York 24th of 7th Month 1801

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Dear William

We were this Morning informed of the decease of Doctor Fowler. He died in London last 4th Day Morning. His health for some time past was apparently on the decline, and he told me the last time I saw him, that he had strong indications of the dropsy - He set out with his Wife about a Month ago by way of Hull, with a view of travelling short stages; and we apprehend, besides the benefit he promised to himself & his Wife by travelling, that he had some inducements to go to London

We have already four Candidates for his Office of Physician to the Retreat. They are Dr Withers, Lawson, Belcomb, & Lappe. Dr Withers has attended at Dr Fowler's request during his absence - Dr Hunter by a Note to me recommends Dr Lappe, & says he has frequently attended with him at the Asylum - Now though we have four Candidates, Mabel & I thought it not amiss to enquire whether thou wilt not be disposed to make a fifth. Thou knows we consider thy situation at Bradford, in many respects not very eligible, and that

it may be particularly unfavourable to thy forming any new connexion. We are aware that the opening, as attendant of the Retreat is not worth notice in a pecuniary point of view, and yet it may be of some consequence as a recommendation to the Notice of many who otherwise might not know thee, so as to prove an introduction to as great a portion of practice as thou might wish for.

If a removal should be thought eligible, in order to promote, or in consequence of another connexion, it would be much more to my mind that it should not previously appear to arise from motives of a different nature, for I have some aversion to the Idea of men being moved for the sake of those (however estimable they may be) who in general, ought to consider the Man & his situation as inseparable so that on the present occasion I do think there is something which deserves thy solid attention, and yet I am far from wishing thee to divest thy self of a weighty consideration whether it may not be right to continue a Member of the particular & monthly Meeting to which thou now belongs for although useful Members of our Society may not feel their situation altogether comfortable yet their removal is a matter of no small Moment —

The Retreat Committee falls in course next 2nd day when the matter must come under consideration but I think the conclusion may probably be delay'd to an adjournment — I hope however to hear from thee on first or 2nd day at furthest

Esther sends her Love & says she wishes thee to come & see us if thou can be spared from Business — Mabel unites wth me in Dr.

Lovingly affectionate Uncle

G. Tuke

To

William Maud

Bradford

To the Committee for the management of the Retreat.

Gentlemen.

Having been informed by Dr. Cappe that on account of his ill state of health he purposes passing the next winter in a warmer climate, and having on a former occasion received a testimony of your approbation, I again make a tender of my disinterested services during his absence, and hope I shall not be now thought less eligible to that situation, especially as I have not been inattentive to that part of my profession which forms the object of your Institution, and am now employing my leisure in translating a work of great interest & zealous investigation on the Effects of certain remedies in Mania & on the appearances of the bodies of various classes of maniacs on dissection #.

Gredings Miscellaneous Tracts – Greitz 1790

I am Gentlemen your very obedt. humble Servt.

W. Belcombe

York 28 Aug. 1802.

N.B. It is understood that the situation is only held for Dr. Cappe – and will be resigned on his return – and that the emoluments at all events are his. WB

Dr Belcombe's
Application to the
Committee
8 mo 1802

To the Committee

Sir/

Being lately informed of my friend Dr. Cooper's intention, of spending the ensuing winter, in a warmer climate; and consequently, of his vacating the Quakers Retreat, for a time: I take the liberty of recommending, my fellow-collegian Doctor Lawson, to your attention. My knowledge of him, authorizes me to say, that I consider his Medical Acquirements respectable: and of course such, as qualify him particularly, for the exercise of his profession.

I am, Sir, your most obedient humble servant

Walton
Aug.t 29.th
1802.

John Simpson.

Dr Simpson
in favr of
Dr Lawson
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