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AUSTIN FRIARS,

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Dr  
Bedford Pierce,

DEWSBURY.

13/7/08

Dear Sir Enclosed please find cheques  
£9. 12. 9 in payment of "fe for Miss Austin".  
I went over to Harrogate on Saturday &  
had some talk with Mr. J. He did not  
seem inclined to talk about money matters  
with me. He said his arrangements were  
made with the Doctor to whom he should  
send his Bill at the end of the month, & I  
thought had no desire to discuss the matter  
with a third person, although I told  
him I should have it to pay. He also

Said that Miss Austin was no trouble  
to them but he could not say whether the  
Experiment of having her for very long  
would answer ~~but~~ as he had been away  
& had not talked the matter over with  
Mr. Jay.

Miss Austin seems very happy &  
consented & I hope she will be <sup>able to</sup> stay on  
at the Vicarage

Yours faithfully  
J. N. Ward



WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,  
TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

St. Neots, Hunts.,

22<sup>nd</sup> June 1908

Dear Dr. Price.

I duly received the Certificates from Dr. Kemp & Dr. Metcalfe on Friday & the same day signed the Petition & got a Magistrate here to sign the order for reception of Miss Allen.

I went yesterday to Northampton & arranged for the reception of Miss Allen at the St Andrews Hospital.

You will hear from Dr. Bayley as to moving Miss Allen.

I believe Miss Allen had a little money with her, when she came to you & also some jewellery. The money had better be sent to me & if there is any jewellery she does not use that had also better be sent here.

I feel sure however that I cannot

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leave it to you to send me any articles or things that you consider she will not require at Northampton.

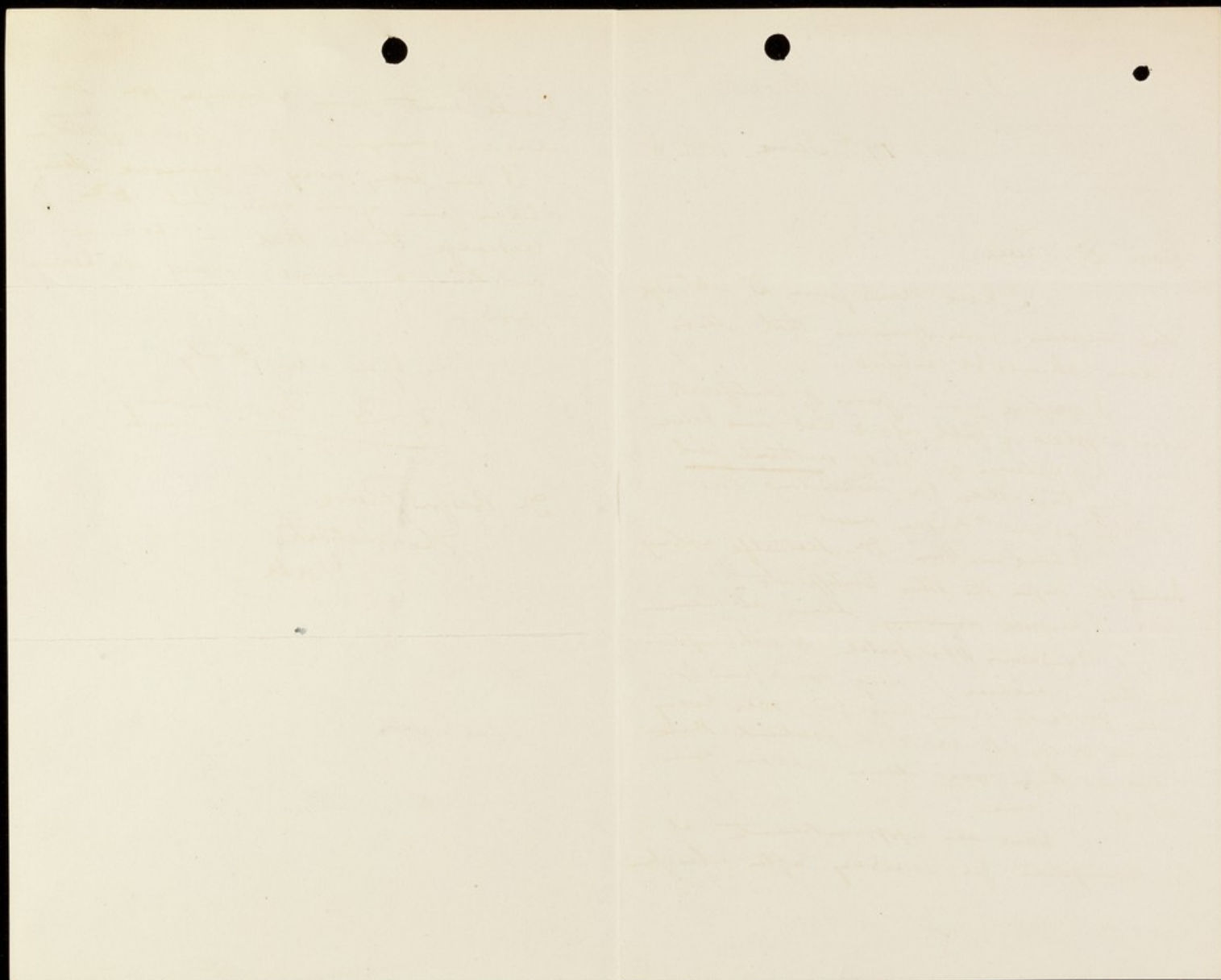
You will doubtless in due course let me have your account.

Mr Brackenbury is today visiting Miss Allen & explaining the reasons. She is being moved to Northampton.

I am afraid it will now be necessary for me to be appointed Committee of Miss Allen's estate. I have tried to avoid this but I fear there is now no help for it.

Yours very truly

A. B. Brackenbury



✓ Dr Kemp. please call upon me & send it  
✓ charging fee -  
St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,

TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

17<sup>th</sup> June 1908

Dear Dr. Preece.

I have heard from Dr. Metcalfe  
who confirms my opinion that Miss  
Allen should be certified.

I enclose you a form of Certificate  
which please fill up & let me have  
back by return of post without fail  
as my last day for presenting the  
Petition is on Friday next.

I have written Dr. Metcalfe asking  
him to sign the other Certificate.

I propose moving Miss Allen  
to St. Andrews Hospital, Northampton  
as this is nearer to me & a friend of  
mine Dr. Cross living here goes over every  
month or so to visit a patient there  
& would then see Miss Allen &  
report to me.

I have an appointment at  
Northampton for Sunday after which

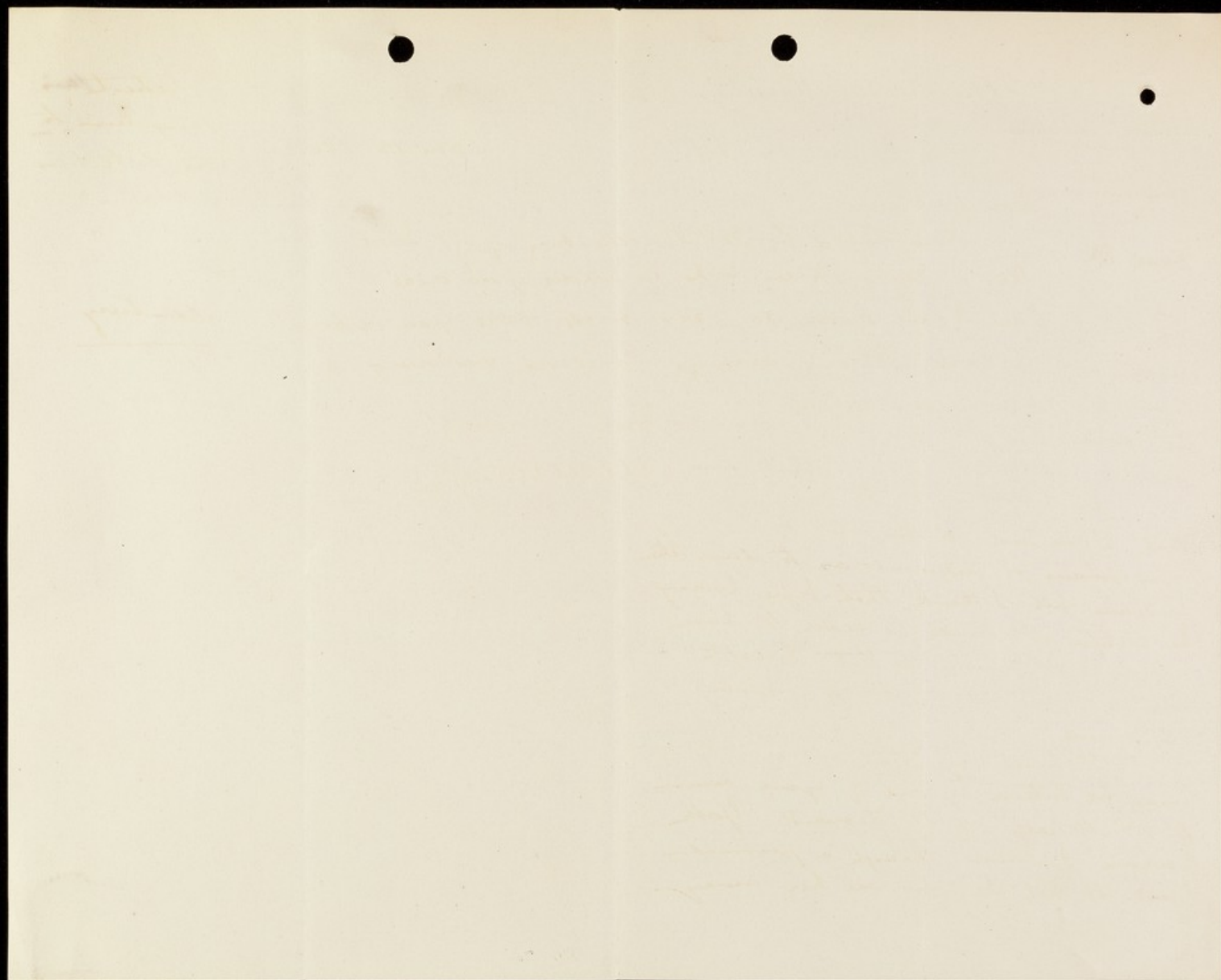
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I will write you & arrange for Miss  
Allen's conveyance to Northampton.

I am very busy to remove Miss  
Allen from your care, but Dr.  
Metcalfe thinks that in her  
condition a change may do her  
good.

Yours very truly  
A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Preece  
The Retreat  
York.





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FROM

A. W. METCALFE, M.A., M.D., B.C., CANTAB., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.,

AT HOME:

9 to 9:30 A.M.  
2 " 3:30 P.M.  
7 " 8:0 "

2, ST. LEONARD'S,

YORK.

June 13. 1908

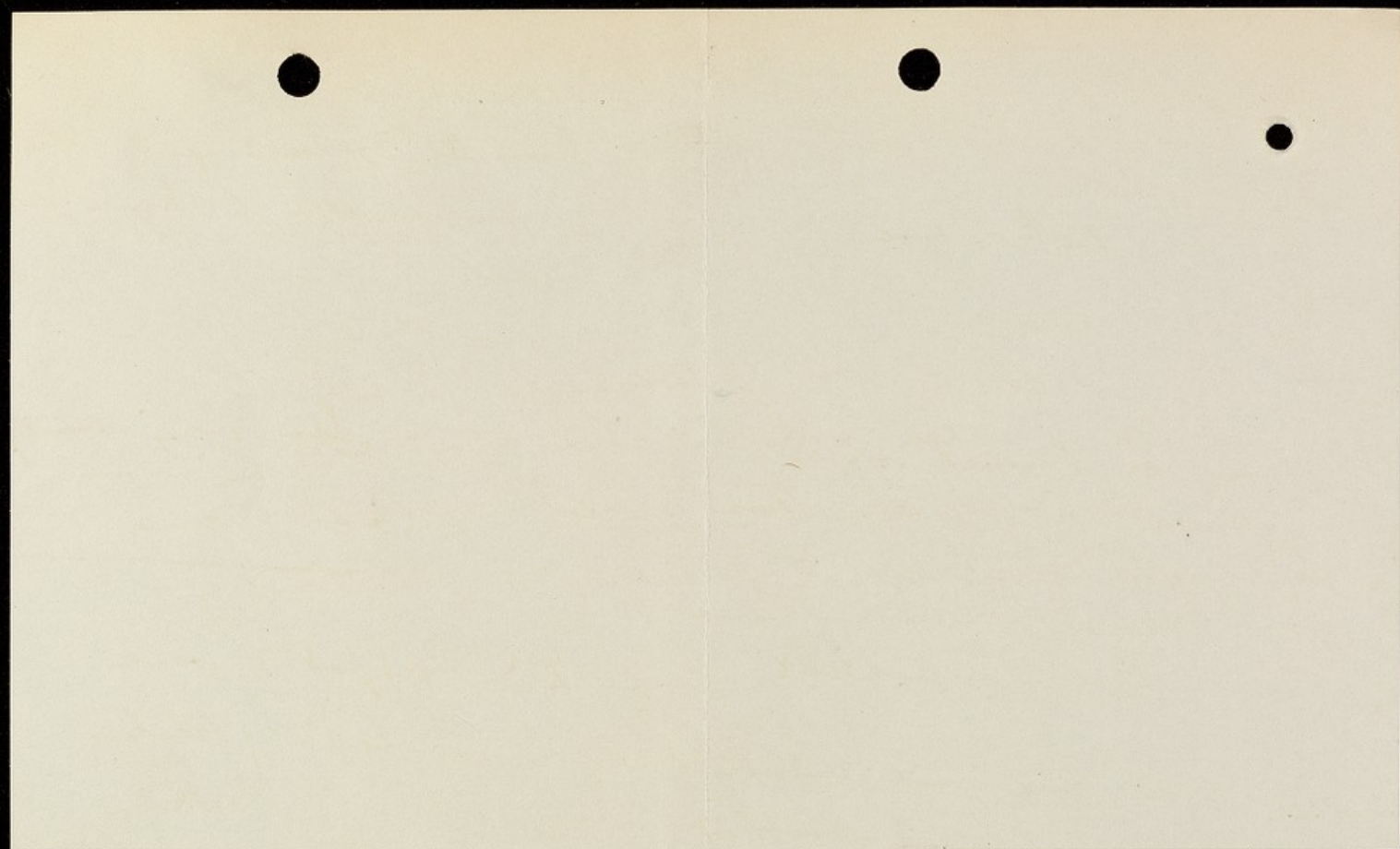
Dear Dr Pierce

I am asked by Mr Breckentury of St Herts to  
see a Miss Allen who is under your care.  
Can I call some day next week & see you about  
the case. Please arrange for some morning of  
convenience to you

Yours sincerely

A. W. Metcalfe





WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,  
TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

St. Neots, Hunts.,

12<sup>th</sup> June 1908

Dear Dr. Pierce—

I am very much obliged to you for your long letter respecting Miss Allen, but before definitely deciding what course to adopt I should like to have the opinion of an entirely independent medical man.

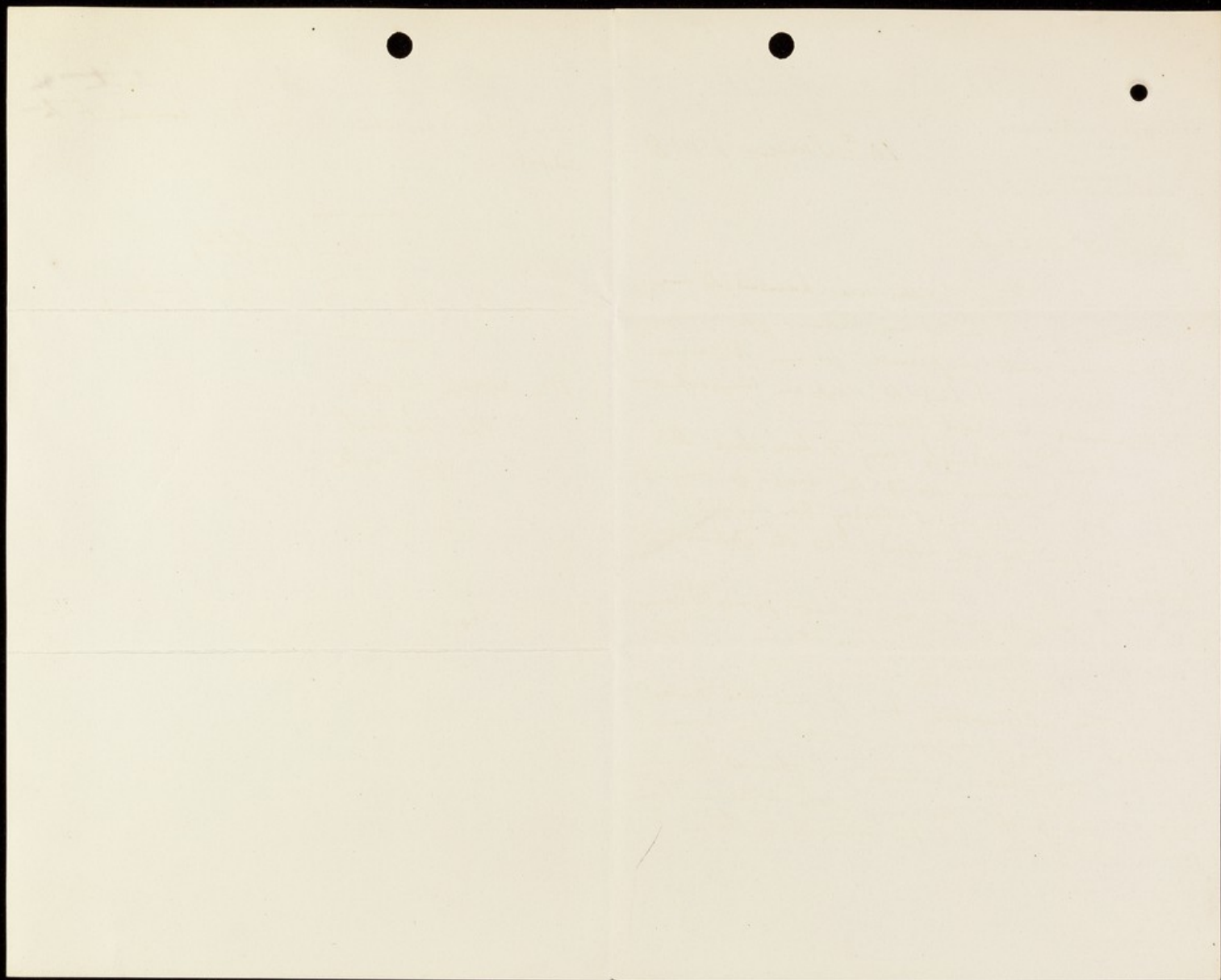
You will I feel more quite understand that I am not for one moment doubting your opinion or judgment as to Miss Allen's condition, but I think that before having her certified it would be better to have independent opinion so that hereafter I may be better able to justify adopting this course.

I should wish that Miss Allen may be taken, by one of your nurses, to Dr. McKeefe, 2 St. Leonard's - York, of whom I know through a personal friend, so that he can see her away

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from the surroundings of the Retreat & I have written to him asking him to write to you & arrange the date & time that he should see her.

Yours very truly  
A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Alfred Pierce  
The Retreat  
York—





St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,

TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

10<sup>th</sup> June 1908

Dear Dr. Kemp.

Your letter was handed to me yesterday just as I was leaving for home & it was quite impossible for me to come on to York as I had to keep an important engagement here last evening.

I am exceedingly sorry to hear about Miss Allen, it seems as if the visit of my wife & self to her on Saturday has, instead of doing her good as we hoped, had the opposite effect—

I really do not see what good I can do if I come up to see Miss Allen. If you & Dr. Bedford Pierce consider that there is no other alternative but to put her under Certificate—this I suppose must be done.

On Dr. Pierce's return I should be much obliged if after seeing Miss Allen he would write to me with his opinion & then I

must decide what is the best course to adopt—

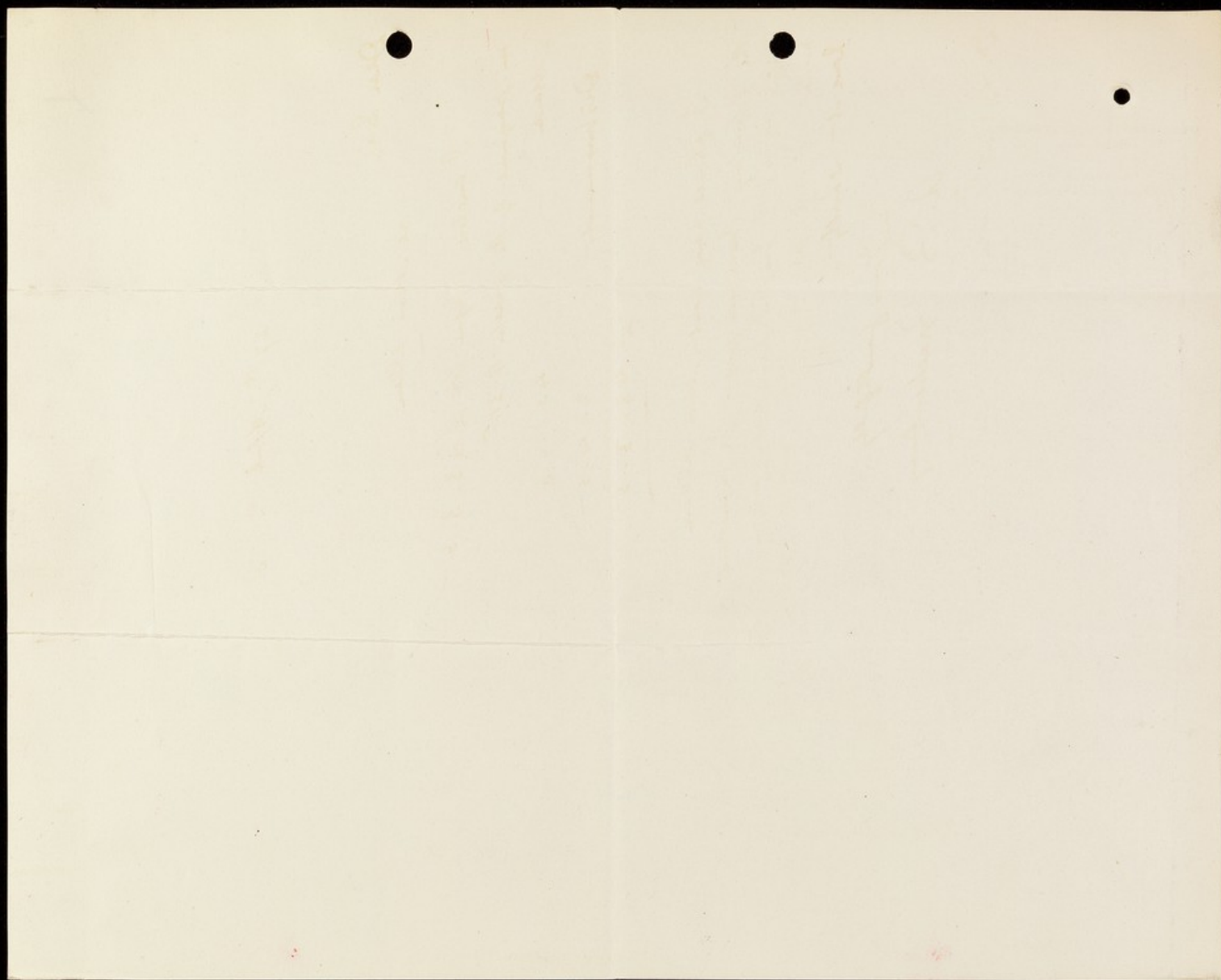
I remain

Yours faithfully

A. & B. Brackenbury

Dr. North Kemp

The Retreat  
York.



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St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

27<sup>th</sup> April 1908

Dear Sir,

re Miss Allen

I enclose Cheque for £43. 3. 5—  
in payment of the quarter to 31<sup>st</sup>  
March

40. 19. 0

Disbursements—

2. 4. 5—

£ 43. 3. 5—

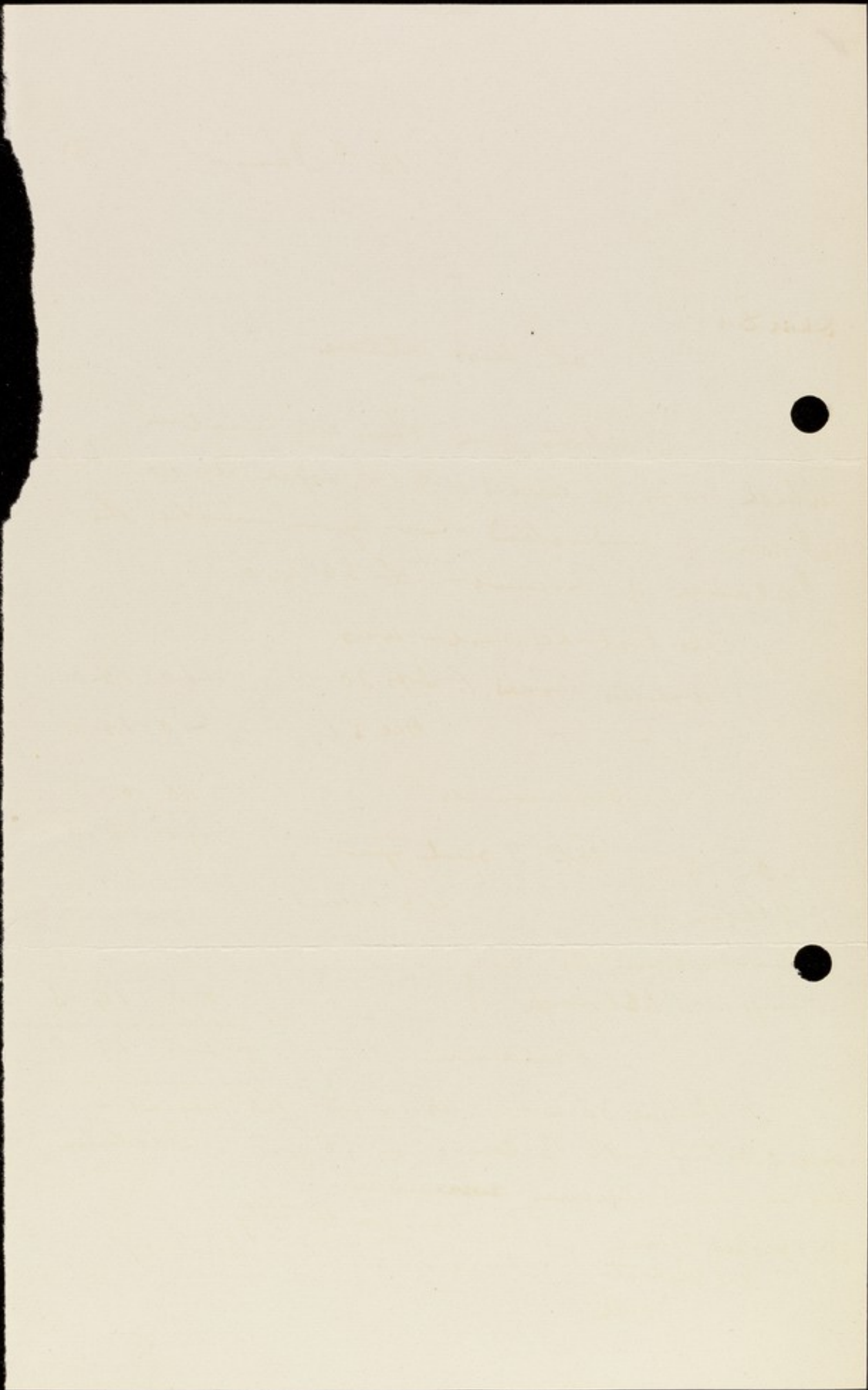
I should have sent Miss Allen  
the Voluntary Boarders paper for signature—  
before the 25<sup>th</sup> but I have been from  
home. I will get it signed & let you  
have it shortly—

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Belfus Price  
The Rectory  
York





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St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS,

TELEGRAMS:-  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

13<sup>th</sup> Jan 1908

Dear Sir,

*Thoroughly  
satisfactory  
form*  
re Miss Allen

I return you this account -  
which may be correct - & I hope it is, but -  
I do not understand how you make the  
balance of account - £36.4.0

The last account was

1 Quarter Brought f. Sep 30	40.19.0
- - - Dec 31	40.19.0

Disbursements -	10.0.3
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41.19.3

On the 22 Oct. I sent you

Cheque for 45.14.3

You also wanted the 24th

Charge at Schellbrough } 5.5.0 50 19.3

Balance £40.19.0

I therefore do not understand the present -  
a/c starting with Balance £36.4.0. I return  
a/c in case it requires amending -

D. Bedford Pierce  
of the District  
York

Yours faithfully  
A. E. Brackenbury





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St. Neots

Dec: 7<sup>th</sup>

Dear V. Pierce

My Husband has  
just motored to Norfolk  
to attend his Father's  
funeral - so I am writing to  
tell you that I have just  
received a letter, by the  
midday post from Miss  
Allen - She writes that  
she thinks she had better  
remain at Seabrook after  
all - as she sleeps so badly

complains of her head - &  
considers she is not well  
enough to have a charge -  
Therefore there is nothing more  
to be done & I am writing to  
the lady at Bridlington etc  
My husband & I have all  
along thought it foolish  
to make any change yet,  
however, some of Miss Allen's  
relations wished it & so we  
did what we could - Perhaps  
it would be as well for you  
not to say anything more to  
Miss Allen about a charge -

We really feel she is safe &  
well looked after with you &  
I expect is as happy as she  
could be anywhere else -

With kind regards

Believe me

yours sincerely

Maria Braehenbury.



St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:-  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

5<sup>th</sup> Decr 1907

Dear Sir,

I am much obliged to you for your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Novr. I have communicated its contents to the friends of Miss Allen & have also written to Miss Allen & she expresses a wish to try a change & her friends also wish this to be done.

We have made arrangements - that Miss Allen shall go to Bridlington to stay with a Miss Fletcher who is a thoroughly competent Nurse & has been Matron & a Hospital - She is personally known to me -

My wife goes down to Bridlington on Monday to make final arrangements, as it is impossible for me to get away.

As soon as final arrangements have been made my wife will telegraph to Throstley & I hope that you will be able to send a nurse with Miss Allen to Bridlington, where she will be met by my wife & Miss Fletcher -

We shall wish Miss Allen to be

taken to Bridlington on Wednesday if my wife, in inspecting of Miss Fletcher's home, considers it suitable - My wife has written to Miss Allen telling her what we have arranged. N. She is quite prepared.

I am really taking this chance to getting the friends of Miss Allen & if I find that her old ideas are coming back I shall at once ask you to again take charge of her -

I shall be much obliged if you will inform me - I am sure that Throstley who is prepared & also let me know to whom my wife shall telegraph as to definite arrangements - has been settled at Bridlington - My wife can only stay in for a few days & will like to see Miss Allen settled before she returns home -

Yours very truly

A. B. Brackenburg

Dr. Throstley & Co.  
The District  
York



Mrs Crowther's Cat of a son  
employed to watch her & get  
evidence she is diseased, by  
following in to the "lavatory"  
directly after her & pro-  
ceeding with his "illegitimate"  
gains to some doctor for  
analysis. When ever she  
made for a ladies' lavatory,  
a man would be watching  
(for two days she "held off"  
with great discomfort) so  
she disguised herself in  
goggles etc. & got out of the  
window when the boy was  
at tea.

"The idiots of Brink.  
all lead their stupid  
dogs in a string & shout  
hysterically to them  
when I appear"  
meaning "something  
detrimental to me  
down there".

Written in error,  
All Dr McKinnis letter.

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St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

8<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1907

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Dear Sir,

re Miss Allen

I shall be obliged if you will give me your candid opinion of this Lady, whether you consider she has sufficiently recovered to be removed to a private house, & whether she still will require looking after if she was removed to a private house.

Do you know whether her periods have yet cleared?

I am being continually asked to remove her by some of her relations & friends, but I will not take the responsibility of doing this without hearing your opinion -

Yours faithfully  
Dr. Alfred Pierce  
The Rectory  
St. Neots

A. B. Brackenbury







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St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct. 1907

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

Dear Sir,

re this allowance

I enclose Cheque as under:—

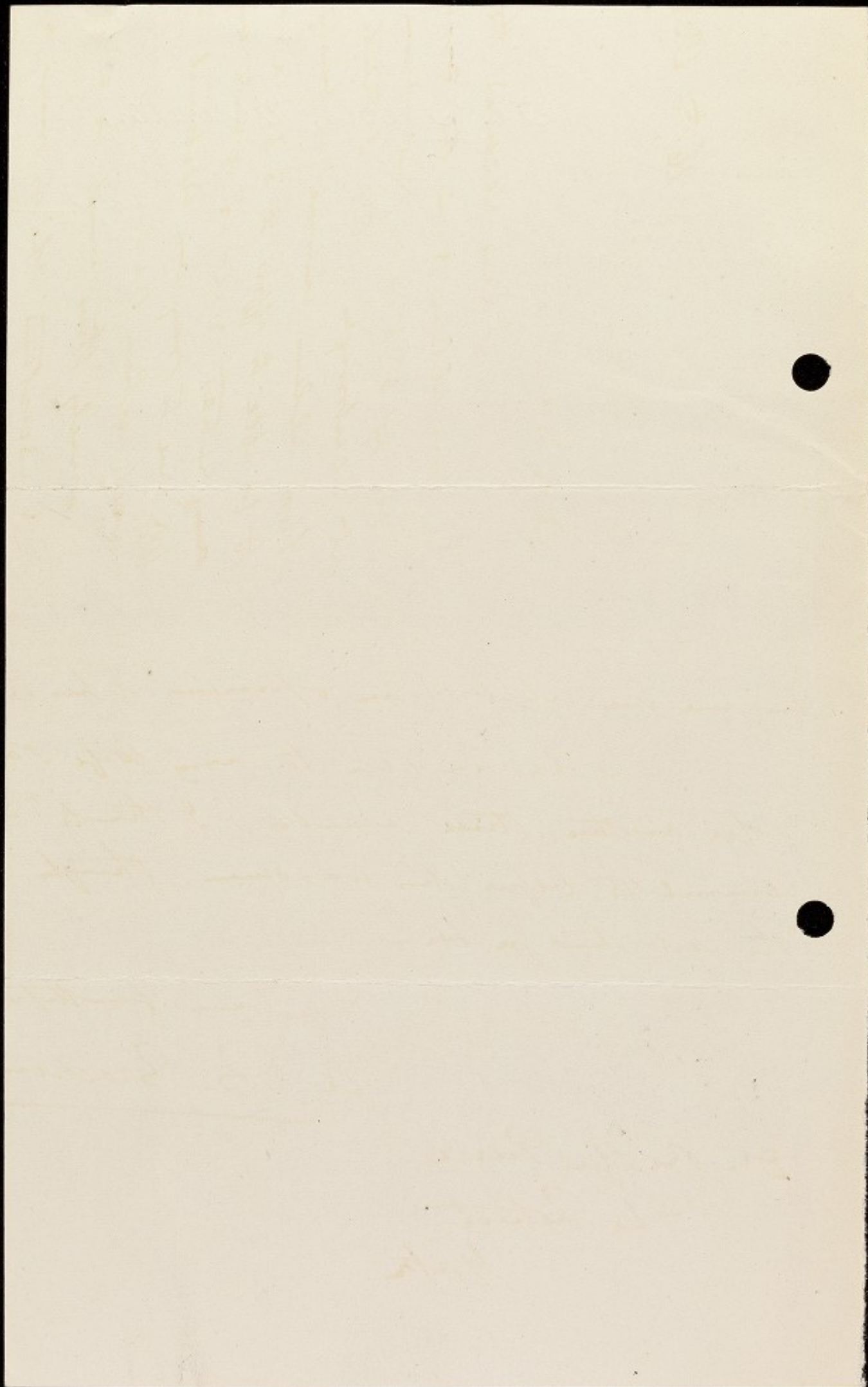
One Quarter Board to 30 Sept.		£. 5.0
		40.19.0
Washing & Mending	1.19.0	
Stationery & Stamps	7	
Sundries—	1.15.1	
Extra Carriage Duwies	17.7	4.15.3
		<hr/>
		£ 45.14.3

It is quite impossible for this allowance income to pay the extra fee of £ 5.5.0 when at Scarborough & I trust this will be waived—

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Rufus Pierce  
The Rectory  
York





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St. Neots, Hunts. (837)

16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1907

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:-  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

Dear Sir,

I have received the account -  
for Mrs Allen & in the disbursements -  
I see £5.5.0 is put down for 2 1/2 weeks  
at Scarborough. As I think I told you  
Mrs Allen's income is barely sufficient  
to be able to afford £3.3.0 a week without  
any extras & it is quite impossible  
for me to pay an additional £2.2.0 a  
week when she is at your other house.  
Surely this must be a mistake.

I understand she is now again at  
Throcton, but if any extra charge was  
to have been made for her being there  
I should have been consulted -

I sincerely trust that you do  
not expect Mrs Allen to pay £5.5.0  
a week when at Throcton, she cannot  
afford to do this & I certainly cannot  
authorize it -

When you write please

inform me what your opinion of her is -

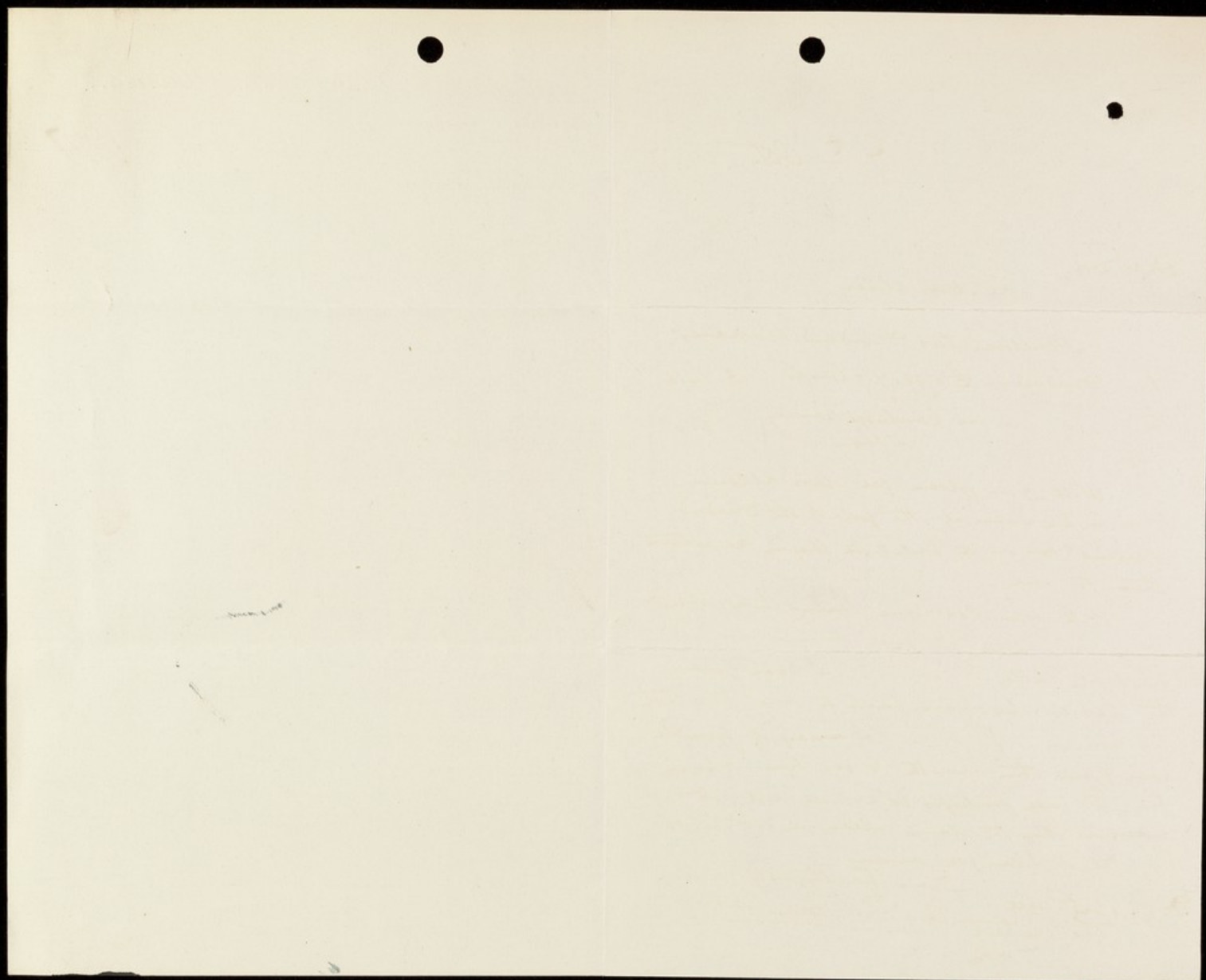
She has written to my wife saying she has missed me  
for another three months, & that it might have been  
summers before this was done, though I easily think it is  
the last thing for her -

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenburg

Dr. Bedford Price  
The Rectory  
York





WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

St. Neots, Hunts.,

7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1907

Dear Sir,

re Miss Allen

I enclose two Dividend Warrants—

- 1 - Dividend on £592.7.7 Bonds 3.14.0
- 2 - " " on one Cambridge Railway Share 2.0

Will you please get Miss Allen  
to sign her name at the foot of the Dividend  
Warrants— & on the back of the Cheque & return  
them to me—

Will you let me know how she  
now is & whether in your opinion she is  
in a fit state to leave— I hear from  
the Ladies who have been to see her that  
she wishes to do so— I may if possible  
run down this month & see how she is  
but it will perhaps be as well not to  
mention this to Miss Allen, as it is so  
doubtful if I can get away—

Yours faithfully

D. Bridgman Price  
The Rectory  
York

A. B. Brackenbury

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St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

9<sup>th</sup> August 1907

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

Dear Sir,

re Miss Allen

I enclose two Divided Warrants:

- 1 Cambridge Water Works for £50.5.6
- 2 " Gas Co . 1.10.5

Will you please get her to write her name on the back of the Warrants & return them to me - She should sign her name on both "B. M. M. Allen"

I hoped she would have written to me as she promised to do, but she has not done so. Let me know how she is when you return the warrants -

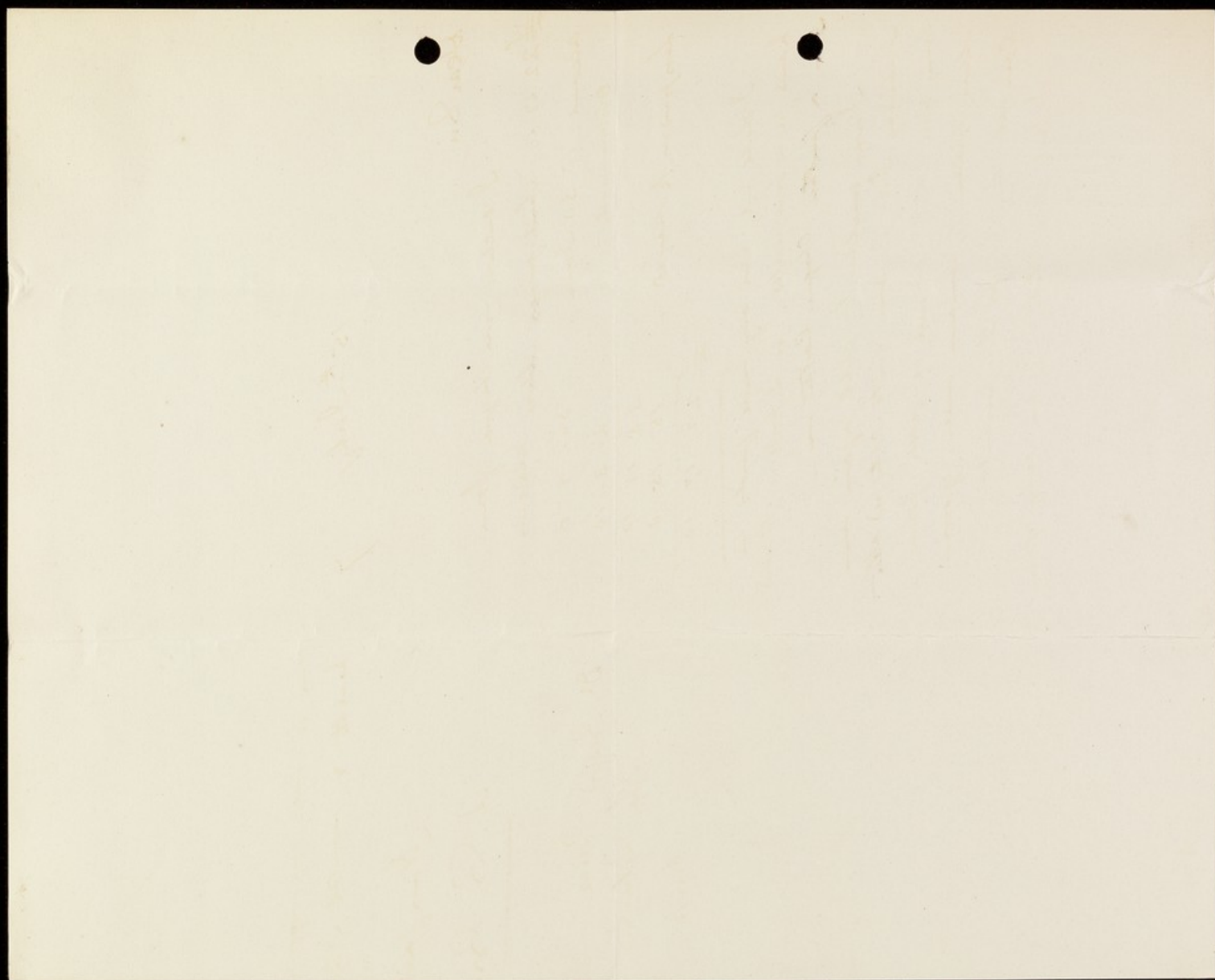
Yours faithfully

~~Wade-Gery &~~

A. B. Brackenburg

J. B. P. Pierce  
The Rectory  
Gotha

I am so used to signing the firm name hence my mistake



WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.  
TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

St. Neots, Hunts.,

15<sup>th</sup> July 1907

Dear Sir,

I enclose you cheque for  
£22.17.10 which pays this alien's  
account to 30 June

Disbursements—

Less paid on 4 May 18

36. 9. 0

2. 3. 10

38 12 10

15. 15. 0

£ 22. 17. 10

I shall not have any more funds in  
hand for a few weeks, so I propose to send  
a further cheque later on—

I was unable to call again on  
Saturday. But I am quite satisfied after  
my visit—that it will be better for  
this alien to remain under your  
care, at any rate for the present—

I feel sure that I can rely upon

you to keep me informed as to her  
health & mental state—

Yours faithfully

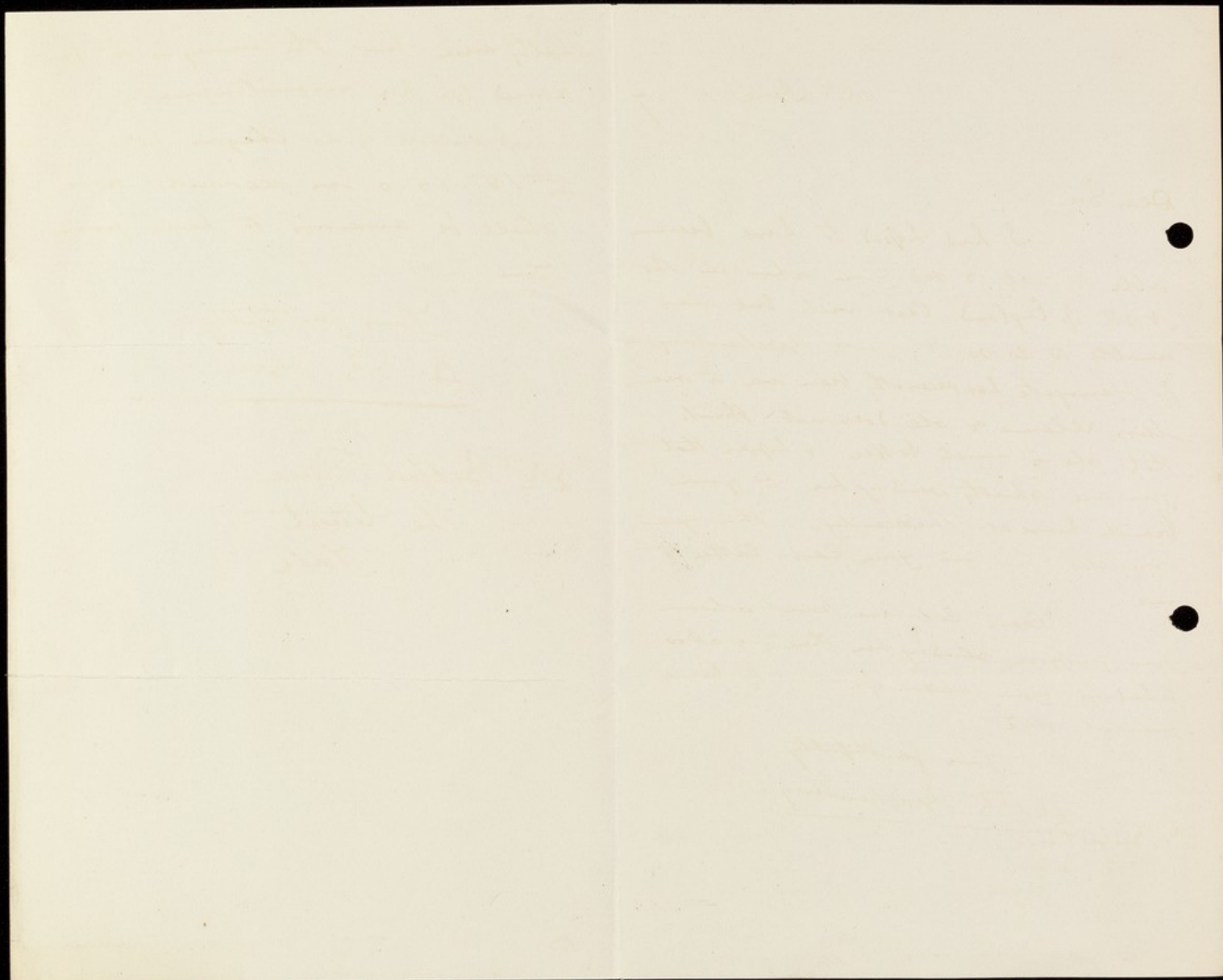
A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Alfred Price

The Retreat

York—





St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

18<sup>th</sup> June 1907

Dear Sir,

I had hoped to have been able to call & see you when in the North of England last week but was unable to do so. — Mrs Brackenbury of Harrogate has recently been over to me Miss Allen & she does not think that she is much better, & hopes that you are shortly sending her to your branch house at Thoresbury. This you suggested doing in your last letter to me —

Please let me know when you propose sending her there, & also what is your candid opinion of her present state —

Yours faithfully

A. B. BrackenburyDr. Belvidere  
7th Street  
York





St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

17<sup>th</sup> May 1907

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a letter which I shall be much obliged if you will yourself hand to Miss Allen.

I have written her two or three times but cannot get any answer.

Will you please let me know your candid opinion of Miss Allen & whether you think there is any prospect of her recovering—

So far as I can make out her income is about £160 a year & I am afraid it will be impossible to continue the payment of £3-3-0 a week for long—

Her securities stand all in her own name & the difficulty will

sharply arise. how the money is to be raised for her maintenance—

I enclose your cheque for £15-15-0 on account & shall be anxious to hear from you—

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenburg

Dr. Bedford Peice  
The Retreat  
York



St. Neots, Hunts.,

WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—

"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

23<sup>rd</sup> April 1907

Dear Sir,

I shall be glad to hear how Miss Allen is progressing & whether she shows any signs of improvement.

Will you also please let me know whether she has received any letters since she has been with you accepting those from my wife & myself. She has not written to either of us in reply -

are her letters handed to her as it may be that some are business letters & need replying to.

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenbury

Dr. Desford Price  
The Rectory  
York





WADE-GERY & BRACKENBURY,  
SOLICITORS.

TELEGRAMS:—  
"BRACKENBURY, ST. NEOTS."

St. Neots, Hunts.,

12<sup>th</sup> April 1907

Dear Sir,

I have filled up the statement respecting Miss Allen so far as I am able & enclose it herewith. I shall be anxious to hear your opinion of her condition & whether she is more cheerful than when I left her on Wednesday.

Will you please inform me what fees you propose to charge as the income of Miss Allen will not, so far as I can, see allow of a payment of £3.3.0 a week as was mentioned by Dr. Mackenzie.

I may mention that I am first cousin to Miss Allen & her nearest relative. I was her father's executor & have always helped her in her affairs.

I am writing her a few lines today & should like to know whether you consider an ordinary chatty letter would be helpful or not. & if not I will get my

wife to write to her occasionally

Yours faithfully

A. B. Brackenburg

Dr. Beroldus Pierce

The Retreat  
York.

