

Letters relating to the appointment of a physician to replace Dr Fowler and an acting physician to replace the temporarily absent Dr Cappe

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York 24th of 7th Month 1801

Dear William

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We were this Morning informed of the
Decease of Doctor Fowler. He died in London last
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
D^r Withers, Lawson, Belcomb, & Lappe. D^r Withers
has attended about Fowler's request during his
absence. D^r Hunter by a Note to me recommends
D^r Lappe, & says he has frequently attended with
him at the Asylum - Now though we have four
Candidates, Mabel & I thought it not amiss to
inquire whether thou wilt not be disposed to make
a fifth. Thou knows we considerably by 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} ~~such~~
^{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} ~~such an~~
^{previously} ~~idea~~ 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 divert thyself
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 with me in Dr.
Love thy affectionate Uncle

W. T. Wake





To
William H. Davis
Bradford

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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
obed^t. humble serv^t.

York 28 Aug.
1802.

W. Belcombe

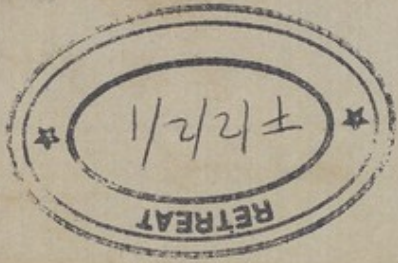
P.S. It is understood that the situation is only held for Dr. Cappe - and will be resigned on his return - and that the emoluments at all events are his. W.B.

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To Mr. Sumner

Dr. Bellamy's
Application for
Comm. 1802

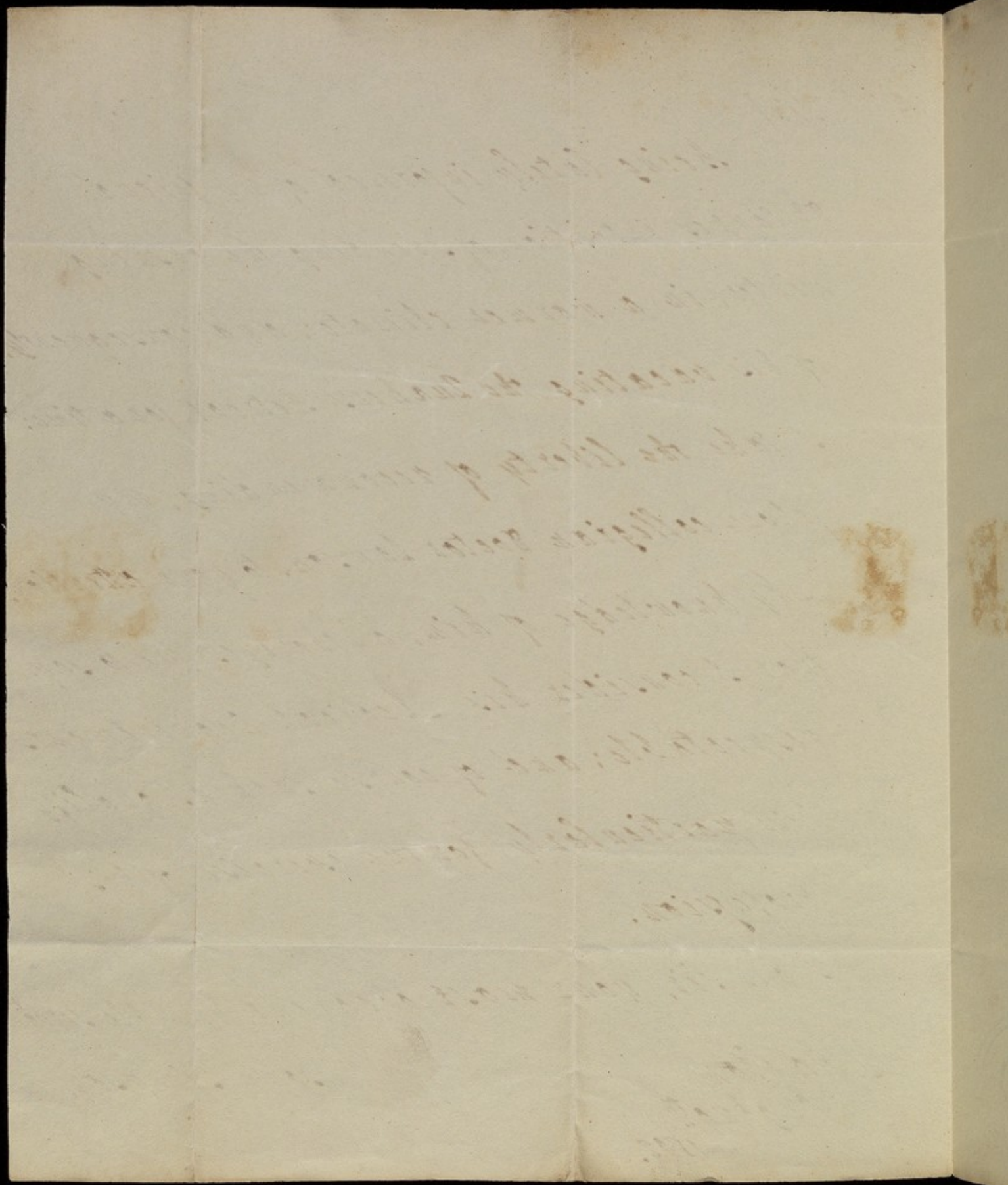
Sir/
Being lately informed of my friend
Dr Capper's intention, of spending the ensuing
winter, in a warmer climate; and consequently
of his vacating the Quakers' Retreat, for a time:
I take the liberty of recommending, my
fellow-collegian Doctor Lawson, to your attention.

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

Wm. L. Stone
Aug: 29th 1802.

John Simpson.



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