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Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

24 June 1913.

The Treasurer

The Retreat
York

Dear Sir;

There appears to be returnable
a portion of the last amount
paid by me in advance, in
respect of the maintenance of
my sister Miss M.E. Akeroyd, at
The Retreat. I shall be obliged
if you will let me have an
account, and payment of the

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Bradford

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Yours faithfully;

Arthur T. Skerrett

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Crichton Royal

Dumfries.

10th May 1913.

Correspondence to be addressed to
Dr EASTERBROOK, who may
be seen by appointment.

My Dear Pierce,

I have just received the enclosed from Mr. Akeroyd, and understand that the change proposed for Miss Akeroyd is being made with your advice and approval. Would you kindly ask Dr. Birnie to add her degree after her signature in Medical Certificate No. 2, and both she and Dr. Mackenzie ought to fill in Miss Akeroyd's designation and residence under "point (5)" in their Certificates. If they simply say "spinster, presently residing at The Retreat, York", that would suffice, unless they prefer to give her home address. I hope that Miss Akeroyd will benefit from her stay here. When

you return the paper perhaps you would kindly let me know when you propose to send her.

Mrs. Easterbrook and I have just returned from a short cycling holiday in Galloway, and we both feel much the better of the change, although the weather was nothing to speak about. However we had some good days, and got a fair amount of exercise, and it is a delightful and interesting country to explore. Hoping that you are both well, and with kindest regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. H. Easterbrook

May 10, 1913

M.E.Akeroyd

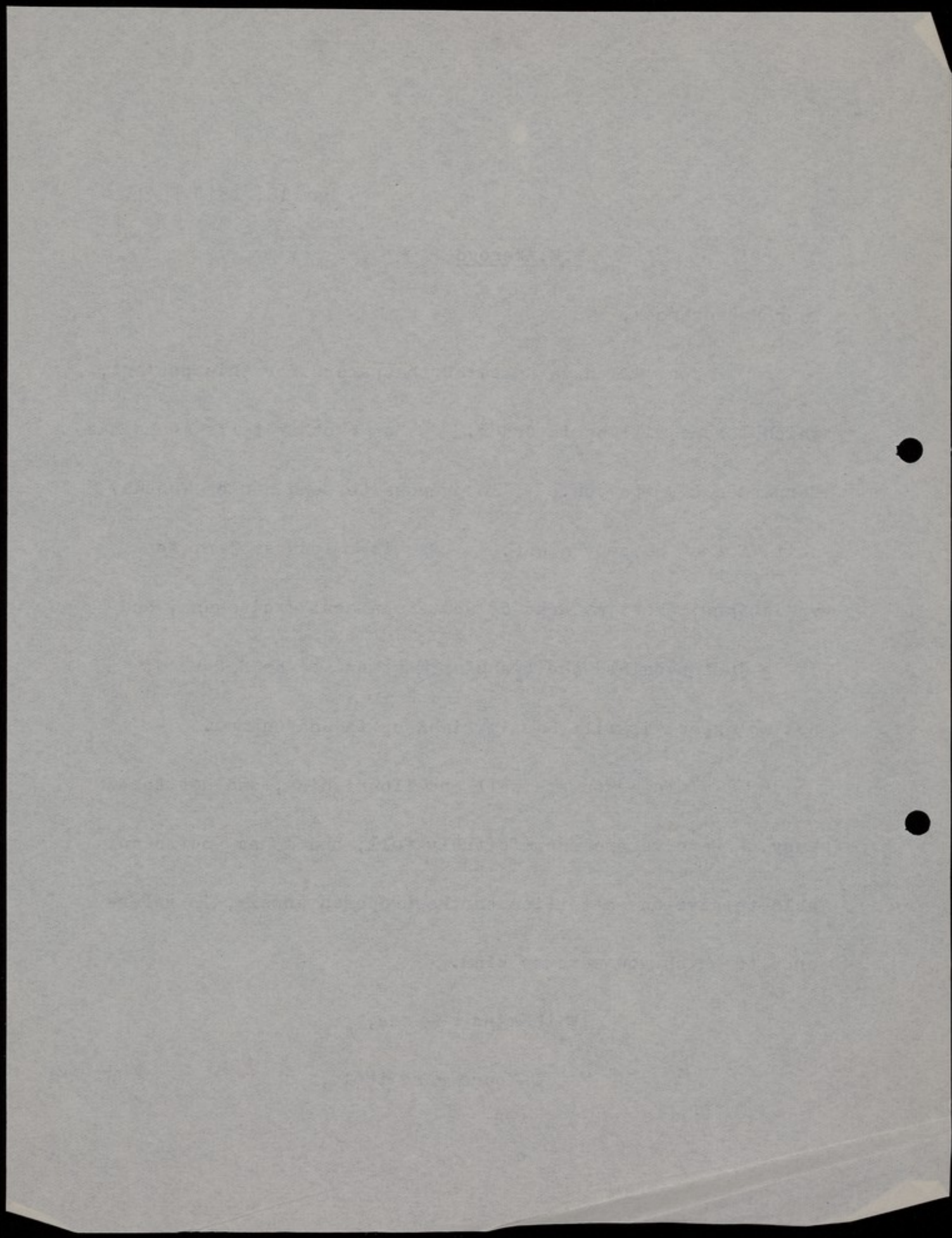
Dear Masterbrook,

You will have received the papers for this patient, which I hope will be in order. Her brother tells me he has forwarded them to you. We propose to send her on Tuesday next if that be convenient. She is a lady subject to variations, short attacks of acute maniacal excitement, and it is just possible the transfer may have to be deferred, but we expect it will be all right on the day named.

I hope you are well and flourishing, and not too busy. Here we are uncomfortably full, and I have not been able to give any attention to the proposed annexe, in reference to which you were so kind.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

9th May 1913.

Dear Dr Bedford Price

I duly received your letter of yesterday's date returning the form of Petition & Medical Certificates regarding my sister, which I have completed & forwarded to Drumfries.

I have this morning a letter from Dr Easterbrook that "it is customary for the arrangements for removal to be made at the Institution from which the Patient is being transferred, and accordingly"

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"I shall await instructions from Dr"
"Bedford Price under whose advice &"
"approval I presume the proposed"
"change is being made".

I observe that you propose that my sister should travel on Tuesday next. The traffic will probably then be a little disrupted owing to the holidays but no doubt you have considered this.

I am pleased to confirm the payment of £1-1-0 each to Dr Mackenzie & Dr Birnie respectively and shall no doubt receive a statement of account from you

Secretary in the course.

With many thanks for
your kind assistance,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur L. Kemp

The Kebleat

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May 8, 1913

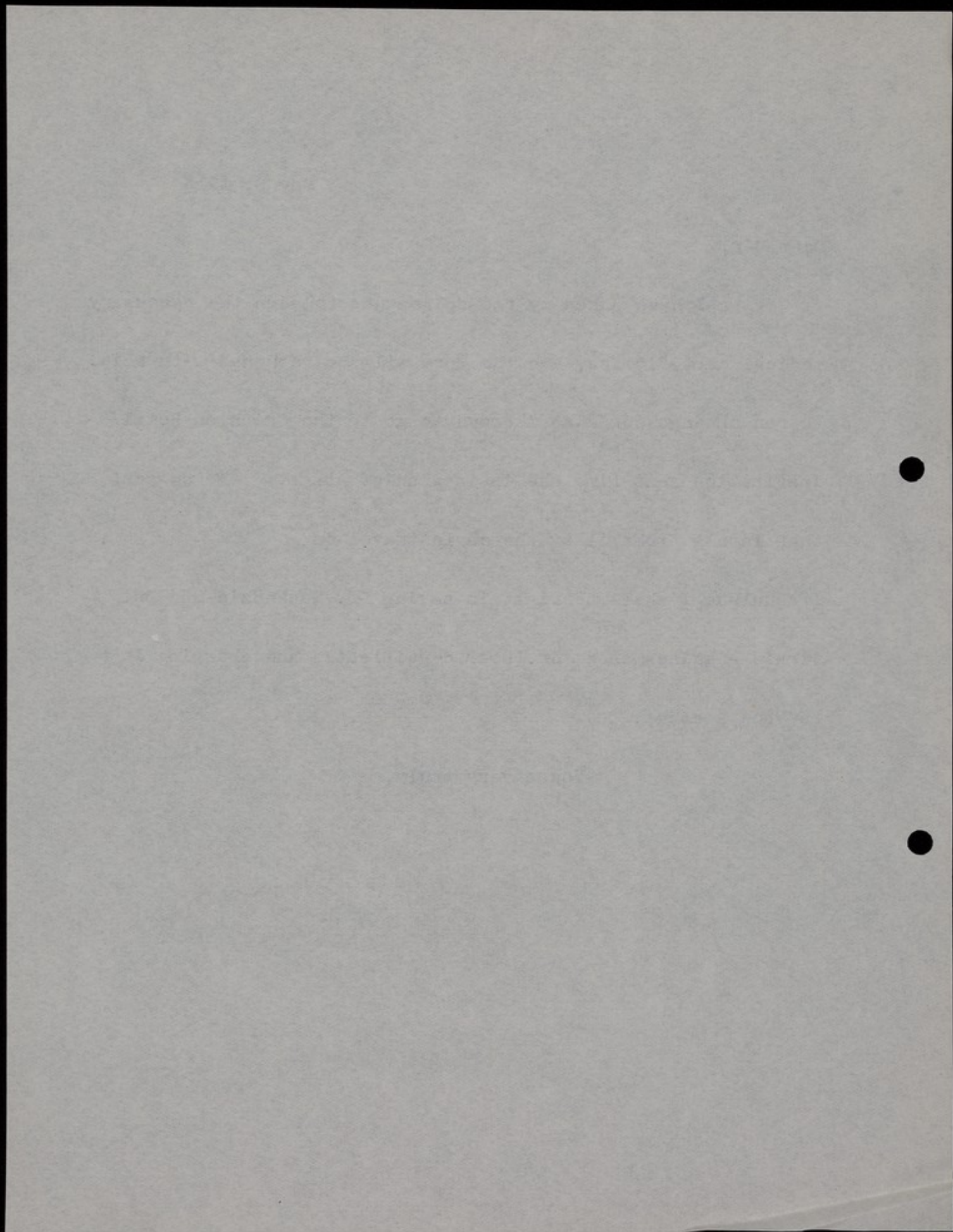
Dear Sir,

I have asked my two colleagues to sign the necessary medical certificates, and the form will be returned with this.

We can arrange for Miss Akeroyd to go to the Crichton Royal Institution next time she is in a quiet stage. We suggest that in all probability she could travel on .

I conclude I shall be right in paying Dr. Mackenzie and Dr. Birnie a guinea each for their certificates and charging it to your account.

Yours very truly,



Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

7 May 1913.

Dear Dr Bedford Price:

Referring to my interview with you a few days ago, the question of my sister's removal has been carefully considered, and it has been decided to transfer her to the Buckton Royal Institution at Doncaster. I have been in communication with the Medical Superintendent there, who tells me they have vacancies & he

is willing to take her; & wishes to know when she will arrive.

The Lunacy Commissioners instruct me that my sister must be discharged from the Retreat; & admitted to the Scottish Institution upon the documents required by the Scottish Lunacy laws.

I have filled up in pencil the necessary form sent me by the Medical Superintendent from Scotland, as far as I have the necessary information, and shall be obliged if you will have the documents completed & let me know what remains

to be done. As soon as the forms are filled up I shall be glad to sign the same & to take any further steps that may be necessary.

No doubt, as on the last occasion you will arrange the actual transfer with the medicil kept at D-unfries.

Yours faithfully,

Arthur T. Keeney

Brookline ¹⁰⁴
Rutwell
Feb 9 1913

D^r: George Pierce

Dear Sir

I shall be deep
much obliged if you
will send me a report
of my daughter Elizabeth
Whitney who is under
your care. It is now
some 3 weeks or more
since I heard from

her & I am feeling
very worried & anxious
about her please say
if you consider her
condition more hopeful.

Yours truly
Annie Abroyce

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H.P.

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TELEGRAMS:- "JURIST, BRADFORD."
TELEPHONE NO 375.

Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

7 July 1913

Dear Mr Bedford Pearce;

I shall be much obliged if you will let me hear how my sister is progressing.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur L. Hirst

Telegraph Chambers
Market Street
Baltimore

Miss W. Alley & Akroyd
Baltimore

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above named matter.

I have conferred with the proper authorities and they have decided to grant you a concession in the matter of the above named matter. I have the honor to inform you of this result and to enclose herewith a copy of the order of the Board of Commissioners in relation to the above named matter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John W. Alley & Akroyd

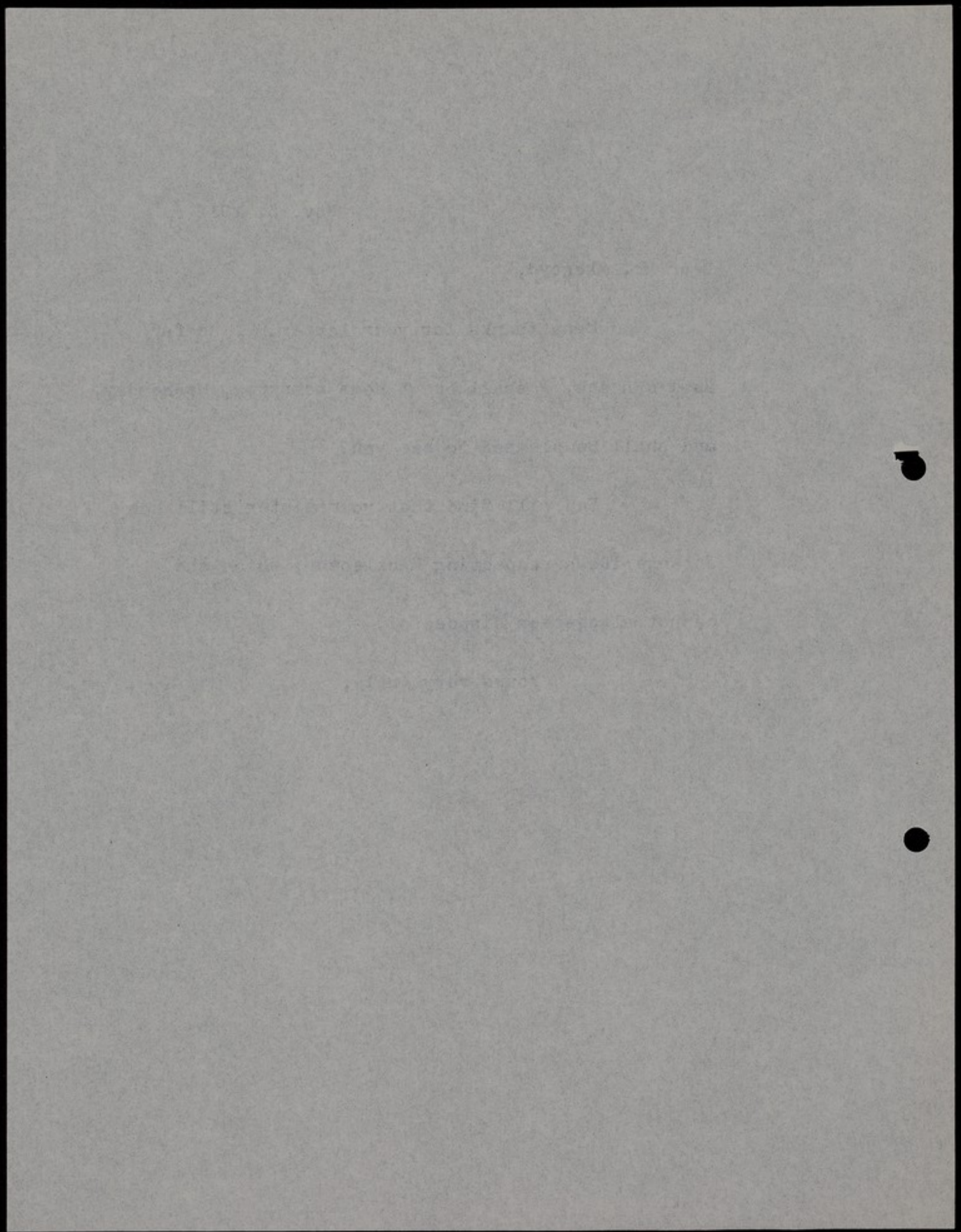
Nov. 5, 1912

Dear Mr. Akeroyd,

Many thanks for your letter. So far
as I can see, I shall be at home tomorrow, Wednesday,
and shall be pleased to see you.

You will find that your sister still has
strange ideas respecting Mickleover, which she
cannot altogether dispose of.

Yours very truly,



TELEGRAMS—"JURIST, BRADFORD."
TELEPHONE No. 375.

Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors.

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

4 Nov 1912.

Dear Dr Bedford Price;

Many thanks for your letter
of the 1st inst.

We are all delighted to hear
of my sister's improvement, & have
no doubt that it is due to
the care and attention she has
received at your hands, and are
very grateful for it.

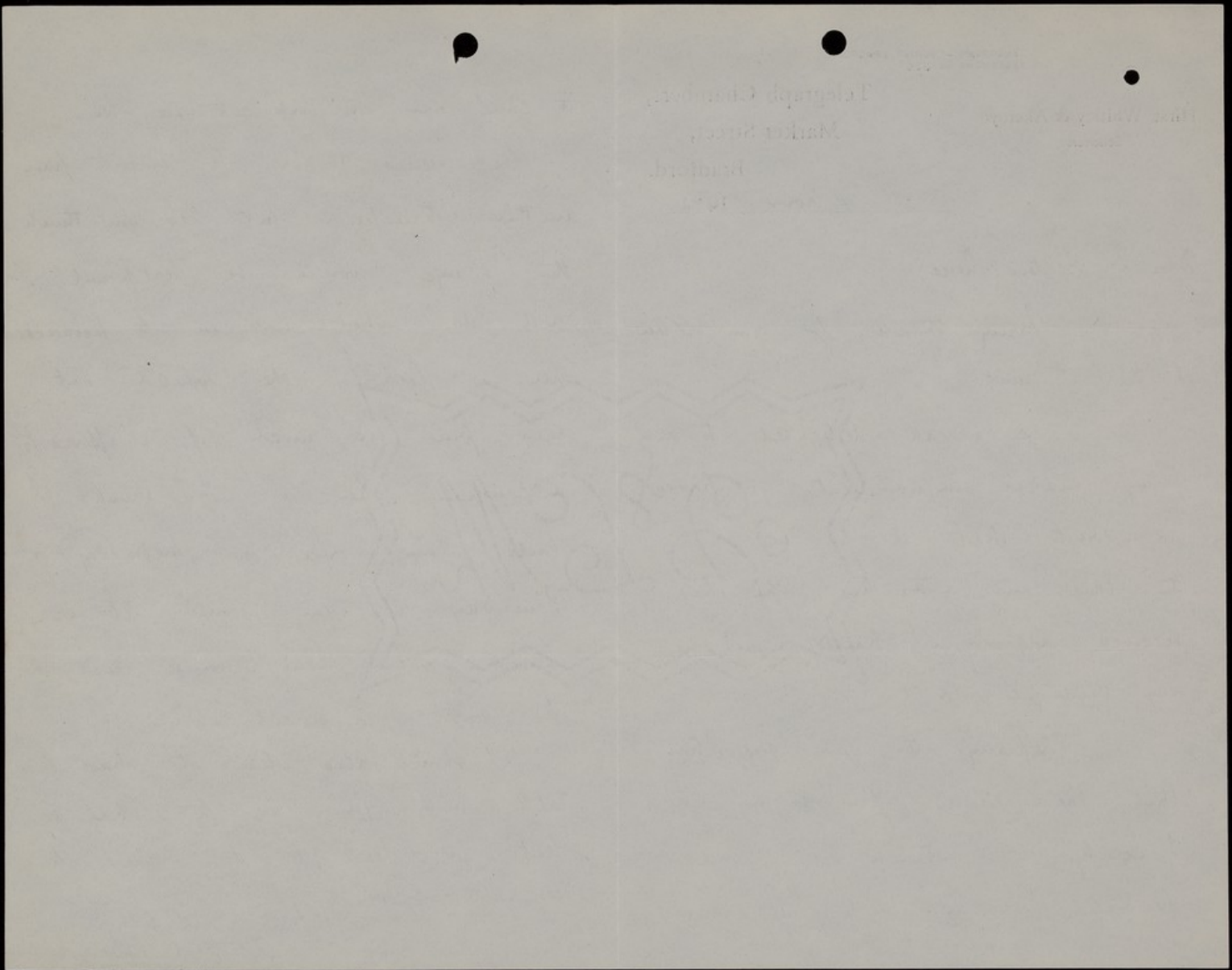
Referring to your suggestion
that she should be taken to
Thoresby, I think it would
perhaps be as well if I were

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to come over to York to see her.

She seems rather to shrink from
another transfer, but as you think
the change would be beneficial, I
will do what I can to persuade
her. Perhaps she would not
mind going so much if I offered to
accompany her. I think I
could come over on Wednesday or
Thursday if you would let me
know which day would suit, &
the most convenient time.

I should also like to have some
talk with you as to what is
best for her to do when she
is quite better.

Yours faithfully,
Arthur C. Akeroyd.



Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors.

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Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

29 Oct 1912

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I shall be much obliged if
you will let me hear your
opinion as to my sister's condition,
& prospects of recovery.

I am glad to notice that
her letters are much quieter &
more connected. If you think

a visit from me would do
her good, I should be glad to
come over to York

Yours faithfully,
Arthur C. Akeroyd

Telegraph Chambers

Market Street

London

29 Oct 1912

Dear Mr. [Name]

I shall be most obliged if

you will let me know your

opinion as to the [Name]

proposed [Name]

I am glad to hear that

the [Name] are much pleased to

have considered [Name]

and I am sure that [Name]

will be most [Name]

Yours faithfully

[Name]

[Name]

Oct. 7, 1912

M.E.Akeroyd

Dear Sir,

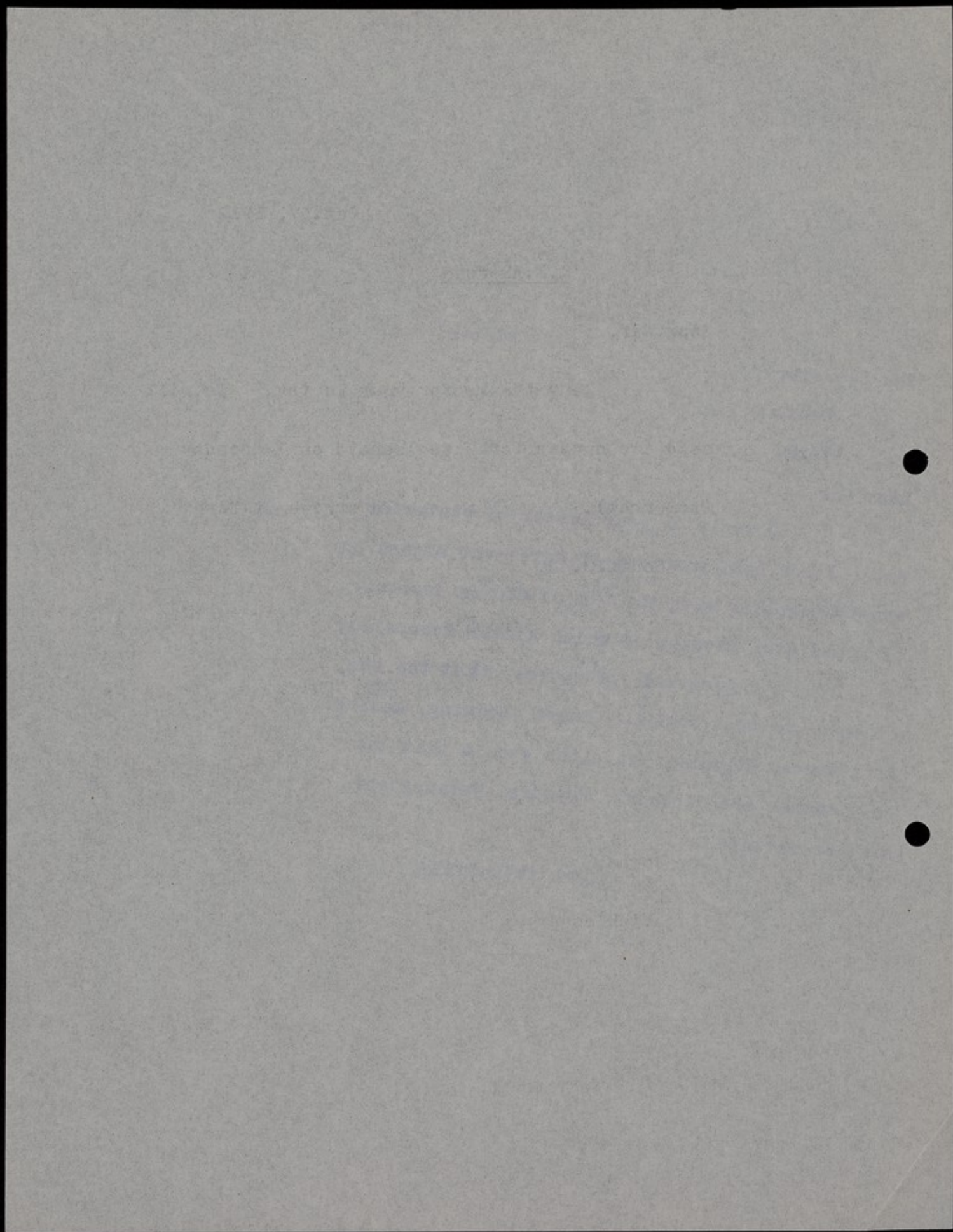
Many thanks for your letter. We will
send two nurses for Miss Akeroyd on Wednesday
(tomorrow). They should arrive at Derby
at about 12.40.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. Rowan,

Mickleover



Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

5th October 1912

The Secretary,
Dr. Bedford Pierce,
York.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I now send you form of Agreement signed by myself together with the sum of £30 on account of Board etc; receipt of which kindly acknowledge.

I understand, of course, that the sum of 48/- per week includes Board, Lodging, Medical Attendance, Nursing, Medicines etc; & that the only extras are Clothing, Repairs, Washing and similar matters,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur C. Akeroyd

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Burdford

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Yours faithfully,

FROM THE
● MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

COUNTY ASYLUM,
MICKLEOVER, DERBY.

To the
Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
York.

5 October 1912.

Dear Sir, MARY ELIZABETH AKEROYD.

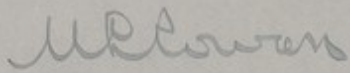
Dr. Legge is not at present on duty.

The Transfer Orders came this morning. It is not our custom to undertake removals, and would prefer that you should send for her.

The patient is, I think, likely to benefit by the change to a private Asylum. She is a rather nice and refined woman, but is somewhat troublesome from her attitude towards the nurses, is prone to sarcasm and insubordination, though rarely actively resistive.

She is not likely to cause trouble in removal, but it would be safer to send two nurses for her.

Yours faithfully,



Acting Superintendent.

COUNTY ASYLUM

Michael E. Derry

5 October 1977

Medical Department

San Antonio

1977

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY

OF THE

1. The patient is a 45-year-old male.

He has a long history of mental illness.

He was admitted to the hospital in 1965.

He has been treated with various medications.

He has a history of alcohol abuse.

He has a history of violence.

He has a history of hospitalization.

He has a history of homelessness.

He has a history of poverty.

Michael E. Derry

Oct. 4, 1912

Dear Sir,

I am requested by Dr. Pierce to send you the enclosed form of agreement, to be signed by some responsible relative.

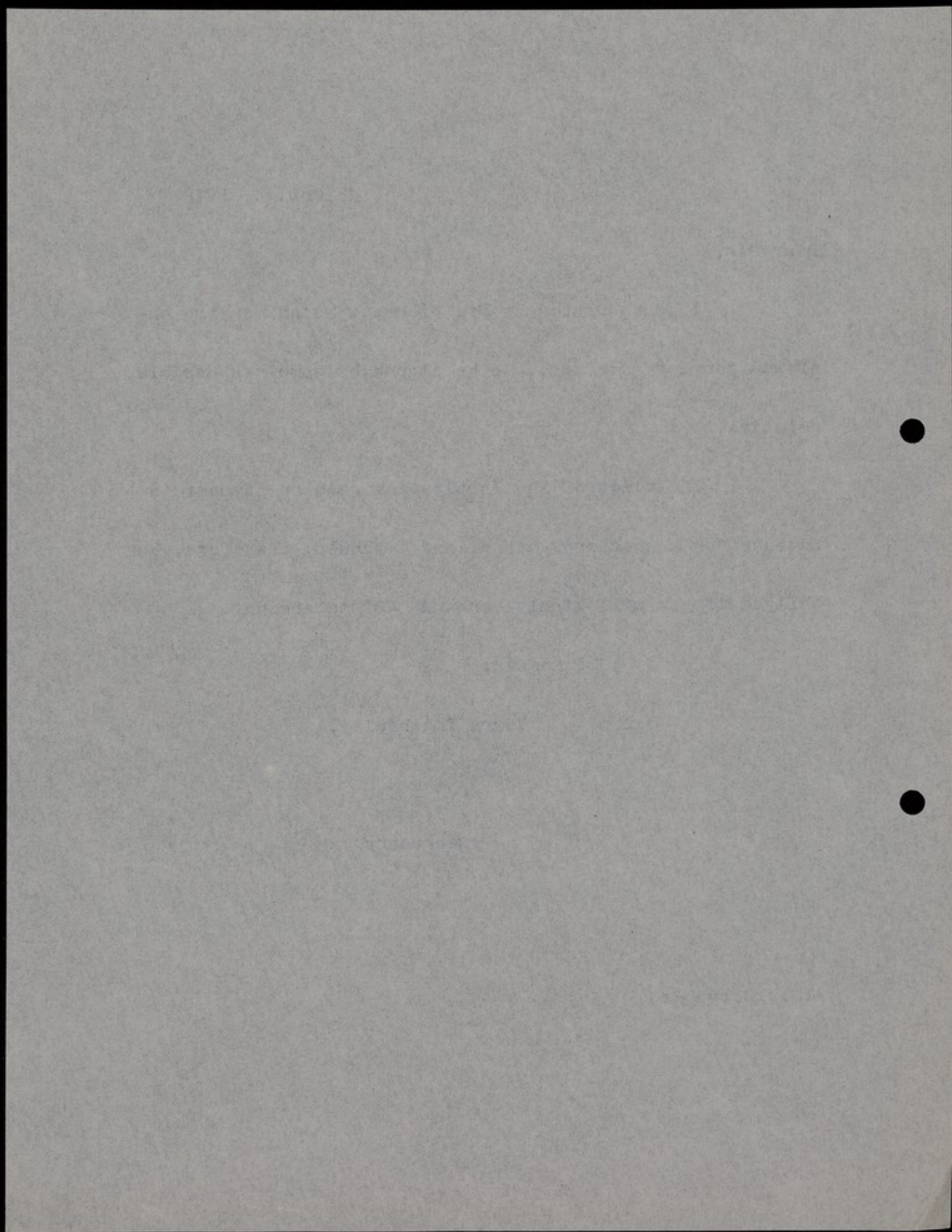
The rules of the Institution require payment in advance for a quarter's board, and I should, therefore, be obliged if you will kindly forward £30 on account.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

A.C. Akercyd Esq.



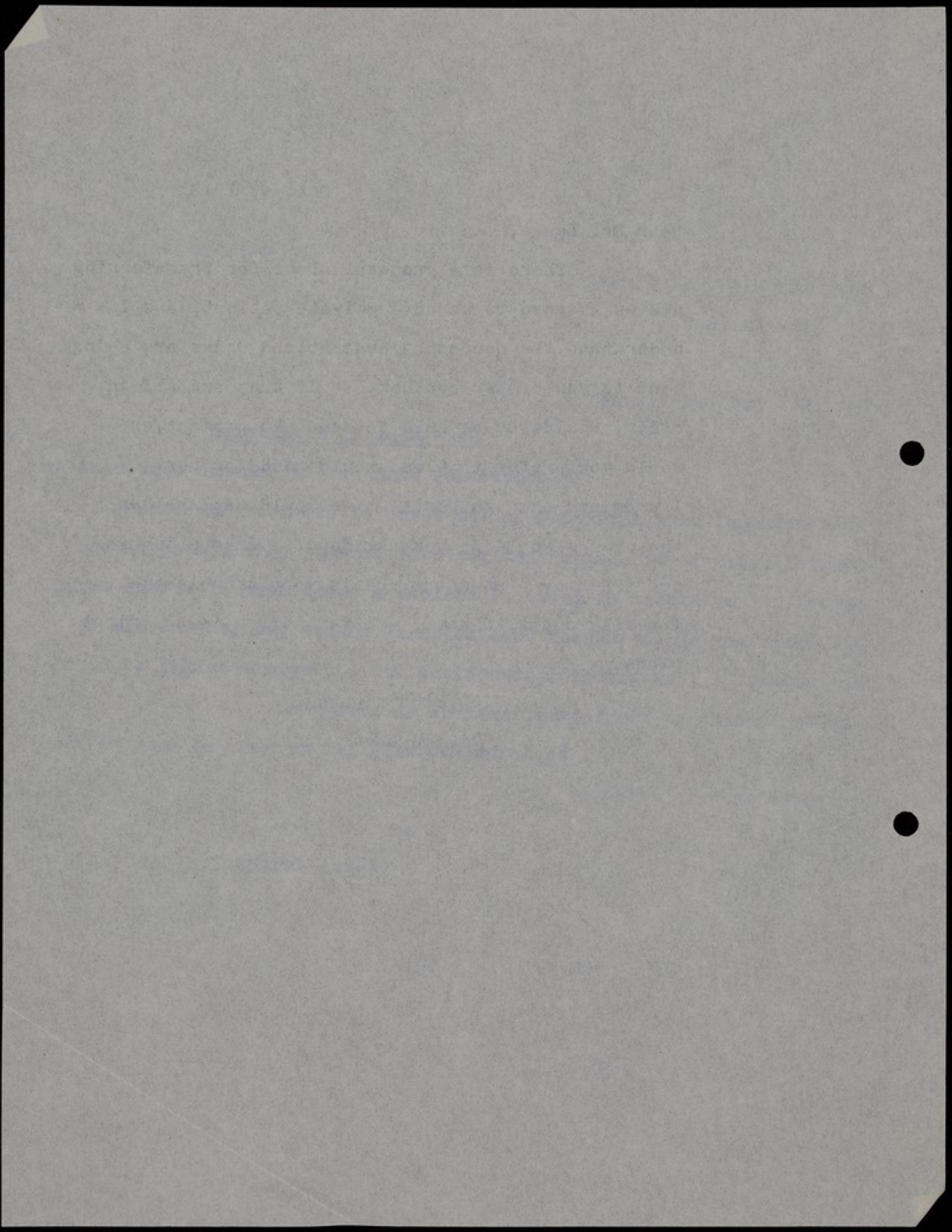
Oct. 4, 1912

Dear Dr. Legge,

There is a proposal afoot for transferring a Miss Akeroyd to us as a private patient, and I understand the necessary consent and Order are being sent to you by her brother. If they are all in order, would you be able to send the patient, or would you prefer that we should send for her? . I promised the brother that we would see whether the change would do her any good. I hope I have not taken over some one who is very troublesome. I really ought to have written to you in the first place.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,



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TELEPHONE NO 375.

Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

4th October 1912.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
YORK.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Re - Miss M. E. Akeroyd

In accordance with our telephonic conversation this morning I have forwarded to two forms of Order of the Lunacy Commissioners to Dr Legge ^{that} that you will arrange with him as to the removal of my sister at York. I enclose a blank form of return which the Secretary of the Lunacy Commissioners wishes you to send him in due course. I am giving instructions for a complete outfit of clothing to be sent to Mickleover tomorrow as arranged.

No doubt you will let me hear as soon as the transfer as been effected,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur C. Akeroyd

Joseph Chambers
Market Street
Bradford

First Women's Hospital
Bradford

4th October 1912.

The Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat,

YORK.

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Yours faithfully,

Oct. 1, 1912

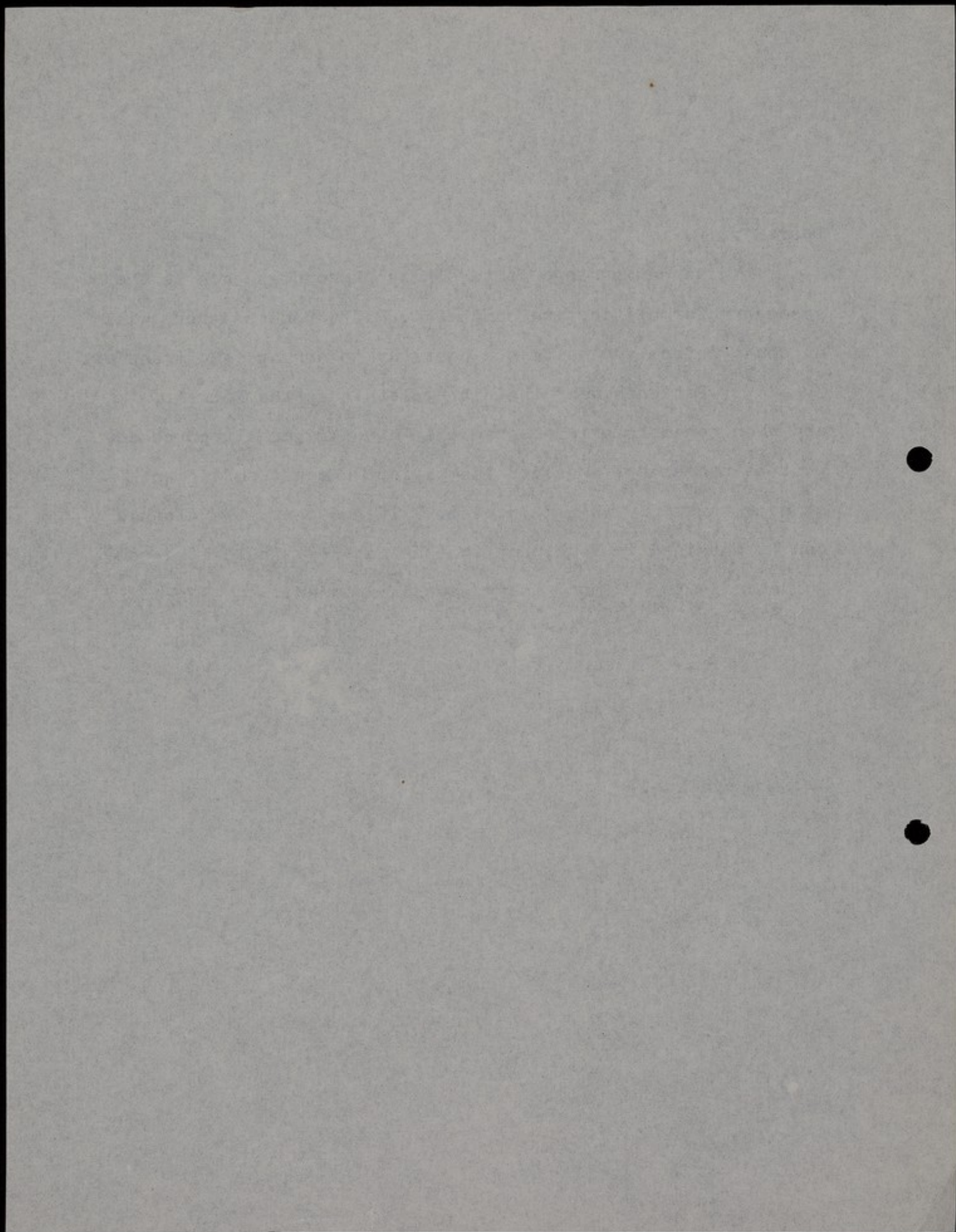
Dear Sir,

We can arrange to take Miss Akeroyd as soon as the necessary formalities are completed. The Commissioners will no doubt inform you as to the best way to arrange the transfer.

Patients wear their own clothes at the Retreat, and when renewals are required the Matron generally purchases what is necessary, provided the patient has not sufficient at home to supply what is needed. If necessary the clothes can be obtained in York, but in that case we should like some guidance as to how much money may be expended.

Yours very truly,

A.C. Akeroyd Esq.



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Hirst, Whitley & Akeroyd,
Solicitors,
(and at Halifax.)

Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

30th September 1912.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat,
Y O R K .

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Re - Miss M. E. Akeroyd.

Referring to my interview with you at Leeds on the 10th inst., I have been in communication with the Medical Superintendent at Micklegate, & have a letter from him as follows:

"The proposed transfer would not be detrimental to your Sister, & very possibly will be for her good. To carry out the transfer you should apply to the Institution you decide on, & ask them to get the necessary papers prepared & to arrange for her removal".

On looking into the matter I find that my Sister was registered as a Pauper, but this will not create any difficulty, as apparently she can be removed from the Pauper List to the Private List of patients, as she has a little property of her own.

In these circumstances my father has agreed to her removal to the Retreat & I shall be glad to hear that you have a vacancy for her. In order to save time I have written to the Lunacy Commissioners giving them particulars of the case as ^{suggested} requested & enquiring what formalities should be observed. In the meanwhile I shall be glad if you will send me any forms of agreement & other documents which will have to be executed.

30th September 1952.

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Telegraph Chambers,
Market Street,
Bradford.

30th September 1912.

The Medical Superintendent (continued)

With regard to the question of clothing, I remember that you told me that this was not included in the charge for maintenance, but am not quite clear whether you supply the patients with some sort of uniform or clothing for which you make a charge, or whether the patient is allowed to wear her own clothes. As my Sister has no clothing of her own at Mickleover perhaps you will let me hear as to this, & in the event of her own clothing being required, will you please say what will be necessary?

In writing to my Sister would it be better not to mention the proposed removal to York until the arrangements have been concluded?

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Arthur C. Akeroyd.

Blanchard Chambers
Market Street
Bradford

Miss White & Almond
Bradford

30th September 1912.

The Medical Superintendent (continued)


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please say what will be necessary?

In writing to my sister would it be better not to mention the proposed removal to York until the arrangements have been considered?

I am,

Yours faithfully,



N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the accompanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by The Retreat.



YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Mary Elizabeth Akeroyd of Brookside Bakewell hitherto
at Herby County Anglus as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringcote, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital,
to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson

as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging, Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessaries, or extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk of the said Hospital. AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 5th day of 6 October 1912

Name Arthur C. Akeroyd.
Residence 4, Syke Terrace, Lightcliffe, Yorks.
Occupation Solicitor.

SIGNED by the said Arthur C. Akeroyd

in the presence of Edmund May

Witness's Signature,

Address, and

Profession.

May
Clerk with Messrs Whitley & Akeroyd
Solicitors Bradford

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



Richard Thompson
Princeton, The Heights, York
Richard Thompson

