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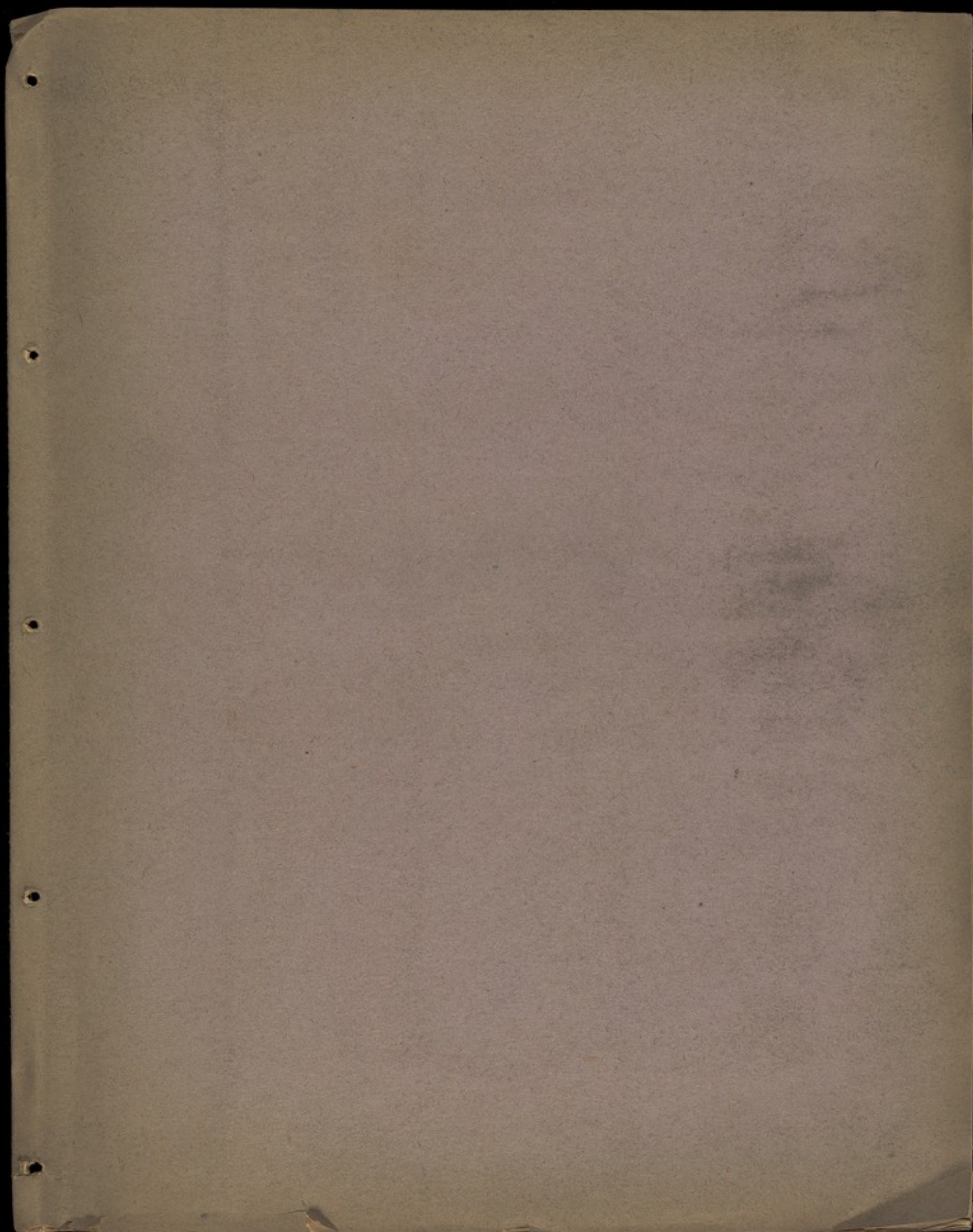
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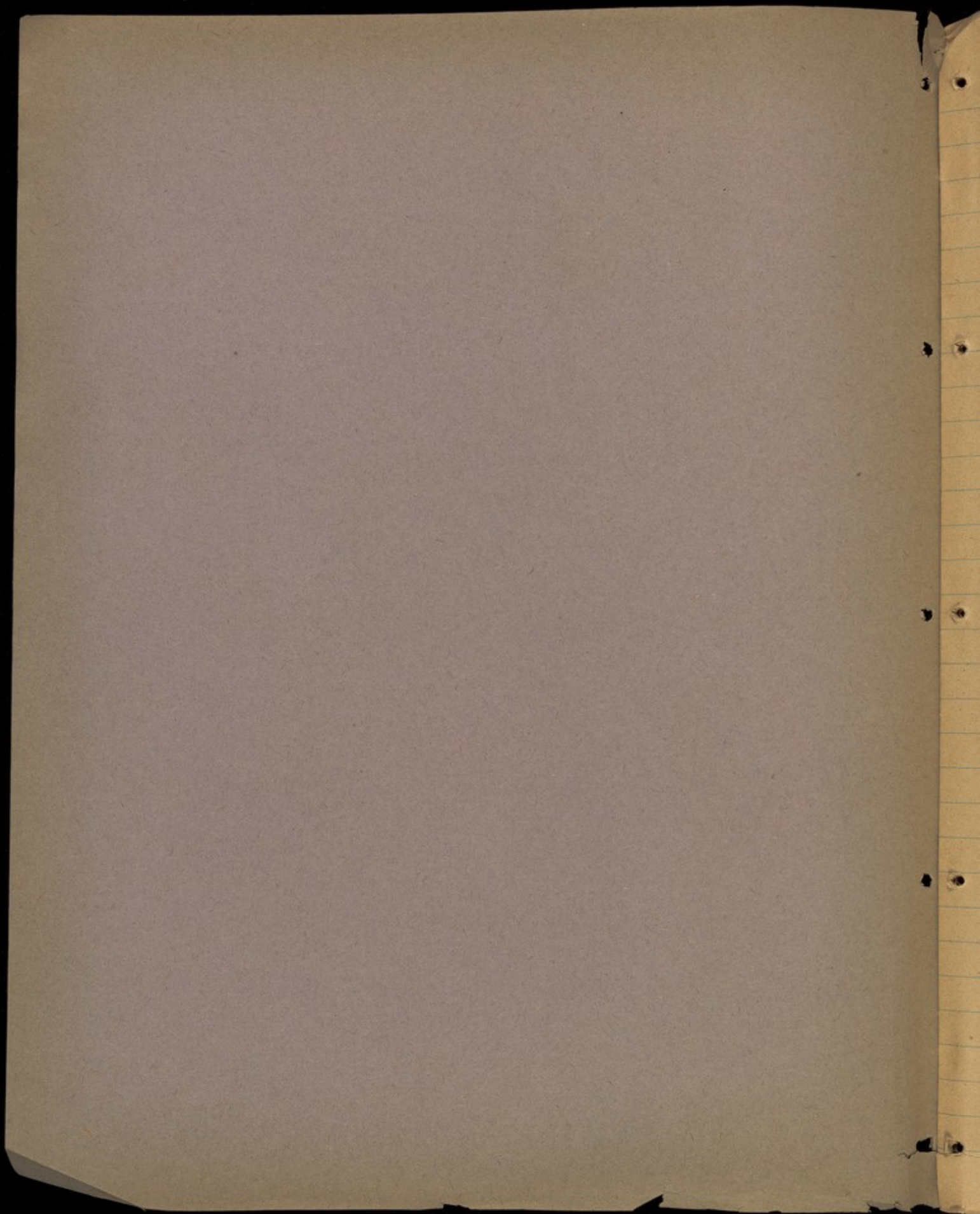
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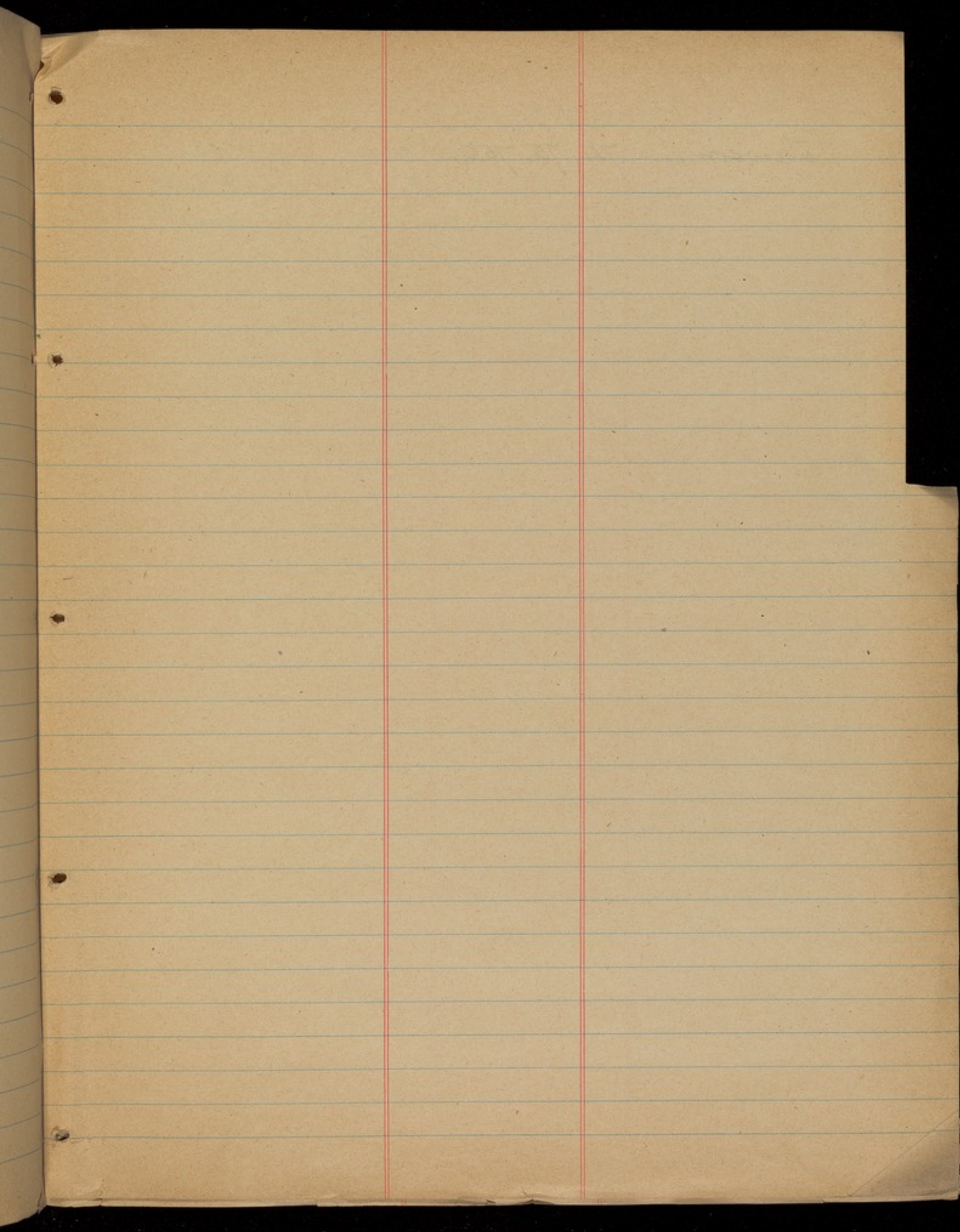
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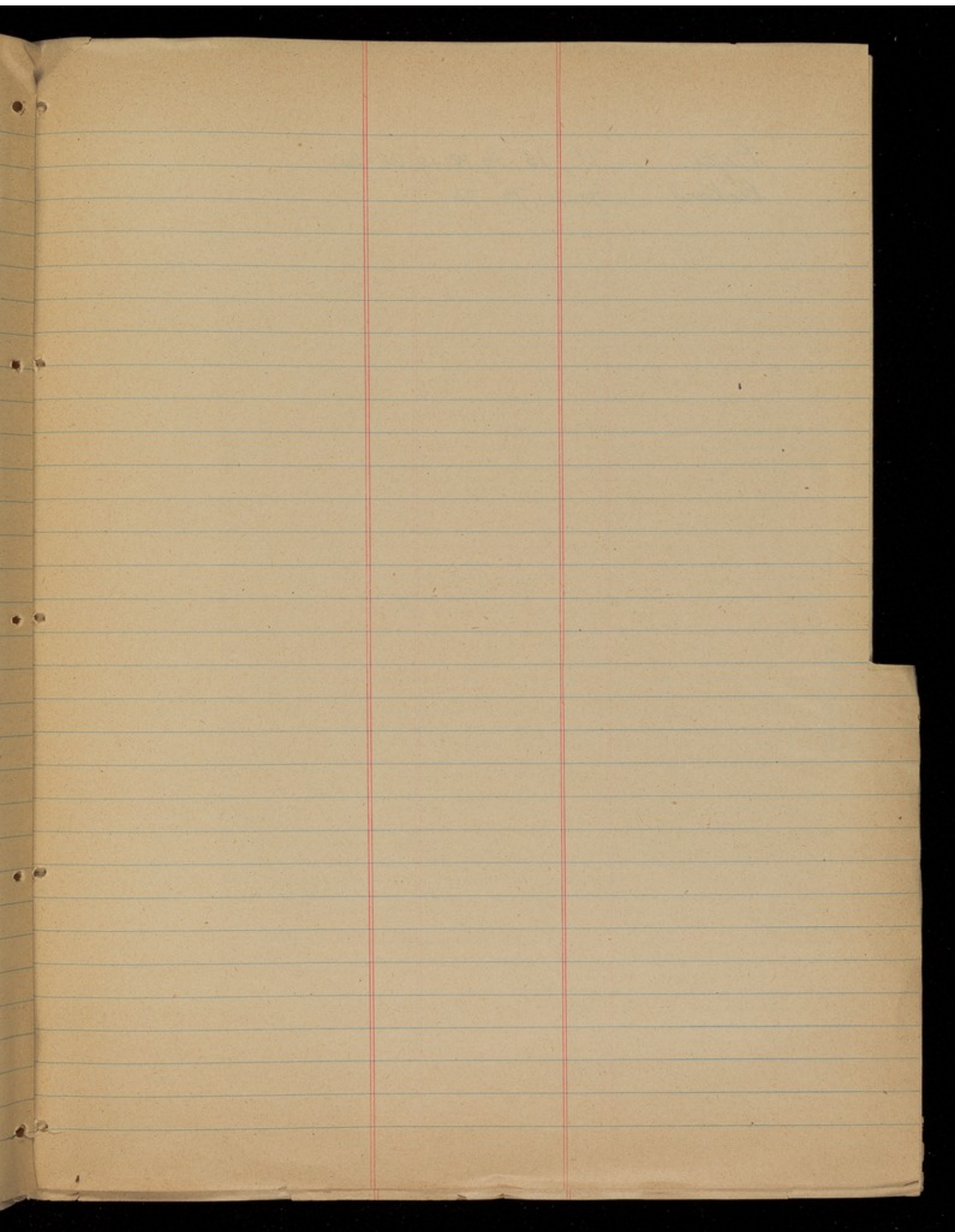
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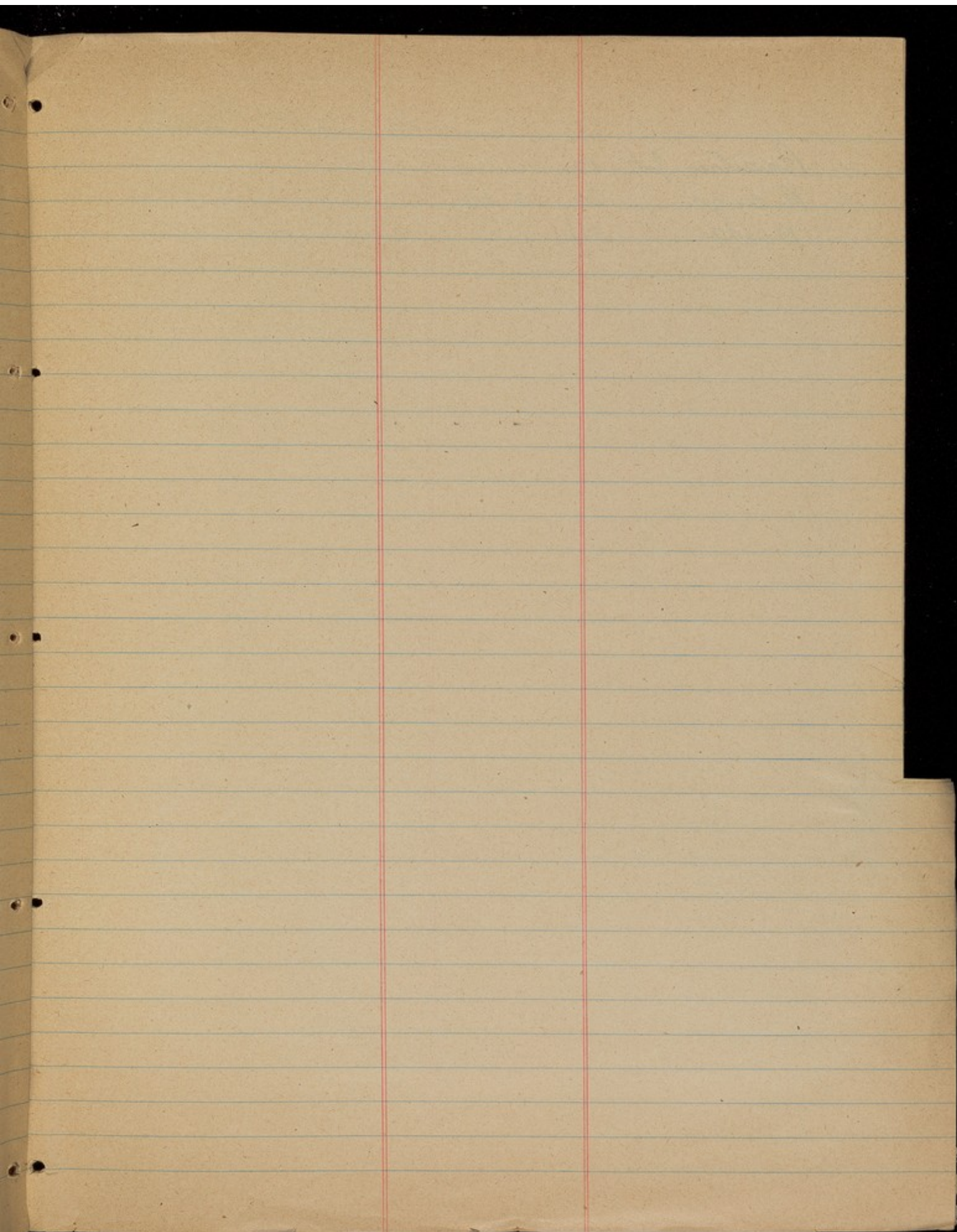
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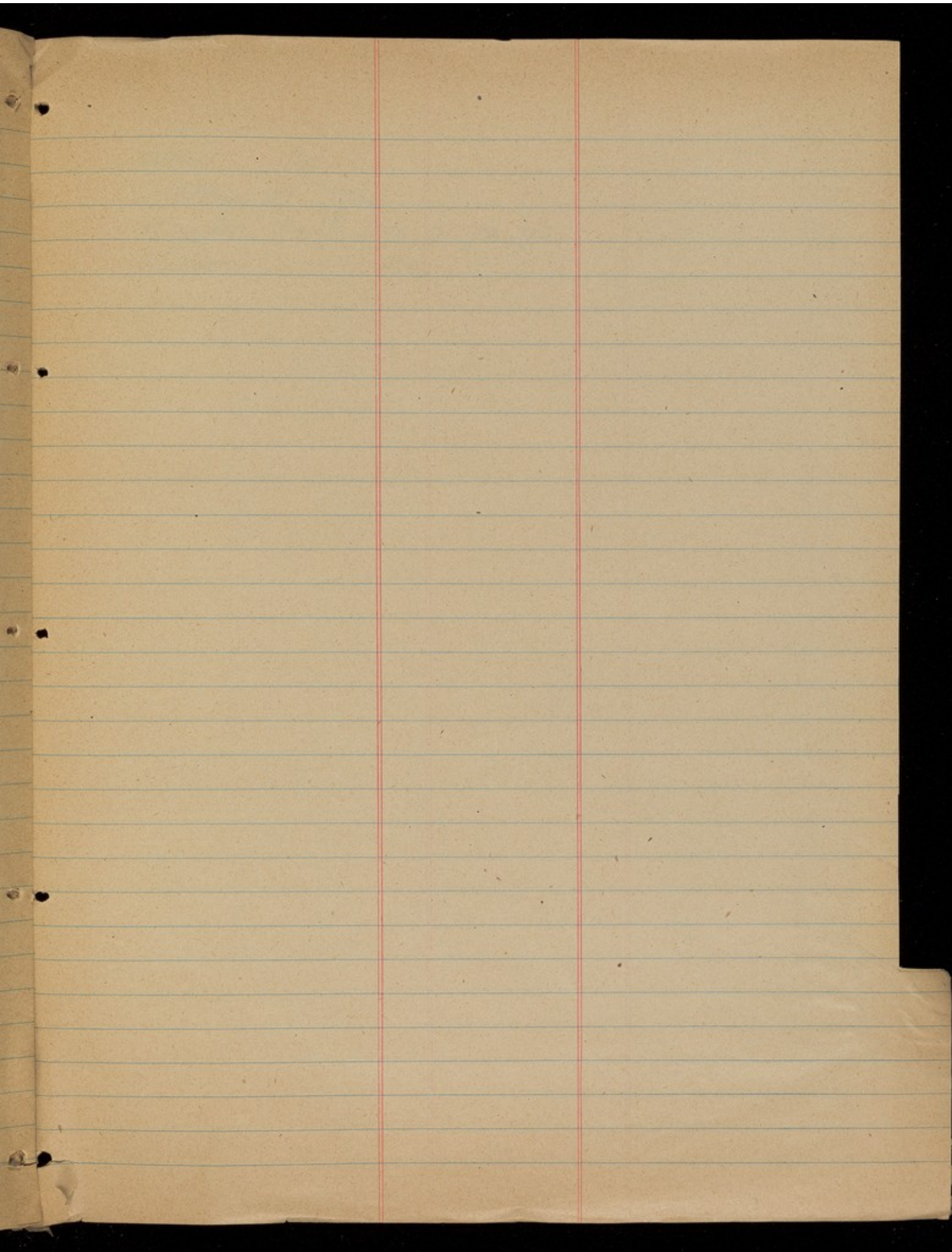
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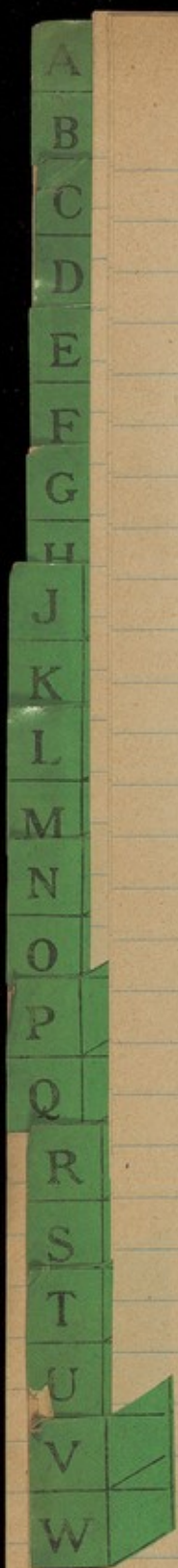


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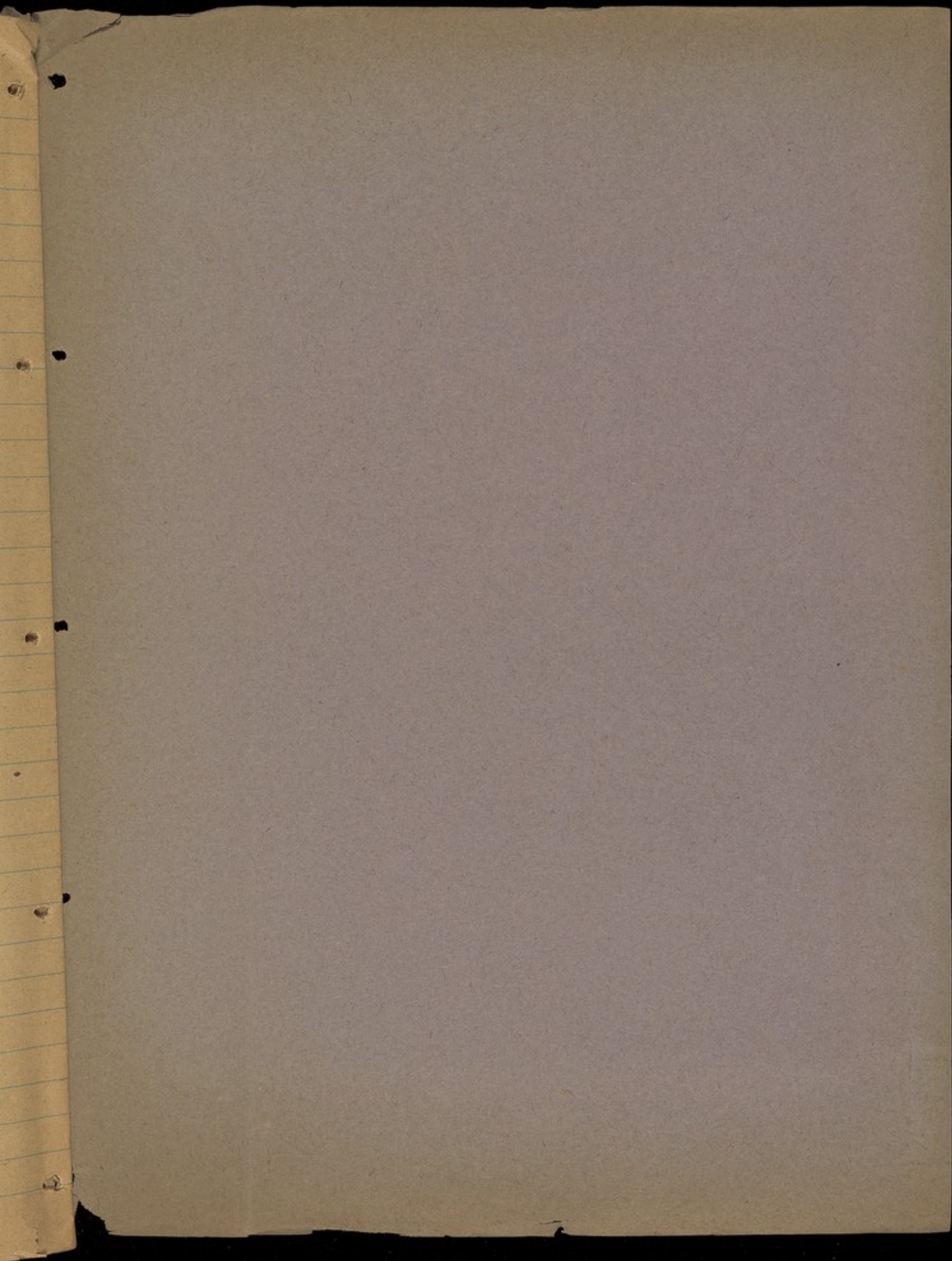
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Dear Friend

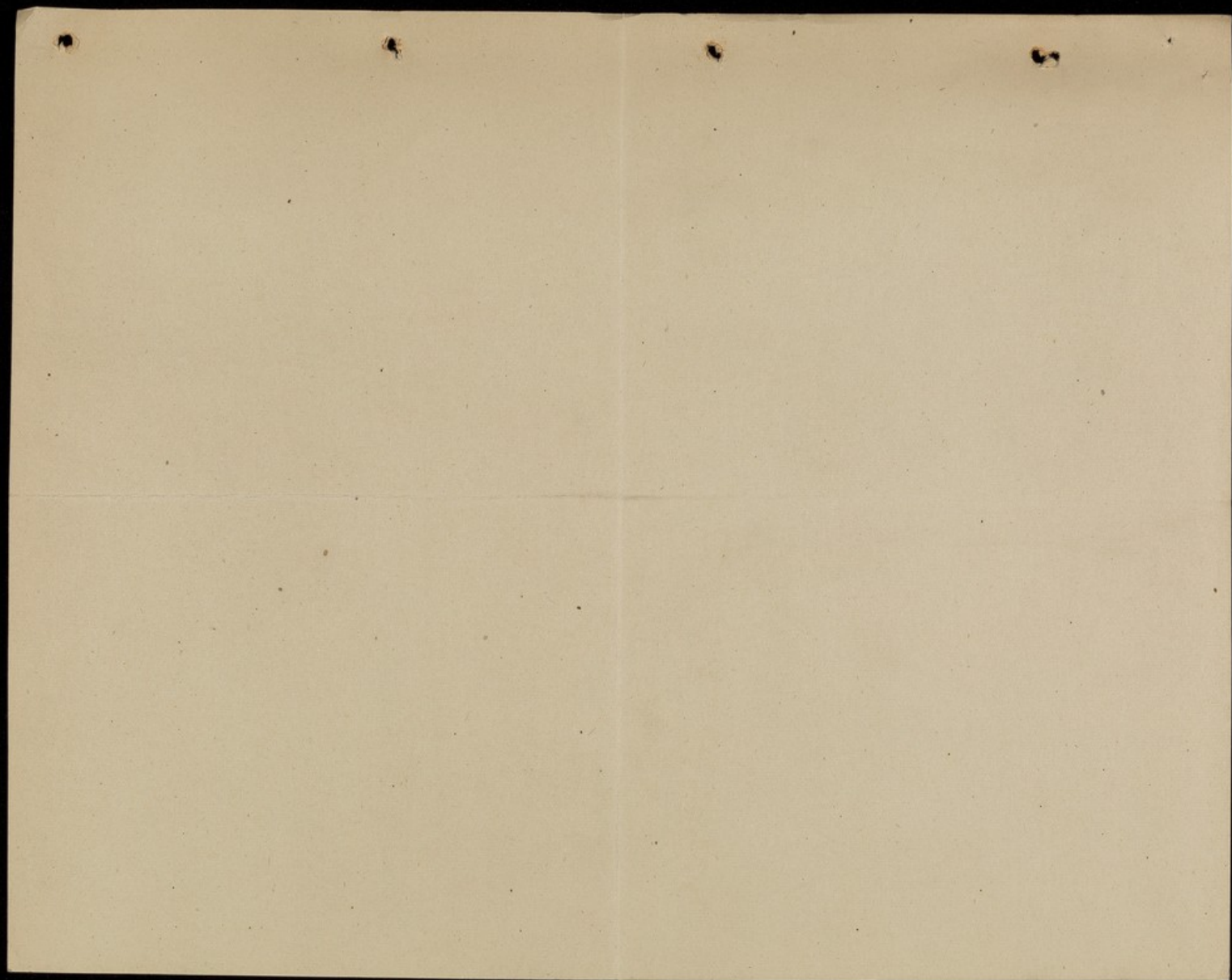
I received the enclosed
from Joseph Hopkins to-day. Will
you kindly send a form direct to
R. A. Penney, Meldholm, Dyke Road
Drive, Brighton. R. A. P. is clerk
to our Monthly Meeting

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Thos. H. Watson

J. Bedford Pince



31, GRANGE ROAD,
LEWES, SUSSEX.

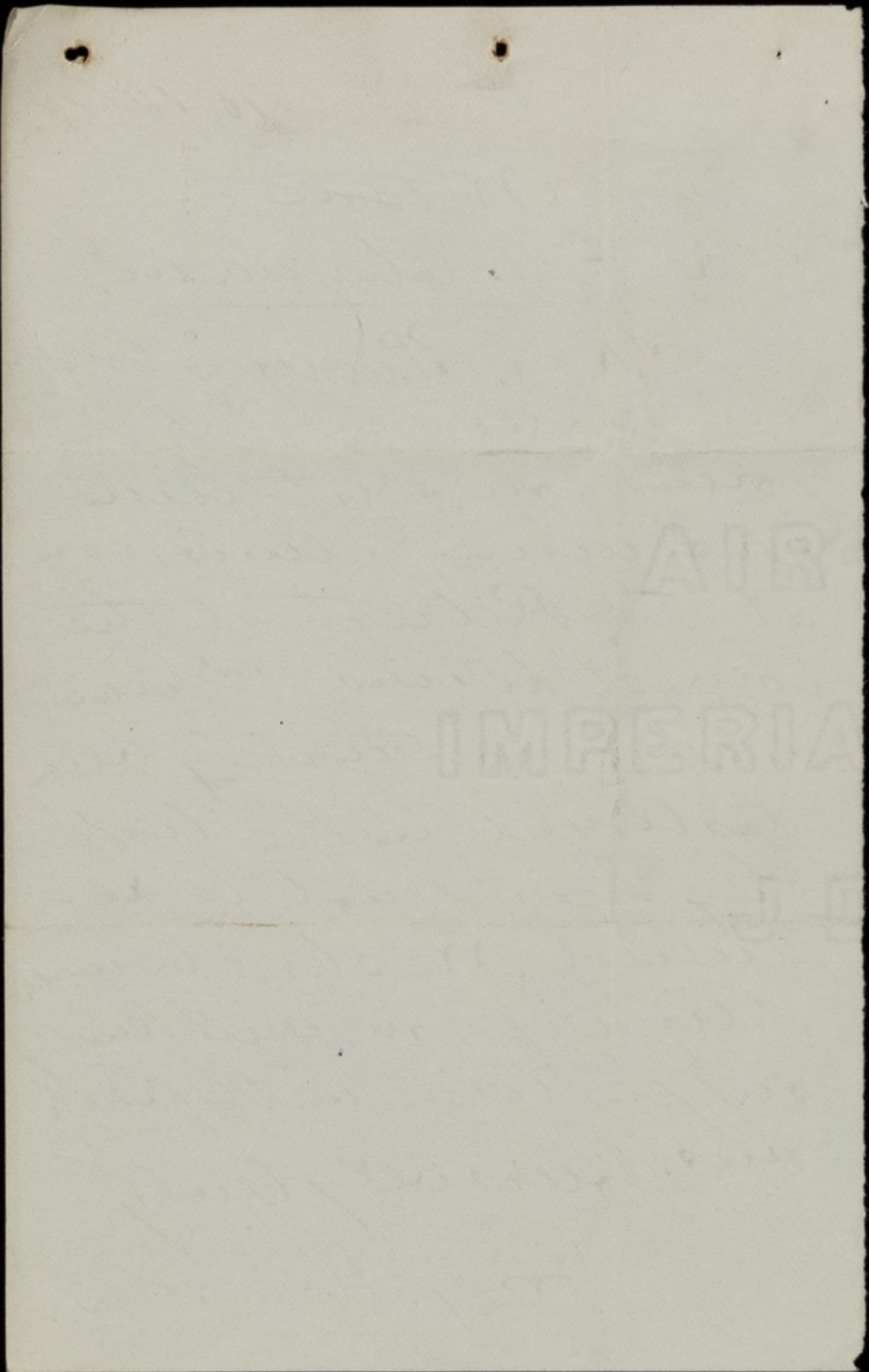
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Dear Dr Watson,
re F. A. Chapman.

R. A. Perry told me yesterday that the forms you sent him for securing admission at the Retreat at the lowest terms, (12³/4 per week) had unfortunately been destroyed, in the hope they would not be required. We shall be much obliged if you will kindly supply him with fresh ones. Yours very truly

N

Josy. Hopkins.



1 Encl.

TATE, COOK & FOWLER,
SOLICITORS.

29, Westborough.

Scarborough.

3rd. November 1897.

Dear Sir,

re Miss M.E. Smith.

We thank you for the form of the Standard Life Assurance Company, duly signed by you, and we now ^{return} ~~send~~ you the certificate of the Guardian Company, and shall be glad if you will sign it.

Thanking you for all the trouble you have taken;

We are,

Yours faithfully,

Tate Cook & Fowler

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

The Retreat

York.

20 Westborough

to the Secretary

of the

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. The text appears to be a letter or report, possibly related to the "Secretary" mentioned in the header.]

Memorandum.

From Gatecliff Bros.
Victoria Mills
Bingley.

Nov 23 1897
To Dr Price
York 4

PIECE ROOM.
41, BROOK STREET.
BRADFORD.

ADDRESS FOR TELEGRAMS.
"GATECLIFF"
VICTORIA MILLS, BINGLEY.

My dear Dr Price

I hear my favourite reports of my brother -

My two sisters have been staying with Mrs John & irrespective of what she says, it is highly satisfactory.

He rarely talks about his trouble & seems to take quite a different view of life, he gives his 2 youngest children lessons every day, goes out with them, plays Quilt (Piano) with his wife &c & seems altogether another man -

Mrs John thinks as long as this lasts he ought not to go back to York -

If at the end of the month you would like to see me, I will come over to York & talk matters over with you.

With my kindest regards
Yours most faithfully
James Gatecliff

18th March 1891

My dear Mr. Green
I have just received
your letter of the 14th

and am very glad to hear
that you are still
interested in the

subject. I have been thinking
of writing to you for some time
but have been so busy that I
could not find time. I am
now at home and have some
time to spare.

I have been thinking of writing
to you about the new
method of teaching
which I have been using
for some time. I have
found it very successful.

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THE PRIORY,
HEADINGLEY,
LEEDS.

Nov 6th 1917.

Dear Sir,

Mother wishes me
to write & say that four
guineas per week is as
much as she feels she
can afford this time
for my brother.

There are one or two little
things that I would like
to draw your attention
to, if you have not al-
ready noticed them, viz:
a mania for spending
all the money that he
can lay his hands on, &
Mother would be glad if
you would kindly see that

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he contracts no debts in
York, as last time he
was very extravagant in
this line.

But at the same time
allow him any little
extra necessity that you
think fit.

We should also be very
pleased if you would
kindly write & let us
know twice a week,
how he is getting on.
Hoping we may soon
have favourable news

Yours Remain

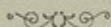
Yours Sincerely.

H. C. Mart.

SANITARY ENGINEER.

Builder and Decorator. Gas, Steam and Hot Water Fitter, and Registered Plumber.

Sanitary Inspections made and Reports prepared.



HENRY J. ROBINSON,

5, FINSBURY SQUARE, E.C.

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Dr Bedford Pierce
York

Nov. 4. 1893

Dear Friend

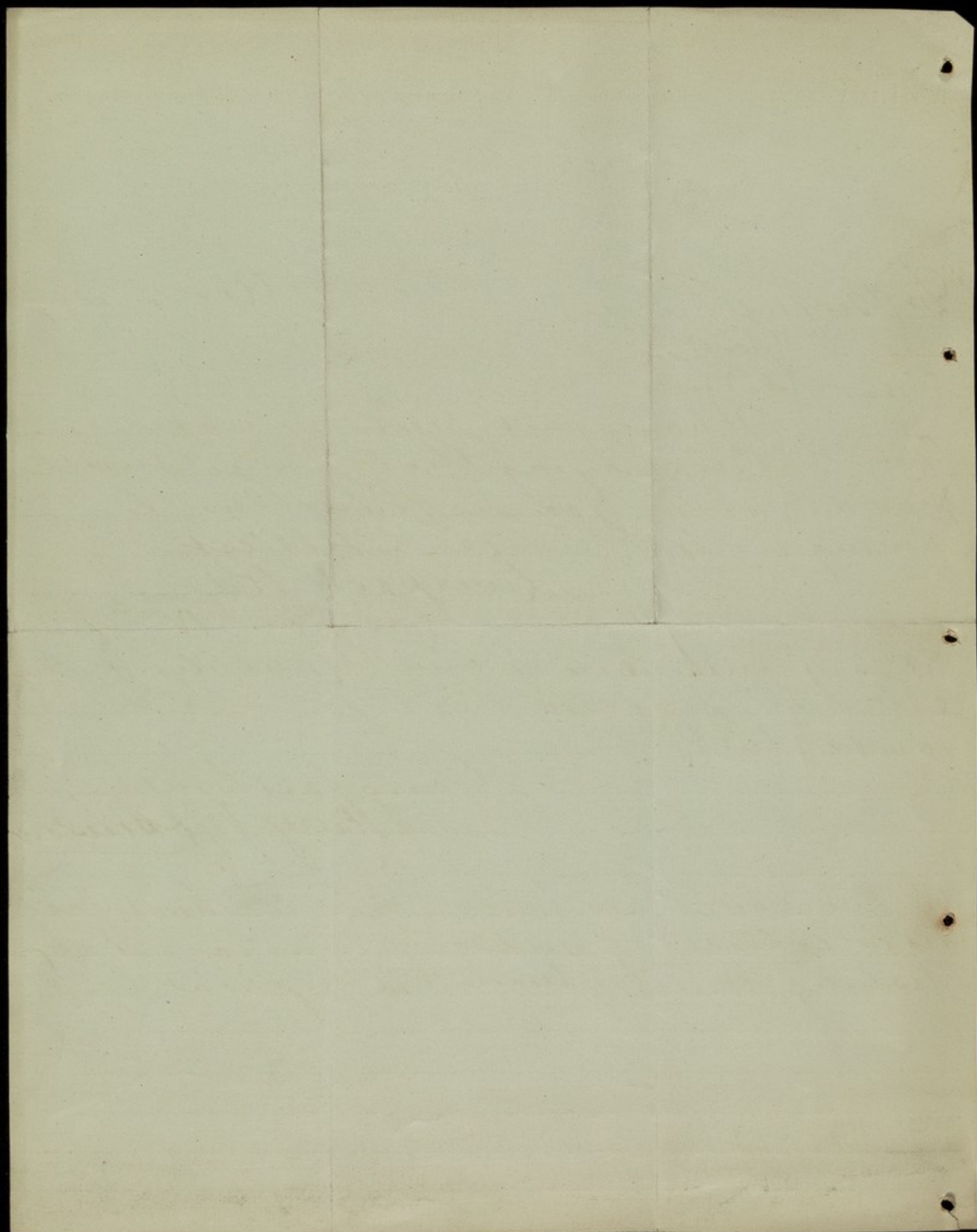
I have just received note from
Wm. F. Wells saying that Jane Ansell
has a brother Joseph Henry Ansell
living at 4 Theberton St West
Liverpool Rd

London N.

he is a member of our Monthly Meeting
& W. F. W. suggests that you should
write to him

Yours faithfully,
Henry J. Robinson

P.S. We have Rev. Waldmeier up here just
now collecting subscriptions for estab-
lishing an Asylum in Syria.



Brighthouse
8th 11th 97

Dr Bedford Pierce -
Officer in Charge
Gainsboro' House, Scarborough

Please to accept visit
of Jane Fielden, on my account,
to my wife.

From the reports I hear
it would appear that there
is not much change in the
condition of my wife. Kindly
let me have a photo
early next month.

Most respectfully,
A. B. Bayes.

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ALL LETTERS ON BUSINESS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM.
BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE,
SOLICITORS.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BROOMHEADS, SHEFFIELD."

Bank Chambers, George St.

Sheffield 10th November 1897

Dear Sir: We have seen Mr. Davell
this afternoon on Dr. Mackenzies letter
of the 8th inst. and on perusing it
he appears to incline to the opinion
therein expressed.

If steps are taken to obtain an
Order for the Administration of Mrs.
Elvidges estate it would have to be
supported by the evidence of
yourself & Mr. Davell as he has been
in consultation with you from
time to time & was Mrs. Elvidges
Medical attendant. He will
therefore go over to York by the

train leaving Sheffield at 1.55
& due at 3.7 on Friday afternoon
next to see Mrs. Elvidge & have a
conference with you on the matter
if that appointment will be
convenient to you.

Kindly write us by return of
post & say whether or not the
time will suit you as we
promised to communicate with
Mr. Davell by telephone directly
we heard from you.

Under these circumstances we
think it will be well for us to
defer sending over to Mrs. Elvidge
until Mr. Davells return & we hear

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the conclusions you have jointly
arrived at after discussing
matters.

Yours faithfully

Shoomhead Nightman

A. Mowbray

Dr Bedford Perce,
The Retreat,
York.

23, Finsbury Square,
E.C.

Nov. 9/97.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

(W.C. Chase.)

I don't think it is too late for Mr. Chase to go away for a little spell if you approve of it fully, and see the way; I should like him to go. It will tend to show his relatives we are doing all we can for him, and giving him every chance of improving his condition. I shall be glad to hear when you have actually taken steps in the matter. I heard that his uncle (I think it was) called at the Retreat and was very favourably impressed with all he saw - he did not actually see Chase, I believe. I am glad you can report well of his condition.

With cordial regards to *mother* and yourself,

I am,

very truly,

Abingdon Fox.

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P.S. I made a few suggestions, in the draft letter re Lebanon Hospital for Insane, and sent it on to T.

Waldemeier; I thought it very good. One was a reference to the Meeting for Sufferings' Minute about it, and the other to the need of subscriptions for current support.

Waldemeier is an old man and has seen much work: it would be well if we saw our way to a good successor who could go into training. It ^{needs} ~~is~~ a training to get to understand Eastern ways thoroughly.

Wilmington
Massachusetts
Cottons & Fades

greater length of time. or anything
you think will take with the
Waddys will see all his letters
so when you write to him you
write to them he is very soft now
and they have got a lot of cash
out of him. to stop the money
will be first thing to bring him
up.

I am Dear Sir

Yours truly

W. Pape

When you get him to write you can
inquire if his Father has
consented to the marriage
if not how is he going to live
without the support of his Father
but you will see if you get him to write
to get him to come & stop for a week or
two is the thing wanted. Billiards
may draw him

COQUET LODGE,
WARKWORTH,
ACKLINGTON.

Nov 14 97

Dear Sir-

This letter from St Andrews is
written by one of Mrs Watty's daughters
there is Mother & 3 daughters run a lodging
house they are hard up people and they
they will get hold of cash by getting Willie
swent through myself a caution then told
them he had been more or less insane for
20 years they were very shrewd indeed
and said marriage would not be out
of many of and must go on. I have since
written to clergyman and told him everything
about Willie and he has been at Mrs Watty's
marriage was fixed for 24th Nov and
they were going to front expenses I have
written to Willie and told him if he gets
into housekeeping and takes a wife
that is contrary to what he has always
promised me he would not do
I have told him & Mrs Watty
also that he will get no more
cash from me not 1^d so that
has cooled Miss Waddy down more
than all I could say before

They have also a good for nothing son Miss Waddy has to help
him may talk Willie over.

Willie stays in the house with them. best plan will be for you to write to Mrs Waddy and ask for W. D. Pape's address you may talk him over to come to York as a visitor say you wish very much to see him and that he can come and stop a week or two at any time free of charge &c when once he gets there again shall write & say that he must stop until he is quite cured which I am sure never will be.

You can say to Mrs Waddy that Mr Pape was a patient you took a very great interest in and should do anything to oblige him or assist his interests in any way you could. but when his father took him from York it was quite understood that Mr Pape was to come & see you from time to time so that he could have proper treatment to have his system toned up which he very much required after such a severe illness and say you think young Mr Pape has not done himself justice in not doing so or any

thing you think of to see if you could get him to come back for a few weeks he may then come when he stops his money you will be very likely to draw him up.

he is not really fit to be out I feel very much concerned about him but he bolted off from home with his head full of mad ideas he went and panned his watch & went off to St Andrews ~~to~~ without anything I had to go after this girl had been writing to him altho she had been cautioned before you are not supposed to know he is in their house but they will send address. and you may get him over altho he will be bad to trap you can do your best. if he wishes to know if likely to be bad. you can say almost sure but if you saw him now and again you could keep it off for a

Scarboro

15 x 27

Dear D. Furse

I was hoping
to come to the Committee
tomorrow but fear today
I may not be able
to manage it -

I called to see
Mr. Strawbridge but he
is from home for 3 or 4

days. I will see
him on his return &
give him matter further
so far as we can.

"I forwarded your del.
appeal to F. Andrews
approved -

If the D. knows the
claims on average
friends this year he
would think he had

done fairly so far as
they are concerned -

One would be glad if
some wealthy friend
would set him on his
feet right away off.

I failed to get a
man list at once but
expect to tomorrow

Yrs faith
Wm. A. Downes

when he writes.

If this can be permitted, we shall be glad; we think it may help to relieve his mind ^{to} write more freely — perhaps, as to common things which show & all most essentially in such a case deem needful —

We do hope his last letters show some symptoms in this direction —

Any suggestions as to our writing to help our Son & York Officials will be gratefully rec^d by

Yours sincerely
Thomas Gregory.

86 Kingsdown Parade
Bristol 17th Dec. 1897.

Dear Friend,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The reply to my letter wh. I have been expecting from the Committee, has not arrived, but doubt-

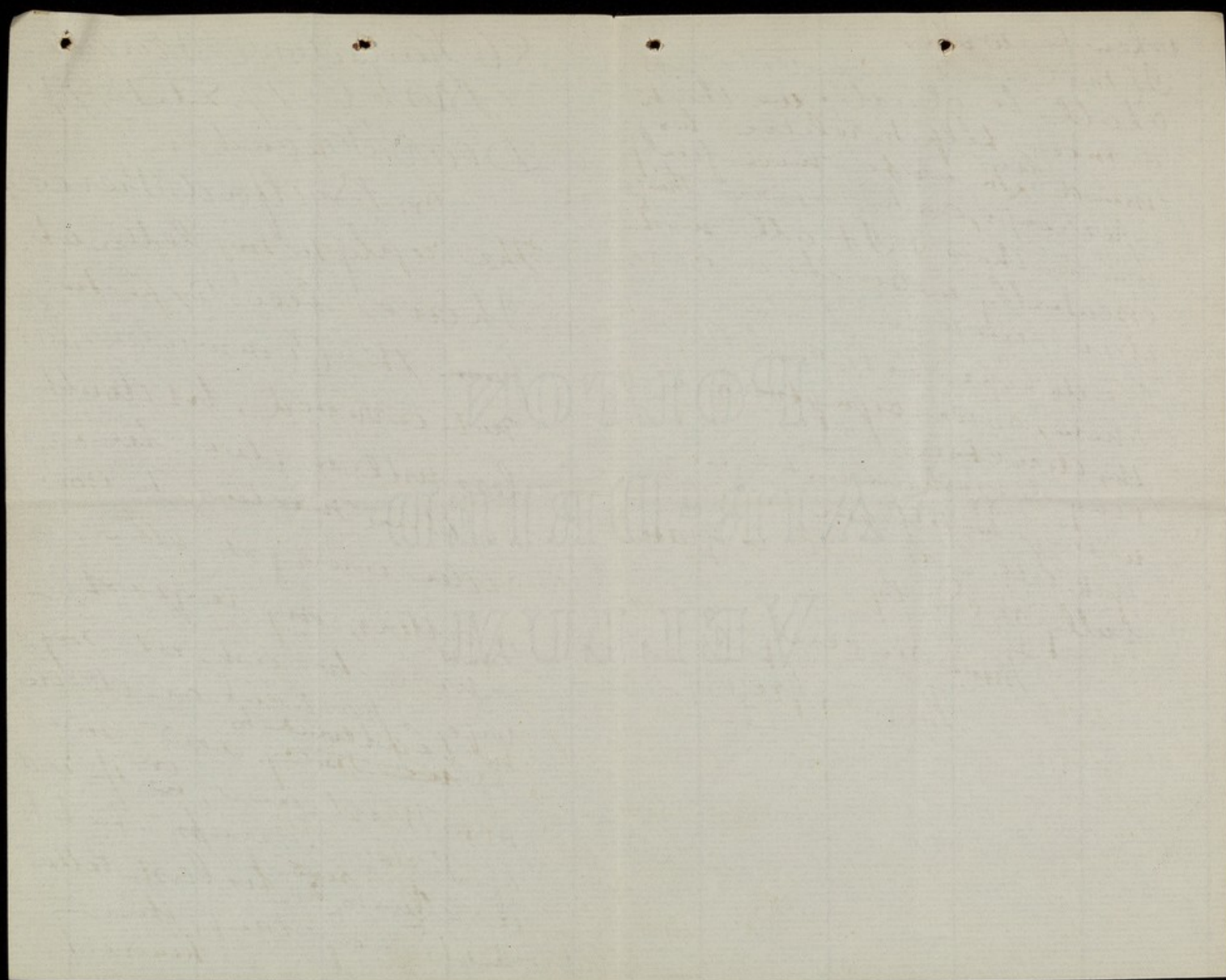
less will in due time, on their meeting to consider amongst other

matters, my request —

^{now} I write to ask at my wife's particular desire, ~~to be allowed to~~ ^{if ~~the~~ may} send my

Son William, ^{one 1/- worth} of Postage Stamps, which he asks us to ^{send} his last letter

but on that he may stamp them — himself



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BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE,
SOLICITORS.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BROOMHEADS, SHEFFIELD."

Bank Chambers, George St.

Sheffield. 18th Nov. 1897.

Dear Sir, re Mr Elvidge.

We have your letter
of even date which reached
us this afternoon -

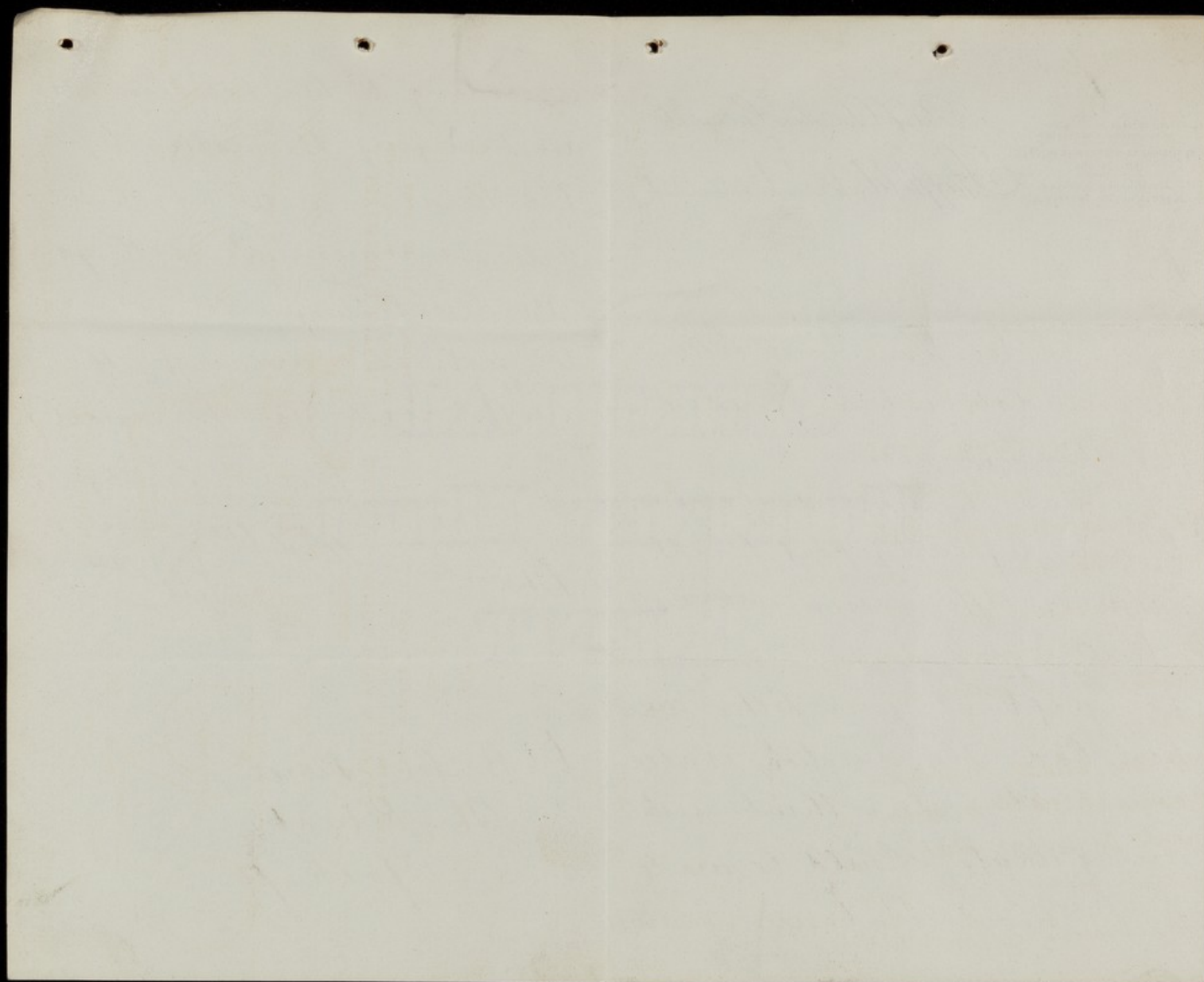
We had however despatched
to you by early post Draft
Form of Affirmation in the matter

With regard to the latter
paragraph of your letter we
have had the question under
consideration and think suitable
arrangements should be made
for Mr Elvidge to be accommodated

according to her position and
are bringing the matter before
her Relatives after which we
will communicate with you
No doubt they will go over
to York and arrange the
matter with you personally.

Yours faithfully
Broomhead & Wightman
Solicitors

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.



TELEGRAMS: "PAPE, NEWCASTLE."

Memorandum.

FROM

W. R. Pape.
North of England Gun Works
36, Westgate Street.
Newcastle upon Tyne



CYCLE DEPARTMENT.

Sole Agent for "COLUMBIA" BICYCLES.



To Dr. Pierce.

Nov 17th 1897

INVENTOR & PATENTEE OF BREECH LOADING GUNS & RIFLES.

WINNER OF THE 3 SUCCESSIVE SHOT GUN CONTESTS HELD AT LONDON IN 1858-1859 & 1866.

AWARD OF THE INVENTORS CUP FOR THE INVENTION OF CHOKE BORING. - 1875.

Dear Sir, I fear we cannot stop them Miss Watty has told the Road gentleman that she has regular correspondence with him to last 6 years & he has been quite sane. he was a Driscolls all 1896 & York for good part of this also that he has been discharged quite cured what can we say as to this. he is quite long now because in letter he wrote today he was going to marry he made a strong complaint of his fists having men in St Andrews following him about and he went to the police office to complain about men try to get into his windows at night. he thought the same here & bolted off to St Andrews
Yours truly
W. R. Pape

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CYCLE DEPARTMENT

TELEGRAMS, PAPER, NEWCASTLE

1899

FROM

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BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE,
SOLICITORS.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BROOMHEADS, SHEFFIELD."

Bank Chambers, George St.
Sheffield. 17th Nov: 1897.

Dear Sir

M^{rs} Elridge

We refer to D^r Mackenzie's
letter of the 8th inst: (written to us on your
behalf) & the enclosed communication from
M^{rs} Elridge addressed to us respecting
the preparation of a will. M^{rs} Elridge
has written us again on the same subject.
We understand from M^r Davell that you
& he are of opinion that she is not at
present in a condition to make a will
disposing of her Estate & if this be the
case we shall be obliged if you will
explain to M^{rs} Elridge that we think
it will be better that she should postpone
making a disposition of her property
until such time as her health improves

& she can give proper consideration
to it. Will you kindly do this tomorrow.

Proposed Administration
proceedings.

We have sketched out & send you
herewith draft of an Affirmation in
support of the proposed application &
shall be obliged if you will go carefully
through and revise it & then let us have
it back approved.

We propose to obtain an Affidavit
from M^r Davell & from M^{rs} Cooper in
addition.

We assume you do not think it
necessary that we should get any
evidence from the Nurse who has been
in charge of M^{rs} Elridge for some time
past.

Kindly let us hear from you as to this

I am

Yours faithfully,

D^r Bedford Pierce Solicitor
The Retreat York.

P.S. It is impossible for us to
send you Draft of your proposed
Affirmation tonight owing to pressure
of business but will endeavor
to send it by early post tomorrow

BWJm
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Memorandum.

FROM

W. R. Pape.
North of England Gun Works
36, Westgate Street.
Newcastle upon Tyne



CYCLE DEPARTMENT.

Sole Agent for "COLUMBIA" BICYCLES.



To Mr. Gorce

Nov 16 1897

INVENTOR & PATENTEE OF BREECH LOADING GUNS & RIFLES.

WINNER OF THE 3 SUCCESSIVE SHOT GUN CONTESTS HELD AT LONDON IN 1858-1859 & 1866.

AWARD OF THE INVENTORS CUP FOR THE INVENTION OF CHOKE BORING. - 1875.

Dear Sir / Do best way you think, and we can do no more
If you can get him to come to York, will be the best we could
do of course you must keep his confidence. if he was only here
I could get Drs here to see him and get their order altho he is
not so very bad yet he is not fit to manage himself and
if once he goes to York again he must remain a much longer
time but I fancy whenever will be quite well again I have
lost all hope of that now the fact of wishing to get married proves
this if well he would not think of it. you can advise him to come
though to York on his own free will and you will do all you can
for him. If he gets worse and we have local assistance at St. Andrews
I suppose he will have to go to some local place there and then get

an order? I have just got your letter from Warthworth. I will
be in Newcastle until Saturday and go to Warthworth again
for over the Sunday

I am Dear Sir

Yours Truly

W R Pope

see any thing out of pocket and will remit you the only thing the
girl wants to marry for is she thinks to get some cash but I have given
Willie & her to understand that no more cash will be send from
me. he has spend a good sum extra lately and has been urgent for
extra money I think those people have got it out of him. the old
mother seems to be very sharp those scotch people are very keen for bills

TELEGRAMS: "PAPE, NEWCASTLE."

Memorandum.

CYCLE DEPARTMENT.

Sole Agent for "COLUMBIA" BICYCLES.



FROM

W. R. Pape.
North of England Gun Works
36, Westgate Street.
Newcastle upon Tyne

To Mr. Pierce

Nov 18

1897

INVENTOR & PATENTEE OF BREECH LOADING GUNS & RIFLES.

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AWARD OF THE INVENTORS CUP FOR THE INVENTION OF CHOKE BORING. - 1875.

Dear Sir We can do no more but next time
he comes to York, he must remain there for
his life because for 20 years I have done all
I could for him and I must have a fixed
place to have him. those people are very hard
up & expect to get money out of the Father which
I fancy they will not do I went over to try & see
him but they would not allow me they have him
in safe keeping until the 24th I don't see I can stop
it by any means therefore can do nothing more
Yours truly W. R. Pape

His in hands of solicitor in the address but he day
he cannot do any thing

CYCLE DEPARTMENT

TELEGRAMS: RARE NEWCASTLE

WHEELS
AND
ACCESSORIES

FROM

COQUET LODGE,
WARKWORTH,

ACKLINGTON.

Nov 13 97

Dear Sir /

I have just got wire from Mr Castle
Willie batted off to Mr Andrews as he got it
into his head. I was going to send him back
to York again. he has been full of awkward
ideas and has not improved as I expected.
If I have a chance to get him to York
again he must remain there as I
cannot manage him now. we got a
letter from him to say he was going to get
married and not be put off by me or
any other person. he sent cards & invitations
out wholesale. I went over & found the
person a mere girl at a Lodging House
he had lately removed. I cautioned the
girl's friends and wrote to clergyman
of Free Church who has to marry so
I don't think he will do so now if he will
I shall go & protest against it he is
quite unchanged in his mind and I
am sure he will never be fit to be
loose outside. we must try to get him
to come to York of his own free will. to come
for a time and he will not be fit to come
out again I feel sure.

You can say that you fully expected him

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to have come back again to you, for
a month or two - until you got him
toned-up as that was understood by
both me & you and say if he had
done so you have no doubt he
would have been quite cured by
this time & been in much better form
I have told him he is not in health and
therefore quite unfit to get married
and have told the girls family and
the Revd Gentleman very plain that
he has been more or less insane
for 20 years and I feel sure he will
be as bad as ever in a very short
time. I fancy the girls mother will
prevent marriage. but if we could
only talk him over & come to see
you for a short time will be the
very best way he may come best
for you if you got him into correspondence
if Revd Gentleman writes you you can
say he has been at the Retreat with you
he was 3 times at Dinsdale once in
asylum at Belize never right well for
20 years

Yours truly W. R. Pape

your offer of my be-
coming a voluntary
boarder with you,
assure you that at
present my health
does not appear to de-
mand any such step.

In conclusion I must
again express my best
thanks that you should
have troubled to have
written me such a nice
letter, & remain,
With kind regards,
Yours very truly, W. D. Pope

St. Andrews
Fife

Nov. 19th 1897

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Your favour of
the 14th ulto, safely to
hand, and for which
please accept my best
thanks. The chief point
touchd on, appears to
me, to be the question
of my health.

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Allow me to assure
you that I am quite
well, in fact, in very
good health indeed;
thanks to golfing and
temperate living, I feel
I possess a sound mind
in a sound body.

My father might nat-
urally be a trifle an-
xious (as per his letters
to you), he not having

seen me for five months.

Still he might easily
have done so within
the past fortnight, when
he paid a hurried
visit here to call on
my fiancée's family;
but no doubt he had
other business to attend
to.

Regarding the details
of your letter, I may
in thanking you for

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PRIVATE.

Telegrams:
"TUBERCLE," LONDON.

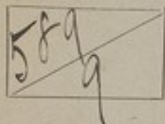
The Clinical Research Association, Limited.

1, SOUTHWARK STREET,

LONDON BRIDGE, S.E.

22nd October 1897.

In any further enquiry
respecting the Examination,
please quote this
number:



LABORATORY REPORT.

To Bedford Pierce Esq.

The Specimen of Brown.

marked received here

on 27th Sept^r has been duly examined, and I have

been instructed to forward the following Report thereon:—

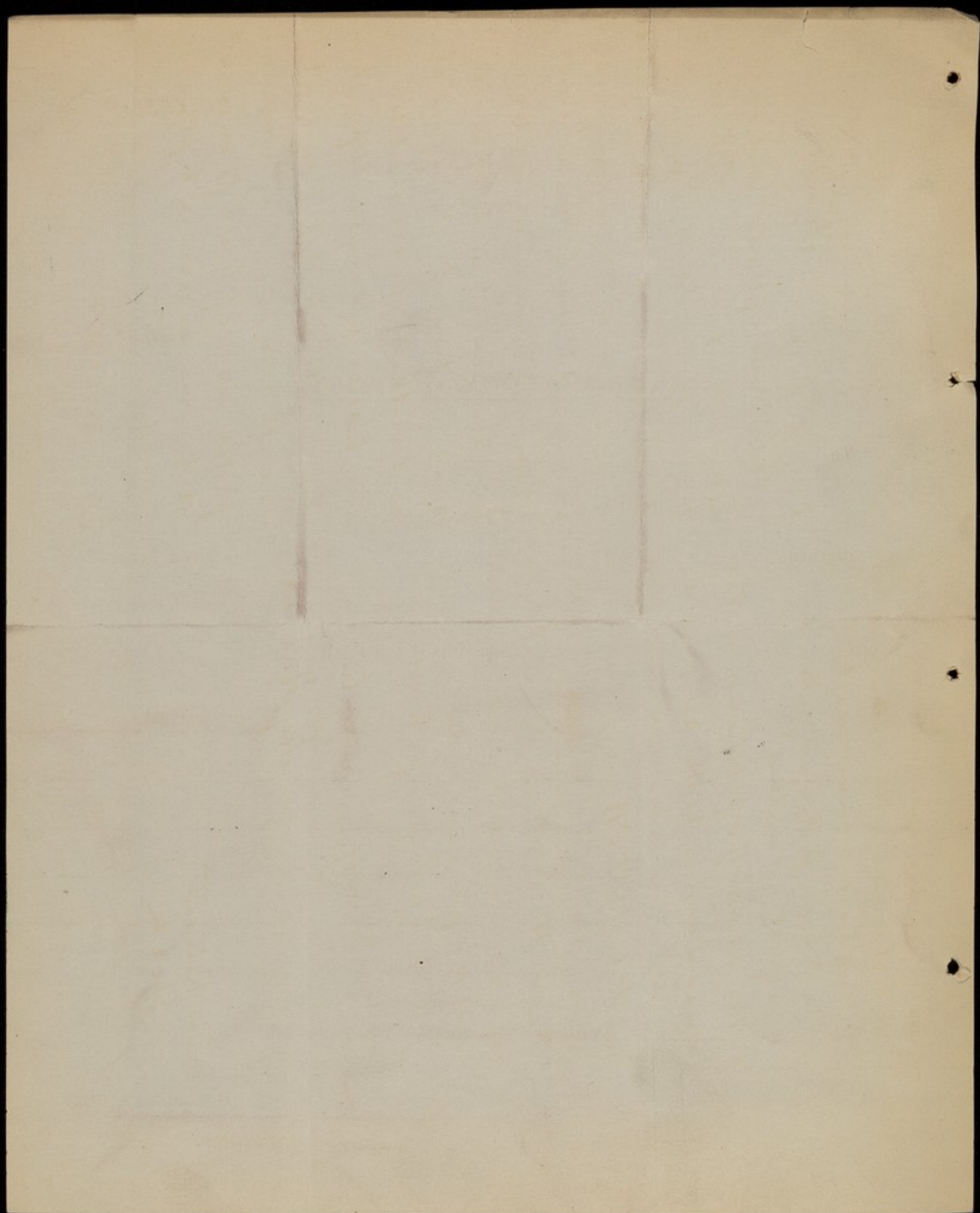
We have been unable to identify any ptomaine in this brown. A small quantity of a base was separated; but we could not identify it by its reactions with any known substance. We believe, however, that it was not actively toxic. No poisonous metal was present.

Prepared Slides enclosed, as requested.

C. H. Wells

Secretary of the Association.

OK.



him under your care again,
and if so will the method of
procedure be similar to that
which was followed when he
was first admitted?

As I was the petitioner in the
case I am a little surprised
that I was not communicated
with before F.P.N. was discharged.
We had not heard ~~that~~ from Mrs
Naish that she was going to take
this course but I conclude she
acted upon your advice.

With apologies for troubling
you I am Yours very truly

Hy Harris

The Retreat
York

Ridgmont,

Esbolt,

Shipley.

15/x/97

Dear Dr. Pierce

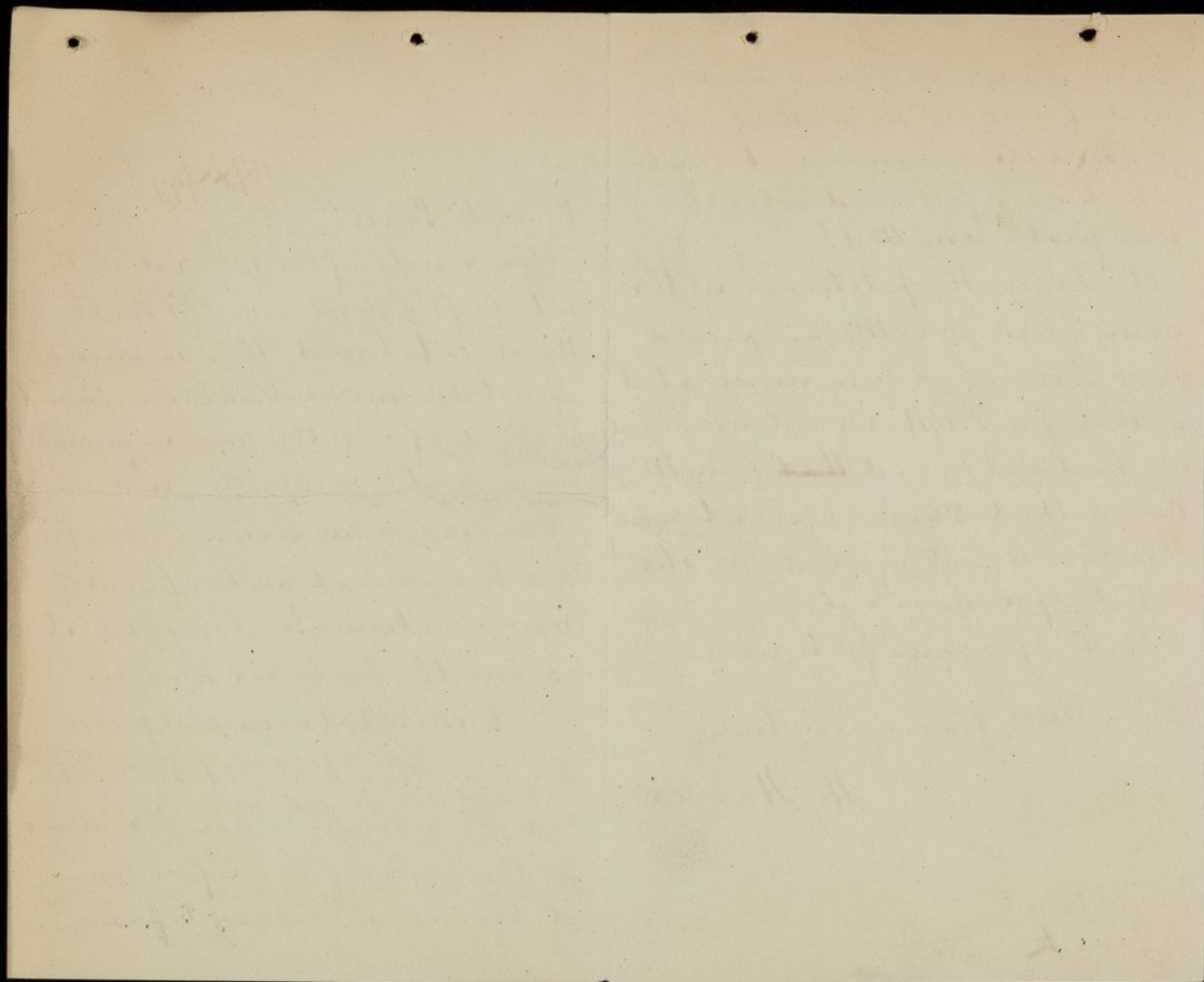
Your note of the 12th Inst. with
notice of the discharge of F. Paull
Naish is to hand this morning.

If not too much trouble we should
be glad of a little more information
in regard to my brother in law.

Can you give us any idea how
long his present state of health
may continue? I suppose it
is hardly probable that the
weak-mindedness will pass away.

Do you think it likely that
he will remain easy to manage
for the rest of his life or may
it become necessary to place

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ALL LETTERS ON BUSINESS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM.
BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE,
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BROOMHEADS, SHEFFIELD."

Bank Chambers, George St.
Sheffield 20th Nov: 1897.

Dear Sir

M^{rs} Elridge.

We are much obliged by your
letter of yesterdays date returning
draft Affirmation which we will
revise on the lines you have indicated.

We note what you say with regard to
M^{rs} Elridges proposal to make a will.
From what M^r Davell had stated to
us we were under the impression
that both you and he thought that
she was not in a fit condition to do
this - Probably the better plan will
be to see her & we will arrange for
this to be done.

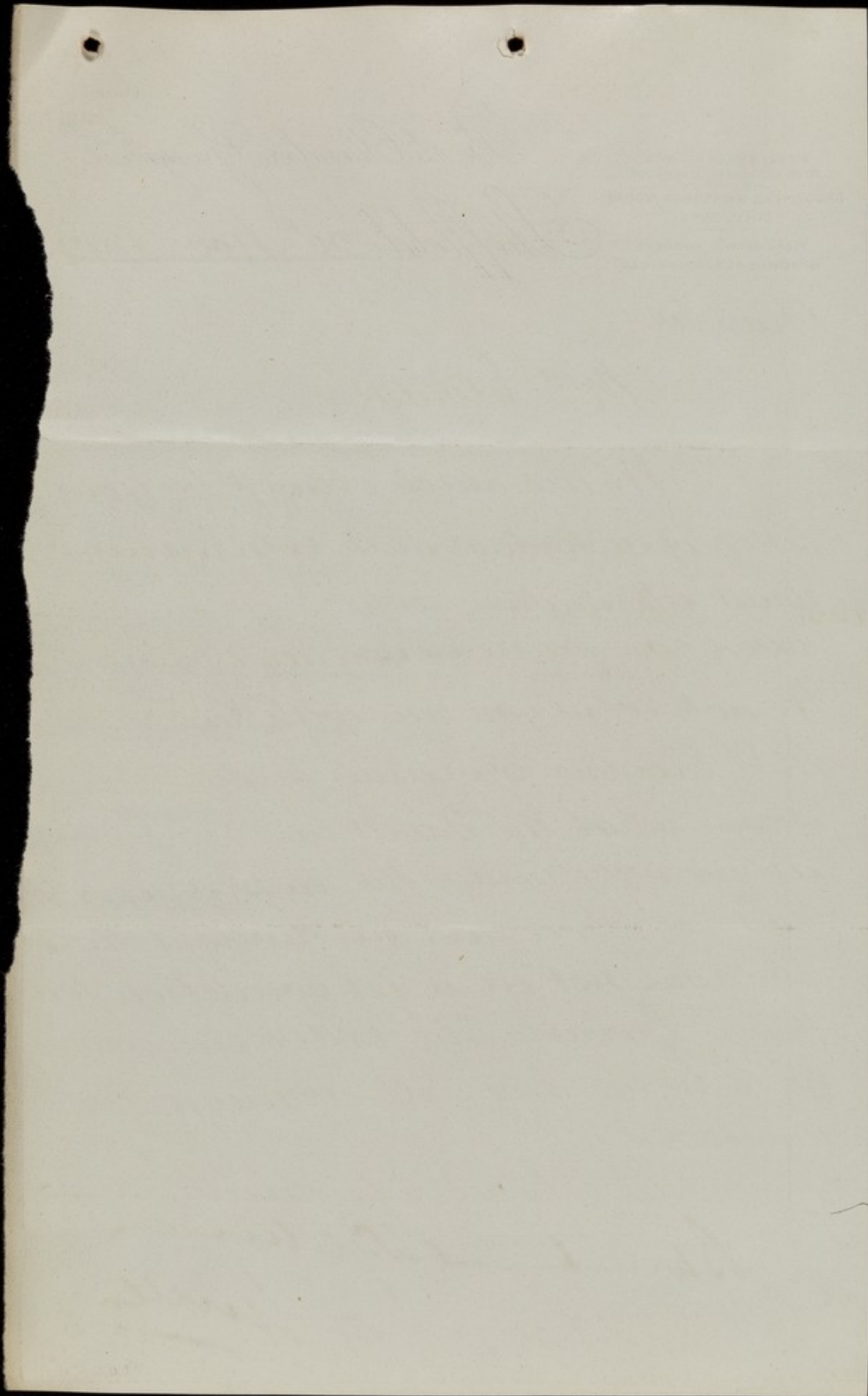
Yours faithfully.

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Broomhead & Wightman

Beafield Pierce
The Retreat
York.

& Wille



is naturally extremely angry
with me and indeed with
all of us and I am not
thinking of coming over to
see him until the New
Year, for I feel sure he
would only ~~mar~~ ^{mar} him
worse.

Write you also kindly see
that he has 2/6 a week
for pocket money?

Trusting you and your
family are well. I am,

Sincerely yours
Mary Walker.

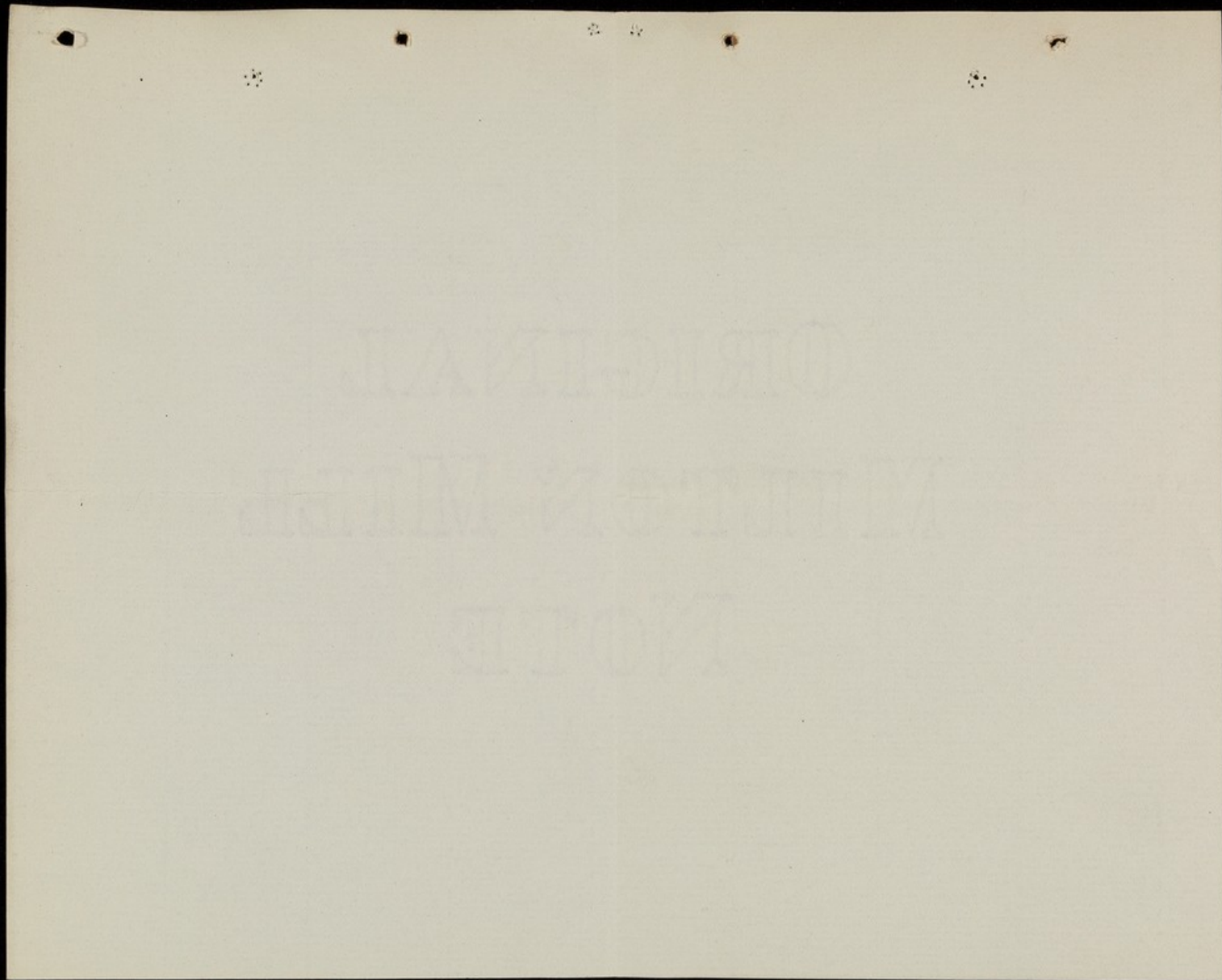
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Newton Villa
Leeds

Nov. 22nd 1897.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Mr. Walker is constantly
writing to me begging me to
ask you to allow him to
~~be allowed to take~~ ^{be} ~~allowed~~ to take Walker
by himself again and to
go into work when he
wishes without an attendant.
I should be very glad for
him to do so if you think
it would be safe and that
he would not return to
us at Riasa again.



Wed^y 24th Nov. 1897

ST. LEONARD'S CLUB.

YORK.

Dear Alice When I was in
London last Tuesday Miss Davis
was not well & since then she
has had what I thought was
a feverish cold with some
Diarrhoea. On Sunday night
I was roused by Rachel shouting
for Mrs. & when I ran up stairs
I was saluted with "Miss Davis
is dead." Of course she had
only fainted.

I am afraid the swish cold is
developing into Typhoid - as
this morning the stools are of
the pea soup character.

Will you call & see her
before part time tonight? & will
you put yr. foot down firmly
on a trained nurse being
got & forbid Mrs B. doing
anything but supervise.

Lillie is at New - I suppose
had better stay there Mrs. Fairbanks
D. Baker

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23, Finsbury Square, E.C.
Nov. 26th. 1897.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you for letter and for W.C. Chase's. I return his to you. They are the best letters I have seen of his for many years. I trust the improvement will be more than temporary. If there is anything further we ought to do, I shall be glad to have your advice. I suppose really his is a case which would do better in some respects out of an asylum, but the expense would be too great for this. Possibly he will improve up to the point of the standard for your Scarborough branch.

I don't expect to be down again until February or March.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

W. Kingston Fox

7. Cowper Street.

Finsbury,

London, Nov. 27th 1897
E.C.

Mr Bedford Price

Dear Friend,

Will you kindly inform me what steps (if any) are necessary beyond the notification of the fact, for me to resign my post as nominal agent for the Retreat?

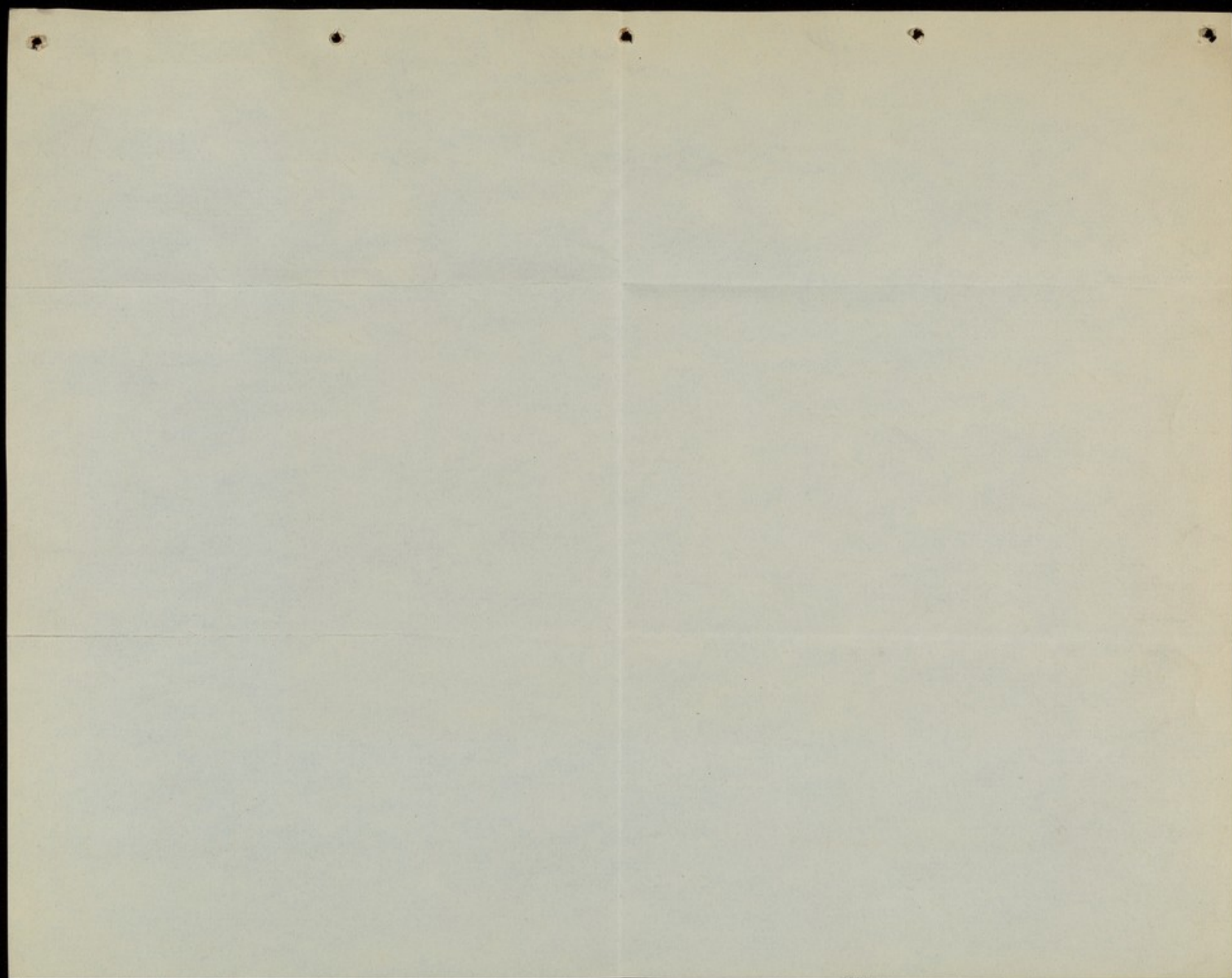
An agent who cannot, or does not, act - seems to be an absurdity: & my many engagements both in business & executorship work, make it quite impossible for me

to serve the Institution suitably
& I don't want to do so
by qualifying for residence!
With kind regards,

Yours truly

Edw. H. Allen

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he now is, and has
been for two years.

We are advised that
he is, up to a certain
point, recovered, and
from his letters ~~and~~
he appears perfectly
reasonable, except for
an alleged loss of
memory, - and we
have decided to give
him a change, but
it will be necessary

HUMMERSKNOTT,

DARLINGTON. Nov 29

Dear Sir

I venture to apply
to you on behalf of my
husband, Mr Jonathan
Buckhouse, as well as
myself, to ask whether
you could put us
in the way of hearing
of an attendant; for

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our son, who has
been in a weak state
of mind, suffering
from "grave cerebral
disturbance" (as by
Doctor's Certificate) —
he was also suspected
of taking opium some
years ago, & was treat-
ed for it, but it was

not proved, the whole
melancholy condition
having originated
in over work, and
over strain at school
& at college, and
necessitated our putting
him under care
and control, in a
Doctor's mental Es-
tablishment in the
United States, where

weak character, easily
led, & influenced, &
it is essential for his
companions to be a mass
of strength, as well as
of tact. I enclose one
of the Doctor's recent
reports as a sort of
guide to you of his
state; & I will gladly
give you any other
information, which
would keep you in ad-

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HUMMERSKNOTT,
DARLINGTON.

for him, if either at
home or abroad to
have a perfectly
reliable body servant
accustomed to mental
cares, & to hysteria,
who would be in charge
of him & responsible
for him.

Our intention is to

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send him to a good
family in France
for the next six
months, and we
should require the
Attendant at once,
from the 16th of December
where our son arrives
in England.

We thank you

very much for your
kind experience, and
connection with this
class of case, that
you may be able to
recommend us a
man likely for the
post; and I need
not say we should
be grateful for your
kind help in the
matter.
Our son is of a very

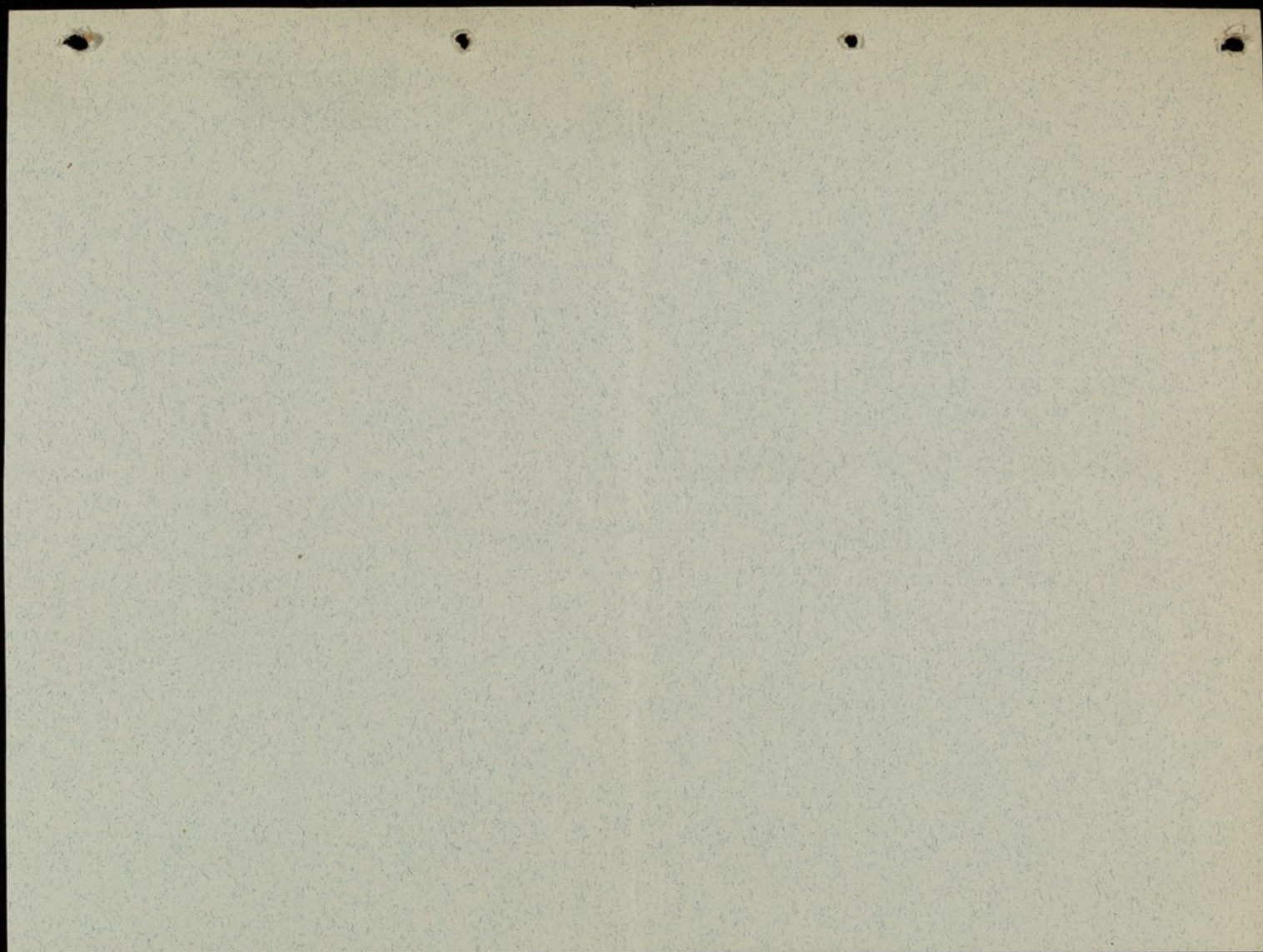
P.S. I shall esteem
it a favor if you
will kindly return
Mr Brown's letter.

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HUMMERSKNOTT,
DARLINGTON.

- asking us of a
suitable man. -
we should be glad
to know what salary
such a man would
receive. -

I am dear Sir
Yours faithfully
Florence Backhouse

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TELEGRAMS: "PAPE, NEWCASTLE."

Memorandum.

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CYCLE DEPARTMENT.

Sole Agent for "COLUMBIA" BICYCLES.

FROM

W. R. Pape.
North of England Gun Works
36, Westgate Street.
Newcastle upon Tyne



To Dr Pierce

Nov 24 1897

INVENTOR & PATENTEE OF BREECH LOADING GUNS & RIFLES.

WINNER OF THE 3 SUCCESSIVE SHOT GUN CONTESTS HELD AT LONDON IN 1858-1859 & 1866.

AWARD OF THE INVENTORS CUP FOR THE INVENTION OF CHOKE BORING. - 1875.

My Dear Sir / We can do no more now got married
in Private, last Saturday. his letters are not
his writing now he has got help from the family
I don't think he will keep well for very long
this time with best thanks

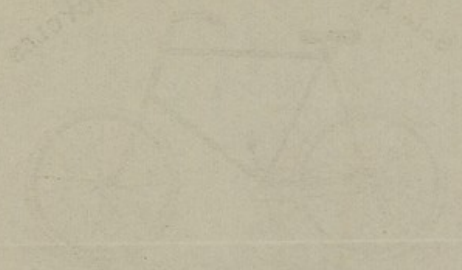
Yours Dr Sir

Yours faithfully
W. R. Pape

COYOTE DEPARTMENT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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RUSHMERE COTTAGE,
North Side,
WANDSWORTH COMMON, S.W.

11^{mo} 17. 1897

Dear friend

Bedford Pierce

Thou wilt ere this have received £10 from Gen. Topping, as a beginning towards payment of the money owing by him.

I explained to him what Thou hadst said about a reduction of £13, provided the balance was paid promptly, and I ventured to tell him that I thought you would accept a monthly remittance of £10 as within that offer.

I knew well that this would not be in his power to accomplish

unless we could put pressure on the firm already referred to, with the view of getting more ready payment for overdue commission.

I am glad to believe that our efforts in this respect have not been fruitless, for they have promised what will enable him to pay £10 a month for the next four months.

No one could more earnestly desire than he, to satisfy you, and I hope I have not exceeded that which you can approve.

Poor man, he is much to be felt for. - David is still at home, & efforts are being made to get him work on a farm. -

I am

Thine sincerely

Edwin Ransome

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11 June 17 - 1897

John F. Smith

3 Court View
Spring Road
Wrentham

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Dear Dr. Pease -

I understand
that Mr. Ryley has been
communicating with you
in regard to the balance
owing to the Retreat.

I consider he has stepped
a little beyond the mark
as we trustees in no
way authorized him to
do so - & it is a matter
that concerns us only.

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Will you therefore in
future kindly write
to either Mr. Dixon or myself
or preferably to Mr. Graveson
on all business matters.
Of course it is only likely
Mr. Ryley wants to add to
his business - but it is
an unnecessary luxury
& one we cannot afford.

You will be leaving from
us shortly.

I should be very glad to
know how my dear sister
is.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Carol E. Rink

P.D. I have not received photos
yet, but will send you one
as soon as they come

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MISS LAWFORD, Lady Manager.

HAZELWOOD HYDOPATHIC ESTABLISHMENT.

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, N.

Nov 29th 1897

Dear Dr. Pince,
According to
my promise I write you
these few lines to inform
you how I am getting on.
We arrived here on Saturday
about 2 o'clock, the weather
was quite fine, but there
seemed to have been a great
deal of rain here during
the week. Yesterday (Sunday)
it rained almost the whole

we fully understood each other (more so the last few days) than we have done before, & I fully appreciated your great kindness to me, more than any words on my part can express.

Remember me very kindly to Mrs. Puce, the children & Miss Annulton, & with kind regards to yourself I remain

Yours faithfully
A. Hart.

of the day, but to day has been beautiful, & I sincerely hope it will keep so, because although there is plenty to occupy one's time with indoors, still too much of that gets rather stale.

I have found out some golf links, which are within a short distance of the Lydw. & intend joining them for a week, or two. (They give weekly tickets)

Mother wishes me to remember her very kindly to you, & to thank you for the great interest you have taken in my case, of course it seems quite needless for me to say I join her in those expressions, because I think

every ten days or a fortnight,
but I ~~have~~ missed seeing him
on his last visit.

Can you suggest any plan of
satisfying the Commissioners,
without changing the attendant?

I don't suppose any horse would
like to give her name, & I don't
myself know what amount of
responsibility it would involve.

I haven't replied to the Commissioners,
simply because I had no other
name to offer. I shall be glad
to hear further from you.

Believe me,

Sincerely yours,
W. J. Thomas.

Clayton House, Clayton
Nov. 30. 1897.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

In reply to your enquiries
yesterday I can only say that
matters have not progressed so
quickly as I expected when I
last wrote to you - & I have
delayed writing, hoping every
week to have something definite
to report. I wrote to the Commissioners
about a month ago, & they replied,

also sending a Form to be filled up. I had misunderstood their letter, so they wrote again explaining that the Form being filled up with my own name was useless, & I must send up the name of someone residing in the house - I could not be accepted for the transfer, being the Petitioner in the case. The nurse does not wish to take a permanent post, & so declined to allow her name to be used, & there is no one else in the house but a maid-servant who has been only a few weeks.

I find great difficulty in obtaining a suitable person to reside with us, & hence the delay.

We are going on very smoothly on the whole, & the nurses manage Mrs. Riddings admirably, & I am very reluctant to make any change so long as I can retain her services - which will probably be for at least a few weeks longer. Mrs. Riddings is wonderfully well in general health - mentally there is no marked change. Dr. Jeon can see her usually

Fernwood,
Abheydale,
near Sheffield.

Nov. 30. 1897

My Dear Sir

Eliza M. Ponsaster who
lives after her brother's money.
matters is troubled about
what to do with some
small dividends that
come.

Mr. Gray understood
you to say that these could
be banked during his
life-time & that one
of his family or friends
might advance the
amount banked to be
repaid after his death.

The Solicitor does
not understand the
scheme & as the
dividends would have
to receive William D's
signature before they
could be banked, the

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same difficulty would
appear to remain, that
there is now, that he
is not allowed to sign
papers. -

You must have
had many cases like
this one to deal with
& I should be much
obliged if you would
write me particulars
of what you consider
the best course to adopt
& I will get my Solicitor
(Mr. Barker) to advise
upon it.

I think you see
Williams's Letters. - One
has come tonight
which I enclose.

All these letters

show that he thinks
we are treating him
very cruelly, but I
fail to see how we
could make his
life happier.

Yours faithfully
Wm. L. Lincoln

Lt. Rufus Pierce

Newholme
Heaton Moor
Stockport

Nov. 26. 1897

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter
with reference to my
daughter Gertrude for
which I thank you.

Herewith I send you the
necessary Certificate
duly filled in they to
say that my daughter
will arrive at York
on Monday at 1.42 in

Company with my Sister
Miss Pollard & Miss
Eliza A. Warstell of Lancaster
and I am

Yours truly

J. W. Pollard

D. B. Pierce
Yrk

Northolme
Bromfield Rd
Heaton Moor ~~Stockport~~
Nov 30. 1897

Dear Sir I am obliged by
your letter of the 29th. Just
herewith enclose all
the Certificates requested which
I have endeavored to fill
in correctly -
We are much
pleased to hear that your
daughter is settling in -
we are more than pleased
to know that she may
write to her. - I have
sent her notice to day of age.
I will write you further
about the terms of payment

I am not at home to day
therefore recd Dr
Swanwick for when I go
to the work

With many thanks for
your kindness

I am,

Yours truly

J. W. Follans

To
Dr. Beaufort Pierce
York

AND 11, CAVENDISH PLACE,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W.

HOXTON HOUSE,
52, HOXTON STREET,
LONDON, N.

Nov 5th 1897.

Dear Dr. Peirce

I have been so pressed
with work the last few
days as I should have
written longer before.

The patient, Mackay, is
better than when he came
to us although he still
has delusions about being
poisoned and he is an

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inveterate Masturbator.

There was no reason for
any haste about his
removal, but his
father belongs to the
"Young generation" and
was constantly telegraphing
here about his son's

condition.

He circumcised Mackay,
put silver wires into his
foreskin & tried other means
to cure his habit of ^{masturbation}
but the effect was only

Temporary.

With kind regards

Remain
Yours very truly
J. Wood

to come to my house at present - as he is so disgusted with himself for having "disgraced me in the eyes of my servants & friends" - as he put it.

I had a note from the General Manager of the Railway Co. asking how he was & if he was likely to be able to begin work at an early date - but I have not told father so. This came the day after I saw him. I shall be very glad to hear from you & all in with any suggestion you may make.

Yours very truly

J. M. Hermon

P.S. I am writing him saying we must be guided by you.

TELEGRAMS & PARCELS,
MOSSELL, G. N. R.

FOULBY,
WAKEFIELD.

Dec. 6/97.

Dear Dr. Price,

I had a note from father this morning - professing himself "quite well" & asking me to make arrangements to have him removed from the Retreat at an early date. He says he wants to be home for Xmas. What do you think about it? I should like him to remain till he is in your opinion perfectly well & able to resume his usual duties. I think he would not

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RODNEY
WATERBURY

F.J. MUNBY,
CLERK TO THE JUSTICES.

Magistrates Clerk's Office,
Clifford Street,

York.
11th December 1897

Dear Sir

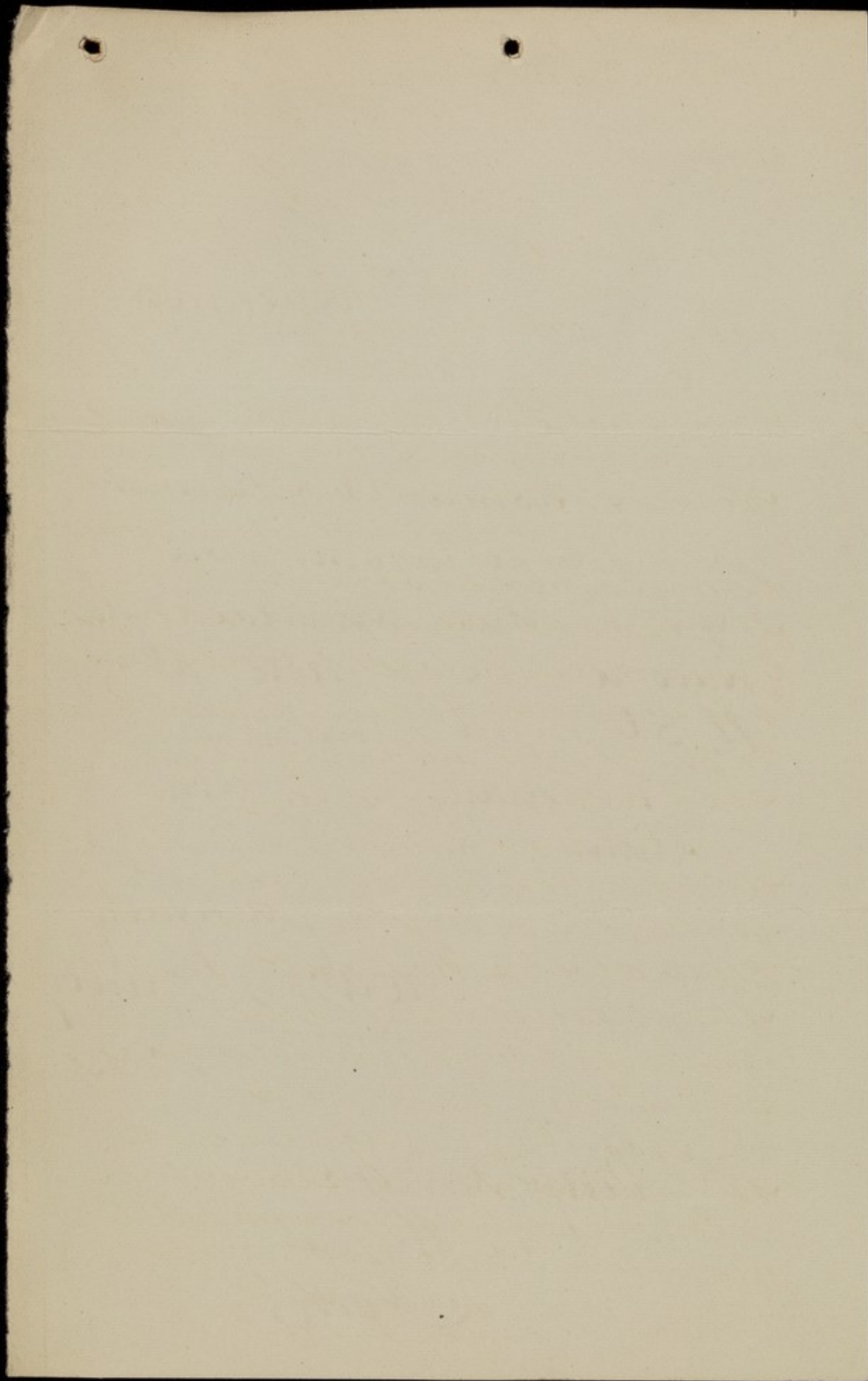
Thomas. A. Colman

I beg to inform you
that I have arranged to
have a Justice here at
11.30 a.m. tomorrow
(Thursday) to see this
Prisoner.

Yours faithfully,
Fred^r. J. Munby
P^r 3138

Dr. Bedford please
The Retreat
York.

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TELEGRAMS:—"DONCASTER SHEFFIELD"

Daniel Doncaster & Sons,
Merchants, Manufacturers & Importers of Swedish Iron & Steel.

TELEPHONE NOS.
66 & 2033.

Doncaster, & Sheffield

Dec. 7th 1897

Dear Dr. Peice,

Mr. Yeomanis has given me the enclosed letter which he has received from W. Doncaster.

He feels strongly & I do for that our good purpose is served by allowing such letters to be posted.

No doubt the horrible diseases from which he says he is suffering are purely imaginary.

I do think his letter is worth preserving as the most conclusive evidence as to the state of his mind. I have seen.

It appears that he is writing to friends all over the country, many of them perfect strangers

who wonder why he should address them, & make enquiries, thinking it may be a case of imposture & delusions.

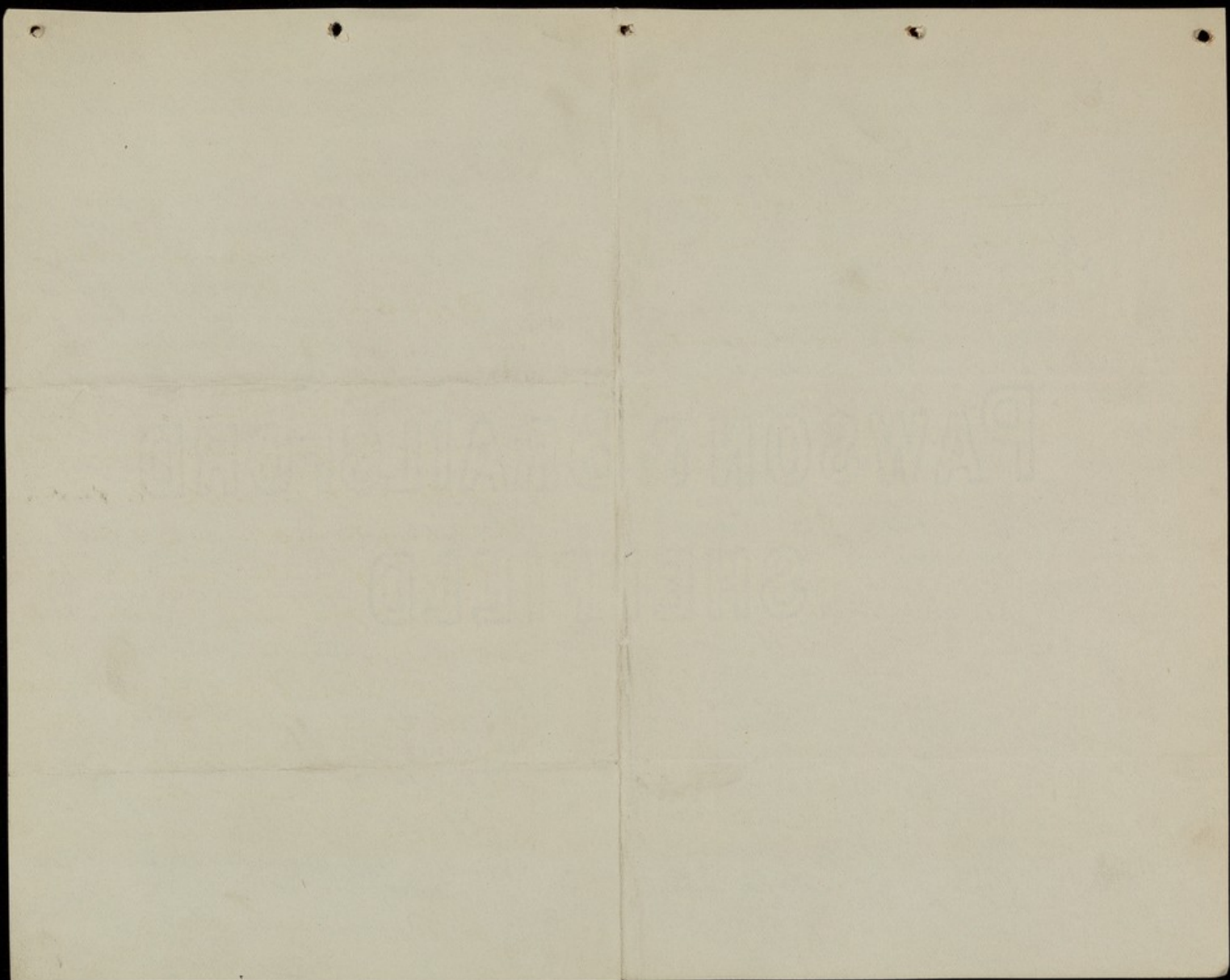
I do not know if you are guided by any set of rules as to letters being forwarded, or whether you have absolute discretionary powers. If you have the power, I am sure it would be a kindness to friends if you could prevent them from receiving his letters & it would be no hardship to William as every year ever receive a reply. -

I believe that the kindest thing we can do for W. D. is to leave him under your care at the Retreat & I shall continue to believe so until you make me alter my opinion.

If you still agree with this view, I don't see why his wretched letters should not be burnt un-read.

Yours very truly,
Sam^l Doncaster

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in case of return to York
becoming necessary it might
be easier to get her from there
to York than from Clayton
Again apologising for any
delay which has been entirely
unavoidable.

Yours sincerely

Charles Geoman

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Kipping House,

Thornton

N. B. 1897

Dec. 6th 1897

Dear Sir.

Re. M^{rs} Ridings.

Miss Thomas has for-
warded me your letter dated 2nd inst.
together with her reply. Unfortunately
by owing to influenza & the
absence of a Sunday post I
have not been able to attend to
it earlier.

Miss Thomas asked ^{to take the train} ~~Mr~~ ^{Mr} Talbot
on the recommendation of the
Commissioners. It seems to me that
such a course might lead to endless
changes.

With regard to other relatives Miss J. does not think any one would act, and appears to dislike asking them. It has been mentioned before.

With regard to again writing to the Commissioners you will see what Miss Thomas says.

As to Mrs Ridings possible return to York. When I have seen her there has been no apparent change; but on my last visit on Dec 1st Miss Thomas reported that her Aunt was getting rather more difficult to manage and sometimes looked rather threatening, but she, (Miss J.) was not afraid of any violence & would like to continue

the present arrangement till after Xmas. After that she was afraid she might not be able to manage, especially as the present nurse does not intend to remain.

I suggested that when the nurse does leave, if Mrs R. still continued to get more difficult to manage she had better return to York for a time at least.

Mrs Ridings, according to Miss Thomas, is beginning to think she is, & demands to be "mistress in her own house"

For my own part when I have seen her she has been on her best behavior. Her general health is very good.

With regard to Miss Thomas' suggestion of a visit to Harrogate I do not think the time of the year suitable. The only recommendation in my view being that

When the nurse ^{leaves}

Aunt back to your care, for
the remainder of the winter.
You must not suppose from this
change of front that she is
particularly worse - I see
very little difference.

Hoping you will be able to agree
to this arrangement, I am,

Yours sincerely,

M. J. Thomas.

Do you think it would be wise
to try a visit to Harrogate
before bringing my Aunt to
the Retreat? She used to like
that place very much.

Clayton House.

Dec. 3rd 1897.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I thank you for your
kind letter this morning - you
have been most patient to in-
ever having allowed me to
keep my Aunt at home "on
leave" for so long a time.

I think now, however, that
my Aunt will have to return
sooner or later - and I
can only ask you to be so

kind as to let me go on with
the present arrangement a
little longer, say until after
Christmas - I certainly cannot
think of asking to have her
discharged - & I can find no
lady to reside here & allow
her name to be used in case
of transfer - And I cannot
bring myself to ask any
other paid attendant to take
the transfer. It was against
my better judgment that I

asked nurse Talbot, & acting
under advice, & I was relieved
when she declined.

Now, however, it seems
useless referring to the
Commissioners any more
when there is such a
probability of Mrs. Riddings
returning to the Retreat for
a few months.

The nurse says she will stay
a few weeks longer, & Dr. Gorman
advises me to bring my

TELEGRAMS:—"DONCASTER SHEFFIELD."

Daniel Doncaster & Sons,
Merchants, Manufacturers & Importers of Swedish Iron & Steel.

TELEPHONE NO. 1
66 & 2033.

Doncaster & Sheffield

Dec. 9 1897

Dear Mr. Lurie,

I thank you very much
for yours of yesterday with
copy of the decision of the act
referring to letters. I am
glad to hear that W. L.
has not been allowed to
write to friends generally.

I think it is quite
right to send his letters to
his sisters or nieces if they
do not contain objectionable
matters.

With regard to other
letters, which need not
be forwarded according
to the act, please ask
your discretion, either
suppress them or forward
to me. It does not
trouble me to receive

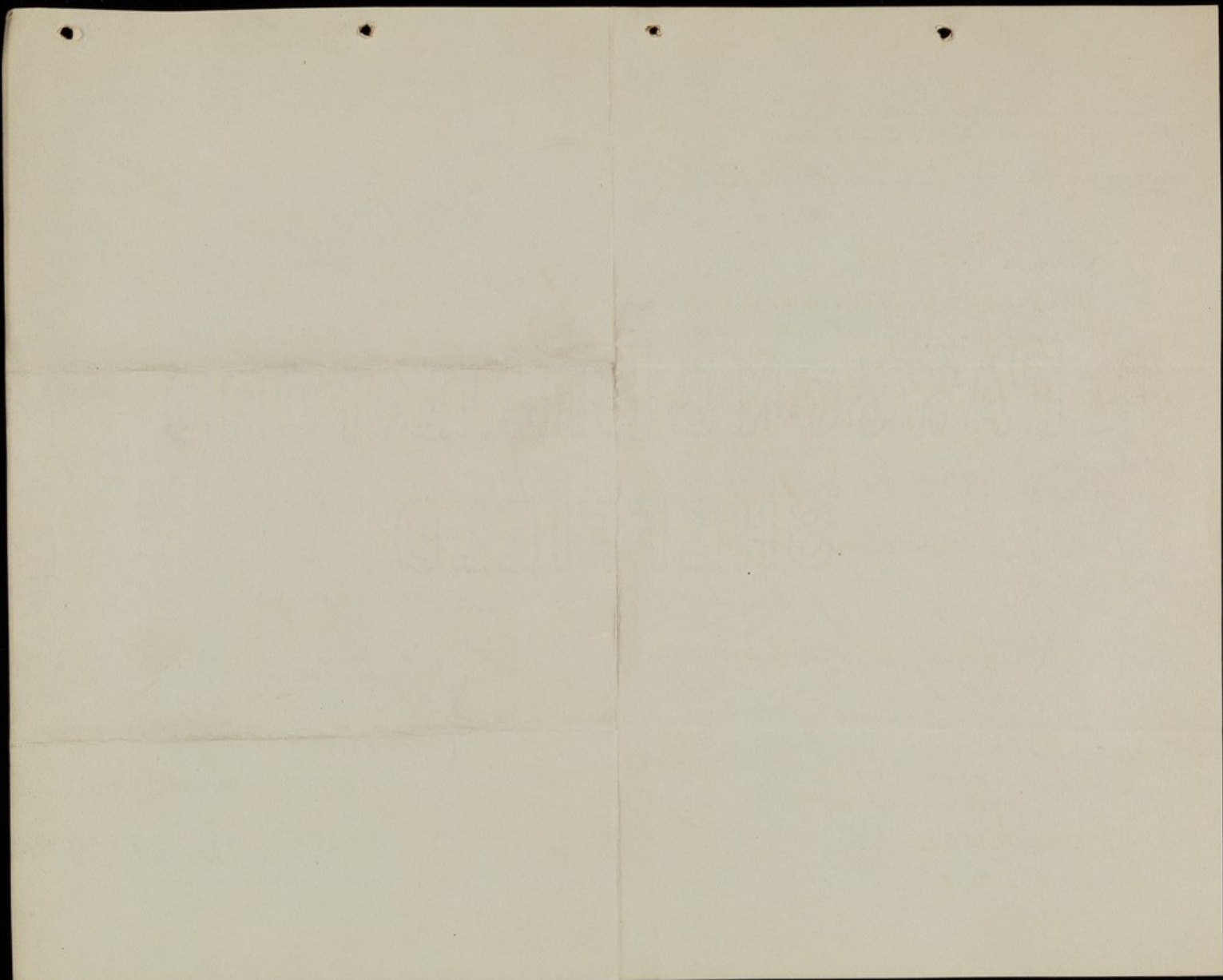
them & I would gladly
reply to any of them if
I could obtain any
good.

Nearly all his letters
are entreaties to be let
out, or threatenings of
various consequences
if I do not liberate him
I having told him as
often, both personally
& by letter, that both I
& all his family believe
he is in the best place
for him. I have felt
latterly that it was
useless to continue
to repeat the same
reply.

Again thanking you
for your kind letter
I remain

Yours very truly
Sam^l Doncaster

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ALL LETTERS ON BUSINESS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE FIRM.
BROOMHEAD, WIGHTMAN & MOORE,
SOLICITORS.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"BROOMHEADS, SHEFFIELD."

Bank Chambers, George St.

Sheffield. 8th Dec. 1897.

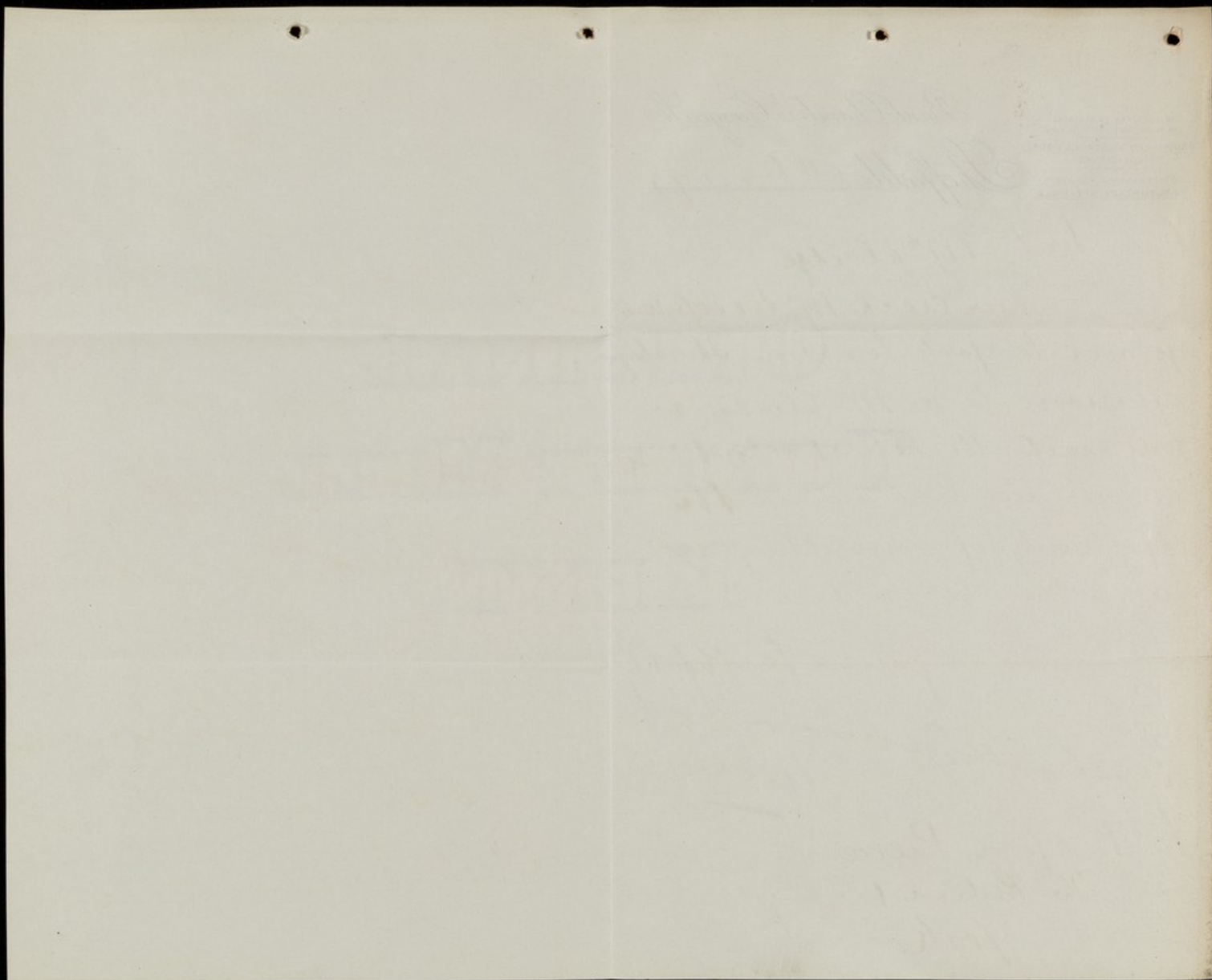
Dear Sir / Mr. Elvidge -

Our Clerk Mr. Lessop will
go over to York tomorrow Thursday
afternoon to see Mr. Elvidge &
will reach the Retreat about 2.30
He will also like to have ~~the~~
opportunity of consulting with
you while he is there if
convenient

Yours faithfully

Broomhead Wightman & Moore
Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

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134, OSMASTON ROAD,

DERBY.

Dec 7. 1897.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to say that
my daughter - Mrs. Edgerley -
who was discharged from
the Retreat by yr authority
on the 11th March last
has had a relapse - and
altho' she has tried what
effect Brighton would have
upon her, in company

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with a nurse - I gather from your letter that it is desirable my daughter should have special treatment. My reason for asking

May I therefore ask you for a "wire" is that it is necessary to commence whether you have accommodations for her - & whether fresh papers will be required - I may say that she expressed herself ten days ago - in my presence that she was quite willing to enter an establishment should it be arranged for the removal without delay - & she has not consulted a medical man at present.

With much respect

I am Yours faithfully

Bedford Place Esq. M.D. G. Morrall

Sunday Nov 30. 1894

Dear Dr Pierce -

A young man the bearer
~~has~~ (Johna Dickinson) has called
upon me relative to a post as
attendant at the Retreat. I don't
know him personally but
am well acquainted with
some members of his family,
all of whom are very respectable
people - He is an abstainer and
says he has for some time wished
for such a situation from what
he has seen of the Millbury

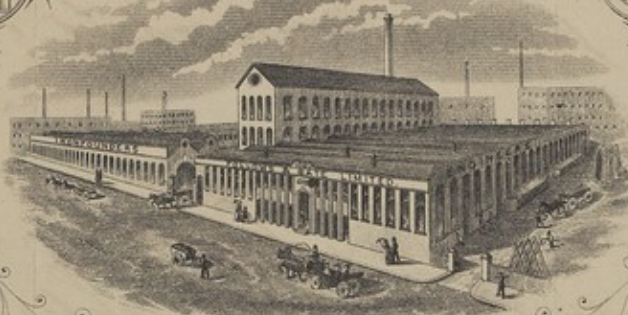
Careless Mr. Hull -

I think I should tell you
that his grandfather who was
a very respectable small farmer
had at the close of his life to be
placed under care but none of
the children so far have incurred
any symptoms - one of your
old attendants - (Lindall) has
told him of the vacancy. This
is all I know so you must
judge for yourself of his suit-
ability.

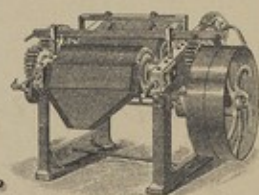
Yrs truly

J. H. Thurston

NATIONAL TELEPHONE—No 5127.
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "CLIMAX, CORTON."



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FOLLOWS & BATE LIMITED. ENGINEERS,

MANCHESTER.

WORKS & HEAD OFFICES:
FROXMER STREET,
CORTON.

GLASGOW OFFICE:— 2. ROYAL EXCHANGE COURT.

Dec: 15. 1897

Dear Sir. In reply to your letter of yesterday I am sorry to give you the trouble of writing re: Terms— I have already made three journeys to Manx. specially to meet Mr. Macdonald. I need not say that a moment is being lost— I may say at once that three guineas a week for my daughter's care is altogether beyond what my means will keep up I had known before I was urged to send her to you (as such

a hurry I must have an up terms
fast - I shall do my utmost & in
a few posts please expect to hear from
me again

Accept my best thanks for
your report of my daughters progress
& condition

I am

Very truly

J. W. Collins

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D. West & Co

under constant observation,
which now seems to worry
him. Of course as I have
told him, the authority lies
with you & that for the present
he must be content to do
as you advise. His sick
leave will expire on Dec. 31st
and if not well by then he
would probably forfeit his
appointment; if he can
put in an appearance at
all by that time I should
be very glad, but if there
is the risk of another break
down & the risk of undoing

FOULBY.

WAKEFIELD.

Dec. 11/97

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My father keeps
writing to me that the
"restraint" is now very
distasteful to him & he is begging
for a little more liberty. I
think myself he would be
safe enough to trust in
the town for a little time,
as he would not then have
the same feeling of being

all the good that has been
done it would be better to
let the appointment go - though
that would mean more fin-
ancial responsibility for my-
self as well as for him.
I will see him again
soon - as soon as you
like - but sincerely hope
that he is actually getting
better.

With kind regards & many
thanks for your kind attention,

I remain
Yours very truly
J. M. Hermon.

31, GRANGE ROAD,
LEWES, SUSSEX.

9/12/97.

Dear Dr Pierce,

I regret that the partial
improvement in our young
Friend, F. A. Chapman
has not been maintain-
ed: his Mother & younger
Brother called upon
me last evening, asking
that he might be sent
to you. We shall proceed
to take steps accordingly
& you shall hear from
me again shortly. I
presume you can send
for him, should we so
desire. The route is
direct, from London
Bridge, Brighton line.

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Yours very truly
Josy. Hopkins.

Lewes 11/12/97.

Dear Dr. Pierce

I have succeeded in completing arrangements to start 7.24. on Monday morning, & hope to reach York 1.45. as already mentioned.

To facilitate our identification by whomsoever comes to meet us, I enclose F. A. Chapman's photograph. It can be

returned to me
when it has served
this purpose,
I bring the documents
with me.

Yours very truly
Jos. Y. Hopkins.

this brutality on his
part, though, at the
time, I let the matter
pass.

William Gregory

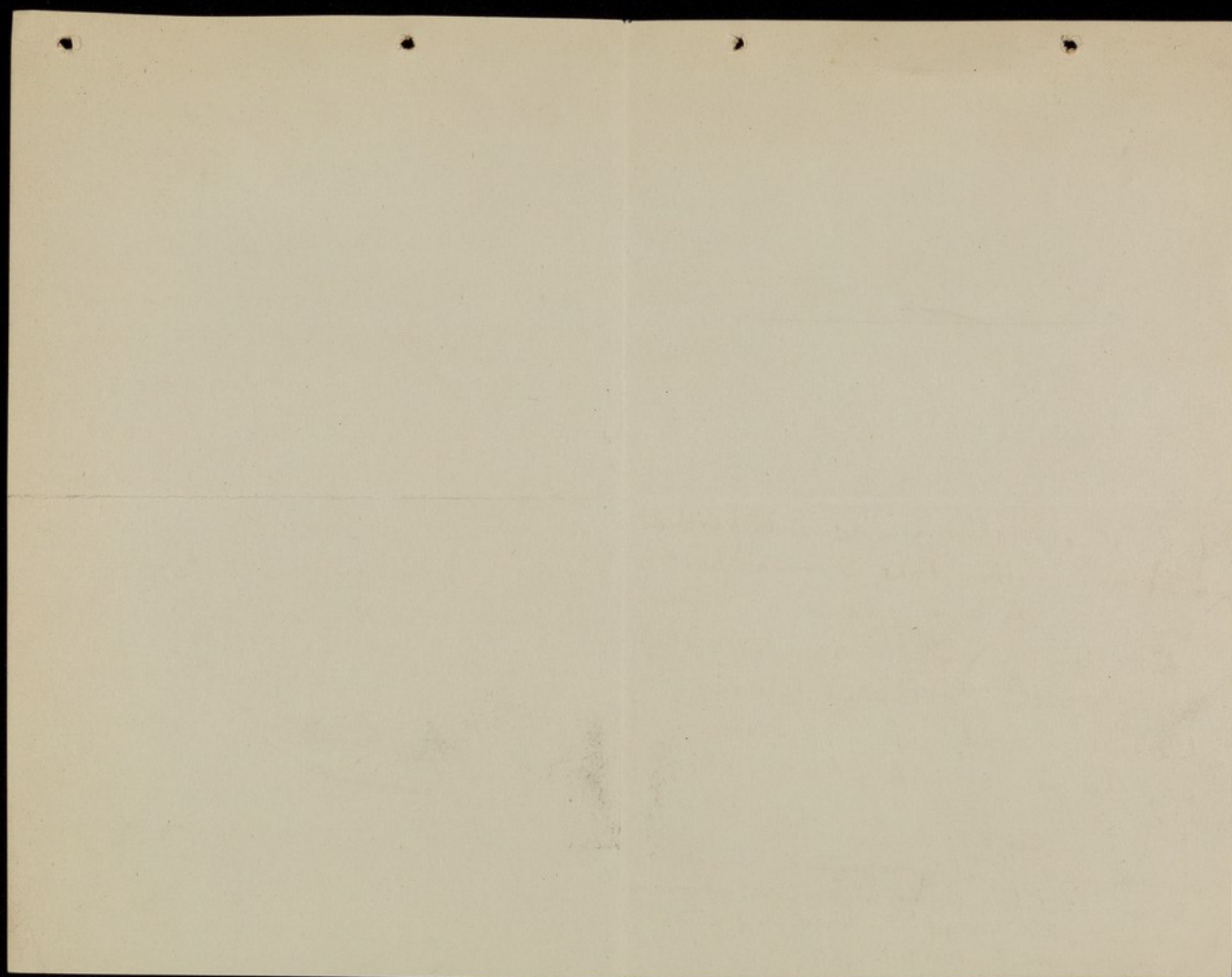
W.G. - struck Stabler from behind, knocked
him down. & then tried to escape past
him - He was collared by Stabler
& put down - Stabler denies kneeling
upon the patient but said he used
his knee in holding him. Stabler
says he ran no risk of hurting the
patient. Dec. 6 97

Stanton says Gregory repeatedly struck
Stabler - ^{Stanton says} that he saw no unnecessary violence
on S. part & did not see him kneel on patient
He Stanton held Gregory's feet D.P.

The Retreat,
York
Dec 5/97

Dr. Perce,

Some month
or so ago I made an
attempt to escape. I
was seized by three or
four of the attendants
here & when I was on
the ground Stabler
pounded me with his
knee almost breaking
in my chest. I do not
care to complain of
attacks made on myself
but consider it my duty
to bring to your notice



I think you + some
members of the Committee
will be interested in
looking at it*. Please
return it some day
to me + oblige

Your friend sincerely
George Rooke

* by two able + very
reliable men.

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MIDDSIDE.

SALE.

11th Dec /97

Dear Dr B. Pierce

re Anne Hunter

I have been going over
the income of your
above patient + find
she has only from
all sources £65 per annum

The quarterly accts.
of late have been
£10 to £20 which is
more than we can

as Trustees afford to pay.

As her Mother was
a member of Socy, of
until her marriage
Friends, (Binns) I should
be glad if you & the
Committee would see
in what way you could
best keep down the
cost of A. H.'s maintenance
so as to come within
the £65. Some few
years ago when first

she was placed at the
Retreat her income
was sufficient to meet
all charges & it has
remained the same
ever since.

By this post I send
a Report on Epileptics
prepared for a new
departure in Town Law
arrangements which
we are making here

Southport

Dec 15/99.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Do you remember in 1894
having my husband Mr. George
Turner under your care?

He is in the same condition
again I presume to say & it was
on his account that Dr. Davies
wired to you yesterday -

At present the doctors are
not sure that it would be
justifiable to place him under

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restraint, but it must soon
end in that or a severe
illness. Will you kindly
write Dr Davies some account
of his condition when placed
under your care & if he was
then certified as insane?

It would not be wise for you
to reply to me as he would
probably see the letter so
I enclose the doctor's address

Houghton Road -
Southport -

Thanking you in anticipation

Believe me -

Yours sincerely,
H. Turner.

P.S. He has not had one of
these attacks since 1894 -

13 Heywood St
Cheetham
15.12.97

Dear Friend
Dr Pierce

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The case of
Gertrude Follows
has been brot to the atten-
tion of George Rooke
& myself. We think
the identity of the girl
as a member of Hardsham
East - and the position
of her father - can hardly
have been understood
by you at the Retreat,
if we gather correctly
that has been mooted
as to the terms on
which you can take

her. J. W. Follows
tho he has undeniably
been "often to the fore"
has not any great
means - and has had
a large family to
bring up. I don't
think the business
ever will do great
things. This is private.

I may also say
confidentially that the
some circumstances
of his recent second
marriage - have
considerably grieved
many of us - so

that it is no partiality that
prompt me to ask for a
corroboration of how moderate
terms - can be made for it.
As she likes to stop long with
you -

Yours sincere friend
John H. Johnson

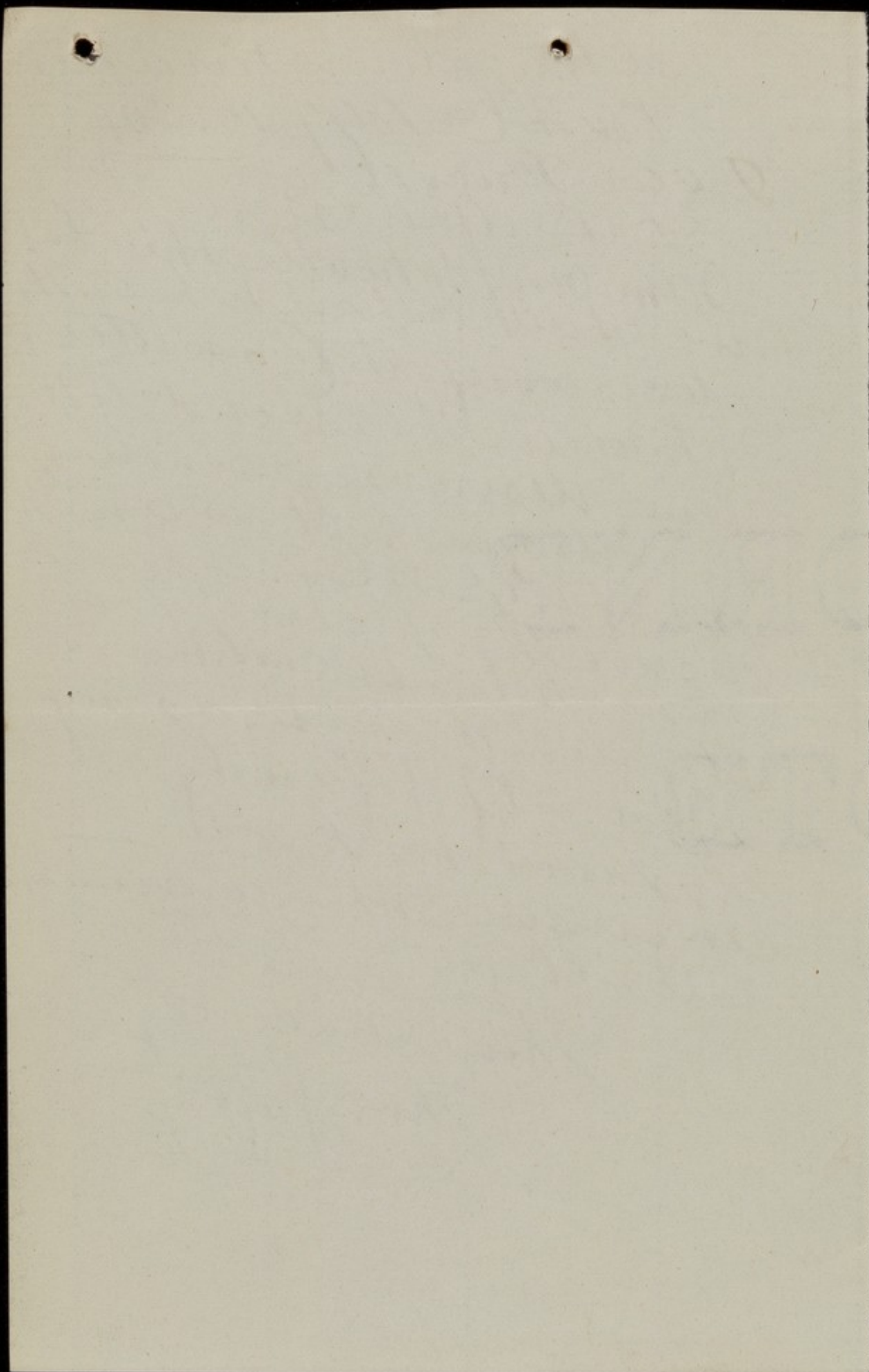
86 Kingsdown Parade
Bristol 1897 12mo 14

Dear Friend

Dr Bedford Pierce;
I am sorry to trouble thee, but
we shall be glad to hear the
decision of the Committee,
& to receive the connected a/c;
being desirous of sending
a cheque for the same.
We shall also be glad to
receive thy opinion of our
son's present condition in
thy judgment, as my
wife & self & family are
anxious to know
an answer when convenient
will oblige

Thine sincerely

Thos. Gregory



I hope the
papers were
all right
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National Telephone No. 50a.

48 LONDON ROAD,
LEICESTER.

Dec 16/97

My dear Sir

I expect by this
time you will have
Miss Baines with you
It is perhaps as well that
she should be sent away
where she is thoroughly
under control. I have
known her as a patient
about 25 years - her mother
died before this and
I hear she was very
peculiar at or during
the Menstrual Period

Another sister was in a
very low & depressed state
for some time -
Miss Baines has a great
strain on her with an old
father nearly blind and
a sister lingering in Consumption
about 3 years ago she
neglected herself - got very
low thin then lost her
rest. I wanted them
at this time to send her
away - but they felt she
could not be spared
& they did not want to
face the expense - & so
tried sending her away
for little changes

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then someone advised her
to be put under Pickering
& try baths. This has made
her worse irritable & tried
her. I feel sure if you
can feed her & keep her
under control she is
naturally very haughty
& self-willed - The whole
cry is something else
ought to have been
done. & everything
is wrong. Her digestion
& constipation are
her chief troubles

functionally.
I thought these
few notes would be
of interest -

You may remember Mrs
Swoll of Belgrave who
was with you about
10 years ago. She is getting
very feeble & has developed
contracted Kidney.
with general wasting
but her mind is wonderfully
clear. Believe me

Faithfully Yrs
Glynis Weston

Berford P. C. E. J. J. J.

Please let me know
if this card fits
except for being cold

Just your Spence £131. in
the present - appears
and this a deal towards it
there not contented it yet
But I think the present
should be in market value
and will be able to
59 813

Lee Hook
Shibden
9th of 12th mo 72
1847

Dear Friend

I feel extremely sorry
to not have been able
to answer your note
(some) sooner, but when
I can tell what to decide
I will. There is a deal
of hesitation to pick up
with on my part and
loss too, but not my own

F. J. MUNBY,
CLERK TO THE JUSTICES.

Magistrates Clerk's Office,
Clifford Street,

York.
15th December 1897

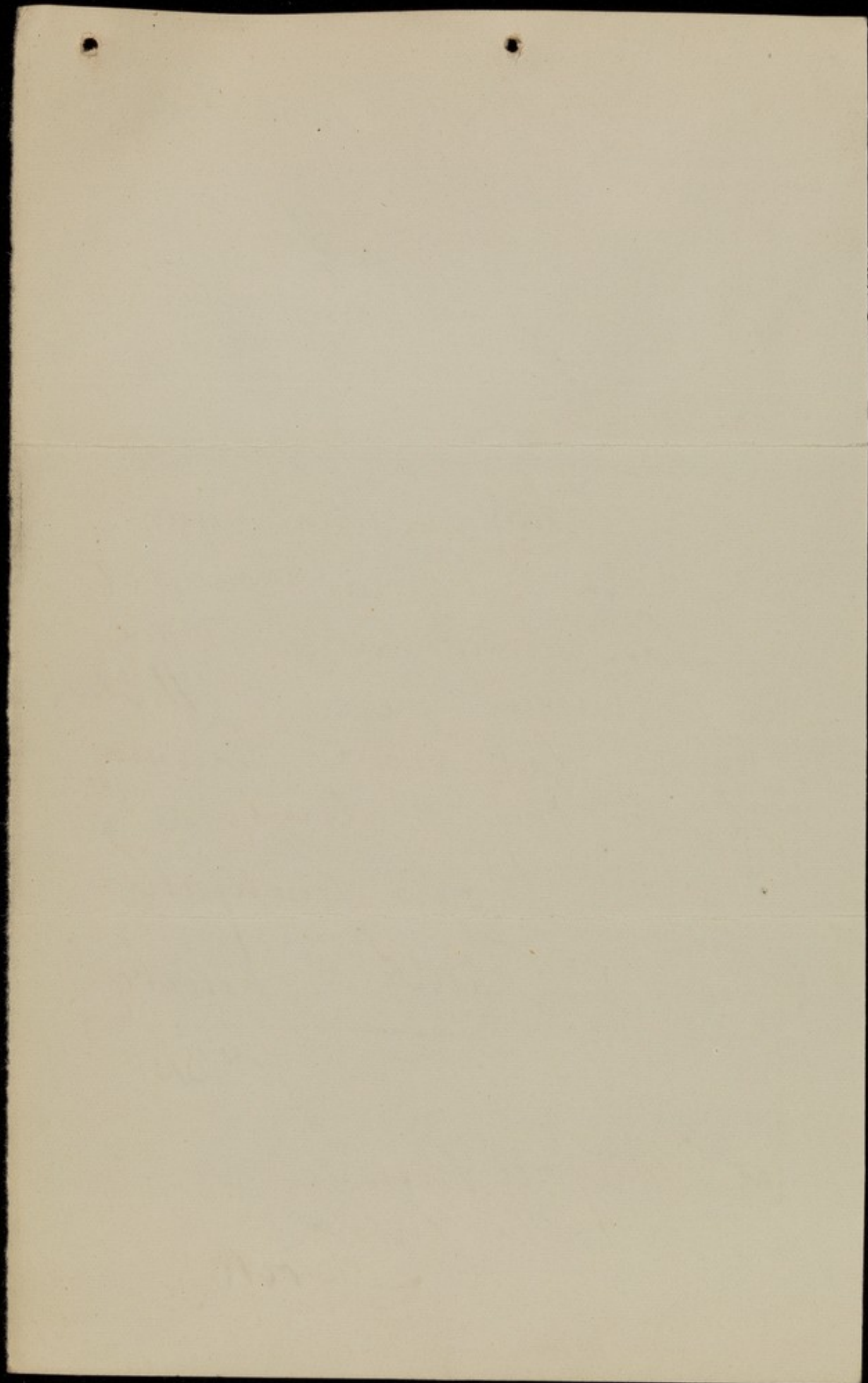
Dear Sir,

Fred. A Chapman
I beg to inform you that
I have arranged to have
a Justice here at 11.30
a.m. tomorrow (Thursday)
to see this patient.

Yours faithfully
Fred. J. Munby
p.w.B.R.

S. Praeger Perry
The Retreat
York.

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HY RICHARDSON & COMPANY
MERCHANTS.

Telegrams.—RICHARDSON YORK

JWS.

Skeldergate Bridge.
York.

23rd December 1896.

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Quotations subject to reply per return
unless otherwise stated.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat, York.

Dear Sir,

Yours of 21st to hand re temporary dining room. If I correctly understand you, that the plans for this and for the passage to it will have to go before the Commissioners before we can commence, this step seems to me to be the first, as we might be in a difficulty if we had accepted a tender and then, on receipt of the Commissioners' comments, found it needful to modify the plan. Will you therefore put before Mr. Brierley your preference for a lower, wider, gabled corridor, and if he sees no material difficulty and adopts your recommendations, he might without further delay get Bellerby's revised tender for this covered way, in order that we may decide, and so be in a position to approach the Commissioners, which I take it we cannot do until we have made up our own minds as to the completed plans of both.

I am sorry that you think the lean-to will interfere with the light. I had hoped that by keeping it low we could have managed. It will not look well, but as it is only temporary, ^I think this would not be a serious objection. Six feet seems to me needlessly wide for a temporary passage. Would you not be satisfied with 5' or 5' 6"? I agree with you that your own men could not do it sufficiently promptly, and think our best course will be to have a tender.

As to the estimates, I cannot follow your comparison between the first estimate of £195 for wood, with iron roof, and this of £218, now tendered including brick, stone, tiles, chimney and the room, until we know the amount by which the

£161 is reduced for the omission of the iron, and the £52 brick, stone etc. is increased for the tiles; in other words, how much extra, of the present total estimate of £218, is due to tiles instead of iron roof.

I think you said that green slates would cost about same as tiles. When you see Mr. Brierley would you ask if he confirms this, and also whether he recommends the tiles ^{or slates} and thinks they could be removed and re-used elsewhere when the building is re-erected in the field, without any very considerable breakage. I notice that his note ~~the~~ gives no opinion on this point, which I think the Committee would feel to be an important one.

I leave home early tomorrow, and my address until Monday night will be

c/o G.S. Gibb Esq.,
2, Grosvenor Place,
Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

in case you wish to write me tomorrow; but probably you will have nothing to report till we can meet, the middle of next week. I return all your papers, thinking you may probably want them for reference.

I enclose some sheets of a/c for Mr. Waller.

Yours truly,

Rich^d Thompson

Preston 9. 11. 97.

Dear Dr Pierce.

I went through your papers last night - and find that with a little examination matters are perfectly intelligible as to mode of procedure. On enclosure I have sketched what I think would facilitate the work of your agents. I do not wish to press my ideas on your committee - as I am inexperienced in these matters

but if you think there is any part of my ideas good - adopt only such.

I think agents ought to have in their possession copies of the documents needed - and not to be under the necessity of sending for them after they have been applied to for help.

I also think if instructions be printed & sent to agents - a card is to be preferred to a folded paper, and less liable to be misplaced.

Yours friend.

Alfred Clemesha

October 9. 11 97.

Dear Mr. Davis

I have thought you perhaps had
might consider that with a little
communication matters are
perfectly intelligible and
state of things in
such case there is little
that I think would puzzle
the most of your experts. I
do not need to press my views
on your Committee as I have
expressed in their meeting

Let me say that there is no complaint
from your committee
I think ought ought to have in
their former opinion of the
document received - and not
to be sure the remedy of many
for them after they have been
applied to for help

also think of understanding the
points about to get - a case
is to be prepared to a few
pages and can talk to the
committee

Yours truly
C. F. Johnson

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All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,

Commissioners in Lunacy,

19, Whitehall Place,

LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
letters.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

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

20th October, 1897.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant,
concerning fees demanded in the case of Miss Sarah J. Bar-
nard, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say
that they cannot advise you in the matter: but they under-
stand that charges for Magisterial acts under the Lunacy
Acts are made in some instances in other Counties and
Boroughs under Tables of fees and allowances authorised by
the Home Office.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. Dean

For the Secretary.

The Superintendent,

The Retreat Hospital.

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HOME OFFICE.

WHITEHALL.

26th October 1897.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department
to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of the 23rd inst, with enclosures
and to say that the same shall receive due attention.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant.

KENELM E. DIGBY.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

HOME OFFICE

WHITEHALL

I am the first to be in the world of the world. It is a world of the world.

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(Mem: only)

The Clerk to the Justices for the City of York

Dr to Miss Sarah Jane Barnard
the Retreat.

re Miss Sarah Jane Barnard.

Informing Miss Barnard of her right to be taken before or visited by a Justice, Judge, or Magistrate, as provided by the Lunacy Act 1890. (Sec. 8.) and supplying her with a form for exercising this right.

Attending on Miss Barnard when she expressed her desire to exercise her right, & signed the form necessary for the purpose.

Registering & posting ~~the said~~ form.

Consultation as to whether Miss Barnard's health would allow her to be taken before a Justice, or whether it would be necessary for her to be visited by a Justice at the Retreat, when it was decided that she was sufficiently well to be taken to the Justices' Office.

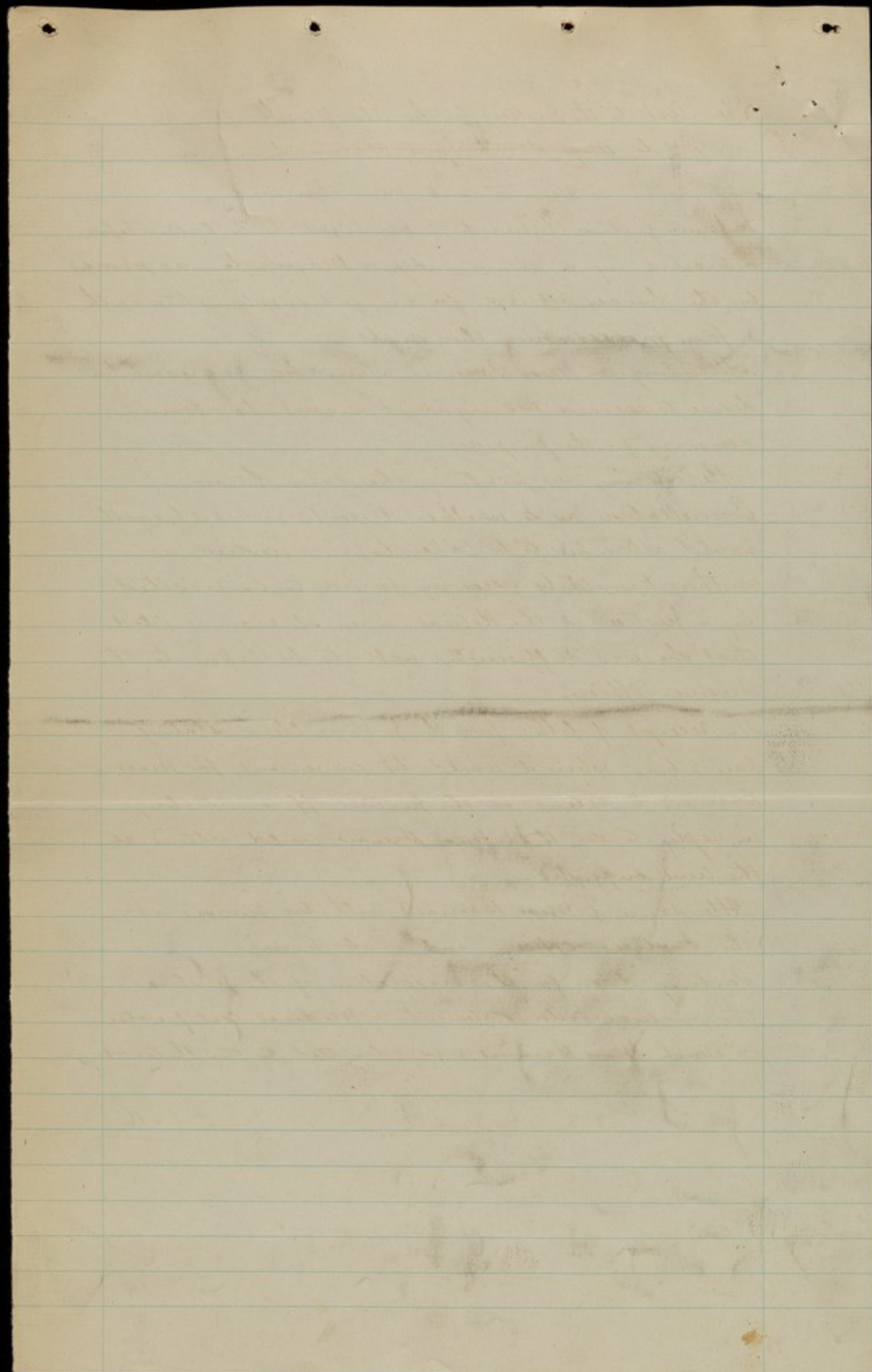
On receipt of letter from the Justices' Clerk stating day & hour when it would be convenient for Miss Barnard to attend at the Justices' Office, writing in reply to say that Miss Barnard would attend at the time suggested -

Oct. 11 Attendance of Miss Barnard with two Nurses at the Justices' Office, and Cab hire.

Sending down for the inspection of the Justices the original order, statement, & Medical Certificate on which Miss Barnard was admitted to the Retreat.

L1-1-0

Immerely suggest this as a reasonable set off against the account rendered by Mr. Menley
S.R.D.



Fern Bank, Otley

4 Dec 1897.

Mr. J. E. Woods.

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours re my brother's Ac - of course I have no legal responsibility in the matter, but if I was able to assist in paying the Ac I should feel myself in duty bound to do so - unfortunately at the present time I am not in a position to do so - I sent you £50 some time since which was a large slice out of my income and hoped that I should not find the Ac in arrears again so soon - I know during the last 12 months that my mother's income has been seriously curtailed by repairs &c to property having become necessary but I hope next year she will be better off - I know it is a constant source of anxiety to her, this Retreat Ac, for we

should all feel it very much
if my brother could not live
in the future as comfortably as
he was accustomed to do when
at home, & I myself would if
I could render as much assist-
-ance as I was able consistent
with what was due to my wife
and family for I have my duty
to them to consider as well as
to my brother and the £50 I
sent you was fully as much
as I could send you this year.

My brother on the decease
of my mother becomes entitled
to a fifth share of £8279
or £1655 about, & it appears
to ~~be~~ me that such being the
case it should be possible that
some sort of arrangement might
be made by anticipating this
sum; my cousin Mr. Edwin Blakey
Marine Parade, Barmouth, is
the Trustee & I would suggest
that you should write him
letting him know the state of the
Aff & mentioning my suggestion
to him - if you would prefer
that I should communicate with
him I will do so on hearing
further from you.
Yours Faithly
W. C. Blakey

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should all feel it very much
of my brother's care & that
in the future as comfortably as
he was accustomed to do when
at home. I myself would if
I could render as much service
- as I was able to contribute
with what was due to my wife
and family for the very day
to them to contribute as well as
the very brother's care to do
that you can feel as much
as I could need for the year.
My brother and the others
of my mother's business with
a fight of the 22nd
on 15th March & it appears
to me that such being the
case it should be possible that
some sort of arrangement might
be made by anticipating this
year, very much the same thing
than for the year. I should suppose
the brother & I would expect
that you should write him
to say that know the state of the
life & everything very satisfactory
to him - if you would prefer
that I should communicate with
him I will do so as he is

Yours truly
Wm. Lloyd Garrison

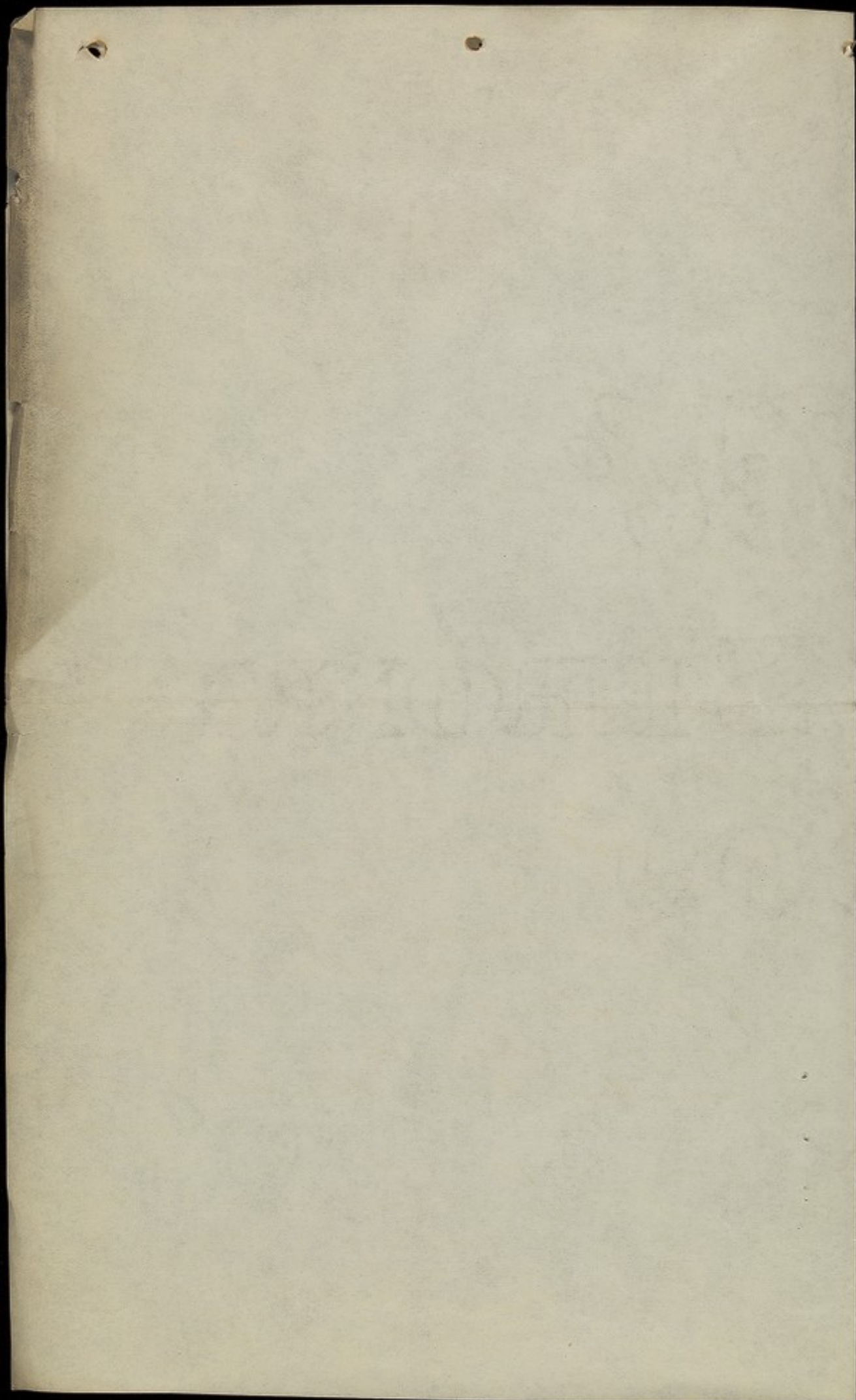
Tenn Park, Otley
20 Dec 97

Mr. J. S. Woods
Dear Sir,

Kindly present
the enclosed to the Committee
of the Retreat, at their next
meeting & oblige

Yours Faithfully

W. C. Blakey



Fenn Bank, Otley
20 Dec '97

Gent^{le}, I am writing at the request of my mother in reference to your A/c against her for J. R. Blakey's maintenance - I regret to say that the Agents for the Trustees who hold the property from which my mother's income is derived have spent so much money on it during the last 12 months that the balance from the rents has been barely sufficient to cover her domestic expenses. Consequently she has been unable to keep ^{up} her payments to you.

I myself have done as much as I could to assist her in the matter, having sent you £50 this year, but unfortunately I am unable at present to send you more. But my object in writing is

to make a suggestion for
your consideration —
my brother is entitled on
the decease of my mother
to a fifth share of £8279
or about £1655. & it appears
to me that some kind of
arrangement might be made
with the Trustees. kindly
consider the point, & if you
think it practicable I can
put you in communication
with the Trustee.

I may say that this Affair
has lately been a constant
source of anxiety & if some
arrangement of the kind I
suggest could be made, it
would be better for all concerned

Yours sincerely
H. C. Blakey

The Committee
The Retreat
York.

to make a representation for
 your consideration —
 my brother is entitled to
 the share of my mother
 to a fifth share of £8299
 or about £1658. It appears
 to me that some kind of
 arrangement might be made
 with the Trustees. Finally
 consider the point & if you
 think it practicable I can
 put you in communication
 with the Trustees.
 I may say that this has
 been lately been a constant
 source of anxiety & of some
 arrangement of the kind I
 suggest could be made &
 would be better for all concerned.
 Yours sincerely
 W. B. Blackley

The Secretary
 The Committee
 York.

THE ROOKERY,
ALTRINCHAM.

Dec. 1. 97

Dear Sir.

With reference to the conversation I had with you at The Retreat on the 8th ult. re Frederick Wright, I have been somewhat surprised to hear that on both Sundays since that date, he has been at Meeting in the City.

I find it very difficult to understand this fact because, tho. you made me quite understand at our

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interview, that you neither
agreed with nor appreciated
my views on the subject, yet
you promised that my wishes
should be fully carried out -

Amongst other things, mentioned
at meeting was mentioned
& seeing that I believe it is a
fact that I. W. Wright, until
Sunday before last, has not
attended a single sitting
at York Meeting House, it
does seem strange that he
should begin to do so on the

very next Sunday after I
made the contrary arrangement
with you.

At first I thought
it might have happened thro.
inadvertence but now I don't
know what to think & am
anxious to hear some explan-
ation (which there must be)
from you, Waiting your reply.

I am

Yours faithfully

G. A. Pickard

Dr Bedford Pierce

York.

entirely with us & is fully
sympathized with & approved
by F. W.'s mother, Mrs. C. Wright.

Now, I think that F. W.'s
sudden desire to attend meeting
only justifies my fear of
what may possibly happen
& further it certainly seems
to be the outcome of my boy's
visit to The Retreat at the
concert at which it is
probably a mutual recognition
took place - at any rate my
boy recognized his uncle ~~at~~
(who sat in the front row)
& at once, by his likeness to

THE BOOKERY.

MILTRICHAM.

Dec. 3. 94

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am obliged for
your letter of the 2nd inst.
& may say in reply that I am
quite clear in my recollection
that at our interview, it was
arranged that F. Wright need
not & should not attend York
Meeting - however I have no
objection to discuss it further.

First let me say that my
desires on this question are
the result mainly of judgement.

rather than feeling. If I lived
in York, I should at once,
introduce my brother in law
to my son, frequently have him
at my house, play chess with him
&c. but I am not there, which
makes a great difference —
When F. W. went to the Retreat,
my boy was a baby & consequently
never knew his uncle & I,
using such judgement as

I possess, am certain that
it is not desirable from any
point of view that the two
should meet whilst the uncle
is an inmate of the Retreat
or any other establishment
of a similar kind, unless, as
previously stated, I myself am
present at the interview.

Let me further say, that my
son has never volunteered a
word to his parents on the
subject — what I have said,
written & wished, originates

your letter which I am
glad to acknowledge is
written in a reasonable
manner, my judgment
remains unaltered & I trust
you will be able to tell me
that it has been possible
to make some arrangement
whereby the difficulty has
been overcome —

I am

Yours sincerely
G. A. Dickard

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THE ROOKERY,
ALTRINGHAM

his eldest brother & if so
be that the uncle did not
then recognize his nephew,
I feel sure that somehow or
other — perhaps by hearing
or seeing the name — he
now knows that Gray is
at Bootland — I think his
attendance at meeting
proves this — such being
the case, how can I feel

sure that he will not go
to Bootham or stop Gray
in the street when they happen
to meet -

Whilst recognizing &
appreciating your
feelings & desires as to
freedom in the management
of your patients, whilst
I have the pleasantest

recollection of & kindest
feelings for my brother in
law, I have, at the same
time a duty to watch over
my son, two of whose
uncles have been afflicted
in this way - a fact that
perhaps makes me
additionally careful -

You will gather that I
feel very strongly about
this matter & that
~~not~~ notwithstanding

THE BOOKERY,
ALTRINCHAM.

Dec. 9. 97

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am much obliged
for your letter of the 6th inst.
for the steps you have taken in
this matter.

Perhaps it will
help you to realize how I have
felt when I tell you how astonished
I was to find you did not agree
with me - I had no idea there
would be two opinions about
the advisability of taking most
effective precautions and

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tho. my judgement remains
the same, I may say that I
feel very sorry to be obliged to
be guided by it rather than by
my feelings which would prompt
me to do something to leave F. W.
to the enjoyment of such liberty
as you think good for him, in
this as in all other matters -

I shall be in York again
in three or four months time when
I hope to see you about F. W.'s future.
I am Yours sincerely
G. A. Richard

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I am much obliged
for your letter of the 6th inst.
concerning your views on
this matter. Perhaps it will
help you to realize how the
feeling is. I feel your position
I am to find you a strong
with me - I feel no doubt
could be two opinions about
the advisability of being
effective for caution.

Ferris Bank, Otley
11 Feb 98.

Dear Sir,
re J. R. Blakey's Ac

I am in communication
with my cousin (Mr. E. Blakey)
in reference to this matter:
the opinion of our Solicitor
is to be obtained & I will
let you know the result as
soon as possible.

Yours Faithfully

M. C. Blakey

Dr. Pierce
The Retreat
York.

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

Wm. T. Lee (20p)
Heldensbury
July 9/98

Dear Sir, My Nephew Mr
J. J. Johnson lets me for
quickly prepare to leave Mr
Laurin Hume in the
Refiat. on payment of
£50 per annum - if paid
in advance - Therefore
enclosed cheque for £12.10
- Let if I am wrong
another present payment

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Should be larger. With
Send the balance.

In future With by the
more punctual in payment.

Yours &c Sir

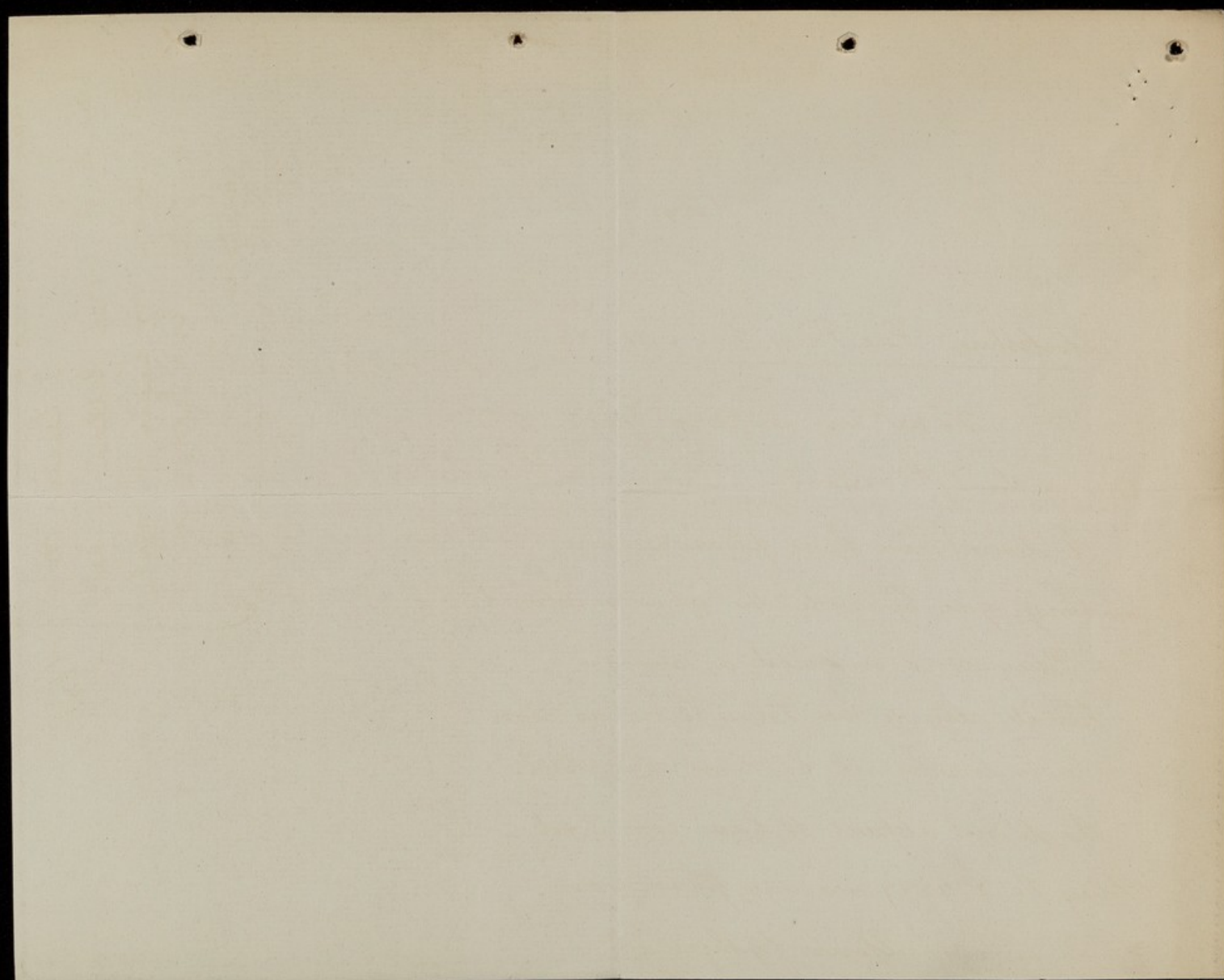
Yours faithfully

Wm Amason

Note Free ref
Heldentony
Feb 11/98

Dear Sir I have to apologize
for not including these
notes in my last paper
I enclose the rest
quarter the exact amount
as stated above -
I am much obliged
for your consideration in
concerning the payment
for my services

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3 Court View

Spring Road

Wren Lane

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Dear Dr. Perie -

I have forwarded your letter to Mr. Graesson for him to reply.

- Thinking it better that a business correspondence

be carried on by the same
person always. I hope by
this you may have heard
from him. Thanking you
for your note.

I am

Yours very truly

P. G. Beirns

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
YORKSHIRE, YORK.



ESTABLISHED 1824.

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Yorkshire.
Fire and Life Insurance Office.
York.

S. E. Woods Esq.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

29 December 1897.

Dear Sir,

Policies Nos 314276 & 7.

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We are much obliged for your favor of the 24th instant, and we note that a slow combustion stove has been substituted for a heating apparatus in one of the Galleries, and as a matter of regularity it would perhaps be well to have the fact noted on the policies if you will kindly send them for that purpose advising us the particular building in which the stove has been placed. There is no necessity we think to have the arrangement inspected as we have always found all arrangements of the kind in capital order at the Retreat.

Yours faithfully,

J. C. Munro

*We assume the stove to stand on a substantial
stone flag or incombustible floor and have iron
smoke pipe carried direct to brick chimney.*

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Bradford, Yorkshire.

LIFE ASSURANCES,

ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES,

ESTABLISHED 1832.

21 of Feby 1898

Dear Sir,

"Yorkshire" Fire Policy No: 314276.

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant.

As desired, we have pleasure in sending you herewith the above mentioned Fire Policy to be endorsed as stated.

Kindly return the Policy to us as soon as the endorsement has been completed.

We do not appear to have ever had Policy No: 314277 in our possession.

Yours faithfully

S.E. Woods Esq.
Secretary,

Friends' Retreat,
York.

J.B. Tennant
Secy.

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Address Telegrams:—"CROMBIE, SOLICITOR, YORK."

G. CROMBIE,
SOLICITOR.

TELEPHONE No. 36.

46, Stonegate, York.

17th Febry 1898.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of cheque £9.14.6 in settlement of account herewith duly receipted.

Of course, if there any further attendances which you want respecting this matter I shall only be too delighted to complimentarily attend to them or to finally settle the terms with Mr Thompson.

Mr Rowntree will have told you the great difficulty there is at the present time in obtaining purchasers for land of the nature which yours is; on his own estate he is experiencing this with respect to the larger houses.

Yours truly,

G. Crombie

S.E. Woods Esq
Secretary
The Retreat
York.

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The Great Wall

26 HESKETH AVENUE
DIDSBURY
MANCHESTER.

21. 1. 98

Dr. Pierce

Dear Friend;

Elizabeth Hodgson
of Heaton Gables, Heaton
Mersey, mother of
Leonard Aaron Thomp-
son died on the 21st
of 10 mo. 1897. The pro-
bate of the Will is
granted, so that the
bill of Leonard's a/c
can be made out to
the Executors - who are

Mrs Hodgson's brother
Joseph Rodal & myself
please send the bill to
Joseph Rodal
Heaton Gables
Heaton Mersey
or Manchester.

My own address is
changed to that at
the head of the letter.

Thy sincere friend
E. Spencer Hodgson

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MANCHESTER
DIDSBURY
25 HESKETH AVENUE

examining her as to
her general health,
as we should be
glad of some infor-
-mation in that
respect.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully
Jas Nicholson

(P)

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Yew Bank
Akley

Feb 12th 1898.

Dear Dr Peice,

I am obliged
for enclosing me a
letter from Mary &
thank you for the
letter written by
Dr Mackenzie on
your behalf as to
the state of my
daughter.

I now enclose

a short simple
reply to his which
if you consider
right perhaps you
will kindly let her
have after
reading & sealing
it.

We have been
wondering how soon
you think it would
be the proper thing
for some of us to

visit Mary - of
course we only
wish to do the
right thing.

I would name
that one of the
nurses that we
had to look after
Mary ^{here} suggested that
she rather feared
that the lungs
were somewhat
affected. Perhaps
you may have
an opportunity of

St Kingsdown Parade
Bristol 1897

To the Committee 12 Nov 18
York Retreat;
Dear Friends

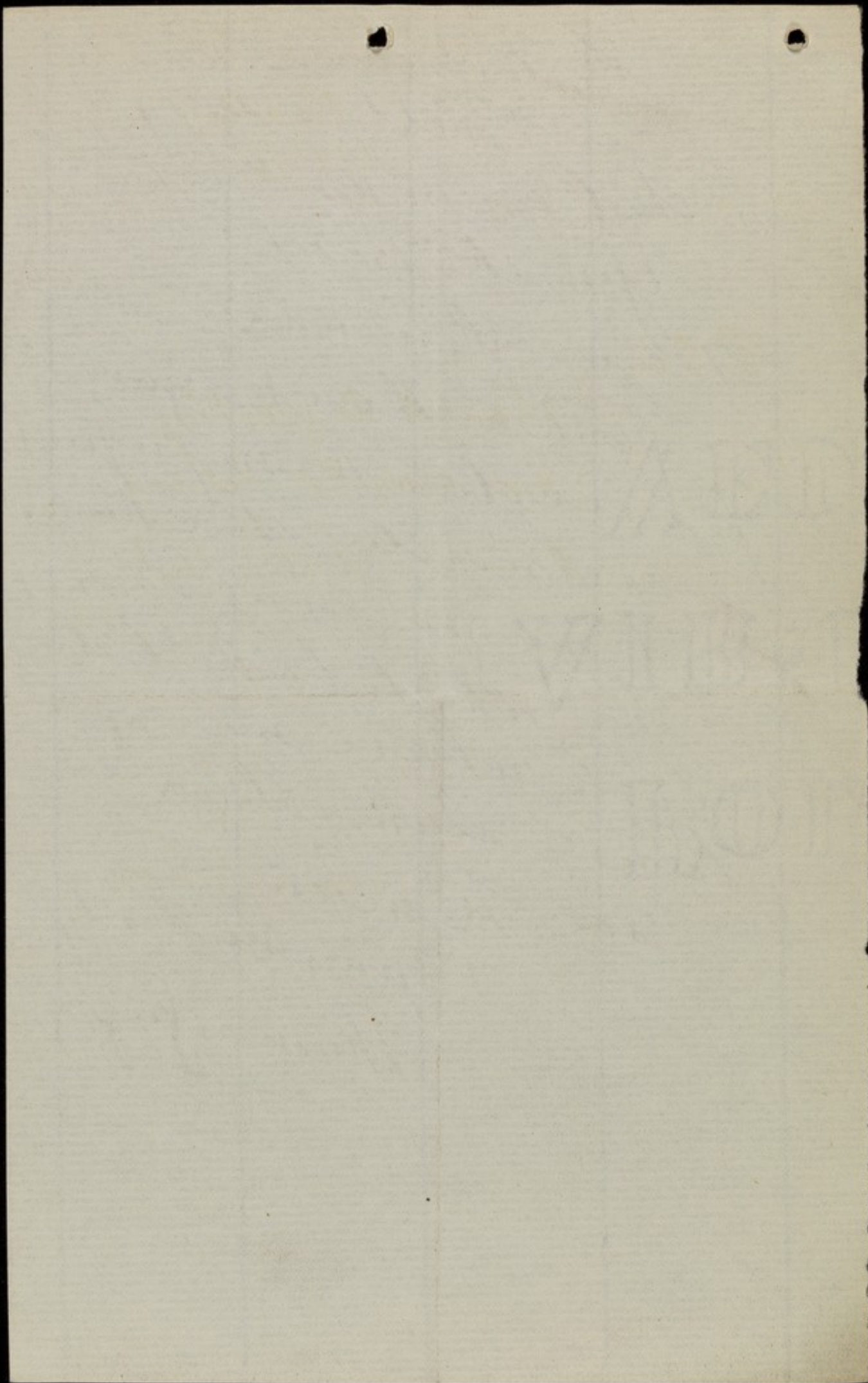
I write to thank you
for acceding to my request
to reconsider the charges
as to my son's escape from
York - which has led
you to relieve me of
them - I am obliged

and Remain

Yours sincerely

Thomas Gregory

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✓
15 Trinity St.
Bally
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Dr Grey

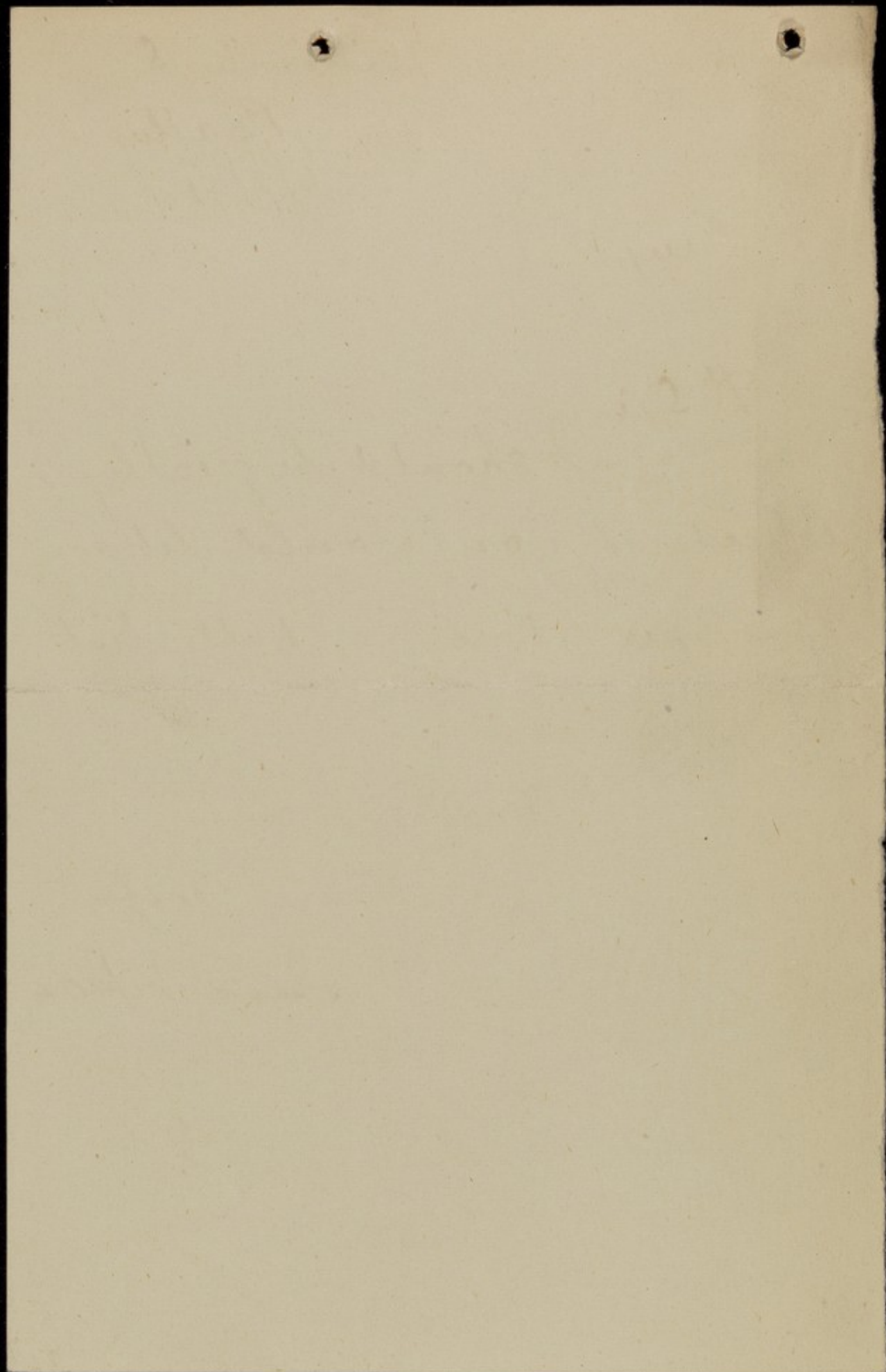
Dr Sir
I should be greatly
obliged if you would let me
have (per return) a full list
of your terms

And Oblige

Yours Resp

Isaac Wilson

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The Library,
British Medical Association,
429, Strand,
London, W.C.

Feb. 19. 1896

Dear Dr. Pierce

Being up in town
I have looked in here,
to hunt up my paper
on Case of Yew Poisoning.

If it is should still
be a matter of interest
to you, you will find
it at page 392 of the
2nd Vol of the Journal

for 1876, date Sept 23rd.
You will consider it,
I think an interesting
case: as the symptoms
were observed from the
first & throughout.

Yrs Very Truly
P. Murray Deas

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The well known
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ENDOWMENTS, ANNUITIES,

ESTABLISHED 1832.

8 of March 1898.

Dear Sir,

"Yorkshire" Fire Policy No: 314276.

We are in receipt of yours of
the 7th instant returning the above-
mentioned Fire Policy endorsed as stated,
and are obliged.

Yours faithfully

J. E. Wood
Secy.

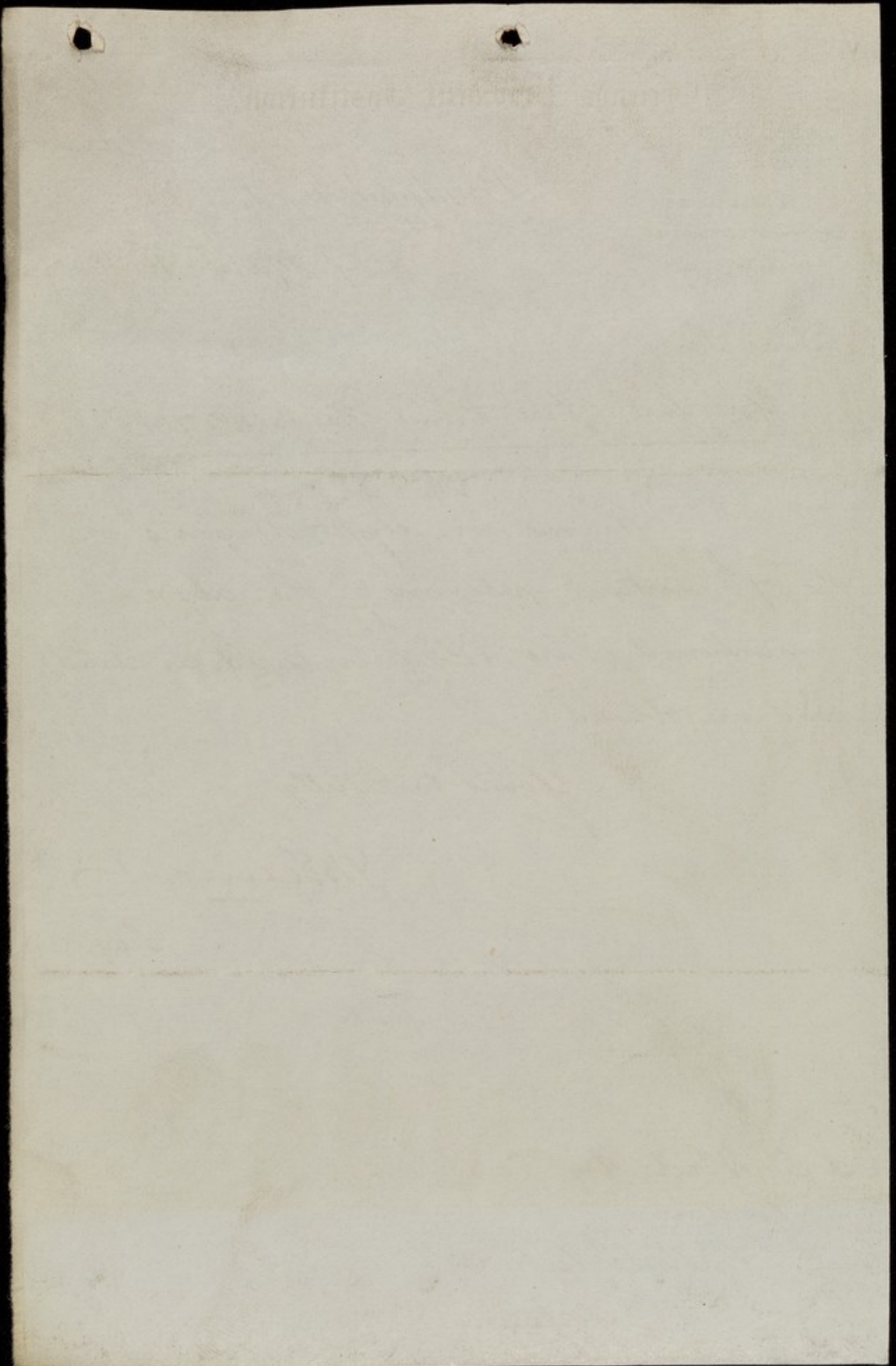
S. E. Woods Esq.

Secretary

Friends' Retreat;

York.

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Cast. That is if he chooses
to do so. At times he
is most unreasonable &
difficult to manage or
coax. one of his delusions
is that his head is coming
off, so that will show
you that in their position
with only one little servant
what a difficult case it
is. At night I believe,
unless locked in his room,

12 Belgrave Square
London. N. W.

Dear Sir

I must apologize for
troubling you with rather a
long letter. Your address
was given to me last night
by a clergyman to whom
I applied for information
& advice ^{on behalf of} ~~an~~ ^{an} old
gentleman who has become

Completely childish, & who
is a great care & anxiety
to his family -

It is a very sad case,
Years ago the Father, Mr.
Stanley Cost - all his
money, they are very proud
poor, & the two daughters,
themselves the younger young
try to support their parents
& themselves by painting &
needlework - Now that the

Father has arrived at this
sad state, it makes life
very hard, for they cannot
spare time to look after
him, although a Dr. who
was called in says he
ought never to be allowed
to go out alone -

It is a bit late to feed
himself I am told, & partially
help dress himself after
he has been washed; at

he walks about the house.
If you can give me
any advice, or information
as to any home, or Institution,
where he could be
received. I should be very
grateful. Without pay I
fear is an impossibility,
because ⁱⁿ ^{our} those homes where
patients get in by vote
would mean waiting so long.

Hoping that you will
forgive me for troubling

you
Believe me

Yours faithfully

Agnes Johnston.

Feb. 22. 98.

Address kindly -

Miss Johnston

12 Belsize Sq.

London. N. W

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

Feb 13th 1893.

Sir, The plans of the proposed alterations at the Retreat have been submitted to the Commissioners in Lunacy, and meet with their general approval.

They suggest, however, that it might be desirable to build the new Lavatory Block in connection with Galleries 4 and 5, with a ventilating neck, so as to avoid all danger of contamination of the air of the corridors and bedrooms adjacent.

The Commissioners assume that, in the new bootroom, provision will be made, by

D. Bedford Pierce,

means of radiators or otherwise, for drying
the boots and overcoats when necessary.

The plans are returned herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edmund M. M. M.
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

16th Feb'y 1893.

Sir,

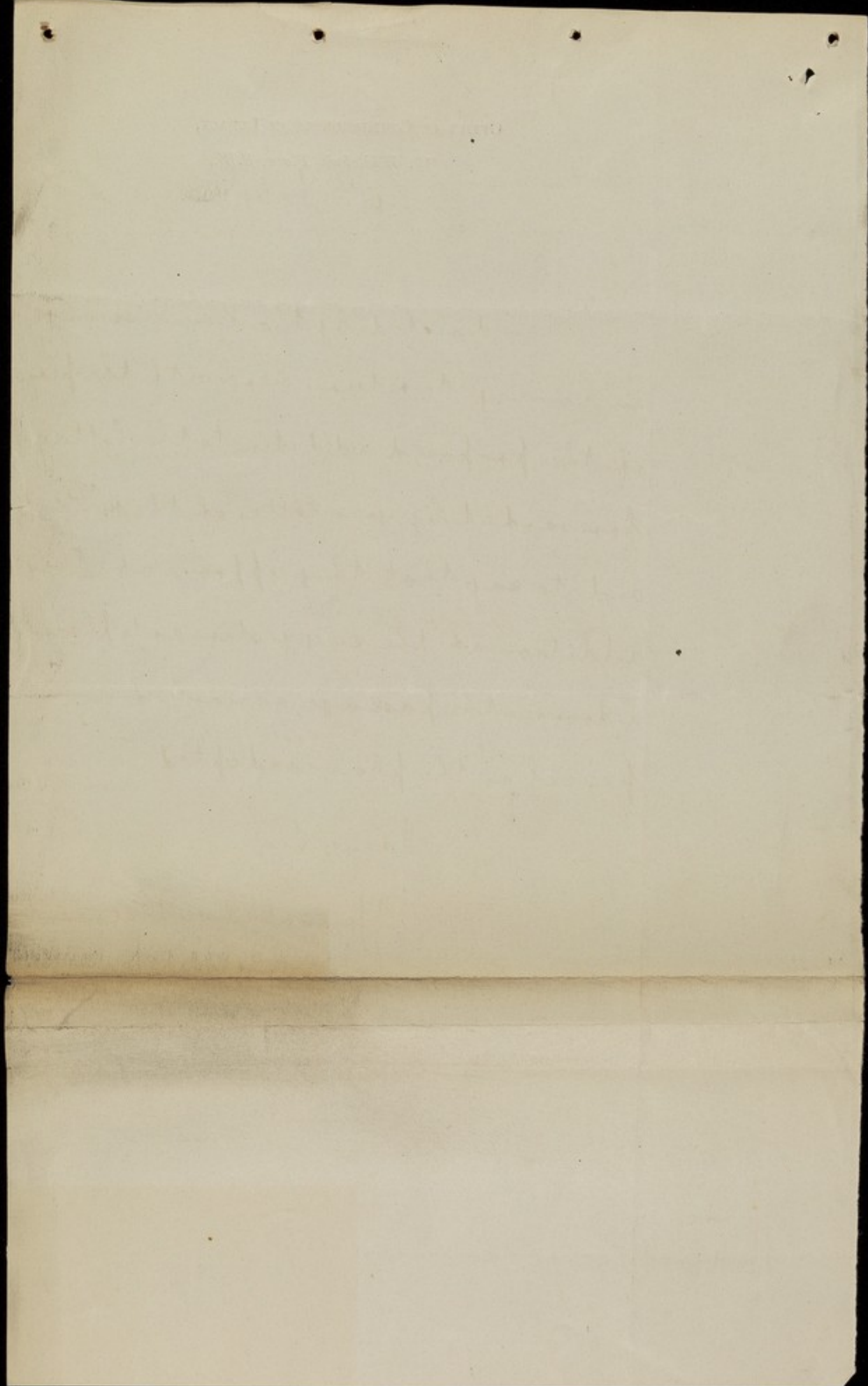
I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to return herewith the plans of the proposed addition to the Cottage forwarded by your letter of the 14th inst, and to say that they approve of this addition if the suggestion as to placing a door in the passage, as marked in pencil on the plan, is adopted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson
Secretary.

Bedford Pierce, Esq. M.D.



Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

27th March. 1893.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to inquire whether *Mr. Martha J. Slaughter* is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Asylum.

If this patient is, or is inclined to be, either suicidal or dangerous, you are requested to state the fact.

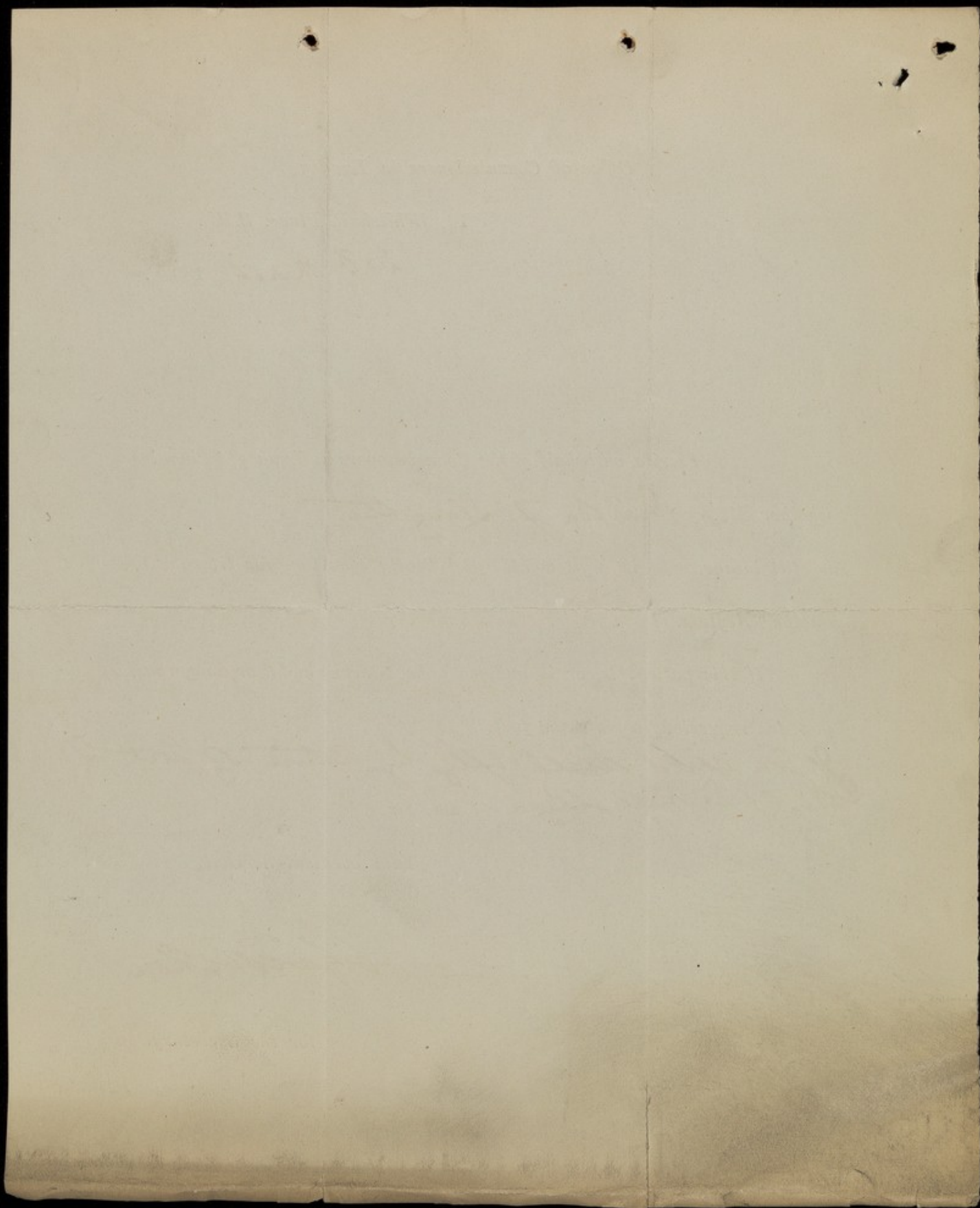
If you could kindly reply by return of post I should be much obliged. I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. H. Shaw

for the Secretary.

D. B. Pierce



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

29 March 1893.

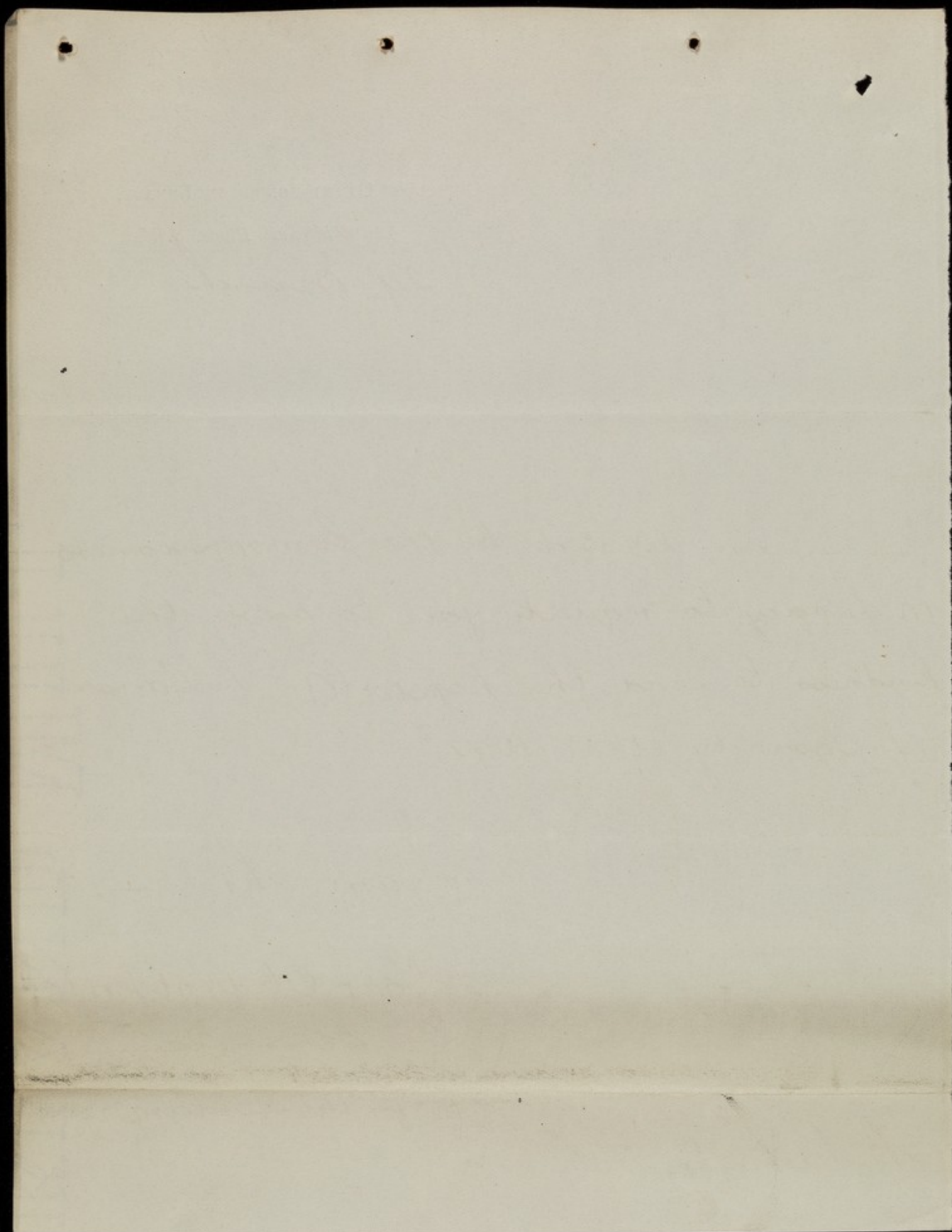
Sir

I am directed by the Commissioners
in Lunacy to request you to have the
kindness to send the Register (A) of Causes
of Insanity etc 1892.

I am, Sir

Your Obedient Servant
Charles Deans
for the Secretary

B. Peice Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

April 4th 1893.

Abstracts of Accounts.

Sir,

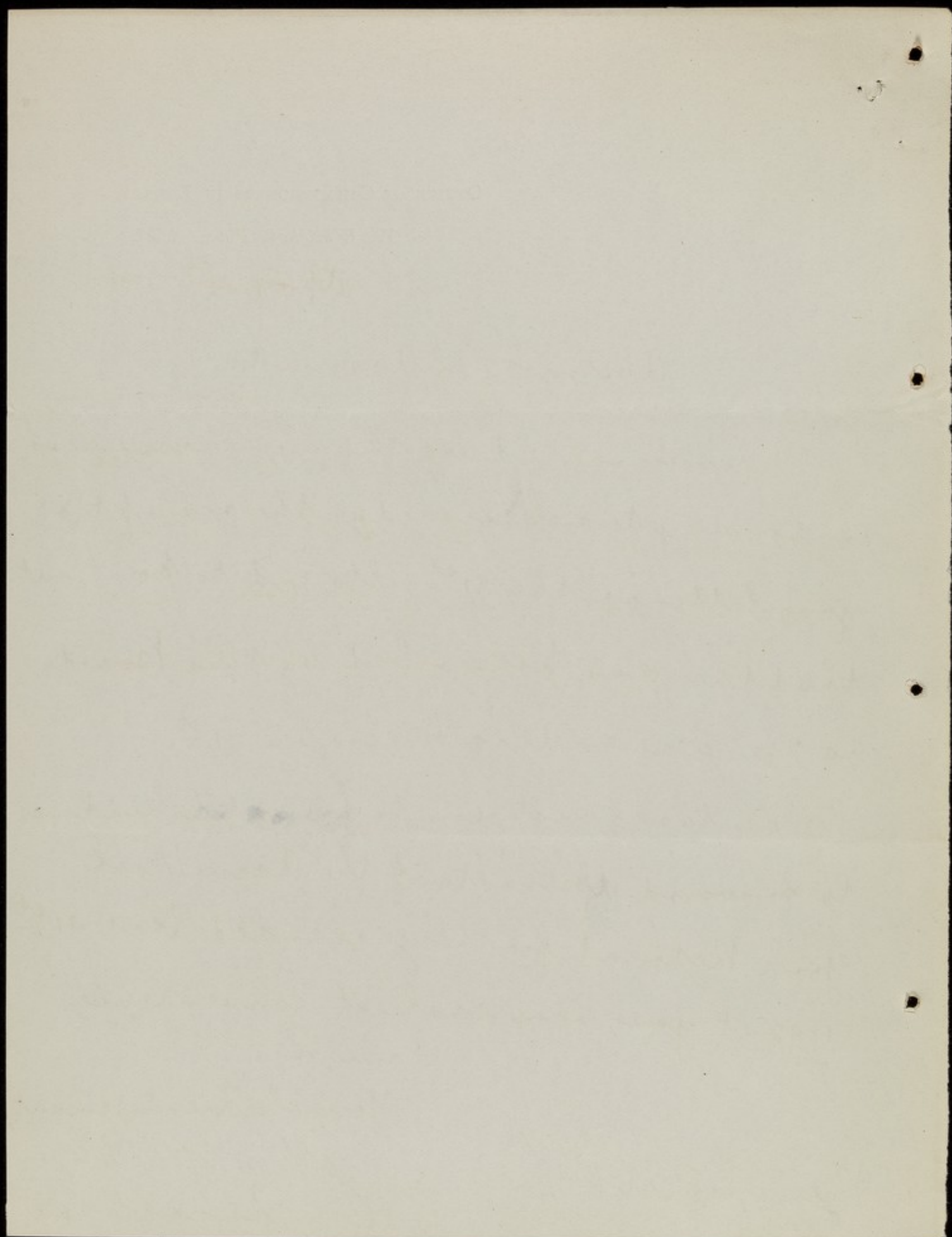
I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ulto, and to point out that the year prescribed by this Board is the year ending December 31st.

I am to request you to have the kindness to forward Abstracts of the Accounts of York Retreat for the year ended Dec^r 31st 1892 at your very earliest convenience.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
G. H. Arnold-Mason
Secretary.

B. Pierce, Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

7th April 1893.

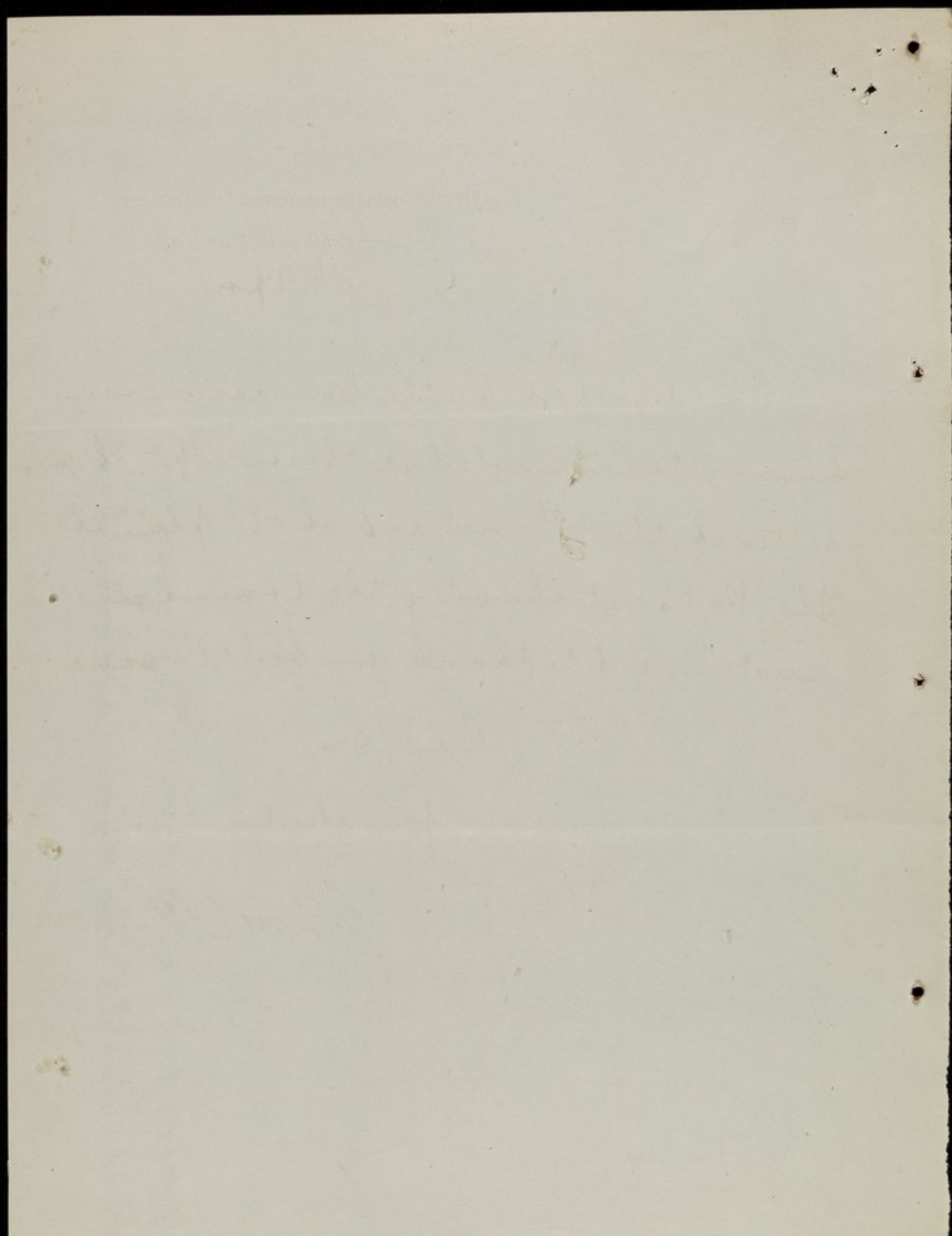
Sir, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst and of the plan of The Retreat showing the drainage system, and to thank you for the same.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edmund M. M. M.
Secretary

J. E. Woods, Esq.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

April 7th 1893.

Sir, In reply to Mr. Wood's letter of the 5th inst I am directed to say that the Commissioners in Lunacy will this year accept the Abstracts of Accounts for the year ending March 31st 1893.

In future, however, they trust that the Abstracts will be made up for the period prescribed by them, viz. the year ending Decr 31st.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent
York Retreat

General - Commission of the Peace

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Office of Commissioners in Lunacy,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

24th April. 1893.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to inquire whether Mrs Emily J. Pallin is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Asylum.

If this patient is, or is inclined to be, either suicidal or dangerous, you are requested to state the fact.

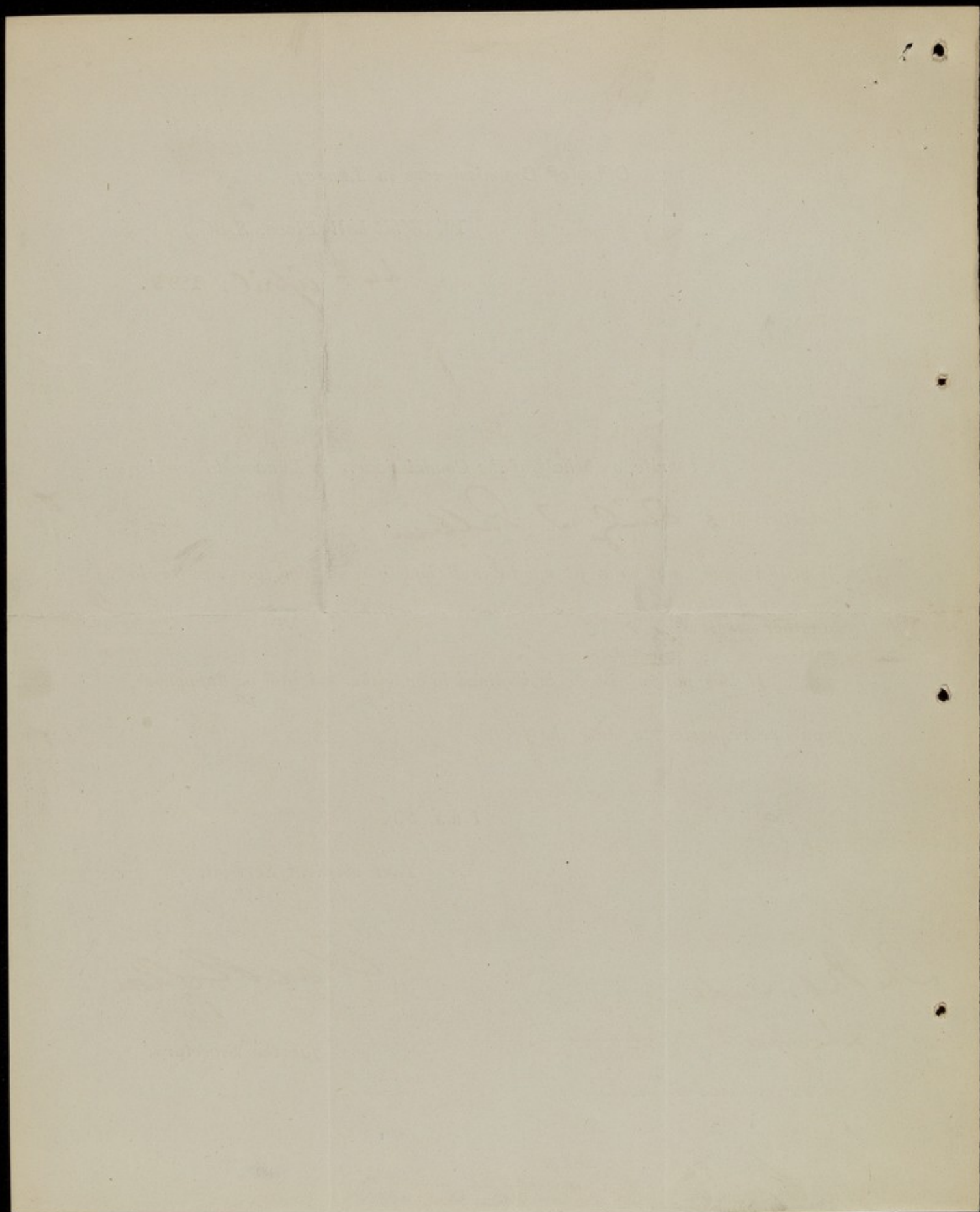
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Med. Supt.
The York Retreat.

Chas. B. Shaw.

for the Secretary.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

May 26. 1892

Sir

I am directed to request
you to have the kindness
to forward the abstracts
of Accounts.

I am, Sir,
Yours obediently,
Chas. Deane
for the Secy

The Medical Superintendent
York Retreat

My dear

I have been thinking of you
very much lately and
wondering how you are
getting on.

I am well and hope
these few lines will find
you the same.

I have not much news
to write at present.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

June 5th 1893.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy again to return the enclosed Abstracts. The so called "Cash Account", cannot, as the Form requires, be an account only of the sums actually received during the year, and actually paid during the year for which it is made, as it contains "Loss for the year £60 2^{..} 1^{..} 5^{..}". Also the Balance due to Treasurer etc 31st March, £4463^{..} 11^{..} 9 does not accord with the "Assets and Liabilities" for, according to Assets, there was "Cash in hands of Treasurer etc" £108^{..} 5^{..} 2 on March 31st, which, The Medical Superintendent
York Retreat

in the Cash Account should be deducted from
the Balance due to Treasurer of £ 4463..11..9.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edmond M. M. M.

Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

June 20th 1893.

Sir, Miss Margaret Lancashire.

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that you must act on your own responsibility, and certify in writing under sec. 44 if you feel yourself justified in so doing.

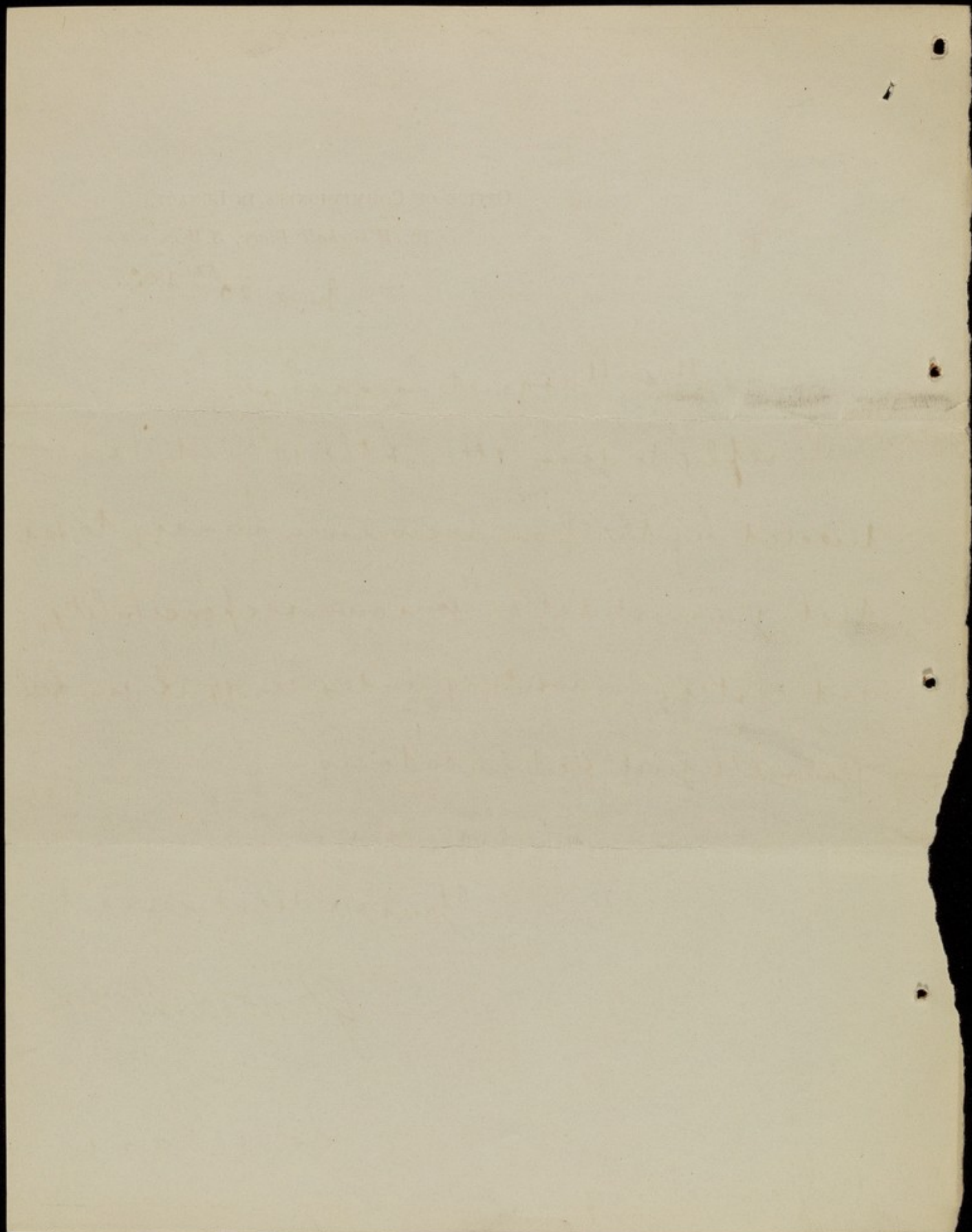
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson

Secretary.

C. C. Stanwell Esq.



OFFICE OF MASTERS IN LUNACY,

THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

STRAND,

Sir

London, *22 August* 189 *3*

I am directed by the Masters in Lunacy to call your attention to
Section 115 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, below stated; and to request that

the Medical Attendant of M^{rs} *Mary Anne Ferrand*

a person of unsound mind so found by Inquisition do ~~on or before the~~
forthwith

~~1st day of May next~~ send to the Masters (at their Office above mentioned)

a Report as to the mental and bodily condition of M^{rs} *Mary Anne*
Ferrand — , with a Certificate under his hand certifying,

if it is the fact, that the Patient is still of unsound mind and a proper
person to be detained under care and treatment.

To

Medical Super.

of

The Committee of the Person

The Retreat
York

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

De Motring

Chief Clerk

[Signature]

Section 115 of the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Expiration of Orders for the Commitment of Person.

115.—(1). The Medical Attendant of every Lunatic so found by Inquisition shall, before the expiration of 1, 3, and 6 years respectively from the commencement of this Act, and before the expiration of every subsequent period of 5 years after the expiration of 6 years from the commencement of this Act, send to the Masters a Report as to the mental and bodily condition of the Patient, with a Certificate under his hand certifying, if it is the fact, that the Patient is still of unsound mind and a proper person to be detained under care and treatment.

(2). If, before the expiration of any of the periods hereinbefore mentioned, such Report and Certificate are not sent to the Masters, they shall inquire as to the omission, and unless they are satisfied that the Lunatic is still of unsound mind, the Order for the commitment of the person of the Lunatic as to whom such Report and Certificate are not sent shall determine at the expiration of such period; but nothing herein contained shall affect the commitment of the estate.

(3). A Master may, by order under his hand, extend the time within which any Report and Certificate under this Section is to be sent to the Masters, and if the time is so extended, the order for commitment of the person of the Lunatic as to whom the time is so extended shall continue in force until the expiration of the extended time, but such extended time shall not exceed 6 months.

(4). Where any order for commitment of the person of a Lunatic has determined under this Section, the Masters shall forthwith give notice of such determination to the Committee of the person of the Lunatic and to the person under whose care the Lunatic is.

(1) The first part of the paper is devoted to a study of the
problem of the existence of a solution of the system of
equations $\frac{dx}{dt} = A(x)u$, $\frac{dy}{dt} = B(y)v$, where A and B are
matrices depending on x and y respectively, and u and v are
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bounded and the system is controllable, then a solution exists.

OFFICE OF MASTERS IN LUNACY,

THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

STRAND,

Sir

London, *22 August* 189*3*.

I am directed by the Masters in Lunacy to call your attention to
Section 115 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, below stated; and to request that
the Medical Attendant of *Miss Mary Ann Briggs*

a person of unsound mind so found by Inquisition do ~~on or before the~~
forthwith
~~1st day of May next~~ send to the Masters (at their Office above mentioned)

a Report as to the mental and bodily condition of *Miss Mary Ann*
Briggs — , with a Certificate under his hand certifying,

if it is the fact, that the Patient is still of unsound mind and a proper
person to be detained under care and treatment.

To

The Medical Sup^t.

~~The Committee of the Person~~

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The Retreat

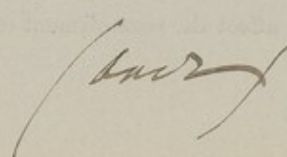
York

I am,

Your obedient Servant,



Chief Clerk



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Board of Directors of the Corporation at the time which any
such person is elected to the Board of Directors of the Corporation
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OFFICE OF MASTERS IN LUNACY,

THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

STRAND,

Sir
London, 22nd Aug^r 189 3

I am directed by the Masters in Lunacy to call your attention to
Section 115 of the Lunacy Act, 1890, below stated; and to request that
the Medical Attendant of *M Walker Woodward*
a person of unsound mind so found by Inquisition do ~~on or before the~~
forthwith
~~1st day of May next~~ send to the Masters (at their Office above mentioned)
a Report as to ^{his} ~~the~~ mental and bodily condition of *M*
_____, with a Certificate under his hand certifying,
if it is the fact, that the Patient is still of unsound mind and a proper
person to be detained under care and treatment.

To *My neighbour Esq*
The Committee of the Person
of *127 High Holborn*
W.C.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

W. H. H. H.
Chief Clerk

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

12 Jan 1894.

Sir,

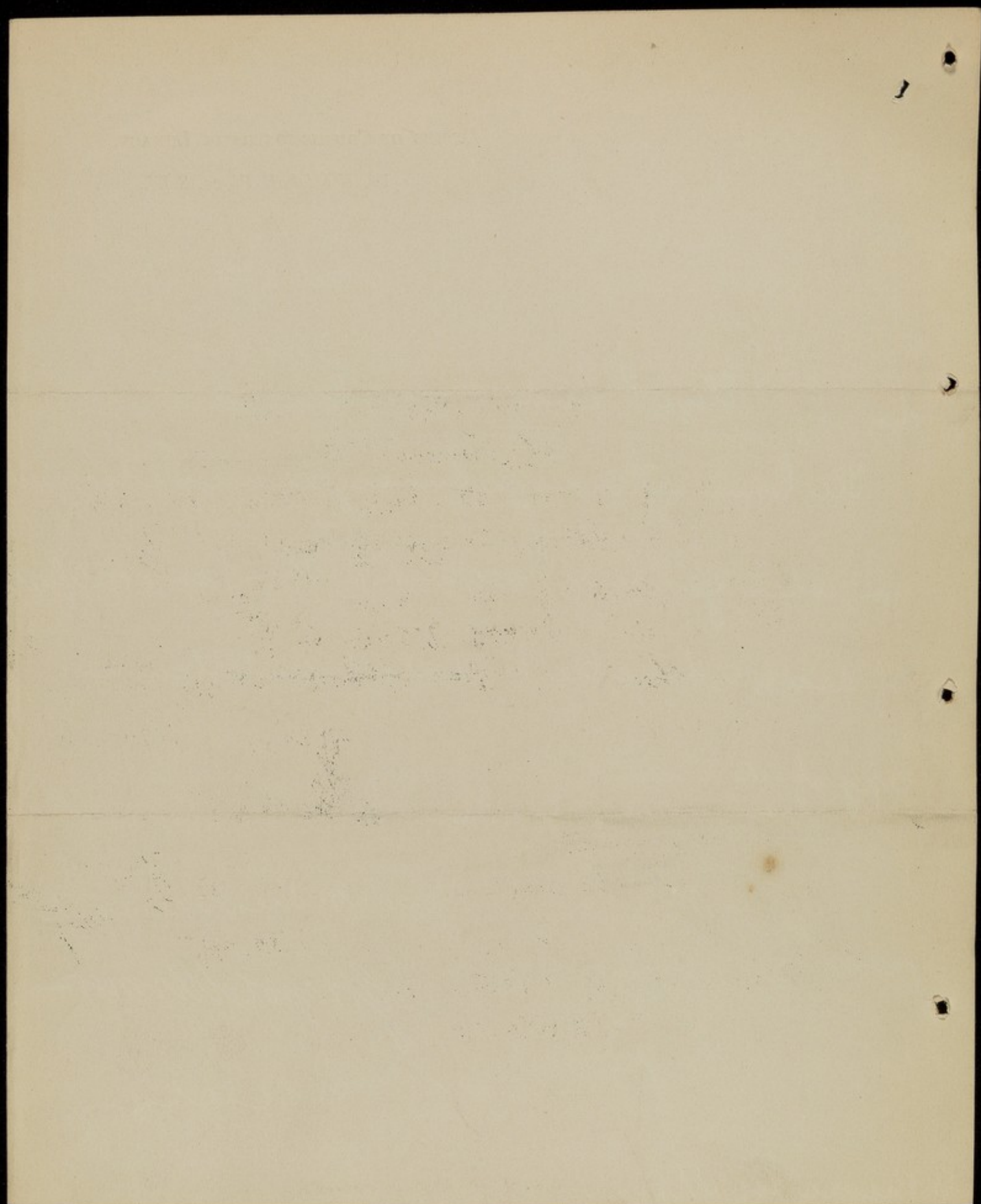
I am directed by the —
Commissioners in Lunacy to request you
to be kind enough to inform them on what
days the Visiting Committee meet at your
Asylum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson
Secretary

The Medical Superintendent,
~~Lunatic Asylum.~~
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

Feb 2nd 1894.

Sir, Eliza E. Reed - deceased.

The Commissioners in Lunacy desire me to request you, when you have received Dr. Thompson's certificate of death, to have the kindness to send them a copy of it.

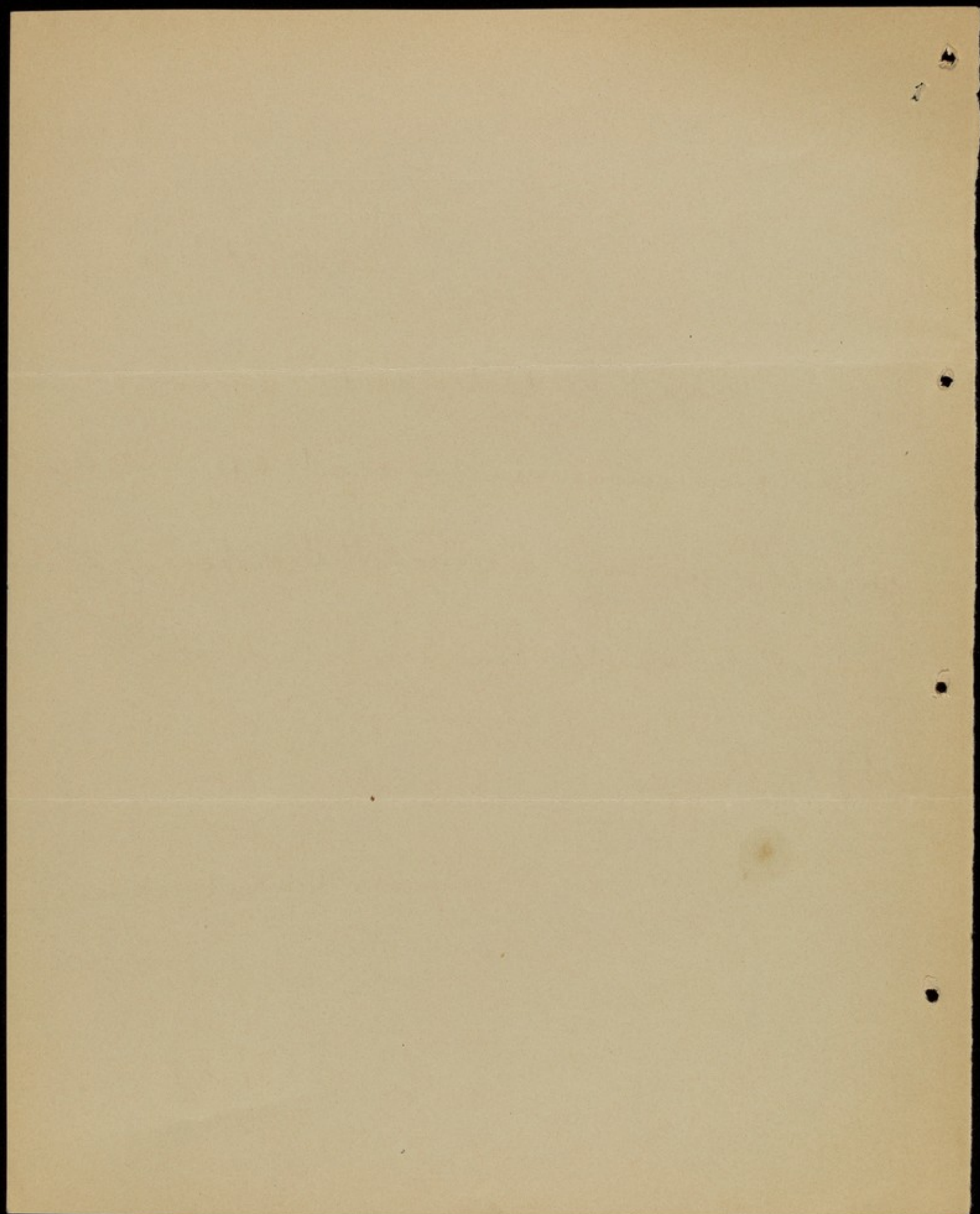
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson

Secretary.

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

Feb 9th 1894

Sir,

Eliza E. Reed deceased.

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy
to thank you for your letter of the 8th inst. They
find now that Dr. Thompson's certificates have
been received, and they regret having troubled
you.

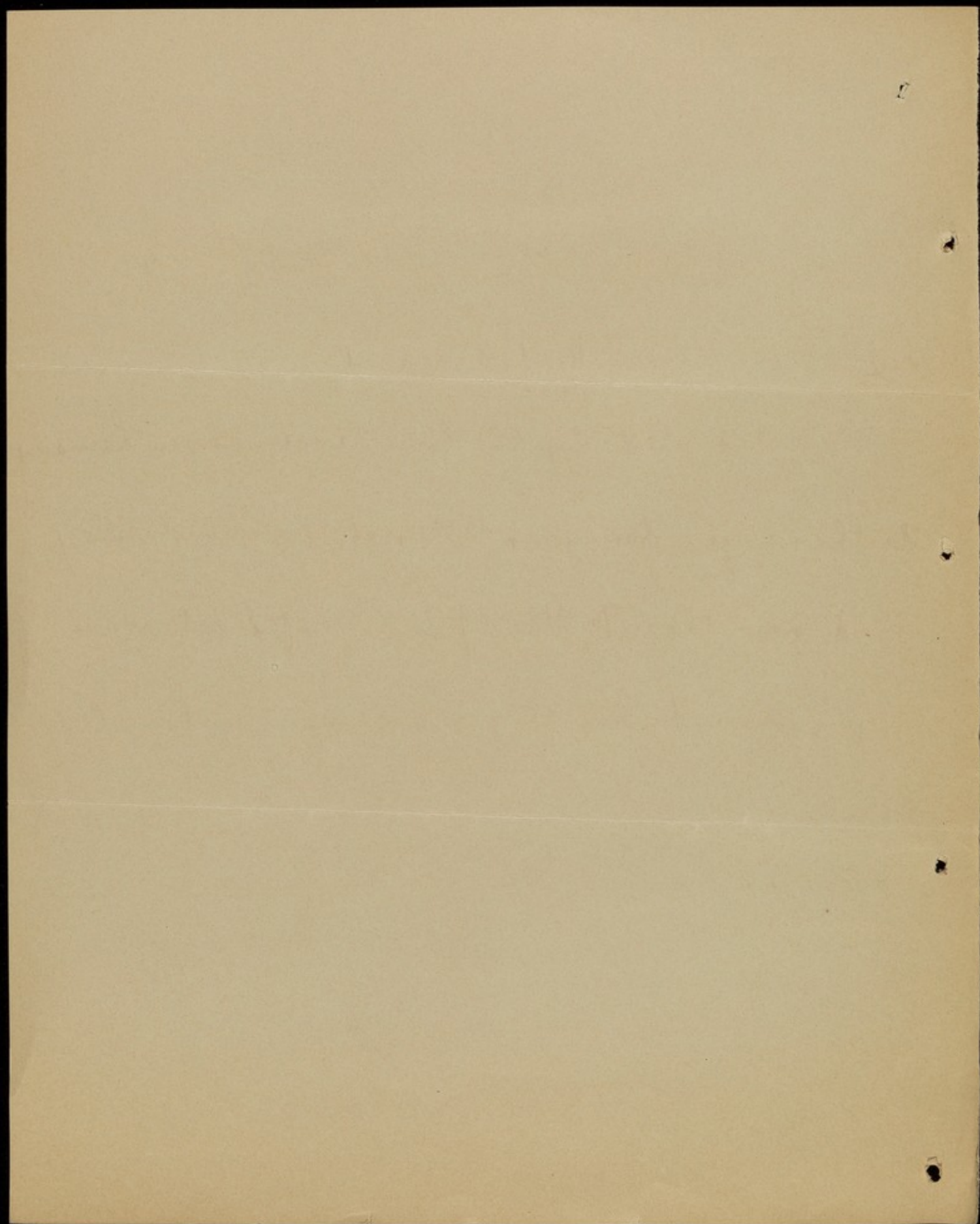
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

23 January 1894.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 13th inst., I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that the Abstract of accounts may be made out for the year 1893, i.e. from Jan'y. 1. 1893 to Dec. 31. 1893.

I am, Sir,

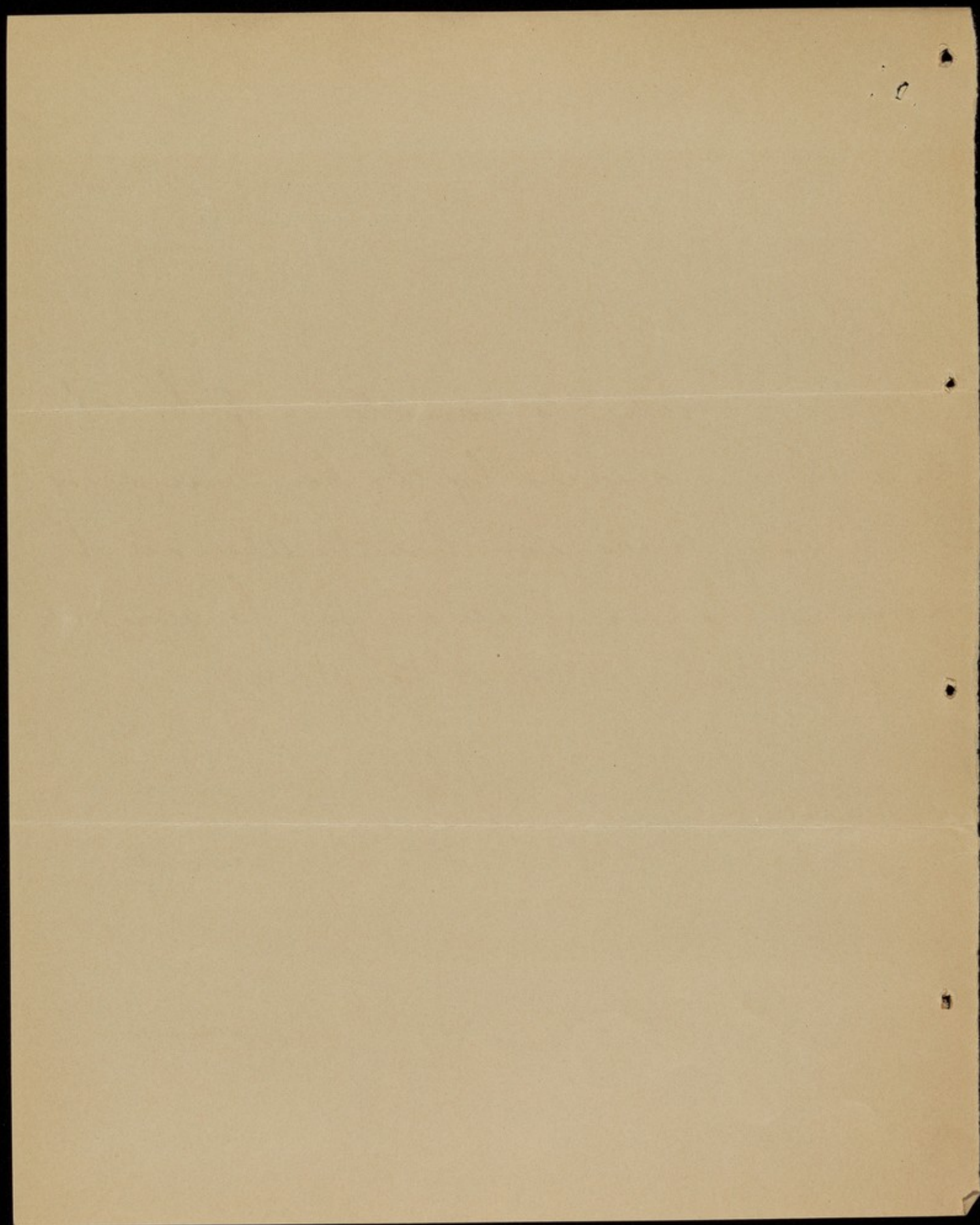
Your obedient servant,

Charles Dean

for the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W..

28th Feb 1894.

Miss G. L. Davies.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that this patient will probably shortly be visited by a Member of the Board, and attention will then be given to your request.

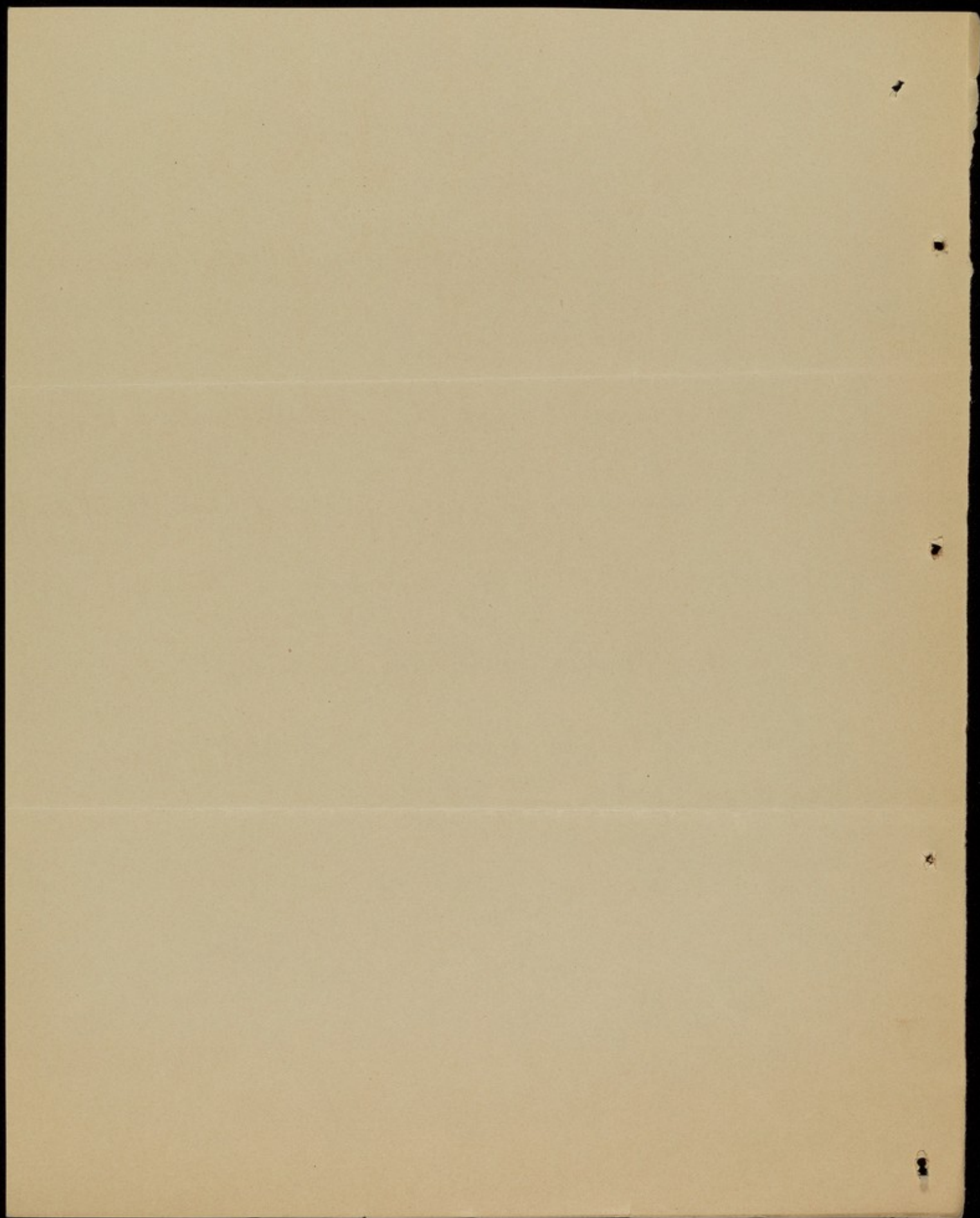
You are right in assuming that the Report at the end of a month will not be needed.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson
Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.



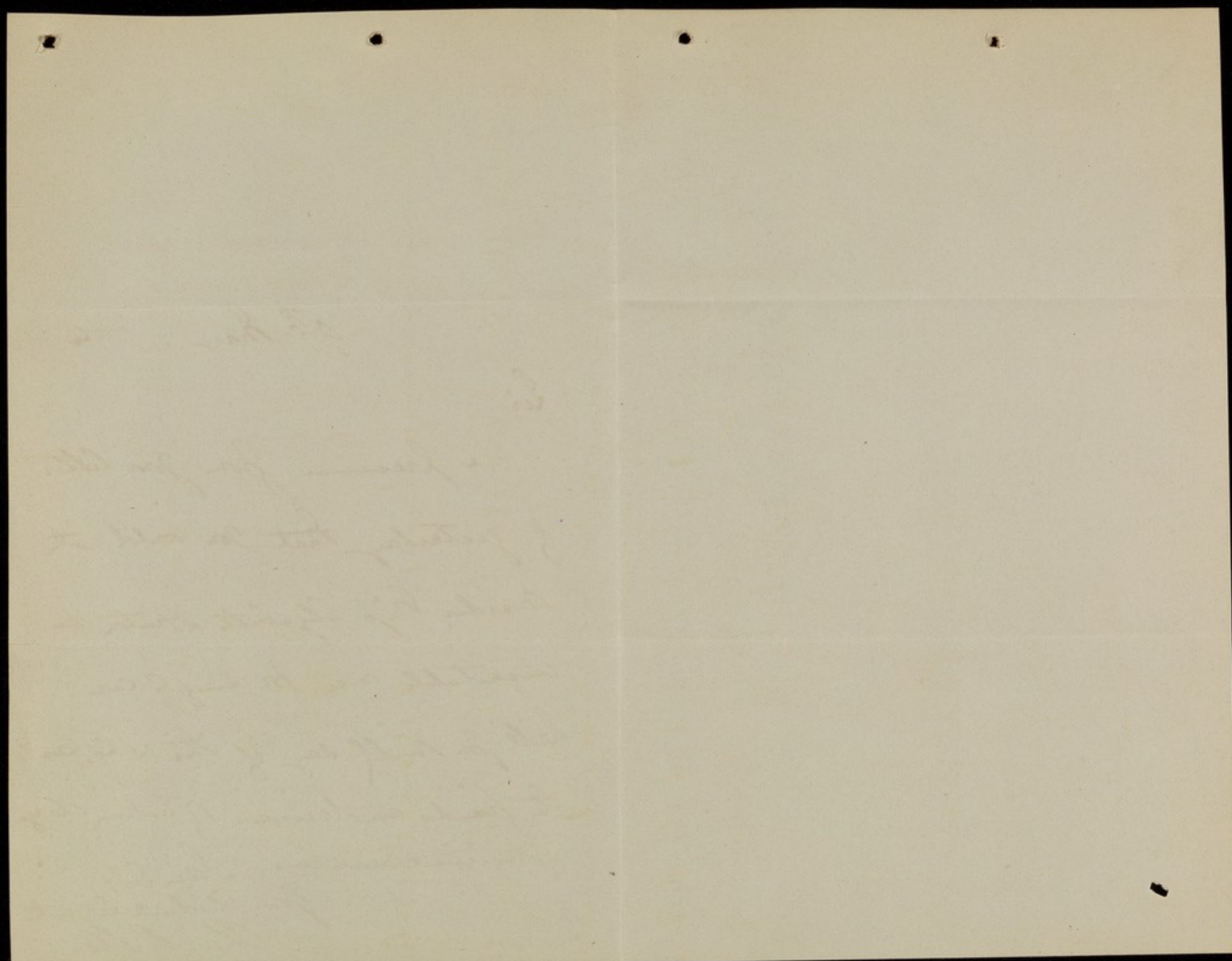
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

9th May. 1894.

Sir,

I presume from your letter
of yesterday that you would not
consider Miss Elizabeth Hinton an
unsuitable case for single care.
Will you kindly say if this is so, as
the friends are desirous of taking charge
of the patient themselves. I am Sir,
Your Obedient Servant
B. Peire, Esq. M.D. Charles Shore.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

July 9th 1894.

Sir,

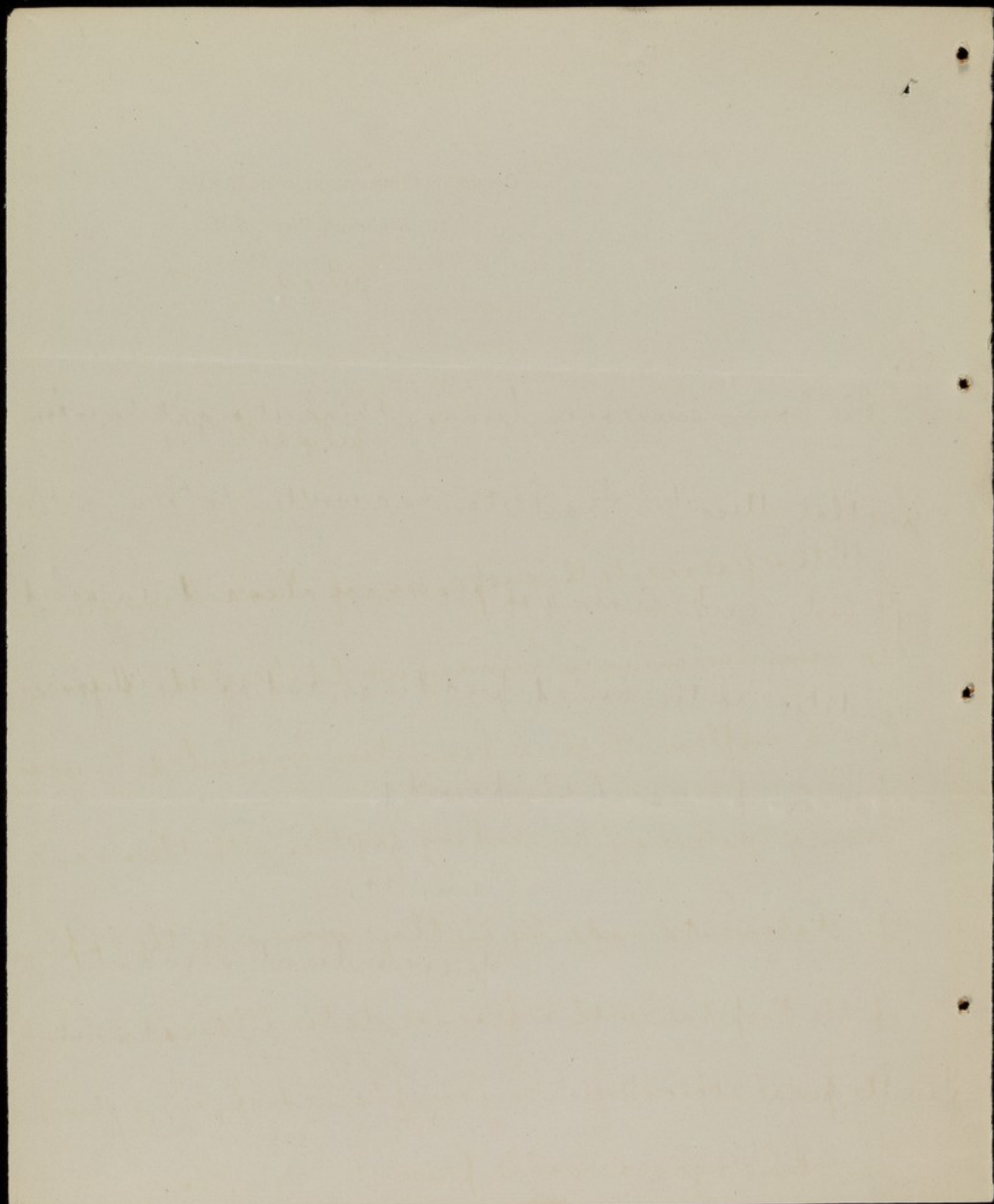
The Commissioners in Lunacy think it right to inform you that Miss F. E. Shackleton has written to them, on the ^{10th} inst, complaining of the heaviness and uncooked condition of the boiled puddings, and of the stiffness and lumpiness of the porridge.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

G. H. Moulden
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

July 21st 1894.

Sir,

With reference to the suspension of Nurse Fanny Grimes the Commissioners in Lunacy would be glad if you would supplement the information furnished by your letter of yesterday by sending together with their names the statements made by the three women in the employ of the Hospital with reference to the ill treatment. Is the patient who you say complained of being struck some time ago a reliable person? I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G Harold Wilson
Secretary.

B. C. Stanwell Esq.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

July 24th 1894.

Sir,

Entry July 4th 1894.

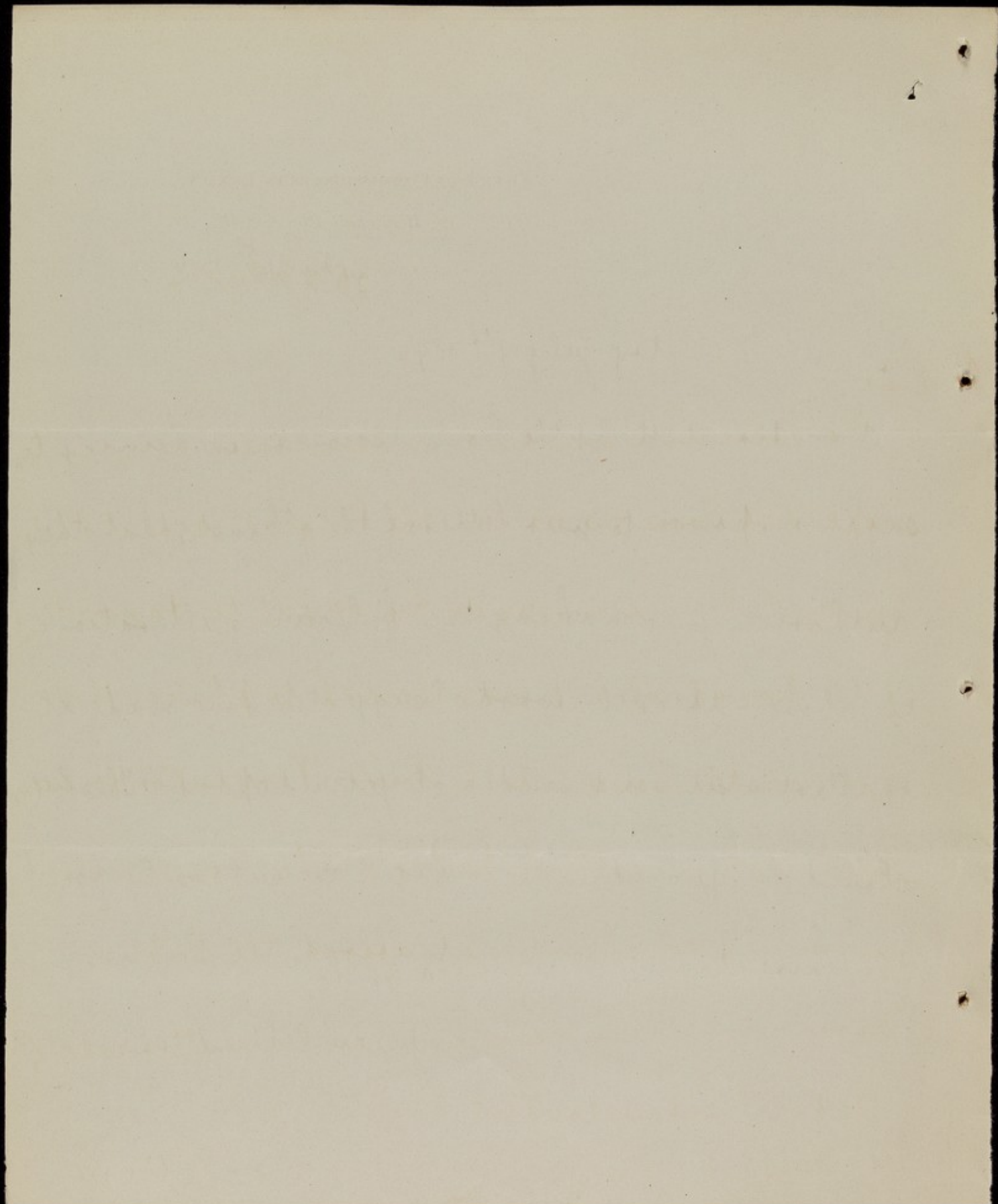
I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say in response to your letter of the 9th inst, that they authorise your making the following alteration in the above.- After the words "suggestions we made at the last visit" add "and not yet adopted." This letter should be quoted in the margin as authority for the correction.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson
Secretary.

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

25th July 1894.

Sir,

The circumstances under which Nurse Griggs was suspended from service in the Retreat were laid before the Commissioners in Lunacy at to-day's meeting of the Board when it was decided to place the matter in the hands of the Public Prosecutor for such action as he may think proper to take. I am to ask if you would be so good as to afford the Public Prosecutor every assistance in the matter which

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat, York.

it may be in your power to give.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

13th August, 1894.

Sir,

Referring to your Report of the
20th of June last, I am directed by the
Commissioners in Lunacy to enquire
whether Mr James Clothier has been
discharged.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas Deane

for the Secretary.

20 June
7. July.

Bedford Pierce Esq^r M.D.

1880

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the membership of the Society since the last meeting. The names are given in alphabetical order of the surnames.

Mr. J. H. Smith
Mr. W. B. Jones
Mr. T. A. Brown
Mr. C. D. White
Mr. E. F. Green
Mr. G. H. Black
Mr. I. J. Grey
Mr. K. L. Blue
Mr. M. N. Red
Mr. O. P. Yellow
Mr. Q. R. Purple
Mr. S. T. Pink
Mr. U. V. Orange
Mr. W. X. Silver
Mr. Y. Z. Gold

Yours truly,
The Secretary

Ans? 25. Oct. 1894

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

24th October 1894.

Sir,

With reference to your Notice of the admission of Miss Hannah L. Parry on the 19th inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request you to send them a copy of the order on which you received the Patient. If the order is signed by the Committee of the Person, it should be accompanied by an Office Copy of the order appointing Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

such Committee.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

A. S. Wild

for the Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

3rd November, 1894.

Sir. Mr. Aston has written to complain that three boxes and a basket of her things were put in the joiners shop on her arrival at the Retreat, that she was not allowed to have them or go to them more than twice, last week that when she went she found two boxes and the basket empty, her ermine fur gone, and her Indian shawl destroyed by moths. The Commissioners would be glad to know if there is any reason to suppose that Mr. Aston's complaints are well founded.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Wilson

Secretary.

B. Peirce Esq^r

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

15th November, 1894.

Sir, I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 14th instant, and to thank
you for forwarding to the Bootham Hospital
the copy of Report as to Jesse Peck sent
from this office to you in error.

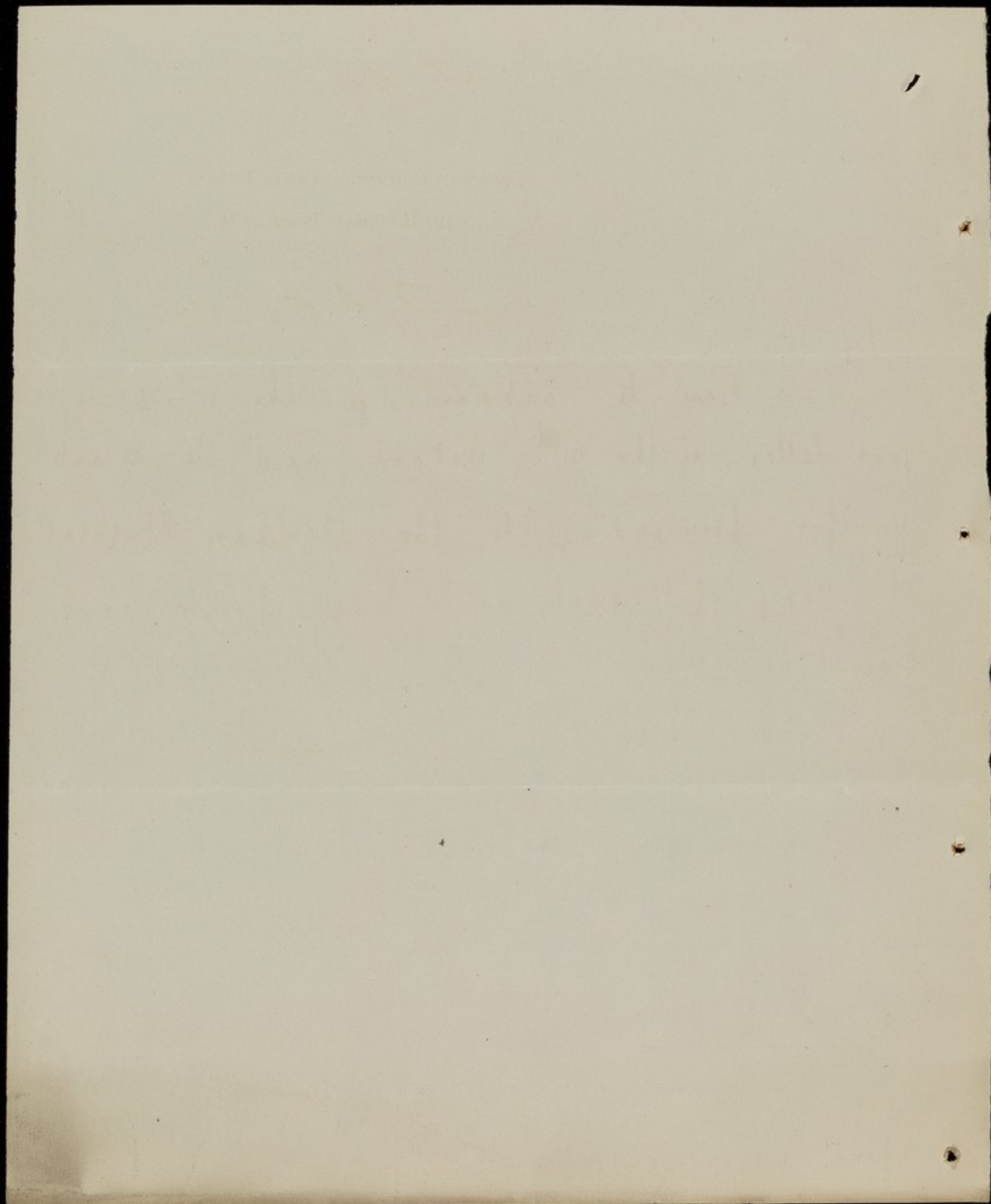
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Edmund Wilson
Secretary

Bedford Pierce Esq^r M.P.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

8th Dec. 1894.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you
that their consent to the transfer of M^{rs} *Eliza M. A. Smith*
from your care to *the North Riding Asylum* has been given on
condition that the Patient be accompanied, during the removal, by at
least two efficient and responsible persons.

I am,

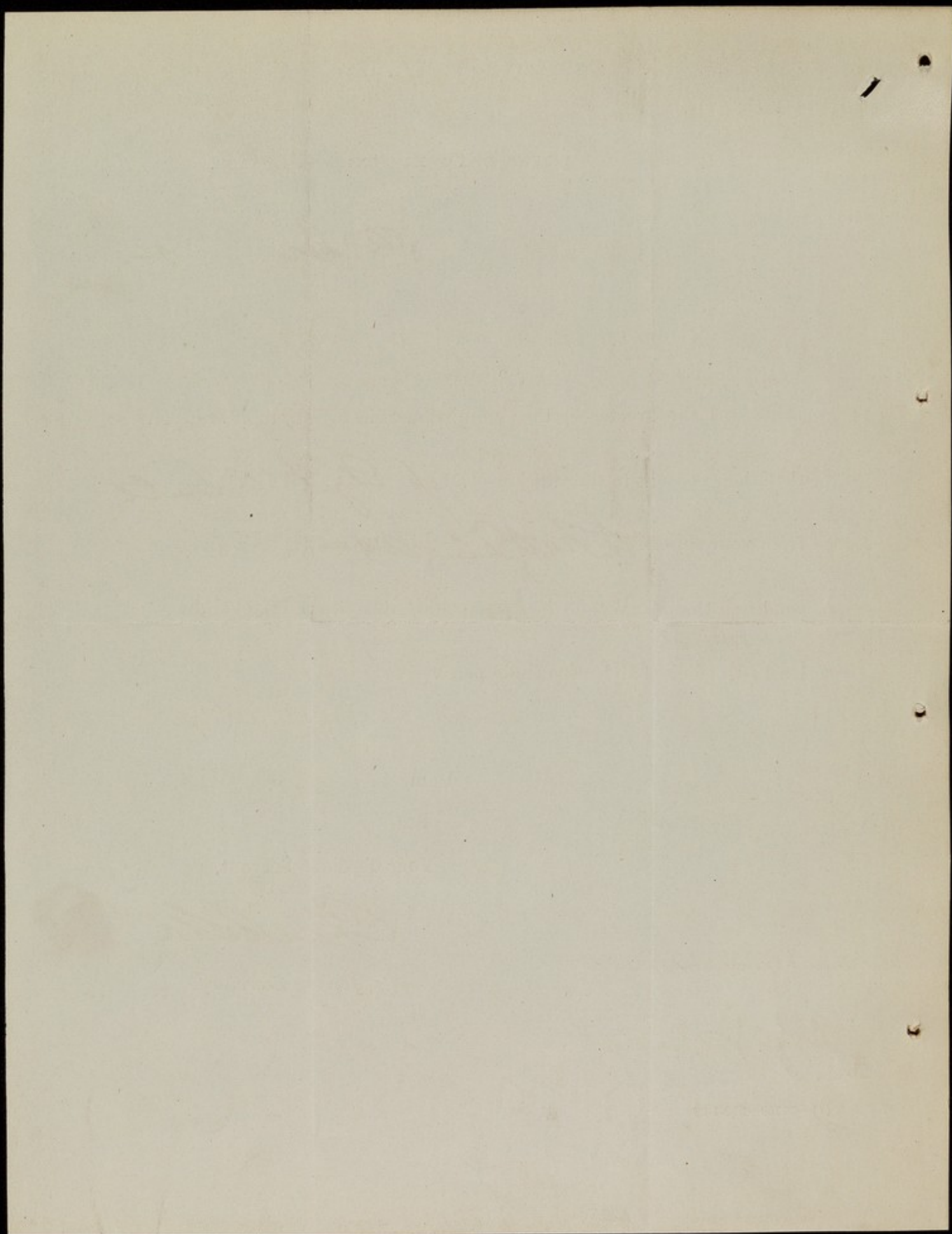
SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Charles H. H. H.

for the Secretary.

To *B. Pierce Esq. & Co.*





Office of Commissioners in Lunacy
19, Whitehall Place, S. W.,
17th January 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request that in all cases of death in your Institution where the patient was either at the time or within 7 days of death the subject of mechanical restraint that fact may be stated in your official return to this Office, and to the Coroner, of the cause of death.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

G. Harold Thomson
Secretary.

To the Manager of
The Retreat
York



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

21st January 1895.

Sir,

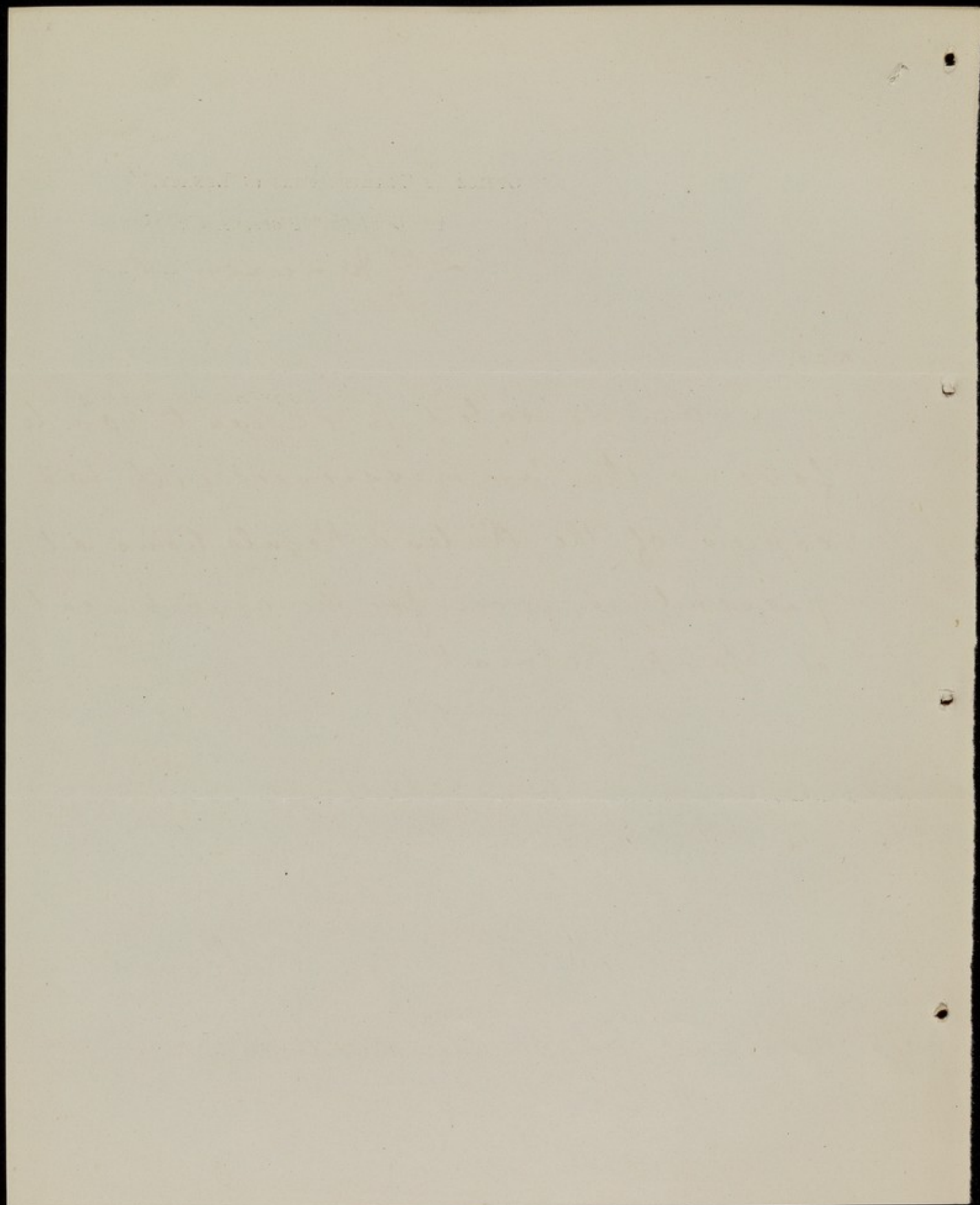
I am directed to request you to
favour the Commissioners with two
copies of the Rules & Regulations at
present in force for the government
of York Retreat.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Harold Wilson
Secretary

The Medical Superintendent
The Retreat,
York.





Office of Commissioners in Lunacy
19 Whitehall Place, S.W.
24th January 1895

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to ask you to be good enough to inform them what instruments or means of Mechanical Restraint are in use in your Institution, and to give such description of them as may seem necessary.

In the event of your using the dry or wet pack, the continuous bath, or restraint for feeding purposes, the Commissioners would be glad to be informed particularly of the means by, and the manner in, which they are applied.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant

G Harold Thomson.
Secretary

The Manager

York Retreat

With the exceptions noted ~~before~~ below not one Mechanical Restraint has been in use at the Retreat during the past 2 years, & I believe I am right in saying that it was not used by my predecessor Dr Baker ~~for a long time~~ since 1891: when I the records a strong dress was used.

That we have not use the dryer wet packs, nor the continuous bath - that mechanical restraint has not been used for feeding purposes but the patient held by a sufficient number of nurses or attendants ^{since 1892} - ~~(excepting on one occasion when ^{the} assist med officer used a jack tangle to restrain the legs of a man forcibly fed)~~

That ^{in 1893} no mechanical restraint has been used excepting ^{in one} ~~other~~ patient for ~~mechanical~~ surgical reasons - viz a patient who having cut her throat ^{tried} ~~tried~~ to tear open the wound.

In this case a strong linen sleeved ~~camisole~~ ^{jacket} was made the long sleeves of which were fastened to either side of bed, & a nurse sat with the patient continuously.

Particulars of these have already been sent ~~see~~ in accordance with the Commission Rules

when on Occasions ~~a man~~ a jack tangle was used by the assist med. Officer for 10 mins on each occasion.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

31st December, 1894.

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to
inform you that M^{rs} Mary Critchlow, who is about to be

transferred from *Nottingham Bos' As.*

to your care, is reported to be Suicidal.

I am,

SIR,

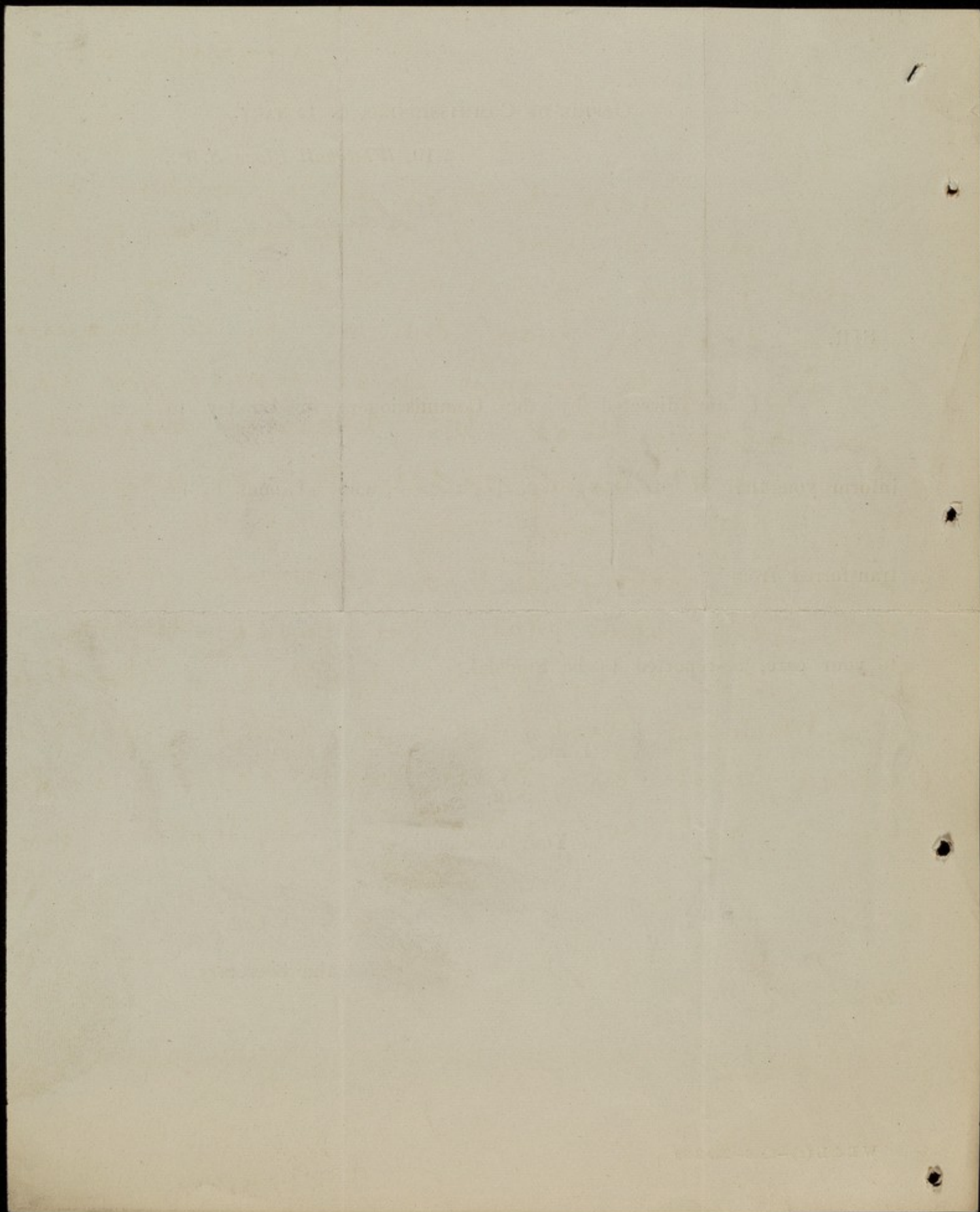
Your obedient Servant,

Chas. H. H. H.

for the Secretary.

To *The Ind. Dept.*

The York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

15th January, 1895.

Sir,

In order to clear up a question as to which there is some doubt in the case of Mr. Robert Jackson, viz: on which of the two Orders he is detained, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to enquire what reason you had for thinking that Mr. Atkinson was not a Judicial Authority under the Lunacy Act, 1890. His name appears on the list of specially appointed Justices for the Borough of Kingston upon Hull forwarded to the Commissioners by the Deputy Clerk of the Peace in November last; and it would therefore appear that his Order was valid, and would not be superseded by that subsequently signed

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signed by Mr. Lewis. If this is so the Petition should
be again amended by being addressed to Mr.
Atkinson; if not, the date of the representation
of the Petition should be given

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Edmund M. M. M.
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

17th January. 1895.

Sir, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, and to return the copy of Mr. Atkinson's Order in the case of Mr. Robert Jackson. They think that if you can ascertain that this Justice is in fact one specially appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890, you should request him so to describe himself, and that his Order when so amended should be considered as that on which the patient is detained.

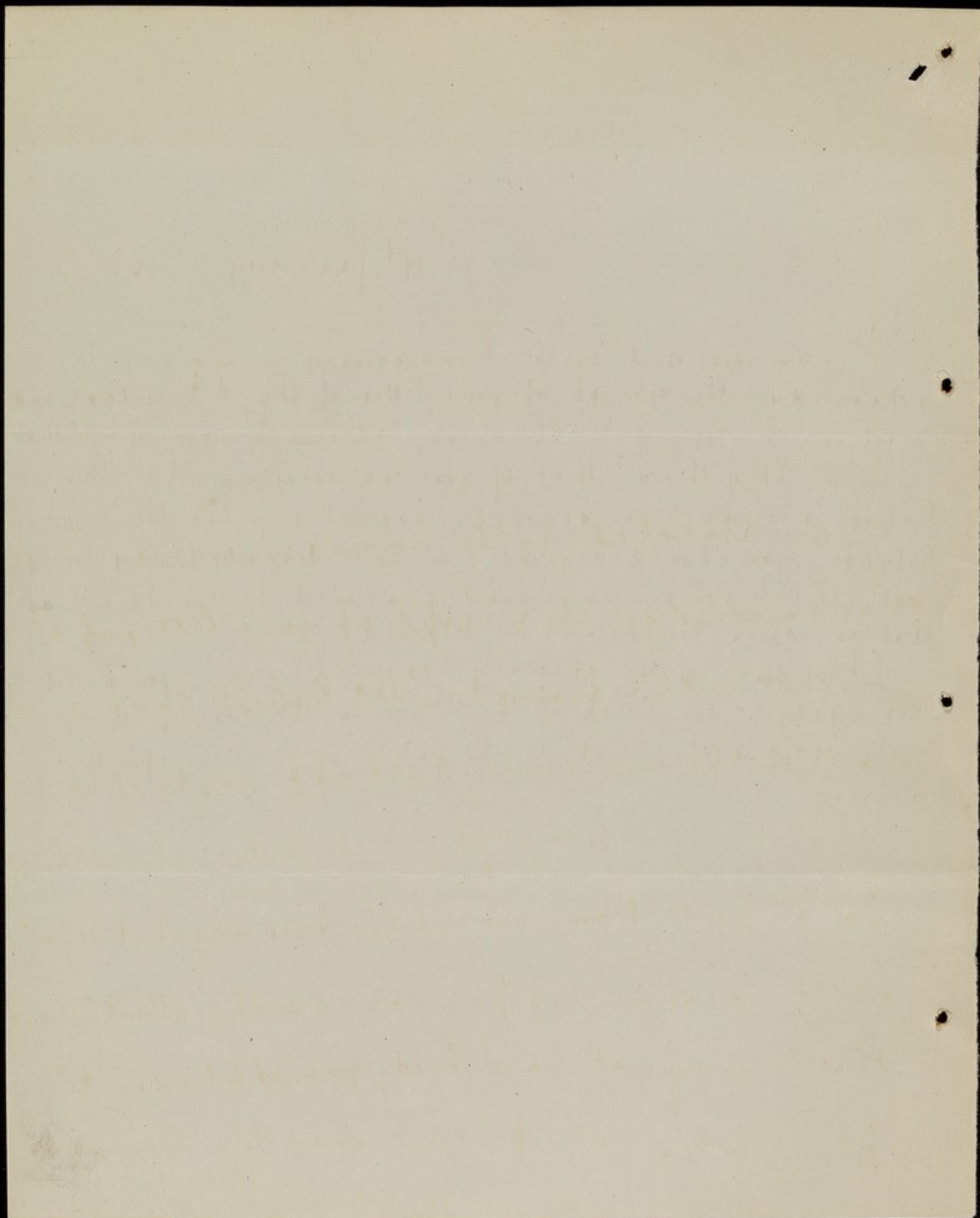
For lists of the specially appointed Justices you had better apply to the Clerk of the Peace in the case of the County, and to the Clerk to the Justices in the case of a Borough.

I am,

Sir,
Your obedient servant.

G Harold Wilson
Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq^r M.B.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

22nd Jan 1895

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst with reference to Mr Robert Jackson, and to return the enclosure. As it appears that Mr Atkinson is a duly appointed Judicial Authority, and as by section 24(1) of the Lunacy Act 1891 he could exercise his powers as such, notwithstanding that he may not have had jurisdiction in the place where the patient was, the Commissioners think that his Order should be amended as pointed

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out before, and accepted as valid.

I am to suggest that you should show this letter to Mr S. B. Jackson.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. Harold Morrison
Secretary

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

10th January 1895.

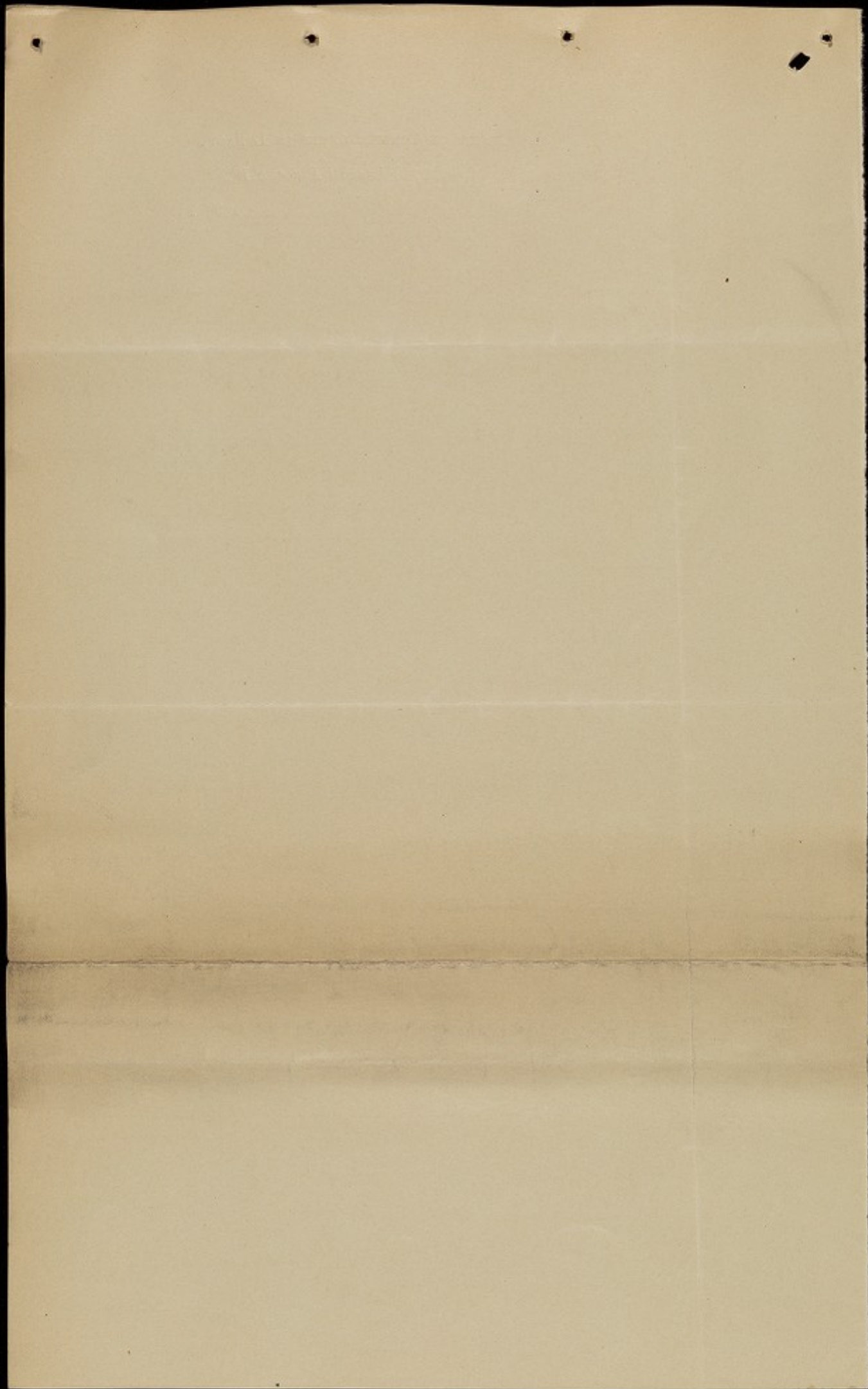
Sir, re Florence Evelyn Stevens deceased.

The circumstances of the death of this patient were laid before the Commissioners in Lunacy at their Board Meeting of yesterday. The Commissioners have no doubt that in future to make decorations you will avoid the use of yew leaves, but they directed me to suggest for the favourable consideration of your Committee the desirability of removing those yews which may be in the rising courts of the Retreat and replacing them with other shrubs: and in this way to minimize the risk of similar accidents in cases of other patients who may be suicidally disposed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,
G Harold Wilson
Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

14th Feb 1893

Lunacy Act 1890, Section 38,

Lunacy Act 1891, Section 7.

SIR,

Name Emily Dell

Date of Reception Order 14th Feb 1891

Second I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that the Special Report and Certificate required under the above Sections, for the purpose of continuing the Reception Order in this case, not having been received at this office, the Commissioners assume that they have not been duly sent. If this is the case the Reception Order has expired. If the Patient remains of unsound mind, and is a proper case for care and treatment in your Asylum, h^e future detention should be legalized by fresh Order and Certificate, which should be obtained with as little delay as possible. The Commissioners will raise no objection to the examination of the Patient for the purpose of recertification, if such should be necessary, taking place in the Asylum; but when the fresh Notice of Admission with copies of the Reception Order and Certificate are forwarded to this Office, Notice of the Patient's discharge from the old Certificates should also be sent.

I am, SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

G. HAROLD URMSON,

Secretary.

The Manager

York Retreat

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR 1901

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The following is a summary of the work of the General Land Office during the year 1901. The work of the office has been largely confined to the administration of the public lands, and the execution of the various acts of Congress relating to the same. The office has also been engaged in the survey of the public lands, and in the preparation of maps and reports thereon. The work of the office has been carried on in accordance with the plan of work approved by the Department of the Interior, and the results of the work have been reported to the Secretary of the Interior in the following manner:

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J. M. Smith,
Commissioner.

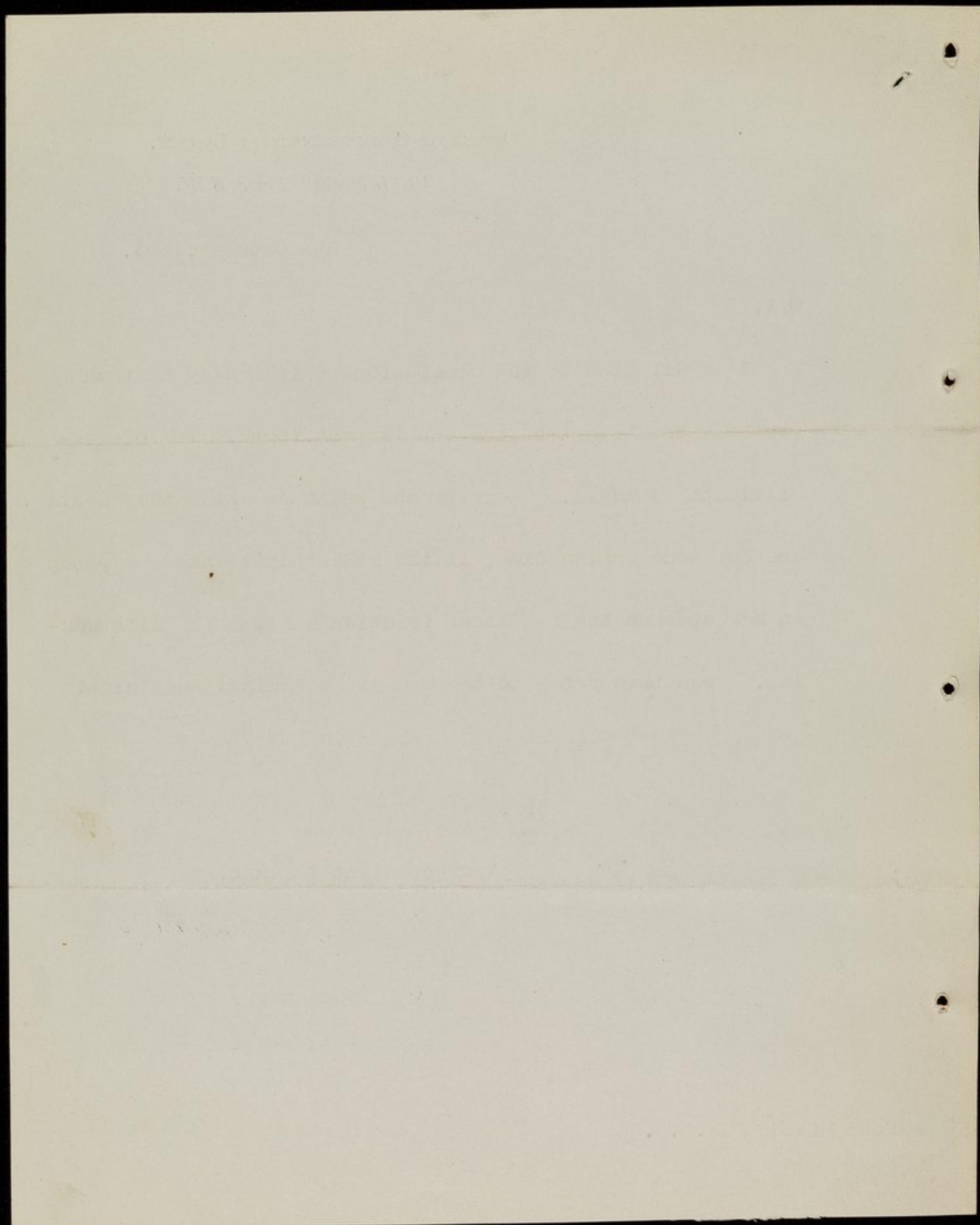
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W. M. Smith, Secretary



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*

28th October, 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that they have been given to understand that Miss Amelia Smith has been placed in a room in the West Villa, which is not heated by warm air or fire, and finds it bitterly cold. The Commissioners would be glad to be favoured with your observations as to this complaint.

I am,

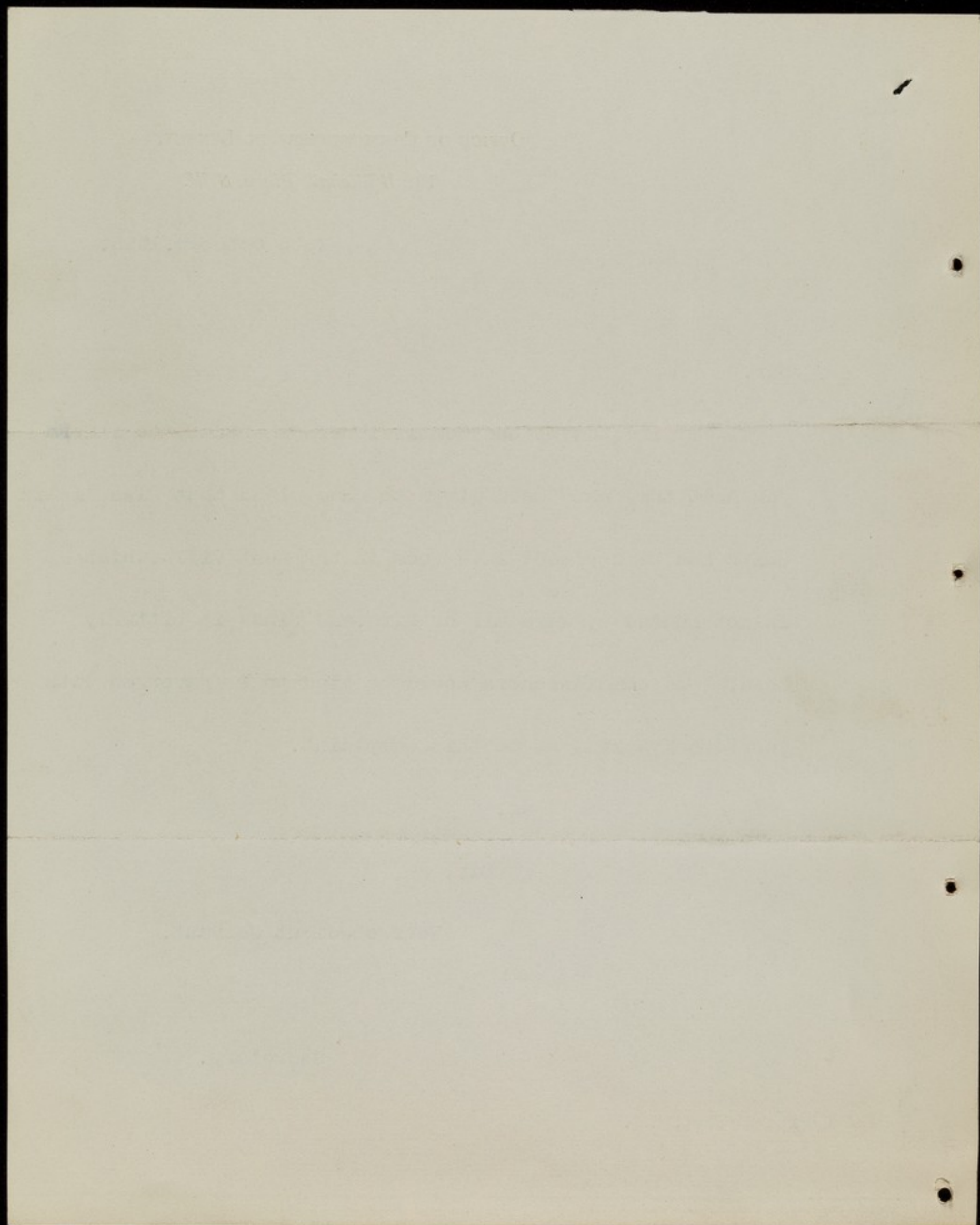
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

N. F. Lifford

Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

21st October 1895

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Mr. Hardinge
Frank Giffard has been appointed Secretary to the
Commissioners in Lunacy in the place of Mr. G. H.
Henson, who has been appointed a Commissioner.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. Deane

for the Secretary.

Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Washington, D. C.

10-10-1918

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

31st October 1895

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to thank you
for your letter of the 29th inst relating to Miss Amelia Smith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. Harold Urmson

G. HAROLD URMSON,

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.A.

for the Secretary.

Office of the Commissioner of the
General Land Office
Washington, D.C.
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For your part of the
I am,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
C. HAROLD LUNSON,
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

4th November, 1895.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy desire me to inform you that Mr. J. S. Rymer, the Judicial Authority who saw Miss Florence Kelly on the 30th ultimo, under the provisions of the 8th section of the Lunacy Act, 1890, states, in his Report to the Commissioners, that "she complains of the food, and desires to have a room to herself".

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient Servant,

The Medical Superintendent
York Retreat

H. F. Giffard
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19. Whitehall Place, S.W.,

L. F. Ho. 1895

SIR,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to
inform you that M^{rs} *Jennie Leslie*, who is about to be
transferred from *Bethlem Hosp.*

to your care, is reported to be Suicidal.

I am,

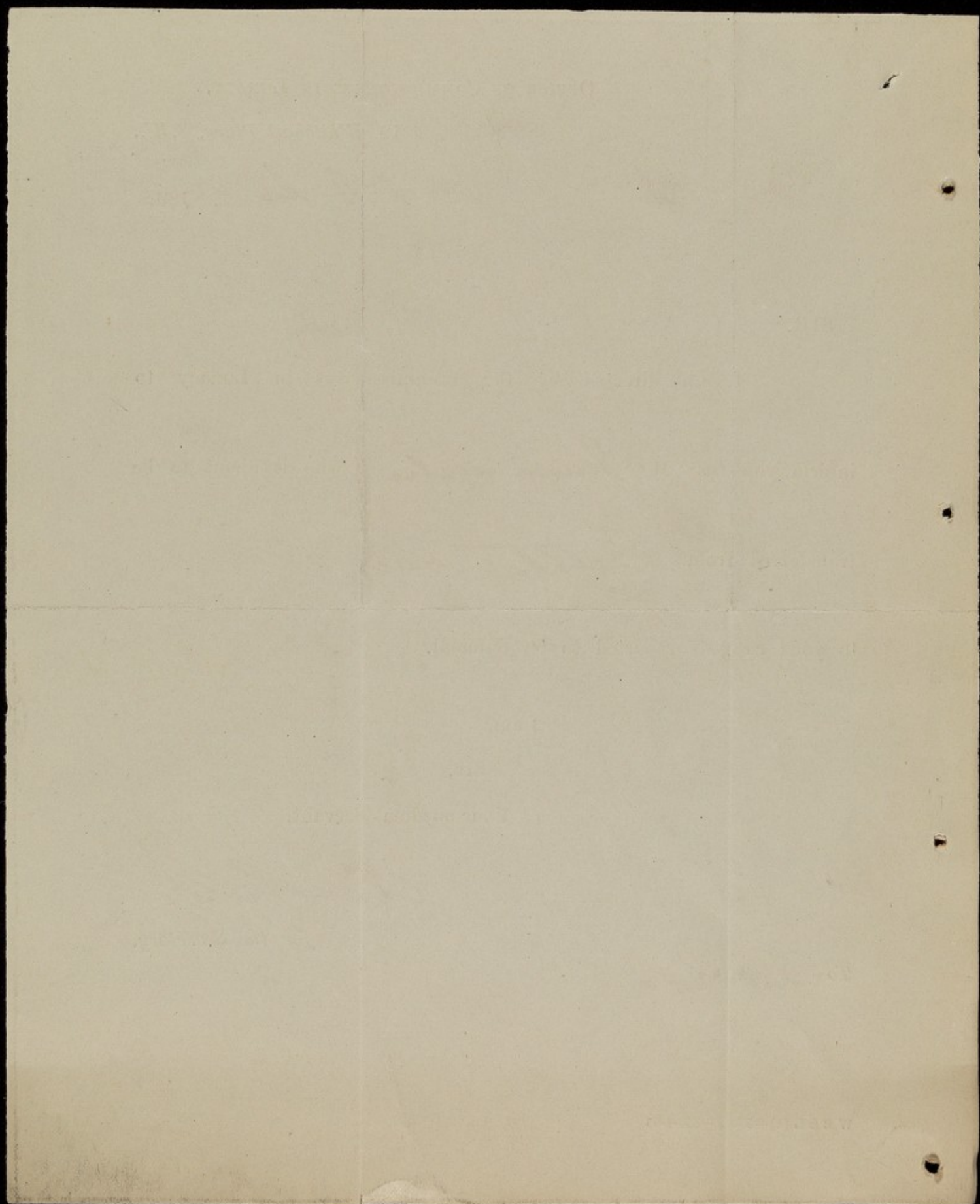
SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. A. Shore.

for the Secretary.

To *B. Pierce. Esq.*



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*

4th December, 1895.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to enclose
for your consideration, a letter which they have received
from Mrs Aston.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. Lifford

Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

Office of the Secretary of the Interior

Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place*, S.W.

28th January, 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to request you to inform them whether any arrangements have been made for Mrs S.H.Titley to have a trial out of the Retreat; if not, the Commissioners would be obliged if you would report to them on her present mental and bodily condition.

I am,

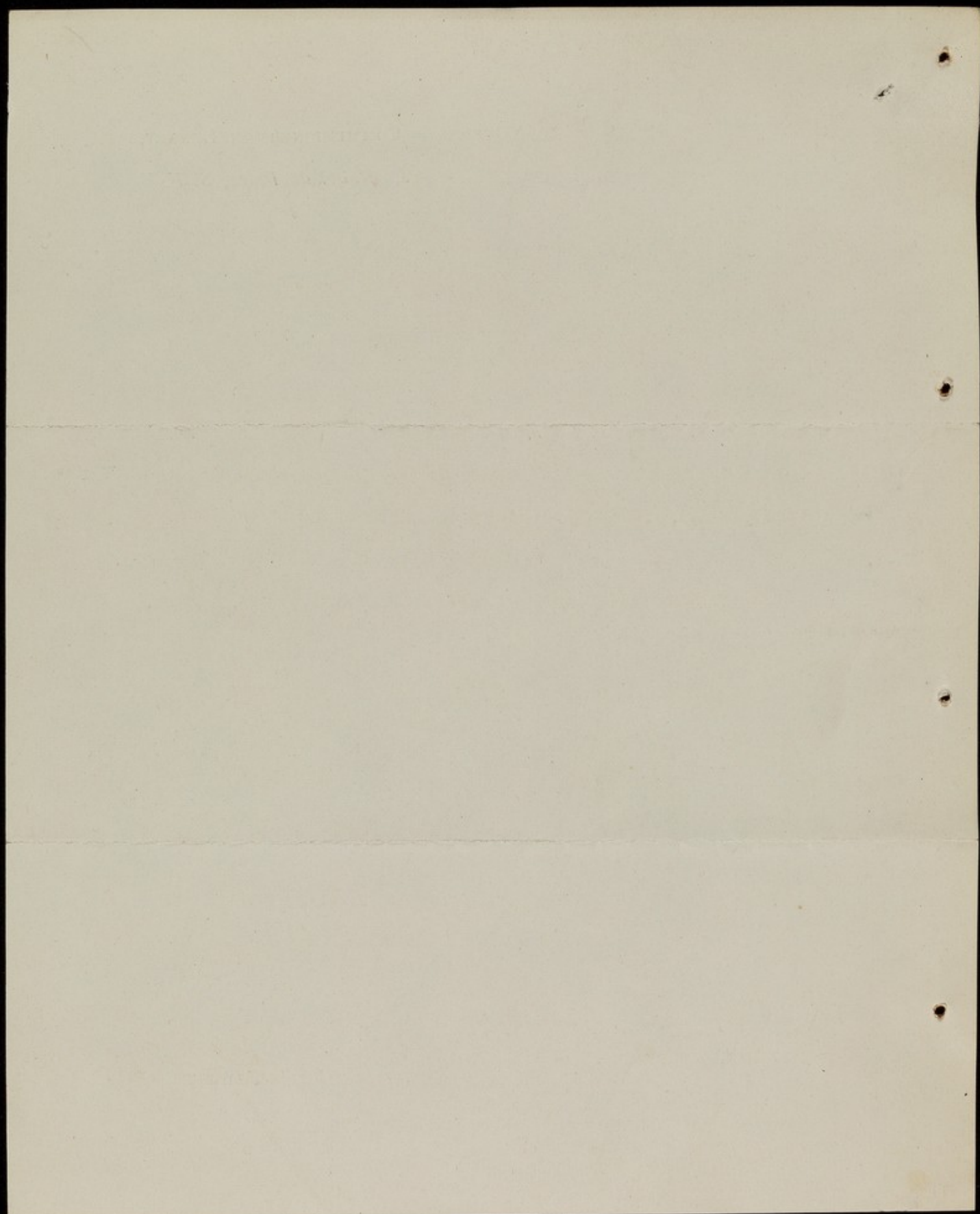
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. F. Giffard
Secretary.

• The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat, York.



Thomas

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

6th March, 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to draw the attention of the Committee of Management of the York Retreat to the fact that a patient named Thomas Alexander Thomas, although nominally on the books of the Hospital, and visited by the Medical staff, has not in fact been resident in the Hospital for many years. I am to say that the Commissioners are of opinion that a leave of absence of such extended duration is undesirable, and to suggest to the Committee that Mr Thomas should be discharged from the York Retreat, and become a single patient, he remaining where he is now. If an application with that object were made to the Commissioners by the person who signed the Reception Order, they would be prepared to give the necessary consent to the transfer.

I am, Sir,

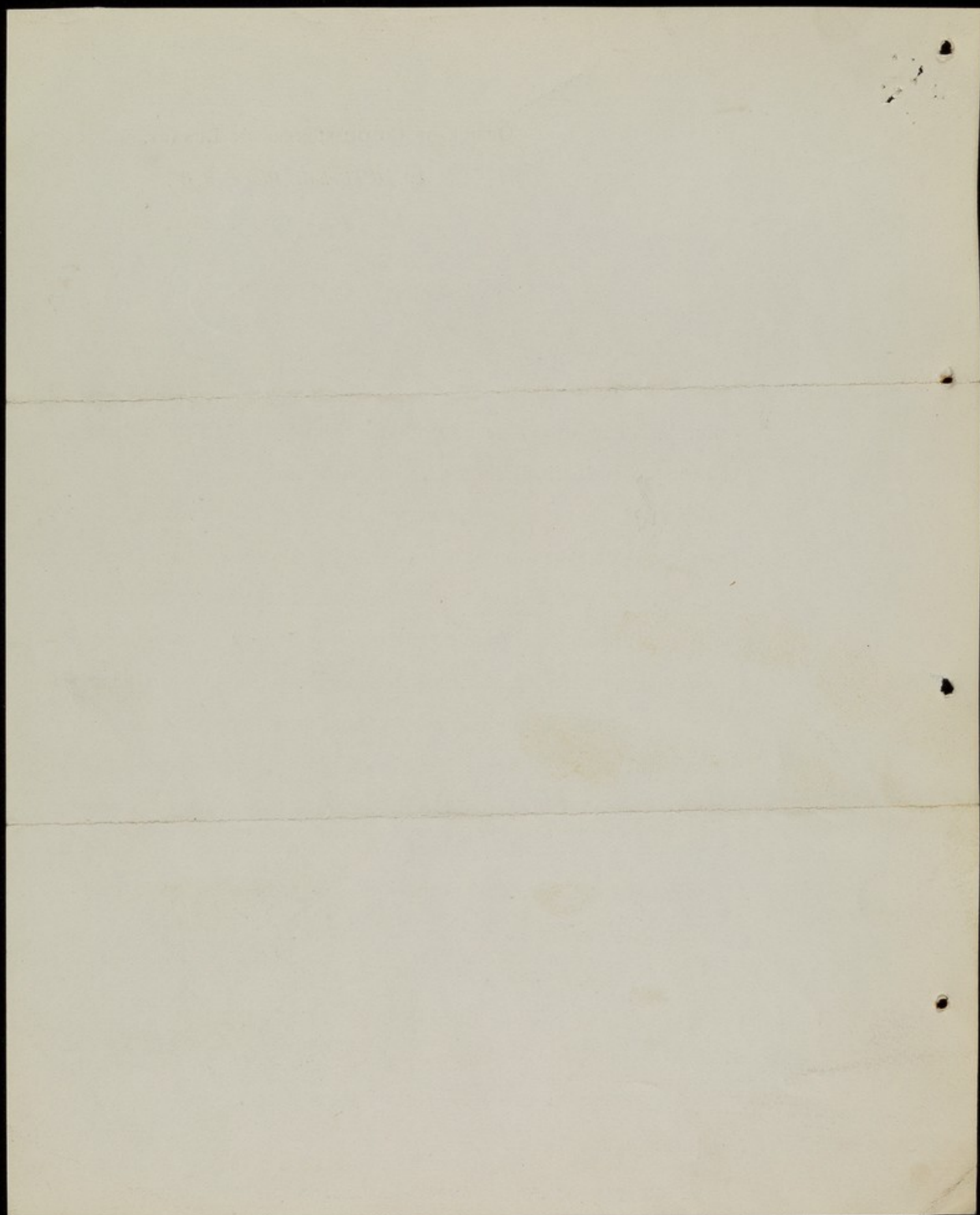
Your obedient Servant,

The Clerk to the

Committee of Management,

York Retreat

H. J. Lifford
Secretary.



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

7th March, 1896.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy desire me to send you
the enclosed letter from Mrs Aston, and to request you,
in returning it, to favour them with your observations
on her complaints as to food, etc.

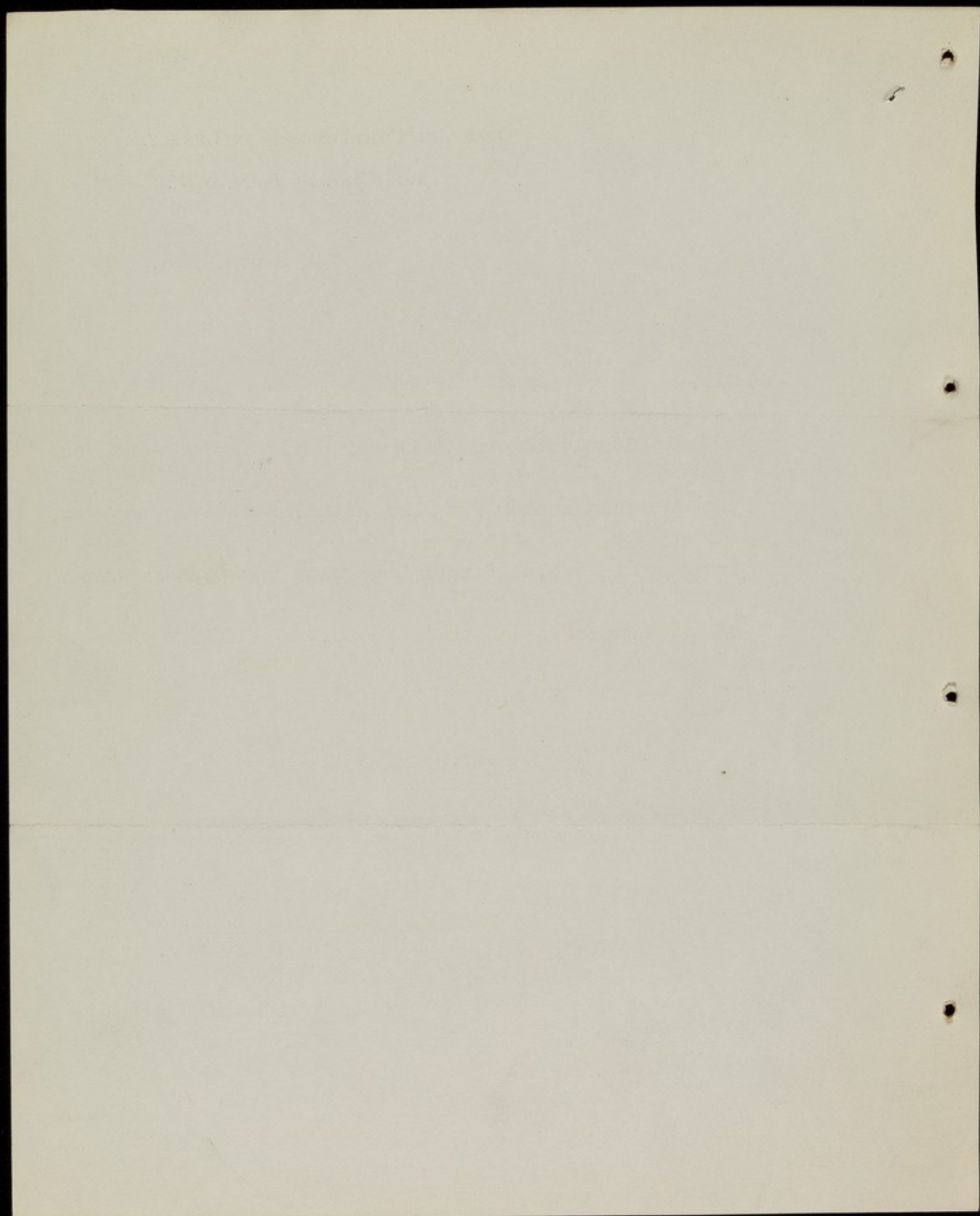
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. Liffard
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

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

10th March 1896

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to thank you
for your letter of the 9th inst relating to *Mr Aston*.

I am, *Sir,*

Your obedient Servant,

H. F. GIFFARD,

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.A.

Secretary.

Office of Communications in London

10, Whitehall Place, S.W.

1891

I am directed by the Committee in London to thank you

for your letter of the 10th inst. relating to

Your obedient servant

W. A. G. G. G.

Secretary

W. A. G. G. G.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place*, S.W.

th
24th
~~25th~~ March, 1896.

Sir,

re Mrs Mary.A.Tetley.

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd instant,
and to say that the Commissioners consider it very undesir-
able that the Medical Attendant of a Single Patient should
live at a distance from the place of residence of the patient,
if it can possibly be avoided.

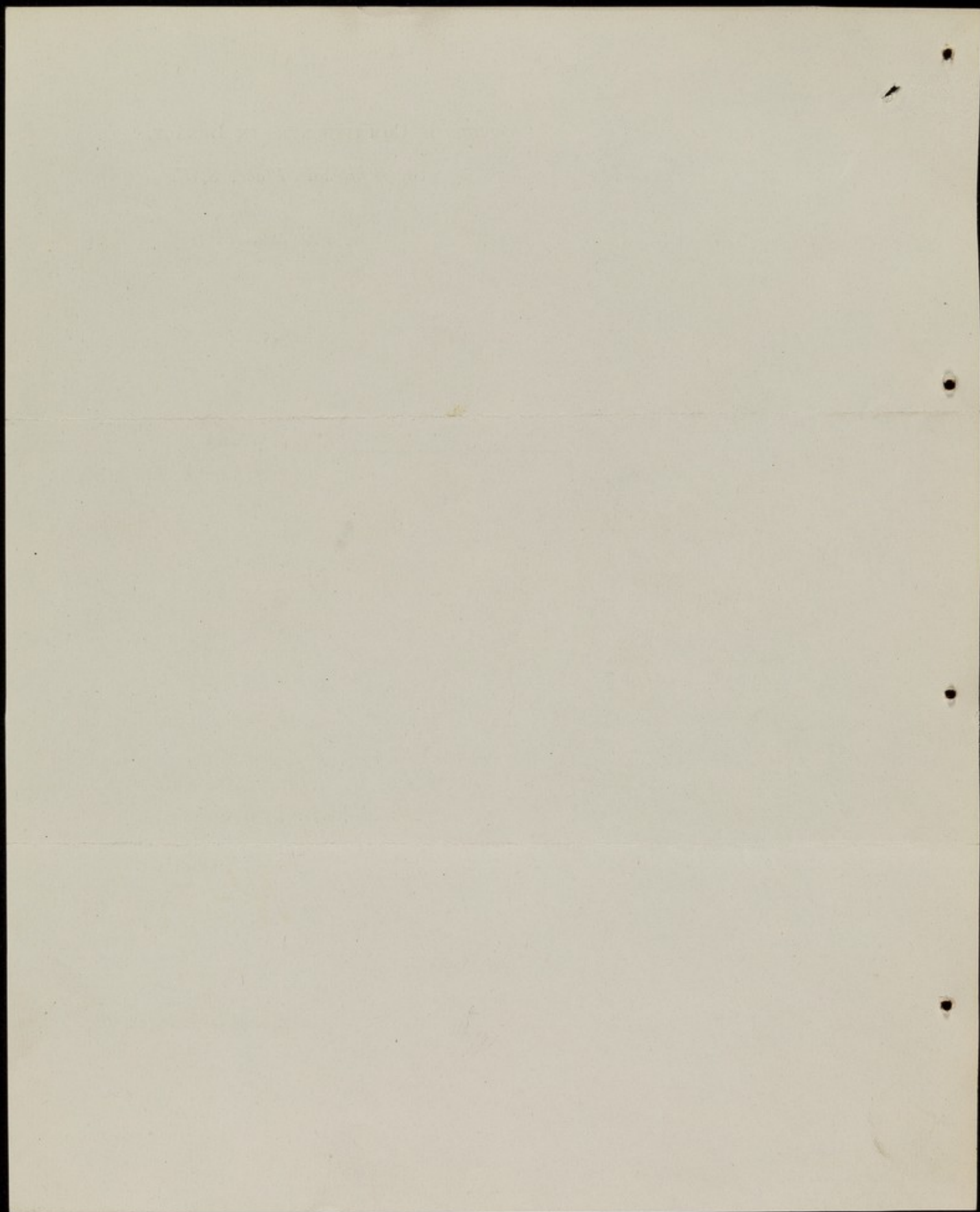
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chardeans

for the Secretary.

Dr B Pierce.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*

20th April, 1896.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy think it right
to inform you that the Rev.^d Frank Hooper has written
to them several times lately complaining of assaults
upon him by the other patients.

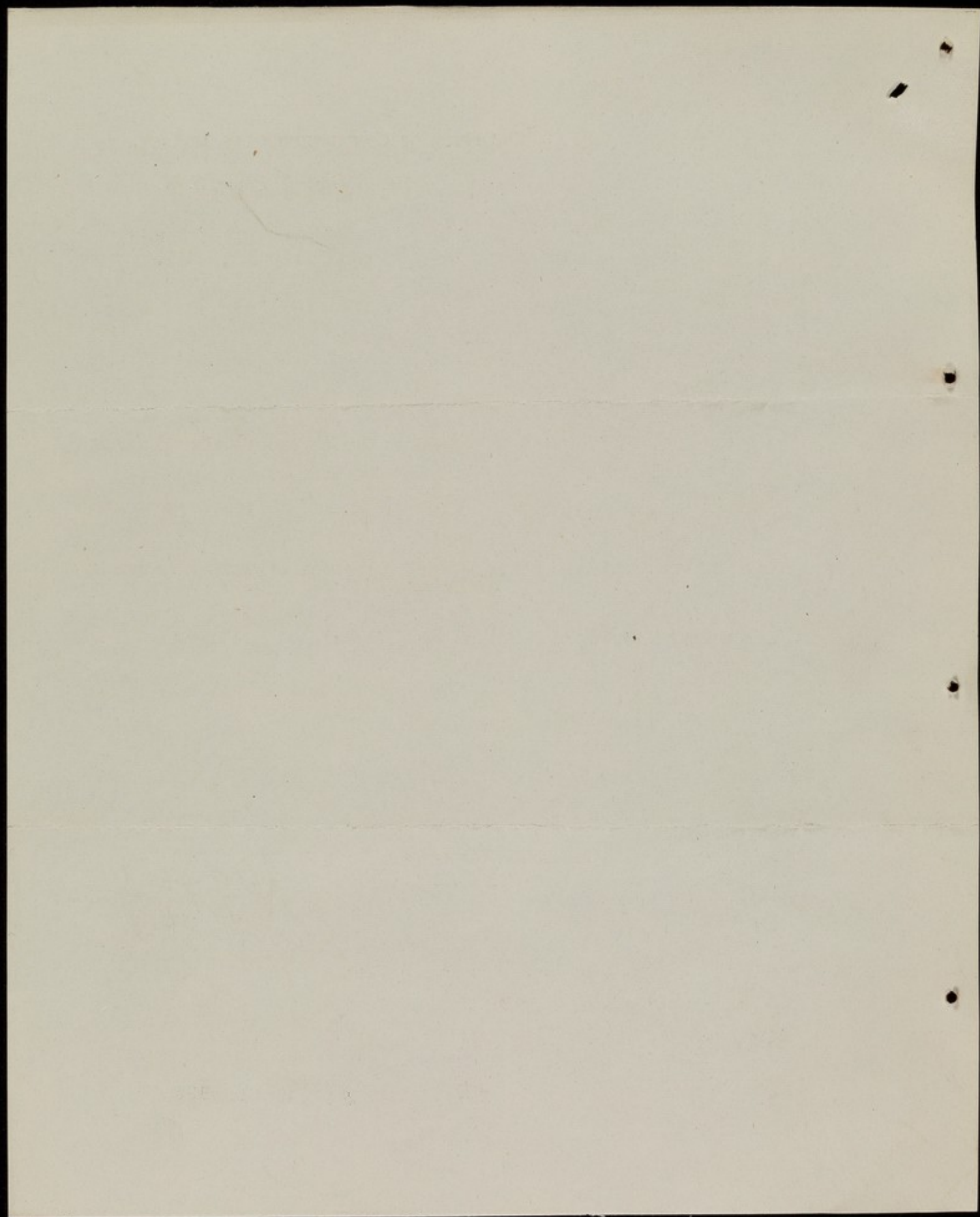
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. J. Liffard
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

24th April, 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to inform you that, in their opinion, the facts observed by Dr Garner at the time of examination of Mr George Mason do not appear to them to warrant the detention of this patient in the Retreat, and they think you will do well, if his further ^{detention} is, as it may be, advisable, to get a fresh Reception Order made in the usual way. The patient need not be sent away from the Retreat, in this event, as the Commissioners will not, in the circumstances object to the necessary examinations being made therein.

I am,

Sir,

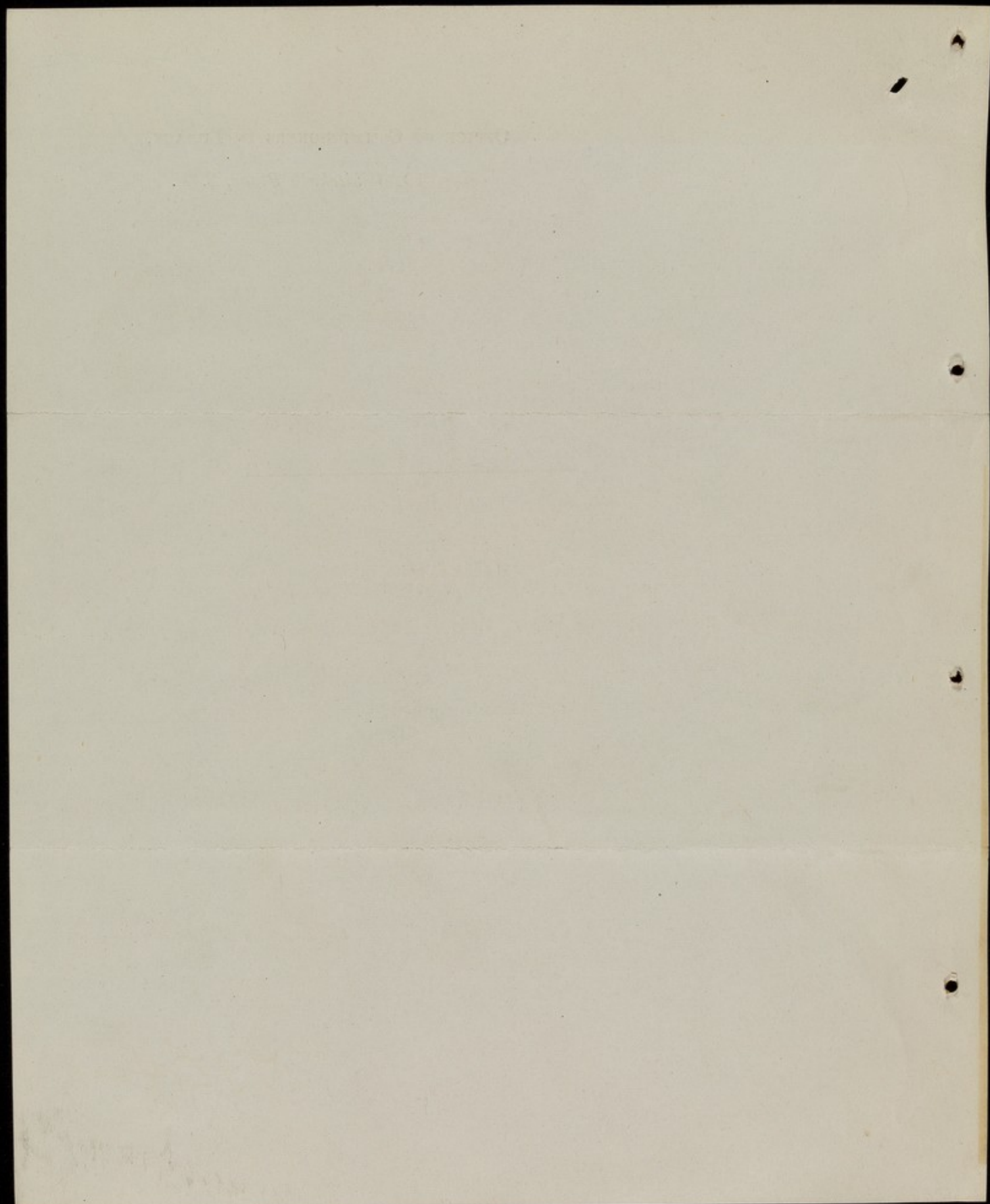
Your obedient Servant,

Charles Dean

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,

York Retreat Hospital.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitchall Place*, S.W.

28th April, 1896.

Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy
to send you the enclosed telegram which has just been
received here, and to ask you to deal with the request
therein contained as you may think best.

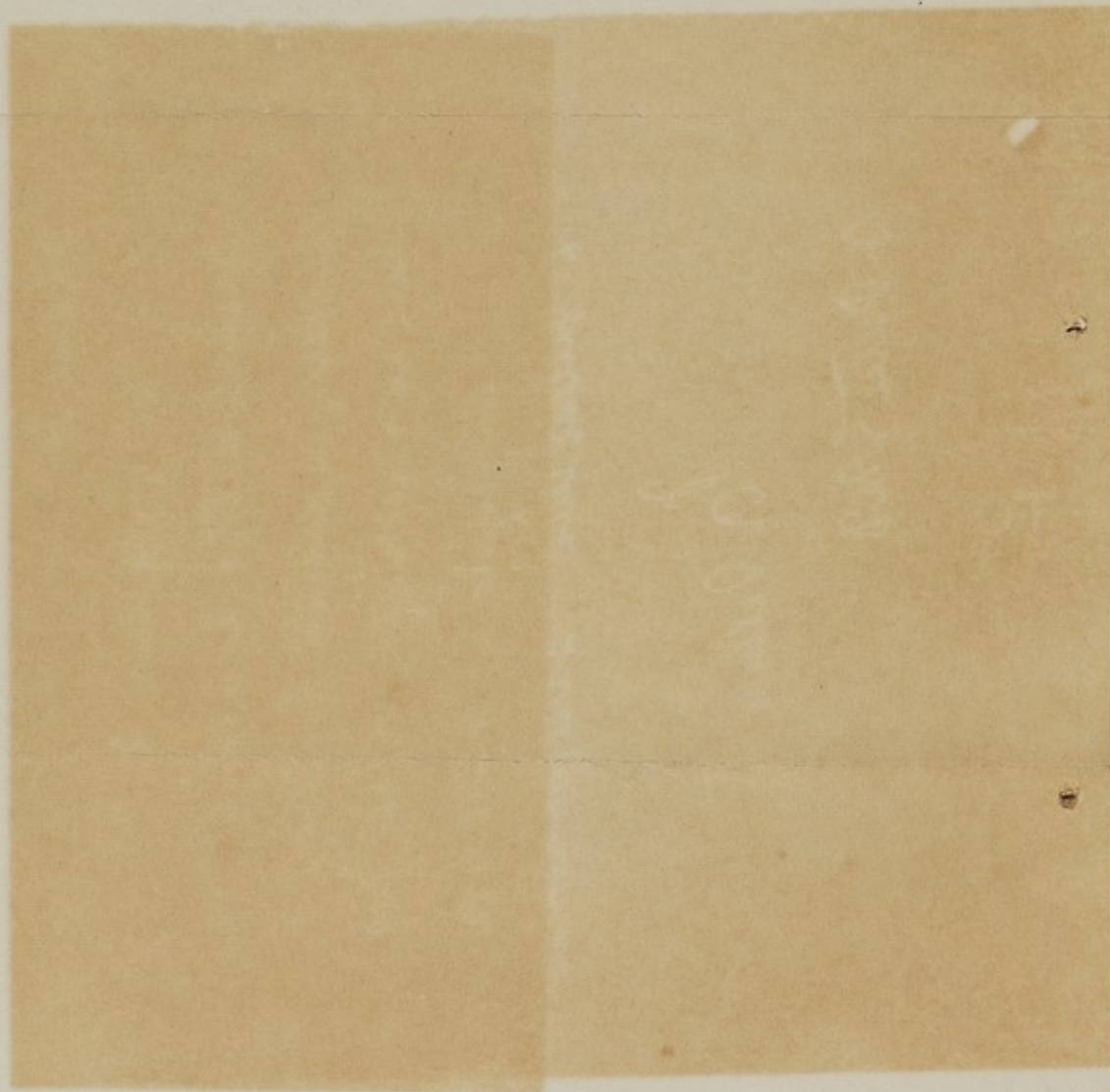
I am,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

H. J. Liffard
Secretary

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.





EVAN & SPOTTISWOODE, London.

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TO

The Commissioners
19 Whitehall Ldn

One of my children is
dead of I was refused permission
to see her while living
please arrange if you can
for me to go now
Geo. J. Sidebottom

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry made respecting this Telegram.



Now I advise you
that we go.

Before that
Edward Ford with
Attendant in the
house of
the
(1810)



31st 96

My dear Sir,

Will you explain to Mr
Marshall that, as he is not a
Chancery inquisition patient, I
have no jurisdiction in his case.

His cause is at law & not
a matter of this Court.

J
A Palmer

J Palmer Esq



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

14th May 1896.

Sir,

I write, on behalf of the Commissioners in Lunacy, to enquire whether M^{rs} Ella Lewis is still insane, and in a fit mental and bodily condition for transfer to another Asylum.

If this patient is, or is inclined to be, either suicidal or dangerous, you are requested to state the fact.

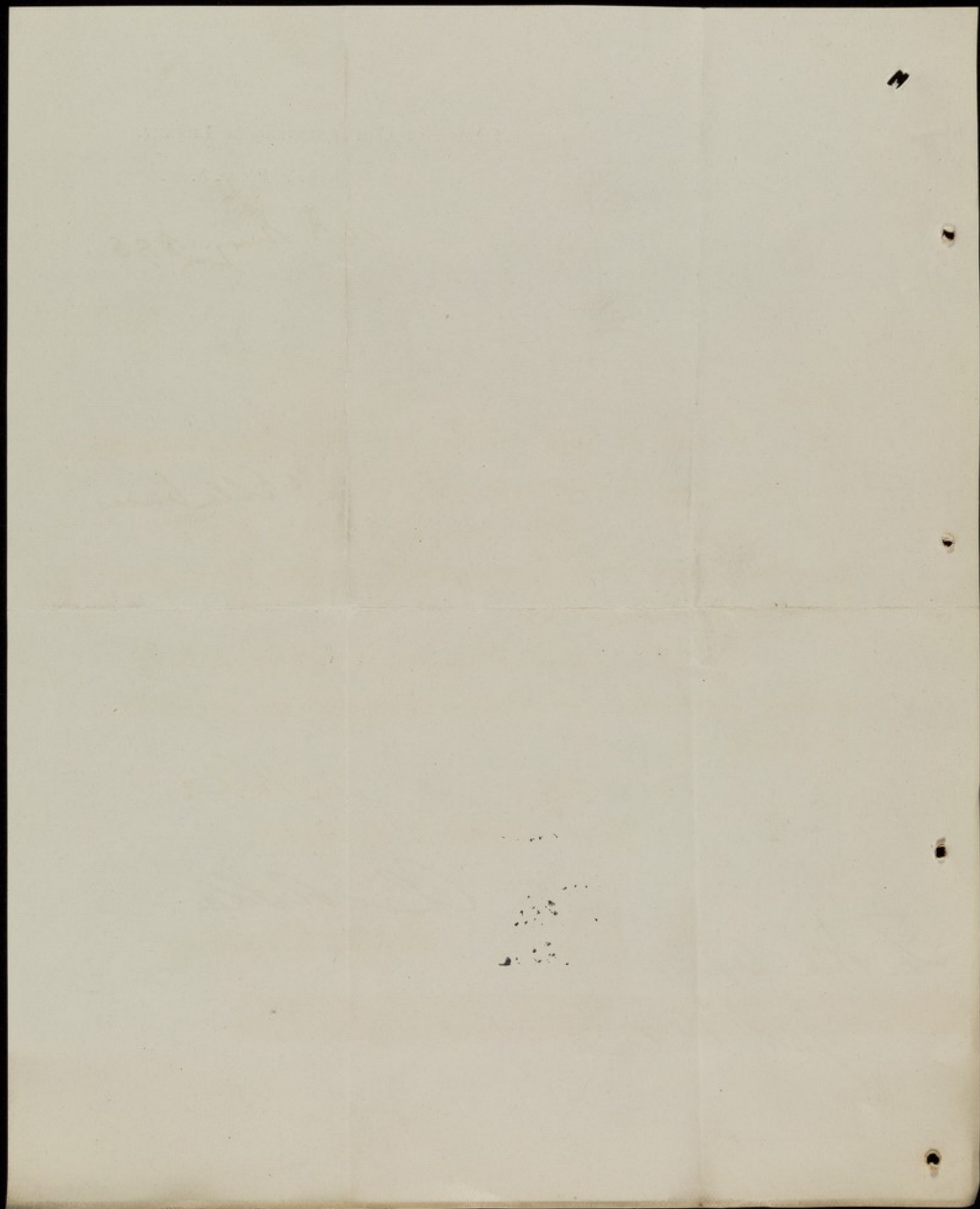
I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Charles Ashmole.
For the Secretary

The Med. Dept.

York Asylum.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*

13th June, 1896.

Sir,

The attention of the Commissioners in Lunacy has been called to the fact that Mr John Marriott, who signed the Reception Order in the case of Mr Herbert Denton, who was admitted into the York Retreat on the 29th of May, 1895, was not a Judicial Authority under the Lunacy Act, 1890, and this being the case, that Order is invalid, and the patient cannot legally be detained without a proper Reception Order, obtained upon a fresh Petition and certificates. There will be no occasion to remove the patient for the purpose of recertification, as the Commissioners will raise no objection to the necessary examinations taking place at the York Retreat

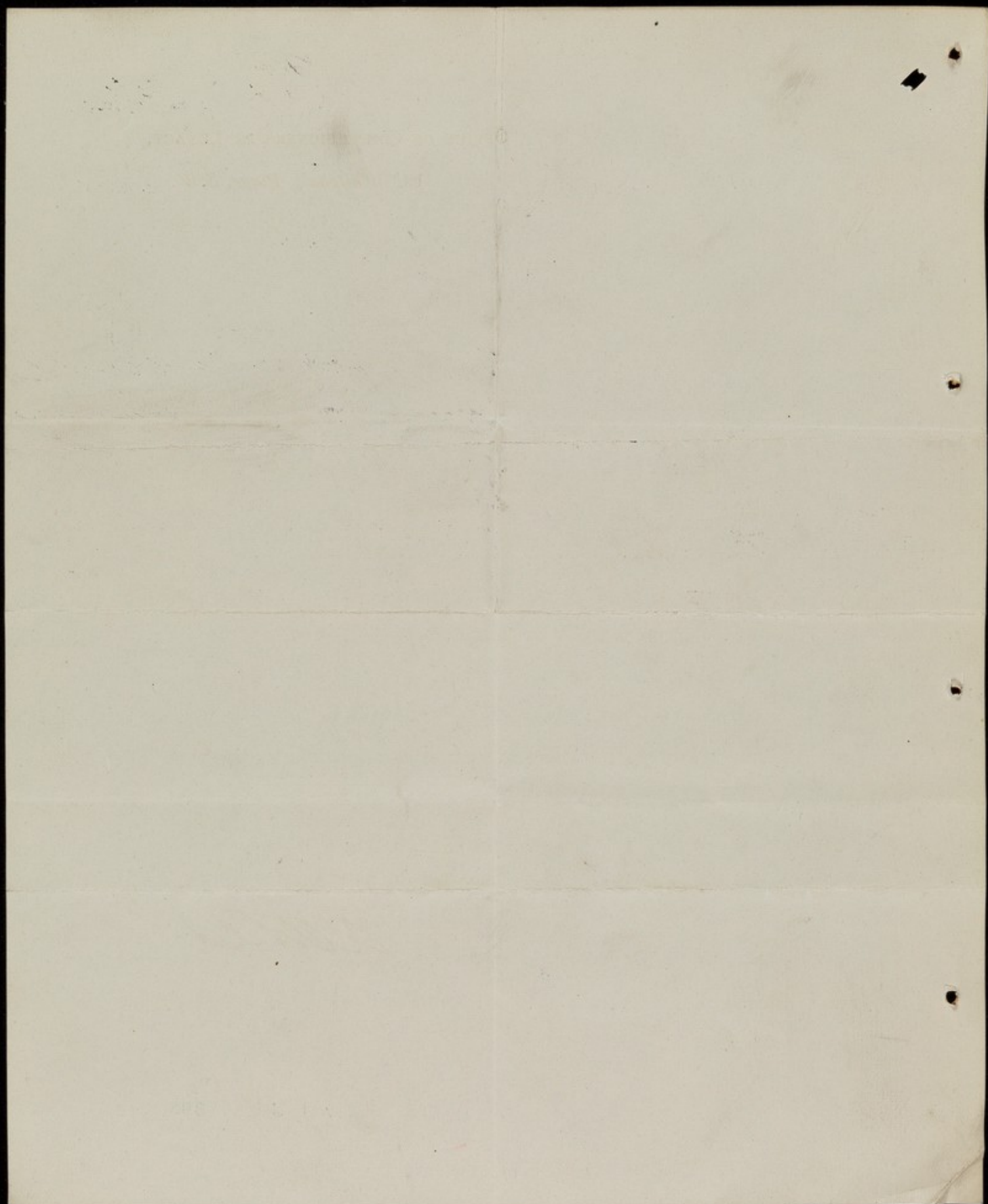
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. Wild

for the Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place*, S.W.

30th May, 1896.

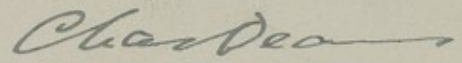
Sir,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy
to request you to be good enough to let them see
the original certificates in the case of Mrs Harriet.
E.M.Morgan, admitted on the 14th instant.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



for the Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq.M.D.

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Order of the Court
in the case of

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

12th June, 1896.

Sir,

Mr H. Denton.

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy
to request you to send here, by return of post, the
original of the Reception Order made by Mr John Mar-
riott on May 28th, 1895, in Mr Denton's case.

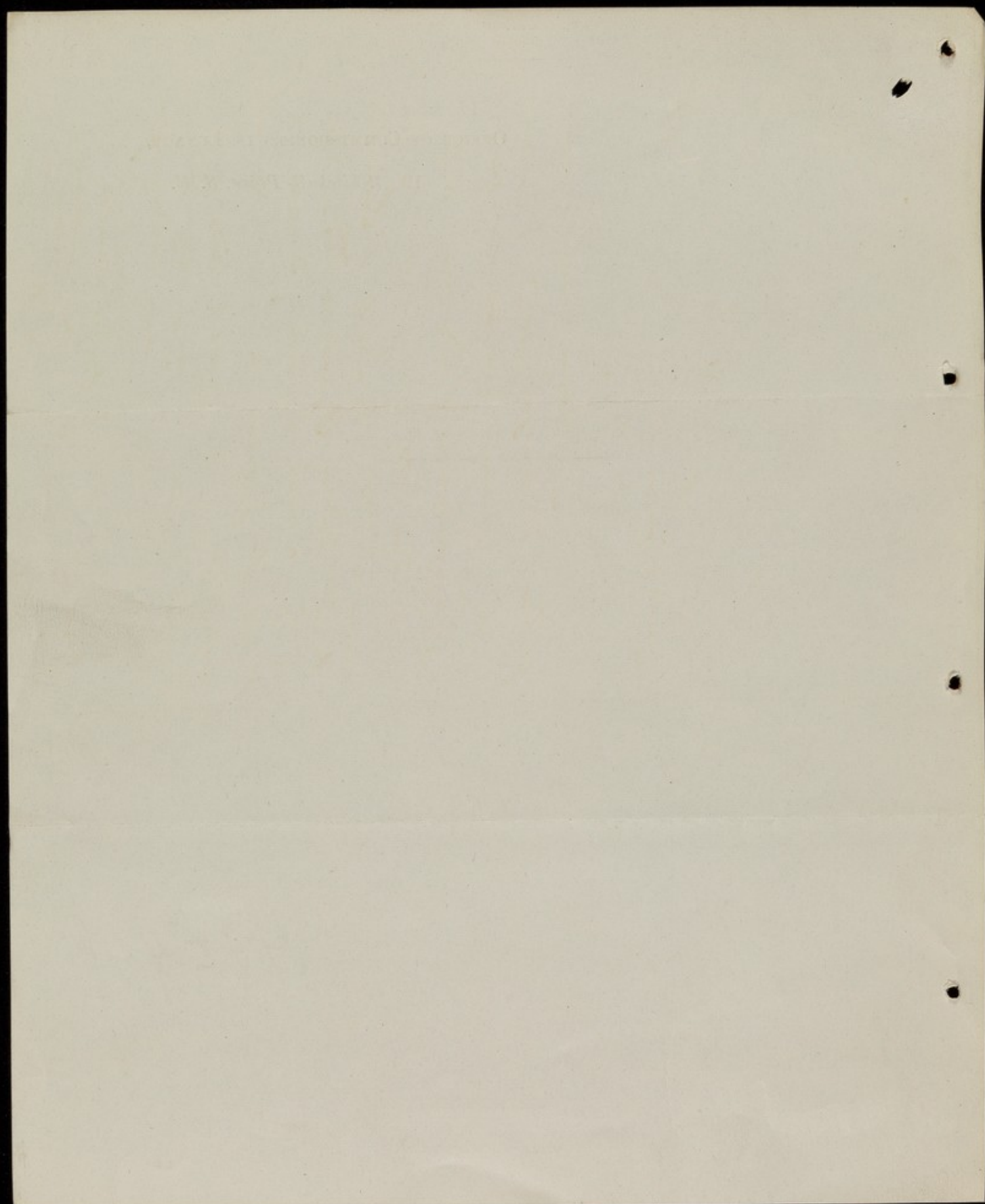
I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. F. Lifford
Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat.



OFFICE OF MASTERS IN LUNACY,

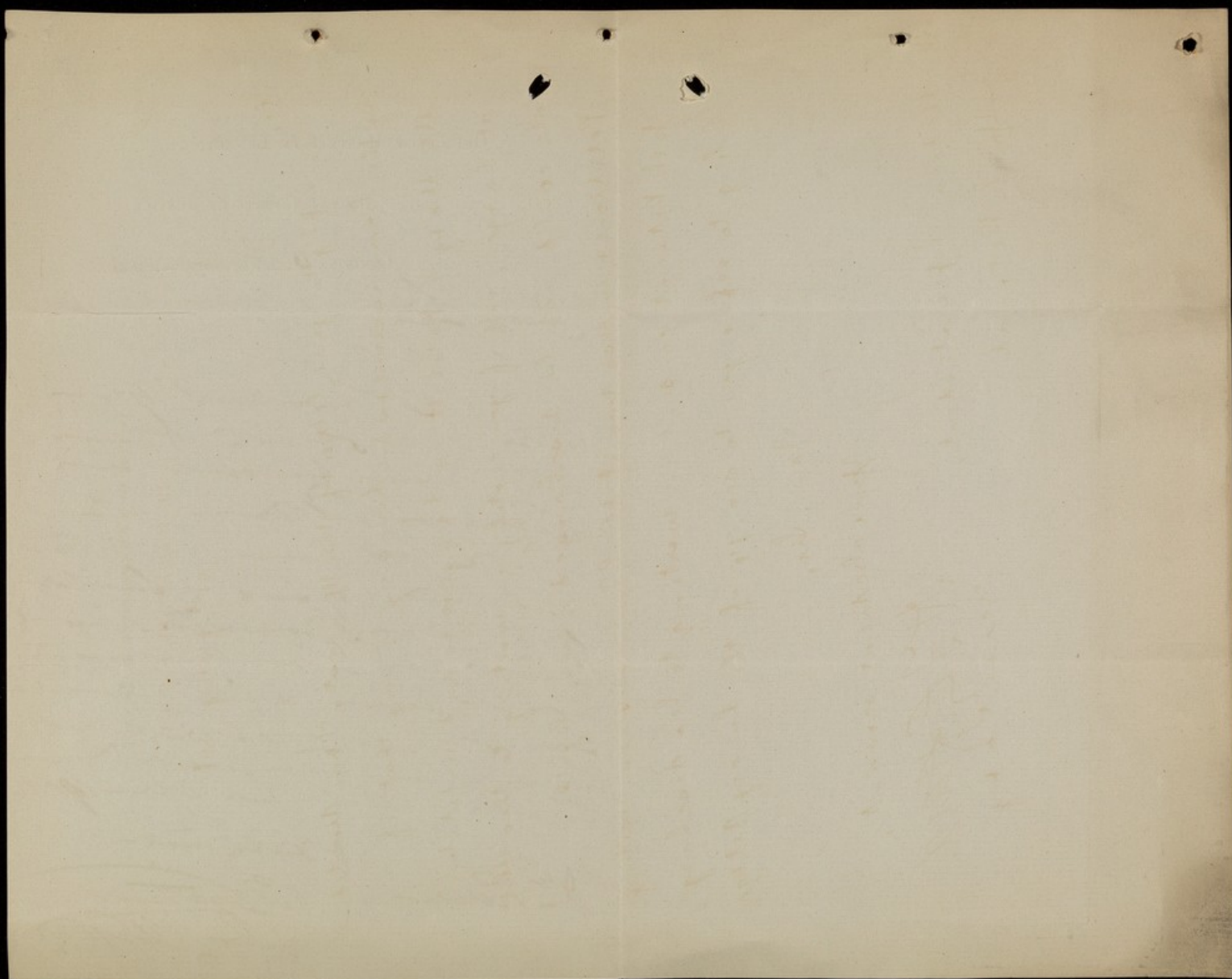
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

LONDON, 6 May 1896.

Dear Sir

I have recd your
letter of the 5th inst. & Mr
Carter therein enclosed re
Bernard Walton. Mr
Walton has given a written
undertaking to send a similar
cert every 6 months. This
is not an inspection matter
had it been a cert under
Sec: 115 of the Act 1890 we
have him due now & a
similar one in April 1901.

Yours truly
J. R. Pierce
Registrar
Chief Clerk



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.,

21st July 1896.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst, I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that if Mr. Mary E. Patchett is "dangerous and unfit to be at large", and if you certify in writing to this effect, she could not be discharged, even by the Petitioner, unless two of the Commissioners visiting York Retreat consent in writing to her discharge. I beg to refer you to sec. 74 of the Lunacy Act 1890.

I am, Sir,

Yours obedient servant,

The Medical Superintendent,
York Retreat

H. F. Giffard
Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*

24th August, 1896.

Sir,

Mr Herbert Douglass Marshall has written to the Commissioners in Lunacy complaining that through the negligence of Attendants he lost his silver watch on the 21st instant, after having entrusted it to the charge of Mr Jaffé, and they would be glad if you would make some enquiry into the matter.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. Deane

for the Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

Office of the Secretary of the Navy

Washington, D. C.

• Trying to interview Dr. Pierce's nurse
prevented by attendant who tried
to take sticks from him -

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

Patient threw sticks away -

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

Refused to come in & was brought
in by Attendant John Wilson -

27th August, 1896.

Patient threatened to throw pipe in Wilson's face

& tried to strike Wilson when Wilson took hold of him & so

unnecessary violence was used -

Sir
Simpson & Forbes saw all - Simpson in charge of 4mt 3

The Commissioners in Lunacy think it well

to inform you that Mr Martin Jaffé, in a letter addres-

sed to them on the 25th instant, mentions that he was

recently given a blow on the right hand by an Attendant,

John Wilson (?),

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. S. Wild

for the Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

The

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

30th December, 1896.

Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy have examined the plans of proposed additions and alterations at The Retreat, submitted with your letter of the 26th instant, and desire to make the following observations thereon.

I They think that a second exit should be provided at the north end of the proposed new Building.

II The staircase shown on the plans appears to have an open well. If this is so, the stairs must be fully protected to prevent accidents or suicidal attempts.

III It would be better if the sanitary Block had more perfect cross ventilation by means of a short lobby with a window on each side, as now generally arranged. IV The W.Cs will be rather far, but perhaps not too far, from the patients' Dining, and Sitting, rooms.

V The second floor rooms, to be appropriated to Nurses will be very low. The height of wall will be only seven feet, and the rooms will be, in fact, merely attics. The Commissioners think it worth consideration whether they should not be somewhat higher--say 8 feet of wall.

VI As regards construction, it is observed that the outer walls are to be only 14 inches thick. The Commissioners doubt if such walls would be weather proof or indeed strong enough for a building of two floors above the ground floor. They suggest 18 inch walls, at least to the first floor, but preferably for the full

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

height.

height. Some of the walls dividing rooms for patients are figured as only 4½ inch thick. This is not sufficient to secure a fair amount of quiet in case of one room being occupied by a noisy patient. The walls should be 9 inch.

The height of the first clear glass in the windows of sitting rooms should not be more than 2 feet 6 inches. The plans shew it to be 3 feet. VII.

In other respects the mode of construction, and the proposed methods of warming, ventilation and lighting, appear to be satisfactory, but the Commissioners of course accept no responsibility in respect of them.

They fear the proposed temporary Recreation Room will not be quite satisfactory, and hope it may not be long retained. As it will be an inflammable structure they suggest that it should be kept rather further away from the main building. The one fireplace will hardly be sufficient to warm the room in cold weather, and some artificial heating should be supplied. VIII.

The Commissioners are of opinion that the permanent additions now proposed will be found most useful, and will constitute^a valuable improvement to the Hospital.

I return the plans herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. Pearson

For the Secretary.

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

7th January, 1897.

Sir,

The Commissioners have considered your letter of the 5th instant on the subject of the proposed additions to The Retreat.

They think the question of a second exit from the north end of the proposed new Block, which must of necessity be by means of a staircase, to be one of considerable importance, and their view, as expressed in the official letter of the 30th ultimo, is not modified by the reasons you advance against its adoption. Without it, they cannot signify their approval of the plan, and all responsibility must rest with the Committee of Management.

The Commissioners think that a height of 2'6" for the first floor sitting room windows would be perfectly safe, and that height gives a better view from the window to persons sitting in the room.

These are the only points remaining as to which the Commissioners would suggest further consideration. They note that most of their other suggestions have been adopted.

I am,

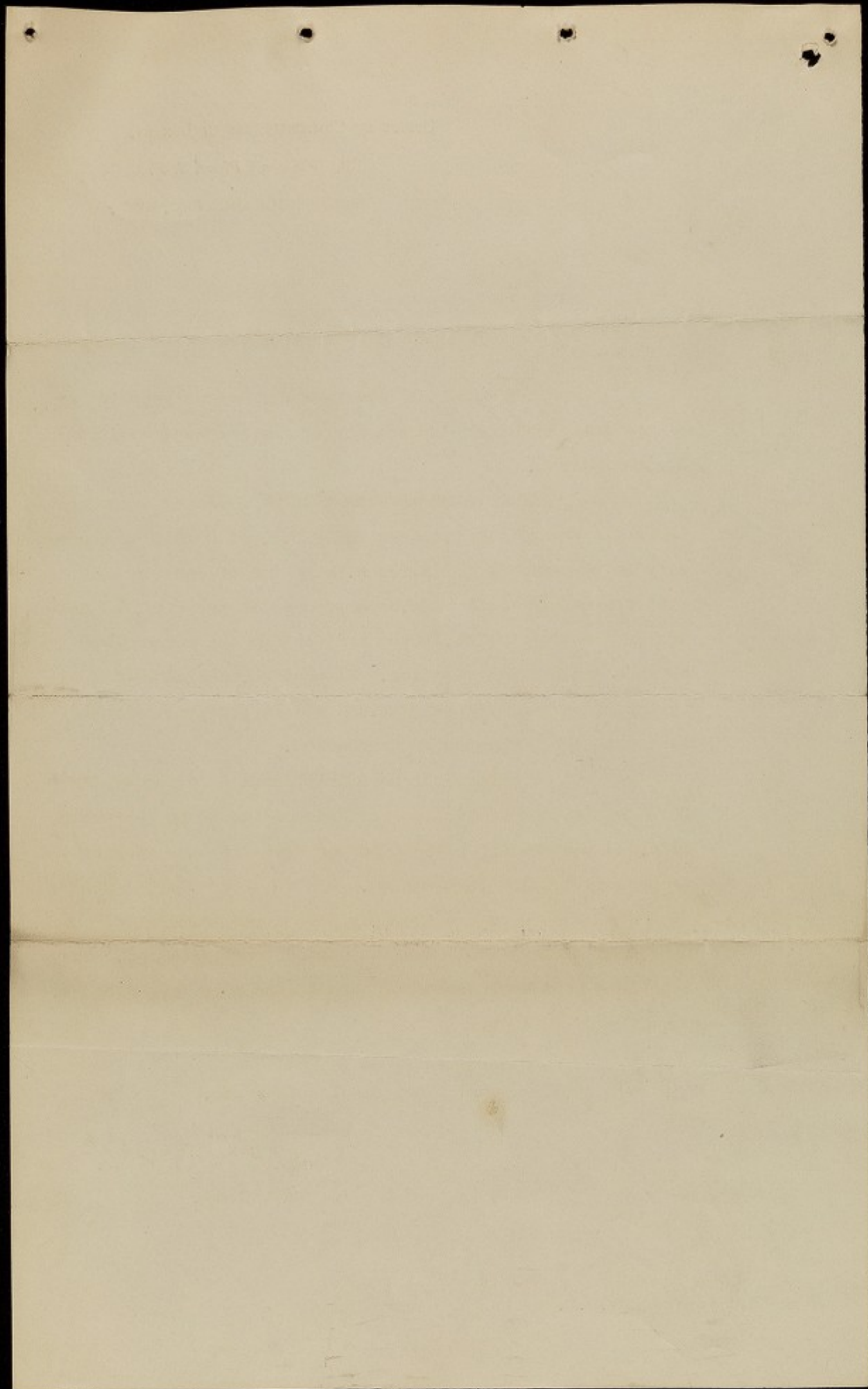
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

N. J. Lifford

Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.



OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, Whitehall Place, S.W.

18th January, 1897.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant,

I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to express their satisfaction that the Committee have decided to provide a second Staircase for the proposed new Block, as previously suggested by them, and also that the Window sills of the Sitting rooms will be lower. With the adoption of these and former suggestions the Commissioners approve of the plans.

I am to add that they see no objection to the change of site of the temporary Recreation Room now proposed and shewn on the block plan accompanying your letter, which I now return.

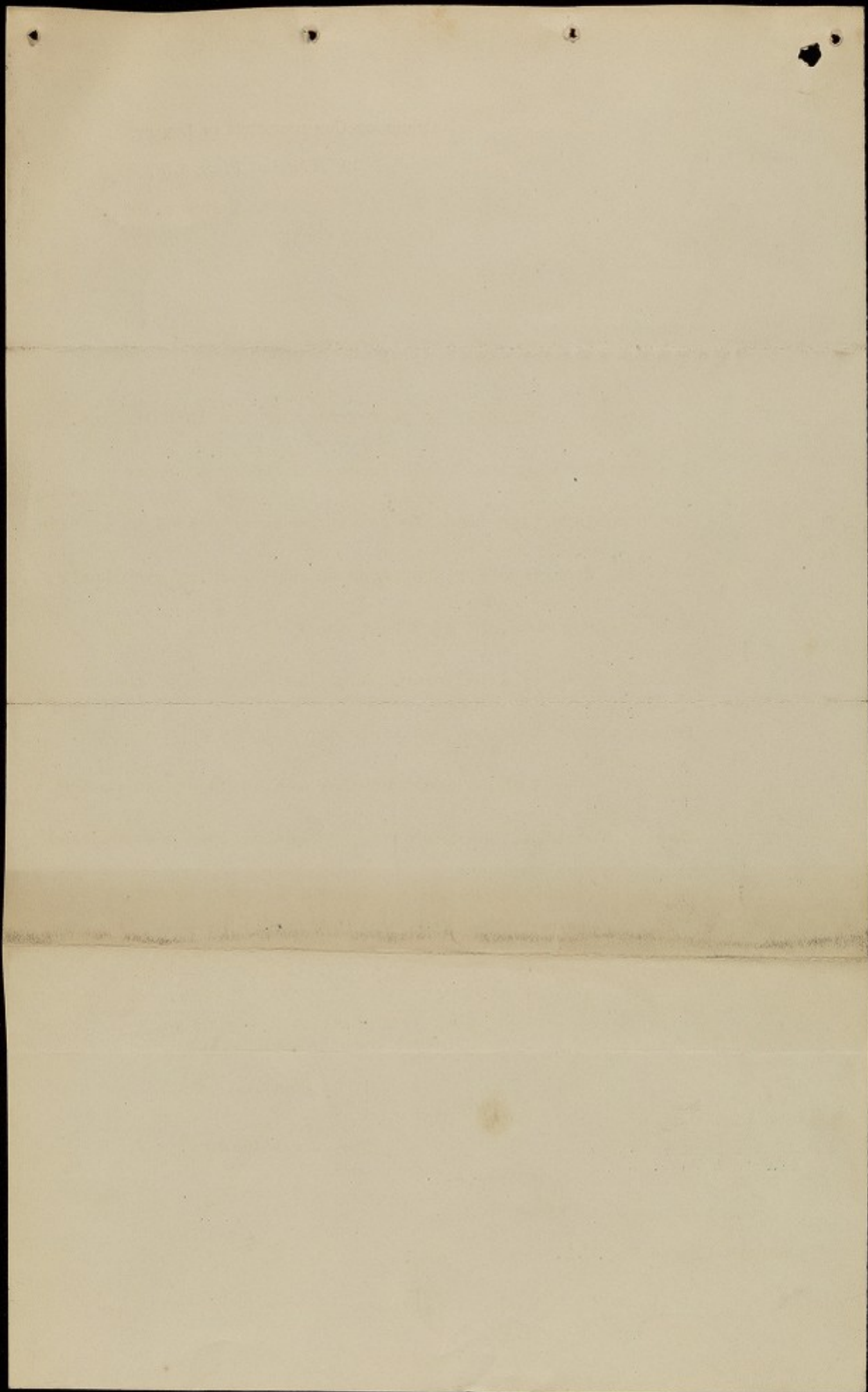
I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Chas. Dean

For the Secretary.

Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.



All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,
Commissioners in Lunacy,
19, Whitehall Place,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
letters.

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

9th August, 1897.

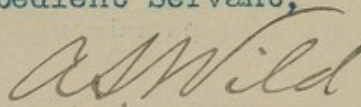
Sir,

The Commissioners in Lunacy have examined
the plans sent with your letter of the 7th instant, and
which I return, and direct me to say that they approve of
them, and are of opinion that the proposed new buildings,
and refitting of the back kitchen will form a valuable
improvement.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,



Bedford Pierce Esq. M.D.

For the Secretary.

Bowditch Lodge
April 20th Derby

Dear Dr. Mackenzie
Will you kindly
have the clothes
which I send
cleaned for my
brother Captain
Bateman (the black
chequed waistcoat
has been washed)

so would not
require it) but the
other things would,
& perhaps a little
repairing. —

Will you kindly
tell me how my
brother is? whether
he sleeps much,
& is more cheerful
or whether it
is still necessary

for him to have an
attendant in his
room at night?

Yrs very truly
Elijah Bateman

A. E. B. SOULBY,
SOLICITOR AND
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.
BRANCH OFFICE-PICKERING
TELEGRAMS
"SOULBY, MALTON"

MALTON,

YORKSHIRE.

15 April 1898

Dear Sir

re Miss Mrs Smith.

I enclose the Receiver's cheque for
£42:2:2 in payment of the enclosed a/c, which
please return to me duly receipted.

Do you keep any records of visits
to patients paid by their friends? If so, will you
please let me know the days on which Mrs Soulby
visited Miss Smith, in order that I may include
her disbursements in the accounts.

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

Yours faithfully
A Brownhead Soulby

12 April 98

Dear Sir
as per your letter

I am obliged to you for
information of these matters and
am sorry that I cannot
assist you further at present

I am, Sir, very truly
yours
J. H. Brown

Yours faithfully
J. H. Brown

WEST PARK HOUSE,
FALSGRAVE,
SCARBOROUGH.

April 13th

My dear Mr Woods

Enclosed please find
cheque valued 33¹¹/₁₀₀ in
payment of 1 Quarter to
March 31st & disbursement
to No 1097. I had hoped
my son John 10^d had
called at the Retreat. When
he was at York - about -
3 weeks ago - but he was
unable to do so. I wonder
if Miss 10^d recognises any
one of her family - or if
she 10^d desires any pleasure
from seeing them. My
daughter Esther - her

youngest sister & our
youngest Child is to
be married this summer.
She was a great favorite
of Annie's & I hardly
knew whether the
meeting wd not be
too painful for Lotie.
She has not been here since
since she went into the
Retreat - I fear there is
no change for the better
from the last report -
I do hope poor Annie

gets drives - and that
the grounds are beautiful
as they are - the receding
monkton - is wearing
- I will write to Mrs
Kear about her summer
clothes - as I used to do
to Miss Col. - Please
give my kindest love
to Mrs Woods & our
affd regards for
you both -

Very Truly

J. Hewitt

31, GRANGE ROAD,
LEWES, SUSSEX.

13/4/98.

Dear Dr Pierce

We are glad to
hear by Dr Mackenzie's
letter, written on
your behalf, of F. A.
Chapman's recovery
and that you propose
his returning home
on Saturday next.
I hope to meet him
at King's Cross at
2.10. The fare to

Leaves from York
3rd class, is 19/11. -

I suppose you will
advance a sufficient
sum of money for
the journey & charge
it to our Mrs. McG.
together with the
balance due, for the
time of his carriage
with you, over and
above the quarter
already paid for.
I shall be much

obliged if you will
do so as I expect
to leave home tomor-
row morning.

I had a bright letter
from F. A. C. yesterday.

Yours very truly
Josy. Hopkins.

Bowditch Lodge
Derby
Wednesday

Dear Dr. Peirce

I sent 2
suits (nearly) of
clothes last week
for my brother
Captain Bateman
with a note to
Dr. Mackenzie

asking a few
questions about
my brother, &
asking if he wd
kindly have the
clothes cleaned.

As I have
had no answer
will you kindly
ask him, or
his Deputy,

to send me
one?

Yrs very truly

Elija C. Bateman

Memorandum.

FROM

Rusholme & Whitehead,

PRINTERS AND LITHOGRAPHERS,

In replying please refer to

SKELDERGATE, YORK.

Dear Sir

With reference to your communication dated 3rd inst, we have pleasure in stating that we interrogated the writer of the paragraph in question, who informs us that he happened to be at Newcastle recently and overheard a conversation between two gentlemen, the substance of which is contained in the paragraph. Before leaving, he heard the same matter spoken of but in a varied form, and naturally concluded that the gentleman's (Mr. Black's) transfer to York was common report in that locality.

We infer from your letter that the information is incorrect, & if so, as Proprietors and

Joint Editors of the York Comet - we trust
you will be good enough to accept our
apology, & direct us in what manner we
may make the Contradiction. If however
the report is correct & you merely wish to
find out the source of information we can
merely re-iterate that the news came from
Newcastle and we are sorry that we cannot
give the names.

Mr. Gerard, the writer informs us that he
has been questioned by an Official of yours
& while anxious to be courteous he was
unable to give any other information than
that embodied here. Unfortunately he took
no steps to verify the information in York,
a circumstance which both he, and
we regret. I trust you will be assured
from this that we have given all information
at our disposal.

Yours very Jly

Rumour & Whitehead

Dec 7/57

HALL & WHITE,
SOLICITORS.

CHARLES HALL.
HENRY WHITE.

Huddersfield,
March 18th 1896

Dear Sir

Herbert Gordon Brigg.

We write to you at the request of Mr. John F. Brigg, Father of Herbert G. Brigg who was a patient in your Retreat in September 1894 when he made his escape & we understand that Mr. Ward the Chief Constable of this Town, saw you yesterday and explained the position in which Mr. Brigg now finds himself placed and we assume that you are thoroughly conversant with the position of matters here. Up to last night, we expected that Dr. Major and Dr. Irving, who previously gave certificates of Lunacy would have again done so and we were informed that they were prepared to give these certificates on an examination made on Tuesday week last. It was of course necessary that they should examine him again and Dr. Irving did so last night with the result that he found his mental condition whilst under restraint at Wakefield had undergone such a change that he could not

now give the Certificate, although he could have given it a week ago. Unfortunately Dr. ^{Major} was engaged this morning and could not come over to see Mr. Brigg.

The effect of this is that Mr. Brigg, being charged with an indictable offence, has been committed to the Quarter Sessions for trial and the question arises as to what is the best course to adopt. We think that at the trial, evidence ought to be given as to his mental condition & we shall be glad if you will kindly inform us whether during the time you had him under your charge you were able to form an opinion of his condition as to justify you in speaking to it or giving evidence at the Sessions and in that event whether you should consider that he is a person who ought to be at liberty or whether he ought to be put under some, and if so, what restraint?

We remain,

Yours faithfully,

Saml White

C. O. Stanwell Esqre.

The Retreat

York.

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London W.C. 13th April 1898

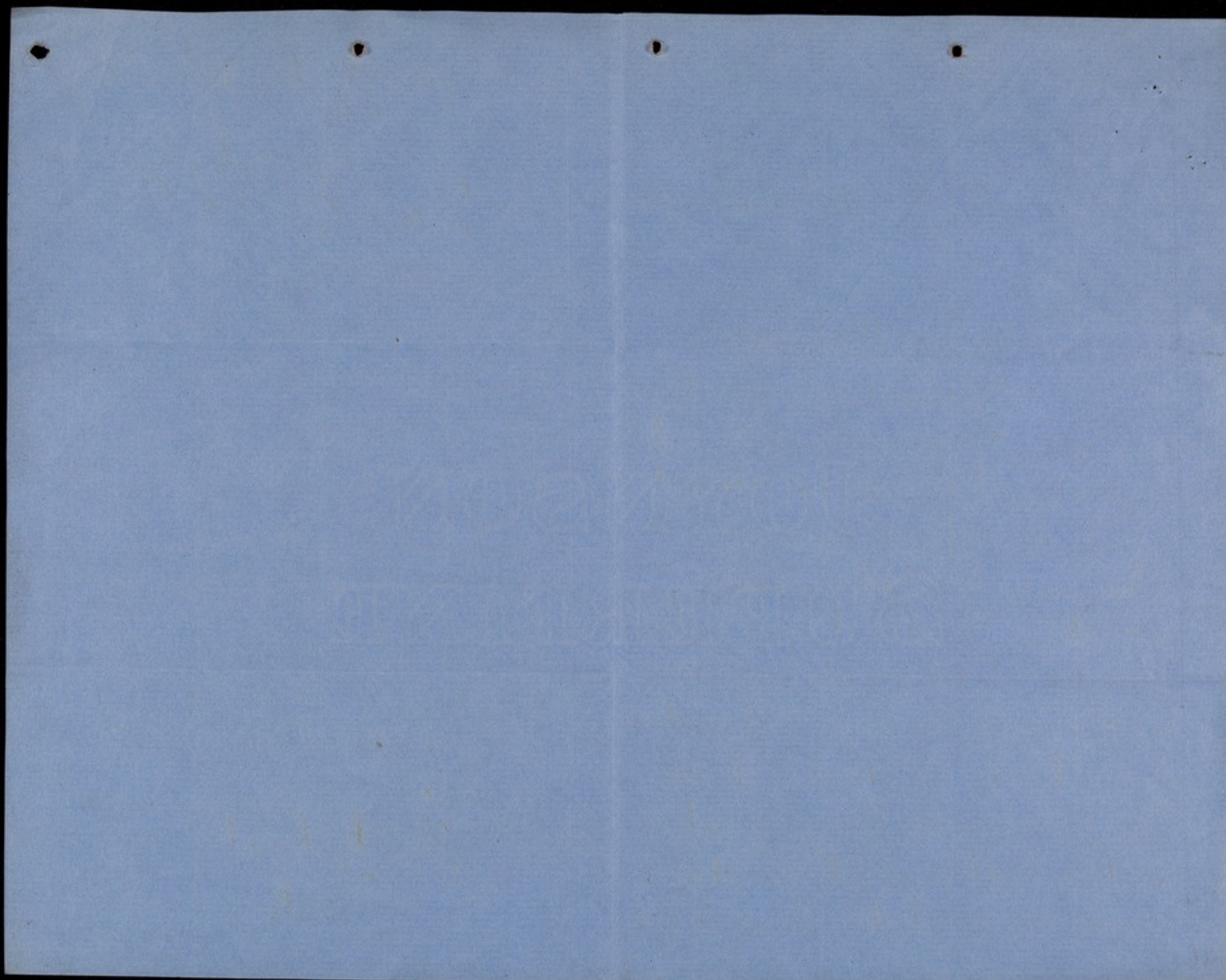
Dear Sir/ie Miss Mat. Lawson.

Enclosed we send
you our cheque value £2.8.6
in payment of enclosed account
& shall be obliged by your
returning the latter duly
receipted. - We think you will
find you have made an error
in charging for the 2nd Affirmation
of Dr. Pierce as that gentleman
has only made two Affirmations
in this matter for the first of
which we sent the fee of £1.2.6

by cheque on the 10th ult. -

Yours truly
J. H. & J. Y. Johnson

S. E. Woods Esq
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The Retreat
York.



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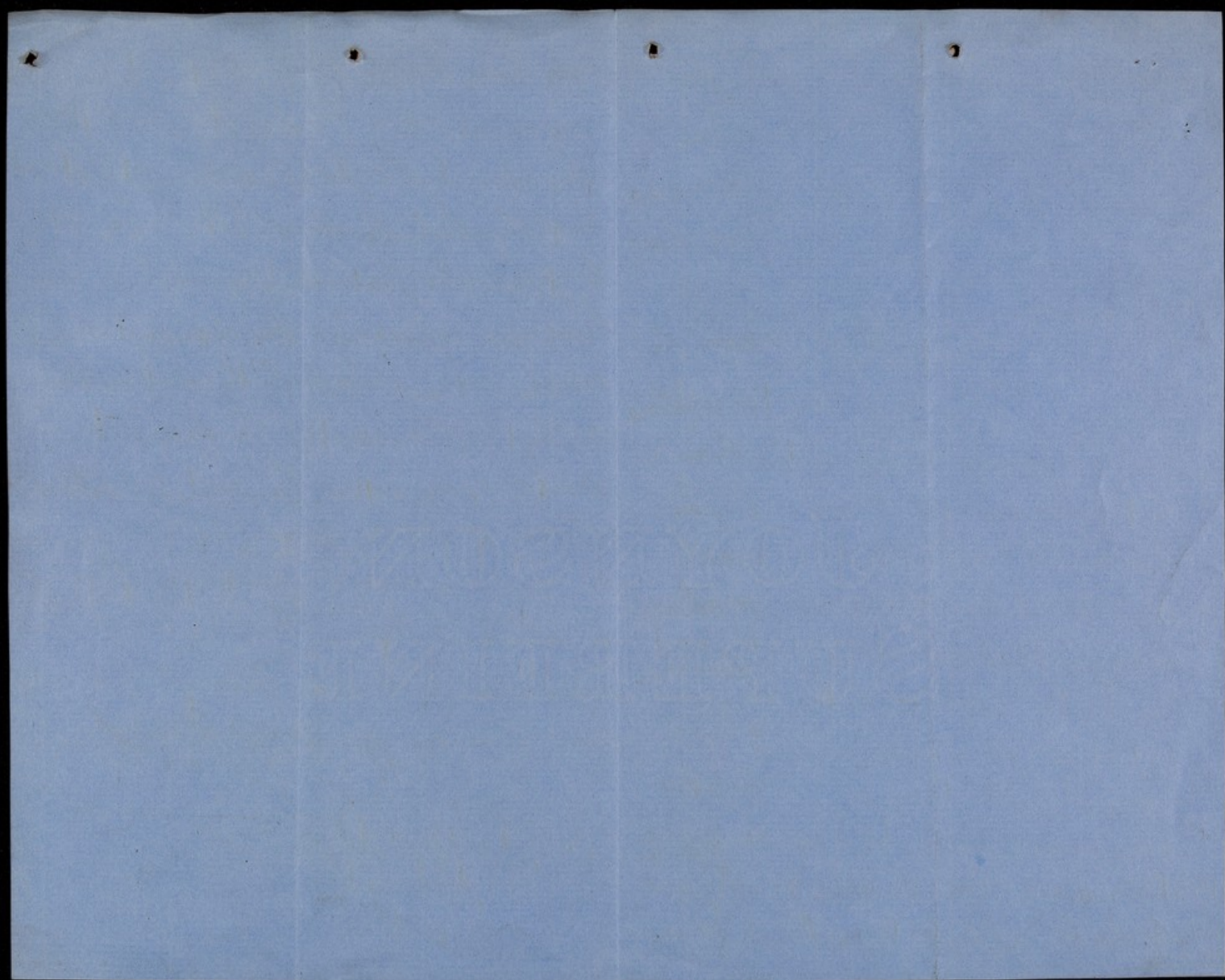
London W.C. 1st April 1898

Dear Sir / re Miss M. A. Lawson.

The Lunacy Registrar will require proof of the service of the summons herein on Miss Lawson & enclosed we send you joint Declaration by yourself & your Medical Superintendent as to the service of the summons & Notices of adjournment of appointment thereon. - As the summons will be heard on Monday we shall be obliged if you will both attend before

a Commissioner for Oaths tomorrow & make the Declaration at the same time taking care that the Commissioner marks each of the duplicate Notices where we have marked the Exhibit. When you have done this kindly return all the documents to us at the same time letting us know whether there is any fee payable to the Retreat in respect of same.

Yours truly
J. H. Johnson
D^r. Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.



23, Finsbury Square. C. C.

24 June 1897

Dear D. P. Pine

Mr. C. Chase

I have a little money
available for him. Could you
arrange for his having some
seaside (holiday) this summer
for £10 extra? If so I
can supply this sum, or a
little more, not much.

I hope to be down in Aug.
attending part of the Summer
School, & should fit in a call at
the Retreat. To see Chase.

With kind regards yours very truly
R. Kingston Fox

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D. D. Campbell, President, 1899

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Wilmslow Park

Wilmslow
Cheshire

June 28. 97.

Dear D. Pierce,

I understand that there is a possibility of my brother being obliged to come to M'chesler, for a business interview with his solicitor, before very long. If he comes it will have to be definitely understood that he must strictly confine himself to that and go straight back to York as soon as he conveniently can after the interview is over. I fear it may

be rather a trying interview for him as there are a number of important points for discussion and ample room for a good deal of argument & difference of opinion & from what I hear he does not seem in a very practical frame of mind while on the other hand it is of vital importance to himself & family that a definite settlement should be arrived at as soon as possible or very serious complications will probably arise. Unless you feel very certain that it is quite unnecessary I think one of your attendants should come with him

& see him back all right.

I judge from his letters that my brother is keeping well in general health but he does not seem able to grasp the present position of his business affairs & the arrangements which are absolutely necessary acting rather as if he thought he would very soon be at liberty to return & well enough to assume the entire management himself of which I fear there is no chance whatever. I shall be glad if you will treat this as quite confidential.

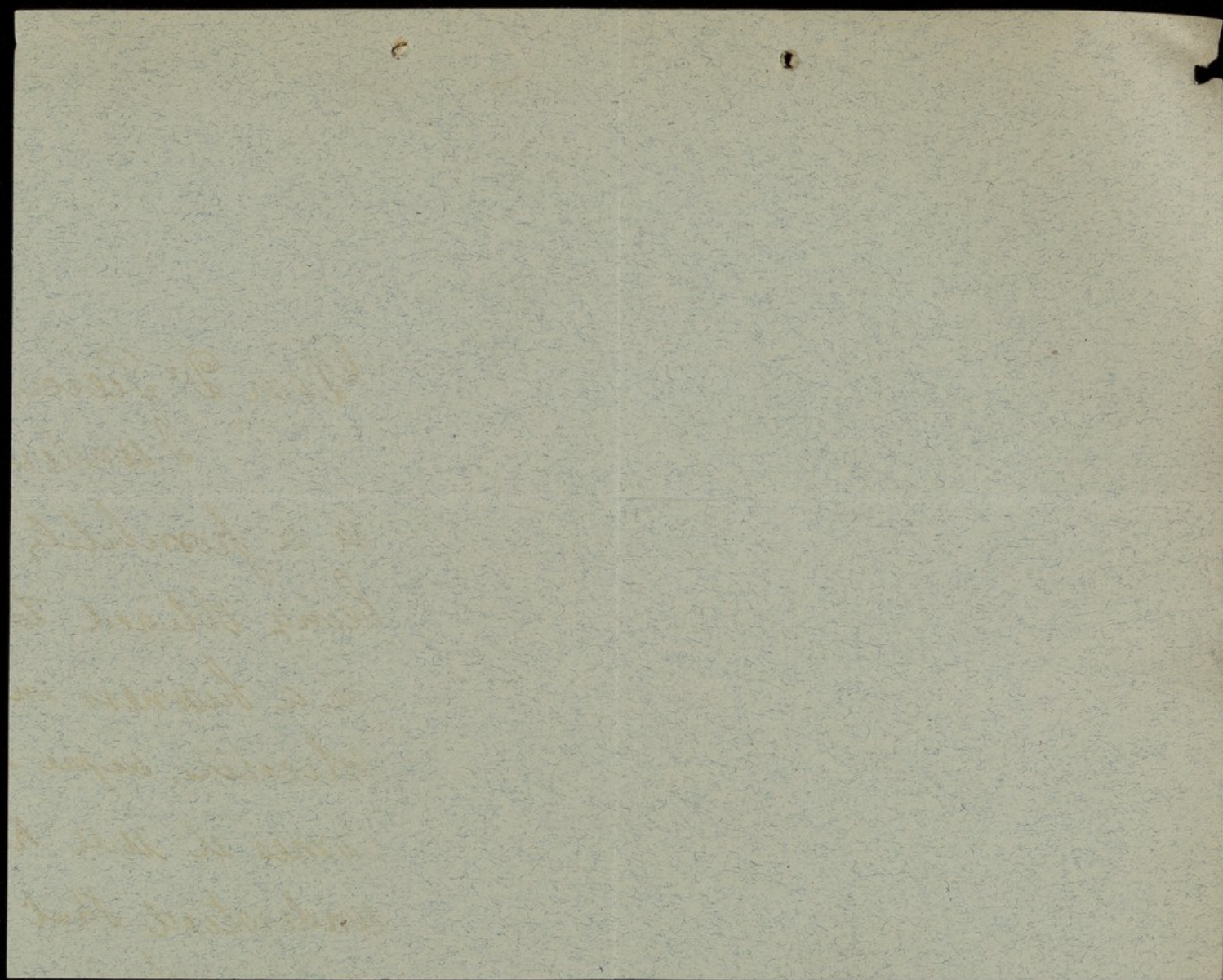
Believe me

Yours truly

W. E. Bidbottom

Dear Dr. Mackenzie
 Please let me
 know when I can
 call on you - I think
 a college has
 been started
 in the
 country
 near
 the
 river
 and
 I
 am
 going
 to
 see
 it
 soon
 I
 am
 very
 truly
 yours
 S. W. Jacob

12 Roswell Man
 8th Chelsea

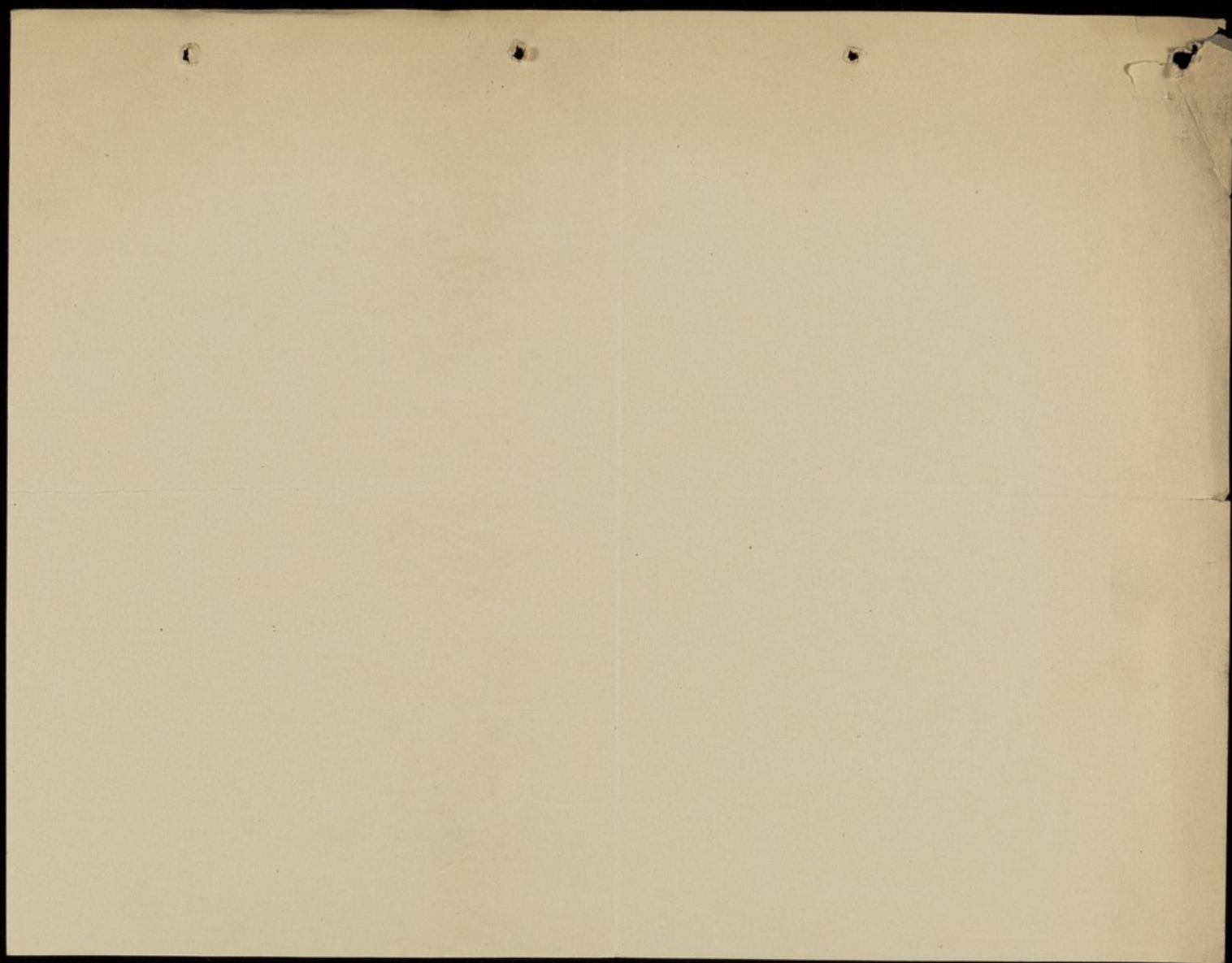


18th March 8 of

dear Friend

we wish to now
how my Brother Seaman ¹⁹ ~~18~~
was we cannot, now anything
about him, my Brother's wife
as not let me now if she had
told me & should have gone with
her, as I was in good health
and felt able at that time,
as it is I must write to thee
to ask thee if he keeps thee, ^{same}
I have had a deal of trouble
and I shall thank thee very
much my Husband as not
being so well of late keeps a long
age 82 this may if he lives

Yours truly
James and Mary Ann Thorne



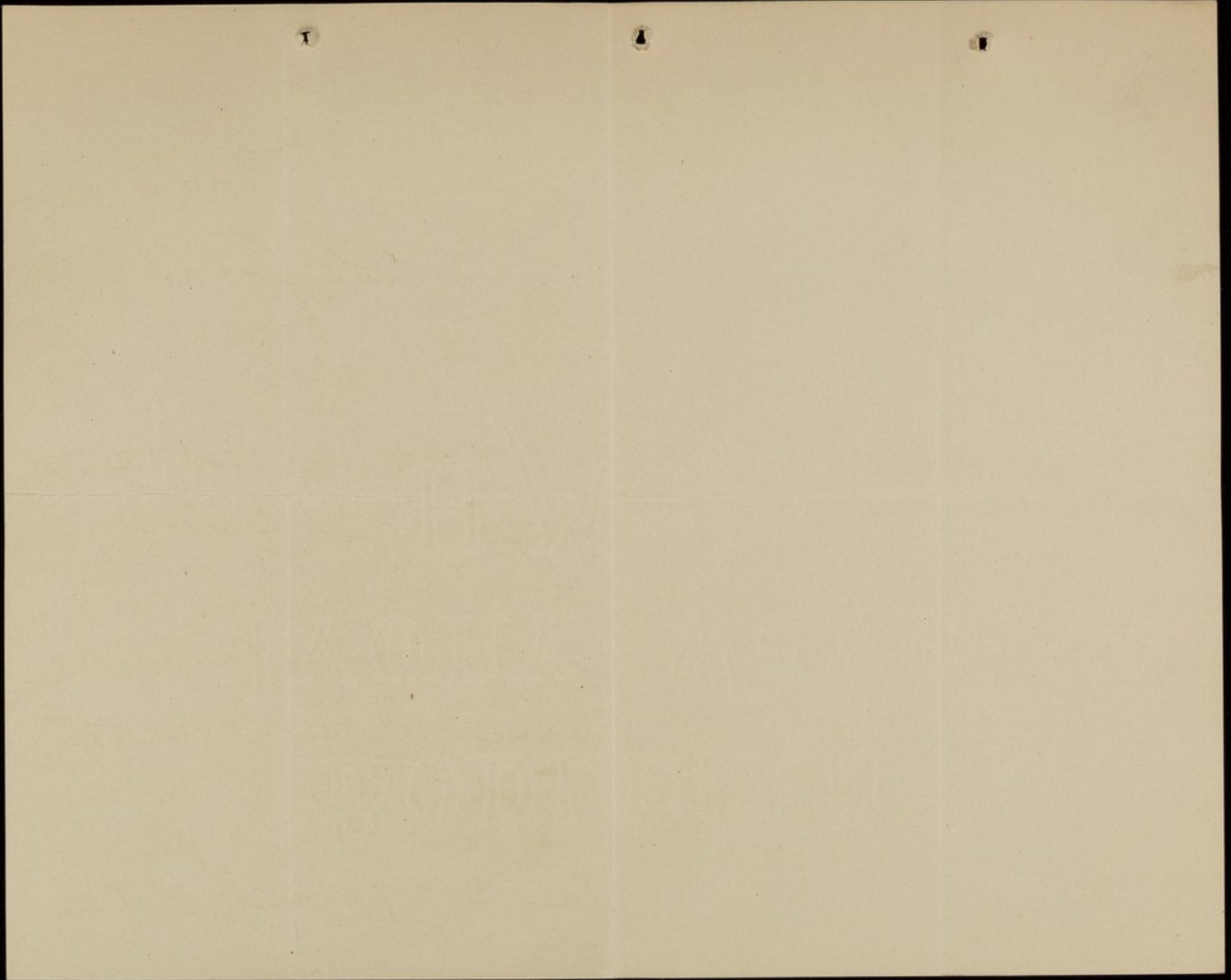
8, Victoria Parade,
Ramsgate.

23/4/98

Dear Friend
J. E. Woods

I regret
that a previous engage-
ment forbids my
looking towards attend-
ing Welf. Yearly Meeting
of Directors & Agents
(York Retreat) due to
be held at Leeds 27
inst.

My obliged
Thos. W. Chapman



Le Kule

Upper Shiden

25th of 4th mo / 1898th

Dear Friend

I was glad to see your
note you can destroy my note
no value to send back
but I do hope the proposed
terms will be allowed to
stand and I do not see
that I can possibly pay more
than 20¢ per week at the

reduced rate of my
income only now paying
Three and a half percent
reduced from five
I will write again after
the 1st of May and
see what I can send
you with kind

Regards to you

E. B. Key -

The London Hospital

25, CO. ST. MARK
LONDON

Received 10 of April 1878

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd inst. in relation to the proposed extension of the London Hospital, and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the Committee of the Hospital, who are now considering the same. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
The Secretary of the Hospital

The Lebanon Hospital
for the Insane
BEYROUT
Syria

Beyrouth 12 of April 1898

Dr. Bedford Pierce
My dear Friend

Only a few lines this time saying
that we reach this place at the 19th of March after a journey through Holland
Germany Switzerland & France. We could do good work in the three first
countries for our Asylums and we were glad that while the winter was
very hard in this country it was mild, very mild in Europe until the
beginning of March, & when the wind & cold came we left like the swallows
for the East. At our arrival here we were received by a great number
of people at Beyrouth & on Lebanon with the most touching & loving
demonstration of hearty welcome.

The Committee of the Hospital for the Insane at Beyrouth received me
with great joy & satisfaction, and we had already three sittings
when we considered the first steps to be taken for our scheme.

We are now looking for a suitable good healthy & large enough
place not far from Beyrouth. As soon as we have found the place we
shall begin to build, because the need is very great. People tell us
fearful stories of the cruelties by which the poor Insane are treated in
this country. They told us that a man from Ant Elias got insane and he
was put into an iron chain which were rivetted into a large rock. The poor
insane man was then fearfully beaten, & in despair, in order to avoid the
strikes he moved right & left as much as he could, after a short time
the poor man was under the beatings & died, it was found after his death
that his skull was split open.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Assad Beyrallah
told me that a young man of 25 years of age from Behaeddoun, called by name
Selleem Hagem got insane four years ago by acute mania, he was very
brutally treated and daily beaten so that his illness became incurable.

The people finally put him in a very small dungeon, with a little luphole through which they gave him now & then a little to eat & to drink just as it is done to wild animals. He began to make a fearful noise & kept very loudly but his groanings & tears his sighing & weeping did not soothe his thirst who heard it. The poor martyr began to dig a hole into the floor of his dungeon for his own excrement which he eat over, & over again by the cause of his hunger for he often did not get for a long time food. The poor man was also troubled by rats & mice which he caught and eat them alive & much more could be said, but the sad story defies description. All this, together with the people's cry for a good Asylum in this country dictates to us that we have to work now with double strength until we have built the most needed Institution. While we are doing our utmost there we would lovingly entreat our friends at home in England to do theirs utmost also for this first Asylum in Bille Land. Will you kindly communicate with our Committee in London for the Asylum and ask them to make an effort in order to help us. As soon as the site is bought we shall let you know it. The Committee at Bregentia is very earnest in the work and we all are working with united strength for the completion of the most needed work of mercy in this country. Please give ^{our} kindest regards to your dear family & to the dear patients & all the friends in Yorkshire & York. I will soon send you the printed list of all the members of the Committee in Europe & America which will be very interesting. The work gets more known in the world & the interest increases for it every where, but England must take the foremost part in it.

With much love from both of us

We remain your every sincerely

J. H. Waldmeier

My Address is
No. 1
Bregentia
Switzerland

