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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York, 31 May 1890

Mr S. E. Woods

The Retreat, York

Dear Sir.

When Mr Blake (Messrs Haden) happens to be next coming over on Retreat business, will you be good enough to let me know beforehand, as Joseph Rowntree & I want to have a word with him re warming & ventilation of our Meeting House, but it will not be worth his while to come over purposely?

Mr Wm Wood of Heslington sends me a message today, through Mr Procter, whom he saw in the Corn Market, to say that he hears that the man who has been in the habit of taking the swill from the Retreat for his pigs, has just died, and his pigs have been sold. Mr Wood would be glad to take it in his place, as he feeds a good many pigs regularly. Mr Wood is a thoroughly respectable, straightforward farmer, and I think you would find transactions with him satisfactory. He was for many years with John Casson, in Castlegate, but is now a considerable farmer at Heslington & Clifton.

Yours truly

Rich[d] Thompson

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 3 June 1890

Mr S. E. Woods

The Retreat. York.

Dear Sir.

Friendly Provident.

Yours this date to hand; also yours 31st ult: to Mr Rowntree. If you will send me a copy of the Minute, or my rough draft of same, I will look it over, and see, in conjunction with Mr Burtt, whether a less detailed minute can be drafted for approval of the next meeting.

Will you be good enough to write on Retreat paper to Mr Blake - of Hadens, saying that I shall be glad of a line a few days beforehand when he next happens to be over in York, either in connection with the Retreat Electric Lighting or on any other business, as Mr Rowntree & I want to have a word with him on another matter? You will doubtless have his firm's address.

Yours truly

Rich B Thompson

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

June 5th 1890

Sir,

I am desired by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that the notice of Admission in the cases of all patients, may not be printed on a single sheet of paper, but may have a fly-leaf, so that this notice may form a cover for the documents accompanying it. I am Sir

Your obedient servant

Chas Dean

for the Secretary

W. Baker.

June 7. 1890

Sir,

I am requested by Dr. Baker to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. and to state that the instructions there given shall be carried out.

Yours faithfully

H. E. Woods
Secy.

Robin Lane
Pudsey
July 22 1890

Sir

I have been striving for some time to find means for reducing the balance I owe to your Institution. I am aware that I have transgressed considerably on the kind forbearance of your Committee, but increasing Illness, an affliction fatal to any measure of success in my business, has prevented me from doing as I could have wished after making a trial in Birmingham resulting in loss I have resumed a little Business in Pudsey by means of which

I have reasonable hope of being able to pay you — I shall use my best endeavours to requite in some measure the great kindness which I have received at the hands of yourself and the Directors of your Institution — I shall spare no effort to send you an instalment as soon as possible. Again thanking you for your benevolent consideration

I am, Sir,

Yours Respectfully

Joseph Walker

Robert Baker Esq. M.D

Stonegate
June 2nd 1890.

Electric lighting, West Lodge.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith the only estimate of Messrs Hadens' in my possession. The others must have gone up to the Retreat at different times.-

I have taken a copy.-

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor

E. S. Woods Esqr.
The Retreat.

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12, PAVEMENT,
YORK.

3rd June 1890.

Dear Sir,

We have the pleasure to enclose P.O.O. for £5 received from Mr. Wm. England on account of the amount due to the Retreat.

The Order is made payable to "J. E. Woods".

The balance of the Account is to be paid on or before the 30th inst.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of the Order.

Yours faithfully
J. & N. & R. Woods

J. E. Woods Esq.
Sec:
The Friends Retreat
York.

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THOMAS RAWLING.
Builder & Plasterer.

42. St. Andrewgate.

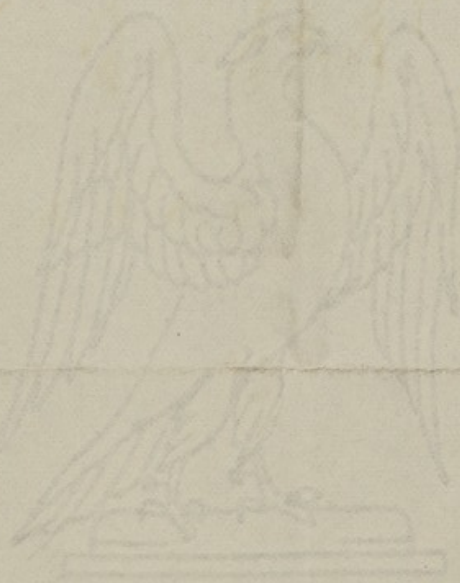
York. June 5th 1890

Dear Sir

I beg to acknowledge Your letter this morning containg Complaint of Mr Drew again leaving Scaffolding against the Wall I had the matter talked over with them at 7 this morng & told them if it occured again I should discharge them or if Your could not allow it to pass this time with the Caution Given they would be discharged. I hope however this will be Sufficent as the result of such carelessness might be very Serious

Yours Obediently
Thomas Rawling

Mr Baker
The Retreat



Heslington
May 30 - 1890

Dear Sir,

Are you in want of anyone to take your pig meat.
A considerable number of Philip Fearn's pigs were sold at the Auction Mart yesterday, and it was said his family was not going to continue the trade.
As I have more than 50 pigs I could do with him as will very well if it is to be disposed of.

I Am Sir
Yours truly
Wm Woods

Dr. Baker

Elmtree
Sutton-on-Hull.

Mrs Hartley duly received Mr Reed's communication respecting Miss Brocklebank and the Committee's arrangement is perfectly satisfactory to her — and she encloses the first quarterly payment in advance — from the first of June

9-6-1890

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Bank House
Woodbridge
9/6 mo 1890

Dear Friend
Thomas Burtt

At our Monthly Meeting held here last 4th day the case of George R. Barrett was brought before it, and as Clerk to the Meeting and also Agent to the Retreat I was instructed to communicate with thee in the hopes that your committee can see its way to reduce the Quarterly charge for G. R. B's maintenance.

Geo. R. Barrett was born 11 mo 1. 1852 and his Father lost his membership in the Society by marrying for his second wife a person not a member. By his first marriage James Barrett had 3 children, two of whom are living & are members of our Society. By his second marriage he had 5 children, four of whom are living and all but George members of Society together with his Parents who were received into membership upon their application.

When about 8 years old George had an attack of Scarlet Fever which left him very weak and rather deaf, and in 1871 his mind became affected & he was placed in the Retreat in 1872 and has remained there ever since.

There is every probability that if he had retained his reason he would have applied for and been received into membership as he was brought up as a Friend & was attached to the Society.

Suffolk Quarterly Meeting being one of the Contributing Meetings to the establishment of the Retreat has the privilege of having a patient there at a reduced rate, and, seeing that there is so near a relationship between G. R. Barrett & the Society, which would in all probability have been completed

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had his mind been retained our Monthly Meeting hope the Committee will be able to see their way to reduce the rate of payment for him.

It may be mentioned that the payments since George's admission have been between £7/800; that his Father, who is in a small way of business is in his 80th Year, & his Mother in her 71st, & their eldest daughter has been confined to her bed for several months of an incurable complaint of which she has been suffering for more than two years.

Trusting Your Committee will be able to comply with this application

I remain thine sincerely
Samuel Alexander.

Clerk to Woodbridge
Monthly Meeting.

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H. L. CHALLENGER,

DEALER IN
SANITARY TUBES,
PORTLAND CEMENT,
BRICKS.

Coal and Builders' Merchant,

CASTLE MILLS BRIDGE WHARF,

York, Aug 18 1890

Gentlemen

Having purchased a large quantity of Firewood I can supply you with your requirements at the rate of 15/6 per Ton forthwith

Thanking you for your past favours

I beg to remain

Faithfully Yours

H L Challenger

E Woods Esqr

The Retreat

York

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

14 July 1890

Edith A. Farrer.

Sir,

I am desired by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that, the above patient having been transferred to York Retreat from the case of Mrs Wright, your Report (required by Sect. 39) should be sent to this Office at the end of a month from June 18 last - the date of the patients reception into Mrs Wright's case, and not from July 9

Dr Baker.

When

when she was received into the Retreat.

I am. Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G Harold Wilson

Secretary.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

July 12th 1890

Sir, In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that the notice enclosed by you meets the requirements of the Act.

I am Sir
Your obedient Servant
G Harold Wilson
Secretary

H. I. Hurd Esq.

Osbaldwick
Augt. 9th 1890

Dear Sir

Inclosed please find two postal orders for £2. amount due for pigmeat up to 8th inst from July 11th last -

I would have called & paid you in person, but am fortunately cannot get about owing to a strained ancle -

Yours truly
Barton A. Park

Mr. J. E. Woodd
The Retreat
York

Ashbourne
31st July 1890

Dear Sir

Thank you kindly for your letter of 29th inst.
In reply I can only say that I am quite willing to accept the terms you offer that is to pay £2.10.0 per month for the pigmeat until such time as the matter can be definitely arranged.

I trust your committee will at their next meeting accept me permanently.

Yours truly
Barton A. Park

Rev. J. C. Woods
La Retreat
York

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Coldstream

July 29th 90

Sir

In answer to yours of the 23rd I can only say that I am not prepared to make any advance of my previous offer for the pigment, namely £20 per annum.

At that price I am willing to take the contract, but not otherwise.

Kindly let me know your decision at an early date

Yours truly

Barton A. Jack

Wm. J. Woods
Esq
Helvetia
York

Hy Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams.—Richardson, York.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York, 23 July 1890

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

To Mr S E Woods.

The Retreat.

Dear Sir.

My recommendation would be to reply to Mr Park, somewhat thus.

"~~that~~ We have not yet invited offers; but we believe that if we were to do so, we should easily get a very considerable advance on the past figure, which has been allowed to remain, as fixed many years ago, when the institution was considerably smaller, and the ~~bill~~ value was much less. If, however, you like to offer £40 per annum, payable monthly, we would accept it, without inviting further offers.

Yours truly,

Richd Thompson

per ad

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Bloomsbury
July 23d

Dear Sir

Will you kindly lay this letter before your Committee, & sign the contract - Satisfactory proof which you are all ready required with -

I am Gentlemen &c

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offer £30 per annum
pay able monthly —
As however you say
that you will not necessarily
take the highest "bid"
please let me know
should anyone be
anxious to offer more
Yours truly
Barton A. Park
Mr. J. J. Wood
The Retreat York

19. Old Burlington Street. London. W.

2 June 1890

L E Woods Esq
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir

re Elizabeth Coles

I am sorry that thro' pressure of business your letter of the 12th ult has remained unanswered.

I am expecting to obtain Probate within the next week or two after which the Executors will be able to proceed with payment of the debts.

Yours faithfully

Edwd Taylor's

Sylvia

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Ackworth.

June 16th 1890

S. E. Woods

Dear Sir,

I am sorry that my ex-
pected companion as "Visitor
should be unable to accompany
me: for I have never acted
in this office before.

I thought I should be appointed
for two periods of 1 month each.
I see your notice calls the present

period "weeks". Was a visit for June been omitted? I consider I am not bound to visit more than once before the close of July. I should like to know whether there is any thing to prevent my visit being paid between June 30 & July 5. I have no wish to take you by surprise in any way, & can probably arrange for either July 1, 2, 3, or 4, if any thing should make either of those days more convenient to your officers. Will you kindly name the hour most convenient for arriving. I can reach the Retreat from here soon after 10 a.m. or 11 a.m: - but after that, not before 2½ p.m.

Yours truly

Wm. J. Dean

ASPINALL & MASTERMAN
Fishmongers

12, Spurriergate,
York, June 23rd 1890

Gentlemen

we can assure you that we have at all times set you have the fish at the Lowest Possible Prices it as not been neather 2nd nor 3rd class fish but always the best Quality also ready Dressed for Cooking before weighing Gentlemen we will take of 5 pr cent for the future rather than Loose your Custom

Your most Obedient Servants

Aspinall & Masterman

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
HADEN, MANCHESTER.

G. N. HADEN & SON.

4, Albert Square,
MANCHESTER.

3 June 1890

Dear Sir The Patent Office

Enclosed you will find the original tender for the Electric Lighting - I found it among my papers on returning from York after my last meeting with the Committee - I must have taken it up with my own papers when there - intended handing it to you at my next visit.

Yours faithfully
F. Clarke

Wm. L. E. Woods Secretary

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HOLNE COTT,

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

July 4. 1890.

To the Committee
of the York Retreat.
Dear Friends.

In reply to yours respecting Ellis Shackleton's debt, I am sorry to tell you that there was nothing left after the sale of the house as the mortgage & the interest on the mortgage with the expenses swallowed up everything; we were in hopes that with your willingness to accept the half of the debt, E.S might have cleared the amount off.

The Charitable Trust Committee met again last week & granted £13 towards the charge for Fanny

Shackleton's maintenance at the Retreat during the next six months which I Enclose & will thank you for an acknowledgement.

Yours very truly.

Edgar M Brown.

Clifton Green. York.

July 14 '90

Dear Dr Baker.

Swiss Villa. Filey.

I have talked this matter over with Mrs Hartley, and as it seems a little uncertain my getting away the 1st week in August for my holiday, I am willing to let the house for 3 weeks longer, say until Wednesday the 29th Aug. (inclusive)

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at 10 Guineas per week.
for the additional 3 weeks.

That time being the very height of the season at Filey. I should not care to reduce these terms, which the Agent has always assured me could be obtained without difficulty in August if the house was let then. —

Very sincerely Yours

R W Hartley.

Deighton

York. July 14/90

The Secretary Friends' Retreat

Sir

I understand that you are purchasers of Salt. Cordwood if so I shall be glad to supply you with 20 tons more or less of good salt Cordwood. delivered on your premises as required @ 16/- per Ton. —

Yours truly

J. H. Gibson

Woodman

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Bath 2/8/90

Dear Friend,

In reply to thy enquiries respecting rate of payment &c, I have been looking over the various memoranda made some years ago & do not find much to the point.

I am not aware that the "lowest rate" has been raised more than twice — it was first 4/- then 6/- & now is 10/-.

In looking over the lists that we made out I find that patients recommended by meetings, began to be charged 10/- as the lowest rate, the

the 2nd of 1878; & no doubt by looking up the memoirs of that year, you will find the proper date.

On looking over the papers that I have, it appears to me that they are of such importance that they ought to be kept together & be in the custody of the Retreat.

Some time when I come I will bring them with me

Yours very truly

W Pumphrey

P.S. The first packet down in my box is charged 10/- on the recommendation & any number - is £0 13 0. The 2nd & 3rd is 2/6 each - recommended by Dr Quarrier & Mr Ruddy

Mr Ruddy

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49 Briggate
Leeds 31 of 10 mo/90

Dear Friend Dr Baker

I only returned home yesterday from a journey in the West of Yorkshire – to see the bill that has come to us for our dear daughter in the Retreat, and to know the amount of it. I regret to have to confess I felt very much concerned and alarmed – to see the extent to which we are already committed on her behalf in the charges made. The rate per week is I think five times as much as what is paid for a Monthly Meeting's Patient. In case however the three Patients occupying the same rooms with her

and under the same attendants are charged for ab an approximate or similar rate, we can but for the present submit to bear it. If also our daughter is favoured to recover soon under your hands I should both thankfully and willingly do so; not desiring any preferential exception in her case below what is usually charged for the daughters of tradesmen and middle class people. I fear that we should have to seek to provide for her ab a decidedly lower cost - in the Event of do being ab all a long Continued affliction.

My wife intends coming to York to-morrow - all being well with a few things that R. needs &c. - and will bring money with her also to settle the balance of the account to 3rd mo 31st if the whole sum is really necessary. And I remain

Very Sincerely Thy Friend
Daniel Pickard

53. New Broad Street,

SPYER & SON,

London, 27th October 189 0

E.C.

Dear Sir,

We understand that Mr Nathaniel Miles formerly of Worcester is an inmate of your institution. Will you be so good as to inform us whether this is so & what is the present state of his health. We are making the enquiry by the permission of the family

Yours Faithfully.

Spyer & Son

The Superintendent
Friends Retreat
Y O R K

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Sunderland
15 Park Place East
17 Nov 1890

Dear Sir "re Jane H Harrison"

Absence from home has
prevented me from replying earlier
to your letter of the 15 Oct^r

I wrote you on the 30^th June
saying that there was no other
course open than to have Mrs Harrison
adjudged chargeable to the Guardians

I understand that the order
charging the Guardians and the
order for removal must be made at
York — please say if this is so,
and kindly take the necessary
steps to have the matter carried

P.T.O.

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out as soon as possible

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

A Harrison

12 Cherry Street Birmingham

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Dear Friend

I have to thank you for yours of the 14th

Alice V. S. Sturge is a member of the Society of Friends she was adopted by us when 2½ years old at a time when my pecuniary position was entirely different from what it is at present

In April last she returned from a situation at Dedham in Essex physically weak & depressed in mind but after a time appeared to regain her usual health

In September however her manner became excited tho' not seriously so till after an attack of colic at the end of last month

Her mother is said to be in an asylum & we have recently been told that an aunt is similarly affected There were two own brothers (now dead) & one sister neither of whom have suffered in this way

As there are no blood relations from whom pecuniary aid can be expected & I am myself now in the receipt of a small salary I trust that the committee will see their way to take Alice at the same rate as paid for Lucy Watts (£26) also a member of Birmingham meeting

D. Baker Retreat York

Yours truly
C. Sturge

Pim

North Park.
Clayton,
Bradford.

8th mo 13/90

Dear Friend

I am requested by Brighouse Monthly Meeting to recommend Maria Pim as a suitable patient to be placed on the lowest rate in your Institution; but the M M does not wish to guarantee the expenses until such time as Maria Pim's own resources are exhausted.

Yours sincerely
C. S. Dixon
Clerk of Brighouse M. M.

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Pim.

Oldfield Bank,
Clerkheaton.

Aug. 1. 1890

Dear friend
Dr Baker

In answer to your
letter of the 30th. The case of
Mara Pim shall be brought
before the Bench of Representatives
at our Mo. Mty & be held at
Sandandfield next 4th day week
& after that no doubt the letter
of recommendation asked for, can
be sent.

Yours sincerely
Robt. F. Garland

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mortgaged & a Building Society so I dont know how much they would realise —

If this money cannot be obtained, she will have & come away from the Retreat & be sent as a pauper & the County Asylums of Wakefield or Menston, unless the Mowing agrees & pay for her.

Yours sincerely

Robt. F. Eastland

Oldfieldnook,
Clockheaton.

29 Sept. 1890

W. Woods

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst has been laid before the Overseers of our Meeting The circumstances of Miss Pim are completely at a standstill on account of her being in an Asylum & of unsound mind. She has between £50 & £60. in the

Bleckheaton Co Operative Society
available to meet her expenses
at York at once, but the
Cooperative Society entirely
decline up to now to let us
have the money unless we
go to the expense of obtaining
an order of court for them to
pay it. The matter is being
attended to by our Overseers
& I hope the money will be
obtained shortly, but I don't
know as I am not
an Overseer & it would
be well please in future if
you would be kind enough
to Maria Pim's care to address
your communications either to
C. L. Dixon clerk of the Mo. Mtg.
or James Pim Wyke nr. Bradford
(Mrs Pims only child) or to
George Whitely Scholes. Bleckheaton
Overseer of Scholes Meeting of
which Maria Pim is a member.
I am only an individual Friend
interested in her case —
The only other property Mrs Pim
has are two cottages in our
village of Scholes, which are

Telegraph Address. WILTON, NEWCASTLE.

CHARLTON, McALLUM & Co

S. S. WESLEYSIDE.
S. S. HARTSIDE.
S. S. ARTHUR.
S.S. CANUTE
S.S. HOLLINSIDE.

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Queen Street,
Newcastle on Tyne 26th Nov 1890.

Dear Sir,

I am duly in receipt of your letter of yesterday, contents of which have my attention & will arrange to remit you shortly —

I regret my Deed of Partnership prevents me from accepting any Bills of Exchange

I am Dear Sir
Yours very truly
Stephn McAllum

F. E. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

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Memorandum from Nathan Bake & Son.

Tea Dealers. Bridge End. Leeds 17 Nov. 1880

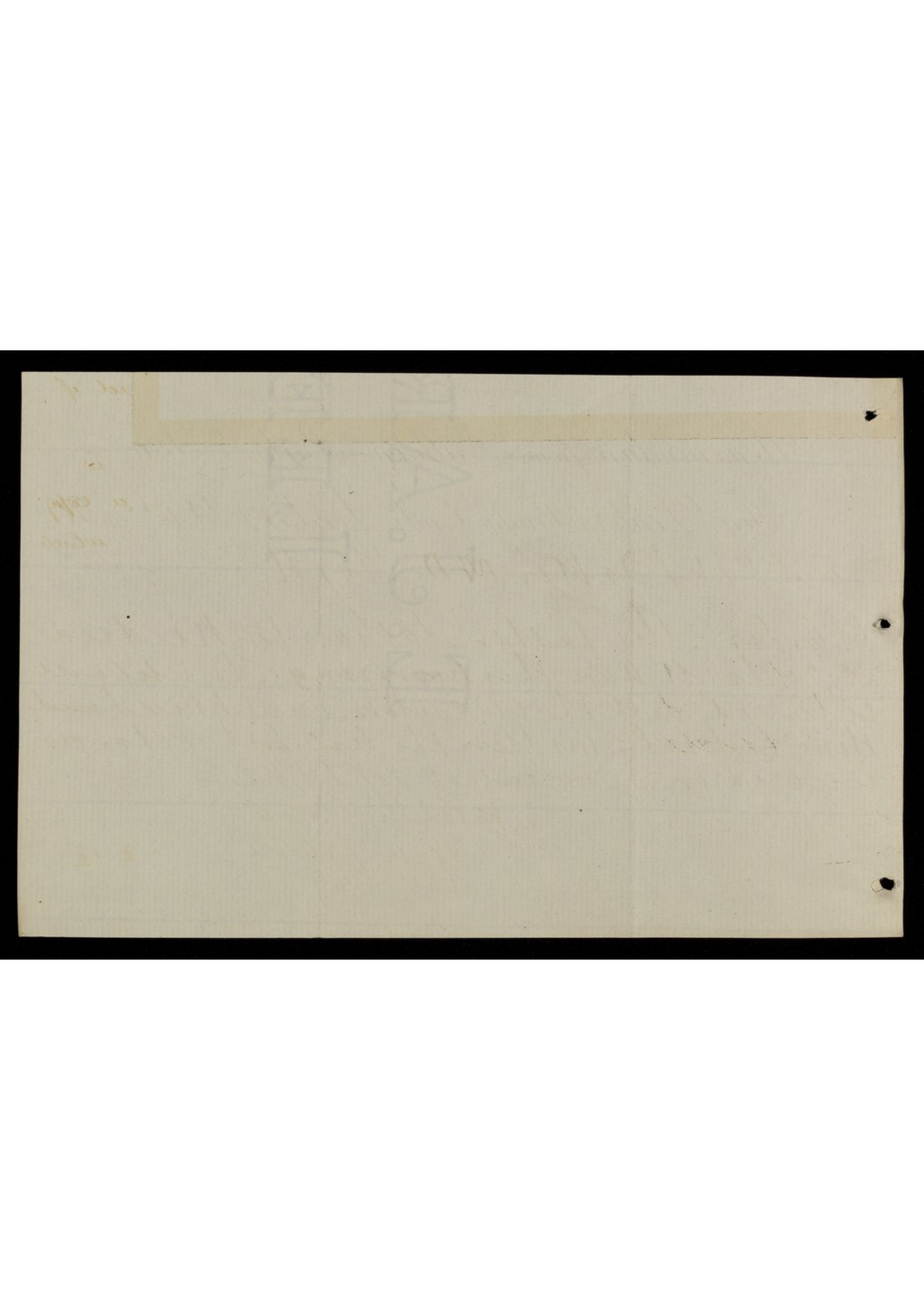
To W. W. Baker M.D. York

E. J. ARNOLD, LEEDS

Dear Sir. My father Nathan Bake died at 2 o'clock a.m. this morning. The estate will be placed with the executors and I shall hand them with other matters the last bill of charges received on account of W. Bake—

faithfully yours

N Bake



undertake to provide for
Wm Baker during the
remainder of her life. I
believe I am correct in
stating that for a length
of time more than the
charges for disbursements have
been more considerable than
they were - twelve - above
years ago. - Thereby your
burden of rate

I am Sir
your obedient
William Baker

Leeds 27 Nov 90

Wm Allwood
Esqr

In consequence of
Wm Nathan Baker's decease
& the inadequate sum
of money - left by Will
for Wm Baker's maintenance
at the Retreat - it will
involve upon me to make
up sufficient resources
to settle the necessary pressing
liabilities on the account -
Therefore I am
advised to ask you to name
the lowest sum per month
or per three months in
consideration of which you will

Clayton Sq.
Liverpool
2/12/90

Dear Friend -

I understand the Relations of Elizabeth Frances Cooke are arranging to place her in York Retreat.

The Poor's Com.ee of this Meeting have consented to this being done & the payments will be made through me as Clerk.

The necessary documents are in course of signature and you will hear from her sister as to finial arrangements.

Yours truly
Tho.s D Lawrence

D.r Baker

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

N.B. ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office.

York. 18th Decr. 1890

S. E. Woods Esq:
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir)

New Proposal. Building £3000
Furniture &c £1000

We are in receipt of your favor of yesterday & have much pleasure in advising you officially that we have been holding covered for the above amounts since the 19th Novr. last & continue to do so until receiving fresh instructions. — We shall be glad if you will kindly forward us at your earliest convenience, as promised, the new plan which is being prepared in order that we may take a copy, & if you desire rearrange the entire Insurance, which we think would be advisable. —

I remain, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61, Albion Street.

Leeds 5th Jany. 1891

Dear Sir

re F. W. Smithson

We shall be much obliged if you will let us have a detailed statement of the amount due to you for the maintenance of this lunatic

We are about to make an application to the Court for an order for the payment off of all arrears and also for an increased payment if necessary so that there will be no recurrence of the arrears in future, and we must ask you to before we can do this.

Yours truly

Ford & Warren

D. Baker
The Retreat, York.

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Address Telegrams:- "CRUMBIE, SOLICITOR, YORK."

G. CRUMBIE,
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE No 36.

46, Stonegate, York,
16th Dec[r] 1890

My dear Sir

Mr. Robert Brown Tailor to protect himself has been compelled to file petition. This however will not prevent his continuing his work as before and I shall esteem it a great favor if you will kindly mention this to Mr. Woods. I do not know Mr. Woods or I would have written him direct.

Mr. Brown is very much to be pitied and deserving of every sympathy and assistance that possibly can be given to him. If you have any doubt on this question ask the Official Receiver and I am sure he will confirm what I say.

With kind regards,
Yours faithfully
Geo Crumbie

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

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No. O.R. 16.

Telegraphic Address:
"RECEIVER, BANKRUPTCY."

Office of the
Official Receiver in Bankruptcy,
York

Dec 16/90

Dear Sir

Robert Brown a tailor has just filed his petition. His wife has asked me to write you & beg of you to continue the Retreat business with him. I know of nothing in his conduct & dealings to prevent your doing so. His bankruptcy seems due altogether to misfortune, I have found nothing dishonest in his business transactions and shall be glad if you can see your way to continue your support to him

Yrs truly
E. Wickinson

Gerard Woods Esq
Secy
York Retreat

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From Dixon, Masser & Co.
Ladies & Gentlemen's
Tailors.
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

Dr. J. E. Woods.
Dec 27/90

Dear Sir The reason I did not
reply to the last note was that — I expected
to have monies coming in and I have
been disappointed, however I will
endeavour to send either this week
or next — I am very wishful to Conform

to your rules. My business is a
Credit one & I cannot at all
times get money when I want it—
I am yours truly E Stanfield

Robin Lane
Pudsey
Jan 12 1891

Sir,

I gratefully acknowledge the exceptional kindness of your Committee towards me. The circumstances under which I have laboured are also somewhat peculiar. When it came to be a question as to what was to be done in my boy's case I consulted Dr Sumner of St. Faith's and Dr Falcon of Pudsey, who both gave it as their opinion that there was every probability of his being recovered within two years under this view we

were prepared to learn every effort. Remedial measures proving futile and our funds being exhausted we laid the case before Dr Baker who in deep sympathy said that rather than miss a chance he would borrow or beg. We took his advice and did both and became less able to continue our payments. I need not state to your Committee that, being nearly Sixty Three Years blind and very infirm I am in ill condition to continue the fight. Several years ago I said to Dr Baker that it should be my earnest endeavour to save your Institution from losing by me and I accordingly effected a small insurance, which failing other means I have directed to be applied to the liquidation of the debt. If I am spared a short time longer I hope to be able to accomplish the payment in the ordinary way

I am, Sir

Your Respectfully

Joseph Walker

Jas Woods

LEEMAN, WILKINSON & BADGER,
SOLICITORS.

Coney Street
York

Enclosure

20th Octr. 1890.

Dear Sir,

re Robt. Danby.

We are instructed by Mr Copperthwaite to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant and to enclose his Cheque for £25 on further account of your charges for maintenance &c herein -

We shall hold the Michaelmas rent audit the first week in December when Mr Copperthwaite will have the pleasure of making you a further remittance -

Yours faithfully.

Leeman Wilkinson & Badger

J. E. Woods Esq:
The Retreat
York.

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127. High Holborn.
London. Nov 14th 1890
W.C.

Dear Friend —

S E Woods —

I am in receipt of Yours of the 10th inst — and quite hope to remit the payments for the Oak of my Cousin Walker-Woodward at an early date — at any rate before the end of the year —

Yours faithfully
Henry Neighbour

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Queen's Hotel
Cheltenham
April 8/90

My dear Brother
I had lost recollection of
distances of late winters
which you mention.
Last week Tue. Wed. Th. Fri. Sat.
were absolutely cloudless all day,
and though there some warmth
from the sun, and either no wind
at all or very light, it was
cold, and in the E or NE.
so I would not go out.
I have no map here to show
where Guisedale is, but it is
probable that I passed near
it or through it when on a

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walking tour in 1833 viâ
the Ferry, the south and west
side of Esthwaite into
Little (?) Langdale, and Eskdale.
I rather believe that the
Ainslie M.P who you allude
to married a Miss MacDonal
a Cousin of my friend Loch.

Yours affect^te Brother
J. Harrison

Belle Isle
Dec. 1st
1894

Dear Mrs. Woods,

Miss Edmiston asks me to write to you & say Mrs. Shaw wishes Mrs. Broadbent to have her Jewelry & if you will give them in care of the Nurse who travels with Mrs. Broadbent to South. just to day she will

receive them when
she visits Mrs Broadben
& Nurse this evening

Yours truly
L. Lowenstein

P.S. Thanks for
sending my cheque
I will come over as
soon as I am able
L.S.

3. 12. 90

Buck Hill
Londonderry.

Dear Mr Baker.

My Brother passed on you a cheque of £25 in May last, and did not know until yesterday, that you had applied for balance of account; my brother had opened the letter, and I suppose for fear of causing him any annoyance, had not shown them to him; I have been away from home, and it was only yesterday, so I say, that he placed the secretary's note in my hand; my Brother wishes me to forward you the enclosed

charge £25 which she considers how them enough to meet all demands, the charge for disbursements is fair bills has been examined and from what my dear brother says, he was not well treated, but the subject is too painful a one to enter upon, we cannot be too thankful to God, who has restored him to us. You will please send me a receipt for the whole bill, by return of post. I remain

Yours truly

W. B. Nicholson

Address

Miss Nicholson

Beech Hill

Londonderry.

Buck Hill

12. 12. 90.

Dear H. Baker.

My last letter to you was answered by the Secretary; as all communications have been with you I would rather you had answered it; whatever my dear brother may have suffered, is now thank God, a thing of the past. something we try to forget, and a subject we never mention to him, it was only when he first came home that he spoke of it. My dear Brother certainly thought

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the last charges
she sent to you could
have settled her ac.
count with you, as
you know full well
what a heavy expense
it has been to us,
so however the Steward
decidedly said
he could not take
it as settlement.
she now encloses the
balance £4. 0. 0.

Yours truly
W. Richardson

Please send receipt
to
Miss Richardson
Buck Hill
Londonderry.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



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Ans 51
Ans 9/-

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,
York, 8th Jany. 1891.

Dr. Baker
The Friends Retreat,
York.

Dear Dr. Baker,

Thos: Armstrong

If it is in your power to do so, will you kindly favour us with the present address of Mrs Jane Armstrong, who in 1880 resided at 4 Belle Vue Terrace Marske by the Sea - she is the wife of Thos: Armstrong who in 1880 was a patient of yours -

Our object in troubling you with this enquiry is to know that the Lady is still alive - as we are interested in her life -

I am Dear Dr. Baker
Yours faithfully,
Ryland Dobson
Sub Man

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

N.B. ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,

York. 10th Jany 1891.

Dr Baker
The Retreat York.

Thos Armstrong

Dear Dr. Baker,

Many thanks for your prompt reply to our enquiry. As kindly suggested we have written to Messrs B. Wake & Co for the information we desire.

Yours faithfully
Ryan Ed Wilson
Asst Mgr

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS: "BERNARD, SHEFFIELD"
NATIONAL TELEPHONE No 280.

B. WAKE & Co
BERNARD WAKE.
HENRY OATES MAXFIELD.
EDWARD HENRY WAKE.
ALFRED ERNEST MAXFIELD.
SOLICITORS.

Castle Court, Sheffield.

8th Oct 1890.

Dear Sir

Re Thomas Farrer Unger Armstrong

We suppose that your letter of the 6th inst addressed to Messrs Wake Hon headed "Re Thomas Armstrong" refers to the above Mrs J. F. A Armstrong.

We act for two of the trustees under the Will of the late Miss Elizabeth Martin. please note that our firm is B Wake & Co.

Miss Martin's Will expresses a wish that after the death of Mrs Jane Armstrong the trustees shall apply certain income towards the maintenance of Mr Thomas Armstrong. We do not see that the Will contains any provision for payment of the debts of Thomas Armstrong on the death of his Wife.

Mrs Jane Armstrong is still living a sum of £90. 13. 11 to which Mrs J. F. A Armstrong became entitled as one of the next of kin of Miss Elizabeth Martin (by reason of her partial intestacy) is now deposited at The Sheffield & Rotherham Bank in the names of the trustees. They will be glad to pay the money to any person who can give them ~~the~~ an effectual ~~receipt~~ discharge for it; they have delayed paying the money into court under the Trustee Relief Act by reason of the smallness of the amount and their desire to save costs; but probably they will be advised to pay in the money shortly.

Yours truly
B. Wake & Co.

Robert Baker Esq
The Retreat
York

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Felkirk Vicarage,
Wr. Barnsley,
22, Sept., 1890.

Dear Sir,

I regret that I cannot tell you, without reference to documents which are not in my possession, whether there are any funds available for the maintenance of Thos. Armstrong, but all the information required may be obtained from Messrs. B. Wake & Co., Solicitors, Castle Court, Sheffield.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. Gilderwood.

To Dr. Baker.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS: "BERNARD, SHEFFIELD"
NATIONAL TELEPHONE No. 280.

B. WAKE & Co

BERNARD WAKE.
HENRY OATES MAXFIELD.
EDWARD HENRY WAKE.
ALFRED ERNEST MAXFIELD.

SOLICITORS.

Castle Court, Sheffield.

Ans'd 14th Oct 90

13th Oct 1890

Dear Sir

Re F. F. S. Armstrong

We shall be glad to see you on Wednesday next at any hour between 11 A.M. and 2, or 3 and 5, most convenient to yourself.—

But who is to pay our costs relating to any communications we may have with you? Our clients do not appear to have any fund which they can properly devote to that purpose; perhaps you will consider this.—

When you call ask for Mr H. O Maxfield the member of our firm who has this business in hand

Yours truly

B. Wake & Co.

Robert Baker Esq

Berry Field
Thrupton
Shepton Mallet
25/9/90

Dear Friend

I have been hoping to raise the amount due to you. or. my daughter & has not that been failed but thinking you would like to wait longer. Without hearing from me I now enclose Cheque for the amount. 18:0.5 post dated to the 6th Proxo hoping this a. good hour I receive money due to me.

Yrs Truly P Bayer.

P.T.O

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Kindly state to the committee that my two Children now in your institution St. Mary's You consent to admit them both at the same Charge of £(10£ per week) will require Considerable more than half my present income and that I cannot possibly pay more but think an improvement in my prospects through the profits of the Farm increasing when I shall be only too glad to repay the committee by increasing amount of payment.

PP

Berry Field

1mo 2. 91

to the Secty. of Trans. Relief

Dear Sir.

I now enclose cheque £20. 11. 6 and due to you ~~£~~. for board &c. of my two Children in your hospital. I am sorry that it was not in my power to send the money before, and had I not been helped a little during the last year it would have been impossible for me to find the money as my income although does not reach £100 per annum I am working anxiously.

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as to what must be done
to continue the payments
for the present year.
I have been obliged to sell
most of
of the stock on my little
farm and have no capital
left to replenish with. Such
is my present situation
and see very little prospect
of improvement so long as
the drain on my resources
continues. I had hoped
the committee would have
seen their way to reduce
the charge for my daughter
to the same rate as that
for Edward. I know this would
entail a loss to the institution
but if it can be done I am
sure the relief would be
gratefully accepted by me
and I venture to hope would
not much offend. Your friends
as I presume the majority
of your patients are well
endowed with this world's
wealth would you kindly
bring my case again
before the committee if you
think it is of any use.
I would not ask it of the
trustees of my daughters
speedy recovery so probable
as I do not like to be importuning
myself of at all unreasonable.

Yours very sincerely

Philip Payne

The Mount,
Sheffield.
Dec. 4th, 1890.

W. S. E. Woods,
Secretary,
The Retreat.

Dear Sir,
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter with enclosures respecting my Son Henry Arthur Shore, Surgeon, now a patient in the Retreat.

Before sending him, we tried to ascertain the probable cost of his maintenance at the Retreat, and thought we had grounds for concluding that it would be at the rate of £80 per ann.

or perhaps £2. 2s a week, but that if more, the maximum would certainly not exceed £150 per annum.

Will you be good enough to lay this matter before your Board at an Early date, and state that we have no adequate means to meet the charges quoted in your Invoice and form of Agreement that it is quite impossible for us to do so, and that we hope these charges may be so modified as to enable us to continue my Son under the valuable treatment of your Dr Stebbing.

If this cannot be done, we shall be most reluctantly compelled to remove him at the end of the current Quarter.

Yours faithfully,
H. Mitchell.

Broomhall Road

Sheffield 5th Dec 1890

The Secretary

Friends' Retreat

Dear Friend,

I do not wish to interfere in a matter with which I may have no proper concern, but I have been asked by Mrs Shera, the wife of one of the patients at the Retreat to say what I know respecting her circumstances, she being a petitioner for a reduction of charge for her husband's residence, to the Com^{ee}.

I knew her late father & his pecuniary position well, & I fully believe her statement that her income is only £57

£300 a year. She has two children, one of them a boy at school.

Her father-in-law has lost the post of master in a large local school, & earns his livelihood as a University Tutor, having, I should think, nothing to spare, & her husband's practice has been destroyed by his illness.

She says (I have no doubt very truly) that she cannot pay five guineas a week, nor more than about half of it & yet she does not like to remove her husband from the retreat, having great confidence in Dr. Baker.

I am
thy friend sincerely
Jr Barber

your great Kindness,
be my Excuse, —

I am
Yours respectfully and
Gratefully,
J. M. Shera.

The Mount,
Sheffield.
Dec: 16th, 1890.

Dr Barker —
Dear Sir,

As you are probably aware, I have written to the Secretary asking him to lay before his Committee my inability to pay the charges for my Son's Board, &c. at the Retreat, as set forth in the Account rendered.

I am now, I fear, taking a great liberty in asking for your interest and kind offices in this, to us, most serious affair. I am quite aware that, as a perfect stranger, I have no right to do so; but I hope you will excuse me; and I am not altogether without hope that

your sympathy with an afflicted professional brother will have some weight with you.

My son's practice, which was not a large one, has been sold, or rather sacrificed, for a small sum, payable by instalments extending over some years, and dependent upon the annual amounts receivable by his successor.

His wife has removed with her children to a small house in order to curtail expenses, and meet the present emergency.

I will endeavour to do what I can, but I am not rich, and cannot afford to do much. Between ourselves however we have to face the difficulty; and although we are most anxious to continue the poor patient at the Retreat, you will gather from the above that the 5.5 or week is wholly out of our reach, and that unless the Committee will kindly interfere, and greatly reduce the charge, we have no alternative but to remove the patient at the end of the current Quarter.

I hope you will excuse my somewhat long and disconnected statement, and accept my warmest and best thanks for your kindness,

reduced to a figure within the limits of our means, or we shall be compelled most reluctantly to remove the patient at that time. Will you kindly ask Dr Pope to write me a few lines before Christmas, as to the progress my Husband is making, for which I shall be truly grateful?

Yours Sincerely
Fanny Shera.

309. Fulwood Rd
Sheffield
Dec. 22. 90.

To
The Secretary of The Retreat-
York

S. E. Wood, Esq.

Sir,

Enclosed you will find Cheque for £54. 12. 0, as agreed on, for first-quarter of my Husband's Board &c at your Institution.
We are greatly obliged to your Committee for reducing the terms even so far - but trust that at the end of present quarter, they will be reconsidered &

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,
10th Jan 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that the Order for the removal of Alfred Wilkinson, which I return herewith, appears to be regular, and to be all that was necessary to justify your discharging the patient.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilkinson
Secretary.

Dr G. Stevens Pope.

Marlton Terrace

York

7/1 1891

Dear Mrs Woods.

Mrs Cloak's a/c

The Bousens request me to write & ask you to be kind enough to furnish particulars of balance £3.4.9. The payment last quarter was a heavy one

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we are rather uncertain as
to what £ disbursements can
have amounted to so large a
sum.

The Commrs decide this
quarter to pay £6.10 Bound to
Hear the balance pending re
ceipt of items.

Yours sincerely

Jno Glover

1 Carlton Terrace

9. 1. 1891

Dear Sir

Thanks for yours of yesterday with particulars of Dr. Hoole's balance

Last quarter the Coursers passed £9.- odd; hence may remark that we paid a large sum last quarter, some discrepancy arose between my book as Clerk, & Mr Robinson's as Treasurer

She paid order £6.0..11, as stated in your a/c, now before me.

Please take no further trouble in the matter, as by finishing items; & H. Robinson will pay the balance £3.4.9, in addition to £6.10.0; leaving the 9/- disbursements for quarter just ended to be carried forward.

Apologising for the trouble I have given you

Yours sincerely

Fred Glanfield

Mr J. E. Woods

the future

Yours Respectfully

G. Norris Burtt

G. N. BURTT,
COAL MERCHANT
and COLLIERY AGENT.

49, Goodramgate,
YORK.

Jany 5th 1891

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 3rd received this morning & I am very sorry that you have had any cause for Complaint; I have lately had to employ extra men who I fear have not paid proper attention to the good delivery of the Coal, I will attend to the matter & see that you are supplied with a better Sample for

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HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York, 20 May 1890

To Mr J. W. Woods

Dear Sir

Happening to call at Mrs Lessons today I find she is a good deal perturbed at what has been said abt price of envelopes. She says she cannot fairly be expected to supply ~~the~~ a small quantity at same price as a large one, as they cost her much more. We take 25,000 at once - which is, the point and, the explanation of the low price to us.

She will no doubt close the retreat on as good terms in every way as we or any one else, for the same quantity & quality; but if you want a smaller quantity at once, or a thicker quality, you will of course have to pay a correspondingly higher price.

I have recommended her to send you samples of such as you wish to have, & to quote both for large lot & for smaller; - that you may see the difference & decide which you prefer. I dare say it will not be worth your while to get more than 5,000 at once, & it would have been better if my clerk who sent you over envelope, ~~Samples~~ & price we were saying,

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had named the quantity taken at once, in case he did not do so; I did not see his note.

The matter is a very small one, but she evidently feels hurt abt it. So I thought I had better send you a line. She is anxious to do yr business & will I feel sure, do as well for you as any one else can. For whatever quality & quantity you may want. So I do not recommend going past her.

If I can give you any further help in the little matter, I shall be glad to do so.

Yrs truly

Rich'd Thompson

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.–RICHARDSON, YORK

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 16 apl 1890

To
Mr S. E. Woods.
The Retreat.

Dear Sir

Mr Thompson requests me to send you the enclosed specimen envelopes.

The cost of the smaller size was 4/3. The larger ones 5/9 per thousand. We bought them (20,000 & 5,000 respectively) of W. Sessions, who would doubtless be able to supply you with the same quality.

For smaller quantities the price would doubtless be a trifle higher than we paid, but the difference would probably be only trifling.

Yours truly,
HH Dennis.

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 28 Nov: 1890

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

To Mr S. E. Woods

Retreat

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your postcard of 27th and will arrange accordingly about the cow. She calved after all on Wednesday night, so that, if she is all right on Saturday, I think she may safely be sent on to you on Saturday (tomorrow) afternoon. Kindly mention to your man so that he may have a place for her.

Yours truly,

H. W. Procter.

P.S. My man went to see her yday & she was all right then —

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 20th Dec 1890

To R Baker M D
The Retreat

Dr. Frd.

Cows

The cow last bought (Red & White) (£22 I think) has turned out well I am glad to find — & the one sent up (White & Red) in exchange for the white one (in which I was so much disappointed) has also I find proved to be an excellent milker giving over 20 qts daily — I am however sorry to say that ~~the~~ there is a nett loss to the Retreat of at least £1 by the first white one turning out to give only 10 qts per day — It is impossible to avoid "mis-fits" sometimes & at any rate I should have done exactly the same for myself as I did for you. The total money result is that there is £6 more to pay wh. added to £18 the price of the first cow, will make this one stand you to £24 — At the present market value I do not think she would be dear at £23 so it might be worse

Please ask Mr Woods to send me a cheque for £6 payable to Henry Smith & I will pay it into his convenience

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HY. RICHARDSON & COMPY.
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 15th Dec 1890

To Mr S.E. Woods
The Retreat

Dear Sir

Another cow is being sent to the Retreat today wh. is a very good milker.

Please let word be sent to Backhouse to put a sheet onto her when she arrives till tomorrow as she may have got wetted or at any rate heated. If she is at all wet she should be well rubbed down & have a little straw put under the sheet.

I just name this point as the last wh. came from Hammerton has been spoiled by getting a chill when she came on a very wet day.

I hope this one will suit you.

Yrs truly

H. Proctor

BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
&
Chartered Accountants.

TELEPHONE No. 58.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
BARBER, SHEFFIELD.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street,
Sheffield.

Ans 8 12

9th January 18 91

Dear Dr Baker,

I am much obliged for your letter of the 6th inst,

If it were possible for me to have an interview with the selected stores clerk before he proceeds to Northampton, I should be glad of the opportunity of seeing him.

I am, DearSir,

Yours truly

James W Barber

The Retreat

York.

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BARBER BROS. & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers
& Chartered Accountants.

TELEPHONE No. 58.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS.
BARBER, SHEFFIELD.

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street.

Sheffield, 15th November 1890

Dear Sir,

We enclose herewith the completed Report to be laid before the Committee on Tuesday. We understand that the Committee meets at 10 o'clock; and our Mr J. W. Barber will be in attendance.

As the half-yearly audit is now due, he will proceed with that on Tuesday morning, as probably the Committee will not require his attendance for more than a short time.

Will you kindly mention this to Mr Woods.?

We are,

Yours faithfully

Barber Bros & Wortley

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

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17, THORNTON ROAD,

BRADFORD, 26th November 1890.

MEMORANDUM To (Secretary) Retreat York.

FROM T. B. WETHERILL.

Sir. I am in correspondence with the Smithson family re the expenses incurred by me in the removal of your patient. I may state that after all this time I have been considerably out of pocket which the family has refused to pay although they gave me instructions to act on their behalf.
I have now just received a sum on account but still require a balance of a little over 36/0 when that sum is paid, and not before - that I agree to further act on there behalf.

Yours faithfully T. B. Wetherill.

Dear

P.S. I intend &c being in London next week when some of the family will be seen on this very point. Then if agreeable you shall hear from me. Bethune.

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17, THORNTON ROAD,

BRADFORD, 3rd December 1890.

MEMORANDUM To Mr Wood. Secretary The Retreat York.

FROM T. B. WETHERILL.

Dr Sir.

Re F H Smithson.

Your favr to hand. document received. I wrote to the Father in Law of Smithson Brother in London. and this morning have got a reply. without the address. as he is just now out of business. and is going about from place to place for the benefit of his health until he buys another business. I have sent up the document to Mr Dobby Wood 26 Wansey St Walworth Rd London to ask his Son in Law to sign viz. F H Smithson. I expect being in London either the 5th or the 10th inst — when if possible to get an audience with Mr Smithson. when you shall hear further from me Yours T B Wetherill.

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17, THORNTON ROAD,

BRADFORD, 20th December 1890.

MEMORANDUM To Jno. I. E. Woods Secretary The Retreat York.

FROM T. B. WETHERILL.

Dr Sir. Re F. H. Smithson.

I thank you very much for the straight tone of your letter as it will enable me to deal with the family now in a straight manner. I may just say that the document has not yet been signed by Mr Smithson he refuses to have any dealings in any way whatever.

I was not able to see him personally but have forwarded your letter to his Father in Law in order that he may see it. So far as your account is concerned of course your money shall be sent you. Kindly send me your claim inclusive of next Quarter when it shall be forwarded you in due course. I am very sorry to place you in any corner or to give you any trouble, but as I informed you prior. I am determined to have my rights otherwise my costs from the family which they can well afford to pay.

I am giving them notice now to close this matter otherwise the Brother shall be sent them. This will put on the finishing stroke within a few days.

Yours faithfully T. B. Wetherill

Manager
Sport Tech^{ik} Frankfurt Dez

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17, THORNTON ROAD,

BRADFORD, 23 - 12 - 1890.

MEMORANDUM To Mr Woods Secretary The Retreat York -

FROM T. B. WETHERILL.

Dear Sir -

The account has been forwarded to the Solicitor for presentation - and when it is returned your Cheque shall be sent on - at once -

Yours Faithfully
T. B. Wetherill

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Memorandum to

M^r Woods.

Pierremont Manningham.

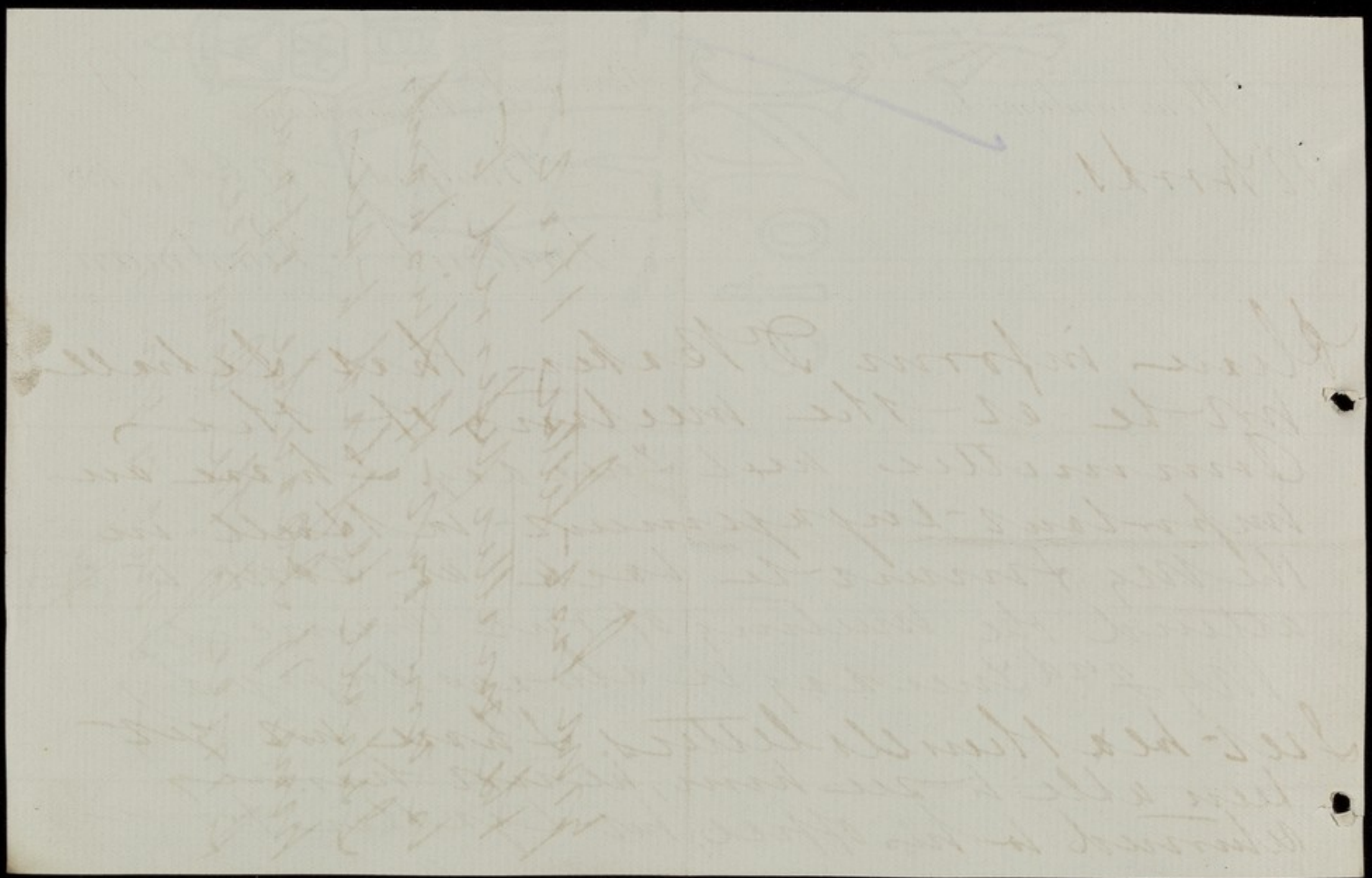
Bradford Feby. 188

From Frederick Eastman.

Please inform D^r Baker that I shall not be at the meeting of the Committee next Tuesday, I have an important engagement in London which must be back in time to attend the meeting of the Council.

My 2nd Tuesday is always occupied

Inst- he & Hewells letters. I have not yet been able to see him, he was morning returned to his office, but I saw this



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Memorandum to

Mr Wood.

Pierremont. Manningham.

Bradford. Jany 5th 1891

From Frederick Priestman.

In reply to your inquiry about the status of Mr Netherwill. I may say that he is the manager of the Bradford Branch of the "Lpool Victoria Friendly Soc[illegible], but I know no more than that of either him or his Company. I called to see him today, but found that he was confined to the house. I will try, & see him in a day or two & will write the result of the interview.

Yours truly

F Priestman

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LAUREL BANK, HEATON,

BRADFORD, Jan 6th 1891

MEMORANDUM To Mr Wood. The Retreat York.

FROM T. B. WETHERILL.

Sir

Father being confined to the house through cold wishes me to say, that the Solicitors are having to make fresh application to the Court for the expenses. hence the delay

Yours

B. Wetherill

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TELEPHONE No. 5078.

Memorandum.

Middlesbrough, July 14th 1890

V Enclosures

Show Rooms—20. NEWPORT ROAD.
Goods Entrance—40. PARK STREET.

Timber Sheds—YEW STREET.

Steam Factory—{ BAXTER STREET & BRENTNALL STREET.

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From PUNCH BROTHERS,

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.
TERMS CASH.

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

To E. Burgess Esq 6 South Square G.I.

Grays Inn — London

Sir / We have pleasure in handing
you our Price for 9 Mantle Slides
viz 8. as No 1 — one of the other
Oak
Drawcock, with polished
Clips Complete dull polished
Jamed or Stained, Delivered
Delivered in York
£48.10.0 — your orders
our best attention & Care

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TELEPHONE No. 5078.

Memorandum.

Middlesbrough, July 19. 1890.

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From PUNCH BROTHERS,

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.

TERMS: CASH.

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

To T. Thompson. Esq. York.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find marble Shps. for your inspection, please note those marked on back are the ones we have based our estimate on, others will be extra cannot say how much until we see which you select,

We remain

Yours obediently

Punch Bros

P.p. L.K.B.

TELEPHONE No. 5078.

Memorandum.

Middlesbrough, July 18th 1890.

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From PUNCH BROTHERS,

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.

TERMS: CASH.

To R Thompson Esq Oak Cake Manufacturer York

Sir / we are instructed by E Burgess Esq to send on price of oak mantle similar to those for sitting rooms, but 6 inches less in width, with marble slips complete our price will be £5- delivered with others in York- Our price for the other 8- are £5-5-0 each, The One is £6-10-0 having no patterns of small dimensions by us- we have omitted our marble

people to forward the sum of
yrs. could have based on Estimate
on Grey slips - Rouge Royal - & Siena, &
other fancy marbles would cost a little
more, the Grey slips are 25/- per set.

Yours reply

pmch Bros

	wood	marbles	
4	5 5/	— 25/	6.10.0
8	4 0	— 25/	47.0.0
1 Smaller	3 15/	— 25/ = £5	48.10.0

ks—BAXTER STREET.
TIMBER YARD—YEW STREET.

Date July 21 1880.

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Memorandum from PUNCH BROTHERS,
24, NEWPORT ROAD,
MIDDLESBROUGH.

To Jas Thompson Esq
Co Richardson & Co Aldergate Bridge
Merchants York

Dear Sir

Replying to yours of this morning with your order for Mantles, shall be glad to receive plans as quickly as possible, so that we may put them into hands, In reference to the Marble Slips, unfortunately our Marble Mason has not done as requested — We asked for prices for Special Marbles — but not to hand we have written them respecting them I hope to hear per return when we could furnish you with full particulars of the same In the meantime we could be putting on with Mantles on order

Yours respy
Punch Brothers
per J. A. Summerson

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TELEPHONE No 5078.

Memorandum.

Middlesbrough, July 23rd 1890

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From PUNCH BROTHERS,

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.

TERMS: CASH.

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

To R. C. Thompson Esq York

Dear Sir, We have pleasure in handing you particulars of Marble Slips for Mantle pieces for Friends Retreat York. Our price handed you is based upon New England, or Fossil Marble, For St Anns Black and Kilkenny - The Slips will be 5/- per set Extra - Victoria red rouge & dove or Bardilla each set of Slips will be 7/6 extra over our Estimate Yours respy Punch Brothers per Jas.

1	Ll Arms	for Dining Room	5/
2	Bardilla	_____	7/6
3	Red	_____	3/6
3.	Yellow		?
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1	Yellow	(for Small mantel)	
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WORKS—BAXTER STREET.
TIMBER YARD—YEW STREET.

Date August 7th 1880

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Memorandum from PUNCH BROTHERS,

20, NEWPORT ROAD,

MIDDLESBROUGH.

To R Thompson Esq York.

Sir / We have received tracings for marble Curbs, & shall be able to quote you price for same in the Course of a few days- If you are requiring any Furniture or Furnishings for Retreat, we shall be very glad to quote you for same

Yours respy
Punch Brothers
per J A Simmons

TELEPHONE No 5078.

Memorandum.

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Middlesbrough, December 18th 1890.

Show Rooms—20. NEWPORT ROAD.
Goods Entrance—40. PARK STREET.

Timber Sheds—YEW STREET.

Steam Factory—{ BAXTER STREET & BRENTNALL STREET.

From PUNCH BROTHERS,

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.

TERMS: CASH.

To W. L. E. Wood Secretary Friends Retreat York

Sir/ Herewith we hand you Stamps Value 3/- for Carriage paid on Empty Cases, Please own receipt of same

Punch Brothers
per J. H. Summers

Hy Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams.–Richardson, York.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 2nd Dec. 1890

To
Mr S.E. Woods
The Retreat

Dear Sir.

I enclose Messrs Punch Bros account for ten ~~marbles~~ mantels, and ten marble kerbs. I have compared it carefully with the contracts, and find it in order.

Yours truly
Rich Thompson

Encs:

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TELEPHONE No 5078.

Memorandum.

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Middlesbrough, Dec 16th 1890

Show Rooms—20. NEWPORT ROAD.
Goods Entrance—40. PARK STREET.

Timber Sheds—YEW STREET.

Steam Factory—BAXTER STREET & BRENTNALL STREET

From **PUNCH BROTHERS,**

COMPLETE HOUSE FURNISHERS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

ACCOUNTS RENDERED MONTHLY.
TERMS CASH.

To R Thompson Esq C/o Richardson & Co
Merchants York

Dear Sir,
A/C 89. 7. 4

We shall be extremely obliged if you could send us cheque by return of post. Hoping you will oblige

Yours respy
Punch Brothers
per J. A. Simmons

Mr Woods will doubtless attend that no avoidable delay occurs in remitting after the cheque is duly signed

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge
York. 10 Jan 1891

Mr L. E. Woods

The Retreat

Dear Sir.

Retreat West villa

Mr Taylor sends me the enclosed account from Shuttleys. It is correct with the exception of the last item, £11.15.0, for 5 enlarged mantels at 47/- each. I have no check on this & think the extra 12/- for the enlarged size, same pattern, is a good deal; but if you have no contract with them for the alteration, it will I think, have to be paid.

Half carriage	~~£ 2 2 7~~ 1.1.9	as agreed
Discount 10% on £11.4.0 tiles —	1.2.5	"

should be deducted, & I think the ~~acct~~ a/c might then be paid on Tuesday.

Yours truly
Rich Thompson

1.1.9
1 2 5

37.0.0
2 4 2

35. 5. 10 nett amt

C&Bs 5 Sept 90 re 6% on tiles.
R T 24 July 90 re 12 cards } Enclosed
C&Bs reply 31 July 90 "

ATTENTION
LA LECTURE
EST
INTERDITE

Hy. Richardson & Compy
Merchants.

Telegrams.—Richardson, York.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York: 19 Jan 1891.

To Mr S. E. Woods
The Retreat

Dear Sir.

Yours to hand with Shuffrey's note. The arrangement for deduction of half carriage was made by Mr Burgess with Shuffrey's. Burgess is very near to Shuffreys: if therefore you will return to me the press copy of my letter to Burgess of 24th July 1890, & his reply of 31st July 90, I will ask Burgess to call & see them if needful. I believe, however, it will prove that his arrangement with them for half carriage was made after the order for mantels & stoves was given to them, & with the full knowledge that we were getting some other mantels elsewhere.

Yours truly
Richd Thompson

If it shd prove to be as they put it, the little deduction for half carriage shd be sent to them. I will write you further after ascertaining

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

GOODS STATION,

No. 36/449 YORK, September 16 1880

S E Woode Esq
The Retreat
York

Sir With reference to yours of 12th
& the Enclosed account. We have now
obtained authority to refund the item
to you, which will be done in a few
days by our Rullyman and debit London
with the same. Trusting this will
put the matter in order

Yours truly
R Anderson
per J M

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY.

GOODS STATION,

No. 36/49 YORK, Sept 10 1890

Mr Woods
The Retreat
York

Sir

In reply to your post card respecting Shuffreys crate, beg to inform you that we have no account of the goods.

Yours truly
Pro Rawderson
J. H.

Telegraphic Address—"Shuffrey, London."

Memorandum.

Wall Papers.
Stoves.
Mantels.
Tiles.
Finger Plates.
Domestic Glass.

From SHUFFREY & Co.,
38, Welbeck Street,
Cavendish Square, W.

Sept 5th 1890

To W. J. E. Woods.

The Retreat
York.

Sir

We are sorry to hear of 2 of the marbles & a stone being broken you do not mention whether you are repairing & using the marbles - Please let us know how the goods were signed for in support of our claim upon the Railway Company for the damage.

Yours Obed.

Shuffrey & Co

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 6 Sept 1890

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

To Mr S. E. Woods

The Retreat

Dear Sir

I send Elsley's invoice of the grates: please return the cases carriage paid when empty, and advise Elsleys when sent. also please note my mem: at foot of invoice as to carriage. Payment of all the things I have had in hand, had perhaps better remain until my return.

I think there is now no doubt that the whole of the £2.3.7 railway a/c you showed me the other day must be on Shuffrey's items & not Elsley's, but it would be well to ascertain, as named yesterday.

Yours truly
Richd Thompson
per Jr.

HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.
Telegrams – RICHARDSON YORK
Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge.

York. 30 aug: 1890

To Mr S. E. Woods
The Retreat

Dear Sir

I annex particulars of Shuffrey's goods for guidance in unpacking. I would have sent the invoice itself; but some small items of charge will, I think require correction. The goods had better be carefully unpacked on Monday, and I will see them on Tuesday, as I am going from home, after which perhaps you can arrange to have the small tiles put away safely, that they may not get lost or broken.

Yours truly
Rich[illegible]

One or two of Elsley's Sale may also be unpacked, that I may see them

4 bedrooms & 1 nurse's room, all on East side

5. № 25 Mantels in pine, primed for painting.
5. sets 6" plain Yellow clouded Petitor Devon marbles.
5. № 12 Stoves with Economizer.
5. Hearths, each 72 = 360 - 3"×3" "E" amber tiles.

Dining Room.

120 - 3"×3" - "O" Golden Brown tiles.

2 Corridor Mantels

192 - 3"×3" - "O" Golden Brown tiles.

6 Sitting Rooms

6 Hearths = 576 light green blue tiles

1 Tile Hearth for small Sitting Room. (marked Bath room on plan)

1 crate; 2 Cases; & 1 box. all to be pd Carr pd addressed Shuffrey & Co 38 Welbeck St. Cavendish Sq London W.

Carriage ought to have been paid, but I hear they were sent unpaid. Please inform me of carriage charged & I will deduct.

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Y. R. 1½. (36) 2,500—12-89. Z

M[illegible] Foreman of Works
Friends Retreat

YORK, Sept 189

Dr. TO THE NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY,

For Carriage of Goods TO YORK.

Cheques in discharge of Accounts to be made payable to the order of the North Eastern Railway Company.

Date	Invoice No.	From	Goods	Weight Tons Cwts. Qrs. Lbs.	Rate s. d.	Paid on s. d.	Amount. £ s. d.
Sept 21	447/50	N Sancroft	40 Fire Bricks (Elsley)	15 0 14		✓	1 1 11
" "	"	"	10 Coalings (Elsley)	1 1		✓	3 4
" "	"	" ✓	2 Bdls	1 3 0		✓	2 11
" "	"	" ✓	2 Cases C Grates	6 1 7		✓	12 8
" "	447/50	" ✓	1 Box	1 0 0		✓	2 6
					Cartage	✓	3
			Paid Sept 2nd				
			J Ostick Pa			£	2 37

Refunded
Nov. 13th 1890
J. R. W.

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams:—RICHARDSON, YORK.

Quotations subject to reply per return unless otherwise stated.

Skeldergate Bridge
York. 14 Feb 1891

Mr C. E. Woods

The Retreat

Dear Sir

Will you be good enough to have out for me to see when I come to the Committee on Tuesday, Shuffrey's a/c for grates, mantels etc: and particulars of the carriage you paid on them. I believe you paid originally, in July or August, £2.3.7, which you informed me on postcard Sept 19th that the Railway would return to you. I shall be glad to know if that amount was eventually returned, & whether the Retreat has since then paid that or any other amount for carriage on Shuffrey's Goods.

If the 21/9 is really due to them it must of course be paid.

Yours truly

Rich Thompson

Telegraph Address. WILTON, NEWCASTLE.

CHARLTON, McALLUM & Co

S. S. NESLEYSIDE.
S. S. HARTSIDE.
S. S. ARTHUR.
S.S. CANUTE
S.S. HOLLINSIDE.

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Queen Street,
Newcastle on Tyne. 15th Jan 1891.

My dear Sir,

On return here this morning after a day or two absence, I find the enclosed envelope evidently from you. I have received a settlement from one of the Executors of the Estate my Mother is interested in & now forward you his cheque for £ 101 = 14 = 2. on acct of My Mother's account, the balance I shall be able to settle soon.

Please me to remain
Yours very truly
Hugh McAllum

Dr Robt Baker
York.

York
19 Nov. 90

Dear Mr Woods

I do not think it will be necessary to enter Mr Barber's long Report, with its schedules, in the rough-minute book, but only in the fair minute book. Before entering, you should ask Mr Barber if there are any slight additions or alterations to make & I should, in entering the schedules, adopt the varied colours of ink which Mr. Barber has used — in other words make a copy exact in all respects. If you could have given me a 5 minutes call at the Cocoa Works sometime this week, omitting Saturday, I should have been glad.

Yours truly
Joseph Rowntree

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Telegraphic Address :—"BECK, SHEFFIELD."

Providence Works.
Brown Street.
Sheffield 3d Feb.y 1891

D.r Baker
The Retreat
York.

Yours to hand. What I understood from letter accompanying accl in Nov.r was, "that there might be a few small items, which might be found to require to be charged in respect of October, but I never for a moment supposed that there could be any omissions from the accl rendered to end of September, or that the Sum of £3-3-0 named in respect of Scarbro visit was not inclusive & exhaustive.

From figures appended to accl I find "Mending & Washing" for the last month is almost the same as for previous quarter. Then "Amusements" Come into September accl as 14/10 for the Quarter (Scarbro included) & for October is 10/7 - The item of £1-9-6 "Excursions Scarbro" Comes under my previous remark, as something I cannot understand, nor how it could possibly be excluded from Sept.r accl, having been incurred in that month.

Please look into the matter again & make what reduction you can. then let me know what amount will fully discharge the account and I will remit you without further remark, as you are aware this visitation has involved me in very great expenses, which naturally I Wish to remit to just proportions.

Waiting reply
I Remain Dear Sir
Yours Faithfully
S. Beck.

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20, BOAR LANE,

Leeds, Jany 7/1891

Memorandum from ISAAC PICKARD.

To Rev C Roper

York

Dear Sir

Herewith I send
Cheque £1/4/- in favour
of Edge. Aye
Receipt rule. I believe
I have reason to believe
that my brother Daniel
Pickard is feeling hurt
about the charge made
for his daughter being with
you. I regret that although
he has written on the
matter except that his
letter should be considered
& he written to. Now some
months ago I sent no
letter comes. I think
that Rent the treasurer
had to do with it please
have it attended to. We are
one at 2 M Thy Sincerely Pickard

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Headingley
Leeds 14th 1 mo/91

Robt. Baker M.D.

dear Friend

I enclose herewith a cheque for £34. 1. 0. to settle the acct rendered for our daughter's current Quarter at the Retreat. I regret still to have to make this payment - more as a demand upon me than as an understanding or agreement: and should have valued a friendly word or two either from Thos. Pumphrey or from thyself to explain why the charge is quite so much as 35/- a week Especially as a continuous one; and called for in advance.

It is an affliction to hear that "no change" can yet be reported in our dear Katies Mental Condition: but we must endeavour to bear

this - and its attendant Circumstances - with as much of hopeful Submission - as we are capable of - and trust that it may be a means of Good both to her and to ourselves.

My wife will Endeavour, ale being well, to come to see her again on Second day Next - or if not then as soon after as she can: - and Remain thy Sincere Friend

Dan'l Pickard

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Rowntree & Co.
The Cocoa Works
York

Telegraphic Address
ROWNTREE YORK

London Address
Cowpers Court
Cornhill. E.C.

York. 26 Jan 1891

Referring to Mr Barber's Report
I sh think the best way of dealing with
it will be, to copy ~~out~~ out afresh into the
Fair Minute Book of the Monthly Committee
the whole of the Report but to paste into
the same book the tabular statements which
accompany the Report.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

N.B. ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office.

York, 9 February 1891.

E. C. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir,

We have not heard from you since your favour of the 17th Decr: with regard to the additional insurance of £4000 on the Retreat, viz: on the West Villa.

We shall be happy to hear whether your arrangements are yet sufficiently advanced to enable you to complete the revision of your Policies.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully

8 Hanover Terrace
Whitby 4/2/91

Dear Cousin
R Baker

As my
Son Joseph expects to
call at the Retreat
tomorrow I write
to say that we have
not yet had any
intimation as to
the cost ~~of~~ which
we are incurring
in regard to Philip.

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posted up as to our
dear boy's condition
with love in
which S.J. unites
I am sincerely
Edw.d F. Sewell

I am afraid from
Joe's accl of the room
he has that if he is
likely to require
a long treatment
the expenses will be
heavier than I
should feel warranted
in continuing, if,
as I imagine, efficient
treatment can be
secured on terms
more becoming my
means. If then
could just talk this
over with Joe I
should feel obliged.

S. J. and I should
have been very glad
to have seen them
as proposed, when
in this neighbourhood,
but perhaps they have
been prevented coming.

Dr Pope is very
kind in writing
from time to time and
keeping us well

Rec'd Jan. 14th 1891

Portgate Street
Stockton-on-Tees.
10th Jan. 1891

Dear Sir.

Referring to the visit of our Mr. H.S. Leahy to your Retreat on Friday last and to his conversation with you, we beg to inform you that our client Mrs. M.A. Chilton has decided to put her nephew Mr. John Henry Fox under your charge, and is quite prepared to sign the necessary Agreement for that purpose - Will you therefore kindly

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soon as possible have a Suite of Rooms allotted him in the new wing now almost completed.

With your permission we will keep the Agreement from which you gave us as a draft.-

We are sending an application for Mr. Fox's transfer to your Retreat, to the Commissioners by this post, and will inform you what arrangements have been made for getting him from Sedgfield to York when the same are concluded -

We are Dear Sir.

Yours faithfully.

Leahy Farmer & Leahy

Dr. Baker.
York Retreat Hospital.
York.

Send us a form of Agreement
with the Treasurer's name filled
in in the blank Space and
inform us what Sum of money
you will require to be paid on
the signing of the Agreement.

We shall also be glad to know
whether the first payment can
be postponed until Mr. Fox's
Committee is appointed in the
usual course - Our client desires
that Mr. Fox should have the
best accomodation possible at
£7. 7/. a week, and should as

Tulwood Rd
Sheffield
Jan. 23rd 1891.

S. E. Woods, Esq.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of the 21st inst. and as my Husband's case was unfortunately not under consideration at your Committee's last meeting. (I gather that they take place monthly.). I can do nothing but wait until I hear their decision at the next Meeting. 106
If you will kindly let

me know the result
as soon as it has taken
place - Will forward a
Cheque at once -

Dam
dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
F. Shera.

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Memorandum from Nathan Bake & Son.

Tea Dealers. Bridge End. Leeds 11 Feb 1881

To J W Wood Esq

Dear Sir I have not received any communication with reference to W^m Bake as promised some time ago - perhaps the Executors do not incline to accept the responsibility for any stipulated sum per annum — In this case I shall not expect to hear further on the subject - I am now approaching the final settlement of my late fathers affairs - Yours faithfully pro

A Bake Son

From that, I understood that when the violent stage had passed, there would be a very considerable, & permanent reduction made - which would be within our means, as I stated before. (say 2 guineas per week) & may I ask if your Committee have reconsidered the case & what is the result -?
The violent stage passed away with the old year, & my Husband is now much better I am thankful to say. Requiring no very special attention, therefore we hope the Committee have seen, or will see, their way to making the reduction. If not he shall be compelled to remove him at the end of the present quarter - i.e. January 29th -
Kindly reply by return of post as it is no use my sending another cheque till we know how matters stand.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours Sincerely
F. Shera.

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304. Fulwood Rd
Sheffield
Jan. 20. 91

Mr. Wood

Dear Sir,

I find no mention of "a Deposit required", in the paper sent by Mr Burtt, only "the Quarters Board in advance" which we have paid - From the minute passed by your Committee on 16th Dec - the terms were reduced the first quarter from 5 to 4 guineas per week - "with the understanding that at the end of the Quarter the terms be reconsidered" -

Trinity Place 109
Keighley

Mr Baker

Sir

I am sorry to
have delayed sending
the last account
but the Postman
gave my son your

Letter it appears on
the 5th & he has
carried it about in
his pocket until
yesterday quite
forgot to give it to
me & have forwarded
it to my Husband.

Brothers and Sisters all
Fanny in a few days
Then will send it
at once

Yours &c

J. Brand

ans.

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. WAR OFFICE, NAVAL OFFICE, BOARD OF TRADE OFFICE,
TRINITY HOUSE, AND COLONIAL GOVERNMENTS.

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ULVERSTON, February 27th 1891

Dear Sir,

Referring to your esteemed letter of the 4th inst in locks for Shutters. The manufacturers say they will supply a new lock and repair 2 others with new bolts for 5/6. Please say if this is agreeable to you and we will instruct them to forward you direct at once.

Yours truly,
A. Attwood & Company,

P. H. Woods Esq
Secretary
The Retreat
York

011

4 Ella Road

Crouch Hill

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16. 2-91.

I. E. Woods Esq

Dear Sir

I regret ~~that~~ I am unable to send a cheque immediately but I hope to forward a considerable payment in about a fortnights time

Thanking you for your kind leniency

I am Yours faithfully

C Bendall.

Ramsden Heath
Mr Billericay
Essex
Jan. 20/91

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your note; my wifes affliction has been so long continued & my means so limited that it has been a hard struggle sometimes to meet my liabilities. Will you kindly say to the Committee for me, that if under the circumstances they will kindly exercise a little further patience I will do as they wish as early as possible - Kindly send me the account for this Quarter

I am yrs very sincerely
E Hollies

26 Cecil St
Manchester
16. 2. 1891.

Edmund Ford.

In reply to mine re- W Hulding I may say that I am in no way Connected with the Case Except as a trustee of a small trust sufficient to pay this Amt and

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until I receive the
dividends I am not
able to send yr. acct
these Coms in half
yearly and altho not
yet worried I am
so certain of them Coms
that I Enclose
herewith the amt. of
Your Bill and
Am faithfully Yrs.
To
Ellwood

19. Old Burlington Street. London. W.

15th January 1891

S E Woods Esq
Secy
The Retreat—York

Dear Sir

re Estate dec^d

Referring to your letter of the 17th ult^o I must ask you to be good enough to allow the interest to stand over for a short time as the Exors have not at present any money in hand out of which to make the payment—. They expect however to realize something by the sale of the deceased's furniture shortly

Yours truly

Edk Taylor

COOKE.
Nov. 1890

Ans 28 xi

2 Sugnall St.
(Liverpool)
(27. Nov. 1890)

To Dr Baker.
Dear Friend

I wrote some weeks ago for the necessary papers in reference to my sister's probable need to be sent to York Retreat from softening of the brain. Since then it has become only too plain that it ought not to be much longer put off. She is a member of the Society of Friends who have undertaken to send her there she being the only member of her family left a member. She has some little means though probably not sufficient without the help of Friends. I write now

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to ask how the journey is generally managed it will of course be necessary to send for her is it imperative that any one else go with her? it is almost impossible for me still less for anyone else to do so — can it be dispensed with?

It is also an extreme difficulty to manage the half yearly visit as I am a person of very small means and not necessarily having the command of my own time these are difficulties I do not know how to meet, but possibly the guarantee of Friends' guardianship may enable them to be dispensed with

My sister has lived alone with me for the last 6 or 8 years. — the papers are not yet signed though both Doctors and T.P. have had their interview and it only waits for knowledge of the probable date to finish them — the Liverpool Friends agreed yesterday to be responsible for the case

Mine sincerely
Emily Cooke

Ans 6
23. XII

Wyke Common
20/12/90

Dr Baker

Sir I think it Would be bast for me to bring my Mother Maria Pim home because I cannot Pay the note you Sant me before but my Mother as a few Pounds in the Blackheaton Cooperative Society And I have tryed to gat What Would Pay the note And the Committee Say that thay cannot Pay it as thay have had Another Case like it And

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thay Payed it And thay had
to Pay it Again So I think I
Will bom for her on the 26/12/90
but I Will se About the Paymant
Whan my Mother bomes home

I Remain
your truly
James Pim

to Doctor Baker

Pim
Dec 1890

38 Wyke Common
Prestwood
28th November 1890

Dr Baker

Sir I Would be glad to know if my Mother is so wall that She might be Allowed to bom home to my house for I think that we ban look After her if She is not very bad

And Will you please Say what Notice is to be giving if Any

I Remain yours truly James Pim

Paris.
Nov. 1890

The Retreat.

I should like to have some idea when she will come. There will be one or two tin boxes.

Yours sincerely
E. Cooke

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	4.30		
Livpl.		6.5	
		7.45	1.35
Return			p.m.
Lpool	1.45.		4.10
York.		4.35	7.30

Cooke.
Dec. 1890

Liverpool. Aug 4 X11.90

2 Sugnall St.
Wednesday
3.XII.90.

To Dr Baker
Dear Friend

There is a slight hitch in the signing of the papers — as the justice who interviewed my sister is at home in bed with feverish cold and not able to come out —

If however they should not be completed before friday I will telegraph to York to that effect as I wish the attendant to come on friday and take my sister the next day I suppose the two journeys

here and back would be undesir-
-able the same day, I propose that
she should lodge at Lawrence's
Temperance hotel Clayton Square
(Lawrence being the treasurer of the
Society of Friends through whom payments
are hereafter to be made) and she
could call round at our house and
make the arrangements at leisure
on Saturday Sugnall St
runs along one side of the fashionable
Concert room of Liverpool The
Philharmonic Hall — Mrs Birt's
sheltering home for Orphans being
close by — either of them easily found
If it should seem desirable
that I go with my sister also
which she attendant shall decide
I suppose I could stay the night at

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Ans'd
7. 11

30 Melrose Terrace
Heaton
Newcastle Tyne

Dr Baker
The Retreat
York

My Son Thomas Henry
Appleton has been indisposed
for some time & it is the
opinion of my medical man
that he must go from home
to be under medical care.

Will you send me the
necessary certificate
for signature - My
circumstances owing to
the death of my dear
husband the early part of
this year compel me to
send him at the the
lowest rate & I would
be glad if you would
let me know what that
is -

asking for an early reply

Yours truly
Sarah Appleton

Appleton
Mar: 1876

Rec'd
Ans'd
15.XI.90

30 Nelson Terrace
Heaton
Newcastle Tyne
11/11/90

Dear Dr Baker

I am much obliged
for the papers & your
enclosure.
With regard to the terms
I wish to say that it is of
great importance to me
that they should be as low
as it is possible for the
committee to grant me.
We are members of the
Society of Friends & since
my husbands death in April
of this year I have looked to my
Son. Thomas Henry contributing
towards my support & that of my
family.
His health latterly has been
such as to disqualify him
for any engagement.
My income is small about
£50 a year. I have two
children at Ackworth School
& one daughter at home
of an age to maintain
herself. My second Son
Walter assists me all he
can from his earnings
but during the last month
he has been dangerously

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ill & I have been put
to considerable expense
for doctors & nurse. I am
thankful to say he is
now convalesent tho' will
not be equal for some little
time to renew his business
engagement,
I herewith return the certificates
& shall be glad if you will
let me know at what time
on monday you can send an
attendant. Heaton is on
the line between Newcastle
& Tynemouth & trains run
nearly every hour from
Newcastle.

I am Yours truly
Sarah Appleton

Appleton
Dec 2 1870

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

January 19th, 1891.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy have resolved, under the powers conferred upon them by Rule 38 of the Commissioners' Rules, to prescribe the Form of the Abstract of the Accounts of Registered Hospitals.

A draft of a Form has been prepared under the Commissioners' directions; but before finally settling it, they are desirous of circulating the draft among the Superintendents of Hospitals, so as to secure the benefit of any practical suggestions which may occur.

Herewith I send you two copies of the draft; and if disposed to favour the Commissioners with any observations tending to improve the Form, I am to ask you to be so good as to forward them to me in the course of the next fortnight.

The Commissioners will gladly receive, and carefully consider any amendments which you may suggest.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. HAROLD URMSON,

Secretary,

The ~~Manager~~ Secretary of the Retreat Hospital.

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Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

26th March 1891

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst with copy of minute of your Committee relative to the legality of the Leaves of Absence which purport to have been granted to patients under the repealed Acts of 1855 and 1862, I am directed to state that the Commissioners, while entertaining doubts whether in the circumstances the orders and certificates on which such patients were received, still hold good, must leave it to your Managing Committee to determine whether or not they will continue to detain the patients under the orders and certificates in question.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Lomax
Secretary

The Medical Supt.,
The Retreat

Copy

The Retreat, York

Jan. 22nd 1891

G. Harold Ernston Esq

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the forms issued with your Circular of the 9th inst.

They appear fairly comprehensive, & are perhaps as well adapted to meet the various systems of Book-Keeping, employed at the different Hospitals as they could be made. As however, you are good enough to invite observations, I would remark with reference to the Abstract of Accounts, that

I "Balance of Cash in hand" is an Asset "Balance of Cash due" is a Liability, and these entries should not in my judg-ment, be mixed with Income and Expenditure, but they are rightly provided for in the other form, the Statement of Financial condition"-

Possibly this arrangement is intended to meet the requirements of those Hospitals whose Balance sheets (so called) are presented in the form of a Cash Statement. (But such statements fail to present a complete picture of the financial condition of the Hospital, to ascertain which, is, I presume, the object of the Commissioners.)

II For similar reasons, I conclude the Estimated Value of Land, Buildings and Furniture" is not included in the Assets. On this point I should be glad of an explanation-

III Should not "Liabilities" stand on the left hand page, & "Assets" on the right? (But this is a Minor matter).

IV. May I suggest the advisability of all Asylum Accounts being kept by Double Entry, or at all events, that Annual Statements should be rendered, made out on the Double Entry system.

In this connection I would quote Farries, on Joint Stock Companies, where he says, "The Regulations appended to the Joint Stock Companies Act 1856, provided that Companies should Keep their books by Double Entry.

Unfortunately however, Table A. furnished in the New Act contains no such re-striction, and it is therefore now left entirely to the option of any Joint Stock Company, governed by such regulations, to adopt what system it may think fit. although at the same time it is scarcely possible to comply with the requirements of the Act as to Accounts, &c, unless the books are Kept by Double Entry.

Whether this important omission was intended by the framers of the Act, or inadvertently escaped their notice, does not appear, but the con-sequence has been that many of the smaller Companies have used a wretched system of Single Entry, which instead of shewing clearly the state of their affairs, has only tended to plunge them into the greatest confusion.

The author therefore cannot too strongly

set forth the necessity of adopting the well-tried system of Double Entry - and does not hesitate to say that it is the only method by which a Company can satisfactorily keep its books."

While there are, doubtless, many points of divergence, between the accounts of a Joint Stock Company, & those of a Registered Hospital, Mr. Farries' remarks appear to me to be worth consideration.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

Richard Wood.
Secy. to the York Retreat.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

13th March 1891

Sir,

When the copy of the entry made in the Visitors' Book at the Friends' Retreat by the two Commissioners in Lunacy who visited on the 2nd inst was read at their last Board, I was directed by the Commissioners to enquire whether it is proposed by the hospital authorities to take legal opinion upon the question of the validity of leaves of absence on trial of patients purported to have been given by virtue of the (repealed) "Lunatic Asylums and Regulations Act Amendment Acts 1853 and 1862," and if so the Commissioners would be glad to be favoured with a copy of such opinion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Mims
Secretary.

The Medical Supt.,
The Friends' Retreat

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Wrote Mrs Simmons 11. IV. 91

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

April 4th 1891.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to call your attention to the long continued and constant employment of Mechanical Restraint in the case of Sarah Annie Simmons, as shewn by the copies of the entries in the Register of Mechanical Restraint for the quarter ending 31st ult, recently forwarded by you.

In similar cases the Commissioners have observed benefit to result from change of care and surroundings, the need for restraint being very much lessened if not wholly removed; and I am to suggest that in the case of Simmons the experiment should be tried of transfer to another Institution.

I am, Sir,

your obedient servant

G. H. Hallowes

Secretary

Dr R. Baker

Ansd Apl. 6. J. Sec.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

4 April 1891.

Sir,

53 Vic. c. 5 s. 234 (1).

I am desired by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that you will have the kindness to draw the attention of the Managing Committee of the Retreat Hospital to the requirement of the above-sub-section, and to request them to furnish the Commissioners with the name of the accountant or other Auditor who is to audit the accounts of the Hospital with a view to their considering the question of his approval.

If the Hospital submits its accounts to the Charity Commissioners the above-mentioned audit and, consequently the Commissioners' approval of the Auditor, is not required, but they would esteem it a favour if the Committee would kindly

The Manager,
The Friends Retreat

inform them of the fact that the accounts are so submitted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. Harold Metcalf

Secretary

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

7th April 1891

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 6th inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that they approve of the appointment of Messrs Barber Brothers and Wortley as the Auditors of the Retreat, York.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Willmott

Secretary.

J. R. Woods, Esq.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

20th April 1891

Sir, re F. A. Sheard.

In reply to your letter of the 18th inst, I am directed to state that, if, as appears to be the case, the order for this patient's detention is defective or irregular, there does not appear to be any legal authority for ~~this patient's~~ detention and a notice of his discharge under the existing order should be forthwith sent to this Office stating that Mr Sheard is discharged consequent upon an irregularity or defection in the reception order.

Any further detention of the patient can only be legalized by your procuring a second and a proper Reception Order.

Patient discharged in accordance, forthwith.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. H. Hamilton
Secretary.

R. Baker, Esq, M.D.

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Ans d
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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

April 15th 1891

Sir,

Mr. F. A. Sheard.

The Commissioners in Lunacy are unable to quite understand the Statement in your letter of the 9th inst that "at the time of the patient's removal" a petition was pending, because in that Petition it is stated that he "has been received in the Retreat, York". If he was, when the Petition was presented, in York Retreat, he would not be then in the Jurisdiction of a West Riding Justice, and consequently that Justice was not entitled to make the Order: if he was not then in the York Retreat, the Petition should be corrected in accordance with the fact.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Thomson
Secretary

Dr. Baker

Strictly speaking when the
petition was first instituted the patient

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

May 2nd 1891.

Miss M. J. Slaughter.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst, I am directed by the bommissioners in Lunacy to say that unless you employed Mr Munby in this matter, they fail to see how you can be liable for the charges set out in his Bill.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chas Deane

for the Secretary.

Dr Baker

28 Stafford Square, Kensington

16th March 1891

Ans. 18.3.91.

Dear Sir – With reference to your letter of the 11th inst I send you a cheque for £122.17.3 in payment of your account as rendered for Mr Louis Starr –

In doing so I must remark that a cheque for £37.6.4 was sent to you on the 6th August last with the bill for carriage on the case of my departure for Russia – and your subsequent bill has not been paid owing to the obvious system of not furnishing the Shopkeepers accounts for the respective purchases – which (130) entails much trouble & great difficulty in checking – besides the item for Stimulants seems

stamped at variance with the
Custom Houses Regulations will
which I am unfortunately at Times
subject —

I have written on three former
occasions but have seen
it to no purpose —

I cannot understand how
my Agent's Letter to the Secretary
can have miscarried — but as the
item has not been stamped in my Banker's
account I pray it may be
immediately —

I am

Sir

Yours faithfully

James Watt

Please to return the two Bills
sent for Inspection —

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Jan. 14th 1891

F. Craven Esq

Dear Sir,

May I call your attention to the enclosed account, which I have no doubt has been overlooked - I am sure I have only to point out the Rules of the Institution, which Rules the Committee desire me to adhere to, in order to insure your kind reply at an early date.

Believe me

faithfully yours,

J. E. Sood
Secy.

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Received £5 4. 16. 10

I prefer sending cheque

My mother is
in ignorance
that we
pay anything
and it is
best it should
be so.
Yours sincerely
Jane Crewdson

THE RETREAT
YORK

PARTNERS:
H. WOOD.
J. R. WOOD.
J. H. TURNER.

12, PAVEMENT,
YORK.

26th Mch 1891.

Dear Sir,

re Armstrong

In reply to your note of the 24th inst. we have a Deed of Covenant entered into by Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Wilford, but it is merely a joint and several personal covenant by each of them and you will recollect that Mrs Wilford was released from her liability under the Deed on paying the sum of £85.

We have a copy of the Will of Mrs Elizabeth Martin and other papers relating to the business and we shall be glad to give you any further information you may require on your calling upon us.

Yours faithfully,

p.p. J. R. Wood & Co.

S. E. Woods Esq.
The Friend's Retreat.
York.

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Berry Fields
Hinxton
Shipston Stour
4mo 6. 91

Dear Friend

I herewith enclose Cheque £17. 6. 3 which I think is the Amount of the account rendered for Maintenance &c. of my two Children in your Hospital. I have dated it a week forward as I am then expecting some Money due to me I wish it was in My power to Comply with your Rules of payment in advance but I have the utmost difficulty

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on finding the money owed
3 mos after due. Perhaps we
are on the eve of more
Prosperous times If such
should be our lot I shall
most gladly pay in advance
for. I cannot help feeling
the great help your institution
is to us in taking care
of our afflicted Children
We long to know how they
progress and of each of them
show any sign of improvement

Thy sincere Friend

Philip. Payne

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S. E. Woods
Secretary York Retreat.
York

Dear friend

The Comtee of acc.ts of Birm. Meetg to-day desired me to inquire as to the cause of the advance of the lowest rate of admission and of its being so very much more the present rate at the asylum in this city

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for paying patients is 10/6 a week.

I am your friend

Wm H Lloyd

Clerk to the Comtee

Please address me at my home

10 Hall Green

Nr Wednesbury.

P.S.

The bill of disbursements in the case of Lucy Watts is payable by her brother F. Watts as hitherto.

Wm H Lloyd.

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.
Leeds 16th March 1891.

Dear Sir
re J.W. Smithson

Your letter of the 13th inst arrived in the absence of our Mr Warren Junr who attends to this matter. We are very sorry we are not in a position to afford you the necessary information for the Meeting of your Committee tomorrow. Our Agents in London have promised to attend to this matter to enable us to pay you the amount due & we are every day expecting to hear from them.

We have written them today urging their attention to the matter

Yours truly
Ford & Warren
pp. H.J.

Mr S. E. Woods
The Retreat,
York.

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FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.

Leeds 14th April 1891.

Dear Sir

re F. N. Smithson.

Mr. Bethell has handed us your letter & him of the fourteenth instant and has requested us to reply thereto, & to explain to you his position & that of the affairs herein.

He is merely interested in the lunatic from purely charitable motives & the part he has taken in the affairs have been simply voluntary acts on his part. ~~In Consq~~ In 1888 an order of the Court was made for payment & him of £27. 6. 0 per quarter & he forwarded the amount to you. He then found that this sum only paid for the board of the lunatic & there were other charges for disbursements for which he received no grant. He wrote to the relations of Mr. Smithson and urged them to take the necessary steps & have the grant augmented & that he did not further take any steps in the matter. However as they neglected to do some time ago & just now as to apply to the Court for a further grant we have taken certain steps to do this & we are now drawing the necessary affidavit

In order to complete this we should be obliged if you would furnish us with a debit & credit a/c since the lunatic entered your establishment & also if you would

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inform us the classes of articles for which the disbursements have been made

We will then make the application to the Court.

In the meanwhile we must ask you to refrain from taking any active measures against Mr Setterell.

Yours truly

Ford Warren

S. S. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

Montpellier Lodge . Harrogate
16 april 1891.

Dear Sir,

Miss Lever's account and your letter requesting payment in accordance with the rules of the Retreat have been forwarded by my Solicitors through their London Agent to the Commissioners.
There is money lying at Miss Lever's Bankers to meet it, but until the Master in Lunacy has given his decision I am afraid to act. I will take all necessary steps to get it settled as soon as possible. I remain

Yours sincerely
F Lever.

J. E. Wood Esq.
secretary
The Retreat. York.

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Rosewynn

Ridcombe Hill

Bath

Feb 7 21st 1891

Dear friend

I received the account on behalf of my dear daughter yesterday but with no explanation and I see the charge made is £3. 3. 0 pr week. I do not quite understand how this is as I am sorry to say I cannot afford such a payment and had supposed it would be the same as for any pupil - which amount I

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was given to understand covered the expense to the Institution - I am truly sorry that my daughter has been so ill since being at York and should feel greatly obliged by your medical opinion on her case. Dr Hind has been most kind in keeping me informed as to how she is - but I should like to know if you consider it a temporary illness as we trust may be the case -

Perhaps Thom will kindly let me know thy opinion -

I am very sorry that my limited income will not permit me to pay as large a sum and it is a great comfort to know that equal care is taken of those not in affluence as of the higher payment cases. Should Mary survive one and require this kind of care she will be able to pay more largely than at present is in my power -

I am thy sincere friend

T. Evans

Milanese Villa
Ventnor
Isle of Wight
4 mo. 16th 1891

Dear Friend Dr Baker

I am sorry to write again in reference to the payment for my dear daughter, but fear my former letter, and also my remarks to thyself when at York, on the subject must have been quite mis understood - having received the enclosed this morning - I greatly regret that it is entirely out of my power to pay the terms therein mentioned - I had expected to be charged

about the same terms as those ~~thought~~ for my poor son, & which I then understood covered the expense to the Institution - but I think thou mentioned that the average cost is now somewhat higher - £1. 17 - pr week. This I will endeavour to pay, but it will be a heavy strain upon my limited Income -

As, however, this sum is the average cost of each inmate - I do not understand the charge for disbursements - as I supply my daughters Clothing myself -

I shall be glad to receive a corrected Account - when I will forward a cheque in payment.

We shall be at the above address for about a fortnight - on account of indisposition -

I am thy Sincere friend

L. E. Sams

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46 Arlington St
Hull
26 March 91

Gent^n

Referring to my visit to your establishment on Tuesday last when I made arrangements for the reception of my wife the Dr. with whom I had the interview suggested that I should make a statement of my means + that I should mention what my views were respecting payment

I am a clerk in my father's employ, my salary + an extra allowance which he gives me amounts to £300.

My wife, a year ago, came into a life interest which at present amounts to £200 per annum. but recently owing to the nature of her malady she has run into great debt, the extent of which, unfortunately I cannot yet ascertain, since almost daily a/cs of which I had no previous knowledge are being presented, up to the present date however they amount to about £140, in addition to this I have also to meet, heavy lawyers, doctors + nurses charges on her account, while I desire that my wife

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shall have every comfort, care,
& attention. I must not forget
that all these liabilities have
to be met & I feel that two
guineas per week is the utmost
that I can at present afford
for her maintenance & the fees
at your establishment.
I should also add that we
have two children, who require
education & providing for.
Trusting that my views will
meet with your approval
I am, Gentlemen
Yours respectfully
A Dallow

Messrs. The Chairman &
committee
The Friends Retreat
York

and mar. 23.

85 Mansel Street

Swansea March 21/91

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to find that I misunderstood your notice of the 12th Inst.

I cannot afford to pay more than the present rate for my brother I therefore hope your Directors will take my case into their consideration and either allow my brother to remain on the present terms or suggest some other way of relieving me from an increased burden on his account.

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I have no wish to throw off any responsibility but having only limited means and a family of my own the present terms have been quite sufficient for me to meet and altho I do not consider that I am legally bound to maintain my brother yet I have willingly done so for the past 25 or 30 years.

By laying this before the Directors of the "Retreat" you will much oblige

Yours truly

John Clutton

S. E. Woods.

Address
Wetheral
near Carlisle

Answ. Ap. 4/91. G.H.K.

Adelphi Hotel
Strand London W.C
3 April 91

Dear Sir.
I have to thank
you for so promptly
sending up attendant
Addison who, by the

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way, impressed me favourably. I hope you will think that £2.2.0 per week will be a fair payment for B. Whitings maintenance I think he will be found to be gentle and gentlemanly. In the course of two or three weeks his two Sisters may be coming north to see him.

I am dear Sir
Yours truly
A Whitten

Dr Baker
Retreat York.

It will not be
impossible to pay more
than £140 for Board.

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Arvd 16. IV

Marseille
15. 11 Avril 1891

Mes Srs

Ayant besoin de quelques
Pièces si j'en avais
besoin dans le cas
d'un Post. particulier
j'ai l'honneur de vous
prier de me les faire
parvenir par le
1er bateau, ou par
train, j'ai
l'honneur de vous
saluer

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soon as possible, the
Salaries can only
be from £100 p-
a £120 a year,
if she can to
answer for that
amount - Work if you
will also answer one
a Curtsey - from
a Lady -

Yrs &c Truly
C. O Wilson

current quarter under
your fourth care - I am
very stilly about it - & shall
be greatly obliged if you
will let me know what
you consider best to do
now - Now my long
watching is over I shall
be able to see my poor
Brother Fleuer - Hoping
you are all well

Most truly Yours
Adelaide Gordon

Manse of Tongland
Kirkcudbright
April 18th

Dear Dr Baker

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to pay you a little
visit next month
to see my Brother
W John Clarke - You
will have heard of
the death of our
Mother, & now I come

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his Expences will fall
on, his own Money being
kept to Invalids for that
purpose – I am grieved
to tell you it will be
an utter impossibility
to pay such heavy Expences
as formerly & I greatly
fear he cannot remain
where he is, which I
deeply regret – Would it
be possible to reduce the
Expences considerably? –

Could you tell me
of any private house
or nice Establishment
where it could be possible
for him to have the
necessary supervision
~~treatment~~ you could
confidently recommend
do not mention any-
thing to any further
of this matter, for
he will remain the

Towyland
Kirkcudbrightshire
May 1st

Dear D. Baker -

I feel very anxious to hear from you in answer to my letter I wrote you a little while ago - I wish you would let me know whether to remain with you I shall be leaving you in 3 weeks & think

very truly yours
Marcellus Boon

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your fourth care - I am
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husband's family the
middle of next month
so that I cannot possibly
get away as we are expecting
to entertain some of the
Guests &c- so I am in
great vexation of spirits
not being able to see you
for a while over the
above circumstances
of my brother - I fear
his removal from the
Birth Can't comforts
it- be a serious trial
to him - could anything
possibly be arranged
so that he might remain
where he is? or do you
think if any change
was to be made, it would
affect him less if he
went to another hospital?
I feel sure you will
tell me what you think
best for my brother

W. Tyndale Esqrs
is living —
I hope you are quite
recovered from the
influenza & strong
again. The weather is
so bitterly cold. We have
been so much at the
Hills around us. Hoping
soon to hear from you
I remain truly yours
Matilda Gordon
by the Queen this day
Dec. 31st

We remain here

till Thursday -

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CLYDESDALE HOUSE
CORNER NORTH BOULEVARD
HESSLE ROAD HULL

April. 20. 1891

Dear Sir,

You were so kind as to say, when I saw you on 15th inst. that I might allow the question as to what amount I would expend for the maintenance & treatment of my wife in "The Retreat" to remain in abeyance for a week.
I have, now, after consideration & consultation with friends, decided that I should be unwilling to incur a larger expense than three guineas (£3:3:0) per week, more especially as I presume she is at present unable to appreciate the luxury of elegantly furnished apartments.
You were pleased to say that some little concession is usually made to medical men & I shall therefore trustfully leave the matter in your hands to furnish my wife with the best accommodation you can offer for the above named sum. If, later on, when my wife should, happily, be approaching complete recovery, it were thought that some additional

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expenditure might hasten that desirable end, I should be pleased to confer with you again upon the subject.

Dr. Strid has kindly sent me a daily report as to my wife's state of health, which I regret to learn is unimproved. You, or he, will, I suppose, inform me when my wife is in a fit condition to be visited.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
H. S. Fairbank

Dr. Robert Baker

MEMORANDUM.

From
JOHN A. BARRINGER,
FRIENDS' SCHOOL,
RAWDON.

To Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

Dear Friend Your notice relative to the raising of the terms has placed me in an awkward position. Upon receiving it I wrote to the clerk of Worcester Monthly Meeting, who has hitherto sent me £6..10..0 per quarter. He informs me that he has no authority to make any more payments after this one & that if the meeting does anything more it will certainly not give as much as it has been doing. He says that they only promised to give £6..10..0 per quarter for 3 years & that that time has expired. I am quite certain that John William Dixon (C. J. D's brother in Tasmania) cannot possibly do more than he is doing. I have written to him informing him of the increased rate so that Worcester Friends say.

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I do not intend to advance the money on behalf of J.W.B. unless asked so to do by him.
Worcestr Friends say that they do not look upon the Retreat as the proper place for C.J.B. & consequently do not feel their responsibility in the matter.
The fact remains however that he is in the Retreat, & being a member of the Society of Friends, whose relatives are able to do so little, the chief responsibility rests upon Friends.

I enclose £6..10..0 + £1..9..6 + am

Thy friend Sincerely
John A Barrington

Clayton Square
Liverpool
29/4/91

Dear Friend,

Enclosed please find Chq. £9.16.3 on a/c. of Lydia M Wood.

I have not received any a/c. for Eliz^th F. Cooke who went into the Institution last twelfth month.

Thine truly

Tho^s D Lawrence

D Baker

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he undertook to pay the disbursements and we have no word from him of any alteration being desired by him of this arrangement—

I am Thy friend

Wm H. Lloyd

To Dr Baker
York.

Hall Green
Mr Wednesbury
30/4/91.

Dear friend

In reference to the bill for disbursements on behalf of Lucy Watts I notice there are 3 quarters unpaid please inform me what her brother F. Watts says as to this: when Birm. meeting undertook to pay the board of Lucy Watts

19. Old Burlington Street. London. W.

2 May 1891

E. Woods Esq.
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

re Hodges dec.d

Replying to your letter of the 25th ult. the Executors hope shortly to dispose of the deceased's leasehold house & will then be in funds to discharge the claim of the Retreat.

Yours truly
Edw.d Taylor
for E.B.

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85 Mansell Street

Swansea, May 2/91.

Dear Sir,

Before remitting you for my brothers a/c for the past Quarter I should like to know the result of my application that the charge should not be increased in his case and which you told me you would lay before the Committee on the 24th of last month will you therefore kindly let me know the result of my application at your earliest convenience and oblige

Yours truly

John Clatton

please excuse the pencil note but I am on my back with lumbago.

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DIXON, MASSER & Co.
TAILORS
SUN BRIDGE, BRADFORD.

Dr Baker

May 7

Dr Sir Money has
Come so badly that
I have been unable to
pay My Daughters a/c
quite Promptly. If I do
not receive Sufficient
in the Course of a week
or so I will borrow the

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amount from a friend

I have all my family

Laid up with Influenza

Yours truly

E Mansfield

Brigflatts
Sedbergh. 5. 7. 91.

Dear Friend

I am very sorry to find the terms at Sick Retreat have been obliged thus advanced. The Parents of Thomas Hay garth are now old & feeble & have had to give up their small farm, they really cannot pay for her at the present rate, the Friends of this Monthly Meeting have hitherto helped them but we are a very small

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small Monthly Meeting, I cannot do more or I cannot see what is to be done; Is the advance quite fixed tall, if so it seems true that our only plan will be to have Ann Haygarth removed to the pauper asylum which is what we as Friends shrink from very much. The clothing account has also very much increased

With true thy friend
John Handley

C. J. ARCHER,
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE No 4554.

96, HIGH STREET,

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

8th May 91

Dear Sir

re J. H. Fox

1. Will you kindly let me know at whose Expence Mr Fox is at present maintained at the Retreat and 2. if anything is now due in respect of his maintenance, & what would be about the average cost per week for his maintenance.

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Yours obediently
C. J. Archer

Dr Baker
The Retreat.
York

1. Mrs. Chilton of Foxholme, Norton, on whose petition the patient was admitted.

2. The current quarter.

3. £7.7. without disbursements.

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Trinity Place
Keighley

M Baker

I will attend to
to your Letter as soon
as I can Leave My
bed I have been ill about
a week

Yours &c

T. Heaud

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Ashday Lea, Rawtenstall

May 6th 1891

Dear Sir,

Herewith I enclose you a Cheque for the sum of £55-19-6 on account of Miss G L Davies to Dec 31st 1890 — Please send me a receipt for the amount at your convenience — I hope before long to meet the remainder of your requirements —

Yours Dear Sir,

Yours truly

Chas B Whitehead

Robert Baker M D

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64, UNTHANK'S ROAD,
NORWICH.

6 V 1891

R V Baker M.D.

Dear Friend -

How wd perhaps remember my call upon thee last Summer with the object of ascertaining whether it would be practicable for us to get Matilda Keeman transferred to the care of her friends in Switzerland - nothing came of this - the object was to reduce the expenditure of our Mtn's on which the cost of three inmates falls very heavily, without the means of meeting it

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I should not have troubled them on this question now, if it were not for the circular dated March 12th announcing an advance in the rate of admission to the Schools -

Until we received this circular we hoped that the 3 bills for the present year might apply only to cases admitted after April 1st '91 & that it would not affect us.

We think it right also to say so much as knowing whether your Trustees feel themselves at liberty to take into consideration the circumstances of those

meetings -

To show how real the hardship is I may mention that a month ago the Treasurer was to have drawn since which he has received £80 with no prospect of more for some time to come.

Yours truly

Henry Brown

Stonegate
April 27th 1891.

Dear Sir,

I called at the Insurance Office - and find that what is wanted is a general plan of the Retreat Premises - This however may be supplied at some early convenient opportunity -

I have also seen Mr. R. Thompson, and am going to get estimates for wall in connection with Mr Crumbies Land - So there is nothing you need worry about -

Hoping Dear of your speedy convalescence -

Yours very Truly
Edward Saylor.

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
The Retreat.

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.

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N.B. ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,

York, 15 May 1891.

S. E. Woods Esq:
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

The Insurances on the Retreat:

Referring to previous correspondence and the visit of yourself and Dr. Baker, your Architect – Mr. Taylor – called upon us some time ago and placed before us the working plans of the new building only. We explained to him that these were not what we were asking for, but that Dr. Baker had said he had in his Office at the Retreat a rough ground plan shewing the whole of the Buildings, and this is the plan we should like to take a copy of, our own being very old and incomplete. We promised to call at the Retreat and arrange the matter revising the entire insurances as recommended. Mr. Taylor however suggested our postponing our visit owing

to the indisposition of Dr Baker, if therefore he is now convalescent and you will kindly fix a day which will be convenient to you, we shall have much pleasure in waiting upon you.

In the meantime we are of course holding Covered in terms of existing policies and the new proposal for Le Roux.

I am. dear Sirs.

Yours faithfully.

Ryan & Robson

Sub Mgrs

before the Committee at the next meeting. I make the amount not more than £2 per week. - as my husband has now been ill for 15 months. I has not been able to attend to any business matters during that time - I have in consequence had heavy doctors' bills -

I shall be glad to know what arrangement has been made, after the meeting.

Yours faithfully
A. Whitelaw

2½ grs.

Hexsle -
16 May 1891.

Dr. Baker -
Sir -

When I came over to the Retreat concerning my husband's admittance, I was not able to have - anything definite settled respecting the fees.

I shall be glad if you will bring the matter

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him during his ~~last~~ first week he was away. Does he yet realise his fate. I fear Father's death must have had a most awful effect upon him!

I am writing a few lines to him today in which I allude to his fate.

If you are able to do so. I shall be very much obliged if you can tell me how he is & whether any favourable change in his condition during next week. Please also say whether you consider it desirable for me to come and see him. If you have occasion to write to me before Tuesday next. Please do so to the above address.

Until that day I shall

Ans. 17/2/91

Thanks Address
Giessen
Germany
16th February 1891

Dear Sir

I have to thank you for your letter of the 14th inst. (just received from Hamburg) with information as to my Brother's condition.

I had been waiting for a more favourable account although I wondered at not having a letter from Hamburg as it is more than a fortnight since he wrote. As he has also not yet sufficiently recovered to write. I had two short letters from

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In the Event of etc

Yours truly

Edw. H. Ryan

P.S. J.E.W.

May I ask you if it is good enough to send me down a memorandum of the terms for my Brothers Deed of Release

Yrs,

addressed till Tuesday as at beginning.

E.H.R.

transferred to another institution as soon as I can make the necessary arrangements and will let you know as soon as possible when I have done so.

Yours faithfully
E. Simmons.

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16. IV

61 Bayston Rd
Stoke Newington
14th April 1891.

To Dr. Baker —

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the wishes of the Commissioners of Lunacy, I will endeavour to have my daughter

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I have very little knowledge of these matters, and should be very glad of any information or advice you can give.

Yours sincerely
Emma Simmons.

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61 Bayston Rd
Stoke Newington.
(20-IV 91)

Dr. Sir,

In answer to yours of the 16th I beg to say that I cannot possibly let you know anything definite before Tuesday. The matter requires careful inquiries & consideration, and as you must be aware, is very perplexing -

Ans^d
24. IV

61 Bayston Rd
Stoke Newington
23rd April 1891

Dr Baker.

Dear Sir,

Since my last letter I made all the inquiry I can respecting the removal of my daughter, and have also consulted the overseers of this (Stoke Newington) meeting - and they advise me to let

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her remain where she is;
and say that any further
communication can be
made to them thro' Fred K.
H Wells, clerk of the meeting
I am

Yours truly
Emma Simmons

Ans'd 30.4.91.

61 Bayston Rd
Stoke Newington
27.4.91.

To Dr Baker,

Dear Sir,
Just a line to let you know that Edward Allen an overseer of our Meeting is now looking out for a suitable place nearer London in which to place my daughter. You will be immediately acquainted when they have selected it.
I am exceedly sorry to have caused so much trouble over the matter. & I trust it will not be long now before it is settled

Yours sincerely
Emma Simmons

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7. Cowper Street.

Finsbury.

London. May 13th 1891
E.C.

Dear Friend,

After the decision of the Lunacy Commissioners not to issue a transfer order in the case of S. A. Simmons, & the communication of that fact officially to Mrs Simmons, the owners of Devonshire House do not feel that it is their duty to move further in the matter.

Yours truly

Edw.d T. Allen

Dr. Baker.

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Ans
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7. Cowper Street.
Finsbury.

London. April 28th 1891
E.C.

Dear Friend,

Your letter to Mrs Simmons, respecting the removal of her daughter, has been handed to me as Clerk of the Devonshire House.
We are endeavouring to arrange for the admittance of F. A. Simmons to the Banstead Asylum; & as soon as I can get definite information, I will write again. Yours truly

Edw.d P. Allen

Dr. Baker
York.

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7, Cowper Street,
Finsbury,
London, E.C. May 11th 1891

Dear Friend,

I have been to the Commissioners in Lunacy in reference to F.A. Simmons case, I was somewhat surprized to find there is no legal power to compel such transfer as you proposed, & that the Commissioners do not issue transfer orders in opposition to the wishes of the person concerned. Mrs Simmons having already informed the Commissioners that the removal of her daughter is contrary to her wishes, the Commissioners have communicated to her that no transfer order will be issued.

You will therefore be perfectly clear of any trifling with the Commissioners, as the retention of the case is with their authority.

Yours truly
Edw.d R. Allen

Robt Baker M.D.
The Retreat
York

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£10. 5.6.

OAKLANDS
WATFORD

21 Apr. 1891

Dear Sir

I inclose

Letter received from
my Brother this morn;
and shall be obliged by
your making the accustomed
remittance at your
convenience —

Yours faithfully
Edward Harrison

The Secy
Friends' Retreat
York

Queen's Hotel
Cheltenham
April 20/91

My dear Brother
I had a letter from Luck-now this morning—all well.
The Kinderley named on the enclosed was at Charterhouse with me and was our neighbour at Highgate: the Kinderleys and Jones's were next door neighbours in the Grove, their gardens and our kitchen gardens adjoined and it happened now & then that I was an invited party to the Courtship of George and Ann, who

Some

thirteen years afterwards
I met when living in London
at dinner at the house of
one of her brothers.

I have not heard from
Jamaica lately; but Charley
and family at Allahabad
are well.

Your affect. Brother
G. Harrison

~~JOSEPH DALTON & Co.~~
~~PROVISION MERCHANTS~~

TELEGRAMS:- DALTON HULL.
TELEPHONE:- No 12.

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13 Blackfriargate.
Hull 19 May 1891

Dr Woods
The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir

I beg to enclose you the agreement duly signed, it is of a very full & unrestricted character. If any disbursements out of the usual or ordinary way are required, you will kindly consult me, as my means as explained to your committee are at present in a very undesirable state, hence makes it necessary for me to be careful I beg to enclose you a cheque for Thirty eight pounds 3/6 (say £38.3.6) which kindly acknowledge & oblige

Yours faithfully
H Dalton

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

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Yorkshire,
Fire and Life Insurance Office,

York, 17 Mch. 1891.

R. Baker Esq: M.D.
The Retreat
York.

Dear Sir

Belle Vue House.

Replying to your enquiry of this morning we have pleasure in annexing short particulars of the insurances we hold on above.

The Retreat

We shall be glad to have the ground plan you named at your convenience in order that we may submit revised specification as we think a rearrangement of the Existing insurances would be more satisfactory to the Committee

I am. dear Sir.

Yours faithfully.

P. Y. O.

Policy No. 14644o. Due Xmas

On Building of Belle Vue House. £1500.

" " Entrance Lodge. 150.

Policy No. 145544. Due 1 day

On Furniture in Belle Vue House £400.

Aug. Ford. 7 St.

Montpellier Lodge - Harrogate
6 April 1891.

Dear Dr. Baker,

Would you kindly let me know whether the Master in Lunacy have communicated with you as to the payment of Mrs Lever's Expenses at the Retreat.

My affidavit explained that 6 months was due, and it seems not unlikely that the

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Court may undertake the management of her Estate instead of granting me powers.

I should have written to You before on the Subject but my Lawyer has been Expecting to get through his London Agents the final decision. The conditions imposed on me by the Master in answer to my first affidavit were so Exacting that I was advised to apply a second time by affidavit, Electing to leave the management of the Estate to the Court -

We decided until the business matters were finally settled not to visit my aunt as it will no doubt upset her mind a good deal -

With Kind Regards

I remain

Yours Sincerely,

J. Lever

reason to be satisfied with the treatment I have received. Of course if you decide to pay the a/c the stones will be yours I would be nice for Rockery &c.

Sincerely Yours

Geo. Hall

3/16/91

P.S. They were rejected by writing & were distinctly stated as not being the kind specified

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Skeldergate

York

Ladies Lodge Buildings

The Retreat - York

To the Committee

Gentlemen

I beg most respectfully to enclose an a/c for 14 Capitals for the Tower, in the above which were rejected by your Clerk of Works (Mr Tarrant) as not being "Park Spring" stone which was specified. There

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is not the slightest doubt but that they are "Park spring" & of good quality, but the Clerk of Works could not have known the stone or he would not have acted as he did. I may say the work was so protracted as to preclude the possibility of making profit and to have my stone & labour rejected, under such error is a hardship which is intolerable. I can assure you that there is some stone put into the work which is part of the self same stone as the ones rejected and it was put in without question. I am willing to allow the question to be decided by any Master Mason mutually chosen. The stones can be seen in my yard at any time. I may add that with this exception there has been no question whatever during the works but has been amicably settled and I have every

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W. H. TARRAN,
BUILDING SURVEYOR
AND
LICENSED VALUER.

Fulford Road.
York. June 18th 1891

E. Woods Esqre
The Retreat.

Dr Sir.

In answer to yours of this morning, also the enclosed letter and a/c from Mr. Hall. To the best of my memory the four stones that where rejected by me, where Cut off a Portion of a Stone Landing. That came for the stone staircase & was broken during the unloading. I called Mr. Taylor's attention to this and he quite agreed with me. that the stone was not of such quality. as was specified. Mr. Taylor told me to inform Mr. Hall that the stone was to be taken away and in no Case was it to be used. Mr. Hall took the stone away and worked the four Pieces named. When it arrived on the ground, I told Mr. Hall's foreman that it was not to be fixed. I also drew Mr. Taylor's attention to it and he agreed as before. that the stone was not to be used. after this. Mr. Hall ordered other four stones of the same quality & colour as the basin & plinth.

W. H. TARRAN,
BUILDING SURVEYOR
AND
LICENSED VALUER.

Fulford Road.
York, June 18th 1891

I can only say that Mr. Hall has no claim whatever on you. Mr. Taylor the Architect according to the wording of the agreement & specification his decision ought to be final.

I remain dear Sir.
Yrs Faithfully
W. H. Tarran

EDWARD TAYLOR.
ARCHITECT.

7. STONEGATE,
YORK June 29th 1891.

The Retreat
Ladies Lodge Buildings

Dear Sir,

I return herewith Mr Hall's letter & Account and Mr Farrar's letter thereon.

The matter is as stated by Mr. Farrar, and, whether of Park Spring or not the stone was not of the quality and colour required, and was properly rejected. -

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor.

Mr E. S. Woods
The Retreat.

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Knapton Hall,
Rillington,
Yorks.

11th June 1891.

Dear Sir

We have received the Tin Box belonging to the late Mr George Tindall also inside of it a leather travelling bag and one pair of wrist links and eyeglass that comprises the lot, also respecting my former note about the Gold Watch I have given you all information unless any further turns up I will in due course let you know before the date of your Meeting

Yours faithfully
Edward Tindall

To
Mr T. E Woods
Secretary

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Knapton Hall,
Rillington,
Yorks.

6. June 1891

To Dr Baker

Dear Sir

The delay in my replying to your Kind note received the other day I went to Scarbo to make further inquiry but find not satisfactory clue excepting they knew (his friends) he took it with him to the Retreat & thinks say it is past recovery or gone into the crucible and it was formerly in days past & gone his Father's & made by Israel Jacobs watchmakers &c in Hull & opened a shop for the Summer Season in Scarbo it is a very old fashioned thick double

gold case, Watch and are very rarely seen now a days except among the few old gentlemen we sometimes meet. & should the cost would be £40. or more the Albert Guard is a gold Cable Laid & Gents I. would buy that embellishment. I cannot give You any further particulars & feel very much grieved at such an unfortunate Loss and shall consider it to even gone.

Yours very faithfully
Edward Tindall

"Mr George Tindall's Fathers name is engraven in the interior Case of Watch.
E.T."

Knapton Hall,
Rillington,
Yorks.

2. June 1891.

Dear Sir

I forgot in my note to you on Monday 1st) to include Mr. George Tindall's gold watch which please kindly send to Miss Hicks along with the other little valuables - also accept my sincere thanks for your kind attention during my coming sojourn in your peaceful abode -

Yours faithfully
Edward Tindall

To Dr. G. Stevens Pope
a. M. C. York -

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P.S.

I think George J. had a pet
marten. & Tim Bose which he
kept private in his room——

— E. J. —

"Also you perhaps may receive letter
from Miss Hicks. or Mrs Richd Warren

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"FOREWARN. LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.

Leeds 12th June 1891.

Dear Sir

F. W. Smithson.

The fund in this case from which the lunatic is maintable is rapidly diminishing, and in a very short time will be utterly exhausted.

You will remember that when he was admitted into the Retreat it was believed that he was in so precarious a state of health that he would not live long; but we understand that he is greatly improved in bodily health.

His friends are anxious, if possible to maintain him, if possible, by some more economical means in order that the remainder of his estate will suffice, and we are writing you back whether you could suggest any means of carrying out this wish.

We are hoping to pay you a considerable sum on a/c during the next few days.

In the meanwhile, until we are able to remove the lunatic, could you fix a sum which could be paid quarterly and which

bond include the whole of the disbursements. Please do this if possible in order that we may mention it to the Court on the application.

Yours truly
Boyd Warren

The Manager
The Retreat,
York.

29, Helle Vue Street
Scelington Rd.
June 15th 1891

To Dr. Baker

Dear Sir

I have paid £13
towards the account.
I am sorry I cannot
do more at present.
But will pay the
remainder as soon
as possible.

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If Garnard is likely
to be long under your
care. I should be glad
if you would be as
reasonable as you can
with me. I understand
there is a reduced
charge.

Remain
Yours Respectfully
S. Richman

4 Pavilion Terrace
Scarborough
11th June 1891

Dear Sir,

As my Son has now been under your care about 12 Months & does not shew signs of improvement. I shall be glad if you will kindly bring his case under the notice of your Committee with a view to a reduction in your charges.

I think I am justified in asking this as the case is one likely to require treatment for sometime to come & I find your present terms are almost more than I can bear.

Dr Everley Taylor informs me he had an interview with Dr Pope in reference to this a few weeks ago

Yours truly
George Jackson

The Medical Officer
The Retreat
York

ALLERTON,
LIVERPOOL.

3 May. 1891

Dear Sir

Mr. Tyndall Bight

is alive. His address is

Brierley
Aigburth
Liverpool

J. Sanderson

Yours Truly

R. Baker Esq
M.S.

W. J. F. Clarke

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comes to happily
arrangements for this
rencontre in which I
do not be glad - I shall
hope to hear all arrangements
before this present
quarter is out -
With very kind regards
Yours sincerely
Alfred Gordon

House of Commons
Westminster
May 30.
My dear D. Baker.
I am very
anxious to hear
what you can arrange
in my favour between
W. J. Clarke - if any
possible reduction

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can be made to do
to keep him in
comfort under your
care I should be
much grateful - if
this be impossible
I should be much
obliged by your
letting me know
of any other house

for him you think
would be pleasant for
him - perhaps if a
change was to be made
a smaller place &
he [illegible] would be
require the same
vigilant watching
as at the Retreat?
in any case for
understand if it

House of Toryland
Richmond Hill
May 27th
Dear S. Baker

I shall be so
glad if you can let
me hear from you
with regards to my
letter I wrote you
concerning my
Brother's future, as

the Rich Granted will
be a Reflexe the Red
Q Queen & the offences
will I prove to day
have to put on a
different footing -
I hope you are Spirits
strong again - With
Kind regards
Yours truly
Annie Gordon

I moved more to Miss Read's
Any answer could be made
to that the Rights reserved
in Your case -

will be quite strong
again after his holiday.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
Robert Gordon

J. E. Wood Esq.

If it becomes necessary to
remove my brother is
it absolutely necessary for
such strict supervision?

House of Portland
Rich[mon]d Surrey
June 6th

Dear Mr Wood,

I am much
obliged for your letter
of the 1st June - It will
be a matter of great
relief if your Committee
will reduce the terms
for my brother W. Clarke
but I much confess
to not liking the idea

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of the Rooms being changed
so I have a very great
dislike to the other part of
the Retreat. There will
be a sum of about
£30 to £35 in reserve
for my Brethren extra-
ordinary this present Conf
clothes washing & Shoeing
If any Money is needed
for Travelling Expenses
to Scarborough, I should
require to know to day
the matter before the
Trustees - I am one of them.
But perhaps these expenses
might be covered —
I shall be exceedingly
obliged to you if you
can kindly let me
know what the decision
of the Committee shall be
on the 16th is with
regard to my Brethren
Cake as arrangements
must be made before
the present Quarter
expires - I remain Dear Baker

Wyke Common
May 26/1891

Dear Sir

In Reply to your letter of the 23 inst I Am Compelled to Say that I Cannot Pay the bill at Present And my Mother Say that She Will not Pay one Penny So you must wate a little longer But I think it is not right to make two charges yours truly

James Pim

to Dr Baker

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13 Heywood St
Cheetham
Manchester 3/6/91

S. P. Woods
Sec. Friends Retreat - York
Dear Friends

The Mo. Mg. of Hardshaw East - believe that they stand in a "favoured" position - with the Retreat - in regard to the terms upon which they may send, - by the Mo. Mg. - patients unable to pay their own expenses. This position is defined to me as having been created by their having subscribed to the foundation - and I think they are known by the term "Founders Subscribers". If this is a correct position - will such patients - be admitted at the old rate of 10/- per week? or will they unfortunately be compelled to pay the advanced rate of 14/- ?

I am
Thy friend sincerely
John Cattlinson
Agent

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The Heaning.

Nr Clitheroe. 9 of 6mo/91

Dear friend Thos Bustle

I received a note from thee some weeks ago - saying that the Retreat Com^a intend to repay me the loan of £500 - on the 1st of next Month. And I write to say that if there is a branch of the Yorkshire Banking Comp^y at York the amount can be paid in there to the Credit of Pickard, Witting & Co of Leeds: notifying me here of the fact - and I will then return the Prom: Note cancelled. Otherwise please send Cheque for the amount and interest to date, addressed 'Dan^l Pickard c/o Pickard, Witting & Co 49 Briggate, Leeds' - and my Son will acknowledge its receipt and send me word. — This loan is coming back again sooner than

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I expected - but some of it will come in conveniently for the costs of our removal to this place.

I have taken a roomy house here among the hills of Bowland in Newton township - at an easy rent; in part from the need of a retired home in the country for myself, and also to bring our daughter Catherine to - for another change after her term of rest and treatment at York. The weekly charge there - as I wrote before - is too high for us - for a permanent or residential one. And we indulge the hope that the air and surroundings of this neighbourhood - may be now more helpful to her recovery.

Thy sincere friend
Danl. Pickard

P.S. I shall most likely have to come to York for our daughter with an attendant - some day the week after next; or before the end of this month. Both we will send Dr Baker Wood in Lennie.



Lidget Green

June 6/91

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the 1st in reference to Maria Pim: I have communicated with Mr Crosland, who informs me that Mr Pim has money with which to pay if she could be induced to do so. I suppose her argument is that she was taken to the Retreat against her wishes. Under these circumstances it seems to me to be a question for the Com-

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committee to decide whether they will wait until the son can pay, or whether they will take measures to enforce Maria Sims payment of the amount.
With regard to the amount; she certainly was recommend for the lowest rate; I distinctly remember writing Dr Baker to that effect after our Dr In in August when the case was mentioned –

Yours sincerely
C L Dixon

4 Pavilion Terrace
Scarboro'
24/6/91.

Dear Sir.

I have received your
of yesterday's date for
which I am obliged.
Kindly allow my
son for the present
to occupy the Associated
rooms. dating from
1st July.
I hope we may find

An alteration in him
when next time we
are over.

I remain,
Yours truly
George Jackson.

P.S. I should be glad if you
would drop a line in a
week or so stating how
he is.—

J. E. Woods Esq
The Retreat
York.

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ans. June 23. 1891. 638

4 Pavilion Terrace
Scarboro'
22/6/91.

Dear Sir.

I have received yours of 18th inst & am sorry your committee cannot see their way clear as to a reduction in their charges.

I should not like my son to be put into any inferior rooms from what he has been having, but I still think that as the case is one that is likely to require treatment for sometime to come, a reduction might have been made under the present accommodation.

Yours truly
George Jackson

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P.S. Kindly inform me what the question would be. If we decided to have him placed in an associated room, & the number that sleep in the room)

H. J. Hinds Esq
The Retreat
York

FORD & WARREN.

TELEPHONE No. 188.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"FOREWARN, LEEDS."

61. Albion Street.

Leeds 19th June 1891

Dear Sir

re Smithson

We have your letter of y days date for which we thank you. We hope to make you a substantial payment on account immediately and to pay you the balance very soon.

With regard to the arrangement you suggest we will write you further when it has been submitted to the Court.

Yours truly
Ford & Warren

J E Woods Esq
Key
The Bheal York.

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Memorandum from Nathan Bake & Son

Tea Dealers Bridge End, Leeds 1 July 18[illegible]

To M Hood Esq York

Sirs of former invested for support of annuity

Please favour us with your instructions

Dear Sir My to hand this morning Re the first instalment of Interest from the York Corporation. Up to the present this little more than sufficient to discharge the account now handed to you with cheque for settlement The next payment of Interest will be 2nd of December that is each six months. If not satisfactory to you to be met in this way: we shall of course have to advance the monies on the account till due. Will you

so forward in this matter
as soon as possible and
shall be obliged by any
suggestions as to the best
mode of procedure

Yours truly
Henry Bruny.

64 Unthank's Rd
Norwich —
3-VII-1891 —

R. T. Baker Esq
Dear Friend

The question
of additional payments
of £10 week by Norwich
Mo. meeting on account of the 3
inmates for whom it is
chargeable, being still in
abeyance. I enclose
Cheque £4.15.9 being the
amt of the a/c for last 2
wks 7.10/- for the extra
charges —

I may say on behalf of
the Mo. meeting, that not
only is it an impossibility,
owing to the pecuniary cir-
cumstances of the friends

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composing it. To meet the additional payments, but we cannot but think that the Inmates, having been admitted to the Institution at a fixed rate, we are justified in looking upon it as a contract binding on either side, whilst they remain. The fact of its being out of our power to remove them elsewhere whilst their Guardians being friends themselves of our Meeting (as is the case with two of them) are unable to meet the costs, strengthens this view of the case. — We hope with the kind assistance to be able to get Matilda Freeman removed elsewhere where she will be maintained at the expense of her own friends or relatives. Here is a case, as stated to them when

when called upon they at York all are an age, which rests upon us with peculiar hardship, from her having no connection with any friends & having been received into membership but a very short time before she became insane.

Should we be successful, so far as to be relieved from the annual expenditure on her all, the facts remain the same as regards the other two whom we could not remove if we wished and [illegible] entirely unable to bear the expense

Your Secretary had kindly sent me the name & address of the correspondent in behalf of Mr Freeman (in 1880) and it so happens that I am at Dunbrown of Perth about the same time & the enclosed letter the Rec.d, dated Aug. 1880, bearing the same name & address - we might

4 Ella Road
Crouch Hill
London N

(July 2)

F. S. Woods Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find first half of £5. note the remainder will follow by another post and with it a postal order for £1.

I very much regret that in the past I have been obliged to get so much in arrear and purpose in the future sending £1. the first of every month and gradually clear myself. Thanking you for past leniency and hoping you will kindly agree to these the best terms I am able for I remain

Yours faithfully
C Bendall.

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4 Ella Road
Crouch Hill
London N.
19-7-91.

Dear Sir

Herewith I am returning form of agreement duly signed. I have left it until nearly the last day hoping that I should have been able to enclose a sum of money with it but I have myself been disappointed of what I ought to have had.

Will you kindly tell the Committee that the a/c for my dear wife shall within the next few weeks be substantially reduced. I am hoping

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every post will bring
me the means and will
be only too glad to fulfil
my part. I am exceedingly
sorry to have been obliged
to be any trouble to you,
but think that steps
I am now taking will en-
able to keep my dear
wife where I know she
is so much better cared
for than I should be able
to feel confident of anywhere
else

Hoping anxiously
that your committee will
kindly grant me a little
further leniency

I am
Yours faithfully
C Bendall

J. C. Woods Esq

Ask for your indulgence
under the exceptional
circumstances.

Yours truly,
L. S. Sheard.

Holly Bank
June 22nd

Dear Sir.

In reply to yours
owing to the sudden death
of my Father everything
in connection with money
matters has been at a
stand still. I assure you
that as soon as we get
power to act your
a/c shall receive our
prompt attention. We must-

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2 Rose Cottages
Cannon Street
Keighley

(July 1891)

Dr Baker

Sir

I am truly sorry
at the Dealay in My
Husbands Accounts but
will attend to it in a
few days I have had
so much trouble with
his affairs Lately & I
have been that I am

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Pay anything if any
Ammount with him
being a Lunatic I
could not Draw Either
& he have been Removing
& I have intended
Coming to York Every
week for some weeks
but have such a bad
Leg & foot I cant get
my boots on & the
Dr has forbid me
walking for so will attend
to this affair before or on
Saturday

Trusting you will
Oblige me a
few days Longer

Yours &c
T Brandt

From Dixon, Masser & Co.
Ladies & Gentlemen's
Tailors.
Sun Bridge, Bradford.

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Mr J. Wood
June 30/94.

Dr Sir My Mother has been away
or I should have attended to my a/c
before I hope to see you on Thursday
or Monday next— I will attend to
it soon as possible I have no wish to
take my daughter away from your & hope
to make prompt payment
arrangement for the accounts Dear Sir Yours truly
Ellen Attfield

Telegraphic Address:-
"FIVE", SHEFFIELD.

The Sheffield & Rotherham Joint Stock
Banking Company Limited.

Sheffield June 10th 1891.

All Letters
to be addressed
"The Manager."

W. I. Hind Esq
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

J. J. Armstrong

I do not find this
name in our Books.
Can you give address
or description?

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly
W. Ramm Manr

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Telegraphic Address:-
"FIVE", SHEFFIELD.

The Sheffield & Rotherham Joint Stock
Banking Company Limited.

All Letters
to be addressed
"The Manager."

Sheffield June 20th 1891

W. L. Brindley
The Retreat
York

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours of the 19th Inst, I beg to say, that we never open Accounts in the names of Trustees as such, and that any information you require respecting our clients transactions, must be obtained from them.

As stated in my last note the name of J. Z. J. Armstrong does not appear in our books.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. Wramma
Manr

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BARBER BROS & WORTLEY,
Sharebrokers,
& Chartered Accountants.

TELEPHONE No 58.

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS,
"BARBER SHEFFIELD."

ALLIANCE CHAMBERS,
George Street,
Sheffield.

9th July 1891

Dear Dr Baker,

Since seeing you on Monday afternoon, I am increasingly afraid, on further consideration, that Mr Wedmore, though well qualified to purchase & distribute the stores & undertake the duties of House Steward, will find himself unable, single-handed, to keep the requisite accounts to enable us to shew the separate expenditure against each of the four departments of the Retreat.- There must necessarily be a considerable amount of account keeping, requiring accuracy, & I found Mr Wedmore somewhat uncomfortable at the prospect.- On my saying that I thought 8 hours steady work a day ought to see him through his work he replied that single-handed 10 hours a day would not do it.- Though he

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commenced the Storeskeeping a day or two before the end of May, he had made no attempt of any kind to analyse & post up the accounts for the month of June, when I was over last Monday.- Miss Peters illness was no doubt responsible to some extent for this, but it is self-evident that unless this work is done from week to week it soon becomes a very difficult matter to pull up arrears.- I therefore recommended him to make a clear start from the 1st July, for the new half year leaving June as a trial month.-

I clearly explained to him when he commenced the work at the end of May, that he must take stock on the 30th June, so that the half-year's account might commence with the proper stock-taking, but he forgot this arrangement; which showed that he did not appreciate what would be necessary in order to bring out an accurate result at the end of the next quarter.-

I do not mention this by way of fault-finding

as, by a little extra trouble the oversight has been remedied; but rather to show where his deficiency lies.-

At our first interview after his engagement, he explained that he had had no practical experience in account keeping & it appears to me clear that he must be assisted in this department.- Of course Mr Wedmore, as House Steward, must be responsible for getting out the proper accounts, & any help given him should be in the way of additional assistance, rather than of direction.-

I had a long interview with Mr Woods after seeing you, & explained to him that there must be no deviation from the understanding that all orders pass through the requisition sheet.- He explained that his reason for not carrying out this arrangement up to the present time was his desire to save Mr Wedmore work at the commencement of his duties; but I think he now clearly understands that the system must be worked in its entirety to be of any use at all - We must -

expect considerable difficulties in starting a new system of this kind, but when they are overcome I am convinced that the Institution will be greatly benefitted.-

I had some talk with Miss Peters as to the introduction of a more complete diet system, which would reduce the work in the stores. & asked her if she would discuss the question with you, at an early date.-

I am,

Yours faithfully

Jas. W. Parker

Dr. Baker.
The Retreat
York

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RICHD SMITH & SONS.

26. Lincoln's Inn Fields.
7. New Square.
Lincoln's Inn
London.
W.C.

7th July 1891

Dear Sir,

Re F. W. Smithson

We enclose form of declaration which we shall be glad if you or some one else will make that Mr. Fredk. Wm. Smithson was living on the 5th inst or some subsequent date to enable us to have the amount of his maintenance raised out of the fund in court. We enclose P.S. for 1/6 for the Commissioner's fee

Yours truly
Rich'd Smith & Sons

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

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Zurich, 25th of June 1891.

Dear Sir,

I received your kind letter of the 23th of this month and regret very much that I could not write to you immediately.

Yet, I was obliged to reflect about this matter, not knowing myself what to say.

Our poor Matilda has nobody here at Zurich, her sister Sophia is also sustained by the authority, and is in a sort of bedeadary-house, in an asylum in the country far from Zurich.

Therefore it would be impossible to place her anywhere here, the less, as I myself am not yet in a favorable situation to take her with me.

If her health would permit it, I hope, I will be able to do so next year, but nothing may be sure now. — I was in my youth with Matilda in the orphan-house of our town, and since I can never forget her as I shall do

all that is in my power is done to render her fate supportable.

Would it not be possible to keep her with you one year more? – My situation will change till then for the better, and then I would come myself to York to take her with me. – It is a great calamity!

The authorities of our town are neglecting more or less the persons who are not able to help themselves, and it would be very disagreeable for me to see her thus abandoned.

Would it be possible for you to pass through our town on returning to Eng. last? – If yes, you would find me always at your service. – If not, pray, tell me all about what you will be doing in this affair.

I had followed your kind invitation to come to Bonne, but I cannot quit my affairs, editing two periodical journals which occupies me to much.

Will you be so kind as to excuse my laxity, and do not let me without communicating all what will happen about Matilda.

Looking forward to your kind reports, I remain your most obedient

Fedrick Möbel,
Stockergasse 3, Zurich.

P.S.

I would be very thankful to you if you would be so kind as to give me some detailed information about her state, I can no more represent her to me; it is too long since I saw her.

F.M.

that I was put on the Committee last year without my consent

Yours sincerely
J. Priestman

Pierremont,
Bradford. July. 18. 91

Dear Dr Baker

I trust you are quite restored to health again, & find matters all right at the Dental Surgery during your absence. I am sorry that I cannot come to the meeting on Tuesday as it is fixed for 11. a.m. I have a very important engagement on Tuesday morning.

My object in writing is to inform you that a Mr Hindley of -

Bradford, a member of your Council, ~~informed~~ told me that his wife had recently been put under your care at the Retreat: He said he had written for the a/c, and had not heard it. He does not want to pay more than he can help, but desires that his wife should have all the Comforts possible without going to extra expense. I gathered that he would like not to pay more than 50/- but would do so if necessary.

I thought that this information would probably assist you in coming to a decision on the matter:

I have so many engagements, and am of so little use on the Retreat Committee that I should be very glad if the Committee would remove me, & appoint some one else in my place.

You will remember

Recd 9 July 91

Memorandum to

Dr Baker

Dr Lis

Pierremont Mannningham.

Bradford July 20th 1891

From Frederick Priestman.

I have a letter from McAnsley stating that he has recd the £5 on the sale of H.G.'s per week

He says "whilst nursing my wife to have every comfort necessary. although at present she will not be able to distinguish between the different kinds of accommodation provided, yet I feel that the amount is somewhat heavy"

I think McA would pay 3£'s & I think

that-owned he as much
as he can reasonably
afford
I thought it best to study
for this information
which I fear however
you may not receive
till after the Committee
has met

Yours truly

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1 Alexandra Terr
Victoria Road
Headingley
Leeds Aug 15/91.

The Secretary
The Retreat
York

Sir,

As requested I return the Form of Agreement duly signed and witnessed -

If you will Kindly let me know what your Committee charge are - I will be prepared to discharge the same as and when required -

Yours faithfully,
Jas D Baron

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enough D pay the account
that being the case, I don't
see why the Meeting or
other Friends should inter-
fere. Leave you no means
of compelling payment?
I don't know what I can
do I am sure. If you can
suggest any way that I
can help, I shall be glad to
do all I can D help you to
obtain the money —

Yours sincerely
Robt. F. Cockland

Oldfieldnook
Cleckheaton
1-8mo 1891

Dear Friend
D. Baker

I have been away
in Scotland for a months
holiday only got back home
last night. Amongst other
letters I find yours of the
22. July —

I am very sorry you have
not yet been paid for Mrs
Pims tuition at the
Retreat. She has means

does not understand why there should be two different accounts
the one appears to be charged at 10/- a week, the other at 15/- Also in the last item of disbursements to 12 mo 26. 1890 in the one she is charged 11/4 on the other 13/-

Will you please say what the amount is, that is owing?

I had a considerable talk with Maria Pim about the matter, she says she does not want any Friends to pay the account for her, she could pay it herself, but she is very strong on the point that she was kept at the Retreat longer than was right, against her own will, & that she will not pay for that part of it.

You will remember that we wrote asking at what rate Maria Pim would be

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Bleckheaton
10. VIII. 1891

Dear Friend
T. Baker,

Since writing to you last I have seen Maria Pim & took her the statement of Accounts you sent me.

She produces an account altogether different amounting to only £24. 14. 0 & also one similar to the one you sent me, & she says the

charged, & you were unable to tell us, also we wrote to ask when you thought it wd be safe to let her return.

I think now, when we ascertain from you the lowest sum the Retreat can accept in discharge of the acct that most likely Maria Pim will be willing, half, part of it then our Meeting must pay the remainder —

Yours friend sincerely
Robt. J. Garland

before long. We fully appreciate the care given & quite realise that it has been a trying case & shall indeed rejoice to hear at any time that you think there is any real improvement

I remain yours faithfully
J. M. Budgeram

My Father wished me to enclose the case for reference. I am sorry to trouble you in the matter but we do not know who to refer to.

LANSDOWNE
EVESHAM July 17. 1891.

Dear Dr. Baker

My Father not being at all well when he read the case & Mrs. Meeks me to write to you with reference to it. Can you kindly let him have particulars as to the item "disbursements" he would like to know what it includes, he also wishes enquiry made as to the charge of 6 gns. weekly - we understood it would be from 3 to 5 gns. & he wants to know if there is any mistake

he supposes it is a matter for reference to the Committee. We are very glad my sister has been moved & that so far the change seems congenial to her - we shd. still like her to go to Bellevue when there is a vacancy as Mrs Edmiston having been for years well known to us by name & having known several patients under her care who have progressed well & happily, it is not unnatural that we shd. like my sister placed under her - we value much Miss Peller's kind care - but decidedly prefer Mrs Edmiston's longer experience & knowledge with such cases -

It is just a year since my sister went to the Retreat & from the medical reports sent us do not gather that you think she has made any progress hitherto - but hope we may secure some benefit

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Medical pass
Ann. 4 E. VII

LANSDOWNE
EVESHAM Aug 6. 1891.

Wellcome V. Baker

My Father has been
expecting daily to receive the
bill which I sent him
for re-adjustment, with you
kindly let him have it, that
it may be settled - he wished
to know particulars as to the
Assessments - named, & also
as to the weekly payment of
6 ozs. which was higher than
he had been led to expect
would be - our wish has been

for long past that my Sister should have a Bedroom to herself - but the sitting Room alone is considered a decided benefit - Perhaps we should like to make trial of it for the 3 mos. & then consider what may be best - afterwards we should be glad to know if you consider there is any change for the better, in her condition in any way - Specially if she is sleeping any better - Some say 6 months you know my Father wished me to write & he does not like the account remaining so long unsettled -

Remain Yours faithfully

S. R. Buckinghams

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4 Ella Road

Crouch Hill

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7. 8. 91

Sir Herewith please find cheque value Ten pounds which please put to the credit of my a/c for my wife & acknowledge I will forward more in the coming week

£6. 0. 0.

Yours faithfully

J. & W. Woods Esq

C Rendall

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A. MELLON.
Secretary & Manager.

CLIFTON DOWN HOTEL.
CLIFTON near BRISTOL.

3rd Aug 1891.

Dear Sir

I have been travelling about some weeks & your letter of the 22nd ult has just reached me, it shall receive my attention on my return

Believe me to remain

Yours very truly

Stuart McAllen

S. E. Wood Esq
York

Robin Lane
Putney
July 29 1890

Sir

I regret exceedingly that no improvement has taken place in the position of affairs since I last wrote to you. The Circumstances of Blindness, infirm health and consequent scanty ability & means have deprived me of the powers to do as I could wish. I would willingly comply with the just requirements of your Committee, whose

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kind forbearance I gratefully acknowledge
If I could discern a proper method of
escape. I can only repeat what I have
said in my last- that, recognising my
difficulty I took steps two or three
years ago to insure for a small
amount- the proceeds of part of
which I have left- instructions
~~to~~ that it be appropriated towards
the Debt- to your satisfaction.
I am powerless to do more

I am, Sir

Your Respectfully
Joseph Walker

P. Ithenumbe.
Stroud
29. July 1891
Dear Sir. I have
receive the form
of agreement, which
will be forward
to Mr Sinclair
by the next W. Indian
mail
Yrs Truly
Annie Warbhardt

MEMORANDUM.

FROM

JOHN A. BARRINGER,
FRIENDS' SCHOOL,
RAWDON.

TO Dr Baker
The Retreat
York.

Dear friend Upon the receipt of your account for E. T. Dixon I wrote as usual to Worcester for the £6 - 10 - hitherto sent Each quarter. In reply I received a letter saying that Worcester Friends had received a communication from John Wm Dixon that appointed a committee to see what could be done.

I enclose cheque for £4 - 14 - 6 which is the part usually paid by Ir. Fr. I will inform you as to the decision of Worcester Friends when apprized of it.

I am Sincerely Yours
John A. Barringer.

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Rose Cottage
Cannon Street
Keighley
July 22nd 1891

Mr Baker
Sir
I have put off writing in Reply to yours as long as I could on this Account I must tell you as my Husband affairs stand I cant possibly pay the full ammount of his account I will pay the last account & then will

this & the other affairs has made me quite ill & almost unable to do my work I sincerely hope you will accept my offer as I feel sure you would if you knew all I have to do thanking you for past Kindness & hoping you grant me this Favour

I am Sir
your Respectfully
F. Brand

you Kindly allow me to
Pay the other 20 £ at
once the first Payment
to be Made in the 4th of
September I am fully aware
that it is against the Rule
for you to do so but I am
Paying my Husbands
Creditors so Much in the
Pound Every half year
to save Exposure &
Disgrace & I Cant Possibly
do more as when I have
done that all I have to
Support Myself & 3 Children
with is what I can Make
out of 2 Lodgers I have taken
a Larger House to see if
I can do better & if I can
Make it into More than
the 20 £ at a time I
will gladly do so.
I have Named it to My
Doctor & he wished me
to write & ask you if
you would Kindly do so
as he Knows my circumstances
& Knows I Cant Possibly
do more the Money I

Ashley Lea Rawtenstall

July 23rd 1891

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your note and intend to send you the amount on account of Miss G L Davies as soon as possible – In the meantime please wait until you hear from me again –

I am, Dear Sir

Yours truly

Wm B Whitehead

Dr Robert Baker –

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TELEGRAPH ADDRESS: "BERNARD, SHEFFIELD"
NATIONAL TELEPHONE No 280.

B. WAKE & Co
SOLICITORS.

Castle Court, Sheffield.

26th June 1891.

Dear Sir

Re Thomas Farrer Slinger Armstrong

If you can produce a satisfactory authority shewing that the Treasurer of the Retreat can give an effectual discharge to the Trustees under the Will of the late Miss Elizabeth Marshall for the £90. 13. 11 deposited in the Sheffield & Rotherham Bank being the share of Mr Thomas Farrer Slinger Armstrong in some residuary estate which passed to the next of kin of the testatrix, we shall be glad to advise the two Trustees for whom we act to pay the money to the Treasurer. In our view the receipt of the Treasurer will not be an effectual discharge. When we saw Mr Baker on the subject last Nov it was suggested whether proceedings under the Lunacy Act 1889 might be adopted to deal with the money, but we have heard nothing further about them.

Yours truly

B. Wake & Co

Henry L Hinde Esq
The Retreat
York

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owing
£ 4 10. 19. 2

Life & Sun Assurance
Recovery Act. on £ 3000

Last Payment Sept 94
rate has been 12/- a week

TELEGRAPH ADDRESS: "BERNARD, SHEFFIELD"
NATIONAL TELEPHONE No 280.

B. WAKE & Co
SOLICITORS.

Castle Court, Sheffield.

17th August 1891.

Dear Sir

Re Thomas Farrer Stinger Armstrong

In reply to your letter of the 11th acting as we do for the Trustees we cannot see our way to advise them to pay on the receipt and Indemnity which you propose; we fear there is nothing for it but to pay the money into Court under the Trustee Relief Act.

Yours truly

B. Wake & Co.

J. E. Woods Esq
Secy The Retreat
York

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by my Sisters illness, and kind attention bestowed during her stay in the Retreat.

Dear Yours very truly
J. D. Watson

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
York

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TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: CITY BANK, COCKERMOUTH.

Carlisle City & District Bank Limited.

Cockermouth 23/7 1891

My Dear Friend,

I beg to enclose a cheque for £10, which I hope you will please accept as a Donation towards the funds of the Retreat, from my sister Rachel Irwin of Grange, Manchester, my Sister Jane Walker of Eccles, Manchester and myself, in consideration of the kind attention, and extra trouble occasioned

ESTABLISHED 1829.

London and Continental Pianoforte Saloons,

35, CONEY STREET,

York, Aug 13th 1891

Sir/

We beg to inform you that if the Broadwood Pianette be your purchase we will take the reduced price of 25 Guineas (£26.5s) & deduct the whole amount owing for hire up to the present time.

Awaiting your valued Commands

We remain/
Yours Respectfully
John Bray & Son

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Crescent Iron Works,
Salford. Manchester.

June 8 1891

Mr E E Woods.
"The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

Your favour to hand giving us the speed and diameter of the Shafting from which the Mangle is driven.

We are compelled of course to speed the Mangle to the top speed of your shafting as running the Mangle too quickly is a far greater objection than running it too slowly, though at the same time you would only get half the duty from the Mangle when it is running at half its proper speed.

We are

Yours faithfully

pp Thomas Bradford & Co

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Salford. Manchester.

June 5 1891

Mr S E Woods.
Secretary,
The Retreat.
York.

Dear Sir,
re Steam Mangle.

In further reference to your favour of the 1st inst, we shall be glad if you will kindly send us the number of revolutions the line shaft makes, on which the pulley that will drive the Mangle has to be fixed, and also the diameter of this line shaft.

If you could send us this information per return, you will greatly oblige.

We are
yours faithfully
pp Thos Bradford & Co

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Crescent Iron Works.
Salford. Manchester.

June 3 1891

Mr S E Woods.
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

We are today in receipt of your esteemed favour of the 1st inst- ordering steam power mangle as per our estimate.

We are giving this matter our best attention and will deliver with all possible speed.

Thanking you for the order,

We are,

yours faithfully

Thomas Bradford & Co

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Crescent Iron Works.
Salford. Manchester.

May 29 1891

Mr S E Woods.
Secretary.
The Retreat.
York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your esteemed enquiry of the 28th inst, we have pleasure in quoting you at foot, for One of our Premier Boy Mangles as described on page 126 of our catalogue.

In quoting for the Erection, we have assumed that there is a shaft of average speed from which the machine could easily be driven.

We also presume that there is convenient access to the Mangling Room, and that you have Stones or other Material with which the Mangle could be loaded.

With regard to delivery, we are exceedingly pressed with work in this department at present, but if the matter is very urgent we would do our best to meet your convenience.

We are
Yours faithfully
Thos Bradford & Co

J. Woods

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(see over)

One Bradford's Patent Premier Box Mangle with bed 8'.6" x 3'.2".

The frame and Box of massive construction in birch with sabicu bed strongly bolted together.

One split pulley for driving the above, with the necessary Belting, laces etc.

Our price for the above, delivered and fixed, exclusive of any Builders work, would be, £44.10.0

(Forty one pounds 10/-)

Aug 22. VII

77 North Marine Rd
Scarborough
July 21th
1891

To Dr. Baker

Sir Mrs Biddington will be glad to have Mrs Dennsdale again, but will not have the Rooms. Vacant until the 31st of July. Next Friday week. Mrs. Biddington will be obliged to charge four Guineas a week as usual as it is the most busy months in the

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season, and would reduce
10/6 after Mrs Thomson
leaves in four weeks.
Mrs Dimsdale came to us on
the first week in July
last year.

An early answer will
oblige

Very respectfully
Mary Bidlington

EDWARD TAYLOR.
ARCHITECT.

7. STONEGATE.

YORK August 21st 1891.

The Retreat.

Dear Sir,

I have seen Franks about the Iron Smoke Flue - He has taken down about 16ft of it which is in a very rotten condition, and could not possibly remain, last night he sent for a length of pipe of the same size as the part taken down but a little lighter in weight, which he asked to be sent as soon as possible. -

I do not see that he could have done better than he has done. -

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor

R. Baker Esq. M.D.
The Retreat -

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EDWARD TAYLOR.
ARCHITECT.

7. STONEGATE.

YORK July 20th 1891.

Dear Sir,

I find the following as the actual cost of sundry alterations:-

Recreation Room Kitchen £86. 0. 0
Miss Peters Rooms. -- 38. 8. 4
New Store-Room -- 274. 15. 6

I forward herewith some Illustrations of light Palisades suitable for the garden behind the new Store-room.

Yours Truly
Edward Taylor.

R. Baker Esq. M. D.
The Retreat.

Copy transmitted July 30/91 E.B.P.

The Retreat
~~12 Paragon~~ York

30th July 1891.

Dear Sirs,

re Fox

In reply to your letter of the 28th inst. I regret I am unable to comply with your request; but I and my assistt. D. Pope, will of course be glad to give to Master Bulwer any information he may desire from us.

Yours faithfully
R. F. Baker

Messrs. John T. Belk & Cochrane
Post Office Chambers
Middlesbrough.

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Rec'd 19 VIII

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

18th August. 1891

Dear Sir.

re D. H. Fox

You may have heard that I am appointed Committee of the Estate - and that Miss Clifton (Mrs. Chilton's daughter) is appointed with me Committee of Person and I am now writing to ask you if we may come to the Retreat next Friday for an interview with him, and yourself -, and at what hour?

I remain Dear Sir

Yours most truly

Henry J. Curry

Dr Baker.
The Retreat
York.

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thought it would be better that
he should see us ~~one~~ visitor on that
day. We should be glad
if you would write us a
letter corroborating Mr. Chilton's
version of the occurrence
in order that we may make
a denial of the statements
contained in the above mentioned
affidavit. (by return if possible)
Yours faithfully
Geo: T. Baker Cochrane

Mr. Chilton called
June 18th.

Dr. Baker
The Retreat
Heslington Road
York

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JNO. T. BELK
AND
COCHRANE,
SOLICITORS.

Rec'd July 30/91

Post Office Chambers,
Middlesbrough,
28th July 1891

Dear Sir

re Fox

In the course of the argument before Master Bulwer upon the appointment of Committees of the Estate and person of Mr. H. Fox an affidavit has been filed by one party tendering evidence on behalf of Mrs Todd in which there is an allegation "that only "recently Mrs Chilton's son went "to the Retreat at York where Mr. Fox "resides in such an intoxicated "condition that the officials there "refused to allow him to see Mrs. "Fox" We as acting for Mrs Chilton one of Mr Fox's sons have seen Mr Chilton as to this and he denies it entirely. He states that the only time he did not see Mr. Fox was once when he called and was told that Mr Fox was not at all well and his medical attendant

Rec'd 11 VIII

19 Victoria Rd

~~29, Bank Street,~~
SHEFFIELD.

10th Aug. 1891

Dear Sir,

I think you are giving attention to the case of Mrs Liardet, who, as you may know, is the wife of my wife's brother -

Shortly after Mrs Liardet went to the Retreat my wife went down into Gloucestershire & brought home with her Mrs Liardet's little boy. We were under the impression that Mrs Liardet knew that he was coming home but my wife ascertained from Mrs Caldwell that that was not the case & I imagine that Mrs Liardet still is under the impression that the boy is with her mother & sisters. That is the reason why we have not sent her any report about him, besides which we did not know whether you would think it well for us to do so. As a matter of fact he is perfectly well & happy here.

My object in writing is to let you know where the boy is, so that, if you think well, you may tell her mother. I fancy however during her previous attack that she chafed a good deal at her being with us.

There is another matter that my wife wants to know about & that is whether Mrs Liardet would care to employ herself about making under-clothing for the boy, who is now in want of some things.

Perhaps you will oblige by letting me know about this.

I should also be much obliged by your giving me some idea of the nature of Mrs Lindel's attack. Saying whether you think it likely to be a long one. We shall have only had very scanty details about the matter up to now from Mrs Lindel & our relatives.

Yours truly.

Jno. J. Barker

Dr Hinde.

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Ans^d 9 July 91

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,
19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,
8th July 1891.

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Sir,

Referring to my letter to you dated April 4th ult^o on the subject of the continuous employment of mechanical restraint in the case of Sarah Annie Simmonds, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to express their regret to have observed from the copy of the record at The Retreat of that treatment for the quarter ending June 30th, that you had not been able to dispense with the restraint in this case.

In my letter I conveyed the Commissioners' recommendation of a change of the patient to another Institution, but this, though at first contemplated, was not carried out.

The Commissioners are of opinion that it should be possible to protect the patient from herself by other means, and that such prolonged employment of Mechanical restraint is something of a blot upon your system of treatment. They observe that the restraint is applied only for a portion of each 24 hours, such portion varying from 4 1/2 to 10 hours; and they

Dr R. Baker

think that if it can with safety be dispensed with at other times, it might also be done without during those portions, were other suitable means adopted, such as the continuous supervision of one or more nurses. If you retain the patient, no consideration of expense should the Commissioners think, deter you from adopting these, or any other suitable means, to relieve the patient from such prolonged restraint.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson
Secretary.

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Aug. 12. 1891.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

11th August 1891.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy learn from the Statement of the Medical Officer at Hanwell Asylum that Sarah Annie Simmons, removed thither from York Retreat on the 31st ult, had on admission slight bruises on front of throat, chest, arms, and hands and abrasions and bruises on both legs; and I am directed to enquire whether you can inform them how these injuries were received.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
G. Harold Allnutt
Secretary.

R. Baker, Esq, M.D.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

August 17th 1891.

Sir,

I am desired by the Commissioners in Lunacy to thank you for your letter and opinion in the case of Mr Nathaniel Miles.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Chas. Dean

for the Secretary

R. Baker, Esq, M.D.

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Ans.d Aug. 14/91

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

August 13 1891.

Sir

With reference to the entry made by Mr. Phillips and Dr. Allbutt on the 4th instant at the Friend's Retreat, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request you to inform them whether any and what steps have been taken to make Mr. Miles a boarder.

I am Sir
Your obedient servant
G. Harold Wilson
Secretary

R. Baker Esqr. M.D.

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Pitchcombe nr Stroud
Glos. July 14th

Dear Sir I regret to say
that my daughter Mrs Sher-
-clet, who through her
brother-in-law Mr Barber
was placed by her husband
under your care some time
back, is again after the
birth of another child in
a like unhappy state
of mind. Her husband is
unhappily in Australia and

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upon me as her Mother
has devolved the painful
duty of writing to you.
I feel that every delay is
now dangerous - Her
present Medical attend-
ant is Dr Dawson of
Great Malvern, and he
is most anxious She should
as soon as possible be
placed under the same
treatment which brought
about such happy results
as before. I remain yours
faithfully, Caldwell

Pitchcombe
July. 20th Stroud.

Dear Sir.

I regret to say that under present circumstances, it would be unwise & injudicious to increase Mrs Rinder's expenses — We must therefore for the present dismiss the thought of her living in the Villa. In any case we feel assured that

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thing but her wish and one
cannot be carried out
her well being + comfort-
will still be assured by
you - Remain yours faithfully
Virginia Caldwell

29, BANK STREET,
SHEFFIELD.

15th July 1891

Dear Dr Baker,

I just add a line to the enclosed to say that I sincerely hope that you may be able to find a place for Mrs Scorder at the Retreat again - Mrs Caldwell's letter is not very clearly expressed, but, from what I have received from her, it is evident that she wishes steps to be at once taken for placing Mrs Scorder in the Retreat, so ~~~~ you will greatly oblige by giving the matter immediate attention.

Kindly arrange matters direct with Mrs Caldwell.

I should be glad to be informed of what is done

Enclosed to catch early post I am

Yours truly

Jno Barber.

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29, Bank Street,
SHEFFIELD.

printed regulations or other information.

Believe me

Yours sincerely

J. P. Sowerby

Dr Baker.

Flowers & gardening have always been a pleasure to him to the last.

Stokesley,
Yorkshire.

18 July 1891

Dear Sir

I am glad to hear from Dr Hind that my brother settled well. Sometimes when he has not taken his food well he has taken it when put to his mouth & we fancied his fingers were a little cramped at times.

We shall be glad to hear your opinion on the case when you can report fully & in the meantime give him

every comfort in the way
of best rooms &c & every
luxury he cares for - also
let him have a drive out
at any time - He has been
accustomed to this & is very
quiet in a carriage - He is
fond of strawberries & fruit
& has been taking two glasses
of ordinary ale to dinner
& generally a glass of gin
at nights latterly - He used
always to drink port wine
& if you allow him that we
could send him some
if you dont object - He is
fond of smoking, generally
a pipe but pipes take a
good deal of keeping open
with him - I am afraid
his case is hopless & in
that case dont stint him
for anything that will not
do him harm -

If he requires more cloths
of any kind, please let
us know or indeed any
other requirement -

My sister & I would like
to come over & see him
soon - perhaps you will
kindly send me any

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his words intelligibly - He is over 6 feet high & a big strong man but much weaker than he was.

Please send the forms & say whether you can come over.

Yours sincerely

J. P. Sowerby.

Dr Baker.

Ans'd July 11 H. & H.

STOKESLEY,
YORKSHIRE.

8 July 1891.

Dear Sir

I spoke to you at York about a year ago about my brother Thos. who had lost his memory some time before that & I thought the time must come when he could no longer be kept at Lond. In my opinion that time has arrived but the difficulty is with my mother & sister who dislike & fear sending my brother away - If it can be arranged here, can you take

him in at the Retreat & give him the very best accommodation & treatment with your most reliable men - I may not be able to arrange it at once but I think it ought to be done & I should like to be fully prepared - so perhaps you will kindly send me the necessary forms & instructions for detention but not for declaration as a lunatic in permanent form. My mother would be glad if you can come over & see my brother & give us the benefit of your opinion & perhaps you might satisfy her mind in many respects - The form of my brothers ailment at present is extreme restlessness You never know for a second either at night or day what he will want to do next - He has shown no tendency to being dangerous either to himself or to others except the danger of an accident to himself - He generally pulls the clothes off his bed & wanders about or stands about his room at night - In the day time he is sometimes very silent & morose at other times very restless & talks disconnected nonsense - The cause is said to have been a stroke of paralysis just after my brother James's death nearly two years ago 2444 at times he cannot express 2444

Copies

Wakefield 29th May 1890.

Dear Sir,

re Briggs

Will you kindly inform us the lowest sum per week for which Miss Briggs can remain in The Retreat and enjoy the same privileges which she has at present. Please name an inclusive figure.

Our Clients are wishful that she should remain with you if possible but they are doubtful whether her income (about £110 per annum) is sufficient to meet all the expences. Your early reply will oblige.

Yours faithfully
Wainwright Mason & Fernandes.

Dr Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York.

The Friends' Retreat
York May 30th 1889.

My Dear Sirs,

The Rule of the Retreat Committee is that no person unless connected in some way with the Society of Friends shall be maintained here at a lower rate than £2 · 2 · 0 per week. But it is probable that in this case they would accept an inclusive sum of £100 per annum.

Yours faithfully
Robt Baker

Wakefield 20th Jany 1890.

Dear Sir,

re Miss Briggs.

Miss Emma Briggs informs us that you have written to her requesting attention to the account owing for the maintenance &c of her sister.

The matter is before the Court and we expect a formal order approving of the scheme proposed will be made in a few days after which our clients will be in a position to discharge your claim the rent collectors having more than sufficient funds in their hands to meet it.

The Court has already verbally approved the scheme one of the terms of which is that the sum of £100 per annum shall be paid to your authorities in accordance with your letter to us of the 30th May last and we assume this rate will be accepted

Yours faithfully
Wainwright Mason & Fernandes.

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Dr Baker
The Friends' Retreat
York