

## Letters from William Tuke to William Maud

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Dear William

(3) York - 1<sup>st</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1796

I have thought of writing for several nights past to enquire what is become of Joshua Sording Aley, for when I enquired of him how long he thought he should stay, he first mentioned 7<sup>th</sup> day, but then said he thought that time would rather straiten him, so I concluded he would ~~return~~ <sup>return</sup> on first, however we do not yet hear or see any thing of him, which we think manifests great inattention as he knew when he left, that Janeking and some of the Women Patients were unwell, & that we expected two more Men Patients, one of whom is come & I do not know but the Men have done as well as when he was here, but there having been much illness amongst the Female part of the Family, they would have been considerably helped by Tho<sup>s</sup>. Ventris's assistance in the House in case his time had not been so much taken up amongst the Men Patients —

Eliz<sup>a</sup>. Thompson from Whitley was the first who began with a complaint in her Bowels, which in a few days appeared to be the Bloody Flux, & she has been very ill indeed, so that for some time it did not seem likely she would recover, but having all along taken plenty of nourishment, (as Sage with Brandy & Mutton Broth) her weak frame has hitherto been supported & the complaint much abated though not wholly gone off. She keeps her Bed.

Mary Evans has also been ill of the same disorder ~~but~~ <sup>but</sup> but considerably better today so that I hope she will soon recover ~~as~~ she has not been <sup>compulsively</sup> induced as to keep her Bed - Her wilfulness of taking Food or Medicine has made <sup>her case</sup> ~~it~~ very difficult & had not the Nurse proved very active & persevering I know not what would have become of her for James King though unwell himself in ~~an~~ imprudent officiousness would of Rattier's advice sit up with Dr Thompson in the early stage of the disorder & thus became nearly as ill herself & was probably much worse by not making it known in proper time to the D<sup>r</sup> - She has now been near a week confined to her Room - The Cook has also been so ill of strong febrile cold that the D<sup>r</sup> thought it necessary for her to keep her Bed a day or two and a new servant a servant to the Nurse has had a very bad cold so as to render her unwell & one hand disabled - Thus thou wilt see the Family has been greatly deranged indeed - However there is a better side to look at - John Ellis has for some weeks past been gradually getting more still & quiet & since Joshua left I have almost every day observed an improvement - He is now so well as to sit with the other Patients without the jacket & with common Cloaths, & (though <sup>attended with</sup> some complaint in his Bowels for a few days) keeps himself clean & in every respect conducts as a Person in his right Mind - Mary Evans has also <sup>to day</sup> manifested an inclination for a particular sort of Tealakes - I am not certain whether we understand her meaning but I have sent such as I suppose

she wanted. It is very extraordinary that she should enquire  
for any thing to eat: she has also manifested some other symp-  
toms yesterday & to day which I think favourable.  
If those two should be restored to their right minds, the  
Institution will get some credit.

We have another Family matter which is one of  
moment - My son John is ill and his complaint has  
something in it alarming - Thou knows how his Consti-  
tution was affected by a severe Cold & Damp Bed &c  
sometime ago - He was lately Surveying near Knar-  
boro: when the weather was very moist & Cold & I believe  
has not taken proper care it appeared to be mended  
last of May & I found had been poorly for some time &  
blamed him for not having used some means - He is  
much worse after meeting on first, & I find had be-  
sensible of a fulness in his Body for a week past,  
a nauseous taste in his mouth - His Feet has been con-  
siderably swelled especially in a morning & his Body & legs  
move so in the latter part of the day He has also some  
difficulty of breathing & a Cough - He sent for Oswald Allen  
on 2<sup>d</sup> day, I have not got to see him till today & I find  
that Allen had given him last Night a Dose of James's Pow-  
der or something similar which acted as an emetic &  
afterward produced a profuse perspiration - I hope  
this mode of treatment may be helpful but doubt whether  
he will recover his usual health as his Consti-  
tution was previously much injured - I shall be  
glad to have thy Sentiments.

Henry & Mabel think of setting out for Herts in next  
5<sup>th</sup> day in case former's education do not stop them  
We write our Love to thee & Mary: thy Aff. Uncle W. T. J. & J.

Recd 1/5/5/1

Under Duke

1796 use

To

Mr. Ward

Surgeon

Bradford

1796

no  
to  
be  
paid

Dear William

York 1<sup>st</sup> Month 10<sup>th</sup> 1797

(6)

I rec<sup>d</sup> there, and ~~in answer~~ to the Question "Whether  
"I mean to avail myself of the apparent indulgence contain'd  
"in the clause, and will pay the fine as therein directed?"  
I answer No. — But I mean to avail myself of the real  
indulgence contain'd in the clause, and <sup>yet</sup> object to the pay-  
ment of the fine, upon the same principle which I should  
object, to, <sup>the</sup> procure <sup>ing</sup> a Substitute in case the Lot had fallen  
on me. If Friends pay the fine they will lay waste the Testi-  
mony, but by producing or causing to be produced, a Certifica-  
te that I am one of the People called Quakers, in order to  
enable or injoin the Deputy Lieutenants to ~~put~~ <sup>put</sup>  
~~ing~~ me on a different footing from those of other religious  
Societies, is doing no more than is required to be done,  
under the former act for raising the Militia. In that act  
there is a condition that <sup>for</sup> a Person on whom the Lot falls, being  
so certified of, a Substitute shall be provided, and a warrant  
of distress granted, <sup>to recover the money</sup> and if ~~effects~~ cannot be found,  
the warrant is to be returned; and then if <sup>it</sup> should appear  
to the Deputy Lieutenants or that such Quaker is of suffi-  
cient ability to pay the sum of Ten Pounds they may  
commit him to Prison: consequently a poor man not of suffi-  
cient ability to pay Ten Pounds, is not liable to imprison-  
ment — These cases are not parallel throughout, but so far  
as relates to the Certificate they are: and in neither case is  
it expected that Friends should comply with an actual payment,  
and it seems clear from the clause in the Cavalry Act, <sup>that</sup> payment is

not expected; neither have the Deputy Lieutenants any authority  
to demand it. The words are. "Which sum shall be added to the last  
assessment of such person to the said Duties on Horses, and shall  
be levied at the next subsequent Payment to be made of any of  
the said Duties &c." Which will be at the next collection of Land Tax,  
House Tax &c. when for refusal of the payment of this 20<sup>s</sup> ~~distress~~  
warrant of distress will probably be issued.

Thus, without any doubt, Friends here have understood  
the provision made for us, but it seems almost impossible to  
form any thing plain enough to be universally understood.

Thy affectionate Uncle

W. Wake

Ret 1/5/5/1/1

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York - 17<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1794 - (5)

Dear William

I rec<sup>d</sup>. him by St. Fottie who got well here yesterday evening - It seemd best for him to lodge here last Night, & therefore sent directions for Joshua to pack up & come hither after breakfast as I wishd to prevent any opportunity of conversation between them. Joshua came accordingly apparently prepard for his Journey; I paid him his full Years wages viz 16 Guineas and I suppose he is gone to Leeds - He talkd of staying a while at Leeds -

I went up to the Retreat with Mr. Sand. & I thought it best to explain what had happen'd, as he could not but soon know by one means or other and it gave me an opportunity of shewing the great need there is for circumspection & care respecting such things with which the Patients can injure themselves or one another from the little matter I have seen of him I like his disposition & sentiments - Have settld it for him to lodge in a room in the wing so as to be near the Patients which Joshua has never shewn a disposition to do we cannot look upon it and as of long continuance



as not being a Friend and also having a Family; for the  
absence of a keeper so much as a Man with a Family  
ought to have the privilege of cannot in that Station  
be dispensed with. I therefore wish thee to turn thy  
thoughts to some suitable Friend. I wish thou had  
known Samuels Ideas about Wages for I think the  
consideration of them would have been best first  
between him & thee. What has been his usual earn-  
ings?

I am glad to find there was so much unanimity  
in your Meeting on a subject of so much import-  
ance as that of the Cavalry Business.

Since the receipt of thine I have scarce had leisure  
to consider thy kind proposal of adding to My Interest  
we are scarce of money at present principally  
owing to the advance both on the Retreat & school  
accounts—perhaps it may be best to accept of thy  
proposal and if as is probable in ab<sup>t</sup>. 3 months we  
may not want it, thou wilt probably have no objection  
of lending some to the Retreat which will want.

I want ag<sup>n</sup> to write to Stipley & I shall desire to have  
his Ultimatum.

As to the school Business it is just where it was  
there were <sup>scarcely</sup> any of those concerned it at last meeting  
so that no conference was had. All seem to desert  
me in matters of this kind.

• W. Litcher is on the whole rather poorly but in part I attribute it to one thing or other which has depressed his spirits — Our accounts from Hitchin continue to be very satisfactory they say Eliz<sup>th</sup> makes a good nurse & has plenty of milk —

I am with Dr. Love to Mrs & Mine;  
Thy affectionate Uncle

W. Luke

May let J. Rich know that his parcel was sent today & Pennington's letters enclosed in it



Wm. to  
WM

OST.

Wm. & Maud  
Surgeon  
Bradford-



Ret 1/5/5/1/1

Dear William

York 13<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1797

(6)

I have rec<sup>d</sup>. a letter from Mr Higgleys, but it does not indicate a faculty in thee of foreknowledge but quite the reverse; for he now decidedly gives up the thoughts of coming to render any assistance at the Retreat, though he still expresses an inclination for Yorkshires but what sort of a situation in it will suit him I cannot say.

I now conclude that we must not look so high for a Superintendant of the Retreat.

When thee & I were talking together as well as since that time, I thought George Japson had talents superior to the Station of Keeper to the Men Patients; and I had before I got Mr Higgleys Letter thought whether we could <sup>find a</sup> better Superintendant - Had he been more experienced in the Government and order of a pretty large Family, I should not have much doubt respecting him. I consider him as a steady religious Friend, & in that respect to be fully confided in. His knowledge of Medicine would be of great use to the Institution, and his ~~superior~~ qualification in writing and I hope (with instruction) ability to keep the accounts in the proper Method, must be an additional qualification.

of usefulness; and though the confinement which must necessarily attach to the Office of keeper is much more than would be reasonable to put upon him, yet from G. I should expect a greater superintendance <sup>over the</sup> Patients than from some others; so that we might <sup>probably</sup> dispense with a keeper of rather inferior talents provided he had exertions & a disposition to be directed.

To go on a little further respecting my thoughts of G. I propose I think he might reasonably be entitled to a Salary of 40 or 50 <sup>£</sup> Annis being as Master of the House there would be no degradation. Now thou must judge of the propriety of imparting to him some of these Ideas of mine; they must be considered as only my own, for if I was at present to mention them to the Committee they must either set them aside, or place a greater or more implicit confidence in my judgment than I could wish ever to be the case in a matter of such importance. If thou shouldst think it eligible to open the matter to him I wish it may be proposed for him to come <sup>or stay</sup> about a week & under me some assistance in transcribing minutes & which is a thing at present much wanted. This would give him an opportunity of judging better of the proposal than he otherwise could & it need not be known in the Family at the Retreat nor among his Friends at home that any thing more is in view <sup>than to help me in the writing</sup>

The Committee will also have an opportunity of forming a better judgment than by hearsay—

I think I have now said enough on that subject but I may also add (inter nos) that the Housekeeper is not equal to the Station. If there was no other deficiency, her State of Health is too delicate for the exertions requisite to the Station. She has often been confined to her room by a Choleric complaint. Her Nerves also are very weak—

Would the Widow Wilson (I mean Mrs. Grother) do in that Station, I doubt whether she be too far advanced in years—

I hope to hear from thee in the course of this week as it is likely I may go to Hull about the middle of next. Mr. T. is of her letter sort & joins in d. Love to thee & thine Thy Affectionate d. M.

On noticing thy recipe for worms I observed Powder of Walnut leaves, she has some very good. M. White prescribed it for worms but she has not tried it.

M. F. Wake

I lately saw a Review of a Pamphlet entitled an "Account of the Yellow Fever with a successful Method of Cure, by James Brice Surgeon, late of the Busbridge East Indian Army." Printed for Roberson & Lay London. It is much approved by the Reviewers; & so much coincides with the & the Author's Sentiments respecting peevish Cases that I am persuaded did them would approve.

W. T. Allen  
Sept 17 1797

of  
Mr. M. M. M.  
Surgeon  
Bradford

Am. P. M.

Ret 11/5/1797

Dear William

York 14<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 1797

(7)

I think I told thee at Leeds of the apparent decline of Mary Evans's health; on my return some symptoms of the Dropsy appear'd which increased, and last 1<sup>st</sup> day Evening & Night she had slight Convulsion Fits which reduced her very fast & she pass'd quietly away as if falling asleep abt 2 o'clock on 3 day Morning & was buried to day. Jam King in consequence of this, not an expected event, let down her spirits so as to think she was going to be ill, & wish'd to have leave to go away, which the Committee considering how little use she was off in any emergency, when she ought to support the spirits of others, agreed to; & she set out for Newcastle yesterday Morn. - We therefore want a House keeper & wish you will look about you & enquire for a ~~steady~~ middle aged Woman & Friend with firmness & Judgment. I believe there was an omission of enquiry at 2<sup>d</sup> Meeting for an Assistant to the Nurse - David Jepson said he would enquire abt Rich Driver who he tho' would be suitable for keeper to the Men but I have not heard any thing from him. It happens at present that the Patients require very little nursing so that Kit Allen can supply the place of Housekeeper. C. Jepson is he tho' of coming to spend a little more time at the Retreat previous to his coming to a conclusion. His company then at present would be particularly acceptable as he would be frequently below stairs when Katherine might be engaged with the Women.

In order to bring the accounts to a settlement I have apply'd for Sheakston's Drug Bill & he gives me account of one left with thee 11. 7. 4<sup>th</sup> let me know if any thing to object - there is now an addition to the end of 3<sup>mo</sup>: of near 3. - Dost thou think there is proper caution in the Dr<sup>g</sup>: to the kind & quantities order'd?

We have got old Mr Richardson. He came a few days since to Mrs. Thurnan's in his usual peregrination & we were previously desir'd by 10 Rowntree in case of his coming there to get him to the Retreat & send him yesterday morning & bro' him; he appear'd displeas'd, but after a while submit'ted & came quietly & looks pretty comfortable. The Terms are not fix'd; 10<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> has been talk'd of but the Committee ~~they~~ should not ~~step~~ <sup>step</sup> than 1<sup>st</sup> as considering how he has liv'd & the ~~st~~ <sup>st</sup> ~~ances~~ <sup>stances</sup> of his Child ren, & that in case he had not been deranged a considerable part of their property would probably now have been his; he should have a preference shew'd him to most other Patients, in case he behaves so as to render it suitable; such as getting his Meals with the Family in the <sup>way th<sup>o</sup>ugh Marg<sup>t</sup> tho<sup>t</sup></sup> Parlour &c. My Cold continues close though I do not cough so much but am more hoarse. I doubt Dr North's situation very critical & it seems to me questionable whether he will see you again tho: the last account speaks rather favourably.

Mabel joins me and Love to thee & Marg<sup>t</sup>

Thy Aff<sup>l</sup> Servant  
W. Tucker



RET 1/3/5/1/1

To

Mrs. Ward

Quincy

Bradford

W. Duke

W. Duke

York 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month 1799

Dear William

(8)

I duly rec<sup>d</sup>. three of the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst: and have made thee D<sup>r</sup> to the 2 payments on Mary Holt's account. Mabel seem'd clearly of opinion that she did not take it as she says it would have made a great difference in her pockett. The Guinea to Kath: Allen was accounted for by her to G<sup>r</sup> Simpson & we paid him the full amount of her Expenses on Kath: Patchell's account, so that it seems to lay between thee and George who cannot tell whether he paid it to thee when he was at Bradford - Fukes are famous for short Memories, but I tell him his is worse. We settled Sam<sup>l</sup>. Totties payments to a certain time with him & paid thy account accordingly, which will be best to stand so till I make another settling with him. I intend to keep this letter till tomorrow in order to send the statement of thy account, since the last we sent thee, & wish thy Book may be made to correspond with it. We shall take care to carry <sup>as it stands</sup> 100 from thy Acc<sup>t</sup> to Blakey's with the retreat, when thou gives us direction to do so -

Mabel got to Wedham last 2<sup>nd</sup> day & found her Sister very much relieved of the inflammation of her Lungs, she had been blister'd on the Chest & several times Bled & was considerably reduced though Mabel says not weaker than might be expected. says she looks

will in the face and altogether makes a respectable though rather firm; "Doble appearance" & that she is a Bachelor more than a Harvior

was going to Bath with John Head.

I want thee to go with me to London, my Plan is to set out & go to Doncaster on 5<sup>th</sup> day the 9<sup>th</sup> Instant, on 6<sup>th</sup> day to Newark, 7<sup>th</sup> day to Oakham 2<sup>d</sup> day to Willingborough, stay 3 day there, & go to Hitchin on 4<sup>th</sup> - Mr. & Rachel intend going, but it is uncertain whether they will go with me or not. I have proposed taking Ju<sup>s</sup> Tukes wife in the Chaise with me, but I find she wants to take one of the children ~~which~~ I do not chuse to be one of 3 in a single Horse Chaise on so long a Journey. Henry is likely to go in Post Chaise with E<sup>s</sup> Frank and a girl lead<sup>s</sup> school, I suppose they will have a 4<sup>th</sup>. It is likely that J & E Wheeler will leave home on the first day afternoon, so that if we have any of their Company at Hitchin it will not do to let late than I propose.

We yet want somebody as an assistant among the Men Patients at the Retreat as Ju<sup>s</sup> Taylor's time will be up on the Committee day 29<sup>th</sup> Inst. & I apprehend the Committee will not chuse to retain him at his full Salary of 20 G<sup>v</sup>. It was agreed for Ju<sup>s</sup> Dupbury to take his place & I wish thou couldst think of somebody or also of a Woman Servant for the Laundry place. I suppose M<sup>rs</sup> Brown let in foolish thoughts abt the Patients. I believe she would have liked the place.

The Young woman from London gets no better. Application has lately been made for admission of a woman from Bristol

It is an old confirmed case; also a man from Buckinghamshire. He also is aged & his disorder of 3 y<sup>r</sup>. continuance was a year in Luke's.

3 day morning I went to Hologate last even. to take leave of Al Bowley who is gone this morning towards Doncaster intending to find Speakman at Mansfield; when I returned our books were shut up, so that I deferd taking out thy account till this week. I expect Follie to return sometime this week.

I am thy affectionate Uncle W<sup>m</sup> Takeley

Dr W<sup>m</sup> Maud To William Takeley Esq

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3-12	To Cash for J <sup>r</sup>	1..15.0	19mo 10 By Balance of acct sent 3.0.2
	To W <sup>m</sup> Holt in 8 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> months	10.8.0	26 By England Follie w <sup>th</sup> 8/25d. at 10/ } 12.18.0
1.23	Balance due to W <sup>m</sup> Maud	11.10.2	By School Building 1797 - 9.0.0
		3.7	By Simo. Jennings - 1.15.0
		<u>£26.13.2</u>	<u>£26.13.2</u>

Ret 1/5/15/1/1



To  
William Maud

Amstford

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York 8<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 1841

Dear William

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Thy very kind attention to my complaints seems to have claimed a more early account how I have gone on since she saw me. I have used so few exertions, that it is difficult to determine whether the Complaint in my Breast <sup>is</sup> better or not, yet I rather hope there is a little improvement. I found on trial of the little Mare that a moderate Trot after the Rate of 5 Miles an hour had scarcely caused any pain, even with riding about 6 Miles, but these Rides have been before dinner a short Walk after dinner causes pain. About the time <sup>or rather after</sup> she was here I took light Suppers, as Chocolate Arrow Root &c and found little or no uneasiness in going to Bed. One Night I inclined to a change, Eat a little Sausage, a very small piece of Warm Apple Pie and about a mouthful of Cheese, and drank about a quarter of a Pint of Ale well warmed with Ginger. Before I went up stairs, the pain came on and increased on undressing and in Bed, extending to the Thighs. It continued above an hour, I took some Paragoric Elixir and Mintwater, which appeared to have a good Effect, and I slept comfortably as usual in the rest of the Night. This circumstance added to other observations proves very clearly

that a fulness or distention of the Stomach increases the Complaint, and Dr. Belcomb is decidedly of that Opinion I have uniformly since that Night avoided any thing Solid, and seldom found any uneasiness in going to Bed; any slight feeling has generally gone off after laying still a few Minutes. This Morning soon after I got up, I felt pain, and have reason to conclude that it was caused by a distention of Wind in the Stomach.

I have had a pretty close Cold or Influenza, but neither Coughing nor Sneezing have occasioned pain nor Bleeding. I bled last 2<sup>nd</sup> day Evening very moderately for near half an hour, I imputed it to sitting with Company rather warmer than usual, and using a little more exertion afterwards. Dr. Belcomb called on me the next day, found my Pulse at 78, <sup>after dinner</sup> and very soft, so that he concluded more Bleeding was not necessary. He ordered the Calomel Pills & Draught as before, and to take another Bottle <sup>of</sup> the Prussian Balsam. I had taken two before, and left off a few days. I cannot find any sensible effect from it, except a strong smell in the Urine, yet no increase in quantity. I take 40 Drops 3 times a day. The Doctor talked of writing to thee after this Bottle of Balsam is done.

I am inclined to think that the principal Complaint is out of the reach of Medicine, except what respects the state of the Stomach, and exercise.

I am glad to hear by the Letter which came today

that our Dear A. A. is now better that W. M. is  
expected tomorrow. Little Henry Hopkins has  
been indeed very ill, his Breathing very difficult  
& cough troublesome, the latter continues, but his  
breathing appears now pretty easy. He has cut  
an upper Tooth. James Atkinson appears to  
have treated him skilfully - D. Hack has for  
some days felt Symptoms of another Quinsey,  
but it is hoped that it will not make further  
progress. The Mother & Child go on finely.  
M. Fletcher has been so hoarse as scarcely to  
be heard, not yet well, as we have heard little  
of thy Ann lately we conclude she is got pretty  
well, you have had indeed a sickly House.  
Mabel & M. F. join me in Dr. Love to you all

Thy affectionate Uncle

W. T. Keble



Bellevue  
Bellevue

To  
William Howard  
Dunston  
Bradford

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Wm. Drake



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