proper subject for confinement in an
Institution for disorders of the mind and I
find myself under the necessity after long
forbearance in hopes that a favorable ~~improvement~~
~~that favorable turn~~ might take place
in her disposition and mental infirmity
of adopting and acting upon this joint
conclusion.

Considering my numerous
family and comparatively limited means
of providing for them I believe that 8/6
week is the extent of expence which I am just

-tified in incurring for her maintenance at the
Mistreat. I wish her fare to be rather below than
scale than otherwise and if it be practicable
to render her services in any respect useful
to the Institution it is my desire that she may
be so employed. if it be decided to receive
her into the Institution I wish the needful
instructions to be forwarded as soon as the
forms required will permit

I remain with love

My friend

James Thwaite

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POST OFFICE
NEW YORK

Samuel C. Drake
111 Broadway
New York

Recd

4. 10

Sir

As it is not convenient
for us to come to York at
present, we send our Servant
to pay two quarters for
my Sisters board, I also
send the two last receipts
that there may be no dif-
ficulty in settling the ac-
count correctly. We will
be much obliged either
to yourself or to Miss Pon-
sonby to write us a few
lines to inform us how my

Dear Sister has been of late
and whether she is in a
comfortable state of Mind.
We are going from home
for a few Months to visit
our Friends, we shall leave
this on the first of August,
if any thing material should
occur in regard to my Sister's
health during our absence
or untill you hear from
us again, we will be much
obliged to you to inform
Dr Simpson Gayton Hall
Knaresborough, and he

will be sure to forward
the information to us.

remember us most kindly
to Miss Persons only, and
believe me yours sincerely

E. M. Weston

Should there be any
debts due, our servant
will pay them, and be
so kind as return the
receipts

~~Mr. Brown M. Jan 2-1~~
~~Mattie's 8 1-5~~
~~Baskets 4~~
~~Mr. 12~~
~~7-9 4~~
~~9-7 Mr. 1~~

Mr. Alsis

8.12 —
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17th
 Jackson

Newal 5/16/1836

Res^d Friend Mos. Allen

An unexpected attack of the
Epidemic somewhat prevalent here - the Influenza
rendered me quite unfit to travel this Mornf -

I wished to have sent some kind of a message
by the Guard of the New York Coach, purchase it
might reach York; - but I missed seeing him. -

Now write to say - that if the complaint be
as much better tomorrow - as it is this Evening - I hope to get
away on Wed^d Mornf - or on fifth at furthest -

I am concerned to have given expectations, which
I have not been able to fulfill, but never suspected
I should taste the prevailing Epidemic -

Paid - with O^r love to my son I am Thy affec^ted Bro Geo. Braithwaite



G. Branthorn
5/16

Paris
Nature & Art
Retreat
W. H.

KENDY
MY 16
1833

in London 27/5 M^o 1836

Esteemed Friend
Sam^l Luke

Lately I received from
Thos^o Allis an acct^t of £28.19.7 for
John Wilson at the Retreat for our
(Mauden W^o Mut^o) - By it, it seems
as if an acct^t of 12.19.11 for said person
was sent 31/3 M^o 1835, we have not
been able to learn from any one of our
W^o Mut^o that such an account
was then received, if it had been I
think it would have been attended to
at the time & remitt^d it; this may
explain the reason why it was not
paid before — I now send herewith
the sum of £28.19.7 to pay off said
account & desire when Thos^o Allis
at his leisure can do it he will be
so kind as send a statement of John
Wilson's acct^t during the time that

the sum of money paid for him
at the retreat that had been left
for him by some person & also to
state what amount it was that
was rec^d at the retreat for him
from such source or legacy, as our
W^m Mut^r not having had any
account of it, it was enquired for
at our last W^m Mut^r by some
friends, & I as Treasurer for the W^m
Mut^r could not furnish it, never
having had ^{it} & our p^r H^e Croysd
who had previous been that officer
has not got it. I hope it may
not be much trouble to Th^r A^lliss
to furnish it, & it may satisfy
some of our members, there is
no particular haste for it.

In regard to my two boys coming
to the School after the ensuing summer
vacation having to be lodged out at
a friends house I incline to accept
of such offer & for my boys to be put into

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the School house & lodge the earliest
Vacancy, in order to this I desire
that or John Ford will be so kind as
to get arrangement made with the
friend whom you thought suitable
to take them to lodge & in doing so
I wish you to be liberal with her for
such accommodation as I do not wish her
to take such charge of my boys but to
remunerate her well for it & also to desire
her particular care for their comfort
and suitable look after while under
her charge from the School, any
further communication needful to make
to me, & also of the time the School is to
reopen, I shall feel obliged if J. Ford will
be kind enough to inform me timely.
feeling much obliged for thy care in
endeavouring to get my boys a suitable
place to be lodged at till they can be
put into the house.

I remain th thy friend

P. M. T. 20. }
J. H. Ash 10 }
for answer

James Bridgley

14 L. of the 20 & 1/2 to M. T. Browne

Putnam.

Lammal Luke

28.19.7 for the retreat
her enclosed - £ 30.0.0
28.19.7
Paid by J. Luke 1.0.5

Midgley
5/27



Westfield place West Street Sheffield 10th Nov 1836
Respected Friend

We duly received thine inform-
ing us of the decease of my late Dear
Brother I felt thankful to hear he
was surrounded by so quietly from time
to eternity, this will be given thee by
Will^m Fairbank who kindly agreed
to attend in my place, it would have
been a great satisfaction to me to have
attended but ^{the} weather is so cold & the dis-
tance so great I dare not attempt it.
We should wish to have the account made
out as soon as convenient & should like
to informed how much remains un-
paid of the Debt left owing by our
late Uncle Will^m Rooth. If there
are any clothes left of our late

that thou thinks worth Carriage
Brother^s they may be sent to J. S. Davys
directed for me. I should wish my
Brothers death to be put in the an-
nual Monitor Tho^s Broadbent Bland
Son of Tho^s & Ann Bland formerly
of Sheffield aged 63 & we shall be
obliged to thee to send us a certifi-
cate of his death as it will be ne-
cessary ^{to shew} on account of receipt of some
money we receive from some mines
at Wednesbury in Staffordshire

I remain Respectfully

Thy friend

Sarah Bland

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Thos Willis
Retreat
York



Sheffield

Istend Friend

My Mother would like
to know whether you expect Mr Routh's
Executors will pass another dividend
on act of the late T B Island and
will be oblig'd by the forwarding
the statement of the ~~act~~ ^{whole} owing to the
retreat and the ^{Balance of act} for board.

Yours respectfully
Jas L Darcy

Jas Dancy
 5/11 -



Thomas Alice
 Retreat
 York

Keedat ^{month} 5/11 1836

Res. Friend
Thomas & Ellis

I have early sent them

on my Return from a Journey - I may now observe
that so far as can tell I can visit York more
conveniently on my way to the G. M. - than at another
time, - I therefore intend to take my Seat thro' to
York for second Day Morning - & in Due Course
shall arrive there about ten o'clock that Evening -
- If I be not very much fatigued next Morning
I suppose I shall parting with Car. & Honor with the
Coach, - & then calling at the Retirement to see my Son
- or if thou wouldst rather I called there to make
I will do so: - I conclude that if I spend three

Day in York - it will be as much as will be
useful - but if another Day be desirable I can
stay over third Day -

My present intention is to take the first Coach
for London that may leave York after 5 or 6 o'clock
on third Day Evenf. - or in case that wish me
to stay till 4th Day Evenf. I can do so -

If I could have staid a few Days at York, I
would have gone to the Grange - provided my Car
H - was at Home Hill; - but arriving so late as the
Coach will go - & the probability of my setting off
again the next Evenf. - it may be better to remain at
the Inn - - My Love to my Son - - & to send
information of my situation at thy convenience -

I am My affec^t Friend Geo. Braitwaite

I intend to settle my aunt when in York - You can then leave it behind you -
I am thinking of writing to my Son - but as I could not say more so do without mentioning my journey - & my
intention that will come with you - the journey is - to London & then from by horse & by 2nd -

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G. Braithwaite
Jr.



July 18

Thompson & Allen
New York

New York

Manchester 5th Mo 4th 1836

Thomas Allis
York

Dear James Roddall
has again become deranged
he has appeared uncomfortable
with a disposition to ramble
for a few days & this morning
went into his brother's house
took up a kitten & bit its
head off, his friends wish him
to be removed to the Retreat as
soon as possible & would be
glad if you could send a person
to take care of him on the
journey. They will be glad to know
whether their wishes can be complied
with & if they come the person coming

had better bring a blank Medical
certificate or else send one by
Post to me.

I remain

Very sincerely yours

Joseph Lawrence

P.S. After he had hit the Kittens head
off he wished to go down on his
knees to smother its blood saying it
was his duty.

To Mr. Bell He has been very unwell
& they have been obliged to put the
straitjacket on the patient.

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Sturgeson
3/4 -

Thomas Ellis
Retreat
near York



Sir

It becomes necessary to apply to
the Director of the East India Company
for further leave of absence for Dr R H
Lushington, 1st Regt Light Cavalry, Madras -
and such application must be accompanied
by Medical certificates stating his inability
to return to his Duty - I request there-
fore you will send such certificate
signed by two Medical Men as soon
as possible - Yr obed^t Servant,

A Lushington

28th May
1836

Dined as usual,

H. C. Lushington
5/28-



A.C. Lushington
5/28-



Wm. Adams
New York



5th day the 19th of the 5th month
1836.

Respected Friends
Y^r H.

Mother when she last wrote to thee previous to
receiving thy truly kind letter this morning for
which we are all³ greatly obliged to thee wrote to
ask thy opinion amongst other things what
thou thought to a change being tried for
my dear Husband it being such a length
of time since my Husband had been gone
to you which she named, this last
time now thou does not ~~name~~ allude
to this part of Mother's letter which is a
great disappointment to us all would
thou favour me with a few lines just
on this head, if thou have not time to
write us any more I think there are
many causes why my dear Husband
may have been rather more subject to
excitement of late I have no doubt
John Hammonds leaving although my
dear Husband is unable to shew his
feelings would be one cause my Father
having been to see my Husband is another
cause the weather having been so long so very

cold too. - we are much pleased with
Christopher Wilson's sleeping in my
Husbands Room thou says in thine to
please in my dear Husbands Room
with him now we do hope it is
not in the same bed that no
one ever does in the same bed we
hope; will thou be kind enough to
clear this up to up which ever way it
is I have before asked of thee only to name
about my dear Husbands having a
change tried / thy opinion / 16 years is a
very long time / but if thou will do me
the great kindness just to name these
two things I will be greatly obliged indeed
to thee we are also glad to learn long
thine of this morning that Joseph Hebershaw
has got benefited so I remember his
great kindness to my Husbands & to me
I trust gratefully and be assured I do not
I hope forget thine thy Wife's & Hannah
Doonaney's and your Daughters great atten-
tions to us / to my dear Husband & me
hoping thou will comply with my too above
requests and with saying that I hope

Thou wilt excuse the great freedom I am
taking in thus addressing thee and that
I can not be satisfied without saying
that I firmly believe one cause of my
Husbands being more excited lately is
his long continuance without a
trial again once more out of your
establishment & as regards myself
I am sure nothing would be so
settling to me as my dear Husbands
being tried out that I do know, I
shall daily watch the Post anxiously
for a reply to this which I shall
esteem a great favour and am
most respectfully thy much ob-
liged friend Jane Procter

With kind love to thy Wife Daughter & self
& to H. P. & Son only J.P.

It is very gratifying to me to hear
 that my presence is pleased with
 the State that I send him I am
 much obliged to the for telling me how
 as it very much

~~Post~~
 Paid
 Thomas M. W.

Retreat

Wm.

York

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Warrington

5/2^{me} 1836

At this, I enclose chee

£ 10 - (in Note P. E. Liverpool Dec^r 8th 1835 -
N^o. 18408 - signed J. Champ) for
Credit of M. Oddie's acc^t -

I shall be glad to have the
receipt in usual course.

I remain Respi.

W. Brown

J. Bottom
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Atty. Gen.
at the Court
New York

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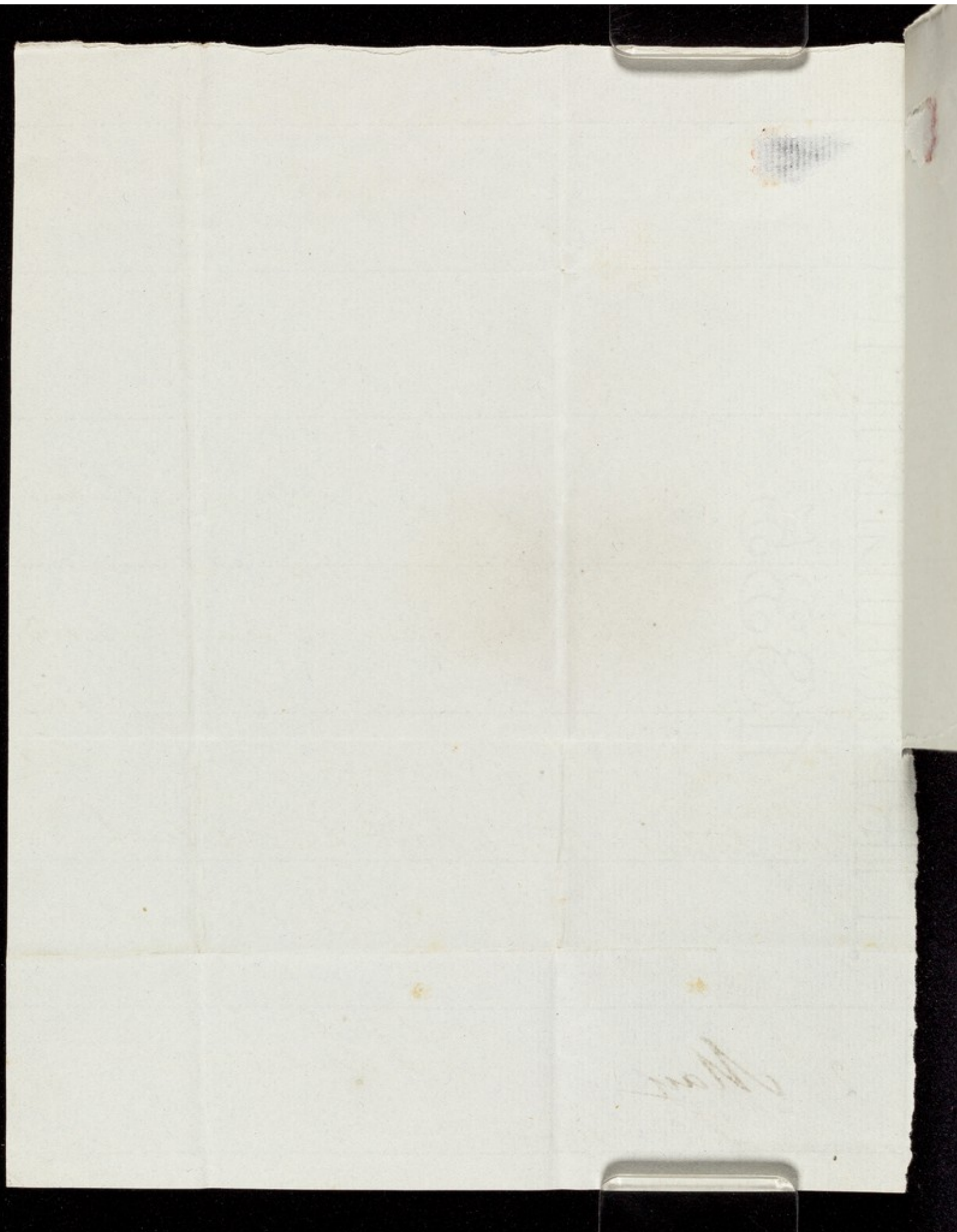
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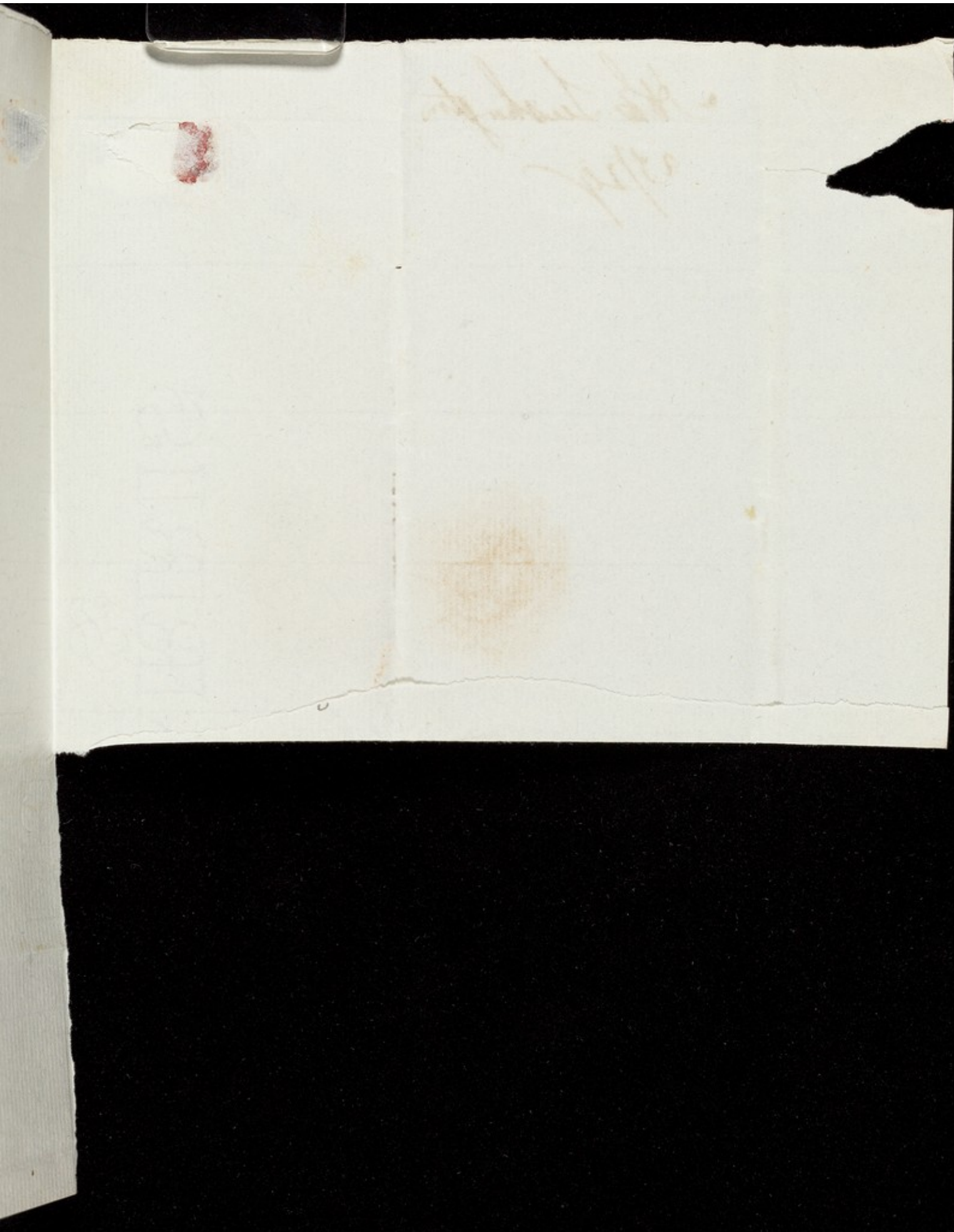
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Sir

I thought it would give Richard
much pleasure to see his old friend
Mr Piske, and therefore I have spared
her services for a little while - hoping
she will bring me a good account
She takes the Shirts - which
we required — Y^{rs} obed^t Servant

24th May 1836 J^{rs} Lushington
Morton Court





W. B. Luskington
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Mr. Allen

York



W. B.

Esteemed Friend
Thos. Allis

Wilmington Square
Liverpool, 5th Mo. 23rd 1836

Our engagements both before
& since the departure of my Husband & son Henry
who sailed in the S^t. Andrew, Packet for New York, on
the 8th Inst^o, have prevented my attending to thy
account recently transmitted to us—
Enclosed thou wilt receive a Bank Note, value £50—
for which please credit J. L.'s account &
acknowledge the receipt of it to me at this place
please in future to forward us the Quarterly
account for M. & J. when due, ^{otherwise} as the amount
varies we should not know what to send—
my family unite me in love to them both
& wish thee & Th. Ponsonby to accept of our
kind regards— It was a great satisfaction to my
Husband to have seen our dear children well
& as comfortable as they can be under their
circumstances— I am obliged to Th. P. for his
satisfactory communication— we had a
note from my J. L. & Henry by the Pilot who
went out about 14 miles with the vessel
they were very comfortable & liked the appearance
of their company & were getting on nicely— we
heard last 2nd day by a vessel that was

just came into Port - that the S^t Andrews
was in sight of them a few days before
I was ~~got~~ on her way very favourably
even this intelligence was cheering.

I remain

Very friend

P. Fisher

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Fisher
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PAID AT
LIVERPOOL

Paid Double

Thomas. Ellis

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near York

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1836
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I beg you will acknowledge
the receipt of the above — I am glad
to hear that W^d is well — pray tell
him that Priske had a very good
passage home & is quite well
as all are here — yr obed^t serv^t

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A J Lushington

Mr Callis

Gosh

Washington

Adderbury 17th of 5 mo 1826

Esteemed Friend

Thos. Allys

I received thy letter some time ago and have wished to answer it, my husband having been so much from home has caused this delay I am pleased with the account thou give respecting my dear Wycherley and truly if consistent with the will of divine Providence that he may be restored to us I have thought of him incessantly during the fine weather and am almost afraid to think he is safe should he recover we have a friend & most distant relation who would take him for a time he will be of age in the tenth month perhaps thou wilt inform I take, and can be no doubt of the trusted power of recommending you at that time my husband has not seen

the account but he told me the last time
 he was at home that every thing would then
 be settled and he hoped to your satisfaction
 I am not able to assist at present though I hope
 my present undertaking will ultimately succeed



Post-paid

Post Office

West
 York



27/7
 E. Lamb

Henry has had many unexpected losses & is I am
 sure quite unable to do what he could wish he
 should not be so easy but we know your safety
 is better with loss to H. Ponsbury & myself than with the loss of

tion admits of as little delay as possible I remain
with love thy friend
James Thwaite

Iron Hill Pontefract 5th mo 14th 1836

Respected friend

Thomas Allis

I have inclosed $5\frac{1}{4}$ for One Quarter
Board &c. for our daughter Margaret at the Retreat the
answers to the Queries proposed will be sent along with
her and I have not much to add by way of information
respecting her conduct for the last Seven or Eight years
it appears clear to me that pride and High mindedness
has been the Original cause of bringing her into the
lamentable Situation she is now in it first broke out
on her being sent to Ackworth School at Twelve Years
of age

of Age which was a great cross to her inclination she remained there two years and was frequently in a low melancholy state while there and acted very imprudently for some time after leaving the school we removed her to her Brother James at Bradford and from thence into Hensleydale where she remained about two years on her return she conducted herself tolerably for some time but during the last six months she has gradually become worse and of late has shown clearly that this of ungodly mind we intend sending her to the Retreat on second day next the 16th Inst as her present situation

tion admits of as little delay as possible I remain
with love thy friend

James Thwaite

Iron Hill pontefract 5th mo 14th 1836



J. Shewarts
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To the Superintendent of
the Retreat

near

York

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Brighthouse w. Halifax 5th mo. 9th 1836

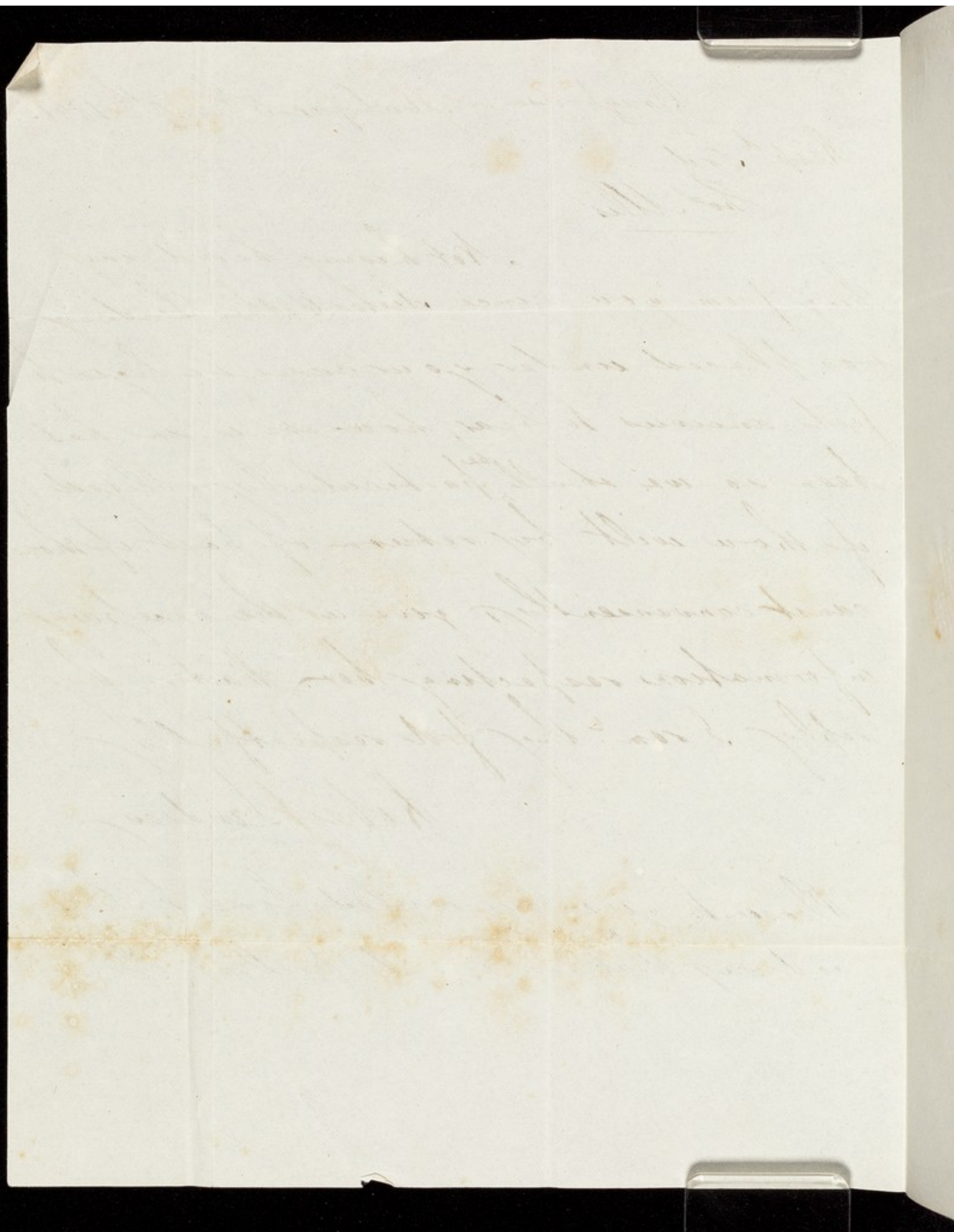
Res^d. Frd

Thos. Ellis

Not having heard any
thing from you since Sister Esther Lindsey
was placed under your care, we begin to
feel anxious to hear how she is and has
been, so we shall ^{be} particularly obliged
if thou wilt by return of post, if thou
canst conveniently, give us the necessary
information respecting her. Waiting thy
reply I rem^d. thy frd respectfully

Robert Lindsey

Please to give our united love to Sister
and say that we are all pretty well.



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Esteemed Friend

Shakton 5 M^o 1836

Thos^r Atter

It being now five weeks since we had
had a letter from thee, and understanding that
our dear Son had been rather excited
we feel anxious to have a letter from thee to know
how he is, with other particulars a few weeks
since, his wife sent him London Notes, drawn
and a letter, when thou writes, she would like
to know if her Husband seemed pleased with
them, She has also sent him another parcel
similar to the other, except thou will receive
in a day or two, it is gone by a friend going
to the yearly meeting.
When we were at York, the Tailor put some
extra linings into John's waistcoat, for the
winter, as the weather now is warmer, when
thou thinks it suitable, will be obliged by
thy ordering them to be taken out,
will be much obliged by his Lodging room
being kept cool or may be, as it get a
deal of Sun, and a cool Lodging room is of the
utmost importance

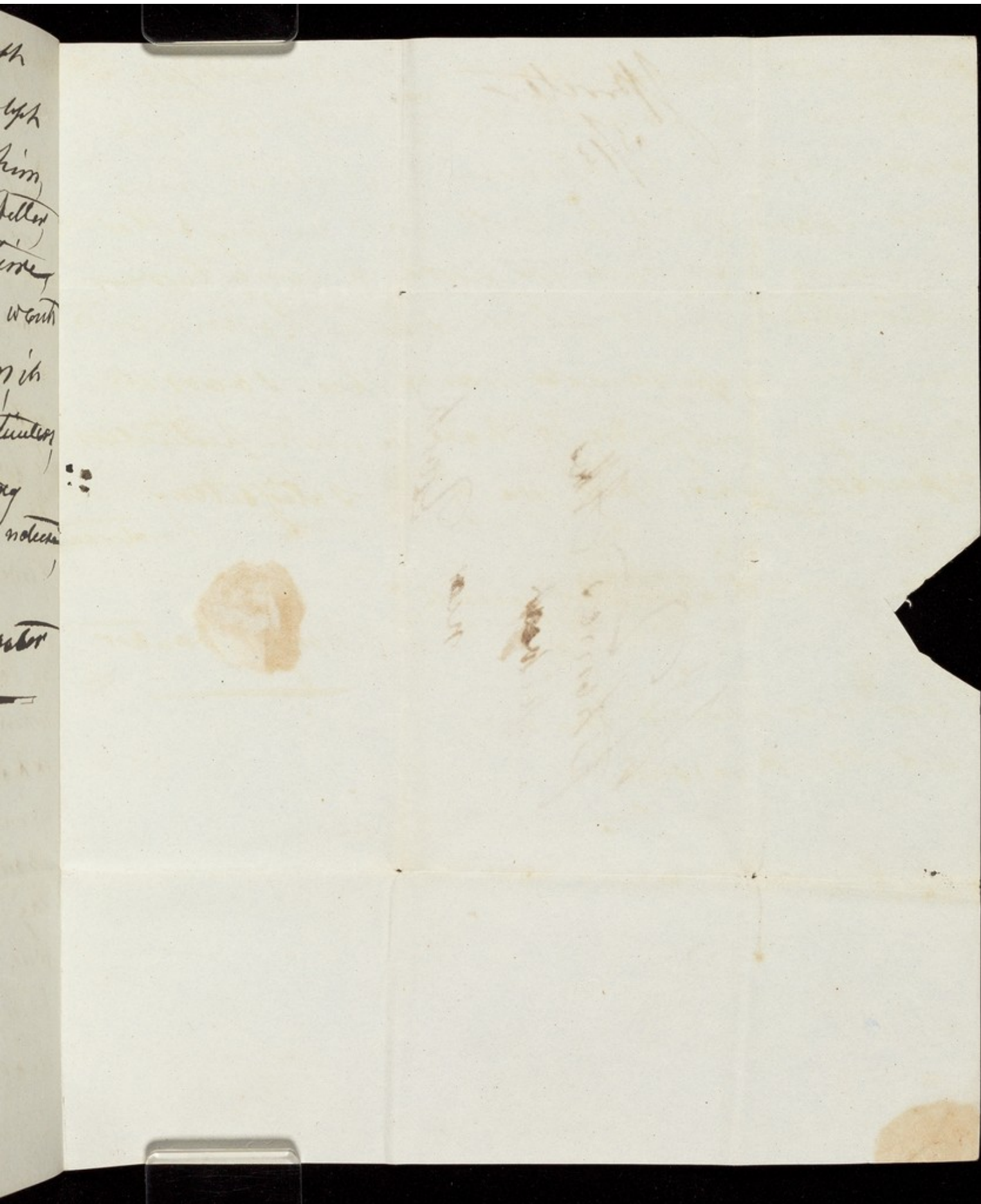
It is now several months since we left
York, and will soon be ^{years since} over ten left
home, what is thy opinion respecting him,
does thee think he will ever be any better,
he having been much the same a long time,
when thee writes, please say if I am worth
any thing, hope to hear from thee soon, it
is always gratifying to have a many particulars,
especially when they are of a satisfactory
nature.

Our united Love, thy friend

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our dear Love to my wife
and H. Bensonley

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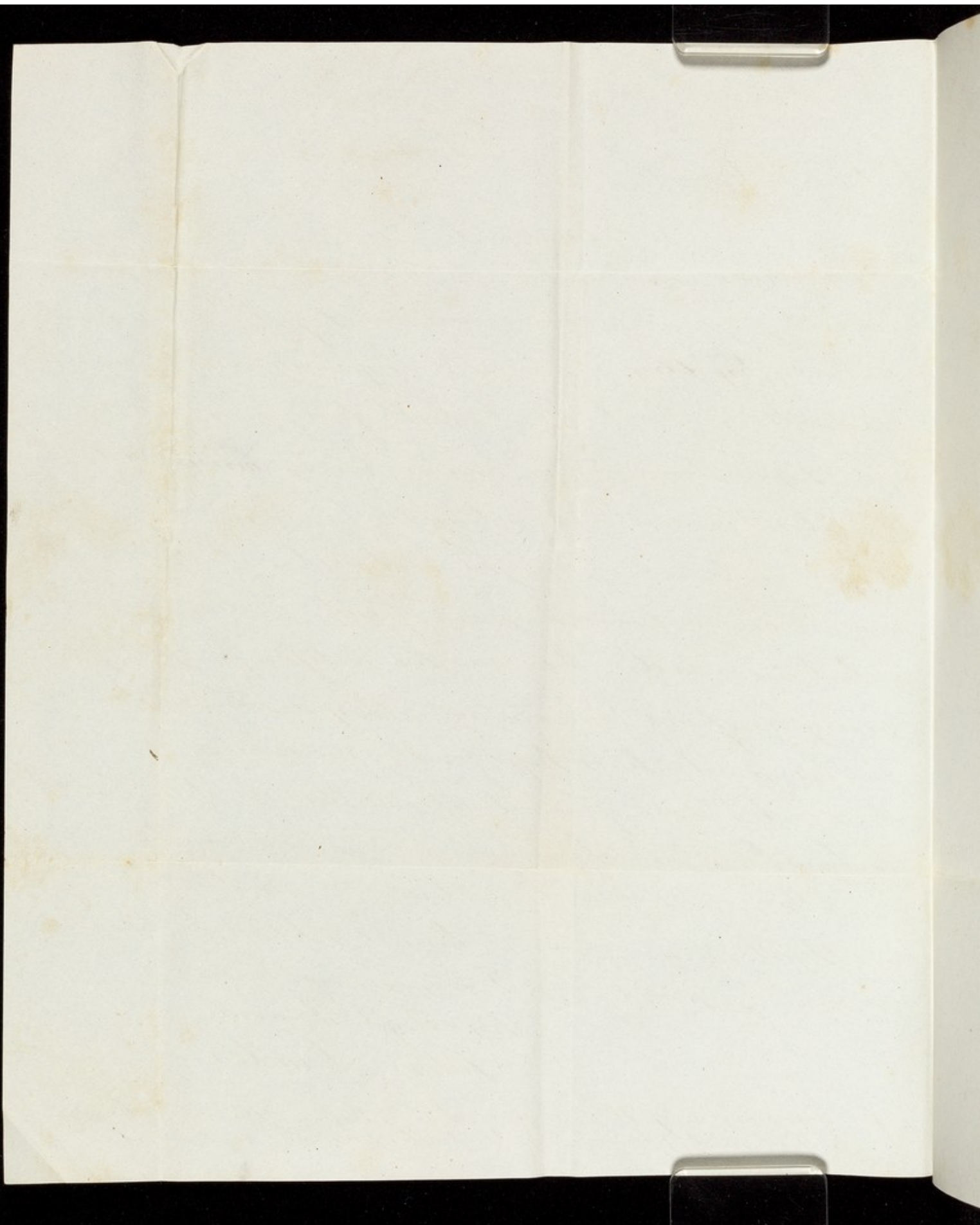
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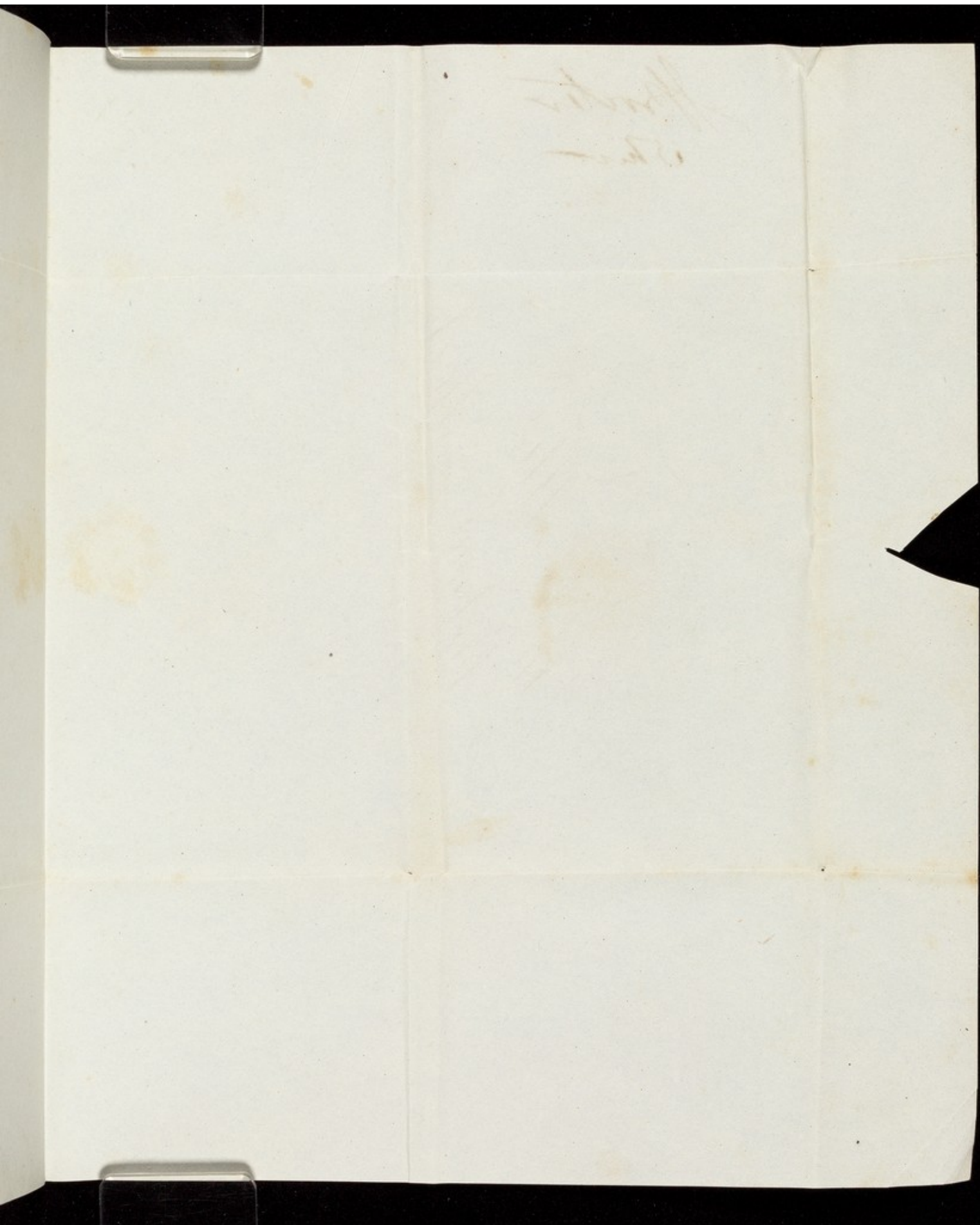


Dear Friend Leicester / 5th 1836

I have just heard thy letter to my
Daughter read not knowing as is generally ^{or usually} the
case thy having been wrote to, & I feel indeed partic-
ularly ^{obliged} by thy frankness in giving thy sentiments
respecting our Son, & I shall fully rely and depend
on thy continued care herein, being persuaded that
to act otherwise would not add to his comfort nor his
Wifes, and indeed might and would greatly distress
us in our advanced years if not shorten them and
what we must not encounter unless a prospect of our
being benefitted by a change, thy sentiments are
wise and shall hope for thy continued kindness,
thou art aware of what depends thereon, please don't
be backward we have been here rather more than a
week & my Wife as been three times in the hot Bath
without any apparent benefit & I think, her Step
is much improv'd I remain with love
Thy Obedt Friend
John Procter

P.S. - I am in my 70th year and my Wife a little older; Postage
to Oct. and please bear this after perusal, don't omit





Spencer
5th

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The Miss
Peabody near York

WOLSTON
STOP

Addicksbury 5th mo. 6-1836

Respected Friend

I am obliged for the information respecting my Son which thy letter contained; and it was a relief to my mind to hear that he had conducted himself agreeably, it was also pleasant to find that care was taken to keep him employed, as I believe he suffered for want of regular employment, and by too close application to books.

If it is thought proper for Robert to write home and he inclines to do so I shall be pleased to receive a letter from him, it was a satisfaction to find his health was pretty good; please to give our love to Robert and say we are favoured with usual health, and we have lately heard that his absent Brothers and Sisters were enjoying the same favour. I delivered thy message to Elizabeth Stone, and am obliged by

thy mentioning my son in thy letter to
her - I have sent to inform E. S. that I
was going to write but as she has not
sent any message she most likely
intends writing herself soon - some
of the family have been rather poorly
but are improving.

I am respectfully
Thy obliged Friend
Esther Lamb.

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Thomas Allen
Bethel
N. York.

David
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E. Lamb
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Latter date 5 month 3^d 1836

Respected Friend

I have enclosed two five pound notes for thee to take £6..17..4 to pay for my Husband's Board here - and should my Husband be well enough to return home at the Quarterly meeting, thou wilt give him the £3..2..8 - and if you and his friends think it better for him to continue under your care, it can remain towards paying ^{for} his future board, or if thou thinks proper, give it to him for any thing he may require - I shall be obliged by thy acknowledging the receipt of this, and also to give me what particulars thou canst respecting my Husband and if he is any better, and please say if I might see him should I come to the Quarterly meeting. If thou thinks it would be better for me not to see him I think I had better not come as he will most likely enquire if I am there and if he were prevented seeing me it might make him worse.

I am respectfully Thy Friend

Jane Stangfield

Star
Jr

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Mr. J. J. Allen
Thomas Allen

Esq.

Retreat
W. J. York



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Mr. J. M. Allen

Esq.

Retreat

W. York



Respected Sir,

Whitby. 5 M^o 19 1836

I have just rec^d thy Letter dated the 18th mentioning the death of my Sister Mary - From the ill State of both our Healths particularly my Wife is not likely we can get to the Funeral - as such will leave the Management to the Rules of the Place as soon as convenient shall be obliged to thee to hand a statement of her affairs. that I may administer - P.S. please to give both respects - to H. Posenby also to Cousin King - I am with respects Thys^r &c

John Webster

When thou writes direct for me. Princess Gate
Bagdale. Whitby

October 1849

Dear Sir

I have just recd. your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the State of New York - I have

the pleasure to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

John H. Johnson
New York

My dear Sir
I have just received from the
University of Cambridge a letter from
the Rev. Mr. [unclear] of the Faculty of
Theology, in which he informs me
that the Rev. Mr. [unclear] of the
Faculty of Divinity has been appointed
to the Rectory of [unclear] in the County of
[unclear] and that he will be
in possession of the Rectory on the
1st of [unclear] next. I am
glad to hear that the
University of Cambridge has
been so fortunate as to secure
the services of so able a
man to the Rectory of [unclear].
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
[unclear]

Webster
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Thomas Ellis

Retreat

near York

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Mr. Allis
9 Warwick
St. Lambeth

London 17th of 5th mo 1836

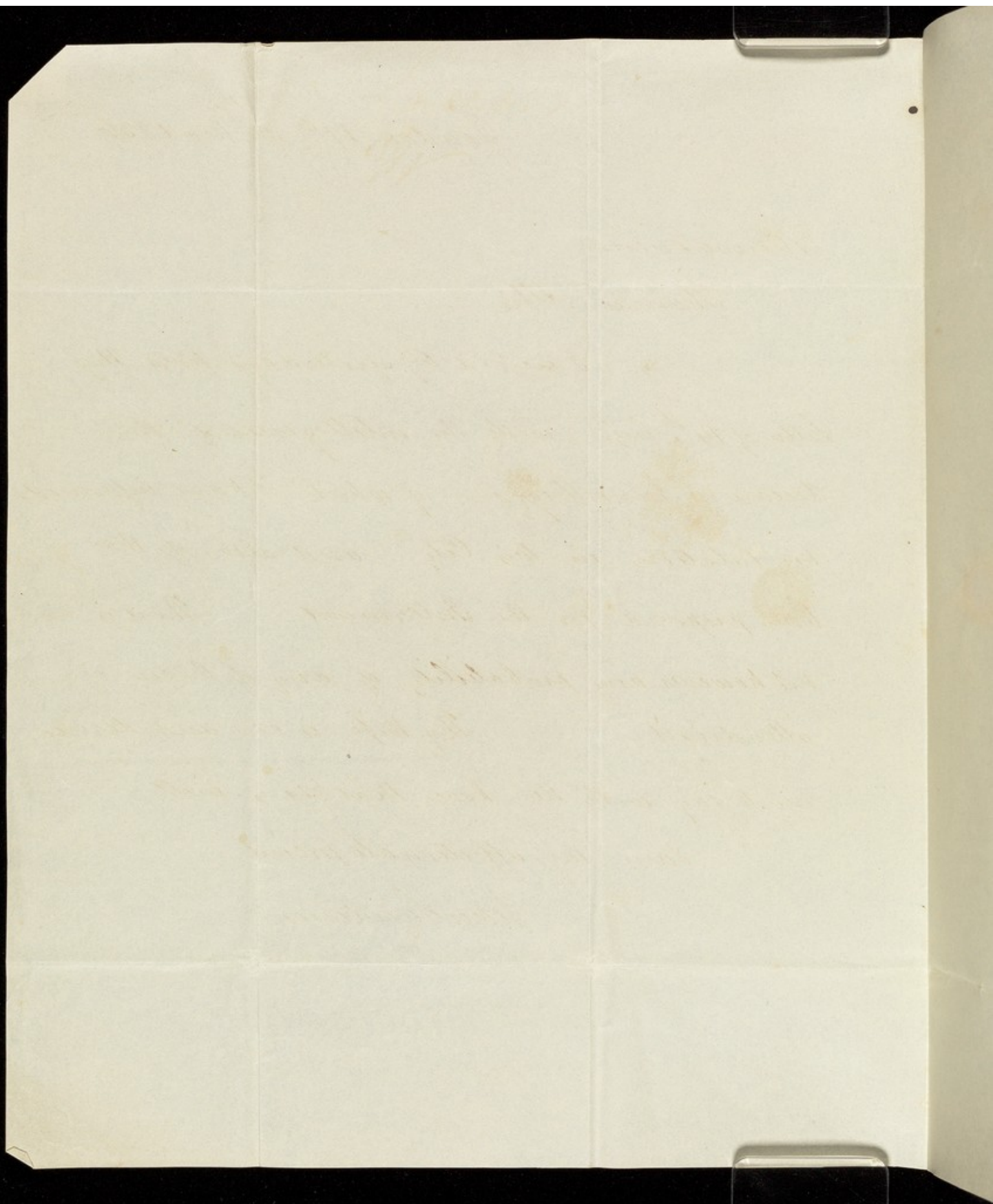
Esteemed Friend

Thomas Allis

I received by yesterday's post thy
Letter of 14th inst. with the intelligence of the
decease of Jane Biggs - of which I have informed
her Relations in this City - and also of the
time proposed for the Interment - There is
not however any probability of any of them
attending it - Thy Wife is here and desires
me to say with her love that she is well

I am My affectionate friend
John Sanderson

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J. Anderson
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[Large stylized flourish]

Thomas Allis

Retreat.

near York



Respectfully to Mr. Ellis

Above ^{a cheque for} is the amount with Int. which should belong to Mr. Finch and he has about 40 £ in the Savings Bank it is rather singular that only last 6th day I took his Bank Book to have the interest made up to the present time and when there I mentioned the Circumstances of him being at the Retreat and enquired whether the money could be obtained towards his support whilst there there was only one of the Directors then (the Vicar) who said that they had only had one case of that nature before and the Magistrate had sent an order but he thought they would make no difficulty of letting me have the money for that purpose provided I gave them a Certificate signed by the Medical Men and Thos. Ellis at the Retreat stating that he is a Patient there also a Guarantee for the money in case on his recovery he is not satisfied with its appropriation. It is very likely I should have seen sometime since but I did not know where to find his Book — he left a Trunk here when he went to the Retreat and for want of a better place to keep it it was put into the cellar but a short time since we were fearful the contents might be spoiled by the Damp therefore it was taken up stairs and opened and thoroughly dried in the course of Examination the Bank Book turned up and a small amount of money —

Which now whilst the Box is in pretty good condition it will be better to forward it to my care and there may be something in it which will be useful the money is still in the Box — — — With regard to Williams future maintenance I am apprehensive that Legally it will devolve upon Portmouth Monthly at the same time I think in justice we ought to be relieved from it if a similar circumstance should occur I should think object to a Certificate being recd if I knew the individual had sufficient funds without employment — When he was at the Retreat before his expenses were all defrayed out of his Savings and there was a small balance remaining but it was very small I am not aware that his Uncle Birns has ever done any thing for him whilst I am on this subject it appears to me that the simplest way would be to take the money Quarterly out of the Dr. Stutings Stock (I mean after the Savings Bank Fund is exhausted if it is thought best to take that) but I do recollect he was disappointed in the amount he recd from Dr. Bassett being so small as it was) as all our monthly Meetings in Yorkshire unite in one fund I can't see any impropriety in Mr. F's expenses being paid at York out of that fund — all circumstances he is found to belong to us for support we certainly recd a Certificate without any hesitation I believe within 1 year of his coming to — I don't recollect what year that was in

Geo Blount
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James Allen
Putnam
York

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Poughkeepsie. 11th May.

Sir,

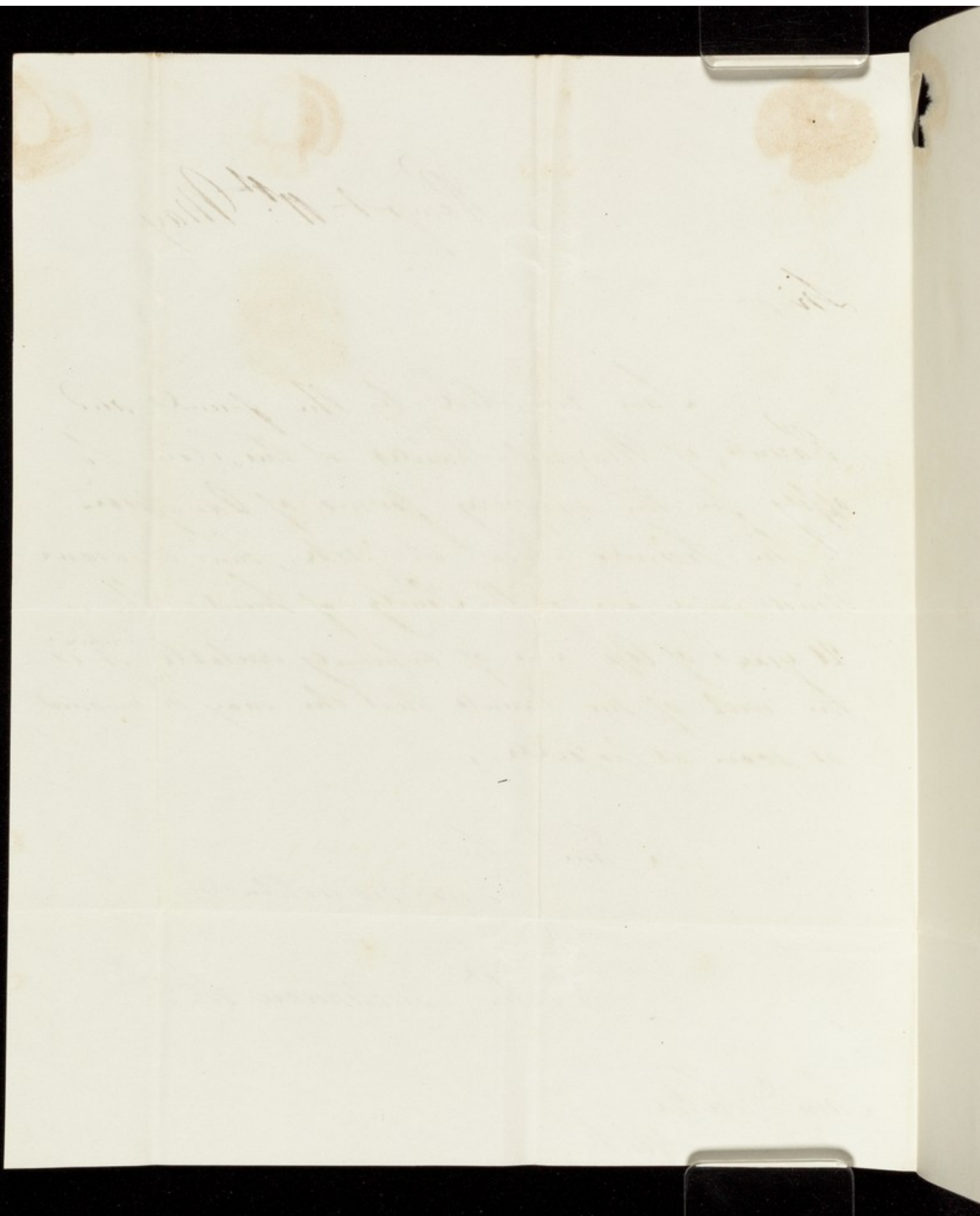
I am requested by the friends, and
Parents, of Margaret Hamilton of this Place to
apply for the necessary forms of Admission
to the Friends Asylum at York, being of insane
Mind, and one of the Society of Friends. She is
24 years of Age and of extremely irritable ^{temper.} It is
the wish of her parents that she may be removed
as soon as possible,

I am Sir
Yours respectfully

Robt. Buchanan M.D.

To

Sam. Lake
York





POINTEFRANCE

Sam. L. Duke
The Librarian
N. York

5/11-
J. P. Buckner

Thornbury 5^{mo}. 11. 1836

Dear Fr^d
Thos^s Allis,

I am obliged to thee for forwarding me the acct^t on behalf of my afflicted sister, as well as for the intelligence thou hast given me of her present state of mind. I enclose thee a 10£ Cash Note to the credit of her acct^t the rec^t. of which I will thank thee to acknowledge, & perhaps thou wilt be kind enough to say whether I c^d not pay in future on her behalf through the medium of my Bankers, the West of Eng^d & South Wales District Bank, Bristol, whose bankers in London, are Glyn, Hallifax & Mills Esq^s, to your Bankers in York, or possibly the Bristol bank may have some connexion with the Yorkshire Bank^g. Comp^y. This medium of payment w^d save double postage, & thyself the trouble of acknowledging the rec^t. of payment excepting when mak^g out the next acct^t. Alice & Griffith Hughes wish their love to be given to A^m Hughes Jun^r. & that she may be told they are well. My Sister Esther

who is now visiting us unites with me & my
Elizth in love to my Sister Hannah. I am
with love to thyself & Wife in which
mine unites,

Thy assured Fr^d

James Moxham

No. of Bank Eng^d bill enclosed is 14589

April 25. 1835

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Thomas. Allen
Retreat
near York.
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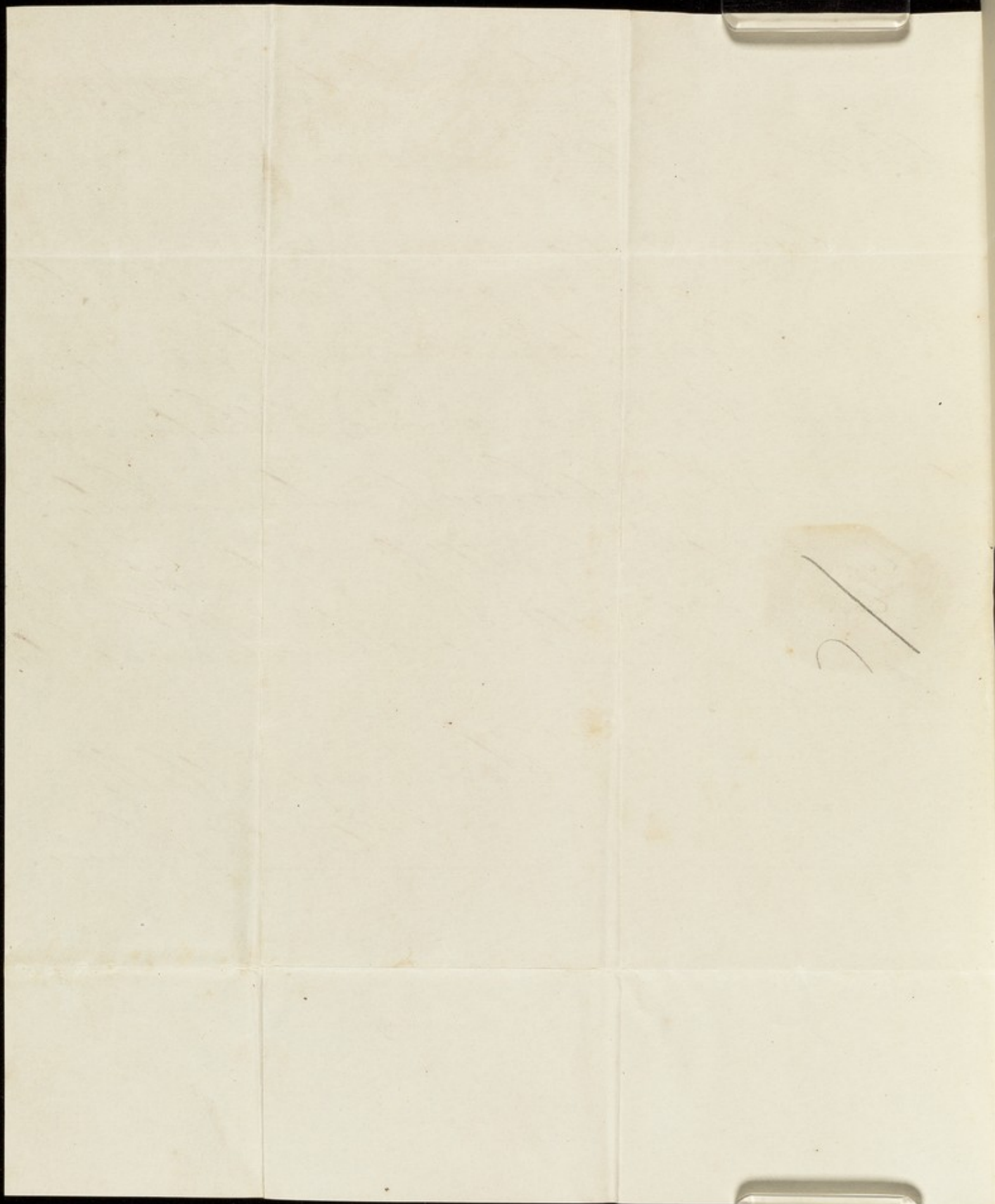
Manchester June 24, 1836

Mr Thomas, Ellis

Sir, I enclose you have a Bank
Post Bill, Twenty Five Pounds, for my
Course in Heywood's Books, to the present
period, which please to acknowledge?

My Mother, and Wife, write with me
in Love to her. We are all well, and hope
she is the same.

Yours respectfully,
Peter Bouverie.





P. Ryland
Apr 4

Mr. T. D. Allen
Brooklyn
New York

of paying Esther a visit & her other Bros would much
like to do so, as well as our dear Mother, but at present
our various engagements seem to offer but little prospect
of accomplishing such a journey —

I am sorry to send a very poor Act of the Bro.
J. Baird who I suppose cannot continue long —
Edmund told me yesterday that he continued to get
work — work — With kind regards to thy Wife
I am very truly thine

Bristol 9th Mo 30. 1830.

Respected Friend

Thomas Albee /

The above Act of our Age
of my Sister should have been handed thee much
earlier, but it has been unintentionally overlooked, which
I beg thou wilt excuse — Please offer our united
love to Esther & inform her we are all pretty well —
Our Brother Philip has been very ill this Spring, but
is pretty much recovered — If business should take
him to the North I am sure he will make a point

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our various engagements seem to offer but little prospect
of accomplishing such a journey —

I am sorry to send a very poor acct of my Bro
J. Baird who I suppose cannot continue long —
Edmund told me yesterday that he continued to get
worse & worse — With kind regards to my Wife
I am very truly Yours —

James Fiskell

Please tell Esther that her Bro Frederick is still in Spain
but out of reach of the War we hope — He does
not talk of returning at present, but sends us letters
frequently — last from Madrid — I conclude she
has heard of the death of my little infant daughter
about 10 weeks since, if not please inform her of it — She
was carried off in 24 hours by inflammation of the lungs —
I have now one little Boy — Philip the same & Alfred a

girl Mary — Esther will like to hear a good deal
of her old friends A. Frank — — Ann Dinsdale is
I am sorry to say very unwell with little or no
prospect of improvement — Martha Young her husband
lives with her now at Enniskerry — They are very well — but

Thomas. Ellis

Robert

Mr. G. M.

J. Luck
Esq.

the former frequently much overdone — Please acknowledge
remittance to my Mother at same time I hope
that will be able to send us a good life of my
Sister —

Returned Friend

As I have not any ^{direct} account
of my Wife since Sister A Rhodes left her in
Lodgings near you - I will feel greatly obliged
if thou will favour me with a few lines to
inform me how she is and has been while
at York - I have this day heard that some
Friend who had seen the Woman Friend ^{that} ~~who~~ she
is with, said the Friend could not do with her
longer than the Quarterly Meeting - but for what
cause I did not hear - and this gives me some
uneasiness - if she be well it is most likely
for her to come home - if no better than when
here it is very unlikely except a suitable
person with her to live with us - I do expect
some of our Relations will be at the 2 Meeting
and will settle any account against me
The circumstances attending my Wife leaving Home
this time has been ~~altogether~~ ^{altogether} strange and a source
of trial to me such as I little expected when first

I wrote thee on the subject trusting thou wilt
be so kind as write me as soon as possible

I am^m respectfully thy friend

Geo Emmott

Oldham

6th Mo 26-1836

MS It is impossible for me to leave home
(at least with any degree of prudence) at present
or for some weeks yet - or I would have gone
to York this week - please give my kind love
to my Wife

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you
love

My dear
John

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G. L. Burnett
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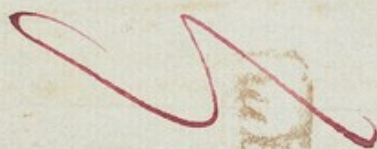
Thomas. Allis

Retreat

Mr York



paid



Esteemed Friend

Nov 10, 1836

Yr. v. l. l.

Thy very kind and acceptable letter dated Nov. 17, came duly to hand, the particulars it contained was very interesting. You all of which, we feel much obliged, a few days after, ^{our} Daughter received a letter from thee both, until then, we knew nothing of her having written to thee wherein she mentioned an instance of our dear son being exceedingly excited in riding with which we were very sorry to hear, but am willing to hope there might be a cause for such agitation though it might not be known just then which it was that had disturbed him. We also kindly remembered the difficulties we should or might experience at our advanced age, was we to remove our dear son, indeed, thy kindness to him and us, in many respects, has been that of a brother, but, was we to make a change in his situation, at any time, we should not think of taking such a step without an attendant, I hope at some time, my husband will

+ with my dear dear son were more out,
the bearer of these letters was a near neighbour,
and twice went to the Rectory with dear
John, also by this friend Jane has sent
her husband a dog in or more changed,
which hope he will like, should he wish to
have more than one dog, should be obliged
by some one getting him a few more
we hope John continues to ride as usual,
notwithstanding the circumstances there
there oblige too
So hoping to hear from you soon, I am
with love, in which, our daughter writes
thy friend Mary Foster

our dear Love
to thy wife and
H. Mansley

If suitable we should like this friend
to see you & son

We come to section, principally to try & see
what Mother & on my Rheumatic complaints,
my general Health is considerably improved,
and I sleep better
perhaps I am had better not know of us
being at the section,
I trust there will not be displeased at my
writing so much.

Mr Porter
Geo

James
Miss

Custom House
June 6./36

Sir,

I am sorry to find
the trouble of sending a
post certificate, but
they will not receive the
enclosed one as being
too insufficiently particular
besides not being rated
at — I send a

Form of the proper
certificate which
obliged to you to return
it to me properly signed
at your earliest
convenience

Yours truly
J. G. Duckington

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STUDENT

Leuchington
b/c

Respected friend

Monkhill ^{Sept 1th} 6 mo 9th 1836

Thomas Allis

I have enclosed a Cheque for

thirteen pounds 10^s being one quarter's advance on the 1st and

for the maintenance of our Daughter Margaret at

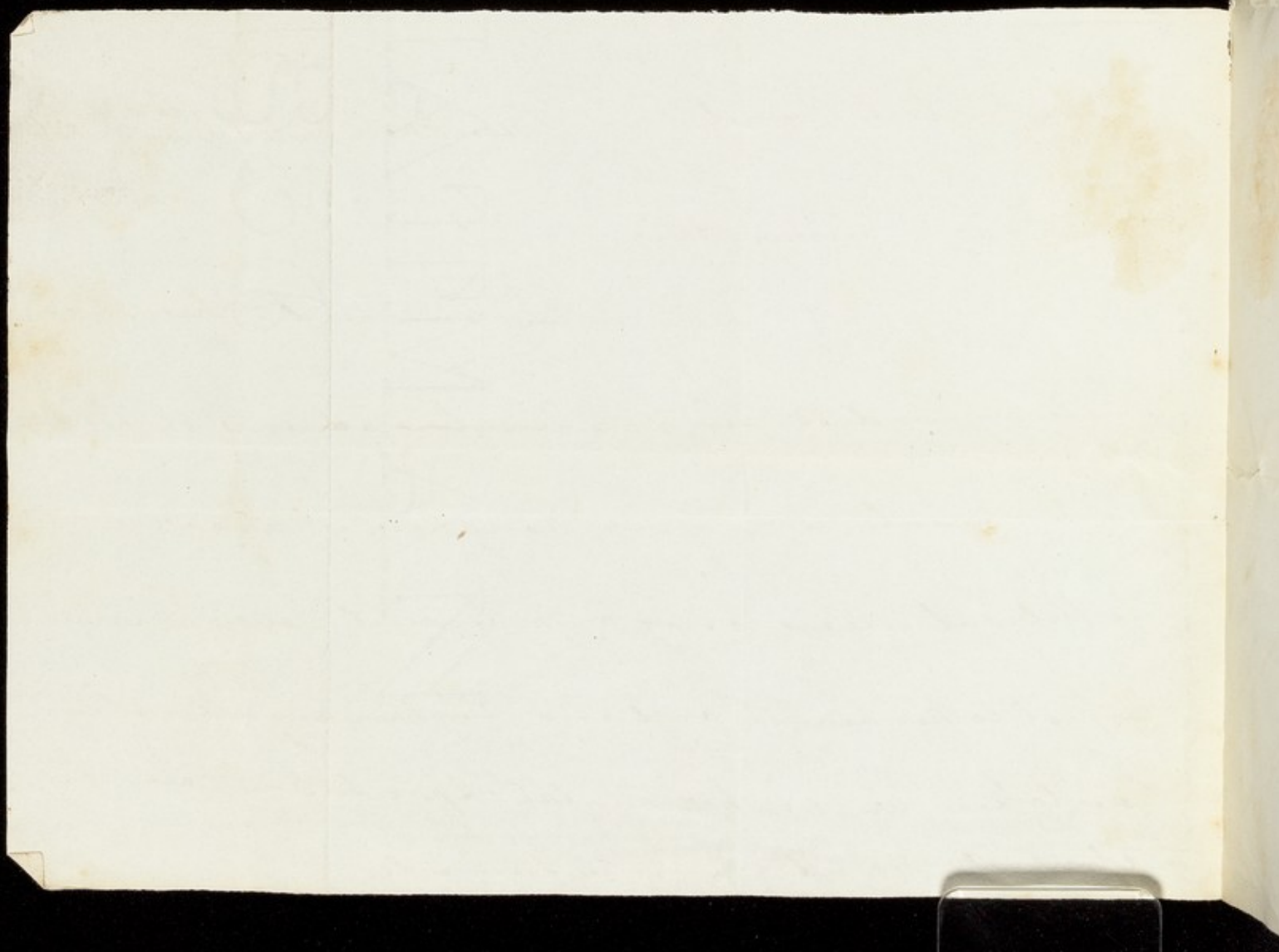
the Retreat please to say on the Receipt how she is with

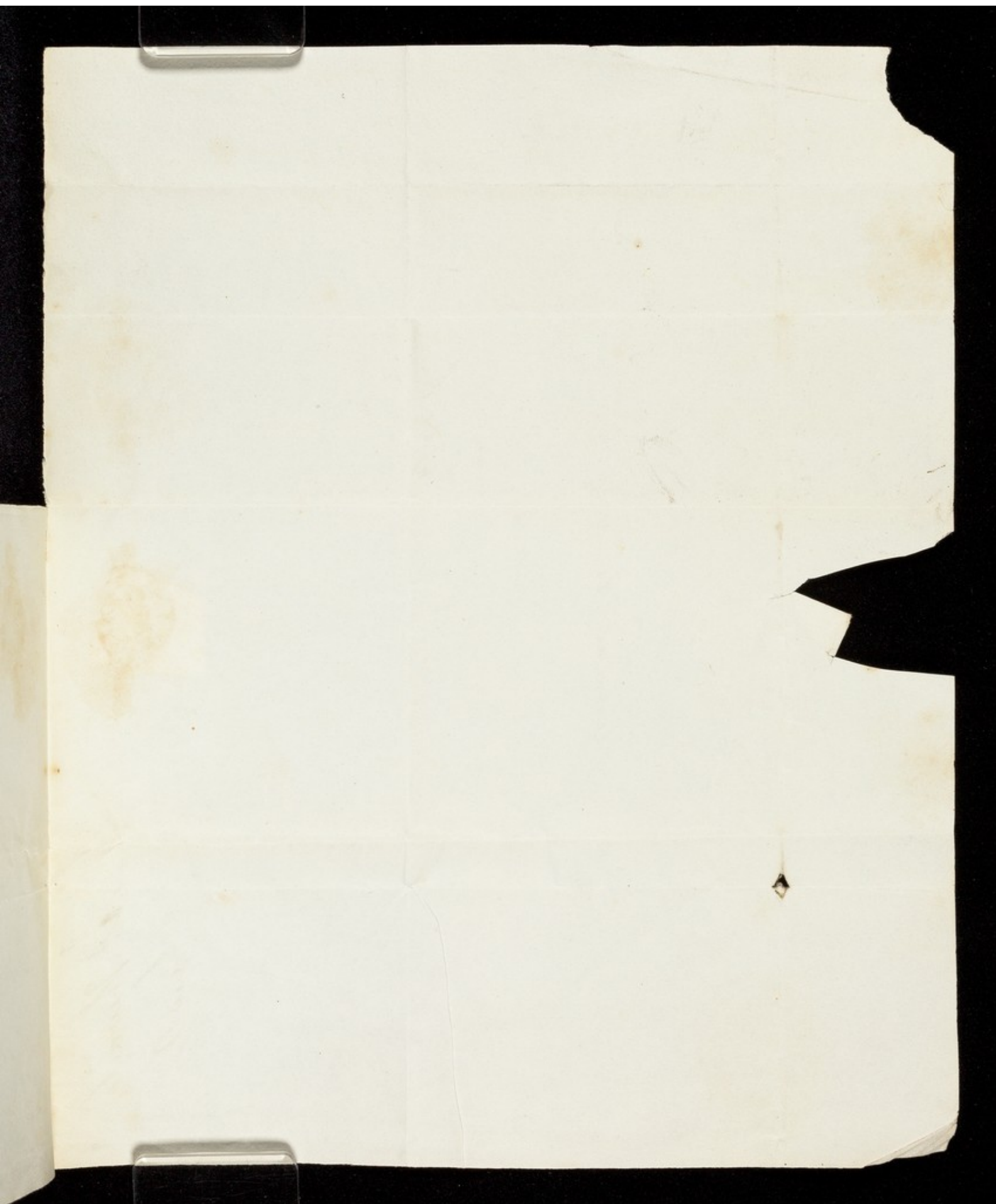
respect to her health and also whether any alteration

have taken place in her mental capacity I remain thy

Affectionate friend James Thwaite

Ms. has sent a Box for Margaret sometime ago





Thomas Allis

Retreat
near

York

Dr. Mearns
Quincy

RECEIVED

22
Bristol, 6th Month 15, 1836.

Respected Friend

I send the above Bill for £6. 15. 1
for amount of C. C. Lewis's account to 3rd Month 31st last —
Please acknowledge the receipt with the next account —

I remain

Thy respectful Friend

Back Hall

John Tanner

To Thomas Allis

Printed, London 1856

Superior Quality

For the above Price of 2s. 6d.

for a quantity of 1000 copies to be printed at the

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J. Lauer
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Thomas. Miss
At the Retreat near
York.



Leeds 8 June 1886

Sir

A Client of ours is under some difficulty how to act with respect to his wife who has become so habituated to intoxication that she must be put under some restraint.

She is a young woman perhaps a little above 30. She has been in the habit of drinking or is suspected so to have been, ever since, and even before she was married, which is about 5 years ago.

She has had several children but only one living and that is now sent away but she should do it some bodily injury. The child is about 5 yrs old and we think the eldest born.

She has several times threatened her husband with punishment as to strike him with the poker, - stab him with a knife, &c. and he has on one or two occasions been compelled in self defence to use force to restrain her.

She will, if not able to get wine or spirituous liquors, drink ale or beer and is supposed on many occasions to

588 Henry & Wheeler
have drunk a gallon of Beer in the day.

Her husband has for some time kept nothing but beer in the house and he has now determined not to keep even that.

He wishes now to put her under some restraint. The Medical man cannot certify that she is deranged though the husband says he is sure she is at times and he wishes to know whether she can under such circumstances be received into the retreat or appendage & at what expense per annum. He is not in affluent circumstances but in a respectable way of business as a shopkeeper.

We are told that you require the Certificates of 3 Medical men before you admit a Patient. — Does this apply to married women as against their husbands?

If she cannot be admitted can you suggest what should be done. Her husband has always treated her with kindness and wishes still to do so as far as is consistent with prudence.

The Superintendent
of the Retreat
York

We are Sir
Yours very respectfully
Paine & Edmonson

1850

Payne Hadden
Esq



The Superintendent
of the Retreat
New York



London 6th mo 25 1836

Esteemed Friend
Samuel Luke

An account amounting to £54. 18. 3
due to York Retreat on behalf of Samuel Wallis
Ingersoll & Ann Wallis has been handed to my
father as treasurer of Peel Monthly Meeting
for payment. It appears by it that Credit
has not been given for the sums paid in 1834
to Palmer (Delafosse & Co. ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{thy} account
The same mistake was made in handing
the bills last year. I immediately called
on Palmer & Co who promised to write thee on
the subject. As that appears not to have been
done & the claim has again been made
I beg to refer thee to their account as under
On the 27th of 10^{mo} 1834 I paid for A Wallis { 12. 3. 8
" " " " " Ingersoll { 13. 17. 9 -
23rd of 7th mo 1835 - " - ^{do. 186} { 17. 7. 3
" " " " " A Wallis { 12. 11. 3
Yesterday I have paid the current acc^{ts} A Wallis { 13. 2. 6
Ingersoll { 15. 14. 4
which I trust will be found correct
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Shou will please be kind enough to have
the account corrected. If ~~any~~ there be any
thing to prevent it, please to let me know

I remain with sincere esteem

Thy friend

W. Clay Jr

23 Skinner Street

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Wm C Ly Jr
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Samuel Tuck
York.

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Respected Friend /

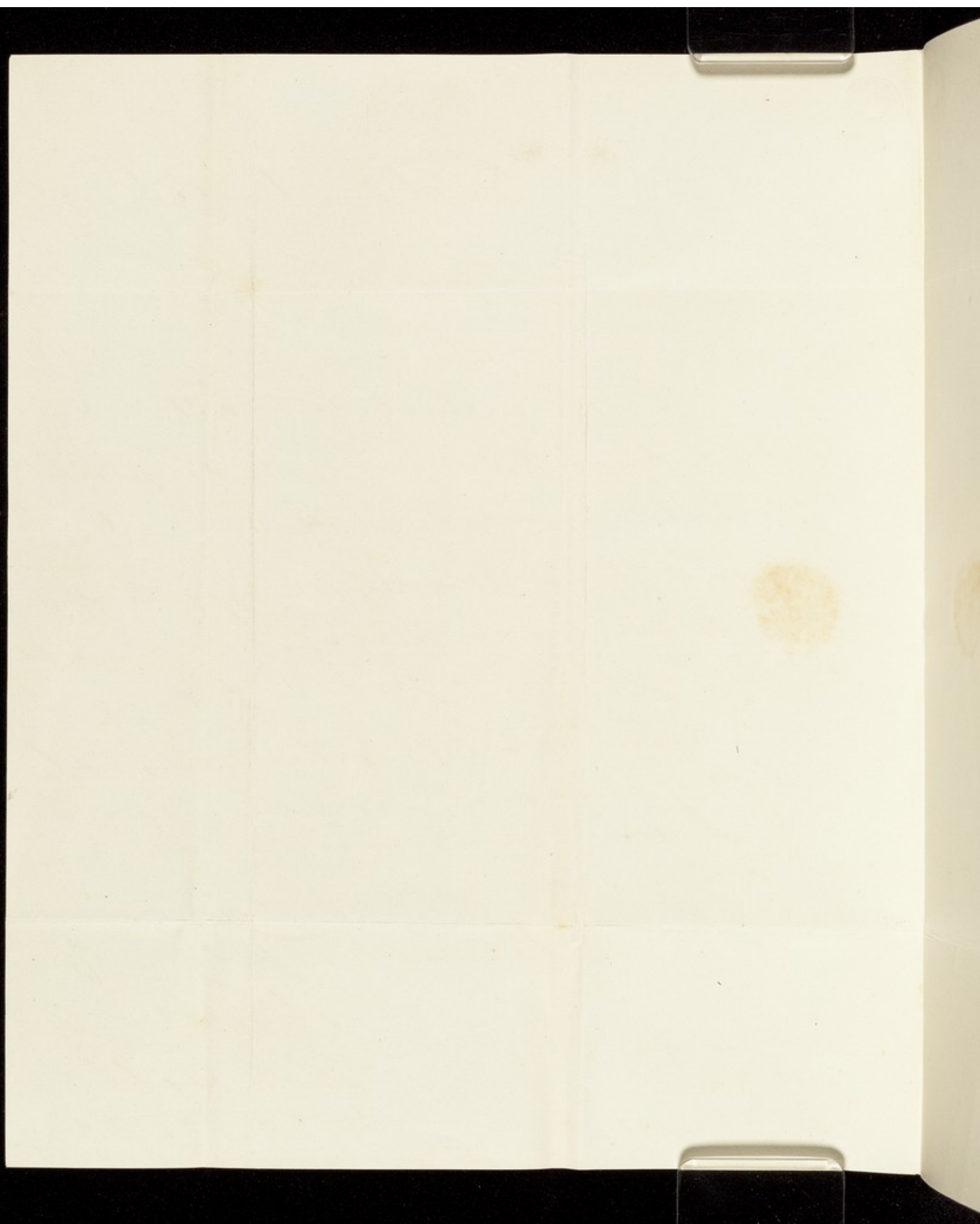
The enclosed bill £31-10-5-
will discharge I Hudsons acct. the receipt
of which please acknowledge. I am
requested by our Monthly Meeting to desire
that you send us the acct half yearly, or
at the latest once a year in future.

The notice of the "bill delivered" at the
head of your acct was never received
by us, otherwise it would have been
duly paid —

I am respectfully

Yrs for

Thos. Hall





J. Hall
6/5.

EXETER
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Thomas Ellis
Retreat
York

Bristol Jan. 22. 1836

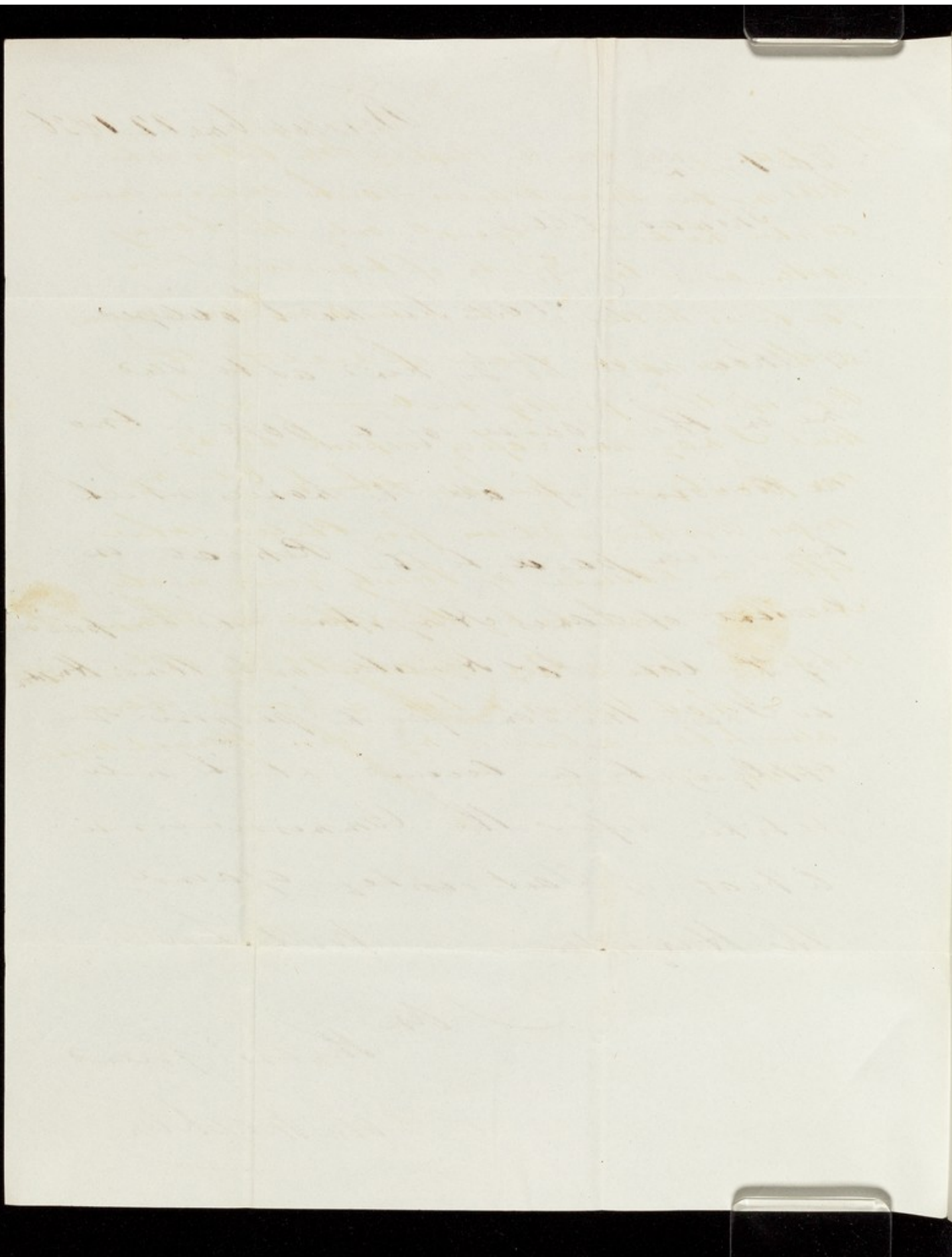
Dear Friend

Thomas Allis.

I shall be much obliged
if thou wilt be so kind as to send
me in the course of a post or two
an account of all the monies which
have been paid to the Refractor on
account of James Hingston whether paid
by the late Jas. Hingston or by Thomas Hingston
as I want the same for the purpose of
applying to an account which will
be taken before the Commissioners in
a Petition of Bankruptcy against
Thos. Hingston — With Love

Thy ass. friend

John Wexham



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P.S. I have just seen thy nephew John Ellis who
tells me his Uncle Francis Naish continues much
as when he arrived except only the having
gotter over the Effects of travelling & so
far he is better — His sister Mary also remains
in the same poor state of health. the
Rest of them pretty well — as I
think I may now safely report all my
own family — We have John & Coleridge
trifles Brother with us from Philadelphia
after an absence of Twenty Years in ill
Health & come to by the Effect of Change
with his son a Boy of abt 12 Yrs old.

I shall be glad to hear of your Welfare
also to have an hint of my Cousin Harriet Mayhem
H. R. Newman

My dear
6/22-

PAID
TO
BRISTOL

Thomas Ellis

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Mr York

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BRISTOL
JUN 22
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Scotchar June 9th 1836.

Dear Sir,

As it is now a long time since we have heard anything of my Sister, your letter, for which we return our best acknowledgments, containing the latest account that we have received, we will be much obliged by your favouring us with a line to inform us of her present state. We have not written to her for a considerable time, as we wished to know how she was before writing, & we have been in expectation of hearing from you for the last week or two. We will consider it a great kindness if you will write to us about once a month, as you are the only medium through which we hear of her. Should it be

thought that a visit from any member of her
~~her~~ family would be likely in the smallest
degree to conduce to her comfort, we will
most readily come over to see her.

My Mother & Brother unite with me in kind
regards to you,

I remain, Dear Sir,
yours respectfully,

Ab^m Fisher.

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July,

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Mr Fisher
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WESTWICK

Mr Thomas Allen

York.

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Raokenstall 6mo 10th 1836.
Esteemed Friends.

Samuel Luke

I am desired by Daniel Binns of Cravenshawbooth to inform thee that his son Henry Binns, a young man aged 21, a member of Marsden Monthly Meeting is afflicted with a disorder of the mind and that he is desirous of placing him in the Retreat as speedily as possible, as he is very unmanageable. He began to be unwell on the 8th inst. He had an attack, although only a slight one in comparison to this, two or three years ago. DB would like a person to be sent for him, and perhaps the best way will be by the Preston Coach from Leeds to Burnley which latter place is only 5 miles from Cravenshawbooth. The Coach leaves Leeds at 7 o'clock A.M. and arrives at Burnley at Noon. If we are informed when the person can be at Burnley some one can meet him there, either with Henry

to return immediately in the Coach
to Leeds, or to bring him (the person sent)
forward to Cravshawbooth -

Please direct to me
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near Manchester.

I am respectfully
Your friend
John King.

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John
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Samuel Luke

Haste.

Henry
Giles

London 6th of 6th Mo 1836

Esteemed Friend

Thomas Allis

I should be obliged by thy informing me whether any Will of the late Jane Begg has been found. This information is necessary before her Brother can administer. Please also to send me the Bill for her board ^{her} up to the time of her death - Wm Manley handed me the years Bill up to the 31st of 3rd Mo. but I want the Bill from that time to her death - Also of the funeral expenses. I suppose her Clothes are of little or no Value and that they belong to the Institution

I am thy affectionate friend

John Sanderson

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J. Sanderson
Cp -

John H. Thompson

Thomas Allen

Retreat

near York

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Resp. Frd.

Thomas Allis

I recd. thy letter on the subject of some clothing for my Brother James - and I may inform thee that when he left here, there were some things which wanted washing & repairing which we thought of sending after him - but when they came to be examined, it was found they were very little worth. -

Therefore, I think it will be the best way for you to get him any things you find he is in want of, & send in your acf for them to the Overseers, along with the acf. for his Board.

I will thank thee to give my love to James, and inform him

that his Father, his Brother &
Sisters are all well, & desire
their love to him. —

Remain, Sincerely
Thy Frd. &c.
Aaron Nodal

P.S. If any material
alteration takes Place with
James, I will thank to acquaint
us with it. —

Ardwick, Manch^r.

6mo. 28th. 1836

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Chas.
W. Waring

Thomas Allis
Retreat
New York

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Brighthouse w. Halifax, 7th mo 27th 1836-

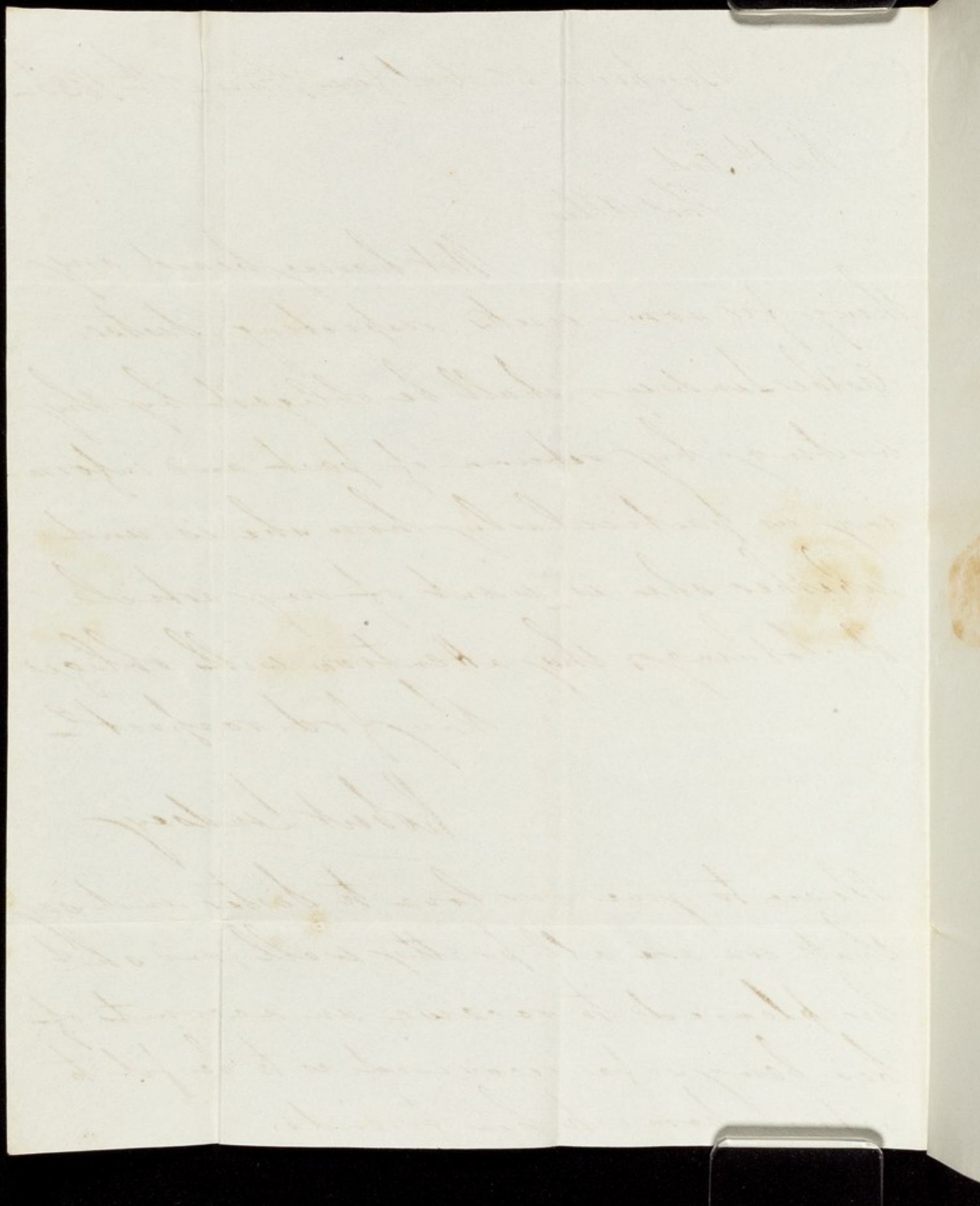
Respect^l Frd

Thos. Allis

Not having heard any
thing for some weeks, respecting Sister
Esther Lindsey, shall be obliged by thy
writing by return of post and inform-
ing us particularly how she is, and
whether she is ⁱⁿ want of any article
of clothings, thy attention will oblige
thy frd respect^l

Robert Lindsey

Please to give our love to Sister and say
that we are all pretty well; and sh^d
be pleased to receive an account of
her being so far recovered as to be fit to
return home to her friends.



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Thomas. Ellis
Westington
N. York.

Post Paid

H.A.
JUL 27
1826

July 1st.
Wednesday.

Dear Sir,

Edinburgh
Melville Place

My engagements with other matters have prevented me from answering your last letter earlier. I hope you will receive the enclosed safely. I am happy to hear, that R. M. G. is better, and I trust he will continue to improve. Present my compliments to him; & say, that all his friends are well.

To Mr. Thos. Allis.
York.

Yours very sincerely
G. Cathcart.



Wm. H. Smith

Adm. 1/2

To Mr Thomas Allen,
York.



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Blackburn
7/28



To the Superintendent

I desire thou wilt
be so kind as to inform me of the present
state of my son Henry Bonins, as my
wife is very anxious to know, if he
has in want of any thing I desire thou
wilt be so kind as to furnish him
with it & place it to my account,
being sent of in a Bundle. he perhaps
may not have every thing necessary
I am sorry to inform thee he has rather
ruptured you would find a belt in the
Box if you think it necessary may
apply it

we all unite with kind love to him
but perhaps it will not be prudent to
inform him wishing for his speedy reco-
-very so I remain with love

Daniel Benno

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Craushawbooth 7th Mo 7 1836
near Burnley
Lancashire

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J. Birns
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Thomas Ellis
Superintendent
of the Retreat
near York
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Sheffield 7 Mo 11 1846

Respected Friend

Will be oblig'd if thou
wilt let me have the latest B. L.,
act as we want to get his affairs
settled as soon as possible.

Thine respectfully
Edw. J. Davey

J. Hawley
7/11 -

Thomas Alice
Retreat
York



Thompson has got arrived a chkr for the
usual sum, to pay Mary Ann half
yr Board. Please advise & say how she
is in health

Harrogate 6 July 1836 -

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JOHN MORRIS



J. Thompson
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Mr Sam Luke
Tr Dealer
York



Respected F
Thos. Allis

Whitby 7 M^o 18th 1836

I rec^d thy Letter this Morning
with respect to Sister Marys Cloaths I wish
to have them sent to me. as my sister the only
one I have living who has a family of children
and in very poor circumstances will be of ser-
vice to them. If thou canst convenient send them
to the whitby Warehouse. by 4 Day will be in
time to save the waggon which will be here
this week. Our respects to self & H^r Parents by

Thy Aff^o John Webster

P.S. Please both our Loves to Cousin Henry
Direct the Parcel same as the Letter





J. Webster
1/18

Post Paid
Thomas Allis

Retreat

near York

Post Paid

(1/18)

Stockton 11/7th 1836 —
Respected Friend

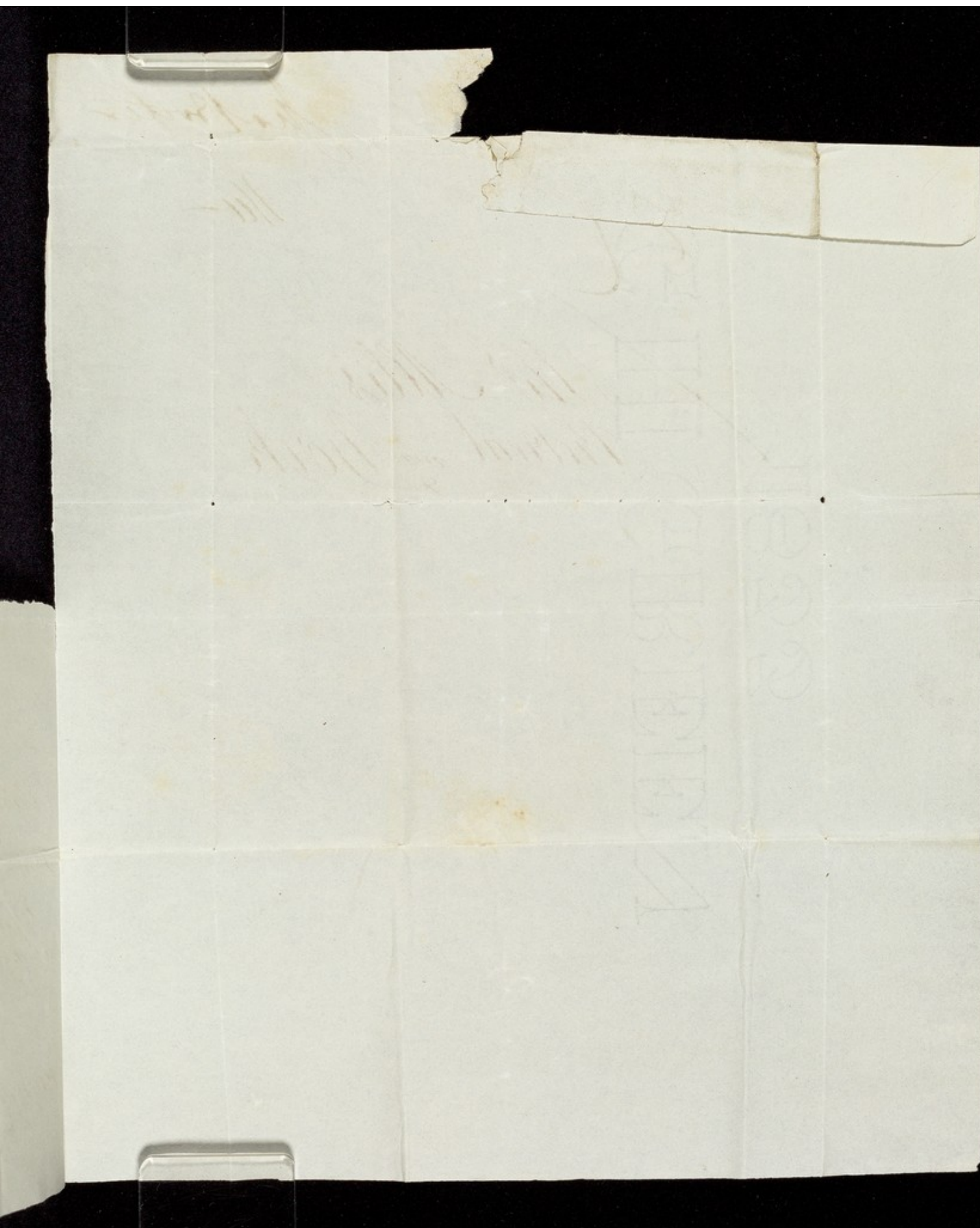
Above is a Draft for the amount of
Bill enclosed say £36.17.

I feel obliged by the kind information respecting
our dear Son, a continuance of which Monthly, or as
occasion requires will be acceptable. I remain Respectfully

Yours Friend
John Crocker

P.S. We are glad John amuses himself in any way that
is suitable.





John Broder

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The Allis
Retreat near York



Estimated Friend / Hackett, N. H. 1, 1836
J. Allis

It is very far from wishing to
increase thy trouble, knowing thy numerous
engagements, and as it is, I think, five weeks
yesterday since the receipt of a letter from thee,
we begin to feel anxious to have some particulars
from thee respecting our dear Son, amongst
other things, hope his health is good,
when thou writes, please to say if he wants
any thing, if he continues to wear a Straw Hat
in warm weather, will be much obliged by
him having a new one, if he have not yet
got one, as we should like him to be decent
and neat in his clothing.

Hope thyself and family are all well,

with much respect thy friend Mary Moulton

My dear love to thy wife and
to Hensley, not forgetting

thy Elizabeth - my Husband & Jane is from home

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My dear Mr. [illegible]

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

Yours faithfully

Mr Porter
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Thomas Mies
near York

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Laughton June 22nd 1836

Respected friend
 Tho^s. Ellis

Anne's send thee a Bk Post Bill
 for \$35.79 on acct of James Washburn's Exp^s at
 the Retreat to June 30. 1836 — please acknowledge
 rec^d.

Thy friend very respy
 Francis Sumner

York, Retreat



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TOUGHBOURNE
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Thomas Allis
Retreat

York

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J. Bennett
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Respected friend

Halifax - / Dec 17. 1835

Fallij,

At my Parents request I write
they wishing to know whether their son Henry Peirce
is fit to return home, they are particularly anxious
to know - Mother had been here, intending very soon
for him, after a little conversation we both thought it
best to write, wishing to know the above, thy early
attention will much oblige

Respectfully thy friend

W Peirce

P.S. Write as before to Concord Mass

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7/17 -



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Thomas Allen
York

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Respected Friend
Thomas Allis

Sudbury June 15
1836

As neither my Sister Hannah
or myself have heard from her Son Henry
for nearly two months, we should feel
much obliged if thou wilt give either
us, as much information respecting him
as thou wilt care, as well as your Medical
Attendants opinion of his probable im-
provement, which we much anticipated
from the accounts soon after he first went

I expect there is some arrears
of payment, which thou can mention
when writing and I will see and get
them paid to order.

If thou should think proper to inform
Henry of my writing give my love to him

as well as Mothers, who I have just
been to see, and she wishes Henry to
write if thou thinks him sufficient
well. Waiting thy reply I remain
thy friend William Bass

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My dear
Mr.

Wm. R.

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Wm Bass.
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Wm Bass.
Thomas & Alice
Retreat, York
Yorkshire
Paid



Mr Ellis

Dear Sir The former part
of this, which is addressed to my son, I will
thank you to deliver to him. And I now beg
to return you my best thanks for the information
which you have communicated to me concerning him.

I shall be glad to learn from you what
are the opinions which the medical practition-
ers at the retreat entertain respecting the state
of my son's health, & the probability
of his recovery. — Perhaps when you
write next you may send me the quarters
accounts, which I shall like to receive in
time & I must request you to inform me
how you wish the money to be paid for
I have forgotten the instructions you gave
me on that subject when I saw you in Nov.
I shall only add, that it will give
me pleasure to hear from you at any, &
at all times I am Dear Sir
Yours truly J. Jones

J. Jones
7/18-

Mr. William R. Smith
New York
Paid

OS 9
JUN 18
1836



Spool 21st of 7^{mo}: 1835.

Esteemed Friend

I now hand thee a Bill
for £13.6.6 which with the sum of £7.16/-
paid to Mary Smith on account of your
Monthly Meeting will settle in full for
our three patients we have had at the
 Retreat, two of whom only are living.

The receipt please acknowledge.

The disbursements on g. Eleanor Dickinson
£2.2.1 are considerable, is it for clothing?

With respect to the few things
belonging to Sarah Threlkeld, I am a little
at a loss to give any direction, as I do not
know of what description they are, but
should they be articles of clothing I
should say divide them between Ann Stanton
& Eleanor Dickinson, if they can make any
use of them; if there be a watch or any
thing else available, I should say set it
plain the amount to the cost of funeral
expenses.

Thy friend
B. Hudson

Wm. Allen
York.

J. Hadwen
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Norman Allen
The Architect
New York

Pro Printing

Westfield Place West Street Sheffield 27 of 7. Mo.
1836

Respected Friend

I now write to say things
left of my Brothers may be sent
directed for me to James Darrys
Print Market

I remain respectfully
thy friend
Sarah Pland

S. B. Knapp
N.Y.



Thos. Allis
Retreat
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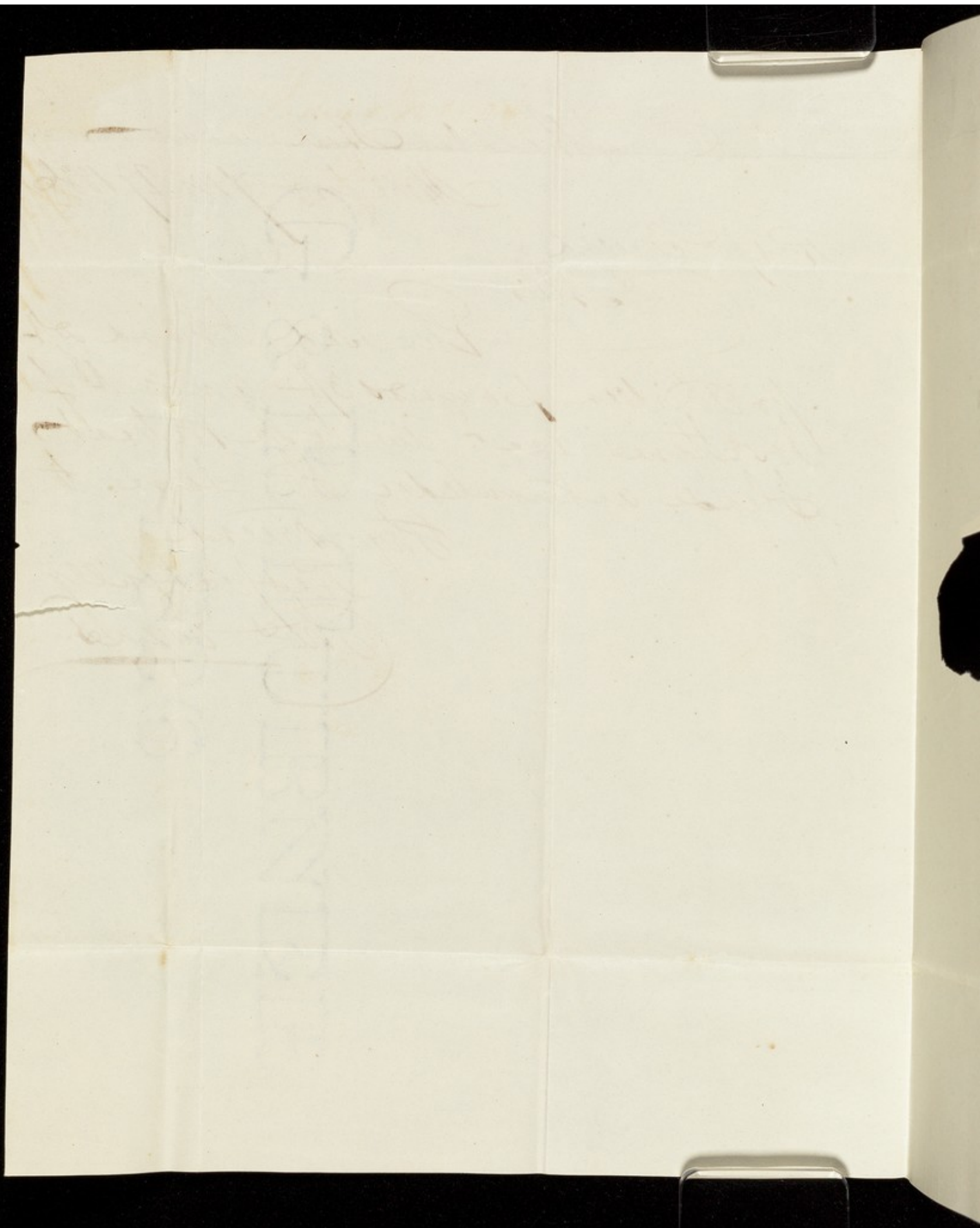
Sthelston Hill near
Hereford 7th Mo 29. 1836

Res^d Friend

Thos Ellis

Enclosed I hand off
for Thirteen pounds 3^d amount of
Jos Stones acct due to the Retreat
please acknowledge the same to

Thy friend
Respectfully
Thos Evans.



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Shaw Evans
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Thos. Ellis
The Retreat
No 100 York-

RECEIVED
JAN 10 1847

Foley
July 15, 1836

Dear Sir

Mr. Dawson has forwarded to
me your Letter to him -

On my Return home from this
Place, I will see what Money
the Committee has then in his
Hands, and the Amount shall
be remitted to you; but I fear
until the Estates of Mrs. Thomson's
Brother are all sold and the
Purchase Money paid, the
Committee will not have the
Means of discharging the

Lunatic's Account with the
Retreat in full.

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Yours very truly

L. R. Alexander

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P.S. Should you have the opportunity, oblige me by informing my Friends Mr. Gray & Professor Phillips that I am now sojourning with my family at Fitch, and shall remain for nearly three weeks longer - that there are several comfortable lodgings at present engaged, and that I should much rejoice if they could visit Fitch during my stay here -

E. A. Alexander
7/15

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Mr Thomas Ellis

The Retreat

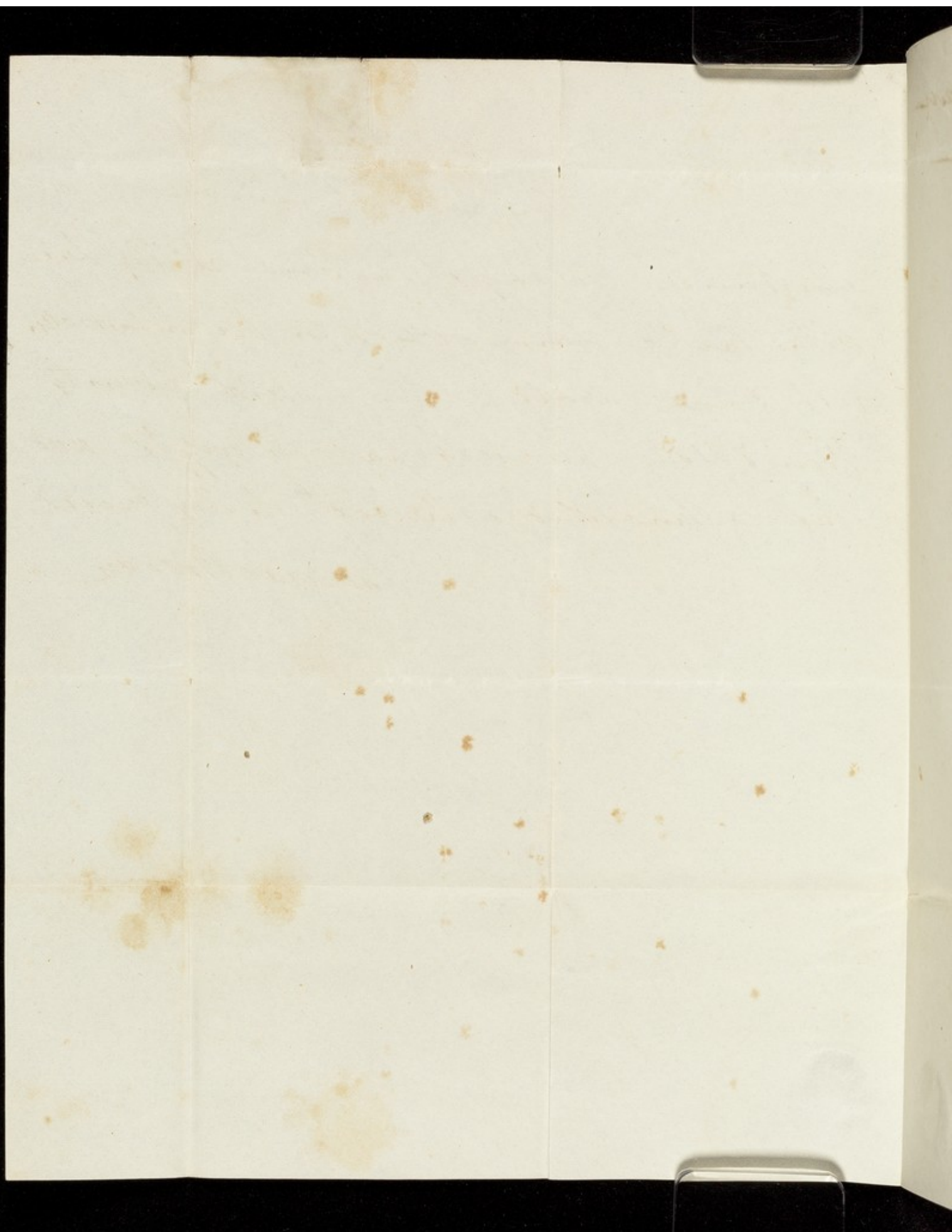
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Thos. Miller
his friend

(Circular is 13th of 7th mo 1896

intended to have made a
visitance to day if I had not re. My letter
with the ⁹/_c I am obliged for the information
not read Sarah — The inclosed Twenty
Pound Note please to pass to my ⁹/_c and
just acknowledge the rec^t. to my friend
Thomas Brown



See back
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The Brown
7/13 -

Dr. Brown
Thomas Allen
Weston

Worth

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Respd. Friend

Thos. Allen

I received thy letter with a statement
of my wife's acct. and above is a cheque for
the balance £6.10.1. She is often complaining
of her stomach or indigestion and writes
with me in kind remembrance to thee
and family with Hannah Ponsonby

Thy Friend

Thos. Galilee





J. Galits
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Thomas Alice

Retreat

near York



Bath July 13th 1836.

Respected Friend

As I intend writing my
brother Edmund in America in a few days and
being anxious to convey to him some information
relative to my poor brother Henry at the York Retreat
I shall feel obliged by sending the general state of
his bodily health with that of his mental faculties—
A gentleman named Lloyd with his wife I saw a
few days ago who said he had seen ^{him} within this year
& a half and that he was then much the same as
he had been for some time past— I'm replying to the
above at an early convenience will much oblige
Please give my kind love to him accepting the
same myself

I remain

very respectfully—

C. Peckover

T. Thomas Ellis—

P. T. C

P.S. I should like to know if my brother's Pro-
-perty is now regularly placed in the Lord Chan-
-cellor's Trust & settled.

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C. Peckner
7/13-

Thomas Ellis
York Retreat
Yorkshire



Respected Friend

Will thou please be so kind as to pay when
thou writes which I hope will be soon when
thy my dear Husband was pleased with his
bake & my letter as it is a great disappointment
me when thou writes that thou does not red me this much

St
James Mair
New York

my letter was written in a spirit
of my Husband when he took
the remittance



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Esteemed Friend Saturday Twentieth day

We received thy kind letter
this morning, by some of its
contents, there appears to be a
misunderstanding of my letter,
I think it mentioned that the
case to our dear son had been
made some time in expectation
of us going from home
in consequence of its being made
so long, his wife wished him to
begin of it on receiving it,
only to reside some for his
Birth day, we thought if he

He did not begin of the cake
until his birth day ^{the 27} it might
be I failed by its being left,
I am with much respect

O Henry Baile

Wm Baile
Yours

Carlisle 25th Mo. 27th 1834

Dear Friend

Wm. Allen

I perceived yours of the 24th with much satisfaction - and have embraced the first opportunity in complying with the wish of my dear Wife, in writing to herself and giving her information on those subjects in which she requested it.

Since I received the letter from Caleb Williams in which he said that "she left my dear Wife knew about home and its concerns the better it was for her" - I have carefully abstained from entering into the detail of any of my domestic concerns for her information, and I should be truly sorry if the perusal of the enclosed letter should tend in the least degree to unsettle her mind - which it is gratifying to believe has been improving of late - and I hope that she can now review things rather more through their proper medium - But if you perceive that it has a hurtful effect - or in any measure is likely to retard

her progressive improvement, if thou wilt
be kind enough to inform me in thy next
I shall be glad to attend to thy suggestion.

Thou didst not mention in either of
thy letters if the parcel of Remnants of silk
came to hand - and if it could fetch any
remarks from my dear Wife. - If she
should be induced to write me a few lines
it may be sent her. - tho' I apprehend -
I shall soon have a summons to Appleby
on account of my Brother's illness increasing
again of late - and of which his medical
attendants has an unfavourable opinion.

I hope I need not apologise for the trouble
of this letter - I remain with love

thy affect^d friend

Wm. Sturdy

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No
Mrs. Ellis
Retreat
near York

LIST



23 Meredith St July 19, 1836

Mr Ellis

London

My

We received your letter of 12th.
We have been long waiting to hear
from you, — respecting the watch and
clothes you ad must better dispose of
them, there is no one the wiser side
in London, and any surplus you
will have the goodness send the
balance to Mr. P. —

And you will oblige
your respectful friend
J. E. Pike

N.B. we are going to remove to 29 Abchurch Lane
the end of this month

Clarkwell
London

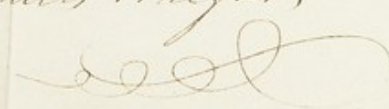
W. E. Pike
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Dear Sir,

I wish to inform thee that my Son
David Wright apprentice at Chat Lix's Haverhill Suffolk
having been ill for three or four weeks has now evident
marks of derangement of Intellects we have therefore thought
it necessary to have him put under the good management
of the Retreat in hopes that by the judicious treatment of that
Institution he may enjoy the advantage of the best remedy for
that afflicting Disorder - His may I think be termed a
very mild, though by no means an ambiguous state of the
Disease, the illness being merely symptomatic of a considerable
derangement of the nervous system, operating on the Intestinal
Canal as well as on the Intellectual Organs - An obstinate
Constipation of bowels had existed for some days before I was informed
of it - and as it was accompanied with symptoms of aberration
of Intellect to a considerable degree it was supposed by the
Medic. Attendant to be an extraordinary case - they therefore
had recourse to the usual treatment of Inflammation of the brain
by leeching blistering, Cataplasms of Mustard & attempts to purge &c.
& after an almost daily administration of Glysters &c. the bowels have
given way and some copious evacuations have been produced for
some days, but again the Constipation has recurred, & only this

morning has a very copious evacuation occurred, after several days
costiveness — and the supposed delirium has become absolute
Lunacy and appears to require that sort of treatment which he
can obtain only in a place where suitable attendance can be
afforded — and this being resorted to we are in hopes that a
short time will be sufficient to restore the supremacy of Reason
and its consequent comforts — Will thou be kind enough to put
us in the way of receiving the earliest and best instructions
how to proceed in the case that we may lose no time —
I think of coming with him myself, as he pays a good
deal of respect to my opinion & authority at times — and as
we have talk'd of taking him home to Kettering he will not
soon perhaps suspect us of going any where else — We shall
continue at Haverhill till 4th day when we intend leaving
it for Kettering so that except the letter be sent by return of
post it had better be addressed F. Wright, Chemist, Kettering North^{ham}
if by return of post address Isaac Wright Haverhill Suffolk
for F. Wright of K^{ettering}.

I am with love in which my M^{rs}. unites
Thy assured Friend

Francis Wright


Haverhill Suffolk
Jan. 15th 1837

P.S. The Medical Attendant is of the same opinion
as myself

J. Wright
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W. P. P.

Sam'l. Luke

or the Governor of the State

York.



Scatollar July 15th /36.

Dear Sir,

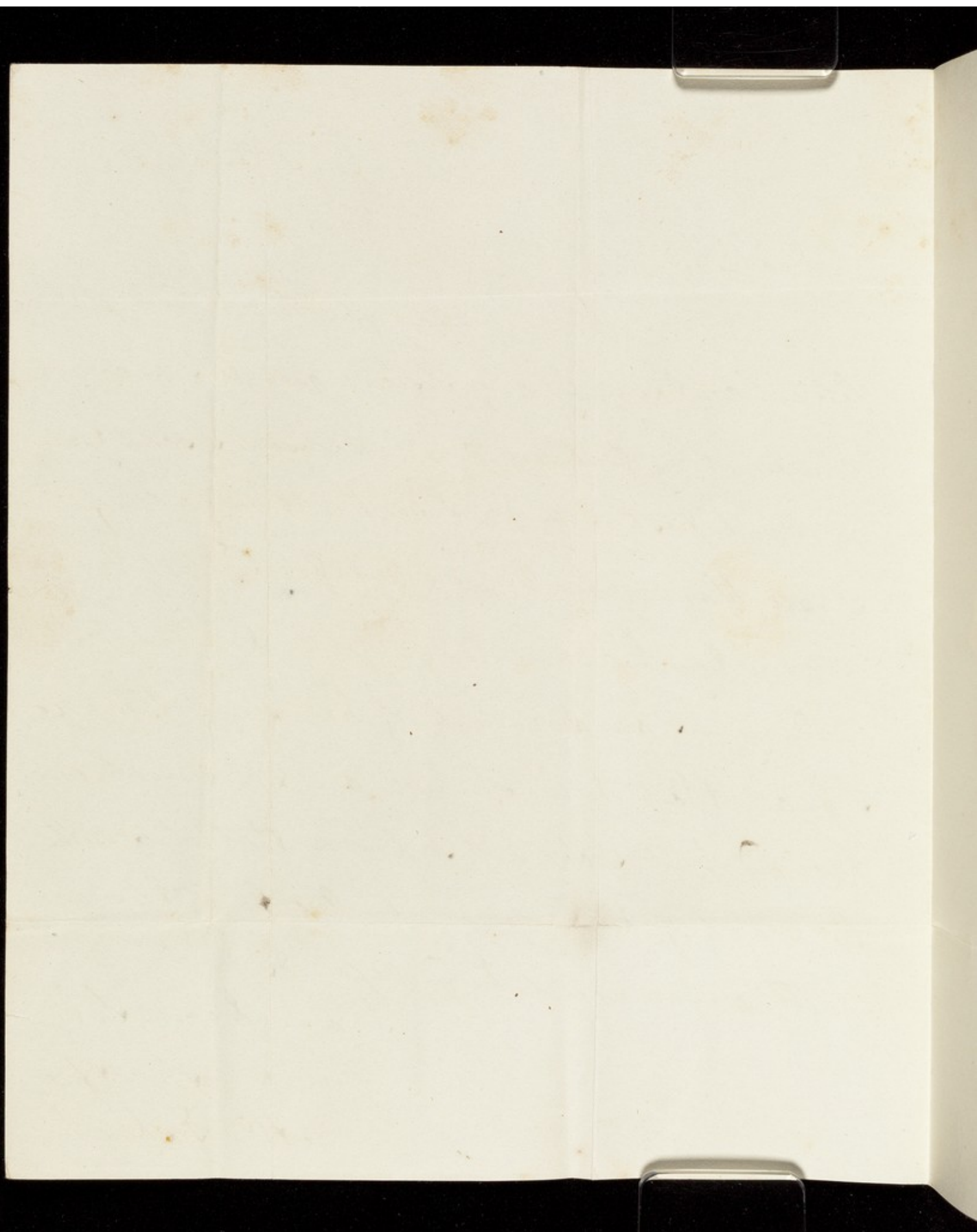
We were duly favoured with your letter containing my Sister's quarter's account, amounting to £44.8.4, enclosed I send you a Bank Post Bill for £50, the remainder of which I will thank you to give her for Pocket Money.

I also beg to acknowledge your kindness in sending us an account of her some time ago. I fear that her spirits are not much improved, but I do not suppose that it is within the reach of human power to afford her relief.

With our united kind regards,

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I am, Dear Sir,
Yours respectfully,
H. Fisher





Alm Fisher
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Mr. Thomas Allen

York.



Simerick 8th mo 19th 1836

Thomas Allen

Esteemed Friend

Annexed I have Proven
Bank of Ireland bill on Spooner, & Wood & Co
London, thy favour to be placed to Credit of my bill
On account to whom please remember us aff

Adieu my Sincere friend

John Bell

John Dells
8/19

Thomas, Miss
Retreat
York



To

Whitby, 24 of Dec. 1836.

Thos. Ellis

Esteemed friend

Through Joseph Sanders
I have this day received from Samuel Tucker
as Treasurer of the Retreat his Check
on the York City & County Banking
Company for three hundred and
twenty two pounds, said amount
arising from the Effects of my
late Sister Mary Webster, to
whose Estate my Sister Ann Pratt
and myself have jointly administered.

I received the clothes duly, I am
obliged by thy attention in forwarding
them. I regret my omission in not
having earlier acknowledged the recd.

I am very respectfully

Y^r friend

John Webster

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Wetley, 24 of 8 mo. 1836.

Mrs. Ellis
Esq. Sir.

Having ascertained that all
was right with John Webster in regard to the
administration I paid over the check to
him agreeable to the annexed acknowl-
ement, I am respectfully

thy friend
Joseph Sanday

J. W. Eaton
June 24.



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Thos. Ellis
Retreat
near York

Esteemed Friend

Stockton 8 M^o 31, 1836

J. Ellis

By this days Waggon we have forwarded a suit of cloaths and a new Hat for our dear Son, the quantity sent is by his Tailors measure a few years since, when we were at York, we thought his coat Staves would have looked better if they had been a little longer, as the motion of the Arms generally makes them run up. The Tailors measure for waist coat is $48\frac{1}{2}$ yds, but, being so frequently washed, makes them shrink very much, as such have sent $1\frac{1}{8}$ more, I thought if it was turned in at the shoulders instead of the bottom it would be better, if it was at the bottom, it would not be all alike when let out, will be obliged by Johns cloaths being made again the Quarterly meeting and then writes, please say how Johns Hat fits him, and how he likes it and his Cloaths.

The articles are sent in a Box

Some particulars of thy letter gave us much
concern respecting the excited state of our dear
son, which thou alludes to, it was kind of thee
taking him with thee, but it is much to be
regretted that he went thither,

I am sorry that my relations took E. Matthews
to see our son, perhaps it might be better
not to introduce any young females to
him as it appears to have a hurtful tendency.
I think our friend R. Briggs had understood
wrong made him represent things to my
father which induced him to write to thee,
it is as much our opinion as mine or any
person else that it would be highly unwise
to take him much about & exposing
him: our idea was merely this, to remove
him to some pleasant retired situation
with an allowance solely to try what a
change would do, had it been suitable,
this was what we had in view
if John have not a fit, we hope thou will
be kind enough or let some of thy family
go on one or more

John can now wear his old H&K every
day when his Shew one is unsuitable
we are much obliged to thee for all
thy kindnesses a many ways compared

with our united Love
Thy friend

our dear Love to
Thy wife and
F. H. Pennington

Mary Procter

Procter
8/31-

Thomas C. C. C.

Rebeck

near

York



Respected Friend
please be so kind as to say if my dear
Husband takes any interest in the
States & may my letter and please do
write soon to James Procter

Oldham 8th Mo 11 - 1836

Respected Friend

I duly rec^d by this morning's post
thy letter of yesterday - I intend to go over to Shaw this
afternoon to inform E Hall of its contents - thy
other letter did not come to my hands

It is very pleasant to hear that my wife is so
much improved & I hope it will continue
my peculiar situation makes it desirable
for her to be at home yet for her own
comfort I hope you will be satisfied
of her being well before she leaves you
I will remember her last return from
your place and it was the opinion of
a many that she was not well & conse-
quently worse for herself - shall feel
obliged by thy communicating more
frequently... please give my kind love
to my wife... I am pretty well in health
Thy respy friend
Geo Emmott
P. turn over

I thought I would just mention that since my wife
left here I have been informed that she had been
much disturbed about my building a new house
intending to remove from our present dwelling,
it is no project of my own but my employers
that do it and it ^{is most} ~~certainly~~ not ~~likely~~ for
us to remove this year 1836 I hope it
will not disturb her so much as some
people imagine

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Gerrit
8/11-



Peterson

New York



Thomas Ellis

paid



^{W⁷} Rochdale 8 of 8m^r 1836

Respected Friend

Thos. ~~Lumpkin~~
Allis

I herewith send
the £ 7.7.10 for this last half
year, acct. for John Hall at the
retreat, & request thy Acknowledgt.
of it for bearn, as also of the 28.19.7
I sent thee for Sam^l Tuke on the
28 of 5.11. for John Wilsons acct.
for two years, not has^d. yet had an
Acknowledgement of it from thee, &
I wish it on account of having to
produce vouchers for what I pay
for our Monthly Meet^g.

Rem^{br} Resp^d

thy Friend
James Midgley

7th 5

Paid to Mr. Bank

James Midgley
Sp.

Theo. & Alva
Retreat
7-10 mi York

Northwich June 22 1824.

Esteemed Friend

Thomas Allis,

I hoped to have received the particulars of your account against Benjⁿ Walker ere this. It would have been satisfactory to have had it in time for our last Mo. Meeting and then I should probably now have been prepared to discharge the amt. Please be so kind as to send it the very first opportunity. I am thy assured friend

Geo. Bottomley

G. B. Hamlin
8/22

Thomas Allen
Webster
New York

Dear Sir,

I only returned home on Saturday last, and have had no time in seeing Mr. Rawson on the subject of your Letter. The Balance in the Committee's hands is £126. 4. 6 for which I try to send you a Bankers Draft at 21 Days and I trust you will be good enough to acknowledge to me the Receipt.

On the completion of the Sales of the real Estates mentioned in my last letter, we trust that the Balance of the Account then due to the Agent will be fully discharged.

I am Sir
Yours very obedt.

Edward M. Alexander

Halifax Aug: 9. 1836

E. Menden
Esq

Mr. James M. Menden
Superintendent of
the Wheat
York



MAILED
1836

Miss
Amelia
Whiting
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Mayham
Covey

Thos Ellis

Crawshawbooth 8th 8th 1836

Thy letter dated 7th 21 came
safe to hand, but being in expectation of one
from him ^{Henry} I thought it best ~~to~~ delay writing
for a short time, but receiving some extracts
from son William's letter I thought it best to
write over; When you think it is safe for him
to come home I quite agree with thy proposal
in him coming the out ^{side} of the Coach from York
to Halifax, and his Brother coming forward
with him for company to Crawshawbooth; ~~if~~
if thou thinks a top coat be necessary for him
please be so kind as furnish him with one
to Halifax and to be returned from there, &
we will make arrangements after;
Perhaps it will be the best way for thee
either to pay the fare to Halifax or
furnish him with money to pay with
may be he will want a little of something
on the road

May send an account of expences by
him and I will pay the first opportunity
so I remain with dear Love

Daniel Binn

Or tell Henry they all write with dear Love
to him I will be glad to see him here
also that his Cousin Samuel Hanson is just arrived
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J. Binns
Esq.

Thomas. Allen
Superintendent
of the Tebreat
near York
Yorkshire



Osteema June

Carlisle 8th Mo: 18th 1836.

Thomas Allis I write this at the request
of my Brother Thos. Hardy - who is in great
distress on account of the indisposition of his
dear Wife - respecting whom, our friend Mary
Lutton, wrote Hannah Conson by - on seventh
day last, - but as no answer has been received
we think, she must ~~either~~ be from home -
~~as we have been informed from her~~ -
The purport of her letter was to state, that my
dear Sister, who had been for some time indisposed
with a Stomach complaint, or indigestion, ac-
companied with extreme flatulence - and
spasmodic pains in the bowels and other parts
of the body, and particularly with distressing sensations
in the head - which brought on strong nervous
irritability and loss of appetite - and no sleep, but
by taking composing draughts at Bed time.

which she has done regularly for many weeks
past — under the direction of one of the most
eminent Physicians and Surgeon here; who have
attended her daily for many weeks — and of late
her complaint has assumed a more decided
nervous affection or Hypochondriasm — and great
disturbance of mind and strong excitement, and
irritability of manner, — so much so — that her
medical attendants have ordered — that, some
one must constantly attend her night and day —
which has been strictly attended to — for some
weeks past — and although her medical attendants
do not yet decide her case to be insanity — yet they
are apprehensive, that if something more effectual
is not done, to remove her complaint, that this will
ultimately be the case, — and by their recommendation
my Brother has engaged her lodgings in the country
not far from Exeter, — where they hope if she is
under proper care she may be recovered —

But earnestly recommend that a nurse may
be got in addition to those now in attendance
upon her, who has had experience in attending
upon patients labouring under insanity -

And my Brother would esteem it a
particular favour, if one suitable could be
sent from the Managers of the Retreat -
whom he will gladly pay what may
be chargeable and all expenses. And he wishes
his dear Love to his friend Saml. Phipps
who he is sure will be glad to render him
and his dear Wife any service that he can.

If a reply ^{or answer} has not been sent before
this comes to hand - please to write me
as soon as possible - and remain

thy sincere friend
William Fordy

Wm Hardy
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Thomas M^{rs}
Superintendent of
the Penitentiary
New York

Shakton 8, M^o 2, 1836

Esteemed Friend

As our Daughter has an
opportunity of sending a small parcel
to her Husband

we shall soon be expecting to
hear from her, hope to have a
more particular, in my letter, I
wished to know if our dear Son
~~wanted~~ any thing, say, Summer

~~clothes~~
Shakings or any other clothing,
with Love thy friend

Henry Procter

Love writes in
dear Love to thy wife
and J. H. P. on every

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M. Procter
8/2.

James Ellis

Carlisle 27th of the 8th mo - 1836 -

My dear friend

Hannah Personley

I duly received thy letter in reply to mine respecting a nurse, if one could have been spared, we hoped benefit, to our dear suffering friend might have resulted from it, but I fear it would have been a delusive one. A little change of air has been tried but no good effect on the mind has yet appeared, and if a change for the better does not very soon take place, the Doctors will recommend her removal to the Retreat, indeed there most tenderly attend to her, and who most deeply feel this afflictive dispensation looks to it as the most likely means for restoring her, but the Doctors were anxious to try the effect of a little change first. Thomas Sterdy, who may truly be said to be in deep affliction, requested me to enquire if you have room for her admission, if such a step is decided upon, and whether you would be willing to send a person suitable, to remove her, we would be obliged by an early reply to this, and for any requisite information - her health seems rather improved as she gets out a little in the country, she is only about a mile out of town - I should be glad if she was under your care, believing that she would soon be restored.

I had a letter from John Ford yesterday informing me
of the continued extreme illness of my beloved friend W. W. Allen
if I have seen him give my love, and I am much obliged by
his kindness in writing, for I am anxious every day to
hear - and no hope of her long continuing, that every post,
I fear it may bring the account of her decease - in younger
life it is painful to part with friends, but in advancing
years they become increasingly precious, and such she
has been to me, one very dearly loved -

Remember me kindly to J. Allen & wife, and with
the same to their dear Hannah

I remain
Your affectionate friend

Please to give us an early reply.

M. Sutton

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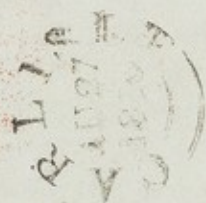
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Mr. Latham
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Esteemed Friend,

I have sometimes thought
it might have an enlivening effect
on my poor brother occasionally to re-
ceive a letter from his relatives; altho'
I am not sure whether his faculties are
sufficiently lively to be interested in
this way. May I request thee (if it
be suitable) to send the enclosed
hand to him? — Thy friend & sincerely

Tottenham
Dec 9. 1836.

Thos Burns

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Thy
Thomas Allis
The Retreat
York

John
St.
Barney

Esteemed Friend

Accused a bill for £100-18-10
being the balance owing to the Petros
by Mr. W. B. Bland

Yours respectfully
Edw. L. C. Carey

Please send an acknowledgment
by return of Post.

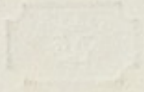
Respected Sir
I Alas

Whitby 8th Nov 1836

I have administered to my late
Sister Mary's effects, and rec^d the Papers from
York shall feel much obliged by the Committee
remitting the B^{ce} as per Agent to Simpson & Co
Bankers Whitby as soon as possible - I am
with respect Very Sir. John Webster

£319. 2. 4

from the ac^t



Harvard Hall
Retreat
near
York

W. H. Miller
8/20

H. W. H.



Warrington near Leek Augth 20th 1836.

Sam^l Duke Esq^r

Sir

The present is to inform you that the late Wth Chorley of Leek, left the sum of £100-0-0 To the Trustees of the "Retreat at York" to be applied to the uses of the Institution -

Inclosed is a Legacy receipt which when dated and signed, will be paid on application at the Office of J. E. Chorley, Half moon Court, Manchester.

Yours Obedt Servt.

Isaiah Chorley

Exor of the late Wth Chorley

Ans 23 Sent the Receipt signed
to T. Bingley Manchester

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Nosterfield End nr Haverhill
2/17/36 Suffolk

My dear Friends

I think you will remember when we were at the 4 Swanns last year's meeting my mentioning to you some particulars relative to my niece Rachel Curckes and that I as well as several of her friends felt desirous she should be under the care of the Establishment at York. - R.C. was at that time in an Asylum for persons of her description at Ipswich where she still continues. I went over last 2nd Day to see her, when she came into the room with an air of mildness expressing many romantic ideas, evidently evincing increased derangement, at the same time telling me she was quite well in her mind and should not be there long, I mentioned her going to York which she expressed great unwillingness to do.

Many friends with myself think it is not unlikely that ~~was~~ she removed from the place of excitement, the journey, the change of air and society altogether, would render her more quiet and comfortable for a time, and she is like many in her state, very artful.

I had an interview with R D Alexander and wife, also T & L Maw and some other friends of that monthly meeting under whose care she is, they are not willing to incur the expense of again sending her to York unless there is a probability of her remaining in that neighbourhood even if she should get better for a time. My friend M T mentioned a friend who took in as lodgers such persons. During those intervals in which there did not appear necessity for restraint and we shall be glad to be informed whether R D could be thus accommodated should it be thought suitable for her to leave the ^{retreat} at such intervals and what the probable expense would be, as she has no

relations any where with whom she could
reside. we think it would be best
to have a person sent from the Retreat
to take charge of her to York, I shall feel
much obliged by an early reply, as it would
be a saving of time for you to write direct
to our friend R D of Ipswich as I am about
40 miles distant and it is at his request and
that of a few other ^{friends} that I write, and
he will kindly attend to it please
to give any information needed

I remain with love

Yours affectly friend

Maribel Squire

P.S. in the probability that
she may be from home I have
thought it best to address to both,
with a hope excuse may be made for my
so doing.

22/8m wrote to R D Alexander

saying there was room but

that we c^d not undertake to provide for her after
her recovery &c.

Squire
W.

x 7

Samuel Tuke
York

Paid

P.M.

M.D. sen^r



Leds 8 M. 25 1836

Esteem^d Friend
Sam^l Tuke

At the request of my Aunt
C Jepson I wish to inform thee of the
Death of our Dear Uncle G Jepson who
departed this life about 4 O Clock
this afternoon he was seized with
purging and vomiting about 3 O Clock
~~this~~ At on second Day Morning and
continued so during the Day, afterwards
he slumbered, but had very great
difficulty of breathing, from which
he appeared to suffer much untill
this Morning when a change took
place he became insensible and
expired without a struggle

According to his Will. thee
and I Priestman are Executors and
Aunt would be glad of your company
along with H Ponsonby, H Shephard & W^m
The Allis and any other Friends thou

may think would like to attend,
the Funeral is intended to take
place on fourth Day Morning
will those be so kind as inform them

I conclude with love in which Aunt
unites and remain Respectfully

John Watson

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Sam'l Tuke
Bartholomew
York



J. H.

On reaching home
Looking for your letter with the last
half year I cannot find it, please
to send me another I will remit
you - my daughter is writing
to mother please to deliver it - when
you send me the account say how

My dear Wife is
Yours

recd
aug 26 1836

P. P. P. P.

R. Potter
Feb

Manchester August 26th
1836

Mr. F. Allen
Retreat

R. Potter (York)



Kennington Decr 30/30

Dear friend /

I received your duly and feel
much obliged by thy attending to so many particulars
and mentioning the person at Thornbury, without
making application immediately on my return,
I am now hastening my journey home and hope
to reach Bristol in about a week - before receiving
thine I had written dear Saml and now it will
be as well not to till I see how soon it will
be likely we can be ready with a lodgings, if thou
thought the person he was now with would take
two shillings per week less we should be obliged
it would satisfy & I trust thy wife will have
seen him no doubt by this time. with respect
to clothes he must have some, perhaps it
would be most satisfactory to him to have
only one suit with what linen he will do
for the first few weeks as I can soon get
more for him, and shall wish the bill of my
thing to be sent at once that it may be paid
whenever thou mayst appoint - it will be a
great accommodation for some one to come
back of the way with I - as I do not yet know
who will be able to meet him, but shall fix
that and let thee know - it was a great
disappointment not to see thy dear wife, hope
she is arrived safe and well - my love to her and
dear Saml - tell him I have had good accounts of
our relatives & Sarah's babe has been ill but is now

received - they agree - found
D. Hallen
D. Hallen
8/30



James Beardslee
Post Office
Richmond
New York
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Godalming 8mo 17th 1836

Esteemed friend / I am desirous of knowing from thyself what
will be the best method of removing my dear son from
his present situation when you all think it is speeding
such a step should be taken. yesterday I received a letter
from him, in which he expresses a desire to leave
as soon as I can conveniently arrange for him, and
says that he had been over to see him and said there was
no reason why he should not meet me at any place
I might appoint, but is desirous of not hastening any
leaving G. improperly - tho' if he stays much longer where
he is, wishes me to consult to his taking out a licence
for shooting, and says he has already had some rabbit
shooting which has amused and employ'd him, perhaps
that needst not let him know I have written, as I intend
putting this aside, but wish thee to be informed of all I know
which an apartment to be taken in some quiet place
near us where we may often see him and consult as
to the future, at present he thinks he shall not be
equal to much, he says "I am in tolerable health &c but
often dull for want of employment, and do hope that some-
thing or other will be found for me before long"
By a letter from Bristol I find thy dear Wife has had the satisfaction
of attending the last moments of her dear brother, one of my
daughters had just seen her, and she had given them an
encouraging account of dear Saml - they thought thy Father
would be coming home before long and that probably some
honor would accompany him, when Saml might join them
however I shall hope to be entirely relieved by thee and
his medical friends - thou knowest how greatly I fear my other
dear children suffering from the anxiety they will come of them
feel about their dear afflicted brother, but no stranger can
ever know what we have passed thro' on his account - it
is my intention to get home in less than three weeks and have
desired some enquiry to be made, about lodgings, so that I shall

be able to meet him or some one else should about
 that time I hope, if you think it proper unless there
 advises it to be done earlier, but I have many things
 to attend to in Town and fear I shall find it very
 difficult to leave my precious Father, he feels so much
 at the thoughts only of my leaving — Will show he is
 kind as give me an answer here as soon as is
 at all convenient and with love to thy wife and
 children believe me thy aff^o and
 much obliged friend
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WPAH



Robert
 New York

James Allen

8/17
 J. H. Allen

RECEIVED



Please direct Rich^d Kidd
 Godalming
 Surrey

Respected Friends,

Sudbury June 29th
1836

Thomas Wallis

As my Sister Pass has had a letter from her son Henry about two weeks back, and it being a very difficult matter to get her to write, either my cousin James Wright & wife "with whom she boards & lodges" or myself found it requisite to interest our selves for her children as well as herself. Therefore I trust you will excuse our troubling thee.

I am not quite certain but if I did not inquire about any payments being due to the Institution it was my intention if there are please to inform me.

Henry's Letter to his Mother was written very reasonably compared to former ones, and states himself to be quite recovered, and very desirous of our making arrangements for his leaving which of course will be our duty, provided

Your Committee should recommend it
Therefore we shall be pleased to hear
from thee as soon as it will be expedient
and remain with love thy friend

William Daff

P.S. Thoa will no doubt inform Henry
that his brother received his acceptable
letter, and that I had written on his behalf
inquiring your opinion as to the suitability
of his leaving for the present.

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M^r Huddersfield 8 Nov. 1836

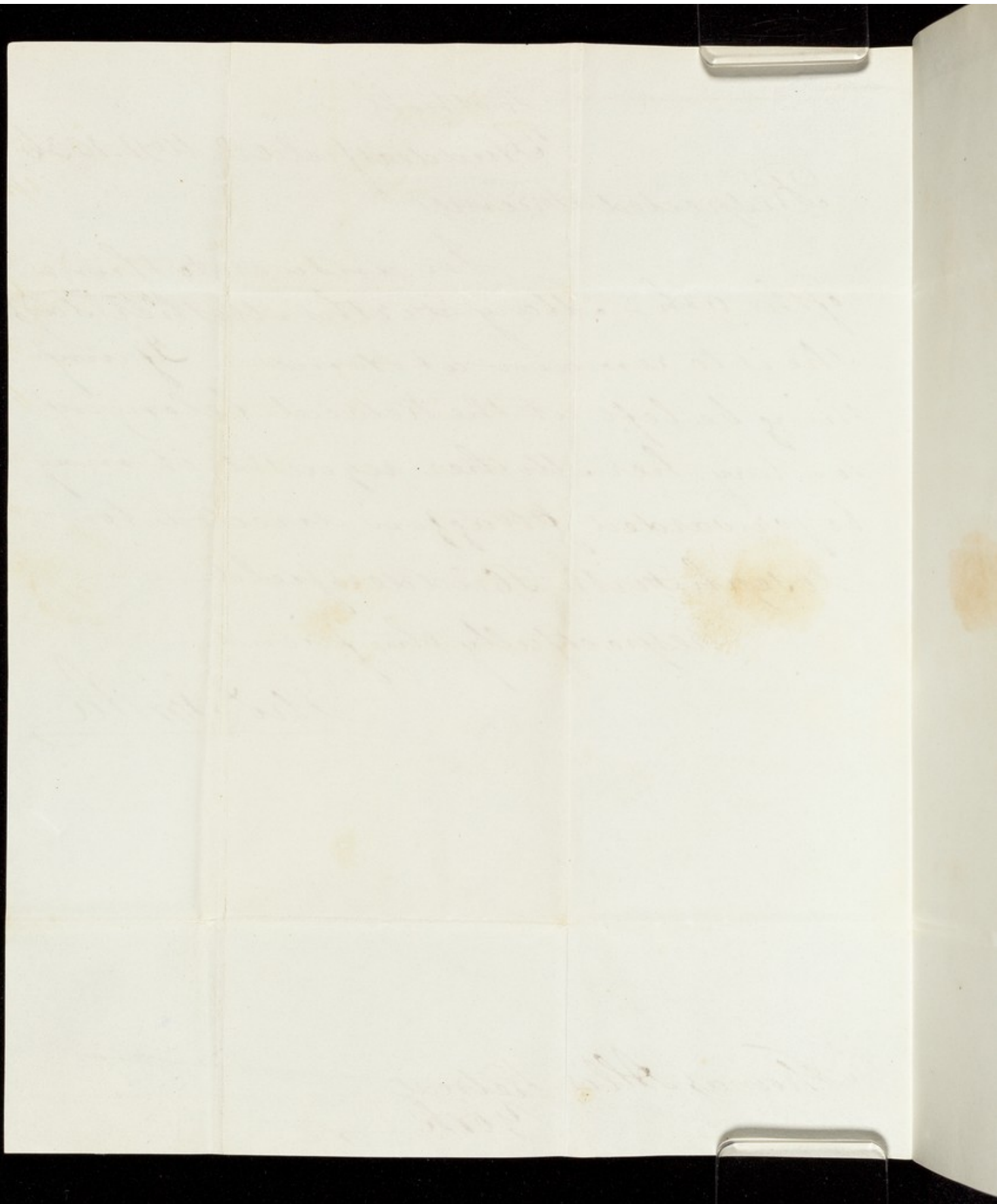
Respected Friend

In answer to thine
of the 9th - Mary Firth's Mother says
she is to remain at home - If any
thing be left at the Retreat belonging
to Mary, her Mother requests it may
be forwarded by Wagon directed to
Joseph Firth Huddersfield

respectfully thy friend

Thos Smith

L Thomas Allis. Retreat
York





Gen. Smith
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Gen. Thomas. Ellis
Retreat York

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North Newington 9mo 16 1836
Esteemed friend

I am induced to write
this, knowing the interest thou hast taken
in the Retreat & thy willingness to render
a service to those who are in a situation
to require it, on behalf of a Relation of
mine, a son of the late J Knight of Hammer-
smith - Thou art probably aware that J K
kept an Asylum for the reception of insane
or persons at N & I believe that he was
considered clever in the treatment of these
cases - His son was for a little while
in connexion with his Father & shared his
difficulties in which by some means he
became involved. Since J K's decease the
circumstances of his ^(J K's) death & the son J Knight's
situation has led to my becoming acquainted
with J K & taking a deep interest in his
welfare - J K has little knowledge of any
kind that may help him in getting a livelihood
except that in which he was engaged with his
Father to which is joined a slight knowledge
of medicine & has a wife & four ^{small} children
without any means of support except those
which a Friend is able to furnish himself
or to obtain for them - J K appears to be very

anxious to provide for himself & feels
much interest in the employment to which
I have alluded for which I think it
probable that he is, well adapted. Dr
Kins has a favourable impression of
his capability for such an engagement.

His Father want of business & business
habits & his son's having been brought
up without a knowledge of trade par-
ticularly the latter render it difficult
to place him satisfactorily in any line
of trade & the render it very difficult
to get a situation for him when so
many want ~~the place~~ ^{employment} who have been
more favourably circumstanced in their
education.

Should it lay in thy power
to serve my cousin by procuring a situa-
tion for him in the Retreat or any
similar institution or in any other way
for which his abilities may qualify
him. I shall feel obliged & hoping
thou wilt excuse the liberty I have
taken in addressing thee with kind
respects to myself & family

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Thy friend
G. M. Alexander

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Wm Alexander
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Dear Sir

On the other side I send
you a Bill for the last half years
account. please to acknowledge
the receipt by return of Post

Mr Lane & Son this Wife & Son

Lisbon are on a visit at my House
they ~~do~~ think of coming over to see his Sister -

I suppose no harm would arise?

Do say.

I remain your

Yours &c

R. Potter

Manchester
Apr 5 1836

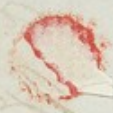
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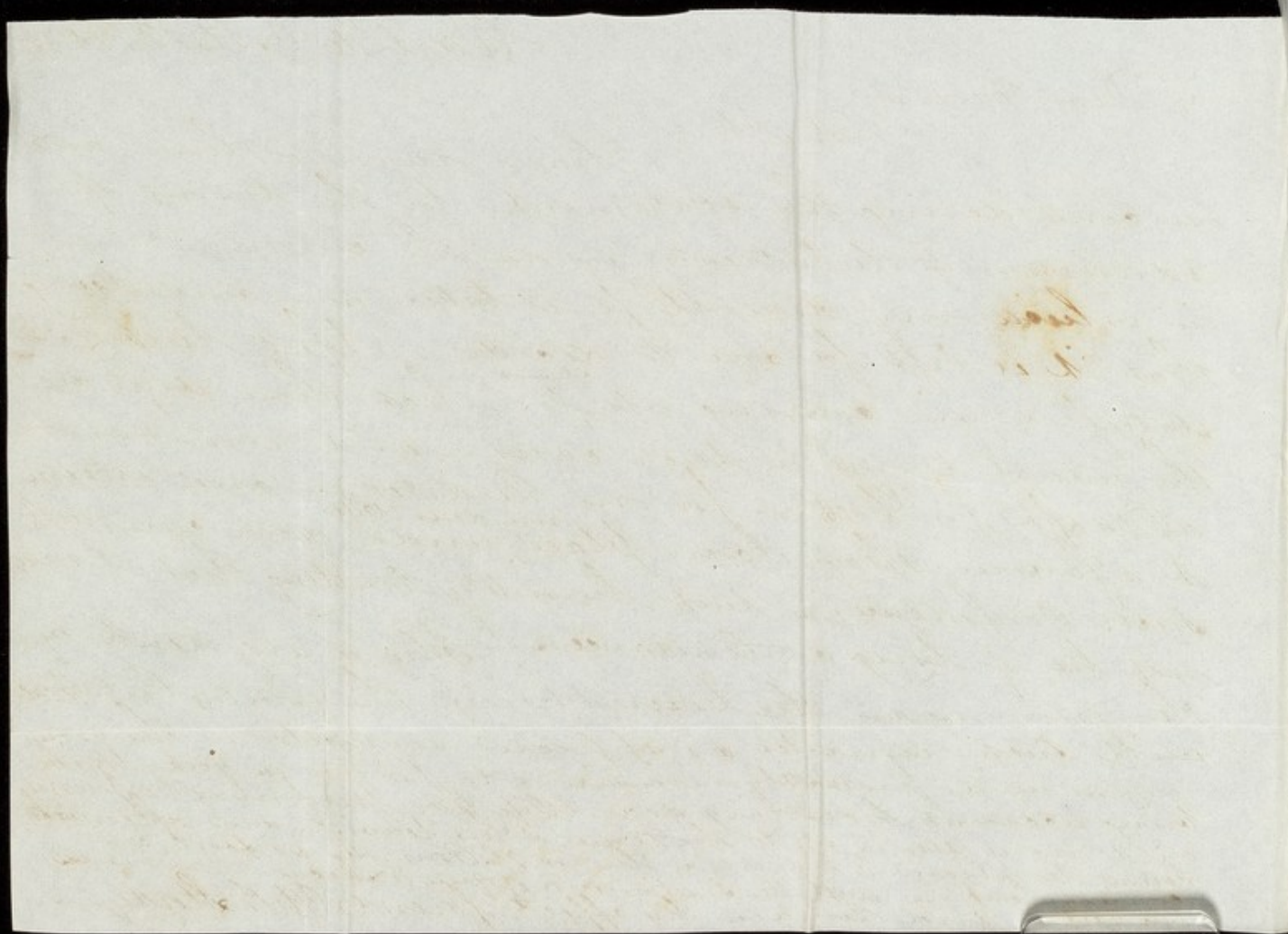
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Warlike 9 Mo 13th 1836

Dear Friend

Mrs. Allis I have received them, and on considering thy statement for the terms of admission to the Retreat under the circumstances in which my dear Wife is taken in - and seeing that it is left for me to decide - I feel best satisfied in coming up ^{about} to what thou says are the usual terms in such cases - and remit as above a Draft for £15 - for one Quarter - and esteem it a favour that I can place ^{my dear Wife} under your care with such confidence - but humbly trusting that it may not be of long continuance - I have also sent by the young man the bearer hereof the Doctor's Certificate with such remarks as appeared requisite - The young man will probably remain a day or two in York - and bring account how my dear Wife has performed her journey and how she is up to the time of his leaving - and afterwards I shall be pleased to hear from thee of Mr. Pomroy as soon as convenient - with the sentiment of your Medical Attendant in the case - and remain thy affect^d friend Wm^d Hardy



2/10/10
H. H. H.

Wm. S. Ellis
Retreat
near York



J. Hardy
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Longston Court 26th Sept
1836

My Dear Sir/

I received with much pleasure your letter which contained the information of Henry's return to York.

I hope he will have learnt to value the comforts he enjoys at the retreat - & that he will not be inclined to wander about the Country again in search of any new adventures. - I think the circumstance was remarkable, that he should have called at the house of a friend of yours, who kindly sent you information, & afforded to Henry a hospitable reception. - The person who performed this act of kindness, has placed me under great & lasting obligation -

I should like to ascertain whether
Henry had any previous knowledge of the
Person at whose house he was found; or
whether his calling there was what is often,
but improperly, called accidental.

I intend to write a few lines to Henry
on the other half of the sheet, & I remain

Very dear Sir
Your most obliged
John Jones

9/6
J. Jones

Respected Friends &c.

I am aware thou will think me very troublesome but I cannot help it for I must write think what thou will of me but my present reason for writing is to say that I am greatly obliged to thee for letting us know really how my beloved Husband is for telling us of his being dull when it is the case & I hope I & we may rely upon thy continuing to do so if it remain at all the case or any other variation for the worse and I wrote to thee

a while ago respecting my dear
Husbands Gowners being over
tight guiding him between the
legs, when rising from his seat
it was perceptible as he pulled
at them behind, seemingly to
~~lower~~ lower them & thought
the seam might hurt him ex-
ceedingly in those parts I feared
quite it was the ^{seam} I hope thou
wilt excuse ~~the~~ me making
so very free as to make these
these remarks which I am
sure will be unpleasant to
thee but my Husband can-
not do it for himself & if
he could, he would, not he
would rather be hurt ever

so than do it I hope thou wilt
be so kind as to take notice of
it thy self I think thou either
had not got the my letter before
sending my Husbands great
coat down to the Town or thou
had not got it so as to have
time to ~~allude~~ ^{on other} write about it
in some way, I am sure of thee
be kind enough as to allude
to the fit of my Husbands trou-
sers in the way I have spoken of
above but as thou did not I
trust it was not that thou
was offended at my writing to
thee on such a subject but that
the letter had miscarried on as
I have before said thou had not time
to ~~reply~~ be sorry if I have offen-
ded thee however my Husband is not

Miss Jane Porter

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2nd day morning

I have been thinking of you very often
and wish I could see you
with that smile.

Jane Porter

My dear Thomas
I feel great
love
to you



to not to become for any thing I
ought that I like them well
not be the less kind to them but
very anxious to hear from them again
and of no father & mother do not
know of this letter I am very anxious

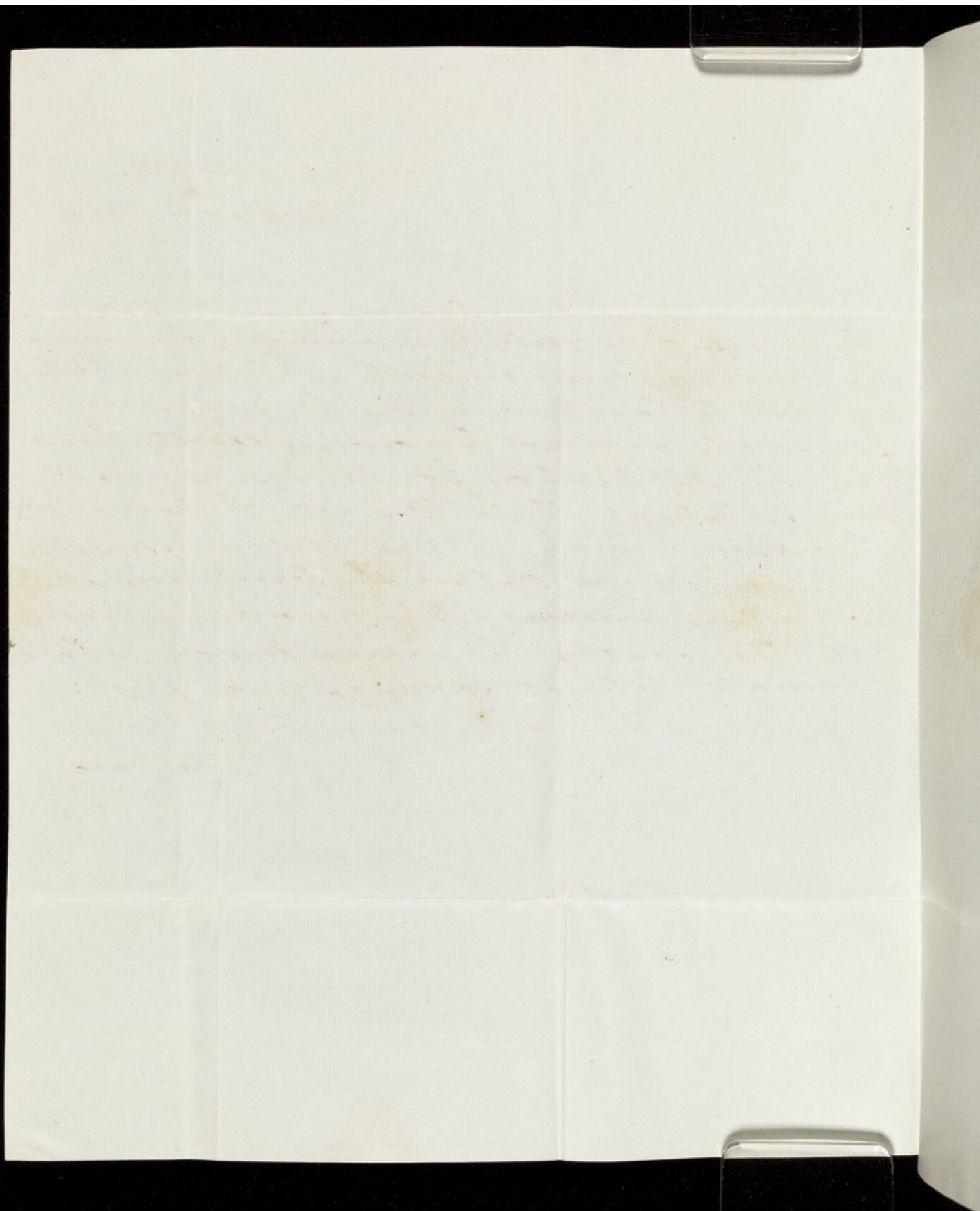
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Sir,

a Parishioner of mine feels under
the painful necessity of immediately removing
to a Place of Confinement, a Relative, who has
within the last few Weeks shown symptoms
of Insanity, and not knowing exactly how
to make application for admission into the
Friends' Retreat, I hope this will be handed to
the proper Quarter, and an answer forwarded
by Return of Post, stating the Terms and other
Particulars necessary to be known, previous
to the Removal of the insane Person, who is
a female betwixt 60 and 70 years of age.

I am, Sir, Your Obedt. & Affl. Servt.,
Wm. Kendall.

September 28th 1846.





Wm Kendall

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Richmond

To the Superintendent
of the Friends' Meeting
New York

paid.

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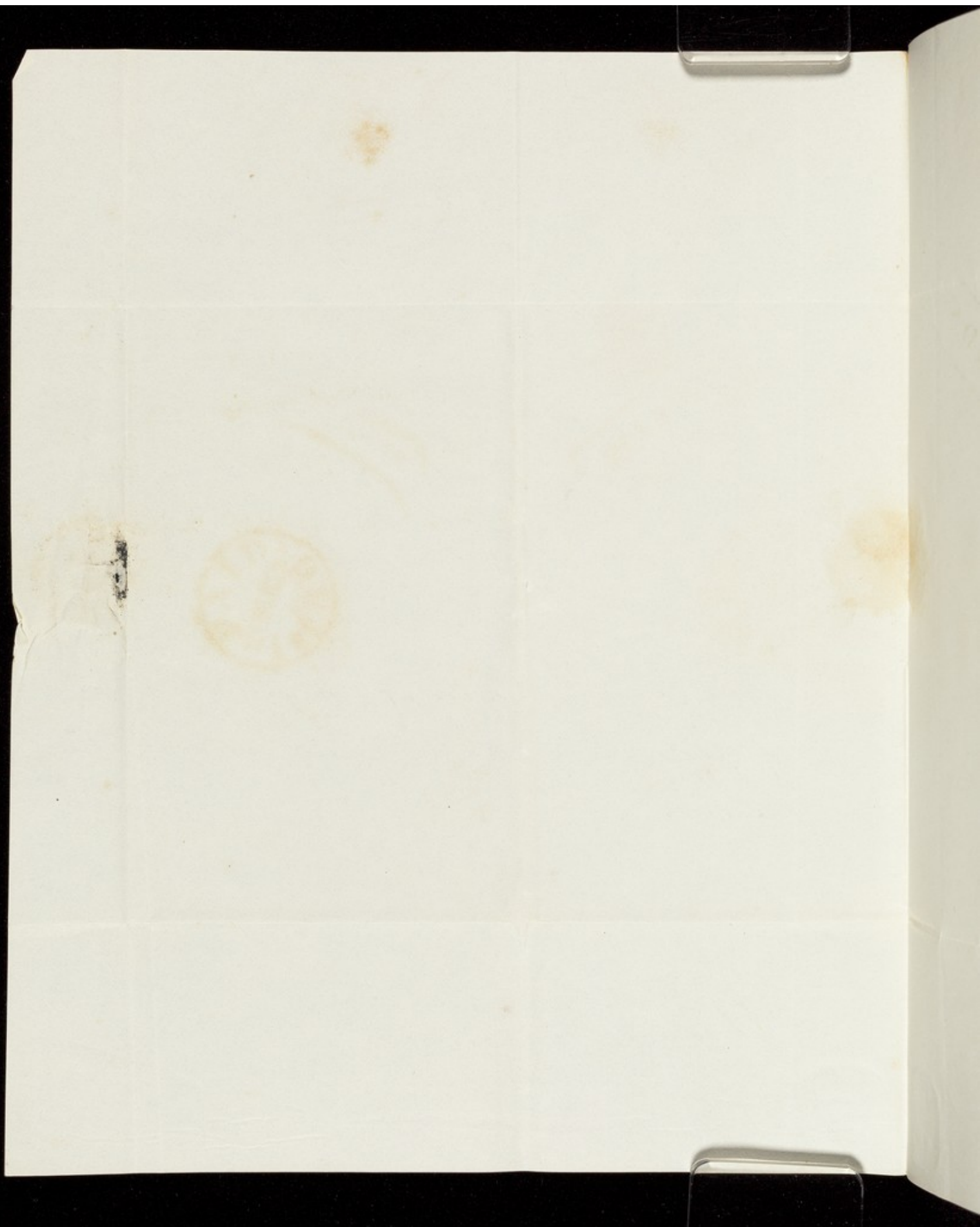
Mr. Thomas Allis

Sir

We received your letter of 13th inst
and very much obliged to you
for your kind attention to
M.W.C. - we have received the
box by Jackson & Sons Wagon
of Leeds, from the Bull Mouth Inn
London.

Yours Very
Respectfully
Joseph & Elizabeth Tice

24 Cornhill Street
Sheffield London



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Kirkby Moorside, Sept. 20. 1836

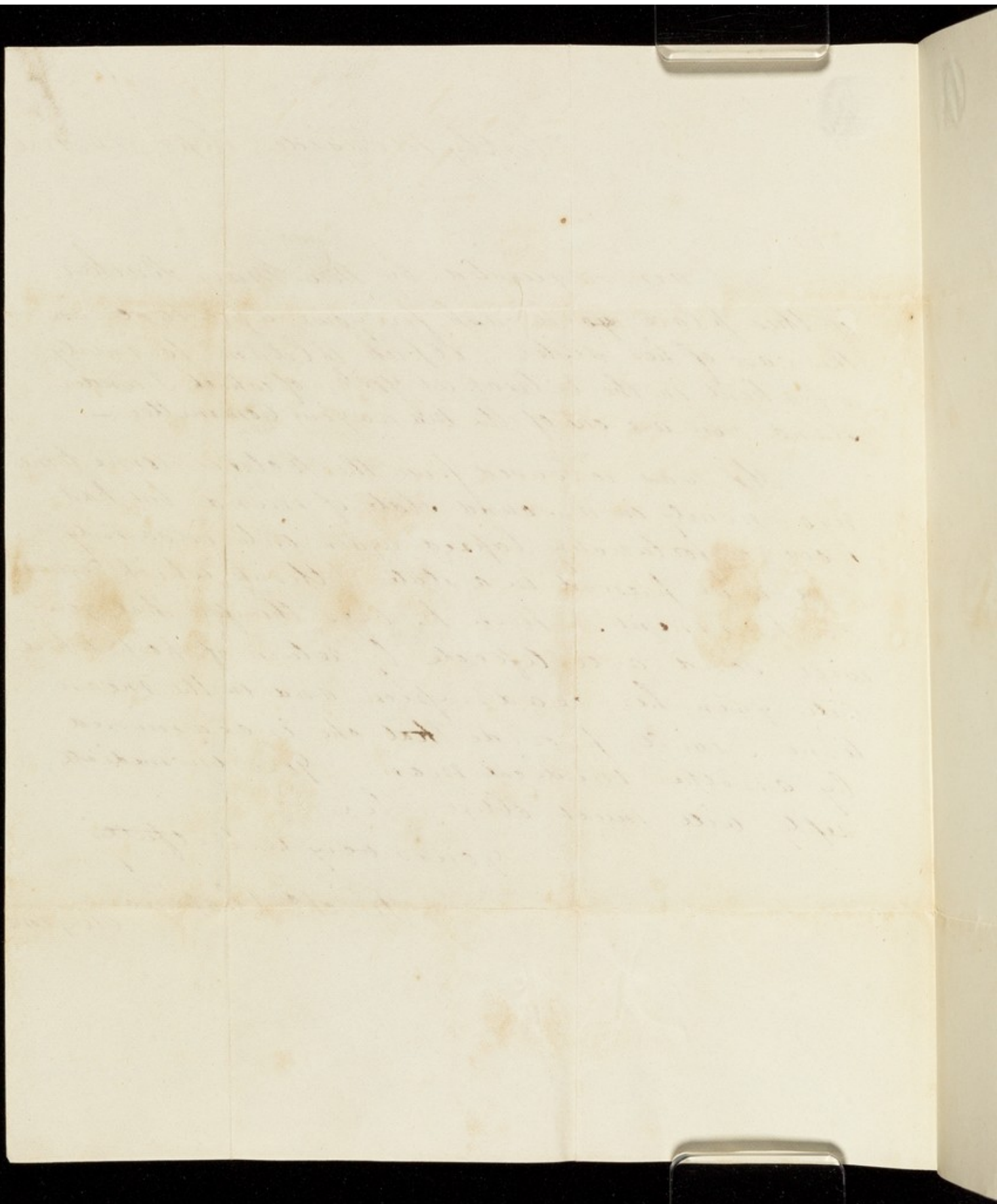
Sir,

I am requested by Mrs. Mary Barker, of this place ~~go~~ to ask for your assistance in the case of her sister Zilpah Aldam, formerly a patient in the Retreat at York, of which I understand you are one of the Managing Committee -

She was released from the Retreat some time ago nearly in a sound state of mind, but has now unfortunately lapsed again into insanity, and is at present in a state I think which requires confinement. Mrs. B. begs therefore that you will send a certificate by return of post which will gain her readmission, and in the mean time I will provide that she is examined by another medical man. Your immediate reply will much oblige, Sir,

Yours very respectfully

Rich^d Chopin, Surgeon



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REINFORCEMENTS

To be delivered immediately

Saml. Luke, Esq.

Without Wallingate Barr.
York.

Dear Friend

Carlisle 9th Mo. 19th 1836.

Wm. Allen

It was pleasant to hear by the young man who accompanied my dear Wife that she performed the Journey full as well as could be expected, and that she appeared more comfortable afterwards than he had seen her for some time - and that he was well pleased with every thing he saw respecting the Institution. As I am in hopes of hearing further accounts soon by letter I should not have troubled thee herewith at present - but on looking over the remarks which were transmitted by her Medical Attendants here, it has felt to me that a little further explanation was desirable respecting the complaint which my dear Wife has been more particularly afflicted with in the head. ~~For the information of her~~ present Medical Attendants -

For many years past she occasionally complained of a giddiness and unpleasant sensation in her head - for which she mostly apply a small blister behind each ear - and generally was relieved by it - and in the commencement of her present indisposition in third & fourth month last - her chief complaint was

that of a violent distressing sensation in her head - which she frequently compared to the noise of Machinery and sometimes to that of her head being held in a screw - and she often said, that if something more effectual was not done to remove it than merely opium or Stomachick medicines, that she believed she would eventually be deprived of her reason.

She still continued to complain of the distress in her head - and after a severe paroxysm - when her head was extremely hot and her pulse very high - leeches were apply'd to her temples, her head bath'd with cold Water, and a blister apply'd behind her neck, which appeared to give temporary relief, but still she continued to complain to the moment up to the time of her departure, of something that was distressing in her head, which she frequently said wanted to be removed.

I have mentioned these circumstances to Dr Barney the Physician who was but lately call'd into attend her - and he seem'd to think that something more effectual such ^{as} an issue or Suction behind her ear might probably have been, or may yet be of advantage, in removing the distressing feeling in her head. I shall feel much obliged if thou wilt be kind enough to communicate these particulars to the Doctors who now attend her - and if will be cause of rejoicing and thankfulness to me if any Medical treatment can be adopted

to assist in restoring my dear Wife to the
enjoyment of health and of her rational
faculties. — I shall be pleased to have a few
lines as early as can be done, saying how
she is in her health, and in the state of her
mind — how she sleeps — and as to her
appetite — if she enjoys walking out, and
shows any inclination to amuse herself
by any kind of work — or if she still has
the same delusive ideas of some dreadful
calamity being likely to happen to her —
if she ever mentions my name, and
any other particulars will be truly
interesting — I should wish my dear
love presented to her if it is thought
proper — I was pleased to hear that R. Hall
was to be her nurse to whom I wish to
be kindly remembered — and with
love to myself and the family —
I am &c. thy affectionate friend

Wm. Sturdy

J. Hardy
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CARLTON
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Wm. Ellis
Putnam
near York

Hardy

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Dear Friend

Carters 9th Mo. 9th 1836

Wm. L. Allis

Thine in reply to my
Brother Will^m Lundy was (duly received),
and he being from home at present
the painful task devolves upon me
of addressing a few lines to thee on the
distressing subject of removing my dear Wife
to be under your kind and judicious care.
It felt a disappointment to her Medical
Attendants and friends that arrangements
could not be made for her reception and
removal till next week - as every day's
delay has of late painfully proved that the
sooner she can be placed where she can
have more proper treatment, as to the state
of her poor afflicted mind, than she can
possibly have here, the better - and more
likely to promote her improvement and
recovery which I would gladly hope may
through the blessing of Infinite Goodness, on your
kind and persevering efforts be permitted at
no very distant period. But my principal

reason of now addressing thee is to state
the manner and time that we are
proposing for her to come, that you may
be prepared to receive her. I have no doubt
but you are aware that the "Express" London
Coach is the only one that comes direct
from York to Carlisle, and that only three
times a Week - and we shall expect the
Nurse to come by it on second day Morning
the 12th Inst. - by which she will arrive here
about eleven that Evening - and we shall
take care to have a person waiting her arrival
but should this Coach be fully loaded so
that she cannot have a seat by it - (which
is not very probable) it would then be
desirable that she should take a conveyance
to meet the Glasgow Mail which passes
Wetherby, Boro' Bridge &c. every afternoon
northwards, and arrives here early in the
Morning - but the former conveyance would
be greatly preferable - If it would allow
the Nurse to have a good night's rest.

In the mean time we shall secure three
seats, or the whole of the inside of the Express,
which will leave here about four o'clock
in the afternoon
on the third day next - and one of the Apothecary's

young man who has attended my dear Wife
frequently in her illness - and whose kind
attentions has made her partial to him,
will accompany the Nurse to York - where
I suppose they will arrive from eight to nine
on fourth day Morning - when you will please
be kind enough to have some person in attendance.
We propose that my dear Wife and her
Attendants shall go a stage from here in
a Chaise - and then wait the arrival of the
Coach, in order to be more private and less
exposing - and I would suggest whether
it would not be more satisfactory
to send a similar Conveyance to
meet the Coach on its approach to York.
I hope I have with excuse my being thus
minute in my requests - and readily
believe that the Subject is one in which
my poor mind has been, and continues
to be deeply distressed - I wish my love
presented to my valued friend Mrs. Benson,
from whom, or from thyself, I shall be pleased
to hear thy letter as often as convenient, after
my dear Wife is under your care -
Remain thy affec. friend
Wm. Sturdy

P.S. The answers to the Queries & Certificates will be sent by the
Nurse or the young man who accompanies them.

J. Hardy
9/9

Thomas Ellis
Superintendent of the Petreack
near York

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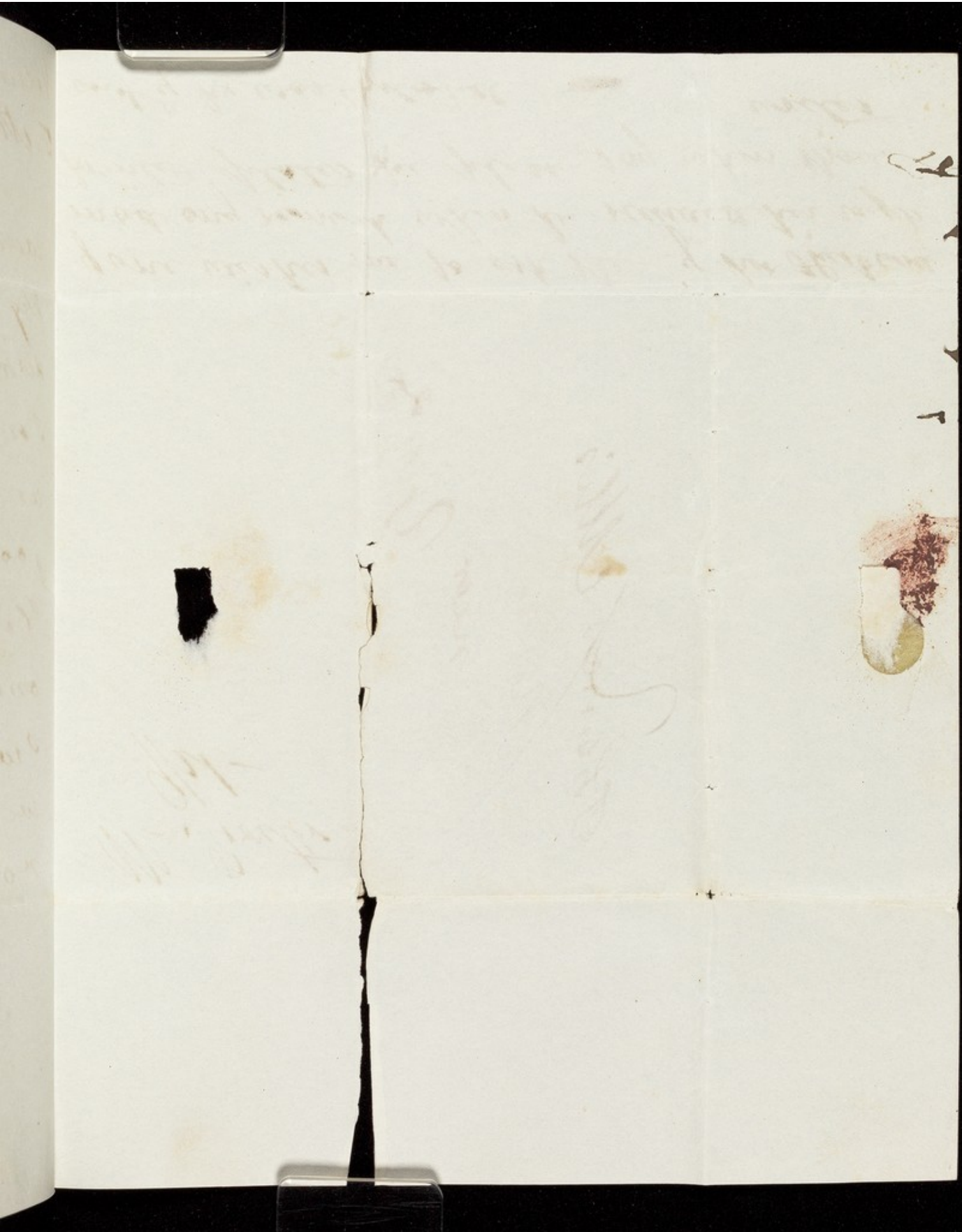
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Esteemed Friend Stephen, M^d, 24th, 1834
T. et this

We believe it will be five
weeks tomorrow since we received
thy last letter, as such, we feel some
desirous of knowing how our dear
son is, please write soon & inform
us how he is, if his health is
good, how he sleeps, if his new
flak fits him, how he likes it
and his doctrs, also hope to hear
several other particulars,
we hope John has frequently
rode out,

our united love, thy friend
Henry Brater



Mr. Porter
9/11-

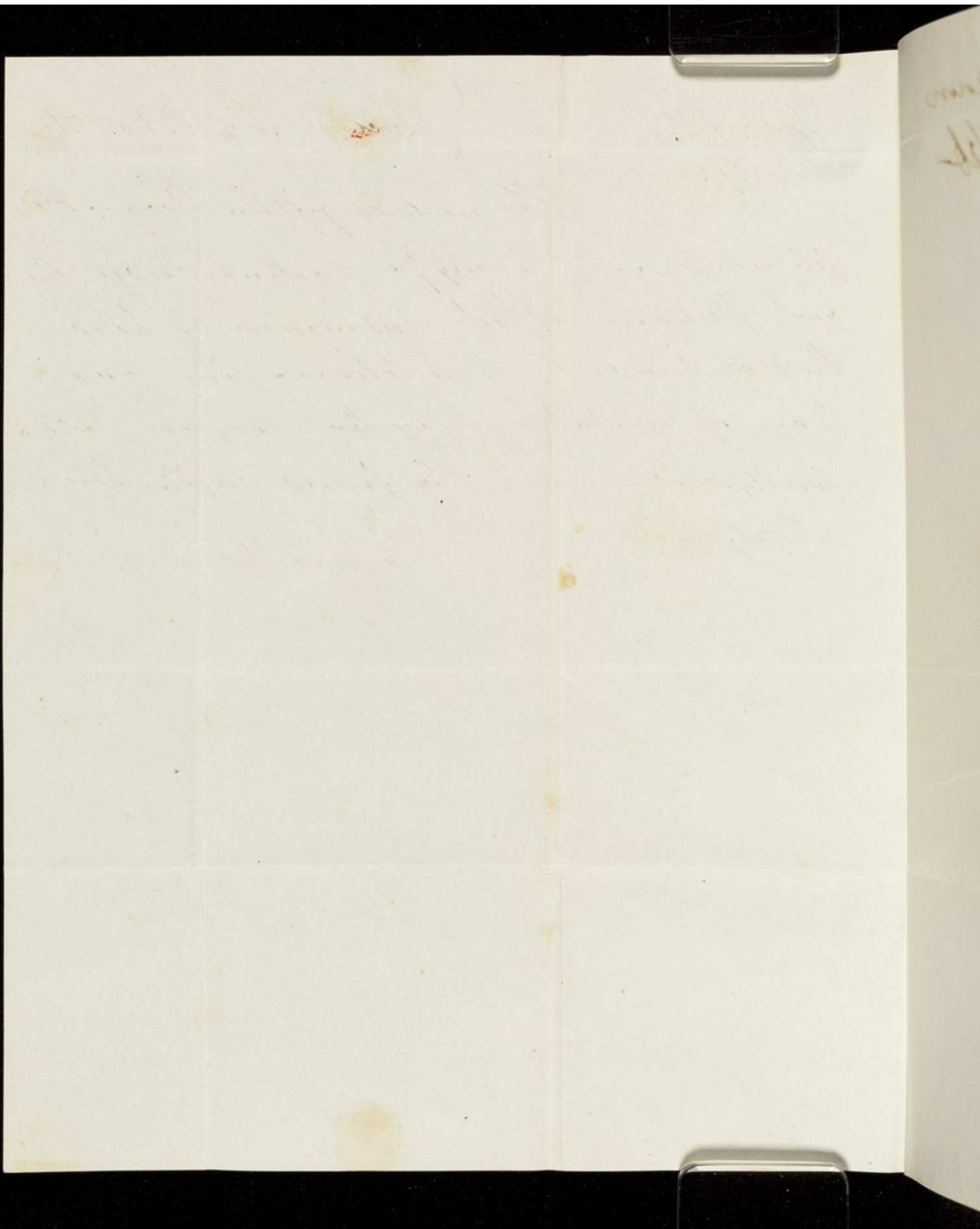
Charles Ellis
Market
near Goods

you wish me to ask thee if her situation
making any remark when he returns his reply
printed photo you please say when there
and by the way please
write

Thos Allis
Mrs. Grundy

Lincoln 26th of 9th Mo. 1836

The inclosed fifteen Penns
please to pass to my^r & acknowledge the
rec^d. Return of^t and inform us how
the dear indicat^d is to who we give our
love if suitable I say that we are all
pretty well — Thy friend with love
to thyself & wife — Thomas Price



Wm. W. W.

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J Brown
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John W. Allen
Reheat
York

CIRENCESTER
CIRENCESTER

Wolfe's Place No 1 Street Sheffield
13 of 9th Mo 1836

Respected Friend

The Things thou send of my
late Brothers are just come to hand
& I am obliged to thee for the trou-
ble of sending ^{them} we hope soon to let
thee hear further from us in the
mean time I remain

Respectfully

thy Friend
Sarah Poland

S. Bland
9/15

Thos. Wallis
Retreat
York



Bristol 9th mo 11-30

Returned Home

Thane was duly rec^d at
Godalming, and I wrote about that time to my
dear A. but with I returned home and on
enquiry about the persons at Thornbury.
some of our friends thought there were objections
which induced us to seek further and yesterday
Mr. Nairn kindly ~~showed~~ ^{showed} me to Weston, and a
sister of P. Nairn's (Harriet Harding) who most
likely they wife is acquainted with seems a very
suitable person and is desirous of accommo-
dating him, so that I now wish to be informed
if Thane thinks dear Saml is desirous of coming
as soon as may be, and quite in a state to
render the removal safe and beneficial to
himself, as we are then honest anxious to
do the very best in our power for him, Harriet
the family consists at present of herself and husband
whose occupation that of a watchmaker keeps him at
home, one daughter and a female lodger, but
she is a woman fully aware of the attention
necessary and ~~has~~ ^{is} not less unacquainted with
the same necessary - by the time this reaches
thee perhaps thy wife may have written as she
kindly engaged with my daughter & do so as soon
as she will could after seeing Saml on her return
home, thus mentioned expecting her the day on
which Thane wrote I think - please to say when
would be the probable time Thane could
arrange about his coming, and if the person

appointed -
or any one that might be coming up would come
most of the journey with him or not - I trust he
may be got more attentive to his appearance
than when we last heard - as that letter will
not of course be proper for his inspection I think
to write on the half sheet to him which I trust
will be kind enough to hand it when thou think
proper - poor dear Alfred N^r is fast sinking
away, but in a very resigned happy state of mind
and does not wish to remain here, at times from
extreme weakness there is great restlessness, but
I trust his sufferings are not severe -
Isabel Harber seems rather more likely
to continue longer than they expected when
she first arrived at home, as now removed
to Clifton where can have the benefit of
riding out on the Downs - with love to

My wife and Eliza as well as
H. P. believe me thy obliged
and affectionate friend
D Hallam

Amst^{er} 9 mo 11th 1836 -

My dear Paul

I reached home a few days ago & tho' I have not heard from thee since my last yet wish to let thee know as soon as possible that we have I hope heard of lodgings that will be suitable for thee at first, and likely to establish thy health. I dare say thou wilt recollect that Kate was with her carriage a few weeks some years ago at Weston about 20 miles down the Channel, a person there was mentioned as being likely to accommodate thee who keeps a lodgery house, but the season is now so nearly over and they have had less company than usual, that she can make room for thee to board in the family, one lady has the apartments, but is quite to herself - I hope the air would suit thee, it is considered as very fine, and there is a good deal of fine country that would be interesting. The ride from hence is particularly fine, and two or three coaches run daily, the fare only 2/ outside - so that it is very easy of access - our own family and dear relations here are all in usual health, & feel thankful to be once more settled in at home, and we shall all rejoice to see thee my dear I - one more - the last letter we had from dear Thos gave us very poor account of his wife's health and his Master had failed, so that he was out of a situation for a short time, and then went back to Benson's the person he had been with before -

dear Sarah is much the little babe grows finely
 and is a very lively intelligent looking sweet fellow
 he was very ill just before my return with the
 usual complaints of teething, but has regained his
 plumpness, his Mother makes a good nurse
 with my dear love from all I am
 thy affec Mother
 Edw



Mr. Allen
 Retired
 Near York



9/11-
 D. Hallam

David Hallam
 Boston

Carlisle 9th mo: 3rd 1838
Esteemed Friends
Sam^l. Luke

I write thee, at the request of my
dear Brother Thos. Stoddy - who is in great dis-
tress of his beloved Wife's true situation -
You have probably been informed that she has
for three or four months past been in a poor
and her mind frequently labouring under strong
delusions. - About three weeks ago she was removed
into the country, a short distance from Carlisle:
where she has been got to use more exercise, in walking
out - which has evidently had the effect of improving
her health and appetite; and of procuring sleep without
having recourse to composing draughts - her mind
is often visited with imaginary delusive and dis-
trapping ideas - and her situation, has more and more
assumed in the opinion of her medical attendants
and her friends decided symptoms of insanity -
Under the apprehension of which, Mary Sutton
wrote to

Harriet Benson on the Subject, and aridly
was received from Thomas Ellis saying - that
she could be taken into the Retreat, if it was
concluded for her to come, - and that a person
could be sent to accompany her - Therefore
with the approbation of the Physician and
Apothecary who attend her, - who request that
the necessary instructions may be sent as soon as
can conveniently be done, for them to prepare
and sign the necessary documents: - And as she
could be ready for the journey at a short notice;

The person, proposed to accompany her, may
also be sent as early as can be done -

They could be accompanied from here, either
by one of her nurses, or one of her Apothecaries,
young Man, who has frequently attended her in her
illness; My Brother desires me to give his love
to her, and to say that he would wish, his dear
Wife to have a separate Attendants, to wait
upon her.

and every suitable comfort, and attention, that her
situation may require. And although it is
distressing to his feelings, yet he esteems it an inesti-
-mable privilege, that he can with confidence
place her, where he fully believes, she will be
treated with the greatest kindness. — please
to mention if any payment is required in
advance. And if there is any rule for the
quantity or kind of clothing to be sent
with patients — waiting an early reply

Remain
very Respectfully

My friend

Wm. Hardy

Thos Allen
wrote to him enough to
return this letter

Thos Allen
Sam. L. Tucker
Yorke

paid -

Mr Hardy
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Spurwick 18/9/1836

Dear friends

I forward then enclosed the
Medical Certificates and answers to the
Queries respecting Rachel Cushing and
may refer them to her care. taken Mr King
for any further particulars as to the mode
in which her disorder has developed itself
since her return from York of which it
may be desirable for you to be in possession
in addition to what were given in my
Letter A. D. H. letter

What are the terms on
which A. C. is admitted?

Thy sincere friend

J. H. Alexander





W. H. Alexander
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Thomas Ellis

Retreat

York



Wadham 29th of 9th Mo 1836

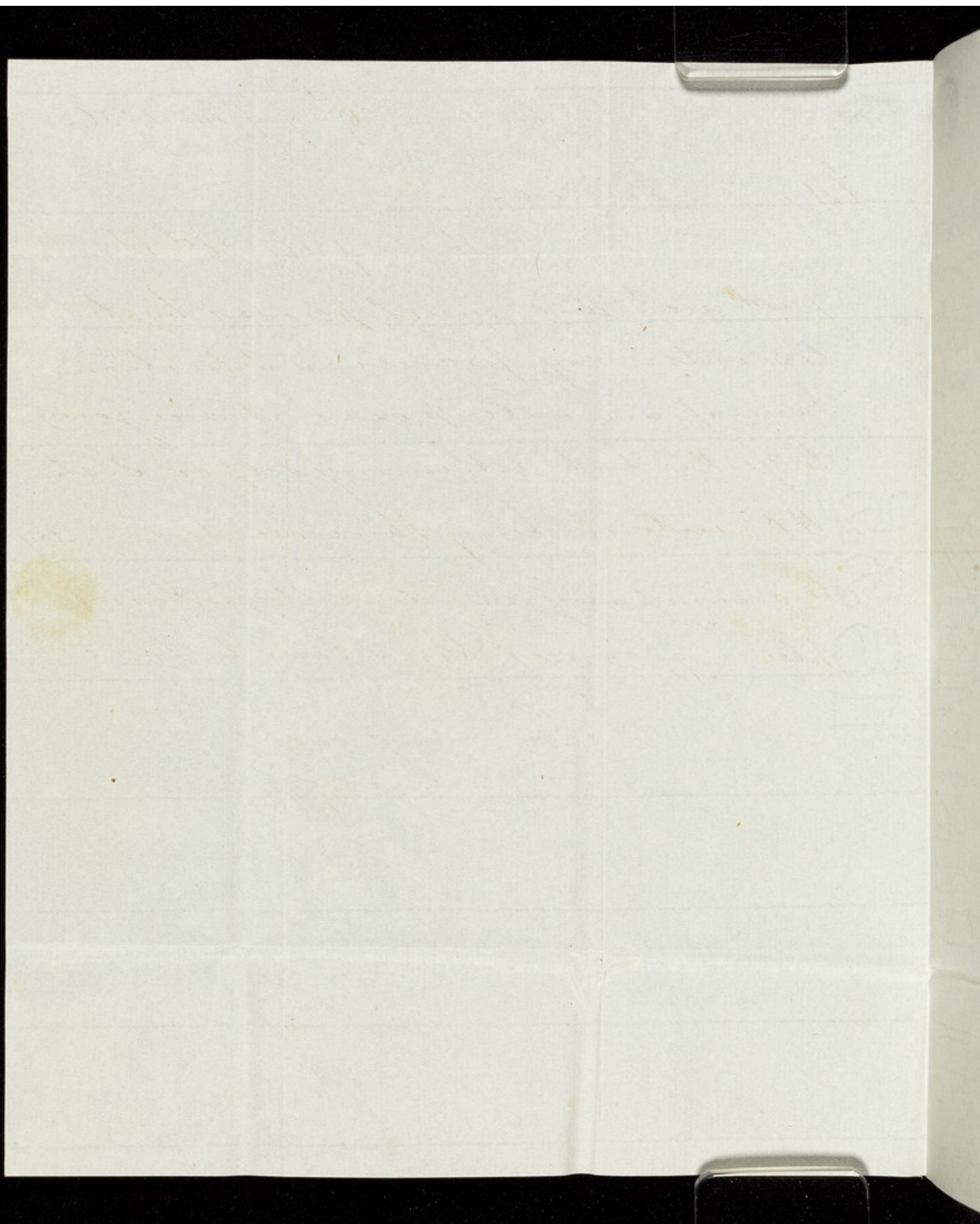
Esteemed Friend

Thine of the 26th I have
just rec^d and much pleased by its
contents. my peculiar situation
I am afraid will prevent me going
to York. but either myself or Sister
HR intend being there on seventh day
next to accompany my dear Wife Home
please give my kind love to her

I am^y very respy

Thy friend

Geo Burmott



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Geo. Edmunds
New York

Thomas A. Alice
Superintendent
Retreat
New York



Longstone Court 20th Sept 1836

Dear Sir

I am now sending to the post-office; & I hope to receive from you some satisfactory information respecting Henry-

Little does he think, of, or care for the anxiety ~~and~~ & the trouble he has occasioned-

I shall be delighted to hear that he is safe under your roof again - & I trust the search will not be remitted until that most desirable object be effected.

Believe me Dear Sir
Yours very truly obliged
John Jones

1891

J. Jones
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Mr. Allen
The R. Treat
York
Paid

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Dr. to Mr. 27. 1836.

Esteemed Friend,
Thomas Ellis }

In reply to thine of the

24th but may inform thee in the first place that it was not intended that our friend S. Wright should have applied for Dr. Challacombe's admission, but merely to obtain information whether in case it should be deemed necessary, as to room, terms & advice as to best mode of removal. However ^{as} it will be satisfactory for the Committee to be put in possession of some particulars for their government in case application should be hereafter made I will endeavor to hand a clear statement of Facts, in the first place wishing it to be understood that in looking towards the Retreat, it is to avail ourselves of the benefit of Treatment & as tending to his recovery by no means as an Aphorism. Peter Challacombe has for the last 20 years practiced as a Surgeon & Apothecary in this City & with considerable success, & through that period with unblemished reputation & indeed I may add sustained the Character of a pious religious member of civil Society & in strict accordance with the views of Friends, whom he joined by conviction I suppose abt 23 years since, it was only in the Summer of last year that his friends perceived any change & without much previous alarm (~~in the latter part~~) in the ninth month, the great excitement & extravagant manner mostly in a religious Character produced in his Wife & family

great anxiety & after 3 or 4 days on consulting two medical men they were of Opinion that his removal to a private establishment was imperatively needful, & he continued under care until sometime in the fifth month last when he was considered so much recovered as to return to his family, but it was soon evident that his mind had not recovered sufficient strength and stability as to warrant his attending to his profession, & he went into Devonshire to visit his friends where he remained until the ninth month last, about this time he became by the decease of a friend Executor & Trustee, to a large Property & many long extended trusts, the prospect of which was evidently too exerting for him & has ended in a relapse, of a serious appearance, but which is now wearing a much improved feature, he being at times very clear, his Wife has had every care taken of him in their own House, but not being in good Health & having 3 Children of tender Age & Constitution she feels as tho she must give way to the counsel of her friends & consent to his Removal should he still continue to be an object of care, and would consign him to your with more comfort than any other - I know of no further information to give thee but I would just observe that altho D. C. has been successful in his profession it has been more in number of Patients than in Amount, indeed in many cases he has not only given his attention & medicines but money also, so that he is not by any means in affluent circumstances, & great loss & expense have been incurred

the past year, if thou wilt favor me with
the information as to the Cornes being willing
to admit in case it should be thought best
of likewise on what terms, together with any
thing more thou may consider his Wife should
be acquainted with as to supplies &c so I shall
on her behalf be much obliged

Remaining very respectfully
Thy friend
A Moore

P.S. I saw my Brother E. Naich this morning
he was looking very well. his Wife is recovering
from Quasles —

N. Moore
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Thomas M. Moore
New York.



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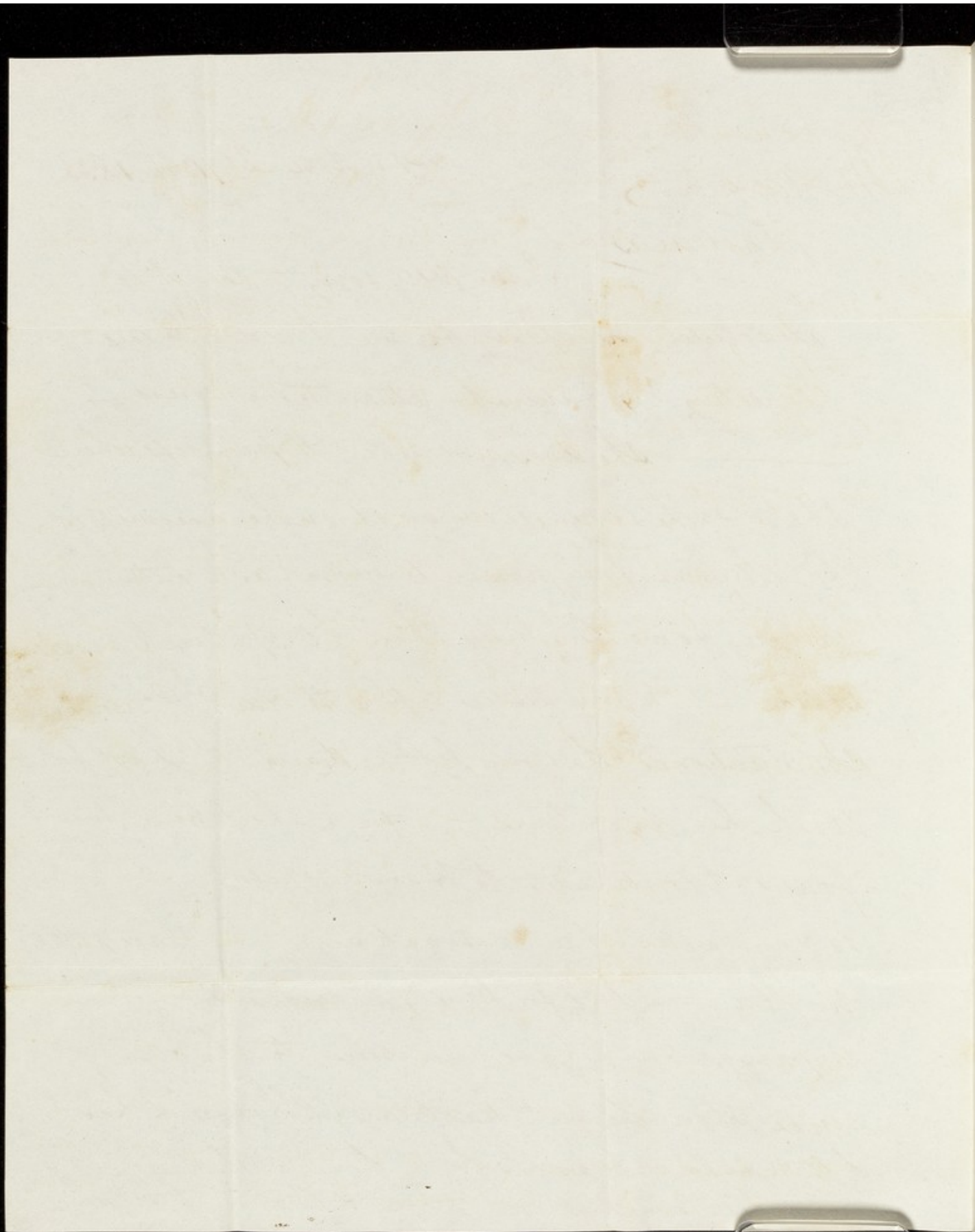
My dear friend

London 26/10/1836

Thos Ellis

I am very sorry to say it is absolutely necessary for me to write to thee respecting my Hannah's return to the Retreat —
— she does not seem to progress where she is, & the expence we are at on her account is totally out of my power to look at as a continuance. it being something more than £5.5/ a week besides extras. — In my sister's letter to Aunt Ponsbury she mentioned that our little daughter had been with her for a time — & for a short time we found it contributed to Aunt's comfort — but about 10 days after she went a change was perceptible in Aunt — & but for timely intervention, serious injury would have been done to the child; since then the girl has been at home & has been seldom asked for by her mother —

It is very distressing to me to be obliged to say that



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after consulting with Dr Morrison (Physician to Bedlam)
I am obliged to conclude on her return to York --

My dear friend, my own circumstances will
not permit of a much longer expenditure at the
rate I am at present paying without a prospect
of speedy amendment & Dr Morrison gives me
no hope for it — I do not know how we
shall get her to York excepting you will oblige
me by sending a Nurse as before & as there is
no immediate hurry I hope this may be
complicated with, which will very much
oblige thy friend
Almy Bragg

Dr Morrison has given some directions accordg to
his professional judgement which I quite agree
with but which would be totally out of my power
to manage at home — she is at times very rational
at other very much disposed to be unreasonable & violent

H. Bay
10/26



paid

Thomas Allen

Revere

Mr York

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Friday

Edinburgh

Dear Sir,

Above you will receive an
order for £7.10.3, which you will please to
the credit of R. M. C., & the receipt of which
I request you to acknowledge, in course. I am
glad to hear that he is again in his usual
state of health. Yours very faithfully

W. H. Wallis }
Jrk.

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Adm.

To Mr. Thomas Allen
York

Edmund
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Bristol 10 Pm 22 - 1836

Dear Friend

Alam is a dft. for the Court of Mary
Benwell's Court - as just furnished by thee, which please
apply accordingly. -

I have been requested by the friends of an individual
in this City. (Peter Challacone) who is at present afflicted
with a disorder of the mind, to apply for his admission
to the Retreat - they are desirous of his being soon, and
would therefore feel obliged by thy informing them if he

could be admitted pretty directly, and what measures
it will be suggested for them to take prior to his coming.
then will be kind enough to inform them at the early
conferences, & direct if they please to Richard's home
Bristol. - the point here inquired, is not in easy
circumstances. - they w^d like to know if any one
from the Retreat could accompany him, or whether it
will be suggested to send some person from Leam.

I am Thy aff^o to the end.
J. S. M. B. H.

his Army
to the end
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war
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world.

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J. Wright

10/22 -

Thomas Allen

Retreat

N.Y. York

Longstone Court Oct^r 10th 1838

My Dear Sir/

I now address a line to you
just to inform you that two days since I
drew a cheque on Messrs. Morgan & Moskins
Reps for £42-13-10 which I requested
they would direct to be paid for you "as
they had done before" - I am sorry that
I did not give them on the occasion
more particular instructions - I have
since learnt that the above ^{Sum} has been directed
to be paid for you to Tweedy & Co York
& I hope you will receive it immediately
on application without further trouble -

I am Dear Sir
Yours Obedt^{ly}
J. Jones

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J. Jones
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Mr. Phelps
at Retreat
York



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Sir.

Wymondham

29.th Oct 1836

I regret very much to have
so long neglected to settle Mary Jackson's
account. - They to send you a Bill for
£109. - I did not recollect the sad sum
when at the Bank. but you will be so good as
to place the remaining $\frac{2}{3}$ to the next
half yearly account.

They the favour of your acknowledging
the receipt of the inclosed Bill by return
of post. - I have indorsed it as usual to

the order of Mr. Luke. If I am not correct
in doing so may be so good as to notice
it in your letter

Yours truly

Your most obed^t serv^t

J Mitchell

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Dear Sir Ludbury Oct 24th 1836

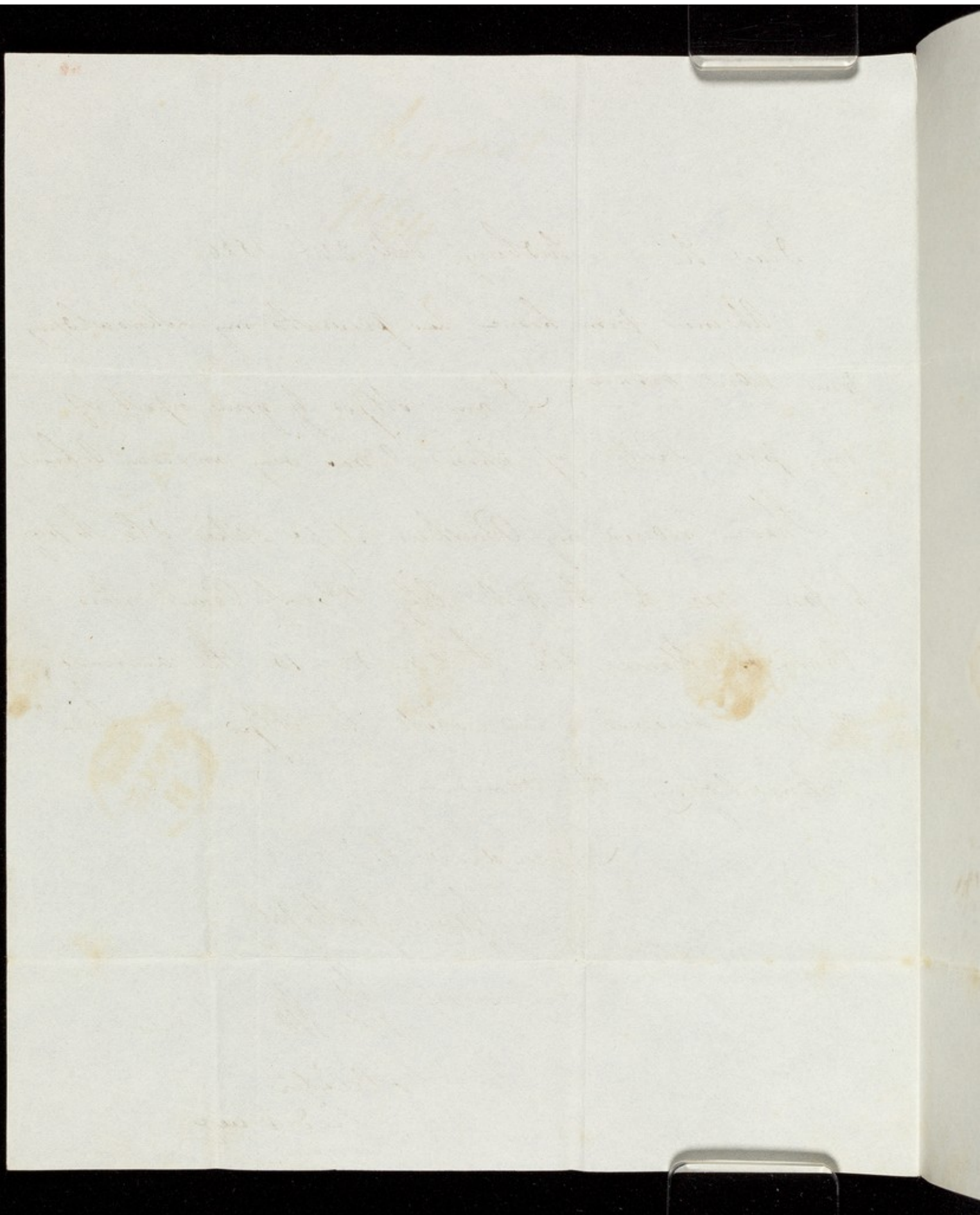
Absence from home has prevented my acknowledging
your letter sooner. I am obliged by your report of
my poor sister, of whom I was very anxious to hear.

I have ordered my Banker Messrs. Baker & Co. to pay
to your use to the York City & County Bank Messrs.
Barnes House &c. £90 - 12 - 10 the amount
of your account and shall be obliged by a line
acknowledging the same -

I am dear Sir

Yours faithfully

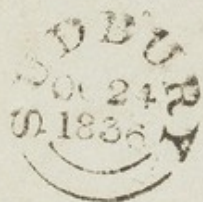
Geo. M. Andrews -
Solicitor
Ludbury



Mr. [illegible]
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M. Andrews
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Wm. Thomas Allen
York.
R. D.



My good-bye to my son. I intended to leave him his hat to buy - and have been
obliged to go off to Cambridge; - I intended to send it by great carrier -

paid

Recd ^{month} 10/12: 1846

Res^d. friend Thomas Ellis - My Bro^r wrote this for me

& I may now write in haste that, I have just returned
from Cambridge - I have been obliged to leave my
nephew under the care of some of his kind friends
there; - who - when I mentioned my intention of
forcing him away - strongly objected to it -

As I have no legal power over him, I
concluded it the safest way to leave him - &
have written to my Bro^r in the South accordingly -

I am My aff^r. friend
Geo. Braithwaite

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the
estate of the late John Smith, deceased, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

18/12 -
H. B. ...



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G. Brathwaite
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Esteemed Friend

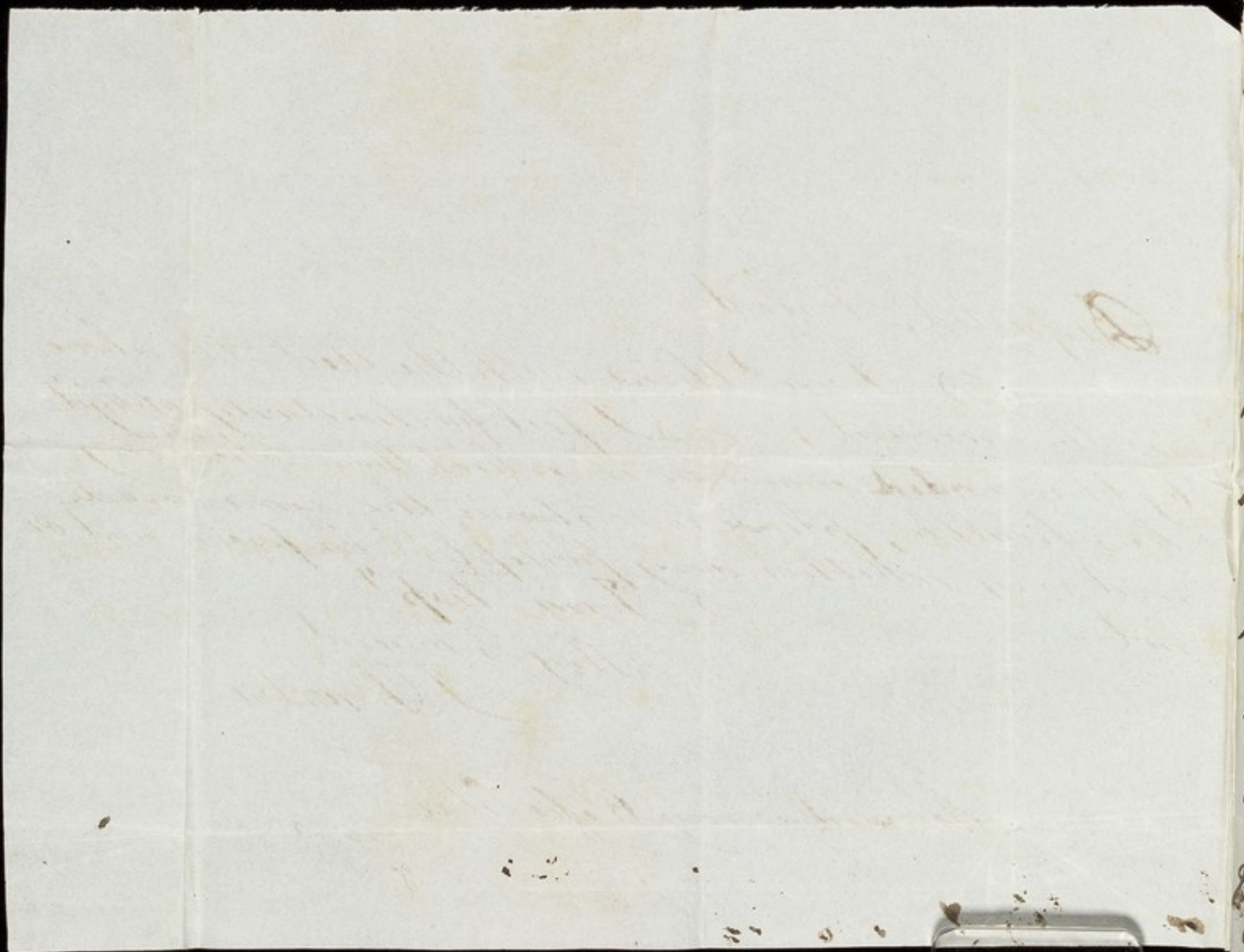
Fifth day after next the 24th will
be our dear sons birth day, his wife, as
usual, has sent her Husband cake by the
York Wagon on sixth day last, the reason
of its being sent so soon was, from an
expectation of us being from home a few
days.

Respected Friend

I rec^d thine with the Act the above
is the amount; - I feel particularly oblig'd
by the cordial manner in which thou notices my
poor health, please to continue the same mode
and say whether any perceptible improvement or
not -
Thy friend

J Procter

Enclosed is my Wifes letter 20-



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Esteemed Friend

Fifth day after next the 27th will
be our dear sons birth day, his wife, as
usual, has sent her Husband cake by the
York Wagon on sixth day last, the reason
of its being sent so soon was, from an
expectation of us being from home a few
days, our Daughter wishes her dear John
to begin his cake now, only to remove
some for his birth day.

we received thy kind letter, but I should
have been glad had it contained more
particulars,

you also sent her husband some plates, a
letter &c she will be glad to hear soon
how he likes, and if he seems pleased with
the articles she has sent him,

with love thy friend Mary Reader

give united with me in dear love to thy wife
and thy friends

Proctor
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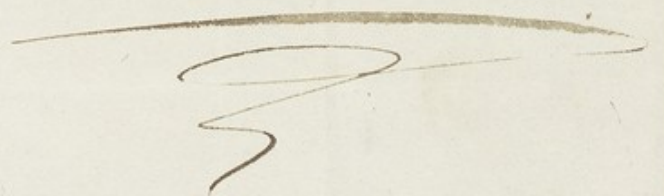
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Respected Friend

we intend to be
at York with Brother Anthony Watson
on Sat Day first we expect to arrive
at your place about seven in
the evening —

I remain with Love thy
af
Friend

Wm Thornton





Memorandum

to the Hon. Secy of the Navy

Washington D.C.

Reference is made to the report of the
Hon. Secy of the Navy dated 10/10/00
in relation to the proposed purchase of
the ship "Albatross" for the purpose of
conducting hydrographic surveys.

It is suggested that the ship be
purchased at once and that the necessary
arrangements be made for its service.

Very respectfully,
John D. Johnston

John D. Johnston

Warrington 10/19, 1836

Respected Mr. T. Allis, I enclose thee
£10 - for the credit of Wooddies acc;
I shall be glad to hear of its safe
arrival in due course.

I have not funds in
hand - applicable to this purpose
to the entire amt^{of} acc^t - or
would have remitted more.

I remain Yrs^{ly}
J. Bolton

B.E. - N^o 15181.

Manchester June 30, 1836

(Signed) J. Warden

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Thomas A. Lee
Care of Retreat
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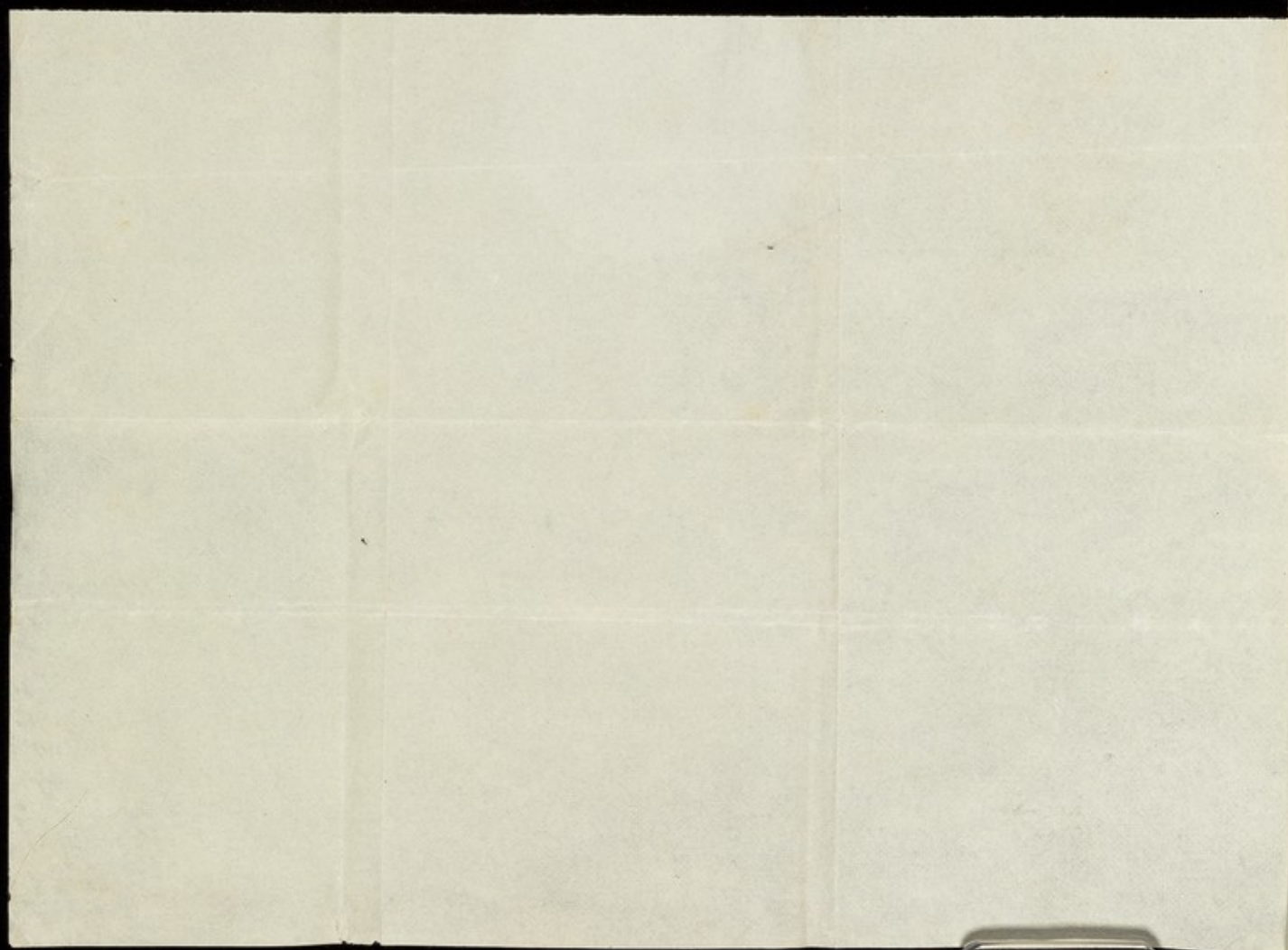
Lee Crescent near Birmingham
10th Nov 1836

My Friend,
Saml. Baker,

Amount is Taylor's & Lloyd's Draft of £12000 Value
Thirty Five Pounds & Five Shillings, which is remitted to pay my Brother's
last account with the Regiment, handed to me in that Miss's Letter of 14th Inst.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt in Course to

Thy affectionate Friend
James Baker.



Leicester near Birmingham
10th Nov. 1836

My Friend,
Saml. Duke,

Enclosed is Taylor & Lloyd's Draft, No. B58007 Value of
Thirty Five Pounds & Five Shillings, which is remitted to pay my Brother's
last account with the Relief, handed to me in Mr. Allen's Letter of 14th Inst.

Please to acknowledge the Receipt in Course to

Thy affectionate Friend
James Baker.

Jas Baker
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Sam'l. Tubey

Sec. Drinker

York

J. Allen
Peters



10/14
1836
Sir
Enclosed is an order for the
amount of the 2^d - which I pray
acknowledge as usual -

I am glad to hear that
Richard is well and enclose
a letter which will I hope
please him -

Y^r obed^t serv^t

A. J. Dunnington

14th Oct
1836

A. E. Luskey
10/14-



W. Allen

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Dear Sir,

Your Letter containing my Sister's quarterly acct. due to the Retreat in advance the last week in September, has reached me this morning, and I send by Post a cheque upon the Yorkshire D^t. Bank at Post. for the amount £54-12-0 & hope you will receive it safe; the Branch Bk at York will cash it for you and if I should happen to be from home at any future time when the quarterly acct^s arrive, & that would be any inconvenience, I could give an order to pay the regular sum £54-12-0 quarterly, & leave the extra disbursements to be discharged when I myself come over to the Retreat. I am very glad to hear my Sister continues so

well I have been told that Miss Julia Perfect from Pontefract
is at the Retreat if so I will ask to see her when I next
come over. I do not think she would recollect my sister or
that they would be comfortable together under present circumstances.

With my best respects to yourself & Miss Ponsonby

I remain dear Sir very truly yours

Marianne Perfect

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Thos. Allis Esq;
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Mr. Perkins
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Newmarket 10th 10th 1836

Respected Friend

Thos. Allan

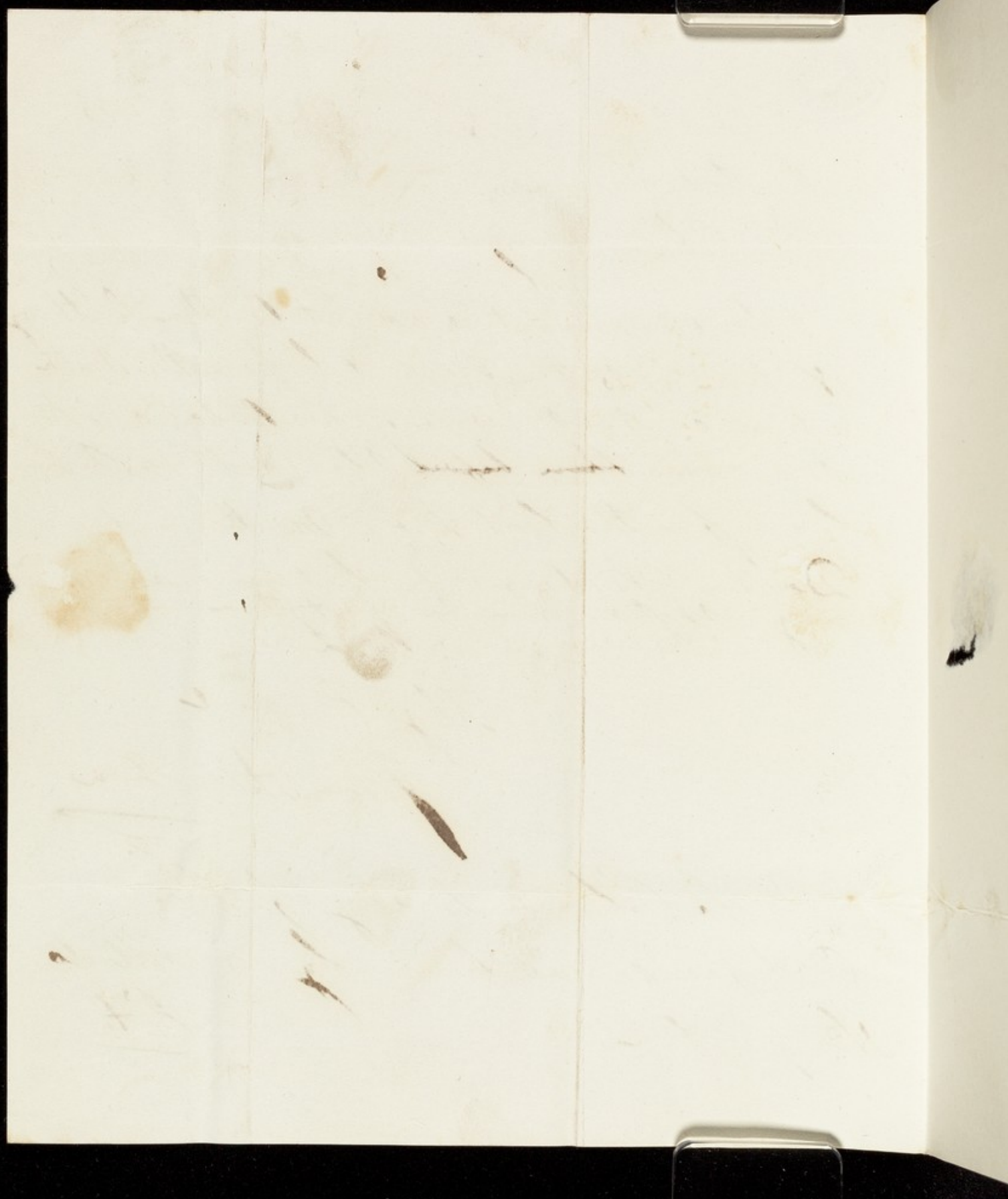
Please to inform me if
it be convenient to admit Brother Anthony
Watson into the Retreat before the Winter
sets in as it is the wish of his Relations to
have him ~~there~~ ^{before} placed there; he has
been for the last Three Months under
Doctor Glentons Care but has never required
any restriction since he went there —
Remain with Love

Thy Friend

John Hewison

P.S. Please to say if this
Certificate will serve by us will do
No. 95 Lich

J.H.





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Great Work

NEWCASTLE
OCT 10
1836
EMERYNE

Res^d Friend Thomas, Ellis

Newark 18th mo: 7: 1836

Enclosed is a bill which
will be due on the 19th Inst. for Forty Pounds 10/- which
please to place to the Credit of my acc^t I acknowledge in course.

I sent a new Hat for my son - about 2 weeks since, which
I hope will fit him: - it was made for me - but the maker has mistaken
his order; - If it is too broad, it can easily be made right & send it
again; - I was so much from Home after being at York, that it was
omitted; else I had intended to have had it sent after my return from
London. - - - - - I am with much regards - Thy aff^l Friend

Geo: Braitwaite

My son wishing to have his allowance of Pocket Money
~~when~~ made 1/- 10 months of four weeks - which please make
accordingly. - - -

E. B. Hawthorne
~~*J. Hubbard*~~
10/7

Thomson & Ellis
20 Retreat
York



Carlisle 10th Mo. 25th 1836

Dear Friend

Wm. C. Ellis,

As thou wast kind enough to request that I would write to thee when I visited for more frequent information respecting my dear Wife - and feeling solicitous to hear how she has been since my departure I were with you, I shall esteem it a favour if thou wilt please to write as soon as convenient and inform me - how she was after we left her, and if any, or much alteration has taken place since - and if she still retains the idea of my being liable to the whole expenses of your establishment.

On the whole, so far as we were capable of judging, we were pleasingly impressed with the belief that there was a pretty considerable improvement in the state of her mind - and that her views respecting herself were not nearly so uncomfortable, and much more correct - from which, and from seeing her so kindly and for, the visit afforded us satisfaction at the time, and in the retrospect - and I shall be glad to learn that it had no unfavourable effect upon my dear Wife - tho' I should think it best

in future, if I should to pay her a personal visit,
to consult previously with H. Ponsbury & myself
and her Medical Attendants - being aware that
interviews in such cases with connexions that
have been near and dear to Patients have
sometimes produced unpleasant effects -

I shall be obliged by thy presenting my love
to Capt Williams, and say that if he has not
carefully examined my Wife's teeth, I shall be obliged
by his doing so - and if a Dentist is required to
remove any that are loose, or to do any thing to
make them more comfortable. I shall be glad to
pay any extra expense that may be incurred -

Further my Sister requested H. Ponsbury to get
some Bleeding Apparal which she thought my Wife
would require - for which or any thing else that
she may want, please to keep an account & inform me.

I should be pleased to find that my dear Wife
could be induced to do any kind of Netting or
Knitting Work, to amuse her & pass away the
time - she has been accustomed to knit me
my Socks, and I shall be glad to send her one
for a pattern, with Yarn &c, if you think she
would make the attempt. - please present
my dear love to her - and if it is thought
proper may inform her that her dear friend
Ann Ewart, and her Niece Mary Ann Collins
send their love to her - With love to thee and
thy Wife and to H. Ponsbury - I remain thy affectionate friend
Wm. Sturdy

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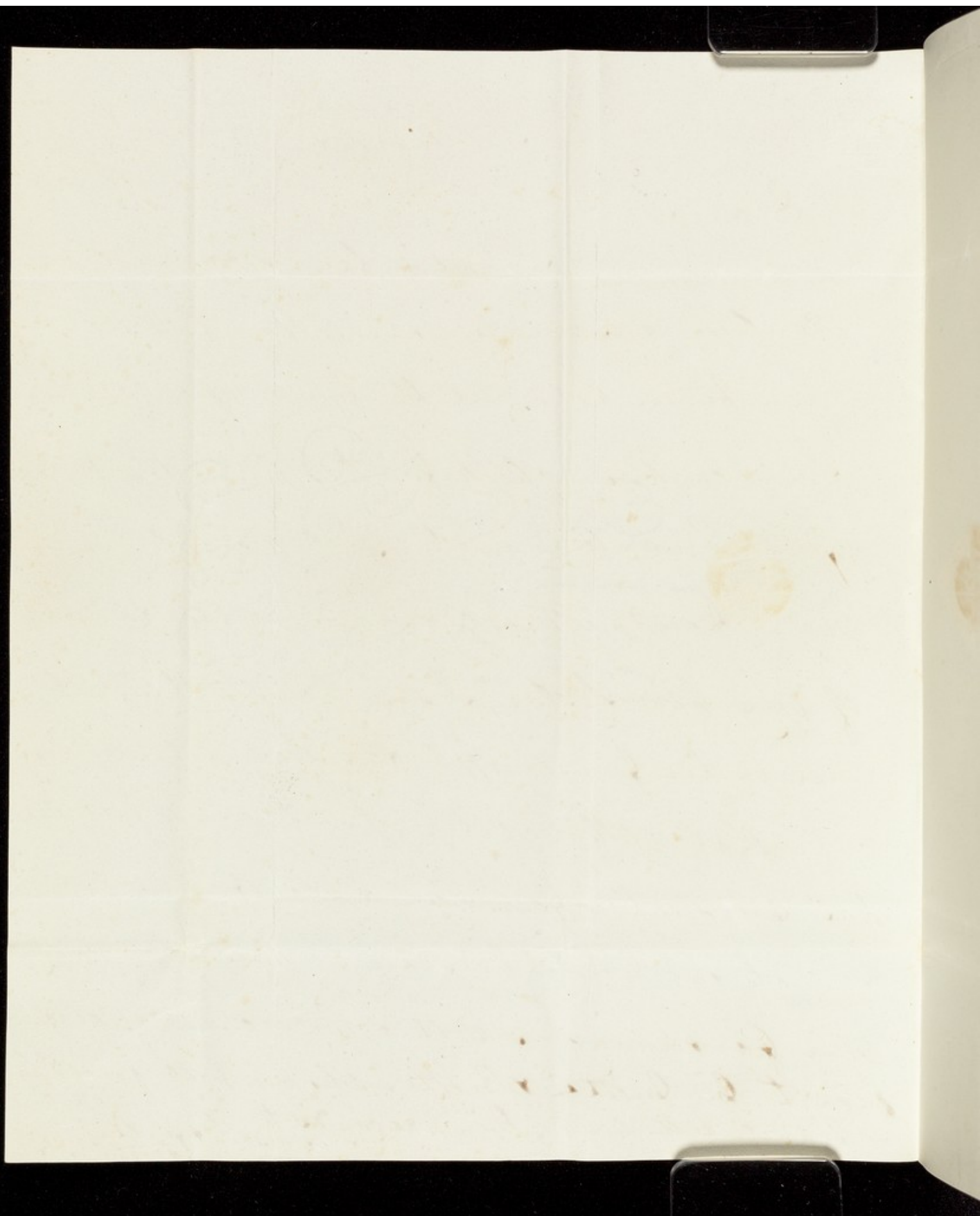
near York

Scottdale Oct^r 22nd 1836.

Dear Sir,

I would have returned an earlier answer to your letter had I not been from home at the time of its arriving. I now enclose a Check for £44. 2. 2 the amt^t of the Quarter's acct^t. I beg to acknowledge your kindness in giving us intelligence of my poor Sister, I see that she still continues in her former afflicted state, I trust however that although her spirits are so low, she has not such a feeling of discomfort as she had at one time. We shall be much obliged by your favouring us with a line about once a month. My Mother & Brother, who are both quite well, unite with me in kind regards to you.

Yours respectfully,
J. B. Fisher.





Abm Fisher
10/22-

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Mr. Thomas Allen
York.



13 St Pauls Church Lane
London 22nd Oct 1836

Sir

I have to request you will
acquaint me at your earliest
convenience the Terms on which
you receive a Female patient

I ask with the intention of
placing a dear Relation of
mine at a more moderate
expense than where she has
been for nearly 12 mos past
in this neighbourhood

From the strong recommendation
of Mr Bragg I feel I might
confide in her having every
useful care and comfort
in your Establishment

Dear Sir Yrs respectfully
Thos^r Moolrich

W. H. H. H.
1877



A. Warlick
10/22 -

Mr. Tho. A. Allen
Redbank
near York
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Sir

I will thank you to inform me by return of
post what your weekly charges are for
Board, custody, moral and medical treat-
ment of an insane youth in the middle
Station of life who has been ill about a
week, he is now more calm and rational
but I do not think that he will recover whilst
under the influence of a many of the causes
which have contributed to produce his malady
I will also feel obliged to be informed when
he could be admitted if necessary, and
what are the preliminary steps to be
taken previous to his admission into
your institution, likewise what is your
plan of treatment, and if you could
send a proper person to take the charge of
him to that place, - I am presuming
that your retreat is not confined to your
Sect alone, but that any other is eligible.

I remain your obed^t Serv^t

Bedale 3rd 10/1836 Wm. Frederick Lane Surgeon

[Faint, illegible handwriting visible through the paper.]



Wheatstone
10/10



To the Governor of Bedford
The Quakers Bedford
Bedford near York



Thornbury, 10mo. 17. 1836

Dear F. & d.

Thomas Allis,

I have this day requested my Bankers to pay to thy acct. with the York City & County Bank the sum of Ten pounds, on behalf of my Sister Hannah. It will thank thee, in acknowledging its rec^t., to say how she is, also how my Co^p. Jas.

Blose is. - Please to give our dear love to my afflicted Sister, in which I am united by my Sisters Hannah & Esther, who are here. Hast thou heard of Henry Pearson of late? With love to thyself & Wife in which my Elizth unites. I am

Thy assured F. & d.
James Moxham

P.S. Griffith Hughes & his Mother send their love to Alice Hughes; they are pretty well, & intend to write soon. & w^d. like to receive a letter from Alice when proper & she is inclined to write to them.

J. W. Thomas
10/12/22

W. H. M.
10/12

PAID
ST. M.
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Bristol
15 Oct 1836

THOMAS

Thomas Ellis

Reheat

York

near

Post paid



Blomfield St Gainsbury Circus
17/10 mo 1836

My dear friend

It has many times occurred to me that thou must think I had forgotten my engagement to endeavor to procure another presentation on behalf of Helen Smith. - This however has not been the case but owing to various circumstances I have not been able to succeed until within the last few days when mentioning the subject to our friend Peter Bedford he said he thought he was entitled to more than one patient at the reduced rate. He wished me to say that he requested her name might be placed to this account. - I trust this will be satisfactory - if otherwise thou wilt be kind enough to let me know. With kind love in which my dear Eli joins I am thy affectionate friend Mary J. Meigs





M. Meper
10/17-

Geo. Meier

Samuel Tucker

York.



Respectful Friend

Russell 10/12. 1836

Thos. Allis

The present is to state to
thee, though we are fearful ~~we are~~
rather violating the rules of the Institution
but the urgency of the case must be
our apology. My nephew Owen Lloyd
has been for a length of time subject
to great mental depression, by the
case now assuming such a character
of insanity that his friends by acquaintance
in the neighbourhood of Armbristide where
he has long resided ^{been} much beloved,
are convinced that prompt care is
absolutely needful to prevent self destruction,
to which act he appears to have a very
strong inclination. The letter which

we met this morn^g from Ambleside,
represents his mind to be in such a state,
that we do not see how we could be
considered by his brothers & Sisters &
other near relatives, as acting with
needful propriety, if we did not use
promptness. My Brother J B & one
of our Medical men are gone over
to Ambleside & intended to bring
them back, & we have engaged one
of our highly respectable ^{surgeons} ~~apothecaries~~ to
accompany them to York tomorrow
If they get well on they will reach
York tomorrow night by the coach
which leaves Leeds after the arrival
of the Reading coach; they will be
furnished with the needful Certificate

but we should have preferred to have
given them longer notice & to have
ascertained whether the Institution be
willing to if not leave for this regulations
~~admission~~ allow the managers to admit
persons who are not members of ~~our~~
our Society. Quinn Fether was a member
of our Society. He never was —

We shall write more particularly
by Thos. Gough, the Surgeon who accom-
panied him. In the mean time
from the hope that this letter will
reach thee tomorrow. I am with
dear love Thy assured friend

Isaac Braithwaite

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10/12 -

Thos. Elliot

Retreat

Near York



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Birley 10 Mo 29th 1836

Esteemed Friend
Thomas Alice

Rachel Stansfield a Member
of our Meeting (Handsworth Woodhouse) having
of late conducted herself in such a manner
that it is absolutely needful for her to be put
under proper care - her Brother Samuel came
over from Liverpool a short time ago on purpose
to make arrangements respecting her and con-
sulted the two Medical Men in the Village who both
consider her a proper subject for the Retreat -

Her Brother John (a professional Man) is with
her at present he has been at my house this
morning requesting that she might be put
under proper care as soon as possible -

She has a small annuity of her own but
I believe not sufficient to cover the expenses but

as our Meeting from a donation is entitled
to send a patient on the lowest terms perhaps
the benefit of it would be allowed on his account
if not I believe his Brother Samuel will pay
all charges — If you have room I wish thee
to write as soon as convenient and send the
blank form and certificates and what is needed
for your information and we will attend to them

please direct — Edw Bingham Grocer Sheffield
Edw^c Hobson Birley

Thy Friend respectfully
Edw^c Hobson

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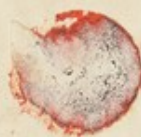
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E. Hobson
10/29-

Thomas Alice
Retreat
New York



Wilton Square
Liverpool

10^{mo} 31st 1836 —

Esteemed Sir,
Thos^r Allis,

Thy letter of 10^{mo} 14th came to hand just afternoon to thee had been put into the post — the latest date 21st Inst^o would have been replied to sooner had not my son been from home, I now enclose £100 out of which please to pay the two accounts, (Maria's & John's) together £84. 3. — agreeably with thy statement, & place the balance £12. 17. — against the next accounts. In acknowledging the receipt of this we hope to receive a favourable account of my dear children, to whom please give love from me their Sisters & Brothers —

Thine respectfully
Phebe Towser



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P. Fisher
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NEW YORK

Thomas Allred
Procheat
near York

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NEW YORK

Paid Dr. Fisher

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Stymont of 11 Mo 1830

Respected Friend

I have been applied to

by the relations of Philip Tuckett on the sub-
ject of his being admitted as a patron in the
theatre, but not being able to put much hard
on the printed regulations. I am not able
to give them the required information -
He lost his membership by manuring out -
He has been in a low nervous state for a
year or two and his medical attendants
will certify of his being of unsound mind -
He is in low circumstances with a wife
and seven children whom he is disqualified
from supporting by his malady - I shall
be obliged by thy informing me, if he may
be admitted and on what terms - I have
some idea that Devonshire quarterly
meeting is entitled to send a patron on
the lowest terms in virtue of a donation
from one of our members, & so it may
be a suitable opportunity to avail ourselves of it
as P. Tuckett's relations will have as much
as they can well bear to take care of his
family - Thy early reply will oblige
Thy friend Wm. Collins

These should be in the office of the
with a + near the window

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely from a 19th-century letter or manuscript. The text is written in brown ink on aged, yellowed paper. The handwriting is slanted and flowing. There are significant stains and a large dark mark on the left side of the page, and a smaller dark mark on the right side. The text is organized into several paragraphs separated by faint horizontal lines.]

Samuel Drake
North C

11/12
Wm L. Allen

Esteemed Friend / Stockton N. H., 1836

We received thy kind & Intelligent letter, for its gratifying particulars we feel much obliged to thee when we were at York in being in winter we got some extra linings put into our dear sons waistcoats, we expect they would be taken out in summer, if so, we shall be obliged by the same or some other linings being put into the waistcoats for the winter, also into his new waistcoat. This season of the year please be kind enough as let John have good shoes, but not over strong leather, and to be made comfortably large, when at York we thought his shoes were too tight. I think I should not have made ^{them} ~~it~~ ^{them} ~~it~~ now, but recollecting that, I think, John had a thinner coat for summer, if he have not worn it lately, will be much obliged by thy desiring an attendant hanging it to the fire and keeping it

it dry, should the cock have worms in
it from not being much worn, we should
like it to come home for the present,
rather than occasion any trouble to others.
The great cock that came home had
a many worms in it.
When thou writes, please to say if ever
I can be in want of any thing
we do not doubt thy continued care
and kind attended to John

Hope thou will excuse all these nervous
when it is considered that the Individual
is all our dearest and nearest relation,
which, I trust, will apologize
I was going to have said on the other side respect-
ing John's shoes, when we were at York he
sometimes had a pair on which served
over throat in the Instep and appeared
uncomfortable

Hoping to hear from thee by one long and
I shall be glad to have as ~~far~~ agreeable as

an account or more so than the last
with all our Love

• My friend M. Brant

we have had some cold nights lately we
doubt not thy case respecting ~~the~~

I am and my dear Love to thy wife
and Th. Warmly

Success ~~of~~

very respect
 That my Father gave to he said he
 was satisfied that my Husband
 was better than when he saw him
 half a year agoe / my Husband / which
 thou wilt be sure is more almost than can believe
 for my Father to admit that much to me *

Single
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 Thomas Ctlles
 Remek
 near York



M. B. 11/11

Respected & curious I & unknown to her
 have made free to open children's letter all
~~all~~ To say that I hope thou will be able
 to give the like good account that thou gave
 day last kind letter / which please to rec^{ce}
 lect is more than a fortnight ~~ago~~ ^{since} now

Respected friend

Monkhill Postpact 11th mo 1836

Enclosed £5/4 for one Quarter due

some time ago for the Board of our daughter Margaret Thwaite please to inform us on the receipt of this whether she be in want of any Clothing and also respecting her Health and the state of her mind which will oblige thy

affectionate friend

To Thomas Allis

James Thwaite



Handwritten text, possibly a signature or date, in the upper right corner.



Ja^s Mervais
11/18

POST-PAID

Frank

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Thomas Allis

Montreal

near York

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Respd. Friend

Whitby ^H Mo 17. 1836

Thos. Alice

I am sorry to inform thee my
Wife is beginning again to show symptoms
of her old complaint and I have always
found it better to have a blank certificate
by me to be filled up by a medical
man when found necessary, as a few
days is of consequence both to her own
safety and those about her, I can
she have to be readmitted to the retreat
will inform thee when, but I shall
hear from thee first I am with kind respects
to thee and Thos. Pomeroy

Thy Affected Friend
Thos. Galilee

This image shows a blank, aged, cream-colored page, likely an endpaper or flyleaf from an old book. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some minor discoloration and faint, illegible ghosting of text from the reverse side. The page is bound on the left edge, and there are some small, dark spots or stains visible.



S. Galileo
11/17—

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Thomas Alice

Retreat

near York—



My activity that Mr. Philip Debar ^{Debar}
was under my care several months ago.
that he was then of unsound mind and
now, as I am informed, remains in the same
state in which he was when I attended
him

Wm. B. D. M. V.

Nov. 7. 1836.

In answer to S. Tuke's queries it may be
stated that we understand that P. J. T. has
generally been in the practice of attending
family meetings for more than when in
health. That his complaint cannot be
termed insanity because in most respects
he appears perfectly rational - but subject
to paroxysms of strong nervous excitement or
delirium inducing horrible & distressing
sensations that he is afraid to be left at all
alone, has consulted divers medical men
who attribute his feelings to a diseased state
of the brain - but after many trials has ob-
tained little benefit from medicine and an
operation was tried to try an Oxygenn at Fisk's ponds
for some weeks & appeared rather improved
but the experience was greater than they had.
wishes to support - & he still remains so pro-
foundly overcome with charge imagination as
to be a great trial to his wife & family & consi-
ders himself totally incapable of fulfilling a situa-
tion - having lost a very valuable one with
him. I thought in Bristol in consequence of his
indisposition - that his relations have been led to
believe he was placed wholly under proper
& judicious care for a time there would be

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Esteemed Friend

I fear thou wilt think me

neglectful in not replying to thy letter of
12 Ins before - But as P. Turbett was here
only a short time and not having had any
intercourse with him I could not reply satis-
factorily to some of thy inquiries. I desired
his relations here to furnish me with the
particulars and to procure medical certifi-
cates as to his state of mind. They wrote to
Bristol ^{when he was under} for them, but have had no reply.
They have however furnished the particulars
of his anxious life together with the certifi-
cate of the medical man who attended him
here. I have no doubt but that he is de-
ranged in a degree, but as he is not likely
to return here, I have recommended his
relations to apply to the Agents for the
Beech at Bristol, to attend to the case
and to write thee on it.

Thine respectfully,
Wm. Collier

11/7-36

J Budd

ms. J. D. Luckats

Samuel Luckats

York

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Stockton 11/8th 1836
Respected Friend

I received thine by yesterdays Post and
feel oblig'd by the contents — at the request of my
Wife and Daughter I advise of a letter received by
the latter from Ralph Briggs dated Scarsbro the
3rd Inst — on his way from York where he has been
stopping a few weeks wherein he says —

“A friend at York well acquainted with our dear
Son, ^{he} says, has a strong impression on his mind,
that change of Air and change of Scenery, w^old have
a good ^{effect} in strengthening both body and mind, and
strongly recommends a country journey, accompanied
by a suitable companion, in words to this effect; —
he also adds that the above is Dr Belcombes private
opinion.” I have now to request thou wilt speak
to Dr Belcombe the first opportunity with my
best respects and I wish to know from himself
whether the above statement regarding our dear Son
be literally correct; also be kind enough to give me
thy candid & explicit judgment in this matter; —

I shall feel oblig'd by thy early reply, & remain
with regard

Thy Aff^l Friend
John Bracton

Dr Pelcombe says "I never spoke
"any body out of the Retreat about John
"Porter except his Wife; & I ~~occasionally~~
"do not recommend a journey or change
"of air - I thought the quietness of the Retreat
"much more favorable than any other place!"

I do not myself think it at all ^{desirable}
for him to be travelling about, & for this
reason, that he scarcely ever sees a young
female without being made to her: about a
week ago I had to go to a farm house in
the country, & took him with me in
the gig; & the sole time we were in the house
he was staring in the face of the young woman
the mistress of the house & laughing at her & her very
great annoyance; & this he does whenever
he comes in company with a young female.
Then his arms to kitchen & Benington were
Lee lately, he would scarcely speak to her
because a younger woman. (Backbone
happened to be with them & from then it
was almost impossible to distract his atten-
tion - I am sure if he was a son of my
own I should think I was acting a most
unkind & a most unparental part towards
him; if I were to send him travelling about
the country to make a spectacle of himself
in the manner in which I am sure he would
do - such a journey might very likely
afford him a temporary gratification, but
it is a kind of gratification which no judicious
person would recommend. If he should
ever be restored to the full possession of his
faculties, I have no doubt that even
but he would consider such an ex-
posure of himself a most unkind
& unwarrantable step.

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Thos. Ellis
Richard near York

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1/18-86



Sir

I should be much obliged to
you to give the enclosed to Richard
& to let me know how he is -
& whether my letter gives
him any pleasure

Yours truly

W^m Lushington

Nov^r 28th

W. G. Lushington

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4 pms. ext. post



W. G. Lushington

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Sir

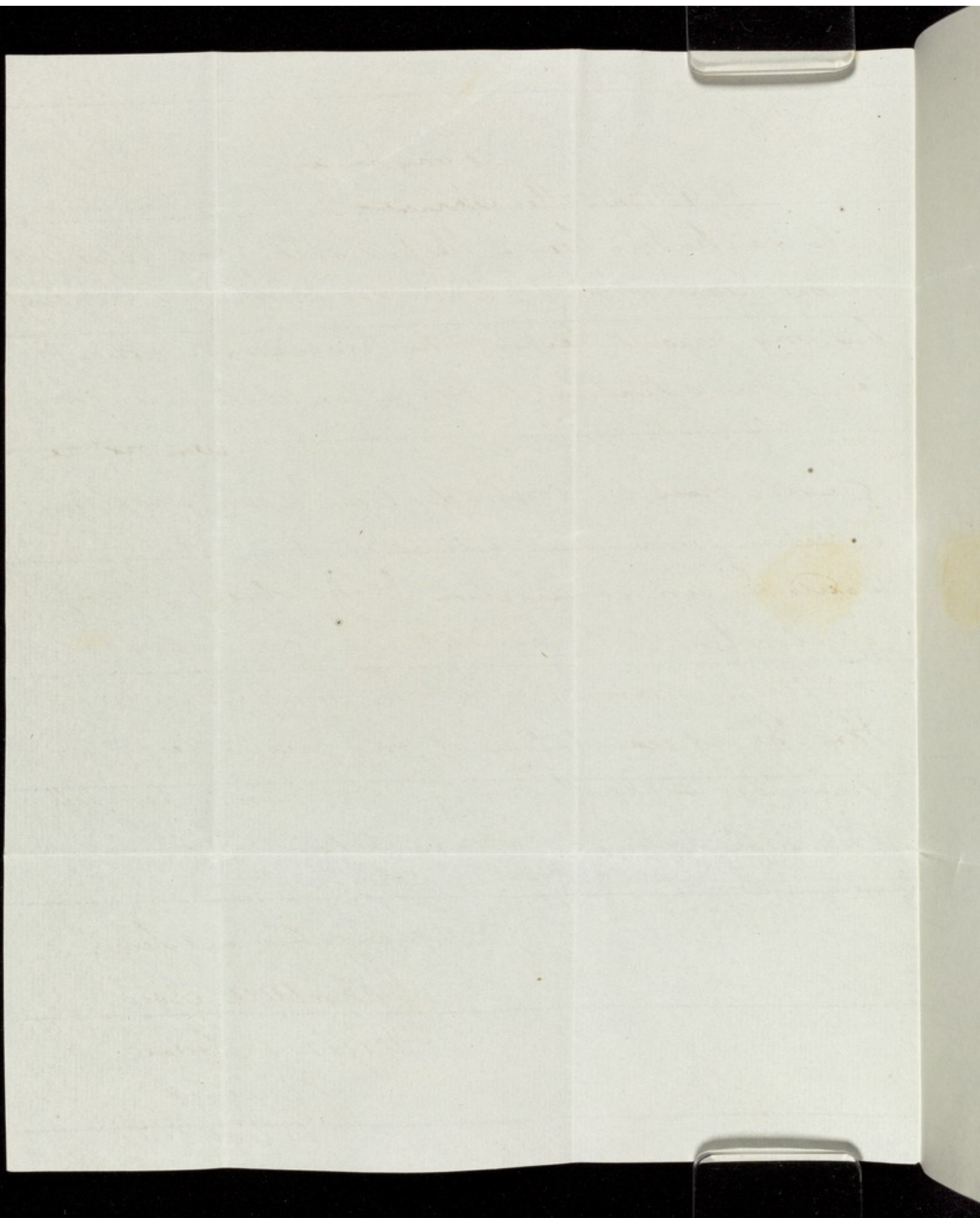
at my house

A Man called ~~upham~~ a day or two since who said he had been a Keeper at the York Retreat: he had heard I wanted a person of that description but my present Keeper who has received notice to leave his situation, to place an obstacle in my way, told the Man such a person was not required - now in contradiction to his assertion a Keeper from your well conducted Asylum would be an acquisition. & the object of my application is to learn if you can inform me the Man's name & where he may be found. For thro' the representation of my present Keeper I have lost sight of him - trusting you will excuse the liberty I have taken I remain

Sir

Your obedient Servant

John Watson
Higham House
Norwich
10 Nov 1836



W. W. W.

J. Watson

Lo the
Manager of the
~~Retreat~~
City of York
yorkshire
paid

Wellsbourn 11th mo 18th 1836

My dear friend

I take the earliest opportunity to inform thee, in order to relieve the anxiety necessarily occasioned by the abrupt departure of William Pickman, that he arrived safely at my House last evening - having slept at North Duffield on 3rd and at Brigg on 4th day nights, and as I was returning from our Monthly Meeting held on 4th day at Gainsbro', I overtook him just out of the South end of Lincoln and accompanied him here. - To day he is gone with my Brother to Lincoln Market, and seeming very anxious for his Liberty from the Institution expressed a wish to be examined by the Physician to the Asylum there as to his fitness for Liberty and Business - but he evidently appears to be under great excitement -

With kind regards for thyself and family, in which I should be joined by Joseph if he was in, who I am thankful to say continues ~~finely~~ ^{finely} tho' rather more violent and reserved than he sometimes used to be, thy assured friend Joseph Burth

The Hull and Leicester Coach passes this Village daily,
going Southward about 4 in the afternoon, and Northward
about noon.

daily
through



John Burt
11/18. 56

Thomas Ellis
Retreat near
York



Welbourn & Grantham
11th mo 22nd. 1836-

My dear friend

Poor W. Rickman is so
restless and extremely over active we really
should be glad to be relieved from his compa-
-ny - Yesterday he went again to Lincoln
on foot, quite against my advice, and again
waited on D^r. Charlesworth and went over the
Asylum a second time, after having called
at a village on his way and appointed a
Meeting at the Methodist Chappel for his
return in the evening, when about 300 per-
-sons assembled who were disappointed for a
great length of time through his missing
his way back and then having to borrow
clean and dry clothes. - Then instead of
returning here as expected by my family,
(I was from home myself,) he staid all
night, and ^{the} Landlord of the Inn came over this
morning to request of us to take care of him.
Joseph took the Gig and found him at the house of
the Clergyman where he had requested and been admitted

to be present at their family private devo-
-tions;— at 10 past ten he was busily en-
-gaged in writing in his parlour with all
his pictures and various writings spread
out on the Table. — He sleeps so little he
has been up and disturbing the family at all
hours after two — Joseph exceedingly re-
-grets his coming, and we think it very bad
for him. They taking the earliest step to get
him safely back again will greatly oblige

Thy assured friend
Joseph Burck

London

11/24/36

John Lindone from at-
tendants will be the bearer of this, & will
be commissioned to bring W. E. Richmond
back with him; if the former letter had
hinted anything whatever about our fetching
him, we should have sent off at once, but as we
knew very well, that W. E. had said a great
deal to Joseph against our Institution,
& of the Landship of his being kept as an
Patient, & as I knew that Joseph had in-
vited him & they have out of kindness;
we thought that the very best way of convin-
cing Joseph that William's detention
was a real kindness rather than a
Landship; would be to let him remain
with you uninterrupted till for a short
time; had we fetched him as soon as
we knew where he was, Joseph from what
plausible representations might have
made thought he was cruelly used; I am
quite certain that we took a deepening
& prejudice - Joseph against the Institution
& those connected with it & I now hope Joseph's
eyes will be opened; at the same time I am
really sorry for the inconvenience his pre-
sence must have put my family to
we should not have let him remain so long
out from home, that he had been invited
by Joseph; his absence had not occasioned

us any unnecessary anxiety, because
I expected where he would go to, but we did not
expect he would have taken the road he did
to arrive here —

Very affly
J. P. Allis

South
11/22 —
Thomas Allis
Retreat near
York



Manchester th 11th Month 18th 1836

Returned from

the Mills.

I have been thrown into considerable
employ by within these few past weeks, in con-
sequence of one of our young men having become
unwell. — He left us about a
fortnight since with a view of entering into
business at Sheffield, prior to which he had
exhibited considerable excitement, which we
attributed to his sanguine prospects of success
& probably taken spirit with some of his ac-
quaintance on his former visits; after he
had been at Sheffield a few days we were informed
he was going on in a most extraordinary
manner, purchasing machinery &c
to an unaccountable extent, thus we
became alarmed as to the state of his mind.

under excitement at being confined in such a place.

which was increased by his sudden & very
unexpected return to Manchester two months his
Wife last 5th day Night; from the violent & in-
coherent conduct he evinced, Drichbold was
induced to send for me about 11 o'clock; on my
way to Town, I called on Dr. Wainman who
accompanied me to Lucy St. where we
found the young man in such a state
that Mr. Teasdale signed a Certificate as
to the unsound state of his mind, this was con-
tersigned by Dr. White next to Manning, - who,
after him, recommended his being placed
under care without loss of time; hoping
it would prove a temporary matter we
got him admitted to the Asylum in our
Poor House, where he still remains; but

the medical Resident, deeming it not, the most
suitable place for him as he has to associate with
Spirits of Paupers Fare. — we are desirous of
getting him admitted to the Retreat if practicable
on the lowest terms, as being the most likely
place for his restoration to sound mind. —

Not knowing your terms, we feel at
loss how to act, as he has no means of support
but what arises from a small salary he has
made say about 20£ in his Salary and
a small sum w^{ch} his Furniture may
realize after paying his Debts. — his Wife
is not likely to contribute to his support or as
to afford him much if anything more than will
be sufficient to defray the lowest charge for
admittance into a Lunatic Asylum. — I
shall therefore feel obliged by thy informing
me in course of Post, what are your lowest

terms for such a person (not a member of our
Society) & the steps then would be commenced as
to pursue. — It may not be amiss to apprise that
that a few months back we sent him to Sweden on
important business, where he had great anxiety & exertion,
and returned in a very low & desponding state of mind.

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Retreat

Mr. York.

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J. B. J. J.

Dr. Williams had him under care for several months
till his health &c seemed fully re-established, until
the excitement occasioned by the prospect of going
into business produced the present malady; which
we hope will also prove temporary, as he is much
more rational & temperate in his expressions & ideas
since he has been under care, tho' evidently

Esteemed Friend

Thomas Allis

Frenchay - 29th Nov. 1836

My mother has requested me to send thee the annexed draft £62.13.6. to cover the account of my sister C. G. Tuckett of whose welfare we have been pleased to hear very recently by Josiah Hunt. My poor Cousin P. D. T. sent for our perusal a very kind and judicious letter which he had received from thee. His case is a singular one; but I do not doubt but that his feelings are very distressing & I ~~trust~~ ^{hope} he will derive permanent benefit from your treatment &c. I believe he is preparing for his journey & I should have thought he might have safely gone alone but he is unwilling to do so.

He has been long the subject of nervous disease & I fear he injured himself by what he has at times taken to relieve the pressure of his feelings, his bro Elias assures me that he has not assented made free in this way but has avoided stimulating drinks, and also that he received an injury on his head not long ago when overturned in a gig from the effects of which he has not recovered. I merely mention this for thy information & not unnecessarily to expose his failings.

Please to inform Esther that her Mother ^{her} Brothers & their wives & children are well & also present our love to her - also acknowledge the receipt of the Draft to my Mother.

I am respectfully
Thy friend

Philip D. Tuckett

P. D. Luckett
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Thomas Allis
Retreat
New York

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Carlisle 11th Mo. 1st 1836

Dear Friend

Mrs. Ellis,

I duly received thy recent acceptable letter of the 27th ult. and was glad to find that our visit to my dear Wife had not been at all injurious to her and that you considered her in some respects improved which I thought was indicated by sending her dear love to me - and was truly grateful to my feelings -

I send herewith a pattern and yarn for her to knit me a pair of socks, and hope she will be induced to make the attempt, and to make what progress she can and shall be glad if it should lead her to any other kind of employment - Thou canst read the enclosed few lines to her, as may be thought proper - I considered it best not to enlarge upon any other subject - but if she should express any wish for other information I shall be glad to communicate it, as you may judge proper - (As thou dost not allude to her health I hope there is nothing unfavourable to remark respecting it - I shall be pleased to hear from her soon as convenient - and with love to her and thy Wife, and to St. Fortsonby - I remain thy affec^t. friend

Wm. Stoddy -

Have given my love to the young Woman who so kindly attended upon my dear Wife -

P.S. I have enclosed the opportunity of enclosing
a few Lozenges for my dear Hope which, if she likes
them, may be given to her as you think proper.

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J. Hardy
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Wm. S. Ellis
Retreat
near York



Carlisle 11th Mo. 15th 1830

Dear Friend

Thos. Allis

I have been looking with a degree of anxious solicitude for some further account of my dear Wife - but, as I have before expressed, knowing the multiplicity and importance of thy engagements, I feel reticent to make any request that would inconvenience thee. But if thou hast not written before this arrives, I shall be greatly obliged by thy doing so - And letting me know if her health and appetite continue to be pretty good - if there is any improvement in the state of her mind - how she rests in the nights - what remark she made upon my letter when it was presented or read to her - and if you have succeeded in getting her on with her knitting or any other employment, and if so what effect it seems to have - Are her delirious ideas as strong as they were, and upon what subjects principally? - What time does she rise in the morning? - Does she walk much about - or how does she generally spend her time? - Does she ever allude to her solitary husband, whom she so dearly loved - or to any

circumstances respecting her own dear home.

Thou wilt please excuse my anxiety in being
thus particular in making these inquiries - and
as her Medical Attendants have now had an
opportunity of examining into her case - I should
be glad to have their opinion as to the probability
of her recovery.

Thou wilt please present my very
dear love to my precious Eliza - and with love
to thyself and H. Ponsbury - I remain
Thy sincere friend

Thos. Stoddy

P. S. Thou wilt please give my dear love to
Sam^l. Duke if he is at home - I hope
his Daughter's health is improved by her
change of residence - If he should incline
to write to me it would be very acceptable.

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Thomas. M. R.
Retreat
near York

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Sumner Hill
12 of Nov 1846

My dear friend

I hope thou will

receive the sum ~~and~~ attached viz. to
seventy two pounds 18/- which well I
expect settle for the three several ac-
counts rendered

I am with love thy friend
J. W. B. P. A. M. A.

17th Nov 1845
Dear Mother
I received your letter of the 11th inst. and was
glad to hear from you. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same. I
am not at present doing much but I shall
soon be at home. I shall be glad to hear
from you again. I am, dear Mother, your
affectionate son
John Smith

Dear Fred
Please to credit J. H. Lewis' A/c with the amount being
the amount of my statement and a few extra since I am
full I can scarcely write at all, with love to everybody

My friend
G. W. H. H.

By a letter from Boston Mary N. was kindly received, I don't call

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Thomas Allen
Berkat
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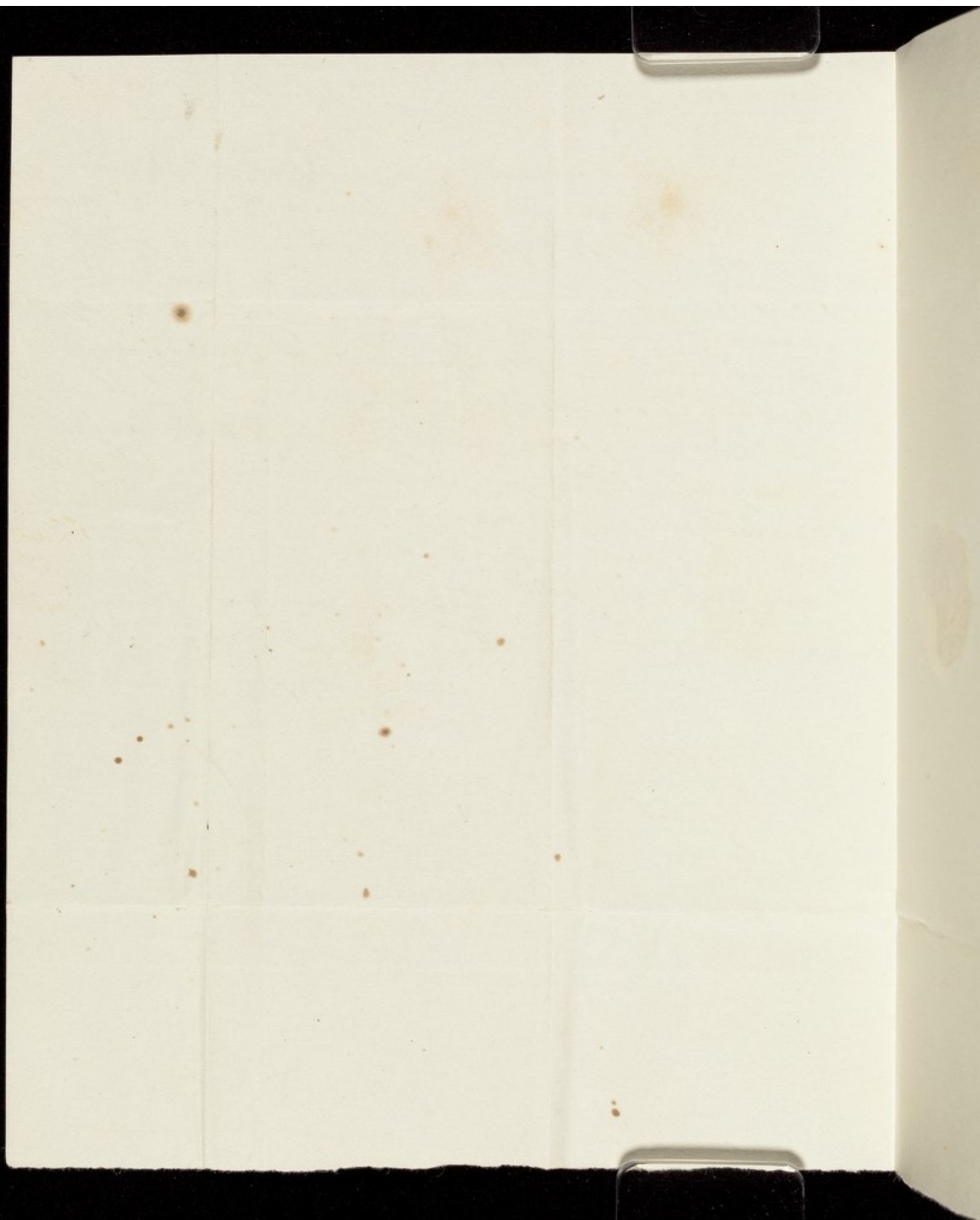
Dear Sir

Grant Braghton 1st Nov. 1836
near Nayth

Enclosed I remit you my Bill on London for
Seventeen pounds 16/3, Being the exact amount
of your account for my Brother John up to
31st March last. I have also received your
account for the subsequent half year, £12. 19. 3
which shall be sent before long. Make my love
to John. His Mother is mending & the rest of
my Brother George's family. With the exception
of myself, all my family have been very ill of the
Scarlet fever, (viz) my Wife & 3 children & maid servant.
Mrs. H. is still laid up at; the rest are getting
mending well again. I remain (Dr Sir
(an acknowledgement will oblige))
Yours truly
Wm Harrison

J. M. Thos. Allis
Superintendent

Retreat
York





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Mr. Thos. Ellis
Superintendent
Newport
New York



NEW YORK

London 3rd 12th 1836
Tom's office house (antique)

Esteemed Friend
Thomas Alice

I yesterday received a letter from my
Friend in France, concerning a female relative
they wish to send to the Retreat. I called
on Mr. Hanley this morning to get one of your
printed papers, but he has none. I have
therefore to request that you will be so kind as to
send one direct - addressed to my Nephew, John
Budge, Lamborne Lane.

Shouldst have been writing me shortly with my
Listers account. please to give me thy ^{opinion}
as to the best road from Exeter to York. I think
through Bristol, Bath, & Keltenham.
Please to give my dear love to my Lister
& tell her that we are all pretty well.

as they were at Margate, when we heard a few days
since - With love to thyself & family & H. Benson by

Remain Thy affectionate Friend
Jm Hamilton

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Retreat
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Dear Friend.

I am obliged by thy attention to my Letter to our friend Sam. Tuke.

Since the death of her Sister the Patient has no home ~~but~~^{it} not being suitable for her Nephews with young families to receive her. She is ^{health} therefore in Lodgings under the care of a Nurse who is considered to be suffering considerably by the excitement & the attention almost constant the Aunt requires, her intellects remaining clear on many points, & it is only occasionally that she is unmanageable to any extent. it therefore appears to be clearly a case coming under the description of those then last named. As the Patient has been accustomed to every domestic comfort in a plain way her Relations would not wish to place her amongst those of the lowest degree in the House. We are willing to afford 3^l. or ever 5^l. a Week ^{in degree} in addition to the 10^l. - if necessary to secure for her those indulgences she has been accustomed to.

May I request the favor of thee to state
as fully as thou ^{with propriety} ~~properly~~ canst the situation she
can be placed in, is the District & whether then
considered ^{it} necessary that she should be accom-
panied on the journey by any additional per-
son on the journey. I have soon after thy reply to
these particulars, then couldst share a proper
person to come into Cornwall. for it appears very
desirable she should so soon as conveniently
may be placed under proper care is the hope
of a recovery.

I am

Thy sincere friend
Wm. W. Weedy

Accept the kind regards
of my Wife & self & if our
friend Sam. Luke is returned offer the same to
his family.

Thomas Allen.

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Thomas Allis.
Retreat
York.

Wm.

London 12 Nov 7. 1836

My dear Friend

I have waited till this
time to reply to thy letter as I was at first
ignorant whether my signature would be
valued in the case refer'd to. I now find from
Sam Tuke that it will. I therefore annex
an order as requested

Thy sincere Friend
Sam Gurney

To the Com^{ee} of Management at the Retreat
near York
B. kind enough to admit into the Retreat
at the lowest cost Philip D Tuckett with the
 requisite certificates

Sam Gurney

The Letter from which this was taken is dated 12mo 7th
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S. Gurney
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James Charles
Bristol



Handsworth Woodhouse
12th Mo. 9th 1836

Res^d Friend

Thomas Allie

We are now under the necessity
of sending Rachel Stansfield to be put
under your care as a Patient in the
Retreat - she has of late conducted her-
self in such a manner that we were
obliged to employ a civil Officer to take care
of her - she is so disposed to take Liquor
to excess when at liberty - that persuasion
has no influence over her - We intend to
send her off under proper care tomorrow
morning the 10th - We have endeavoured
to answer the Queries - but we are satis-
fied that drinking to excess is the princi-

- that cause of her conducting herself as
she does - and nothing but proper con-
trol will avail any thing -

We are fully satisfied that she has not
sufficient means to discharge her expenses
and should therefore wish her to be received
as a patient on the lowest terms -

If nothing prevent I intend to be
at our next 2^d Meeting -

I am respectfully thy friend

Edward Hobson

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E. Wilson
12/9

To the Superintendent
of the Retreat near
York



Buck No 12 No 13. - 1836 -

Respected Friend
Mrs. Ellis,

My Mother and Aunt desire their
kind respects and would feel particularly obliged
if thou would send us a letter to inform us how
my Brother is as we are all very anxious to
hear, and should like to know if James received
the little box safe which we sent by the Nor-
hampton Coach in the Summer.

We have this Day remitted to Wm. Hanby
£5.2s and my Mother paid to him in
the 9th Month. With kind respects

to myself and Mr. Ponsonby and in the
hope of hearing soon I remain

Thine Respectfully

Mary Bwan Kirby

W.B. Kirby
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Thomas Ellis

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near York

Yorkshire

David

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Esteemed Friend Slacken 12 M^o 17, 1836
Thos. Ellis

It being near the time called
Christmas, it being the time when most
people in this ^{part} make what is called
Yule cakes, our Daughter, as usual,
has sent one for her Husband & she
has also presented one for thy Daughters
acceptance, which is the Yule cake, but
the same in quality,
our dear Son will also receive several other
Articles, when thou writes, please to say, if any
and what remarks he makes about them,
we have likewise sent by thy desire, two
night shirts which hope will suit, you
and I think perhaps it will be better for
I am not to know of them being fresh ones
The cakes &c. are in a cask, it being round,
suited better than any other shape, it was
sent by the Carrier this day.
Should have been written before this arrives,
it being more than three weeks since thy
last letter, in that case, will be much obliged

Obliged by thy replying to this the first
convenient opportunity, and have also
to have a many more particulars,
our united love

thy friend

Yours and my dear love

Henry Prater

To thy wife and H. Pensonby

dear respects to thy Father,

if he is still with thee

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Thomas Allen

Retreat

near

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Brighthouse m^r. Halifax 12th mo: 6th 1836.

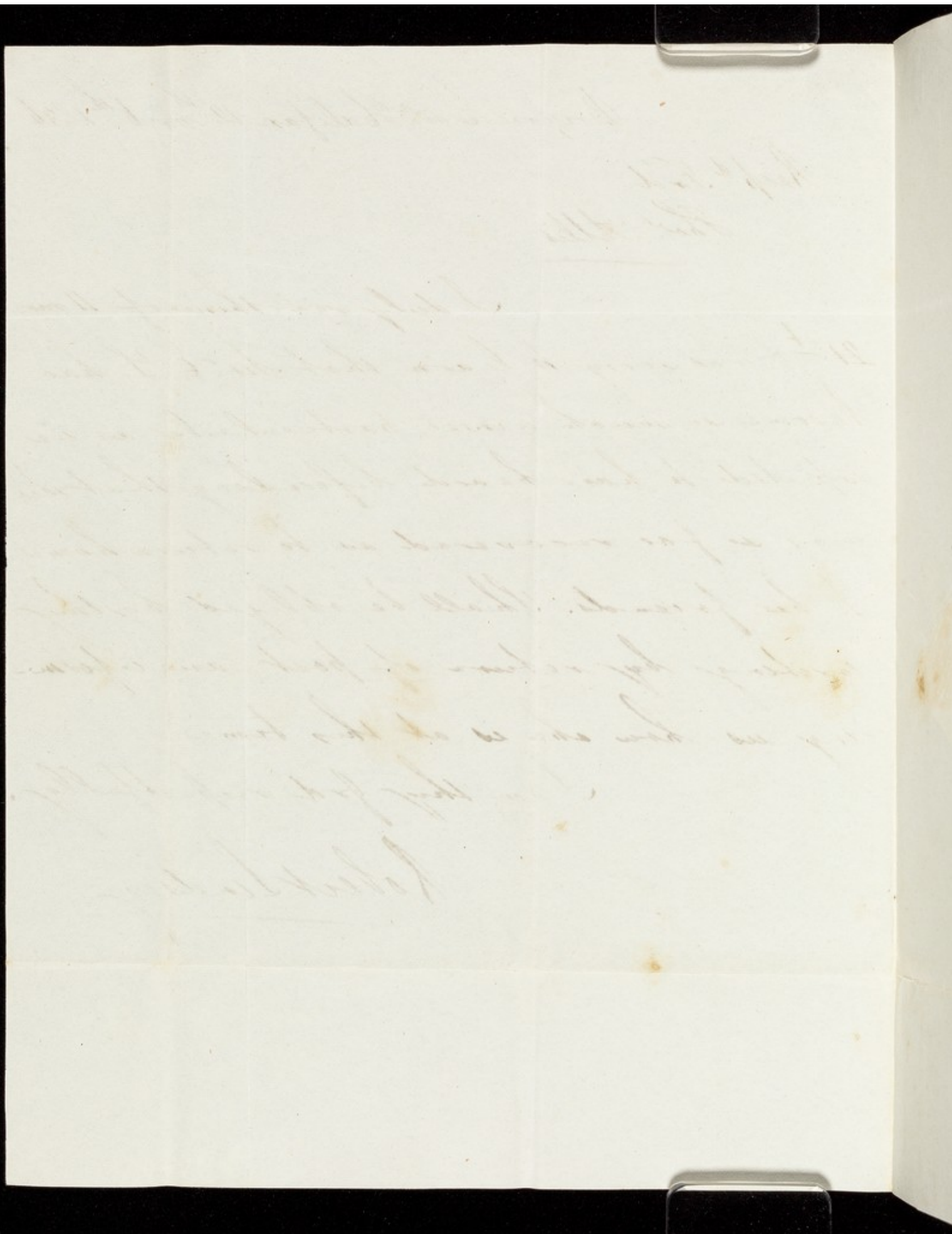
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Thos. Atter

I duly rec^d. thine of 11 mo:
21st & was sorry to learn that Si^r. E. L. has
become so much worse; particularly as we
expected to have heard before long that she
was so far recovered as to return home
to her friends. Shall be obliged by thy
writing by return of post, and inform-
ing us how she is at this time.

I am thy frd respectfully

Robert Lindsey



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Thomas. Ellis
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J. W. Brown
James Chalkin
H. H. Allen

Respected Friend
Y. A.

2nd May 1837.

I got Mother to write to thee on
the day she wrote and she asked
of thee to be kind enough to write
to us if my Dear Husband was
taken poorly the which thing of
this morning does not name
this is only to ask of thee to write if
it should be the case hoping thou
will excuse the liberty of this &
am very respectfully
Jane Procter





Gene Porter

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Large Thomas Ellis
Metrical
with York



Esteemed Friend

I have a Note from J. H. by an opportunity to Ackworth in which he says -

"Since I wrote my last Note" (date 29th Nov^r - a note sent separately by the same conveyance) "I have been applied to by a very pious Local preacher to learn him a little of the Hebrew language: he wishes to be sure of his mark in expounding Holy Writ to his hearers. I judged I should not do my duty to God or man if I refused. We are therefore to begin this day; and if Almighty God favours our endeavours he will soon understand a little of the Sacred tongue."

I can have no objection to John's having a little opportunity of passing his time more agreeably by intercourse with such persons: but this looks rather like a serious engagement, & may be also for a recompense. The point may be decided in his opinion of the teacher - or he may be a

deal in the hands of designing & mischievous
people, willing to divert themselves (or amuse) at
the expense of both. I shall be obliged if thou
wilt see Bennett, & know what the party is,
who makes the offer then accepted. If he be
a known & respectable neighbour, it may be
left alone for a while. If otherwise, he will
most probably cheer off on being noticed by thee.

We are going for the South at the turn
of the year. Should any thing require it,
thou wilt be so kind as write to my son
Robt^r for me - which will be forwarded if
we chance to be in the West at the time

Thy sincere Friend
Luke Howard
4 Elm^{12th} St. No: 1835

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Thomas Allis
Putney, York

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Dear
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Thomas C. C.
Retreat
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Respected Friend.

Tho. Ellis,

I wish to inform Thee we have remitted a Quarters Board to Wm Hawley on my Brother's account to-day; and when convenient Mother and self would feel greatly obliged by Thy sending us ^a letter as we very much wish to know how my Brother is. Mother unites me in kind respects to Thyself and H. Donsonby. And I remain

Thy Obligated Friend
Mary Bewan Coles -

M. B. S. S.



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Thos A

[Large handwritten flourish or signature]

C. W. Davis

Respected Friend

Woodside W Liverpool
12th Dec^r 1836

I duly received thy Letter containing a request on the part of my sister for me to come to York to see her during the Fall time. It not being convenient to leave home I wrote her a letter last 3^d day to that effect; I received a letter from her after her being with you abt. 3 days, writing for money & to send her her best black & Bonnet, and saying she surely should not be there long etc. In my reply I stated money could not be sent her nor yet her black and I could not possibly say how long she would have to remain - all which I wrote in as agreeable a way as I could. I had not then received an ^{account} of the particulars which occurred prior to her being sent to York owing to the indisposition of a Relation; but

Sunderland, she arrived in a very sad
state at the Retreat; and I find her situation
previously had been as wretched as could
nearly be conceived; owing principally to
drinking to excess, a habit which I regret to
say has existed for many years; every
endeavour which could be thought of has
been from time to time tried, and though
some temporary amendment has occasion-
ally been the result; yet on the whole that
unhappy failing has been constantly on the
increase to an extent at length which must
have greatly injured her mind, and debased
her moral feeling; she has had some narrow
personal escapes from being burned to death
her Neighbours have been dreadfully alarmed
& terrified; & it is utterly unsafe for her being
at large. I write these particulars, that those
who may be acquainted ^{in some degree} with the nature of her
case though probably thou wilt have been
informed by some friend at Edw. Hobson from
near Woodhouse where my Sister was taken
from. I don't know the Rules of the Institution
as respects patients being at liberty to write with-
out informing the Governor or Governess, but
if my Sister wants anything as brother & sister

it would be much better to be written for by
thyself or thy Wife; in her Letter to me she wished
to be allowed Tea in afternoon & some after
Dinner, but as that is an exciting beverage
particularly after Dinner it would only
serve to keep up nervous irritability; we
be best in all respects to conform strictly to
the Rules of the Institution - before writing her
I had hoped to have received the particulars
which I got yesterday, but I see no propriety
or safety in at present looking to any period
of her liberation - My Sister's natural abilities
have been very good, & thou of course will
know best how her case should be treated
after the information received, I myself
though knowing her so well had no concep-
tion of the wretched state she had brought
herself to of late which the letter of yester-
day states - When any thing should be
wanted please to write to Edw. Hobson,
Bierlow near Sheffield or Wm. Brown Stubby
near Dronfield - and I shall be desirous
of information how my Sister is in a while
excuse the freedom thus take & believe
me to remain thy friend respectfully

Sam Stansfield

J. Handfield

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Thos. Allis

Friends Retreat

near York

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Respected Friend

Thos. Alice /

Above is a cheque for £ 8.9.0

a quarter board for my wife, by a letter I
had from her yesterday I find she is in a very
disordered state of mind my kind respects to
the family and self I am

very respectfully
thy friend

Thos. Galilee

J. Perkins

Manchester Dec. 20, 1836

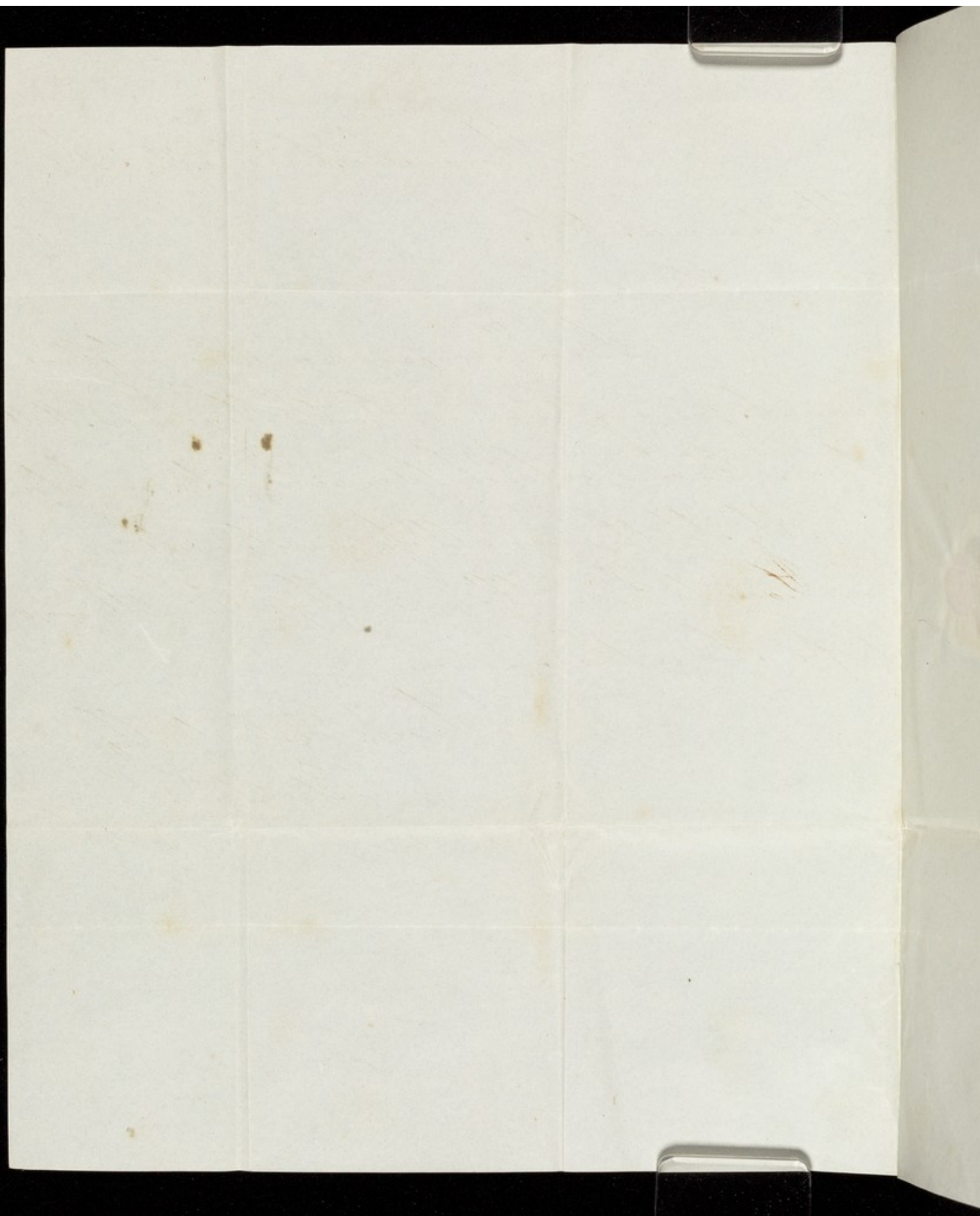
Mr Thomas Allis.

Dear Sir,

I enclose you have Twenty Five
Pounds for my Cousin Ruth Heywood's Half
Year's Board, which please to acknowledge.

My Mother and Wife unite with me
in Love to her. We are all quite well, and
hope she is the same.

Yours respectfully,
Peter Heywood.



P. Ryland
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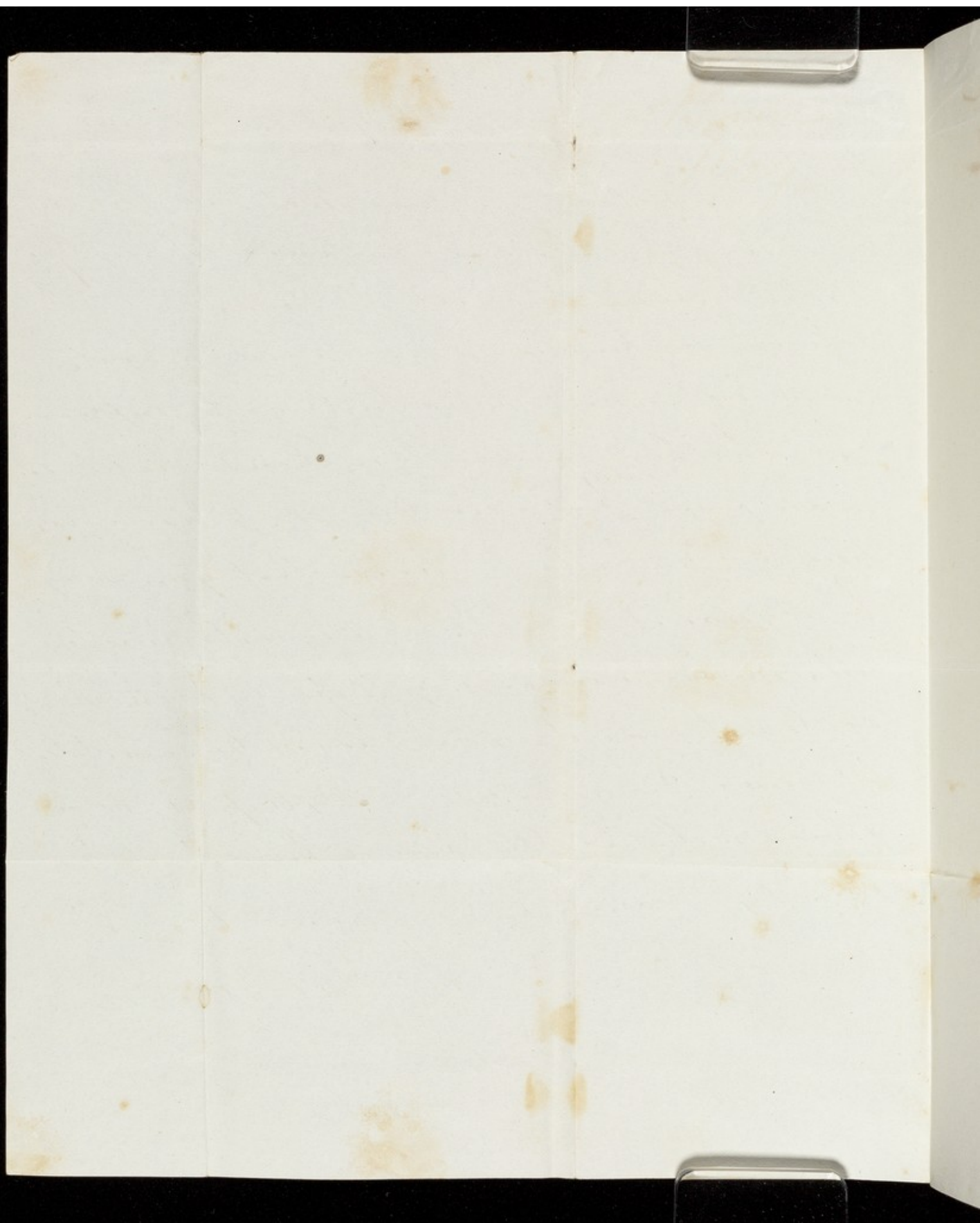
Wm. Ryland
Retreat
New York



Mr. Allen
My Friend

Given 29th of 12th Mo. 1836

Inclosed are two Notes for fifteen
Pounds which please to pass to my ^{self}
I acknowledge the rec^d. of them.
Letting us know how poor Sarah
now is — And be so kind as to inform
us whether James Backhouse has been
heard from ^{lately} & where his wife & any par-
ticulars respecting him that you may
be acquainted with — My wife writes
with me in love to my wife & particularly
our love to dear S. — if she should be in a state
to receive the message — My wife is now
favored with health as are the rest of the
family I am ever Dear Mr. Allen
Thomas Brown



March 1904
- April

J Brown
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James Allen
Admrs
Dorset

CIRENCESTER



Huddersfield 12mo 28/1835

Dear Cousin

Oblige me by paying my
Sister Mary quarters board due in advance
on the 31st inst. If thou can get it
reduced I think it will be nothing but
right as it seems to me to be too much &
in fact it is more than her income yields
therefore I think the Committee will see
the necessity of lowering the charge as I
think they do not incur so much expense
as what is charged for —

affectionately Thy Cousin

Joseph Smith

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John Smith

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J. Smith

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Lamborne 25th / 12th M^o 1836

Esteemed Friend

Thomas Allie

Reheat York

I left London on 4th day evening by the Bath mail, & arrived at this place yesterday morning a little fatigued & unwell from the length & quickness of the journey. but I feel much better today. I had an interview with my Sister yesterday. & hope we shall find less difficulty in conveying her from hence to York, via London, than I anticipated before I left home. Rachel Hall arrived safe & well on 4th day - we have nearly fixed on the time for leaving. I require a few days being desirous of visiting an aged Mother, who lives at Penzance about 18 miles from hence I mean to go there by the Omnibus tomorrow morning & return the following day. If nothing unforeseen happens, we purpose to leave this place, on 4th day, by post Chaise for Bodmin about 40 miles on the Road to Exeter & be taken up there on 5th day morning by the Talmouth Coach for that City, I think as we shall arrive there

as late as 9 or 10 o'clock & the coach for London, going
in one day, leaves so early as 20 minutes before 8.
we shall require a days rest, we cannot expect to be
off the day, if we succeed in getting the whole party
for that day & we go on favorably. I hope we shall
reach the City by 12 past 10 or 11 o'clock on that night.
I shall then apply for a whole inside of the High
Flyer for York. of which I shall write thee from
London - I am sorry to hear of Hannah Benson's
indisposition - please to give my love to her
and inform her, that it is likely my Daughter
Hannah will accompany us from London or a visit
to her Aunt Sarah Newby. and if Hannah can
accommodate her, with a lodging in the Retreat
as she kindly did my Sarah, we shall feel much
obliged. We have had a pretty heavy fall of snow
but so far I believe (at least in this part of the
Country) not of a depth to interrupt travelling.
I don't recollect anything to add but my love to
myself, Miss & Daughter - I remain

my Nieces desire me to say Thy assured Friend
John Hamilton
that they are sorry that unfavorable
circumstances have detained the nurse, which has been
partly occasioned, by what I have said above, as
regards myself

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Hamilton
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Thomas Allis

Retreat

York



AMERICAN

Lothersdale 20th of 12th month 1836.

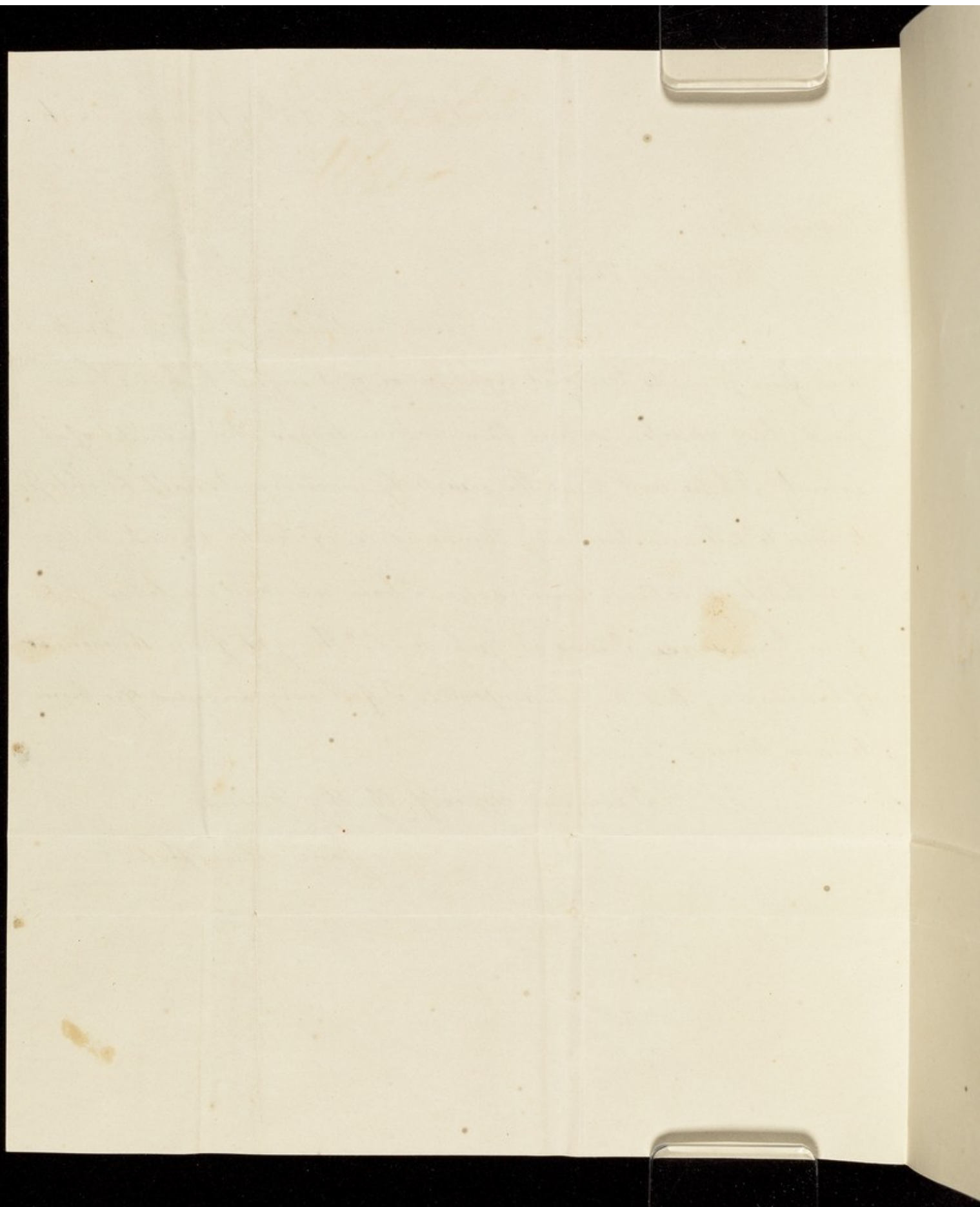
Thomas Allis

Respected Friend

I have inclosed a fine pound note, and four pounds ten and eight pence of it ought to have been paid last quarter, when thou acknowledges the receipt of it which I hope will be at the quarterly meeting, I shall be obliged to thee to tell me how my Husband is, if he be much better and likely to return home soon, I have only had one letter yet from him since I was at York, and I thought from the manner of his writing that he was improved, I feel very anxious for him to come home.

I remain respectfully thy Friend

Jane Mansfield.



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J. Hansfords
12/20

Thomas Ellis

Retreat

near York

1800



Has Richard any pleasure in Pictures
or Stones now - or how does he amuse
himself - if I know of any thing to give him
pleasure I should be glad to obtain it -
Sir

Be pleased to give the enclosed
to Richard - I was glad to get a letter
from him - he mentions in it, that
he has no money - I know it is of little
use to him - but a few shillings

Now & then - if you find it makes
him happier you will I know
give - It is necessary to have
a certificate of his existence on the
31st of Dec^r every year, to obtain his
half pay - pray forward me at the
time - as Lt B^t Lushington late of the
1st Reg^t Light Cavalry - Madras -

Y^r obed^t Servant,
Dec^r 19th - J^r Lushington

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Mr. Allen

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Respd. Friend,

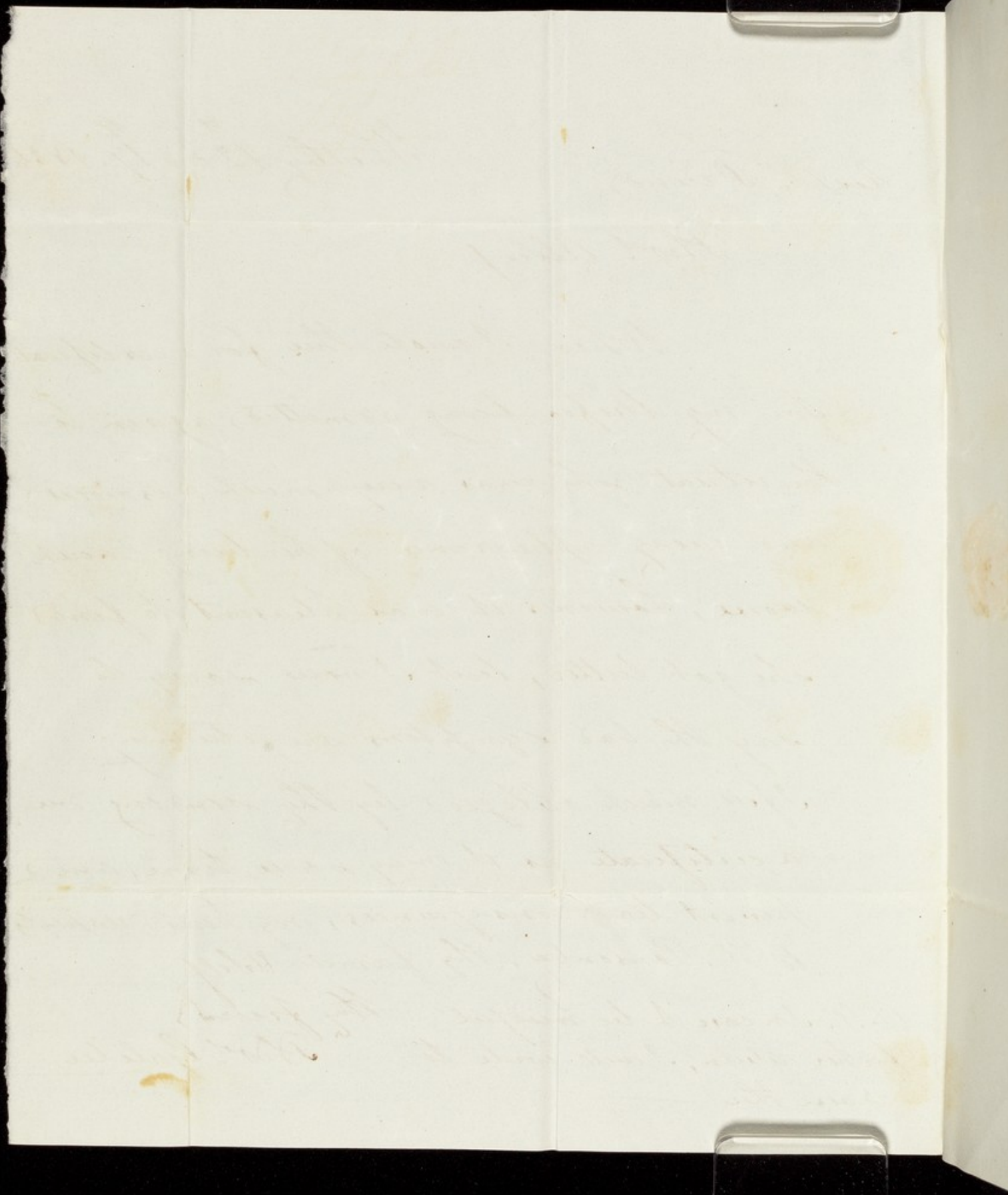
Whitby ¹⁴ 12th Mo ¹⁴ 17. 1836

Prost Alice

When I wrote thee for a certificate
for my wife being admitted again to
the retreat she was very much disordered
and every appearance of her being much
worse, however it was pleasant to find
she got better, but I ^{am} now sorry to
say the bad symptoms are returning
I feel much obliged by thy sending me
a certificate as it may save time, and
prevent bad consequences, my kind respects
to H. Ponsonby, thy family & self

P.S. In case it be needful
for her return, I will write to
advise thee

thy friend,
Prost Galilee





J. Galley
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Pro^{rs}. Alice

Retreat

near York^{man}

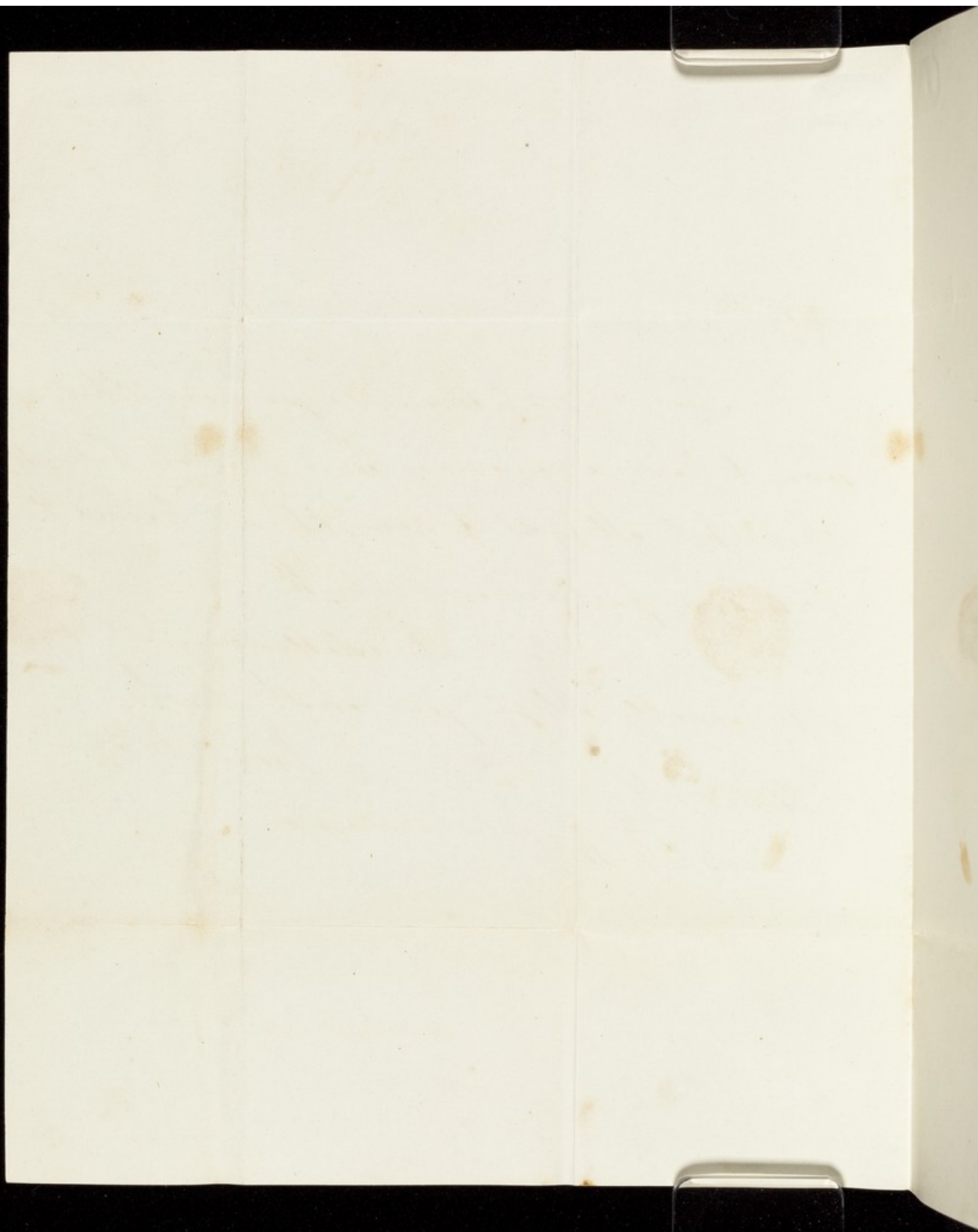
Sir,

I have been informed you are likely
soon to have a vacancy for a Female Patient
I shall feel obliged if you ^{will} let me know the
terms, & particulars as to the time of
entering your excellent establishment & you
will greatly oblige your obedt servt.
E. Bromwich.

Yours truly

Dec^r 29th. 1836

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Mr. Collier
Governor
Retreat
York

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My Friend!

I shall feel obliged if thou
wilt be so kind as to transmit
sister Goldan's accounts to my
brother Wm Johnson, Grocer &c
Bridlington and he will dis-
charge them.

I am,

Respectfully,

Thy Friend
W Barker

Perby 12 Moth 24th

1836

Miss
G. Hunter
Sarah Birney

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Mr. Barker

Respected Friend

I fear those last thoughts may
might in not assuming they kind enquiries
& those of thy wife - but owing the nurses
not passing Mrs Bristol I suppose a note she
- found for her to convey news reached you -
We have with you been sharing in the
illness prevalent - My poor Mother was with
my Aunt Waring during her short & fatal illness
& was summoned thence to my Mother at Pinning-
-ham who has had small pox - there she was
herself attacked by Influenza & we hope is
now sufficiently recovered to have reached
London - where her presence was necessary
on account of business - These circumstances
may account for her not writing you -
Samuel because so settled at the Hurdings
& dissatisfied that a change seemed necessary
& he is for the present with the Sargeants
he is well in health & on the whole rather
improved but most decidedly still giving
signs of his disease - & his unwillingness for
business & he is very anxious to com-
-mune - He has strange beliefs & fancies
but I hope no paroxysm may return
at present - Mother has been downy James
many times - I write with difficulty

being much with influence, so I have
my saying so much as I otherwise would

With love to My wife & Olyall
Thine sincerely

J. Hallam Jr

Thomas Allen
Richmond
York

J. Hallam Jr

101 Scotland Road, 12 Month 3rd 1836

Dear Friend

I take the liberty of writing to thee, as thy kind
Neighbour has said she live near to thy house
to enquire if thou can give me any account
respecting Martha Lawton who was at the
Retreat whether she is living or if Dead
how long since, and if she was sensible
or had she filled any situation, in the
Retreat, I was in Ireland a few months
back and her Sister Sarah Particularly
begged of me if I could get her any infor-
mation if thou could send me a letter
I would send it to her, I hope thou will
excuse the liberty I take to direct
Lydia Lunt 101 Scotland Road
from thy sincere friend Liverpool
Lydia Lunt

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Mr. Lund

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Samuel Luke Esq

York