

Notes about the duties of Night Attendants and Nurses

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Night Attendant's Report during

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the Week ending

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WEDNESDAY.

Wet.
Wet and Dirty.
Bedding Changed,
and how often.
Mattresses left
Dirty.
Noisy and
Destructive.
Found in Fits, and
in what position.
Received Medicine,
Stimulants, &c.
No. of Visits.

THURSDAY.

Wet.
Wet and Dirty.
Bedding Changed,
and how often.
Mattresses left
Dirty.
Noisy and
Destructive.
Found in Fits, and
in what position.
Received Medicine,
Stimulants, &c.
No. of Visits.

FRIDAY.

Wet.
Wet and Dirty.
Bedding Changed,
and how often.
Mattresses left
Dirty.
Noisy and
Destructive.
Found in Fits, and
in what position.
Received Medicine,
Stimulants, &c.
No. of Visits.

SATURDAY.

Wet.
Wet and Dirty.
Bedding Changed,
and how often.
Mattresses left
Dirty.
Noisy and
Destructive.
Found in Fits, and
in what position.
Received Medicine,
Stimulants, &c.
No. of Visits.

Signed,

Night Attendant.

H. Smith to come at 6 o'clock
in the morning & stay till half
past 5 in the evening daily - ex-
cept as under-

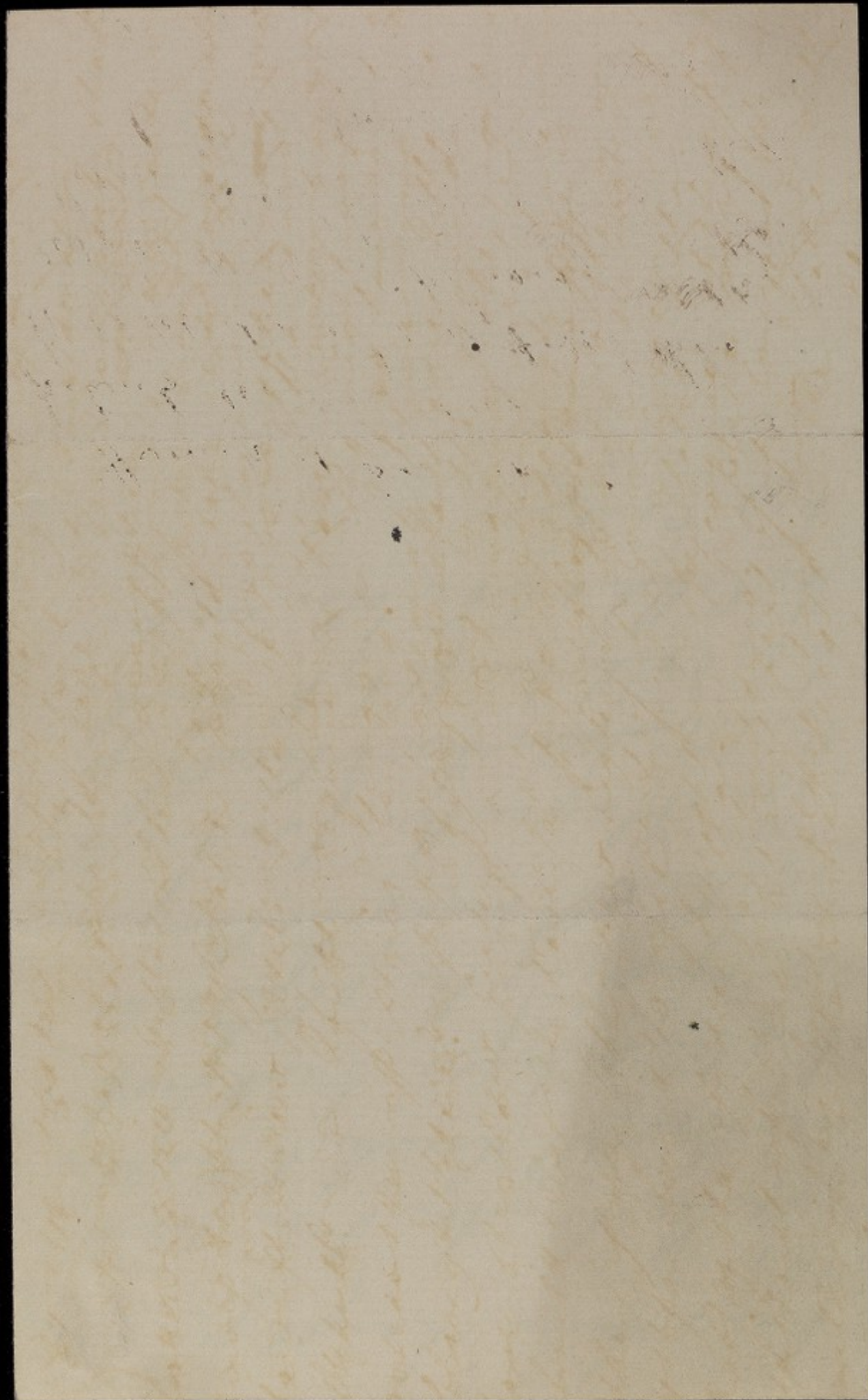
On those days when the
supper attendant in the Third
Gallery is out H. Smith either
on Week days or Sunday after-
noon, H. Smith & Stokes his place
& stay till 8 or 9 o'clock as
required.

H. Smith to have the care of the
patients looking out of doors.
to take them out, & set them to
work. working himself with
them. & when he brings them
in to their meals, seeing that
they are properly washed, &

their shoes changed for indoor

In the winter & in wet weather, H. Smith to employ his time before breakfast in assisting the attendants in the 3^d men's Gallery.

The Flap in the front of the Centre of the ~~Front~~ Buildings to be daily swept by H. Smith. The Cellars to be also under his care—



The Robert York
St Johns 1856.

L John Forster Esq
Sec 7 & 8

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. requesting me to bring before the notice of the Committee the subject of a night watch in this Establishment. I do inform the Committee that they have expressed a favourable opinion of the suggestion that they will at the earliest opportunity give the needed attention to the subject.

I have replied to your letter of the 21st inst. on the subject of the rules for the Government of the Robert. I have to explain that the Committee informed me that your former letter dated April 15th 1856, that of the suggestion regarding the qualification of the Medical Superintendent were

adopted. A rule inserted to be read at
all times for the patients a highly qualified Phy-
sician, Surgeon or Apothecary. The Commissioners
could be prepared to recommend the rules for the
Sanction of the Secretary of State.

The Committee therefore inserted such a rule
in the words suggested by the Commissioners. This
is Rule 1 under "Medical Superintendent" Part
3 of the Manuscript Copybook.

Having adopted this rule & having given to
the Commissioners reasons why we thought it was
necessary for the rule addition of the two
other principal suggestions, the Committee would
be disappointed to find they had misunderstood
the views of the Commissioners.

It shall be glad to lay before the Committee
any further Communication the Commissioners
may wish to make.

Yours
Respectfully
Wm. B. Channing

Night Attendants.

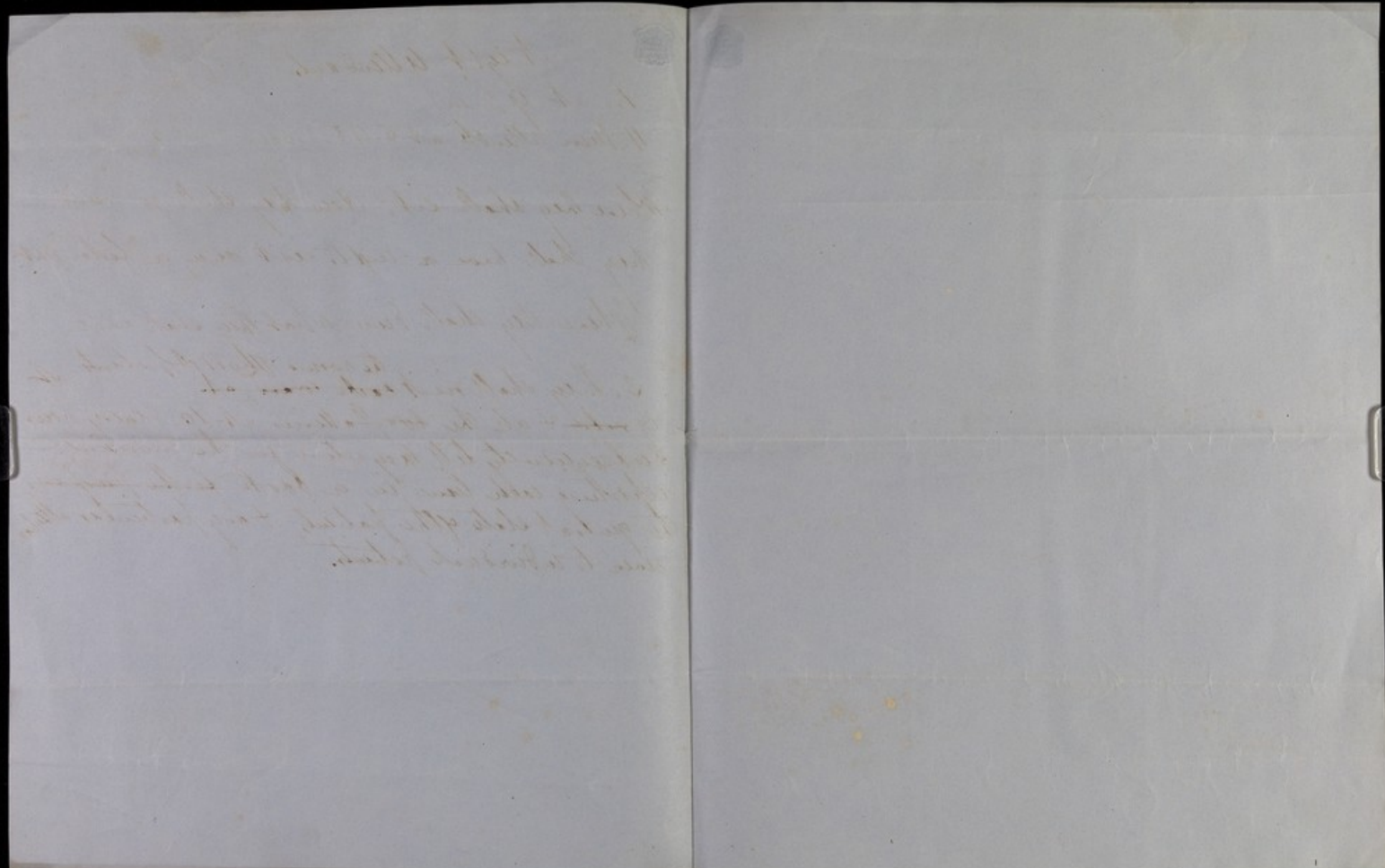
1. at 9 P.M.
11. Men attend ^{at} 5.45. women at 6.

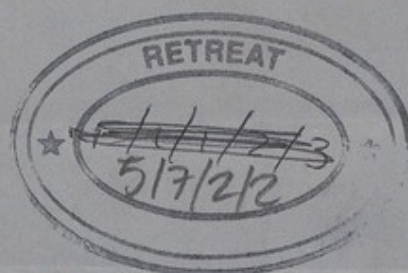
Where they shall sit. How they shall go round.

They shall have a night rest once a fortnight.

Where they shall dine - what they shall have.

3. They shall visit ^{the rooms of the most patients} each ward at 9 P.M. & at the two Galleries at 10. Every hour subsequently till they return in the morning - reporting each time in a book ~~for the purpose~~ the general state of the patients, & any particular attention given to individual patients.





Duties of Night Nurses.

The patients receive at 8 o'clock the duty of the day nurses leave, the night nurses enter the wards.

They come to the Medical Officer for a list of patients who are to be specially visited, also to the Matron for tea and sugar for the patients during the night, and any orders. They visit all the wards from 9 till 10, at that hour report to the Medical Officer the state of the wards.

They sit in one of the wards & visit every ward about four times during the night, & frequently to any particular case.

They find medicine & diet where required which is left for the patients by the day nurses; attend to the sick patients, and enter in a book given for the purpose, the names of those patients taken out of bed.

They are held responsible for the wards from 8 till 6 AM, turning off the gas at the proper time, & reporting any case taken without leave, or any other breach of the rules.

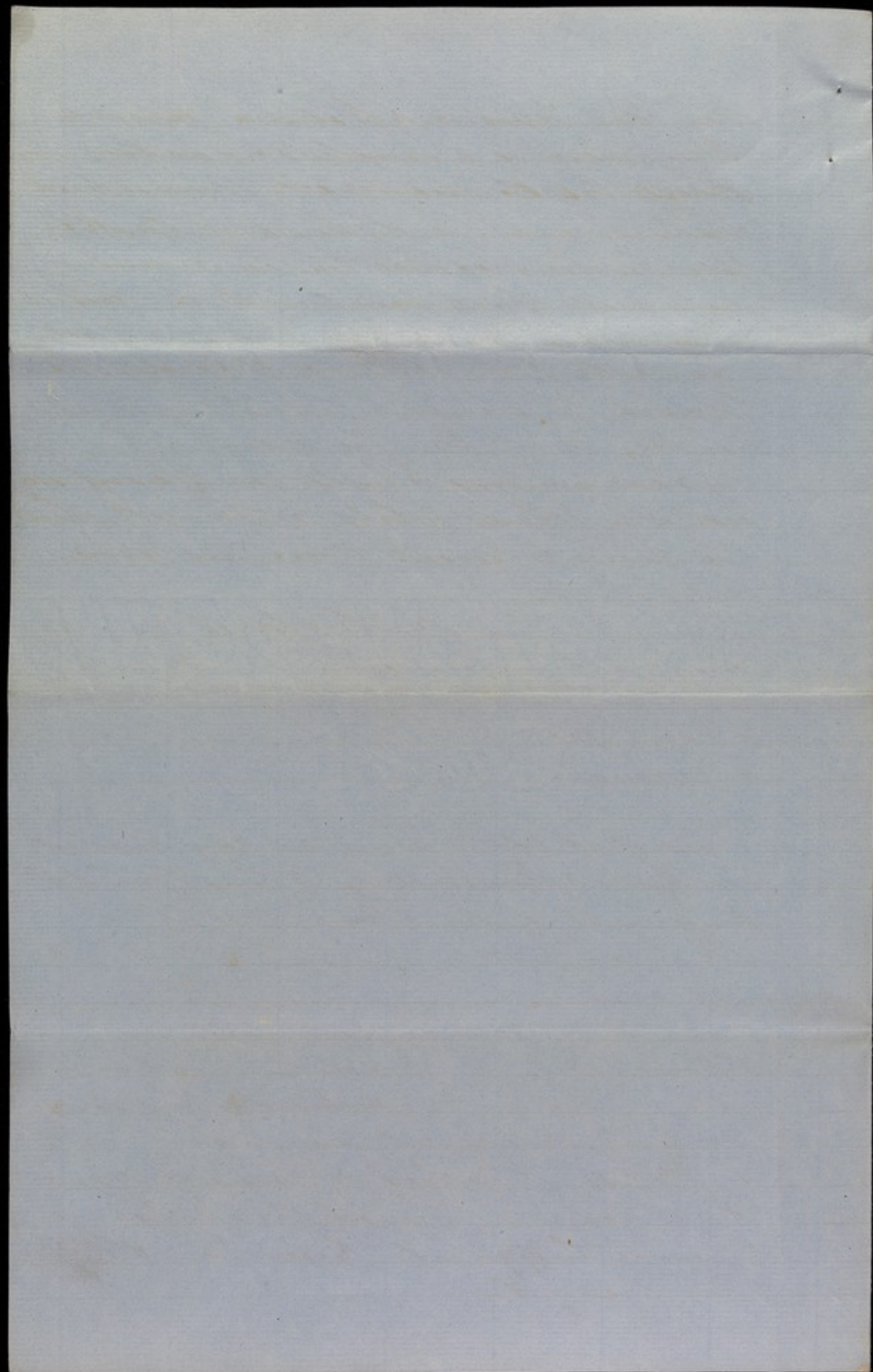
They saw Edward a patient from a
Presumption to a single 17 passed 100
when Edward was 13 1/2, reporting all
such removals, and any medical
occurrences, during the time in
waiting to the Medical Officer of the
Hospital.

They took up the books at 5.30. 22 to the
Hospital Committee to report and found
that they had 11 1/2 1/2. For about 10 years the
uncommenced books and to 22 on duty.
They up their reports to the Board to
the Medical Officer of the Hospital.

They are allowed to be absent from
work 1/2 1/2 for a half, and from 2
to 3, then to 1/2 1/2 8. They have
a day's leave and 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2
a fortnight.

Their diet is the same as they drink,
with an allowance of 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2
being 1/2 1/2, and 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2
1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2.

Their wages are as they drink with an
allowance of 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2, which is given
them conditionally, provided they have
properly discharged their duties, and if
any case of neglect or damage done
by a patient through their negligence
occurs, the Medical Officer can stop
their gratuity.

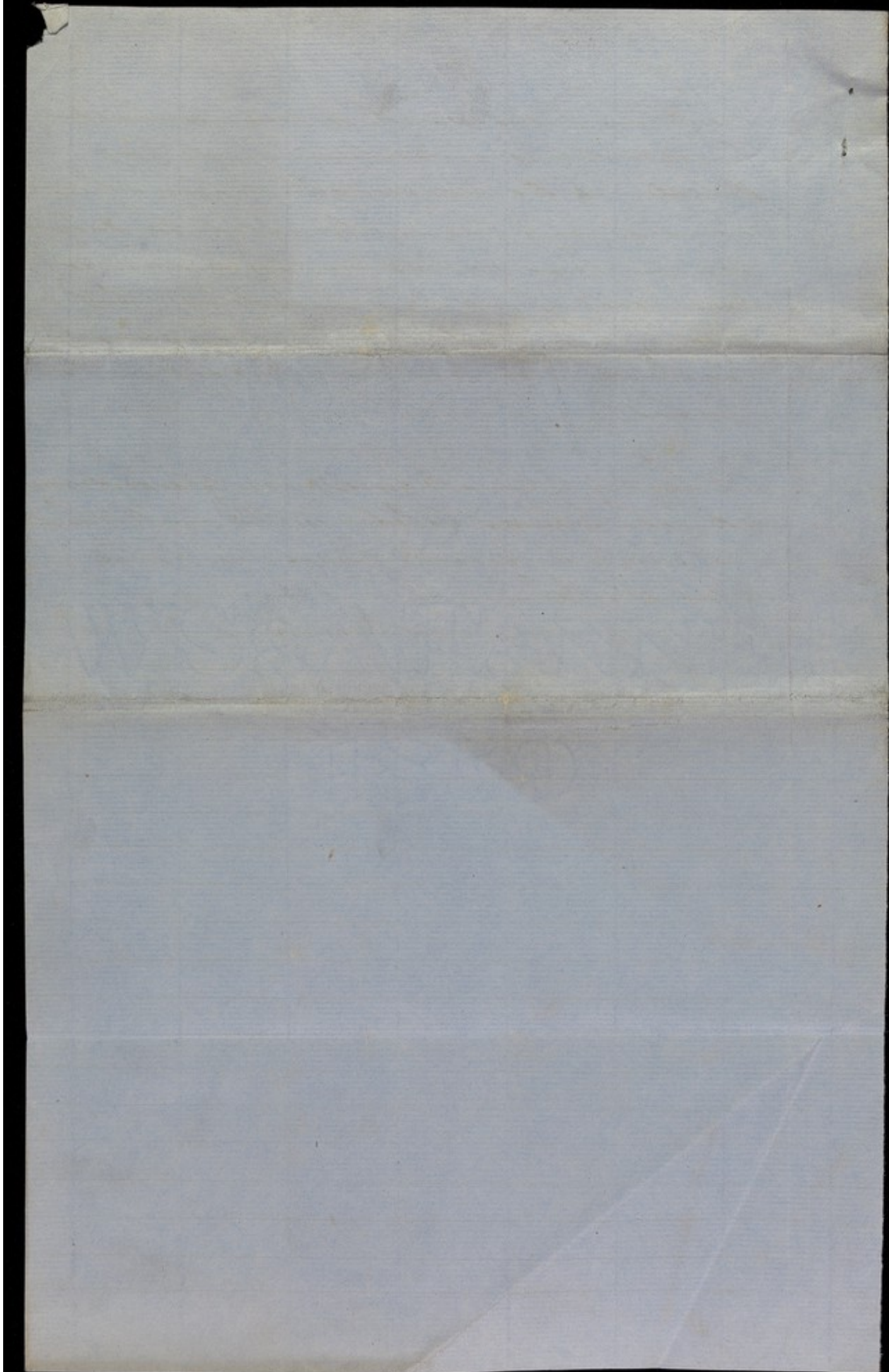


When the light watch is put on board
this place is supplied by a day
guard, we do occasionally when short
handed, put the light watch on duty
for an hour or two in the morning
but never if we saw coast it, but
frequently make use of them to take
patients out walking outside the
jails.

We had a special guard for the infirm
and who attend solely to the sick there,
its guard separate from the other
light watch.

Wm. Smith

Chief Light Watchman
December 8th 1850.



Rules &c
Night Attendant

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J. Fitching Esq
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Night Attendants.

1° - The duties of Night Attendants shall commence at ~~7~~¹⁰ P. M. & cease at 6. A. M.

2° - They are to obtain every night, from the Attendants on duty in each ward, the names of any patients requiring particular attention, either on account of their habits, fits, illness, or disposition to self injury; & to see that sufficient changes are provided for those whose habits are dirty. Should they find any patients wet or dirty when they go on duty, they must require the day attendants in charge of such patients, to attend to them & hand them over to the Night Attendants in a clean, dry, & proper state; & the Night Attendants must endeavour to deliver over to the day Attendants all patients in a like proper condition.

They are also expected to see the Medical Superintendent every day, for special directions from himself.

3° - In going on duty they are to see that all unnecessary fires & gas lights are properly extinguished, & that all the gas lights in the day apartments are extinguished at 10 o'clock, & in all the Attendants' bed rooms at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10.

They shall visit the rooms of the wet patients ~~at 9,~~ & all the Galleries at 10, & every hour subsequently till they retire in the morning - reporting each time in a book the general state of the patients, & any particular attention given to individual patients.

4° - They shall administer any medicine, extra diet, wine &c (which may have been ordered by the Superintendent) at the times appointed; but shall not disturb any patient whom they may

find sleeping, for the purpose of administering either food or medicine. A dry cloth or bib shall always be used when any patient has to be fed.

5° They shall visit every epileptic patient on each round of the wards, & shall see that they are so lying as not to endanger life from suffocation during an accession of fits.

Should any patient, at any time, be found out of bed or lying on his face, or with his head off the pillow, he must be put to bed, placed upon his back or side, with his head on the pillow, & shirt neck unbuttoned.

6° They shall devote particular attention to all supposed suicidal cases, & remove any articles by which they might possibly injure themselves.

7° They shall use every exertion to improve the dirty patients in their habits, by getting them up at the stated times, & by taking such measures as will tend to keep them clean.

8° The general quiet of the galleries must be strictly attended to, & any noisy patient visited & quieted. In going round the galleries, the night attendants must avoid disturbing the patients as much as possible; & for this purpose shall wear light shoes, & unbolt & shut the doors quietly. They must also lock & secure the various doors & windows of water closets, & on windy nights, to prevent rattling.

9° They shall see that the various galleries are properly ventilated, & shall personally attend to any fires which may require to be kept burning during the night. They shall also secure any doors or windows which may be shaken by the wind, so as to make a rattling noise.

10° In the event of any sudden illness, accident, escape or death during the night, they shall report the same to the Superintendent with the least possible delay.

11° They shall call the men day attendants at 5.45. A.M., & the women at 6; stating to them any peculiarity which may have occurred to their respective patients during the night.

12° On Thursdays, Saturdays, & on two days they shall be at liberty from ~~6 to 10 P.M.~~ ^{breakfast time} 8 to 10 P.M. but on other days they will be expected to perform certain light duties in the ~~evening~~ ^{morning}.

They shall have a night's rest once a fortnight.

13° In all their intercourse with the patients they must bear in mind that they are insane, & consequently not fully responsible for their actions. Should any of them make use of abusive language, or offer them violence, they must on no account take it as an insult, but on the contrary, use every endeavour to gain an influence over them by firm, yet kind & attentive treatment.

14° They are to report to the Medical Superintendent & Matron respectively any irregularity of any kind which they may witness during the hours of their duty.



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