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Dear Friends

Finding my attempts to keep myself and the inmates of our gallery comfortable with other assistance and wishing also for your advice whether I shall abandon the dining-room to the guidance of the two master spirits — Mrs. Patterson the active, and Miss Watson the passive and deeming Elizabeth so attached to the latter as to care but little for others which Mrs P having perceived ascribes to her own selfish gratification. I do not wish to be censorious but the dining-room would be a sad place indeed were all as selfish as the two named. I propose just relating some of the occurrences which have taken place during the last six months allowing the facts to speak for themselves. I will however digress so far as to say that I cannot conceal from myself the fact that I am a little jealous of the attentions of Elizabeth to Miss Watson whose temptations and I believe

~~and~~ falsehoods, I have long ago stated. I cannot forget
day after my arrival
her is Mrs Prescott from prevarication and that
~~too~~ in some measure without intention as I have
not only observed it in endeavours to make her own
case good but in relating articles she has read
she has decidedly given an incorrect relation.
She frequently has said you can find no insanity
in her and I was not a little amused at Mrs Hotchkiss
remark that something was the matter or she would
not be here I have not repeated this or you may be
sure we should have had a blaze but I have said
to Mrs Whitten that if a dozen medical men said
she were not of unsound mind I should still not
agree with them but this is little to my purpose
any farther than if you have told her there is
nothing the matter with her it is a pity in my
opinion and yet there is so much of determined
annoyance I cannot tell what to make of her only
I am not surprised at her husbands conduct

and in this Elizabeth has not improved the matter as if a woman were wrong she would take her part simply because she says the men always take each others. This may be considered out of place but I trust you will excuse me because all things go to the sum total (that I have to grow less never solve) Now for the relation of facts I commence with a circumstance last autumn. Anne Baker came to the garden for Miss Watson to take her Porter I much suspected this statement and went along with them and Elizabeth met her with a roasted apple which she said a friend had sent. ~~I note no remark~~. Mrs Patterson has always tried to make a party against me but its a difficult matter to quite fix our people. I told you I had been put out the morning I showed my weakness in the dining room. I had taken the chair at the further side of the fire this annoyed Mrs P as she has adopted it and calls it her seat. I have had toast for breakfast & has Miss Nash. Mrs P

has not meddled with Miss D's but had several times broken the crust of mine before we sat down to table, that morning she took more I asked for a slice of toast, (not that I wished Teresa to make a piece especially but thought she had some outside for Miss Watson which was not the case) adding that I ~~should not object~~ wished Mrs P not to take it. She cried and then C said something about my being to blame I said she (C) never defended me that I did not wish it (which was perhaps scarcely true) that I could defend myself but that I did not choose to be left to Mrs P's mercy for that she was very overreaching. I knew to that Mrs P would eat more toast if she pleased. C told me to hold my tongue or she would put me in my room. After breakfast I endeavored to reconcile C by saying she and I had sense enough to know we might as well try to live comfortably since we knew we had to live together at the same time remarking I should never forget why I was last closed in my room (I told Mrs W at the time it occurred) I told Mrs P too

that if she got closed in her room for looking at another patient she would not forgive it. Elizabeth was anxious to what I remembered so well and next morning introduced the subject in my own room when I told her I should certainly retain the recollection of being closed in my room for looking at Miss Watson which she did not think she had ever done. Miss Watson the evening since the above saw some home made bread after she had taken a piece of bought ~~oto~~. she had ~~had~~ a portion of the latter which she returned ~~it~~ to the plate and asked for the other. I looked at her again but did not speak at supper she asked for home made, and I told her she would not have done as she had at tea had she been in society, adding I should have seemed to have put a piece for the others to eat which I would not. she told me she did not care Mr Elizabeth the same ~~same~~ meal corrected ~~some~~ Mr for leaving a bit of her bread and taking a bit of toast

Miss Beckbane had left but not one word that she say to Miss K but took care to supply her with that she liked.
Mrs K told me one day she was my superior but when I told her I did not recognize her as such she drew in a little saying she was my superior in age. She was trampling a bit upon C green one morning I told her C was her equal in everything but mind but she treats them as inferiors or servants excepting Miss Sanders whom she dare not
unless they can get her closely enough soon
medale with. Mrs K has got Uncle Tom's Cabin two, I Mr Dermot why I know not she never shows it, though when she first obtained it she offered it to all at large. She has kindly warned Miss Benson to avoid me I was a favorite and told tales to Mrs Whitten and it is very assistuous to find you do not notice me equally with the rest. Such is life in our confined circle and only that duty to myself. de-

mands that I still endeavour to use that influence for forwarding purpose which I do not think it is egotism to say I have possessed I would not not have penciled the forgoing remarks. In the cold weather I asked for another fire but did repeat the request knowing too well that it would be objectionable on many accounts

With sincere regard believe me to remain yours truly

Ann Brennan

To Mrs Whitten & Mr Ritching

Ann B Dunand.

I have sometimes spoken of the
Brunswick's crest which is an
arm with an unsheathed dagger the
motto I suppose chose as any
this was written
accompaniment is
a week or more ago.

By Faith not by arms

having generally a bad appe
tite more especially after coffee
sometimes an egg sometimes
a bit of bacon. to her mornings
luncheon. Many a large crust
of cheese have I seen carried
~~carried~~ away after being
well dried and many a qt
Porter bottle have I seen taken
into the kitchen and the
Miss Scott used to say I—Ann
I Ann really ought not to
invite the Laundry maids
to join them at eating and so
deprive the Ladies but they
were so saucy with her she would
certainly leave unless they were
more what they ought. She told
me latterly she liked Ann
much better than I—Ann

the letter was so close, and lately too she has talked very freely about the extravagance that was carried on and how she disliked wasting anything When in reply I acknowledged the fact and said I must close my eyes if I did not see what was going on around me I ~~should~~ never have thought of poison-berries until to day ~~they~~ may have been suggested that I have partaken of them finding my place too warm it has assuredly been very hot

Whether temper or what is alluded to in Partridges Poem entitled Scorn not the wilest when it speaks of compassion to the

Since then seeing Mr. K. play with my toilet cushion I fancied he was laughing at the idea of my being afraid or rather too stingy to give a pin so I thought it would be no bad joke to present his wife and daughter with two pins each and being friends and pressed a black pin every other the black first to make the matter really ridiculous. Then finding my cover a little short ~~thought~~ (as he had (with the best of motives) soon after my arrival said take care Thou does not give one to anybody) I thought I would fast en the scrimpy paper with a stamp in lieu of a wafer When Mr. Tulle & Tulle was dismissed

Scott wondered why she
said that he said there was
work for two gardeners. On one
occasion some work men
from the undertakers being
sent away she said without
Ber. she remarked how war
row and on my expressing my
approval she told me I was
as stingy as the rest this
leads me to remember that
I once thought Ann Sanderson
very kind on bringing me some
bread and butter with treacle
upon it I know I really enjoy
ed it very much it was in
the time of the beautiful bread
Scott allowed Miss Heywood butter
to her potatoe on a Sunday and
she had generally some too

On Wednesday morning after seeing you and refusing to partake of vegitable I walked about being much disturbed I said I might as well die as be killed that in the case of the bottles I considered they had been rather injurious than otherwise and that sooner than eat vegitable I would be compelled too. I retired to my own room and left it more composed saying my motto was (Dieu et Mon Droit) Scott said well of course she could not compell me to eat having had no orders, that it would be exceedingly unpleasant &c &c that there was no want of either sense or mind, was rather I thought more complaiscent than usual fetched me an iron from the Laundry to iron my ~~wild~~ and strings and mohair sash, came afterwards and asked me to straighten a piece of black silk which I understood was ~~for~~ a part of a jacket of Mary Ann Tiptons

She Scott went out on Wed- afternoon I asked her to match me the rib band I told Mrs. Whitten about that. She brought back a piece merely an inch broad but much lighter approaching to drab and told me she could not meet with a match She would use no money from me I have slept very soundly in the ~~[illegible]~~ beginning of the night lately, so much so that one or two nights I have not heard S. Ann. come to bed.

I said ~~amongst oth~~ it was very hard for that I could not even write to my relatives without your Mr. Th's permission

~~I beg to premise that being unable to bring forward any witnesses Scott may not be allowed that provided~~

~~Scott has for the last two months tried to persuade me to ask for keys to open the doors~~

The old Arm Chair
I love it I love it & should
dare
To chide me for loving
that old Arm chair
I've treasured it long as
a holy prize
I've bedewed it with tears
I've embalmed it with sighs
'Tis bound by a thousand
bonds to my heart
Not a tie will break not
a link will start
would you learn the spell
A Mother sat there
And a sacred thing is
that old Arm Chair

In childhood's I hungered
near
The hallowed seat with
listening ear
And gentle words that

Mother would give
To fit me to die & teach
me to live
She told me shame would
never betide
With truth for my creed
& God for my guide
She bade me to keep my earliest
prayer
As I knelt besides that
old Arm Chair

I sat & watched her
many a day
When her eye grew dim
& her locks were grey
And I almost worshipped
her when she smiled
And turned from her
Bible to bless her child
Years rolled on but the
last one sped

My idol was shattered
& my earth star fled
I learnt how much the
heart can bear
When I saw her die in
that old arm chair
'Tis tis past but I gaze
on it now
With quivering breath &
throbbing brow
'Twas there she nursed me
'twas there she died
And memory flows with
inertable
Say it is folly may dream
one week
While the scalding drops
start down my cheek
But I love it I love it
& cannot tear
My soul from a Mothers
old arm chair

not do as she had done on a similar occasion give something to help to make it up. The Suet puddings at one time, had more suet than usual, the rice puddings had no eggs allowed Scott said I copied this piece of poetry and Scott had the copy.

Scott once told me that Miss Chorlewite Victoring had been burnt in

Who was offered

consequence of moth's I was with

Brothers letter introduce

Scott when she purchased her

black shawl about the same

time she told me Margret had

lost a sovereign but she should

Had the crochet as left of Aunt

Susan Jenny had one more

dine Daddy there for pumpkin pie

dear old Johnson Jenny Jennie

has married one of death date & all

the three single sisters as gone

Off of my hands.

On the [illegible] from the Cat [illegible]
without my mentioning my things from [illegible]
in the [illegible] Mom asked me for [illegible]
[illegible] occurred that Jane [illegible]
[illegible] from her pocket in S. R. [illegible]
[illegible] her keys in my bed at which I was [illegible]
[illegible] of my drawer room which [illegible]
[illegible] locked to prevent Miss Thelma
[illegible] for the poor girl and
Miss Ed Allen and Miss Christie have all
been locked in the gallery greatly to my [illegible]
[illegible] and the first seemed has been [illegible] the
[illegible] broke me a great comb which I [illegible]

I thought that [illegible]

O Lord I saw J Hodgson doing something about a
[illegible] just behind the hedge on the Terrace another
time I caught the sound of a low whistle near the Stoo[illegible]
and another time I saw a man just peep over the wa[illegible]
near the kitchen, Wednesday I & Lumley spoke to
me & asked if I would eat apples which I was eating
Thursday Even I cut brought the London Illustr the news
Dr Kingwells respects to me she looked flushed and
[illegible] mistaken. if she did not smell [illegible]
[illegible] yesterday she [illegible] from the yellow
[illegible] I thought [illegible]

Scott has often made remarks
about Mrs. Whitten I remember when
Mrs. Ridsdale was away in St. Gate
the Scott remarked that our coffee was
poorer I resented for such was the
case she intimated if she did
not positively assert that it was
Mrs. Whittens meanness that was
the cause of it, I said I liked
a cup of good coffee, that for tea
I did not care. Whenever we
have spoken on the subject of
the treatment of servants respect
ing their food I have always
said I considered it unnecessary
to provide them with delicacies
but that I should not expect a
servant to eat that which I
considered unfit for myself
if I were well and they the same
Scott too has always felt chagrin
at Mrs. Whitten for not allowing
Annie Baker to crochet for her
as he offered and I understood
the reason

actually did crochet two collars for Scott. She has often said she did not see why an attendant should not have the power to employ the ladies as she liked the last time she mentioned the subject I declined conversing upon it, saying I knew we should not agree in opinion. ~~which~~ It was one day within the fortnight. About the clothes washing Scott has always said she was not expected to wash her own but that the laundry maids were very unaccomodating they had spoilt her two lengths of calico since I came I said what I maintain that ~~our~~ my clothes are not well washed but do I care about it, if I did I do not now I certainly like to see a clean pointed dress.

On either W. I ~~wrote~~ by the splashed ~~my~~ green dress with grey and

by way of apology said it was well it was not worse done nor did either she or S. A. assist even to wipe it with a handkerchief which I used.

Oct. the 11th 1853

Scott ~~has~~ frequently said I was selfish and during Mrs. Whittier's absence gave me a bottle of Morrels ink at the same time enjoining that now I neither lent nor borrowed once she said she would purchase a reel of crochet thread for me to work at my leisure and when I sent my group home she offered me the edgeing I had done to send home. She told me once that Mrs. Hitchen had

required her to say sir to
him and she took care
to sir him Mr. Williams
was a gentleman he always
bowed when he met her
but Mother did not
There were a box of pins placed
in the glass drawer in my room
for the use of the ladies Scott
had a London journal which
Mrs. Whitten finding in the
dining room glanced over
the contents I saw her eye rest
on the index about Phrenology
tho sitting many yards distant
she told Scott it was an improper
book but Shad still direct and
indirect access and learnt that
some organ I don't remember the
name when diseased led the
individual to theft I saw thank
ful it acted as a check that I
even resisted the temptation to te

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Nov. 3rd 1853 In the course of a few more weeks I am Bremen shall have been an insane patient for twelve months at the Friend's Retreat; where I was placed by my relatives, as requiring the greatest vigilance, which was taken by the Lady presiding over the establishment. ere I had been an inmate one month. At the end of that or before time, the head attendant discovering that my letters being subject to the inspection of the house surgeon suggested that I be careful I did not disclose my secrets and on one occasion in his

presence was venturing upon
some remark I did not catch
when he immediately checked
her. She frequently enjoined
upon me to follow the ex-
ample of an elderly fellow
patient who never told a
tale lest her see what she
might. Asking permission
to go to the School for the Blind
and being refused I soon mani-
fested suspicion against
Mrs. Whitten and remarked
that she disappointed me
unnecessarily when suffi-
ciently annoyed. I petulantly
remarked that surely
Mr. Kitchen & Mrs. W. must
be detaining me from
mercenary motives.

Mrs. W kindly invited me to spend an evening once or twice but evidently preferred studying my character in public. Scott having now gained considerable influence inveighed against Mrs. W's want of attention to the ladies and the stinginess with which the affairs were conducted in comparison to Dr. Thurman's time. She now introduced me to the housekeepers room who joined of course in the conversation but said nothing that I remember disrespectfull of either Mrs. Whitten or the Dr. I went frequently and always sincerely met Alice Thompson —

once I was sent for as the better was being experimented upon I was electrified and stood a pretty strong shock.
Elizabeth Sleigh was present that evening and A. T. In the course of time finding my attendant rather oppressive I did not name to her my wish to play at draughts with Mrs Huntish but went direct to Mrs W who immediately granted the request In the course of a short time my new friend complained of the sourness of our bread this was correct and Scott complained most bitterly the bread was for a short time

beautiful. I frequently eat brown bread and a lady dying in the spring I was the only one requiring this diet generally after a time I wanted milk this Scott told me was very scarce however in time I got some sometimes sour and about the same time had mouldy bread of which I likewise complained. I was sometimes served with water either in a dirty tumbler which had been used for Sauceon or Brandy was put in just sufficient to barely taste Scott having previously informed me that Dr A Pigton ~~dr~~ took something that

made her tipsy. and I am
sure I frequently felt Scott treated
as if she had had a little.
Time passed and Mrs. W went
to Scarbro' previously saying
what grieved me Scott frequently
said Mr Esther was more gener
ous than Misses (but in my
opinion it was misjudged
liberality) Scott often when
we went out took me by
the river's side and for
weeks left a pen knife
for me to crimp paddles
for her but declining the
employment she took offence
Our dinners were frequently
undercooked. and one
day Scott told me that

Jane Able. Mr. Rhigton and
Eliza Hardcastle were in
the habit of putting bread
down to N. C. on which
occasion I immediately
wrote some lines and —
showing these to Scott she
desired I would not —
name the Bread but
I was firm saying it
might do good and —
being under the impression
that I was going home
said I should forward
them to the proper
quarter this occurred
perhaps six weeks ago
One Wednesday morning
I told Scott I had been

convulsed during the night
and as soon as Mrs H entered
she Scott looked as cold as ice
She had much annoyed
me by shutting me up
and it was known to
Mrs H that by the use
of my hair pin I could
leave my bed room —
she Scott mentioned wishing
it fastened but I objected
to Mrs H to have it re —
main as it was. which
was granted. After the
convulsion I told Mrs H
I would not partake of
vegitable any longer

On the Thursday or Friday evening I complained of my water tasting of Brewery when Ann Sanderson was very indignant - but she turned very pale when I said Scott had not done her duty about the Keys but he has had a written statement on the subject on the Friday night I had oat meal gruel which tasted very salty and as if burnt but I could detect no unpleasant odour. The rest is all known as I was allowed to remove into the south gallery having fretted nearly all afternoon at the idea

which suddenly entered my mind at dinner viz that some person or persons intended poisoning me. I committed to state that I had been kindly allowed to have ship biscuits but there being none previous to my convulsion I had eaten those others about 6 inches in diameter not unlike soda biscuits they certainly were not Salford nor Shih and Scott enquired on the Friday if I should continue to take I said I would reply in the morning and gave orders for tea. Mrs West left on the Saturday morning and Mr Sanderson wondered who

would be next and said
perhaps I should. J. A.
Lumly seemed much
concerned on the Saturday
afternoon and had evid-
ently been crying after
I left the dinner table
which I did unable to eat
it. I had wished her not
to leave my bed room window
open the panes just even
but it was reflected and
on the Sunday evening
I met Hannah in the hall
in ours and at Bed time
found my window just
open in the same way
and I forgot to say too that
one at least of the three

biscuits tasted of —
Turkey Rhubarb & like
wise did the Bread at
Breakfast on the Saturday
morning at least part of
it the Brown bread was
a large loaf with white dough
bread in the centre. The
Bread had all been cleared
off the dresser sever
all mornings
Scott more than once told me she ~~had~~
might be suspected of dishonesty
if her drawers were looked over as she had
several things of the ladies in them.
Ann Sanderson had begun to have a
rag bag and I gave her a little cotton
wool bit of a boa sheet altered which
coming to Lotts knowledge she wished
I had given her to pack her group
of waxflowers in

My complaint this morning which I beg to premise is not I trust from a feeling of pique but from a proper indignation is relative to Miss Watsons temper which for the last week has been almost intolerable and has excited my indignation the more that it is quite calculated to make dissension not only amongst us in the 4th gallery but evidently to extend to the directors of this establishment. The last occurrence which is only one of many, to which I have been subject to was as follows as nearly as I can remember. It was directed to Miss Beatbane who Mrs H will remember on Tuesday evening when frequently if she was not the mistress of the female department. Miss Beaumont & I endeavoured to persuade Miss B not to mind about having her watch at prayers when Miss Watson said that Mrs H had directed her to apply to you and then if she applied to you - you would send her to Mrs H for that was always the way things were done. Miss Beatbane spoke of my annoyances here there & ~~and~~ and of ~~the~~ unpleasant circumstance in my family & which from her importunity I was impelled to make

some remarks, tho' I for very long endeavoured not to say anything. ~~There was~~
Miss Beaumont accidentally such and to at C B or that we were uncomfortable
She immediately acted with gaught deligh on the occasion ~~by telling Miss Watson that~~
I asked Miss B if she had said anything to Elizabeth she replied I accept, w gently yes but sincerely
we have explained the thing between ourselves and it is B's passage about it
I shall say nothing more
I told Miss Watson what I have told her before that if Mrs W had no influence or authority it was attributable to such people as her and that was being personal to which she very warmly replied that Miss Watson should not be biassed by Miss Beaumont and I said I did not wish it
Miss Watson has some three or four times enquired if I should return to the Centre and the last time about a week ago. I told her that if my return

depended at all upon my soli
citing the change I certainly
should not ask as upon the
whole I did not desire ~~the~~ it
~~change~~. Miss W has on several
occasions tried if I would
attend upon her, like an attend
ant and I have found her so
expecting that I have shewn to
her ~~[illegible]~~ she need not think
I should I wish to be kind
to her but I will not ~~[illegible]~~ caprices of temper
Miss Beaumont has endeavoured
to conciliate and wished me not
to relate the occurrence of Tuesday
but I told her in Miss W's presence
that such conduct ought to be
exposed for the benefit of the
rest, and for my own comfort
which I certainly valued.
I should act upon my determination

Scott. C Hardcastle & Christies
office Sor and Sonce remember
from Mr Dermid when shewing
me her quilt Mr Scotts request
on Fourth day morning ~~the~~ on
a remark of Scotts about
her silk that Mrs W would
not give much the same
remark was made of the
late Miss Shorley's Relatives

this brings to my recollection
that Scott told me that
Mrs. Whitten was in the
habit of sending up jellies
&c to the Lete House C —

most degraded of my Sex
which from I in <u>insane sim</u>
plicity gave to Scott dishonesty
Falsehood or theft declare
in mine own hand writing
I am innocent of all.

Nov 5th 1853 Seven years ago to-day I returned to my Home after being recovered or nearly so from an attack of Insanity the conflicting conduct of those around me render me ~~almost~~ unable to distinguish my Friends from my Enemies But I believe the following are my enemies the first named I consider the spake of the Institution John Hodgson. Then comes Sam Sanderson Elizabeth Sleigh of course her maid too, Alice Thompson Jane Able. Sam Teesdale I class with the Baker ——— who else I know not.

I have understood that the
Drs & ~~the~~ Mrs Whittens linen
is washed by the public
laundry maids. and I have
likewise been told that Mr
Bragg and Mr Tracy pass
as patients how they escape
the Commissioners is rather
surprising but if I ever drew
comparisons it appears
very like a Cotton Lord
evading the Factory Act
With this remarks I beg
to be allowed to subscribe
myself a Friend to the
Friends Retreat where
I hope to hear the commis
sioners or the Committe

will insist upon walk-
ing galleries well ventilated
with a suitable wise and
kind attendant.

Anna Brennan

In Lunacy

In the Matter of Ann Brennand Spinster a person of unsound mind.

To the Right Honorable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain.

The humble Petition of John an Brennand of Burnley in the County of Lancaster Cotton spinner and William an Brennand of Byerden near Burnley aforesaid Cotton Spinner Brothers and two of the next of kin of the above named Ann Brennand

Sheweth

1. That the above named Ann Brennand has for several years been and is now a person of unsound mind and altogether incapable of managing her own affairs and that in the Month of November One thousand eight hundred and fifty two under an Order dated the twenty fifth day of November One thousand eight hundred and fifty two signed by Mary Brennand of Byerden House near Burnley aforesaid and the Medical Certificates of John Knowles and William Miller Coultate certifying that she was a Lunatic and a proper person to be confined the said Ann Brennand was received into and she has ever since been detained in a Lunatic Asylum at York called the Retreat kept by John Kitching as the Medical superintendant and legal representative thereof the same being a Charitable Institution belonging to the Society of Friends and duly registered as a Lunatic Hospital.

2. That the property of the said Lunatic consists of the following particulars that is to say of a small freehold farm in the County of York producing a gross annual rental of Twenty pounds a sum of Four hundred and twenty pounds due upon the promissory Note of Mary Brennand and bearing interest at the rate of Five pounds per Centum per annum a small Copyhold farm in the County of Lancaster producing a gross annual rental of Forty two pounds or thereabouts a sum of Two hundred and forty two pounds ten shillings secured by a mortgage of a certain Copyhold mill and other buildings situate at Wakehead near Barnsley and bearing interest at the rate of Five pounds per centum per annum and the income of a legacy of ~~Two~~ Four hundred and seventy seven pounds ten shillings under the will of her Mother Mary Brennand deceased bearing interest at the rate of Four pounds per centum per annum and which has not yet been paid by the Executors thereof

3. That the net annual income of the said Lunatics Estate does not exceed the sum of One hundred and five pounds and that the expence of her maintenance and Medical Attendance in the said Asylum amounts to the sum of One hundred and fifty pounds per annum and that the surplus of such expence over her income has hitherto been made up by her said Mother down to the time of her decease which happened on the twenty ninth day of April last.—

two/ 4. That the said Lunatic is of the age of thirty five years and is unmarried and your petitioner John Brennand is her eldest brother and heir at Law and your petitioners and Sarah the wife of Benjamin Schaffer and Mary the wife of John Halstead are the Brothers and Sisters and

sole next of kin of the said Lunatic. —

5. That your Petitioners and the sisters of the said Lunatic are willing and desirous to make up out of their own monies such a sum as together with the income of the said Lunatic will be sufficient to enable her to be henceforth maintained and taken due care of in the said Asylum but the Executors of the said Mary Brennand decline to pay the income of the said legacy or the rents of the said Copyhold estate until some person shall have been authorised by your Lordship to receive and apply the same.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Lordship that it may be referred to one of the Masters in Lunacy to ascertain whether the said Ann Brennand is a Lunatic and to Report thereon. —

And your Petitioners will ever pray.

Signed by the Petitioners John Brennand and William ac Brennand in the presence of

Chas. Haworth

their Solicitor in the Matter of this Petition

John Brennand

William Brennand

Petition to the Lord Chancellor.
Ann Brennand.

In the Matter of Ann Brennand
Spinster a person of unsound mind

L.S.

Miss Ann Brennand

Take notice that a petition of which a copy is within written was on the 10th day of July 1856 presented to the Lord Chancellor by John Brennand of Burnley in the County of Lancaster Cotton Spinner and William Brennand of Byerden near Burnley aforesaid Cotton Spinner your Brothers and two of the next of kin of the above named Ann Brennand and that by virtue of and under the same an enquiry may be ordered to take place before one of the Masters in Lunacy as to whether you are or are not of unsound mind and incapable of managing yourself and your affairs but that you may in case you think fit demand that such enquiry may if ordered be had before a jury in which case a notice of such your desire must be signed by you and attested by your Solicitor and filed with the Registrar in Lunacy at his Office in Southampton Buildings Chancery Lane London within seven days after your receipt of this present Notice

Dated this twenty third day of July 1856.

Charles Hawarth
Solicitor for the Petitioners John Brennand & William Brennand.