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however has two or three times but
we have not had a letter from home
for some time.
Ellen you will be glad to know we
got a little girl and Ellie writes
us to say she is very like Pope.
Uncle Jonas now also has
Ellen in Calcutta. She was looking
very well.
Hope to see Henry very soon as
she is coming out in the February
Steamer.
The great news you get here at
present is what with becomes of
these officers who resigned from
military at present with the
there are divers [illegible] Battle

Corps which have been raised for the Company. There is a battle after the Sebastopol business is over. A large force going into Kabul and. A letter from Colonel Keating to my Father this morning mentions that you have obtained six months leave and he indeed hope that at the end of that time you will have recovered the entire use of your limbs and feel as strong as ever again. You have indeed had a long and tiresome illness and we have all felt much for you. That as he use full the Mrs Georges must have and how pleasant it must be for you all

Huntsville
March 24th

My dear John

I write with double pleasure this time, first because I have a very kind letter by the last mail so I did not know until the last moment that the mail was going out so soon. There is no list of casualties yet from Lookout but Mr Moore says that throughout the whole we have had about 17 killed and 45 wounded. He appears to think Lookout has been badly slighted. I write after Bethel Cole has passed out for you has accounts that the battery of Hamp Hugh Jones is at Lookout with General Franklin Coleman Mr Medley

to be together. Have you seen James Wife and how is she and what do you think of them. We have had our house full lately of dirt troubles and people

Yours Truly

Lieut. W. Steele Esq.

marching through the station on two last visitors were Johnnie Angelo of the Artillery and Mr Montgomery of the

Lt Col: Steel, CB
Agra
Bengal

7 Jan
1853

Connaught Square – Hyde Park 7 Jan 1853

My dear Steel –

Our later letters will have informed you, that arrangements have been satisfactorily made with Major & Mrs MacGeorge, for the two girls to be placed at school at Bath and close, – or very near – their residence. I feel satisfied that every attention will be paid them by Dorah, – for she ever expresses much anxiety for their welfare and happiness, – and MacGeorge, though odd in his notions, is a kind and indulgent man, & has always exhibited much kindness towards your children. Both you and Mrs Steel may therefore feel quite at ease with regard to the comfort & care your dear children will receive from their nearest relatives in England. All demands made on Miss Jennings have been adjusted by Fletcher & Co

an excellent account of her voyage in the Peninsular – she is a decided good girl & we have made a great companion of her. Mrs Bowen will be a great comfort to her & the children, & I hope Mrs Steel, you will be able to spare your little girl for a time to be her companion.

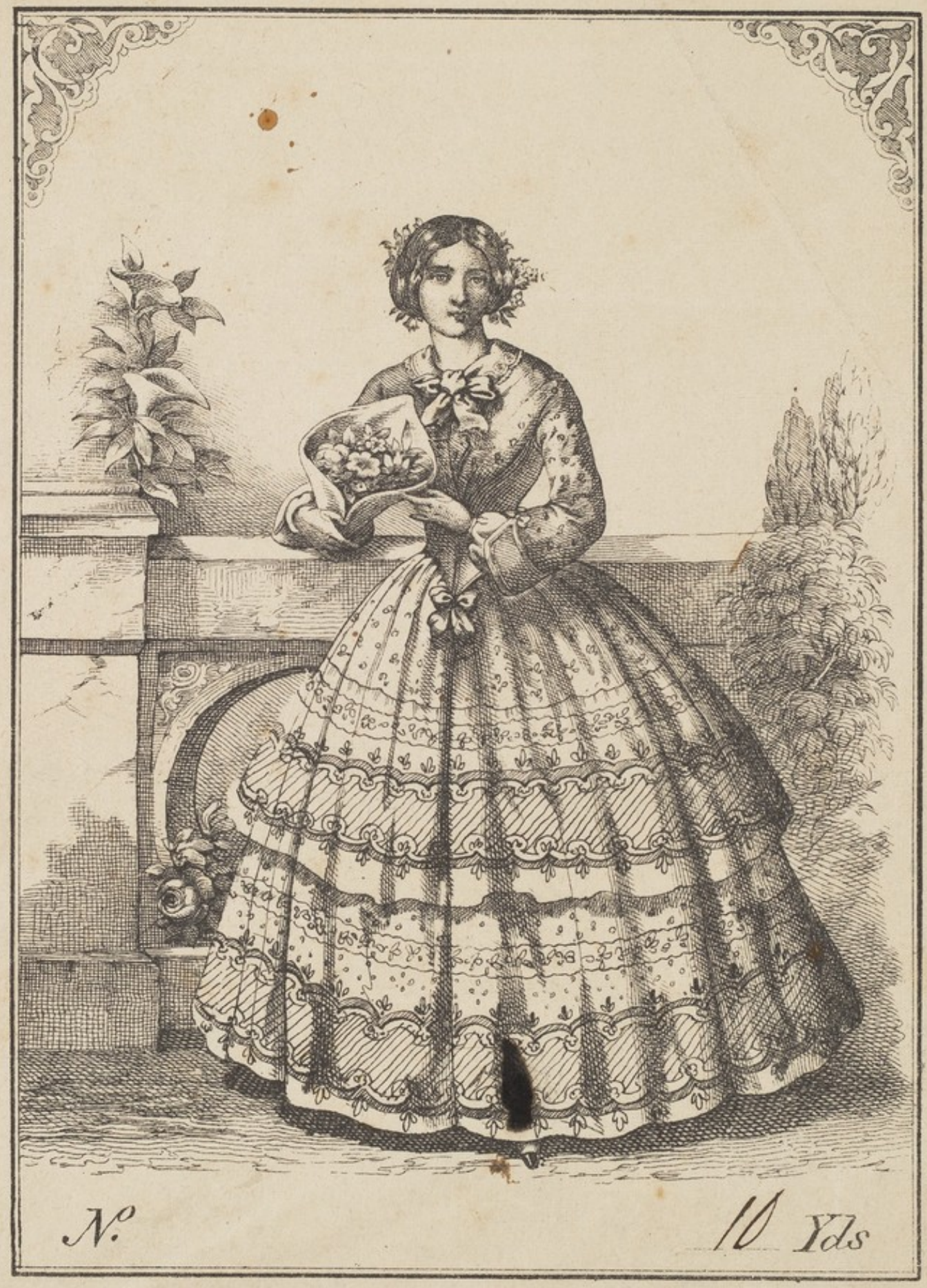
Yours sincerely
W. Steel

And now my dear friend let me acknowledge all the kind and unbounded confidence which you have ever bestowed upon us with regard to the expenditure of large sums of money, in connection with your children — You have never spared money in the education of your girls, — or in fitting them out in the world; — and certainly the elaborate way in which my wife completed their wardrobes — good & choice things certainly — often made me anxious to put some limit to Ladies desires when once inside a Milliners shew room: — You, however, always exonerated my wife for what she did; and very kind & considerate it was in you to do so. During the whole of any money transaction, which have taken place between us, — You have always acted the kindest and the most generous part; — You have never disputed any payment, made either by myself or my wife on your behalf: — and although Louisa is released of all responsibility with regard to Adalaïs, be assured my dear Steel, that if I can in any way promote the interests of any member of your family, — or in any other transaction which you may consider that I can be useful to you, — do not hesitate freely to command me.

Mr Woodfield has become very nervous — and when absorbed in any arduous undertaking, she is confused and perplexed, so much so, that Goodday her Medical attendant considers it highly requisite that she should be relieved from care as much as possible — it was mainly from this event that I was glad to find that Dorah was willing to take charge of her sisters.

The further Memorandum exhibiting the disposal of the sum of £12.16.8 which I held offers on the 26 June last — and of which I had apprised you — You will find annexed to this communication.

We have received a very satisfactory letter from dear Louisa wherein she gives her Aunt



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Mem:

Money in hand on 26 June 1852,—
and of which Col: Stud was apprized
at that date — — — — £ 12-16-8

Expended by Wm W
since that date } 2-13-5

Expended by RDW
since that date } 2-2-4

Gratuity on 1st Jan 1853
to Miss Angelo—& pd
over to Anthony
Angelo } 5-0-0

9-15-9

Balance in RDW's
hands on 1st Jan 1853 } £ 3-0-11

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DE OLE GREY GOOSE,	by Mr. Davis.	WHY DID MY MASTER SELL ME,	by Mr. Friend.
DAR HE GOES DAT HIM,	by Mr. Davis.	DANDY BROADWAY SWELL,	by Mr. Friend.
SOMEBODY IN DE HOUSE,	.. ..	.. ..	by Mr. Davis.

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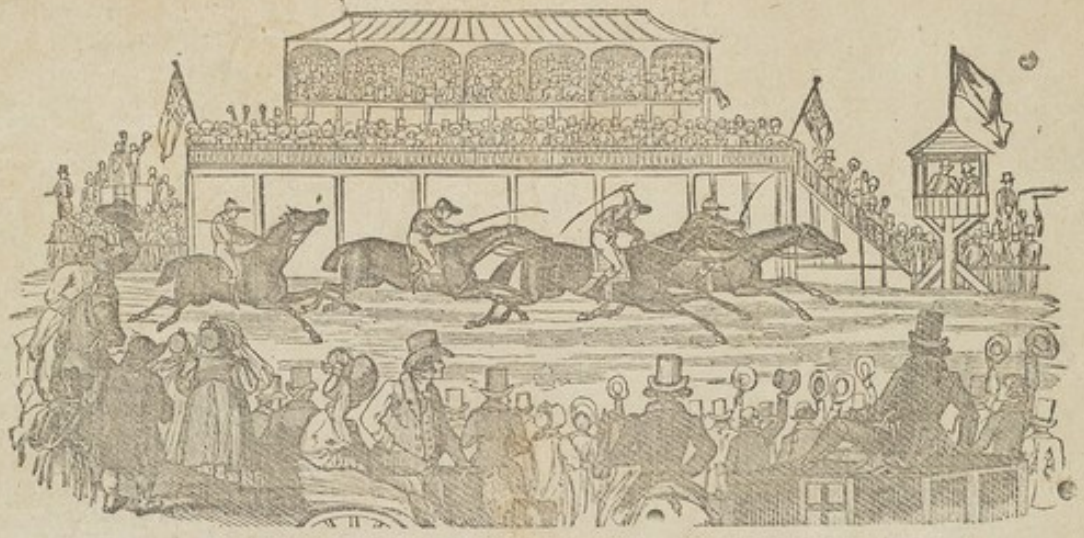

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CAPTAIN F. E. SMALPAGE, Artillery.
G. O. LEWIS, ESQ., 7th Royal Fusiliers.

SATURDAY, THE 29TH JANUARY, 1859.

1 P. M.—The Pony Hurdle Race. For Ponies 13-2 and under. Catch weights. One mile. Over four Hurdles. Entrance 1 G. M. Rs. 50 from the fund.

Mr Salter's *Pretty Boz.*
Mr. Oliver's *Hubble Bubble*, blue pink cap.

The Tradesmen's Purse of Rs. 700. For all horses. Weight for age. 4 G. M. Entrance. N. I. T. C. Rules. The Winner of the Punjab Stakes or St. Leger to carry 5lbs. extra. A Winner of both 10lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

Mr. Wentworth's, 7th D. G., g. a. h. *Chanticleer*, aged, 9st. 11lb., blue white cap.
Captain Lamb's g. a. h. *Pioneer*, aged, 9st. 11lb., black and white Jacket, and cap.

The Buggy Stakes. For all *bona fide* buggy horses. Catch weights over 10st. 1½ a mile. 1 G. M. Entrance. 130 Rs. from the fund. To close at 1 P. M. punctual on Saturday.

Handicap for all horses, the Winner to be sold for four hundred rupees if claimed. One mile. 2 G. M. Entrance. Rupees 200 from the fund. Top weight 10st. To close at 1 P. M. punctual on Saturday.

The Soldiers' Pony Race, for Ponies ridden by Soldiers.
First 20 Rs., 2nd 10 Rs., 3rd 5 Rs.

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2 Argyle Road
Kensington.

Decr 29th

Dear Madam

Excuse me
an utter stranger
addressing you
but I am anxious to
come and see my
Daughter and for
that reason am
anxious to learn from
you whether there
is a Boarding House

near you, or any
where in York, and
if you could ascertain
the terms. If there
should not happen
to be one please to
let me know the
best Hotel, and whether
I could have two
rooms and my
meals served privately
& what the terms would
be any particulars
you can assist me

in will greatly oblige
as I have never
visited York and
naturally have felt
extremely desirous
of visiting my
daughter but was
happy cheerfully
to resign that
so long as it seems
necessary to the
recovery of her health.
I now wish to come

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and pay a short visit and only await your answer with particulars before ~~I start~~ which I am anxious to do next Monday. provided your answer arrives in time to make my arrangements.

Yours Sincerely

A Stark.

A Floor
12 Aug 30/62

My dear Sir

I think it right to tell you that Mrs Steel has written to propose a visit to take Louisa away from York! & asks our "permission" for this step. I have told her that Louisa is a ward in Chancery — that we have no power to grant such leave, & that if we had, we would not incur any such responsibility. She is persuaded that it would be a very hazardous step, independently of which her brother is a most unfit person to ~~[illegible]~~ undertake the care of her, & leave the care of her,

She speaks of Annie as
quite well, & of the
extreme "cruelty" of keeping
her at the Retreat; &
& having told Annie that
she meant to take her
away. She thinks it may
have a "bad effect" if she
is prevented doing so —
I have therefore, deemed
it right to tell you all
this, though she begs me
to keep her communication
secret.
I have just received
the inclosed letter, &
think you will see that

sort of Person we have
to deal with. Her own
brain has been often un=
=settled, & she has no
reasoning faculties, or
common sense.
Our kind regards to Mrs K.
Ever truly Yrs
J. Steel

Dennett's Bank.
April 11. —

J Steel
4 mo: 11 - 63

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[illegible]

She has seemed to
enjoy my visits very
much! I see no
fault to find with the
house, or grounds &
the are well kept
what I can't under=
stand is that there is
such an objection
to relatives calling which
never looks well. If
it existed that would
be different but Louisa
is as calm as possible
and always seemed
to feel such pleasure
seeing me.

them. I decidedly
don't understand
why I was not
permitted to take
her to the Institute
where it would
give her such
relief and she
wished it herself.
Mr Kitching told
me yesterday that
to day's visit must
be my last as I
had already been
permitted to call
more frequently

them was allowed
to any other Patient.
But has we Relations
to judge of their State
unless they may call
them they like, and
take them out when
they please, and
use them for change
occasionally. She has
been now nearly 4
years in the establish-
ment and if their
system was good
they she would have
been well long ago.
But it is an unnatural

[illegible]

[illegible] Catharine to meet us half way? I would bring Louisa into Cumberland. The reason I mentioned Watford was having Pomeroy there, and thinking the climate such a moderate one. I shall feel satisfied in depositing Louisa with you, and it is easy

for you to write a letter to Mr Pitching which will oblige her to give Louisa up. I am confident she needs a change, and tho' the Winter maybe too severe in Cumberland for her, I am confident it would do her all the good in the world now. I should like an answer by return of Post. Father to day to take Louisa a drive, but they pretended the day was too cold, tho' it was a delightful balmy

air. I proposed taking
Louisa to the Dentist,
but no they said Mr.
Pitching would go
himself, the fact is they
knew the Dentist would
confirm my knowledge
that her mouth has
been wofully neglected.
Her tongue is the colour
of this paper to the very
tip. In fact every
time Louisa eats her
gums are giving great
uneasiness, and that
alone is sufficient
to cause irritation
Something must be done

because I don't like
leaving Louisa here,
I guessed this afternoon
with her, she was as
placid, and as nice
as possible, but when
her prolonged detention
is fullest of there is a
look of despair comes
over the countenance
not feeling happy would
cause any one irritation
Be assured you will
never regret having her
at once into Cumberland.
Let me know the plans
and any thing you
write will be strictly
confidential. In another
year you would not know
for the same girl

J Steel
4/10/63

Louisa Steel is at the present time in a state of Chronic Mania, ~~the chief features of which are the presence of~~ accompanied by various delusions, a certain amount of Dementia & a great ~~excitability~~ tendency to noisy Exhausting excitement throughout.

This patient was first seen by Mr Rees ~~& it may be as some connection with this~~ ~~there could be some or other present~~ circumstance that ~~of mental disorder~~. The disorder of the mind was also attended with great delicacy of the Respiratory & Circulatory ~~accompanied~~ ~~badly health~~ ~~There is present great debility~~ ~~of the physical system~~ a general want of tone & vigor ~~in the~~ nervous & muscular ~~system & debility~~ ~~& with extreme~~ paroxysms with ~~& with~~ ~~alone~~ ~~with~~ ~~extreme~~ languor & general relaxation, & indisposition to exertion of any kind, when the mind is not under the influence of excitement. ~~through~~ These symptoms are increased to a great extent after ~~unusual~~ an attack of excitement, so that ~~no case is to be~~ the proper treatment requires ~~by the~~ ~~with record~~ that should be carefully watched upon ~~of~~ all ~~causes~~ of excitement. ~~There is also the great elevation of the patient has produced a strong tendency to~~ ~~convulsions~~ ~~& epileptic~~ great

~~tendency to~~ susceptibility
of Pulmonary ~~Consumption~~ & admission
of Phthisis. In fact Louisa Sleet may be
fitly compared to a Hot-house plant, ~~fit~~
as regards ~~her bodily & mental condition~~ both body & mind - requiring
for the conservation of the health ~~of the health of~~
the one, & the tranquillity of the other - the furnishing
of judicious care & ~~the~~ all such as they can ~~& comfort~~ to supply.
~~With regard~~ As the admission of Miss Sleet it
was stated that the mental disorder was hereditary
on the mother's side - that her mother had been
insane on several occasions; that two sisters
had died insane, & that a third was in a ~~very~~
suspicious state.

With regard to the allegations that I have declined
to permit her mother to visit her, the following
are the facts: Her mother, "Mrs James Sleet"
called at the Retreat three weeks ago - & requested
to see her daughter. She was allowed to see
her ~~daughter~~ ~~with whom~~ ~~she~~ spent 6 hours with her
~~to~~ dining & drinking tea with her. The following
day she ~~took~~ called in a cab & took her
daughter a drive ~~with her~~. On an early subsequent day
day she did the same. ~~On the occasions~~

~~when the patient to see her daughter~~
~~Her daughter had~~ cannot say perhaps if its amount was the most injurious quality
upon the mind of the daughter was simply to
increase her excitement & aggravate all
her symptoms. After one of her mothers
visits, she spent the night in loud decla-
mation & screaming & was of course
much exhausted & depressed after it. - however
~~Hereupon~~ the mother of the patient wrote
to Mrs ~~Jones~~ Steel, the wife of John
Steel M. D., the patient's uncle & guardian
that she had found her daughter quite
well & that ~~it~~ she had told her she was
going to remove her, & that consequently
it would have a bad effect. ~~to the girl & the mother~~
~~so much want of judgment on the part of the mother~~
~~As I found the effect of her visit upon the mind the daughter~~
~~& the entirely opposite effect upon her state when the mind the daughter~~
~~was quiet & free from the exhausting~~
injurious, ~~to the patient~~ & ~~prevented the exhausting~~
~~injudicious conduct of the mother~~ induced me
to request the ~~Doctor~~ to bid her daughter good bye
& leave her. She appeared to consent to this, & named
a day when she would take her departure -
Instead of departing, however, she drove up to

front door of the ~~front door~~ Robert alighted quickly, rushed upstairs unannounced to the apartments of her daughter, & desired the nurse to ~~get her~~ get Miss Steel ready instantly for a drive. & then informed the patient about her that she had taken apartments in the city & was going to take Louisa ~~with~~ to be with her in them. Her conduct indeed throughout has been that of a person destitute of ~~&~~ judgement, perception, & common sense, & very accurately confirms the information formerly conveyed to me, after by her sister-in-law Mrs John Steel, who describes her in a letter as possessing neither "reasoning faculties nor common sense."

Contrary to my advice Mrs Steel has remained in York, & has repeatedly visited her daughter — on which occasions her stay is unreasonably & inconveniently prolonged! She has however been allowed to take her daughter on every occasion except one — when she came ~~up with~~ accompanied by ~~Mr~~ Mr Hesp — with whom she had ~~accidentally met in York~~ formed a casual acquaintance in York, & made the

then seemed to me such a want of consideration to the rest of her family in this proceeding, that I induced her to defer an interview till the following day —

confidants of her family troubles. ~~It to~~
~~whom it would be cruel for unfeeling strangers~~
~~cruel to expose the patient under the circum-~~
~~stances; it appears that her mother was engaged to come~~
~~to her daughter the fifth day~~
~~but further details pass~~
~~Such~~ the above ~~details~~ ~~to~~ are
sufficient to explain the true nature of the
case & to show that this is one of that
complexion (by no means uncommon) ~~of~~ ~~cases~~ ~~tendencies~~
class of cases, in wh ~~this~~ ~~there~~ ~~tendencies~~
~~it is clear that~~ the ~~two~~ patient is not the only
unreasonable member of the family with
whom the ~~physician~~ of an Asylum has to
deal.

Report on Louisa
Steel - 4mo: 1863.

I Robert Baker. ~~of the City~~ Doctor of Medicine of the University of Edinr. being the Medical Supt of the Friends Retreat near York certify that I am of opinion that Mrs Louisa Slack a patient in this Hospital is a dangerous lunatic and unfit to be at large

I have formed this opinion on the following grounds.

1st. That at each recurring attachment period the said Mrs Louisa Slack becomes violent &

leads to impulsive acts or violence – such as

Shaving chair
Soap-dish
attacks the inmates
2 and some 8 inmates
Some yet attacked Cook got her down on the bed
that the reserves

4 Scrope Terrace. Cambridge

Oct 4. 1876.

Dear Sir,

I have just returned home & found your letter referring to Mrs. Steele's wish to remove her daughter from the Retreat. at present I conclude that nothing can or will be done. Dr. Gilchrist, so he tells me, (I had from him about a week ago) only receives Exceptional cases into his house & will do nothing till

he communicates with
me. He is aware that Col. Sleet
and myself are the trustees
of the property.
I am writing by this post
to Mrs. Sleet to shew her
that she will put me into
such a difficulty that I
must refuse to make any
payments on behalf of
her daughter to any insti-
tution except the Retreat.

I am yours truly

A. W. W. Steel

Dr. Baker.

Private & Confidential

Crichton Royal Institution
Dumfries

5/10/16

Dear Dr Lehmann,
When I told
you that Mr
Hall had written
your Journal has
been under my
care in the House
for such & for
for some years
and that Mrs
Hall is excedingly

State instead of sending
me one with the same
kind of news which
I have

Yours truly

J. H. Wise

P.S. I have taken no steps
in the case and will not
do so without full instruc-
tions from proper authority

J. H.

obligation of patience that
I should not be unwilling
as we were more than
July and Mr. Mr. any
Can I could not
When he into my own
Home.

I have enclosed copies
of Mr letters to Mr
Hale. Instead of sending
me one word he says

in Dunfermline
or Thurso & with
you will
easily understand
that I
have had more
than a full share
of hard work
and hitherto
about enough of your
favours. Write in
haste that I
could not do
any thing without
the sanction from

13 Castle gate,
Sept. 24th York.

Dear Sir,

According to the dictation of the Board of Lunacy in London, I make my further appeal to you, and the Friendly Society to liberate Miss Steel; having made the necessary arrangements for her reception in Doctor Gilchrist's own House at the Crichton Institution. It only needs for me to telegram

that some suitable
person shall come
to receive her, and
this I will do, as soon
as I have your reply.

Yours sincerely
Adelaide Steel.

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

30th Sept. 1876.

Sir,

In reference to your letter of the 29th inst: I am directed by the Commissioners in Lunacy to say that they are not disposed to advise the Committee of the Retreat or yourself to resist Mrs Steel's application for the removal of her daughter to the Crichton Institution under care of persons producing proper credentials shewing that they have been sent from thence for the purpose of fetching her. Fresh certificates &c must of course be

R. Baker Esq. M.D.

be procured in Scotland.

I am Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

Chas. Sp. Percival

Secretary.

Sedley Wells

The Friends' Retreat,
near York.

Wharfedale

29. 10. 76

Sir.

I have received — this
an from York — a letter
from Mrs. Slater — a copy
Is it my duty to forward this ~~document~~ letter
of which is annexed. & Is
as proper authority for the removal?
There is no order of transfer
between an English & Scotch
Asylum is it my duty

to send Mrs Steele to the
Asylum under care of an
Attendant & there let Dr.
Gilchrist get fresh certificates.
This removal is as you know
against the wish of
Mrs Steele's guardian in
England.

Yours faithfully
[illegible]

13 Castle Gate,
York.

October 1st

Dear Doctor Baker,

I am so persuaded that a change of climate will be beneficial to Louisa that I am prepared to take her at any risk & to accept the I have to pay for it myself; When could she be ready, and could you allow one of your Maids to accompany us, her journey shall be paid each way. I am coming on Monday to take Louisa a drive at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Be so kind as answer these questions when I come, unless

you can do so con=
=siderably before. When
you write to Wm Anthony
Stet you may tell
him I am not the
least excitable, but I
have a heart to feel,
which few members
of the family seem
to have!

Yours sincerely,
A Stet.

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From Revd A. W. W Steel 8 Brunswick Buildings Weymouth

To Dr Baker Friends Retreat York

Do not comply with request Colonel Steel now in India has been written to say you will his communication more by letter

Jas. Truscott & Son, London.

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4 Scroope Terrace
Cambridge

	Mrs	Steele	insists	on	gaining
	possession	of	her	daughter	Bonny Jemima
1/-	rule	we	cannot	legally	prevent
	her	being	nearest	relative	but
1/3	you relatives	may	be	able	to
1/6	demonde	her	Write	me	instructions

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Friends' Retreat
June 19. 1878

Sir,

I have the pleasure of forwarding a few words of condolence respecting Miss Louisa Steele's

I telegraphed the contents of your last letter to the Revd. A. W. W. Steele — he at once placed himself in communication with Colonel Steele who is at present in India & from whom I shall hear in due course

Yours faithfully

J. Baker

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

16th September 1876.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, relative to the case of Miss Louisa Steele, the Commissioners in Lunacy direct me to inform you that there is nothing in the statements it contains which would legally justify you in refusing to discharge the patient upon the order of her mother. Unless therefore

as I informed you in my letter of the 13th instant, you are prepared to sign a certificate under the 75th section of the 8 & 9 Vict. cap. 100, that Miss Steele is dangerous and unfit to be at large, the patient must be given up to her mother as her nearest relative.

As to the unsuitableness of Mrs. Steele to have charge of her daughter, the Commissioners can form no opinion, and it will be for the other friends of the

patient to endeavour to dissuade her from taking the step she meditates, if they see fit to do so.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Jno. Martin

(for the Secretary).

Dr. Baker.

The Friends Retreat
York
15/9/1876.

Dear Sir

In reply to your communication respecting Miss Louisa Steele I write to say that all her relatives are - I believe, fully aware that Mrs Steele is markedly unfit to have any control over her daughter, & the guardianship of Miss Steele has never been allowed to pass into her Mother's hands, neither has Mrs Steele any control over her daughter's money, all payments being made by her guardian

Revd R. W. W. Steele
4 Scope Terrace
Cambridge.

Miss Steele is in a condition of chronic mania gradually passing into dementia and at each menstrual period she has exacerbations of excitement during which she is frequently violent to others.

I intend to advise the Committee to detain

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY,

19, *Whitehall Place, S.W.*,

13th September 1876.

Sir,

The mother of Miss Louisa Steel, a patient in your hospital, writes to this Office insisting upon the discharge of her daughter. Unless you certify the patient to be "dangerous and unfit to be at large", and set forth in the certificate the grounds of that conclusion, it is your duty to discharge the patient on her mother's application, provided that Mr Joseph

Steel be dead or abroad, and Mr. Steel be the person who made the last payment for the maintenance of the patient. The Commissioners will thank you to explain what are the facts of the case and what course you propose to take.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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I, Robert Parker, M.D. of the University of Edinburgh, being the Medical Superintendent of the Friends' Retreat near York, certify that I am of opinion that Miss Louisa Shute, a private patient in this Hospital, is a dangerous lunatic and unfit to be at large.

I have formed this opinion on the following grounds.

First. That she is in a condition of chronic mania passing into Dementia with periodical Exacerbations of Excitement.

Second. That during these periods of Excitement – viz: at each menstrual period – she is prone to impulsive acts of violence. She has on various occasions attacked the Nurses violently and therefore it has been deemed unsafe for a Nurse to enter her room alone. She has also been in the habit of throwing at anyone entering her room any convenient missile such as a chair or soap-dish

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and therefore ~~at these times~~ it has been deemed advisable to remove from her room ~~any~~ every movable article of furniture

J. W. Baker M. D.

Friends' Retreat J. W. R.
9 mo. 19th 1876

Correspondence de Mrs Courtois-Steele

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