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Dr Baker  
Friend's Retreat  
York



Trinity Retreat  
York 11 May 1886.

Dear Dr Baker

I do not wish to be troublesome by writing to you unnecessarily, but I become so bewildered at times that it seems it might do good. I heard from my Mother from Weston In this morning and he tells me that the terms ~~at~~ which I am here; I am afraid it is more than I can afford though I am ignorant about my affairs to a certain extent and my Mother does not go into particulars. There is one thing I can not do and that is contend or dispute the orders of the attendants.

My Mother who sent me  
here and arranged with  
you advises me to trust  
to your advice and help.  
Do please help and advise  
me. I am mentally depre-  
ssed to the extreme at times  
and this deprives me of  
power and self reliance.  
I want to do without any  
luxuries; I need no oil,  
vine oil nor beer and  
trust the attendants will  
bring no more.

The wine which I drank  
I refused until it was  
forced upon me. I did not  
ask for it. I need no luncheon  
but that was forced upon  
me, and now it has become  
a practice with me to take it.

I have done what I could  
to save trouble to the assistants  
here, and have done what I  
could to help some of them,  
but they decline my assistance.  
What can I do to help  
the establishment here? whose  
members have done so much  
for me in finding food &  
shelter? do please help me.

I am with great respect

Yours very faithfully  
Thos Hull

I have been thinking of writing  
to you for some time but  
have not had time to do so  
until now. I hope you are  
well and happy. I am  
well and hope to hear from  
you soon. I am with great  
affection,  
Your affectionate  
son,  
John Doe