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TELEPHONE No. 10.

Rehewedon  
removed to Eastland  
Nov. 20. 1913

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Clunie House,

Dunfermline, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Mr Pierce

I removed Mr.  
Beveridge to Montrose Royal  
today - duly certified &  
I sincerely hope he will  
be contented to remain there  
for some months. You will  
now be able to discharge  
him from your list. With  
kind regards

Yours sincerely  
A. J. Macgregor



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Nov. 14, 1913

Dear Dr. McGregor,

Mr. Beveridge has arranged with a motor agent to drive out to meet him at Alnmouth. He has asked that his clothes should be brought to him, and we are sending them, as it seems a pity to annoy him by retaining them here.

The account I received of Mr. Beveridge's mental state before he left Coulter's was very unsatisfactory, and one cannot but expect further developments before very long.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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Dear Dr. [Name]

I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you. I have been thinking of you very much lately, and wondering how you are getting on. I hope you are well and happy. I have been very busy lately, but I have managed to find some time to write to you.

With love and affection,

[Signature]

Scallion Gang  
Knaresboro'  
Nov 5. 1913.

Yours Bedford Pierce  
Dear Sir

Mr Bennett has sent me a note which has relieved my anxiety. I spent mostly the whole of Monday in the vicinity of the Crown Hotel Harrogate but he would listen to no advice or reason.

He wrote to Dr Macgregor which letter he showed me, about a week ago saying he saw things distorted & double, & that he had a feeling of uneasiness & felt he could see a whole cinematograph of spooks, and I think his leaving here was mostly due to the Sight Hallucination, as on Saturday & Sunday he avoided looking at me.

On Sunday he complained of the taste of his Tobacco, & ate very little food.

He should have in his pocket book <sup>306</sup> a deposit note for £100 on Beckett's Bank at Knaresboro' also his cheque book, but as far as I know he has drawn no cheque while here.

He only opened this up last Thursday I was going to Knaresboro with him for this purpose, and he was quite sociable then.

I saw four doctors on your introduction in Harrogate yesterday, they speak hopefully and promise me a cure when they have one. Dr Gordon Black was especially nice, as was Dr Bertram Watson. He was wanting a "Specialist" for a Law Case, & before I left he decided he wanted you.

I thank you very much for the letter you wrote, they all spoke of it in high terms.

I am hopeful that in time we shall succeed even if slowly at first.

I remain  
Yours Respectfully  
Ernest J. Coulter



Scotton Grange  
Knaresboro  
12. 11. 13

Dear Sir

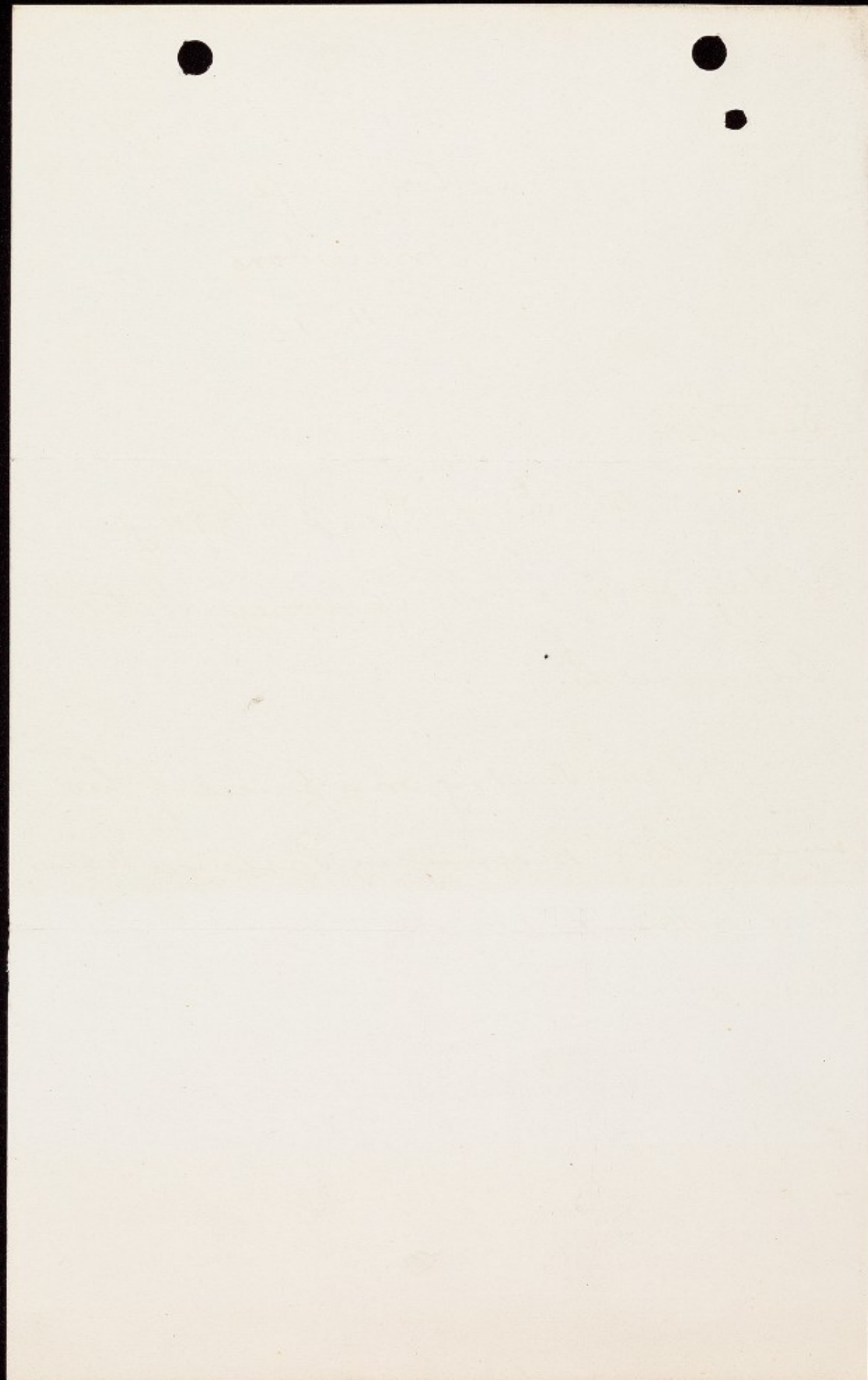
Mr Beveridge is staying  
a day or so at the "Schooner Hotel"  
Aldmouth.

I am sending on a parcel of his  
Linen this morning by Passenger Train  
& he will probably stay there until its  
arrival.

Respectfully Yrs

Ernest I. Coulter

Dr. Bedford Forre



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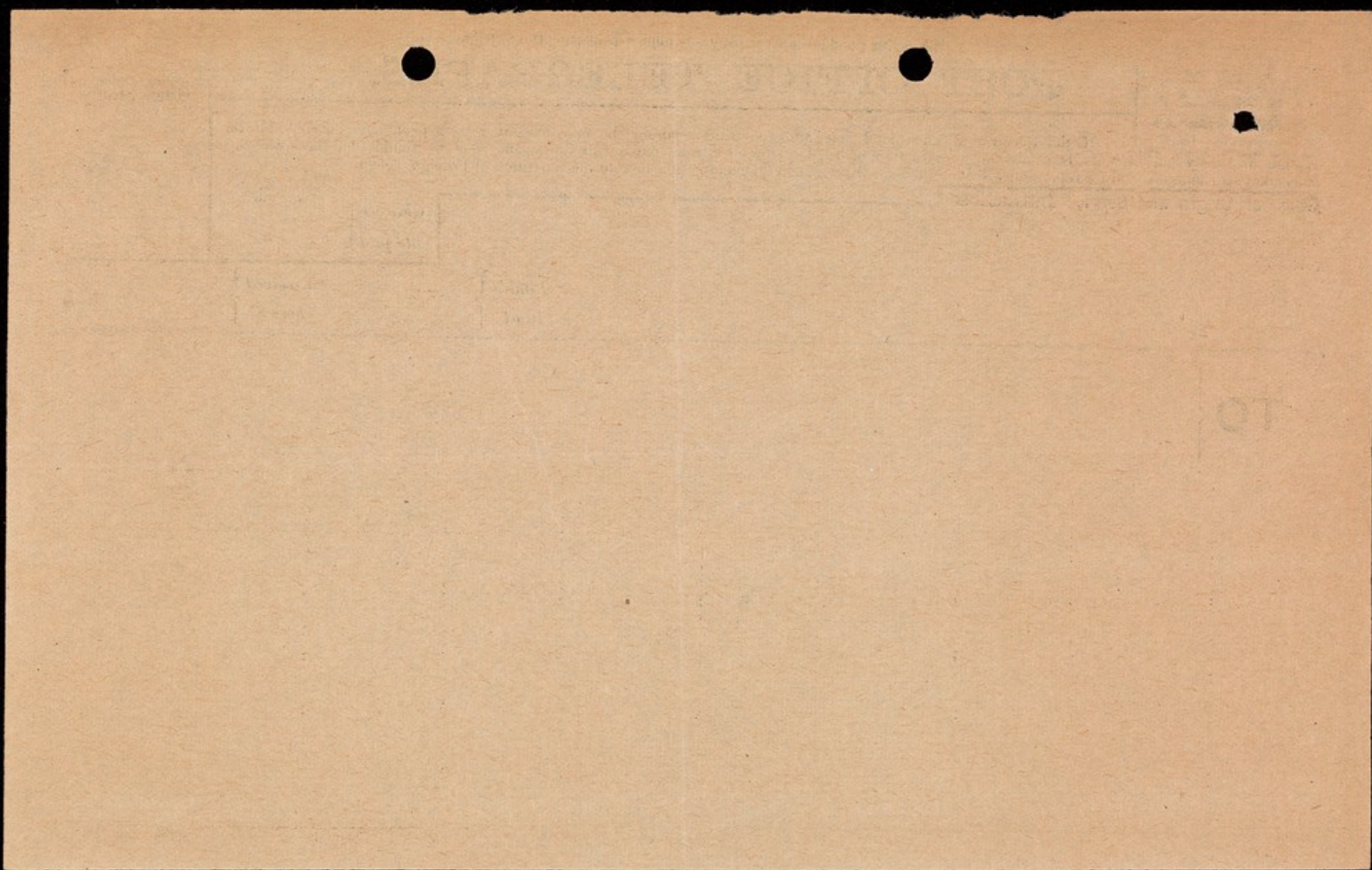
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in at

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Received  
here at

12 39/6

TO { Boston Pierce  
Not in meanwhile will write  
tonight Macgregor



P.S. This letter is written  
in Mr John Beveridge's  
house, so you will excuse  
the heading.  
A. J. W.

Cherie House.

6 COMELY PARK PLACE,  
DUNFERMLINE.

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 1913.

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Dear Mr Pierce  
Many thanks  
for your letter received this  
morning. I am glad to  
know that there is a  
responsible person with  
Mr Beveridge. I had a  
letter from him this morning  
saying that he feels  
better & will stay at Almondbank  
for a bit & then either

Come North or go South.  
Should he go South then  
You must let him into  
your keeping for a bit  
& should he come North  
I'll let him admitted  
to Montrose. I do not  
think we can have any  
doubt about him requiring  
skilled supervision for  
some time.

As regard to his luggage  
I would keep it until  
we know more about  
his ultimate movements.  
I had word from Dr.  
Havlock last night  
that he was prepared to  
admit him if necessary  
Of course that means  
re-certifying. I'll let  
you know the progress of  
events. With kind regards  
Yours sincerely  
Alvin H. Macgregor

TELEPHONE:  
No. 16.

Schooner Hotel,  
Alnmouth,  
Northumberland.

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dr Pierce

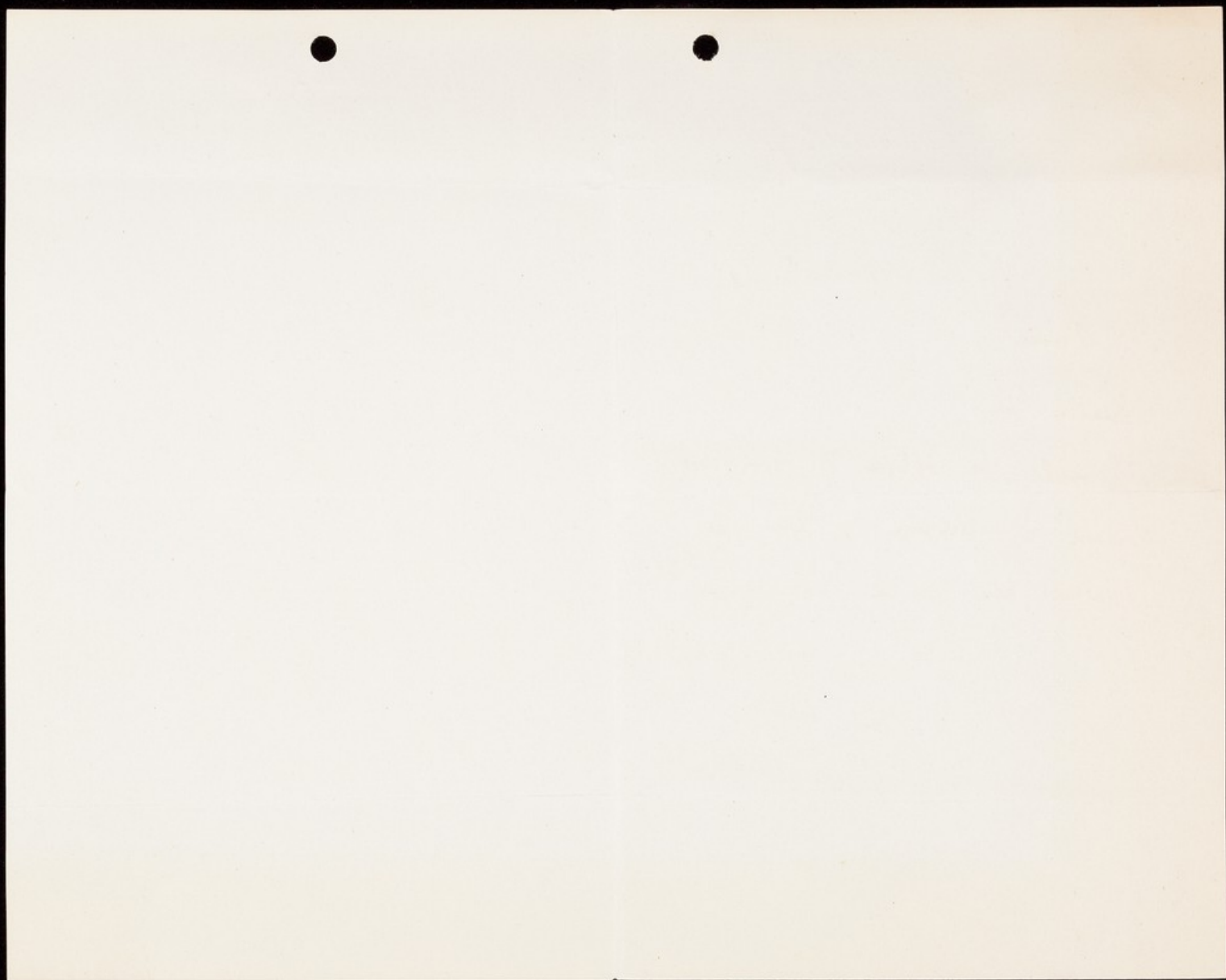
Dear Sir

I would be obliged if you would  
Forward my luggage on here as I  
will be here for a few days  
before going further north -

Yours truly  
James Bewidge

5<sup>th</sup> Mch  
~~Alnmouth~~  
Chine Ho. Dunfermline.

Mr Bewidge writes from Schooner  
Hotel, Alnmouth asking me to send  
his luggage - Shall I do so.



I quite agree with everything  
you say in your letter &  
I must frankly confess  
that I think our worst  
fears look like being realised.  
Soon he will become a  
chronic, as it is quite  
evident, that a slow  
depreciation of his brain  
power is taking place.

With best thanks for all  
your kindness & hoping to  
hear from you soon

Yours sincerely  
Hilari Macgregor

Curie House  
6 COMELY PARK PLACE,  
DUNFERMLINE.

10/11/13.

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Dear Dr. Pierce Many thanks  
for your letter & wire. I  
had also a wire from Mr.  
Reveridge to night from  
New Castle, saying that  
he intended staying there  
to night & then would  
move on to Alnmouth  
tomorrow. You say in  
your wire "with an attendant".  
Is the attendant one of  
your men or simply a

Chauffeur or Chaffeur - attendant  
Combined? I expect he will  
come North to Edinburgh &  
then on to Montrose. I have  
written St Havelock asking  
him if he can admit him  
- Certified of course - if we  
find it necessary to await  
his reply.

Have no doubt that Mr.  
B's whole mental condition  
is worse & we should all  
feel more contented if we

Knew that he was safely  
housed either at Montrose  
or York. Personally I  
would have preferred the  
latter. but as he is evidently  
coming North & that  
means Montrose. If he  
should remain at Alnmouth  
I think you should get  
him back to York, but  
if you would prefer it -  
we might coax him North  
& take him to Montrose.

Scotton Grange  
Knaresboro

Nov 10. 1913

Dear Sir

I understand the position now,  
re W. Beveridge, the letter you wd  
receive either Sunday or Monday  
morning was written in view of  
my uncertainty about it; and needs no reply.

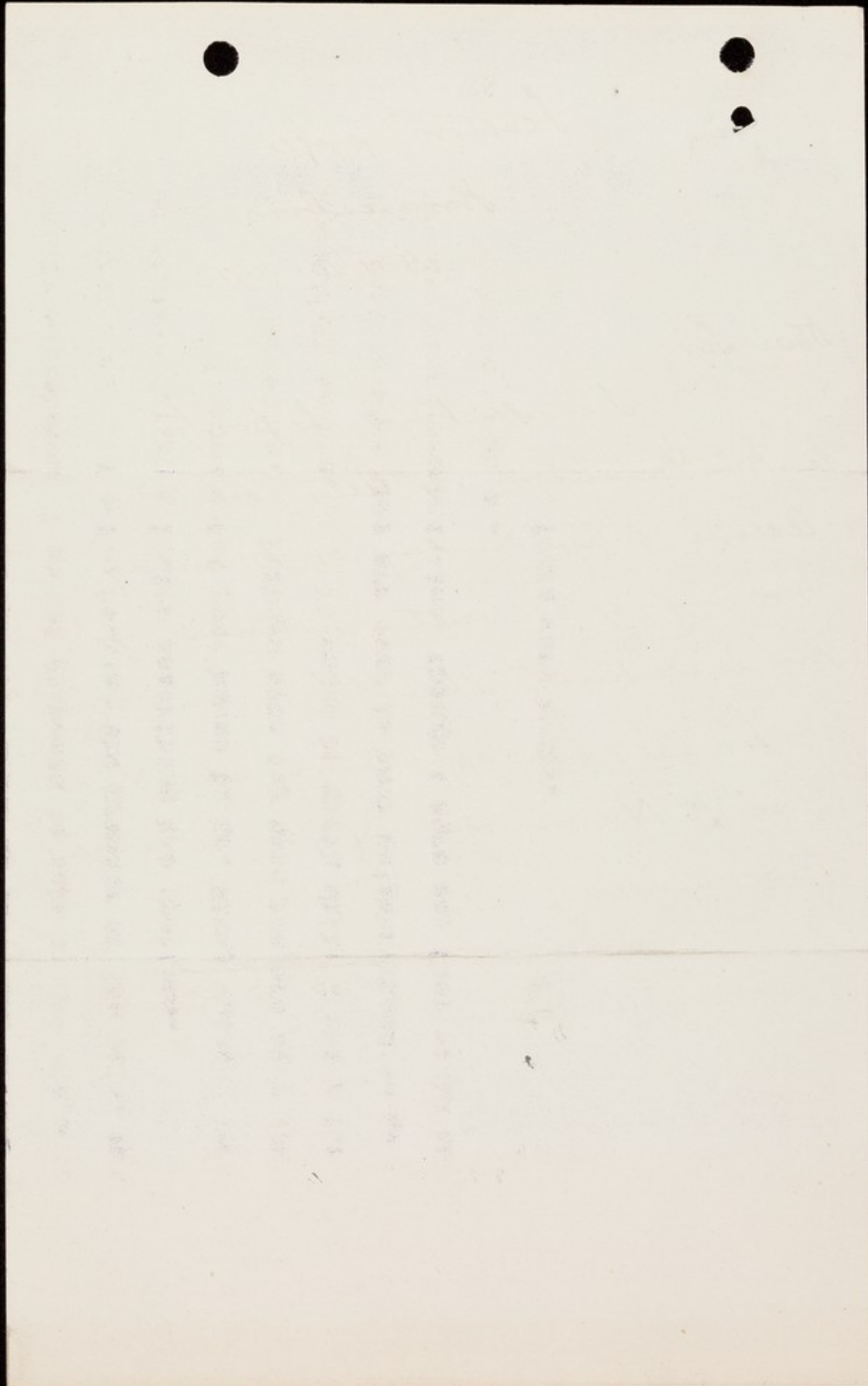
We have had application for a Lady  
from J. Morris Watson; for rest and  
treatment.

Thank you for your kind  
recommendation

I remain

Yours Respectfully

Ernest J. Conlon



Nov. 8, 1913

Dear Coulter,

Mr. Beveridge has not turned up yet, and, unless he really misbehaves, I am not disposed to take active steps to control him. I quite realize the gravity of the case, and am obliged for your letter describing his symptoms.

I recommended your house to Dr. Nimmo Watson, York Place, Harrogate. Perhaps some day when you are over you might call on him. It would be worth while I think for the doctors when they are over in your neighbourhood to go and see your accommodation, though I dare say they would not be bothered to do so.

Yours very truly,

Nov. 6, 1913

Dear Corliss,

Mr. Fawcett has not turned up yet, and, unless he  
really misbehaves, I am not disposed to take active steps to  
control him. I quite realize the gravity of the case, and  
am obliged for your letter describing his symptoms.

I recommended your horse to Dr. James Watson, York  
Place, Haverley. Perhaps some day when you are over you  
might call on him. It would be worth while I think for  
the doctor to see that are over in your neighborhood to see  
and see your recommendation, though I dare say they would not  
be bothered to do so.

Yours very truly,

Nov 8 1913

Scott's Garage

Knansborough

To Dr Bedford Pierce

Dear Sir

I returned here last night & will  
probably call up for my baggage in  
the course of a day or two.

Sory to have been an inconvenience  
to you.

yours truly

James Beveridge

*Mr. Robert  
J. Raper  
New York*



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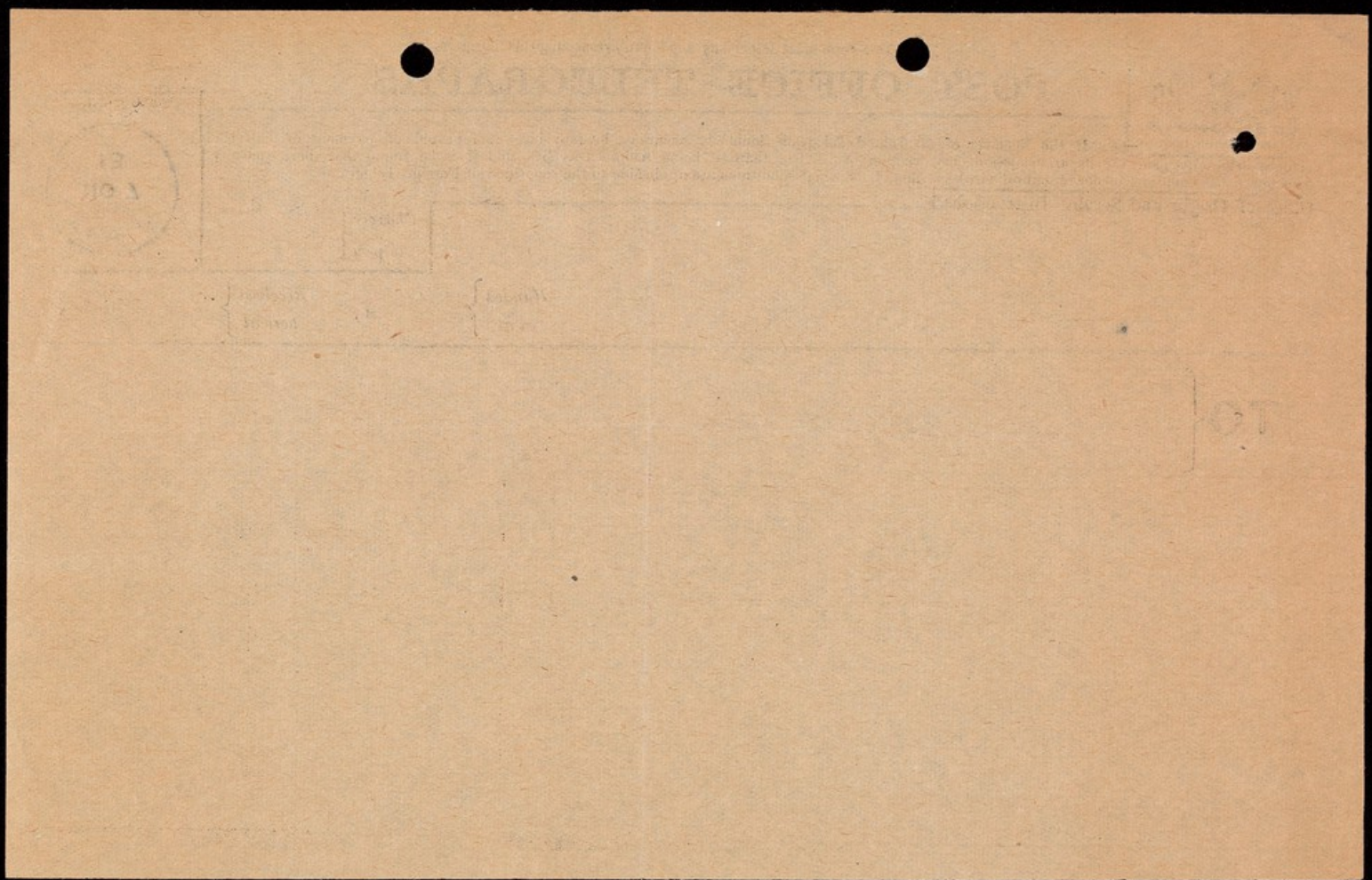
*Knaresbro*

Charges } s. d.  
to pay }

Handed } 5.58p  
in at }  
Received } 6.8p  
here at }

TO { *Dr Pierce Retreat York*

*Beveridge here five thirty motor  
proposes staying wire instructions  
Coulter*



Scallan Grange  
Amherstboro.  
Oct 27. 1913

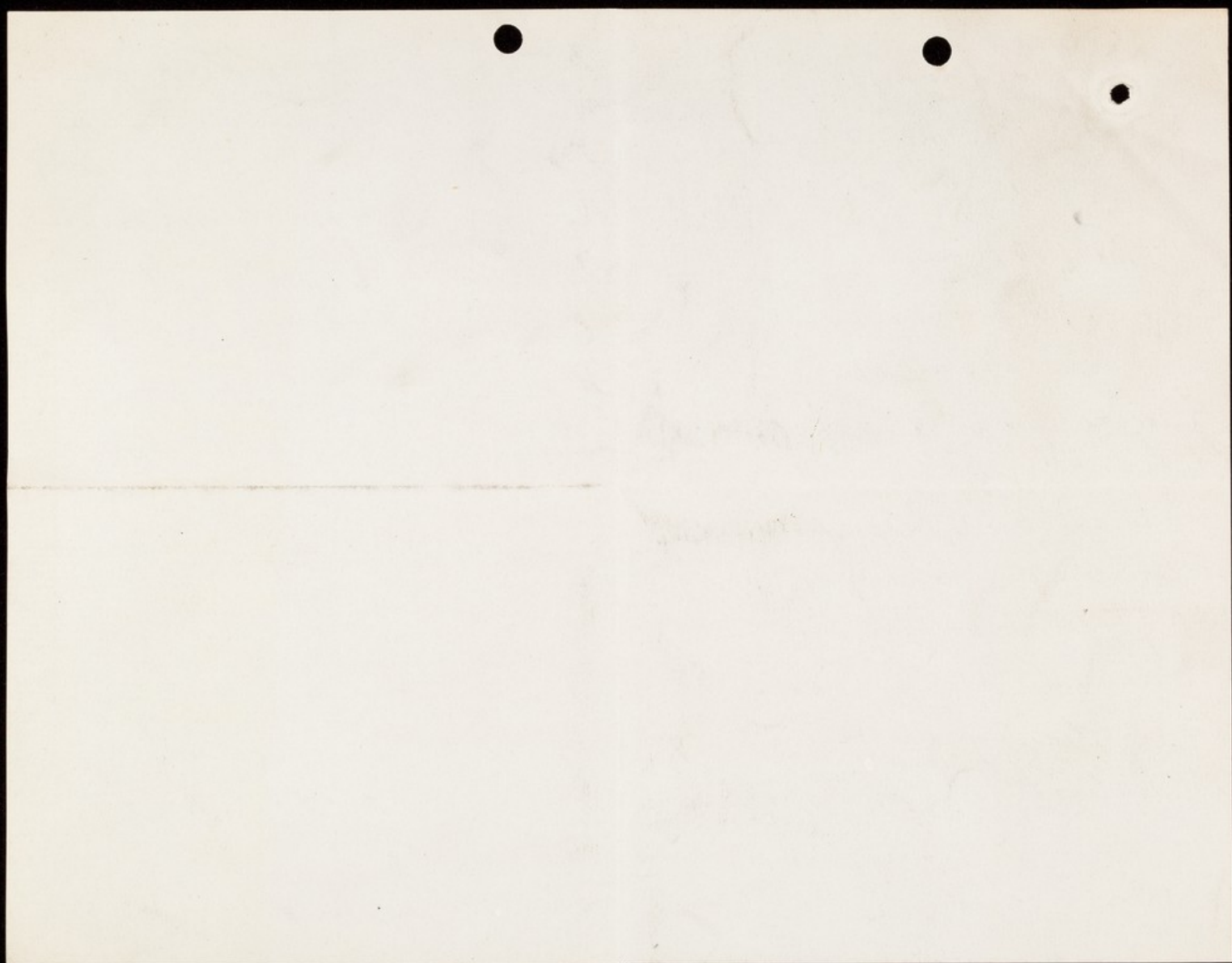
Yours Bedford Porrie  
Dr Sir

We are now quite ready  
to receive two or three patients, &  
I should be glad if you would  
write the proposed introductory  
letter to the Harrogate Doctors  
at y<sup>r</sup> convenience.

Will you kindly express to the  
Committee my sincere thanks for  
the gratuity they so kindly gave  
me on my retirement & which  
I much appreciated.

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Mr. Beveridge is keeping well  
and quiet - He is eating  
& sleeping well, & does not  
use his motor at all unduly.  
What is his present position; on  
leave from the Retreat or  
discharged? He thinks the  
latter.

I remain  
Yours Respectfully,  
Ernest J. Coulter.





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TELEPHONE No. 10.

Clunie House,  
Dunfermline, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913

Dear Dr Pierce

Enclose

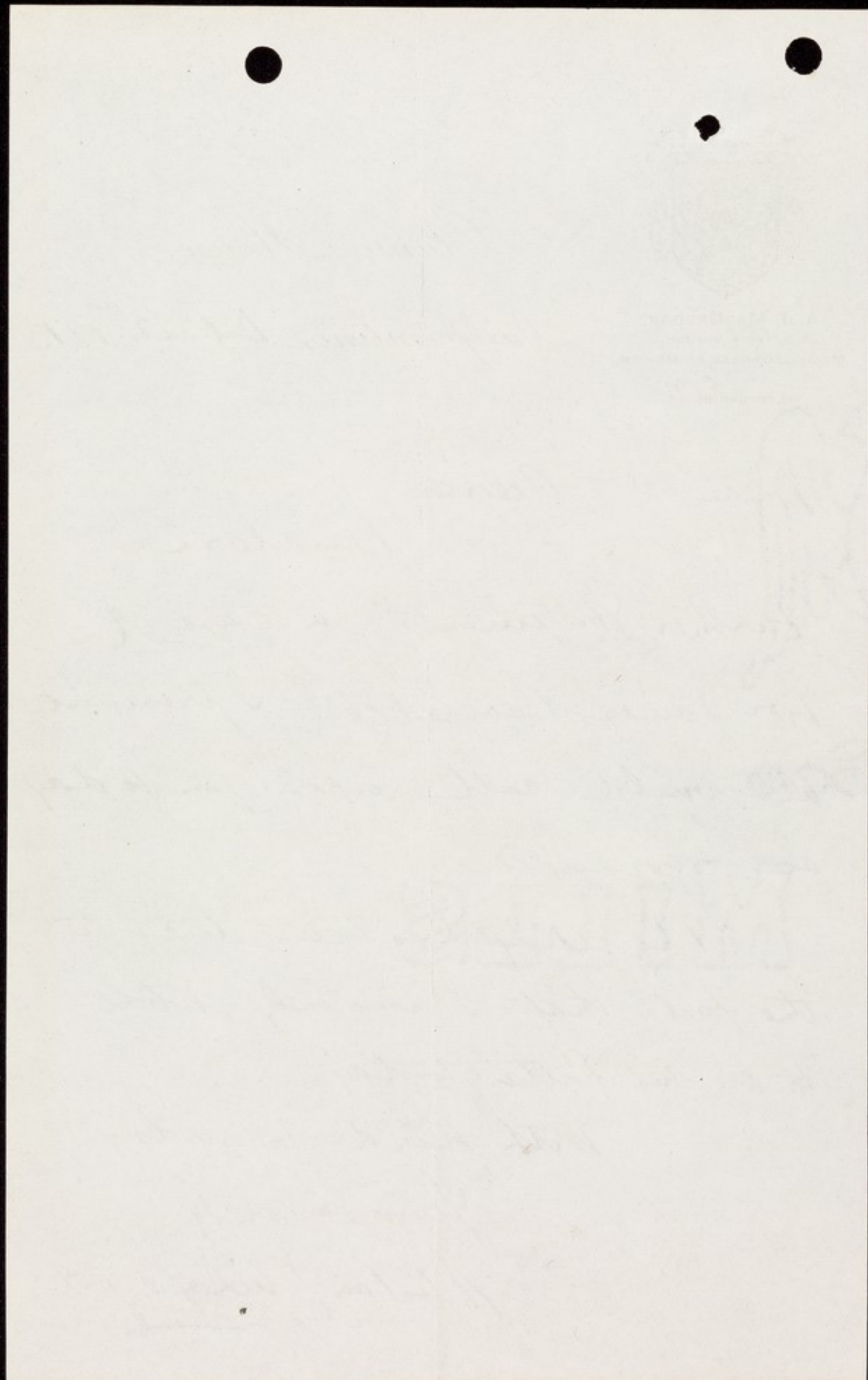
"Further Statement" in case of  
Mr James Beveridge. I presume  
he would call upon you today  
as arranged.

The delay has been due to  
the fact that I was only able  
to see his father today.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Alister Macgregor.





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TELEPHONE No. 10.

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Clunie House,

Dunfermline, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce  
Dr Fairweather  
forwarded me your letter to night  
& naturally it gives one food for  
thought. Knowing Mr. Beveridge  
as I have done most intimately  
for 20 years I can quite appreciate  
the difficulty you have in  
deciding what is best for him  
& more particularly your  
reluctance to keep him when  
seemingly well. Before however  
deciding what to do it would

Perhaps be better if I came down  
& saw him with you. We could  
then decide upon an future  
course. I'll try & come on  
Saturday but shall wire  
the day & the hour. I am  
writing Mr. Beveridge to tell him  
that I am coming down soon.  
So you can mention the  
matter to him if you think  
it wise. With kind regards

Yours sincerely  
Alistair Macgregor

I have not been able to get away  
so my home address is sufficient  
meantime A. E. M.

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Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1913

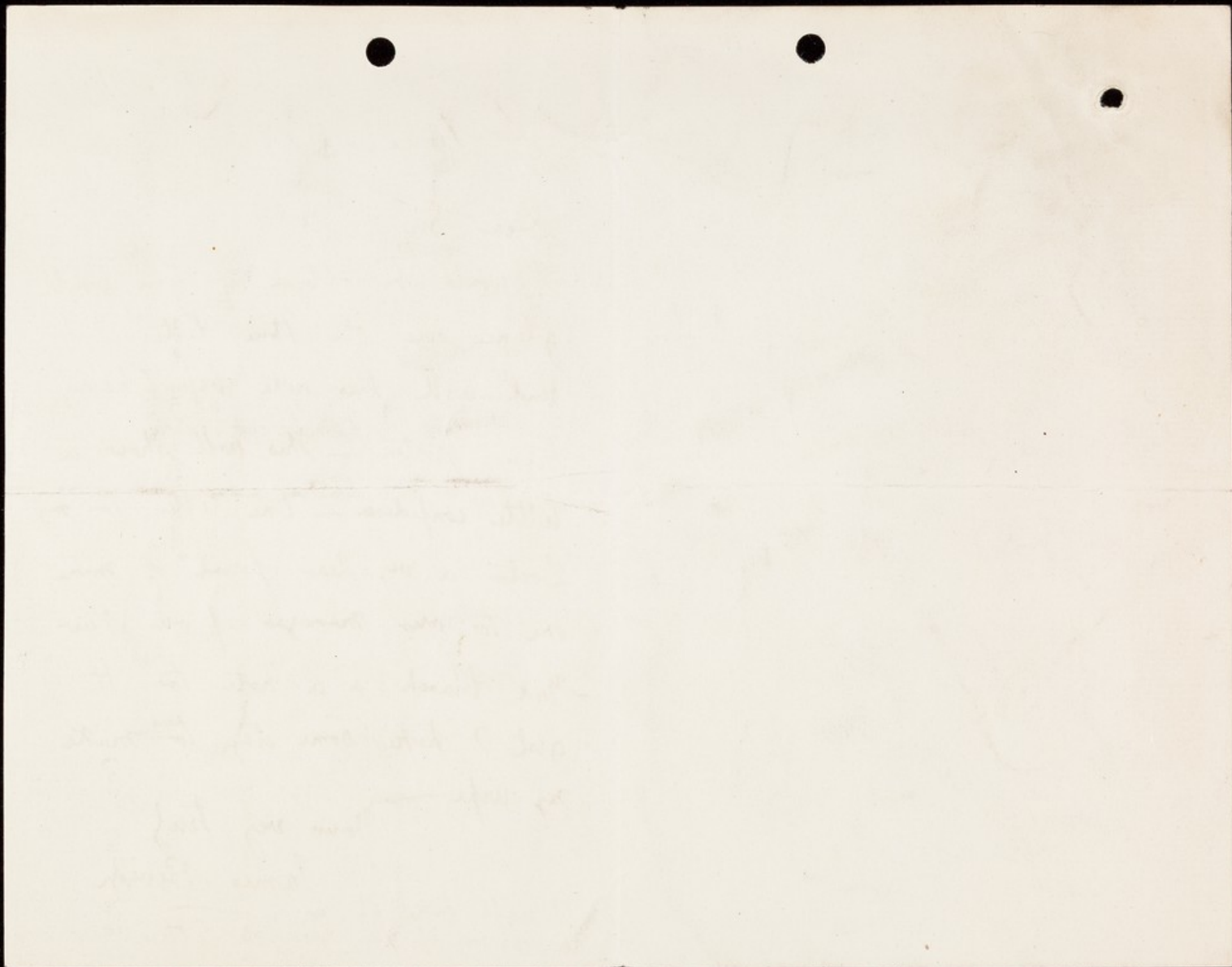
Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I would be obliged if you would glance over the three letters I send with this note before having them posted — This will show a little confidence — One letter to my Doctor a very dear friend of mine one to our manager of our New York branch & a note to the girl I hope some day to make my wife —

Yours very truly

I will take it as a favor if you read the letters.  
James Bevington





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M.D. (EDIN.), D.P.H.,  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TELEPHONE No. 10.

Clunie House,

Dunfermline, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Dr Pierce Many thanks for yours  
received this morning. I fully appreciate  
your difficulties in regard to Mr.  
Beveridge, & quite believe he may  
be a source of difficulty yet. If  
once he grasped the fact that his  
daily importuning for parole  
was no use, & that the granting  
of it must depend on his improved  
mental condition then we might  
hope to see him more contented.  
He has always been rather

impatient & wilful & these defects  
of character are accentuated by  
his present mental condition.

I hope to leave here on Monday  
first - with Mr John Beveridge, & I'll  
be away practically for a fortnight.  
Should any emergency arise, the  
telegraphic address will be  
"Macgregor, Vallay, Sollas."  
It would take me two days to  
get south so I hope there will be  
no need, but don't hesitate if  
you wish me. I know he is in  
safe keeping, so mean to enjoy  
my holiday. Again thanking  
you, & with kind regards  
to the patient.

Yours sincerely  
Alis lair Macgregor

Oct. 25, 1913

Dear Dr. McGregor,

Mr. Beveridge called at the appointed time and I had a pleasant interview with him. He admitted that he was still a little confused, but I could get no evidence of hallucinations. Coulter gave a very good account of him, and I gather things are going on all right at Knaresborough. I very much doubt whether he will stay there very long. However, we need not anticipate difficulties.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 25, 1933

Dear Mr. McGregor,

Mr. Beveridge called at the apartment

yesterday and I had a pleasant interview with him.

He admitted that he was still a little confused,

but I could get no evidence of hallucinations.

Conlister gave a very good account of him, and I

gathered things are going on all right at Kew-Forest.

I very much doubt whether he will stay there very

long. However, we need not anticipate difficulties.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 8, 1913

Dear Dr. McGregor,

We cannot get to understand your patient, Mr. Beveridge and I am afraid there will be trouble with him. He constantly asks to go to Pocklington by himself as he wants to attend to some matter which he wants to put straight. He has also written me a letter making some obscure reference to duties and vocations in life. We cannot get his confidence properly. He much resents the supervision here, but has not in any way become difficult to manage.

He has exercised his right to see a magistrate, who came to see him to-day. My impression is that when he finds peaceable means of getting away fail there will be trouble. We will certainly prevent letters from being sent to his father, and I hope that while you are away on holiday there will be no trouble.

Yours very truly,

Oct. 8, 1913

Dear Dr. Kottberg,

It cannot yet be understood from patient, Mr. Beveridge and I am afraid there will be trouble with him. He constantly asks to go to Bookington by himself as he wants to attend to some matter which he wants to see settled. He has also written me a letter asking some obscure reference to books and vocations in life. We cannot see his confidence properly. He must resent the supervision here, but has not in any way become difficult to manage. He has exercised his right to be a maniac, who came to see him to-day. My impression is that when he "has become" a maniac of some kind away from here will be trouble. He will certainly prevent letters from being sent to his father, and I hope that while you are away on holiday there will be no trouble. Yours very truly,



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TELEPHONE No. 10.

Clunie House,

Dunfermline, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Mr Pierce

Mr John Beveridge

I hope to get away on holiday  
next week for a matter of  
three weeks. During that  
time his father must not  
be bothered & we trust that  
Mr James will settle down  
quietly until we return. We  
don't wish to tell him where  
we are going - otherwise his  
demands to get away "North"

will become more clamorous  
than ever. Judging by his  
letters, his mental condition  
is still very unstable, & skilled  
supervision is absolutely necessary  
for some time in his own interest.  
I should like to have a brief  
report from you before going  
off (next Monday - 13<sup>th</sup> inst).

With kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Altaïr J. Macgregor

I'll send you telegraphic address  
when away so that - you may be  
able to communicate with me  
directly if required.

AJ-M.

Connection with his motor,  
but won't pay until  
we hear from you. We  
believe it to be right  
but his Bank book would  
show us what he has  
paid out & we know what  
money was sent him.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Alister Macgregor

Replied  
1.10.13.

Clunie House

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6 COMELY PARK PLACE,  
DUNFERMLINE.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1913.

Dear Mr Pierce Mr John Seaward  
returned last night & we have  
naturally been talking over  
Mr. James' affairs. There  
are one or two points you  
could help us in and am  
taking the liberty of putting  
them before you.

On 16<sup>th</sup> inst. a crossed  
cheque for £15.0 was sent  
to Mr James. This cheque  
has not been presented to

the Bank as yet so we presume  
it is still in his possession.  
Could you find out & if possible  
send us the cheque. We  
should also like to get  
his Bank book to see how  
things stand. Any a/c<sup>s</sup>  
he has, either paid or to  
pay, would help us to  
keep things right for him.  
We have tried to get the  
information from him  
yesterday but failed to

interest him in the matter.  
In one of his brighter  
moods he would quite  
readily tell you anything,  
so if not asking too much  
you might help us in  
these matters.

I should like personally  
to get a short report  
once per fortnight in  
regard to his medical  
condition.

We have had one a/c  
rendered for £94 in

Sept. 22, 1913

Dear Dr. Fairweather,

Many thanks for recommending Mr. Beveridge to the Retreat. He came along quite comfortably and has not given any trouble as yet, though he declares he will not stay, and seems to threaten a hunger strike. This latter has not been successful here so far.

We shall want another certificate from you to complete the papers, and I enclose a form. It may be in much the same terms as your previous one, but it would be well to add the nature of the delusions if you refer to them, as "the facts observed at the time of examination" were not very convincing, and might be misunderstood by the perverse legal mind.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Oct 10, 1918

Dear Dr. Fairweather,

Many thanks for recommending Mr. Beveridge to  
the Board. He came after a long absence and has  
not given any trouble as yet, though he declares he will not  
stay, and seems to threaten a hunger strike. This latter  
has not been successful for some time.  
We shall want another certificate from you to  
complete the papers, and I enclose a form. It may be in  
some of the same terms as your former one, but it would be  
well to add the nature of the delusions if you refer to them,  
as the facts observed at the time of examination were not  
very convincing, and might be misunderstood by the perverse  
legal mind.

With kind regards,  
Yours very truly,  
Wm. J. Fairweather



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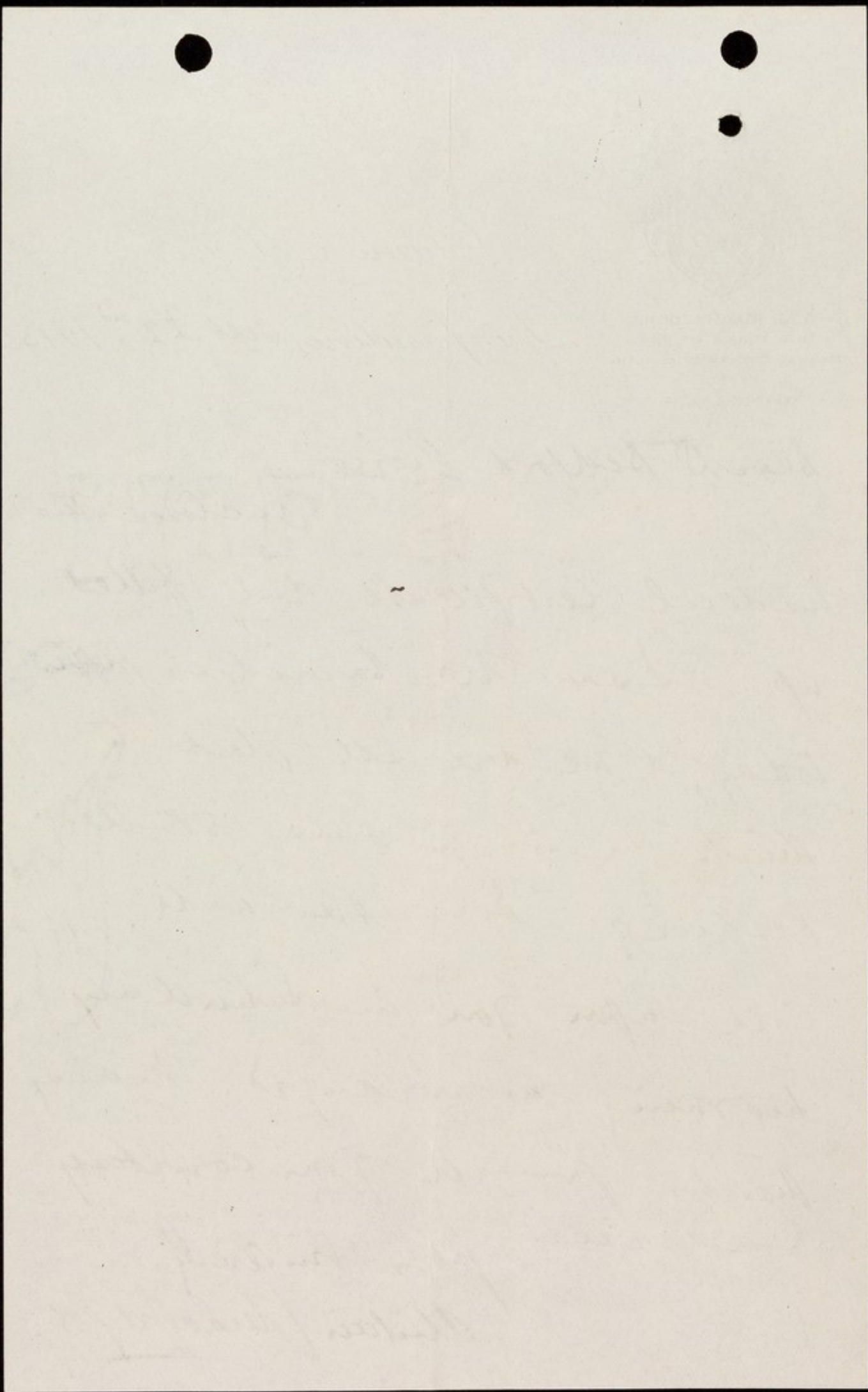
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Clunie House,

Dunfermline, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1913

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

Enclose the  
medical Certificate duly filled  
up. I saw Mr. Beveridge's father  
today, & we are all glad to  
think he is in safe & skilled  
keeping. Mr. John will  
call upon you on Saturday  
morning as arranged. Many  
thanks for all your courtesy  
& advice.

Yours sincerely  
Alister Macgregor.



EACH FOOT NOTE MUST HAVE STRICT ATTENTION.

Omissions or mistakes may cause serious trouble subsequently.

53 Vict. c. 5.—Sched. 2, Form 1.

## Petition for an Order for Reception of a Private Patient.

IN THE MATTER OF James Beveridge  
a person alleged to be of unsound mind.

To (a) \_\_\_\_\_

The Petition of John H. Beveridge  
of (b) 6 Conely Park Place, Dufferinline  
in the County of Tife (c) Quen manufacturers

1. I am (d) 39 years of age.

2. I desire to obtain an Order for the Reception of James Beveridge  
as (e) a person of unsound mind in the Hospital called the Retreat, situate at York.

3. I last saw the said James Beveridge  
at Feathers Hotel, Rocklinton  
on the (f) 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1913.

4. I am the (g) brother of the said James Beveridge.

(or if the petitioner is not connected with or related to the patient, state as follows:) (h)

I am not related to or connected with the said \_\_\_\_\_

The reasons why this Petition is not presented by a relation or connection are as follows: (state them.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The circumstances under which this petition is presented by me are as follows:—(state them.)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. I am not related to or connected with either of the persons signing the Certificates which accompany this Petition as (where the petitioner is a man) husband, father, father-in-law, son, son-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, partner, or assistant, (or where the petitioner is a woman) wife, mother, mother-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, partner, or assistant.

6. I undertake to visit the said James Beveridge  
personally or by some one specially appointed by me at least once in every six months while under care and treatment under the Order to be made on this Petition.

7. A statement of particulars relating to the said James Beveridge  
accompanies this Petition.

If it is the fact, add: 8. The said James Beveridge  
has been received in the said Hospital under an Urgency Order dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of Sept 1913.

The Petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be made in accordance with the foregoing statement.

X Signed, (i) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Presentation of the Petition \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19 \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ a Justice of the Peace for \_\_\_\_\_, or His Honour the Judge of the County Court of \_\_\_\_\_ or, \_\_\_\_\_ Stipendiary Magistrate for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) Full Postal address.
- (c) Rank, profession or occupation.
- (d) At least twenty-one.
- (e) A Lunatic, or an idiot, or a person of unsound mind. (One of these terms must be used exactly as given).
- (f) Some day within 14 days before the date of the presentation of the Petition.
- (g) Here state the connection or relationship with the patient.
- (h) If a near relative is the Petitioner, there is no necessity for filling in the remainder of paragraph 4.
- (i) Full Christian and surname.

NOTE.—Each query must be answered.

## Statement of Particulars referred to in the annexed Petition.

[Form 2.]

If any particulars are not known, the fact must be so stated. [Where the patient is described as an idiot, omit those marked\*.]

The following is a Statement of Particulars relating to the said James Beveridge  
Name of Patient with Christian Name at length - James Beveridge  
Sex and Age - Male Age 33 years  
\*Married, Single, or Widowed - Single  
\*Rank, Profession, or previous Occupation (if any) - Linen manufacturer  
\*Religious Persuasion - Scottish Episcopalian  
Residence at or immediately previous to the date hereof - Peathers Hotel, Rockliffon  
\*Whether First Attack - No — second  
Age on First Attack - 32 years  
When and where previously under care and treatment as a Lunatic, Idiot, or Person of Unsound Mind } When Montrose Asylum last  
Where February  
\*Duration of existing Attack - Never wholly right since  
Supposed Cause - Alcoholic  
Whether subject to Epilepsy - No  
Whether Suicidal - Probably  
Whether dangerous to Others, and in what way - No  
Whether any near Relative has been afflicted with Insanity - Yes — brother  
Names, Christian Names, and full Postal Addresses of one or more Relatives of the Patient - Ernie Beveridge Esq. (father)  
St Remonds Hill, Dunfermline  
Name of the Person to whom Notice of Death to be sent, and full Postal Address, if not already given - John H. Beveridge, 6 Connelly Park St.  
Dunfermline  
Name and full Postal Address of the usual Medical Attendant of the Patient - Dr Macgregor, Clinnie House, Dunfermline

Signed, X

When the Petitioner is not the person who signs the Statement, add the following particulars concerning person who signs the Statement.

Name with Christian Name at length

Rank, Profession or Occupation (if any)

How related to or otherwise connected with the Patient

53 Vict. c. 5, s. 31.

When neither Certificate is signed by the usual Medical Attendant.

3, the undersigned, hereby state that it is not practicable to obtain a Certificate from the usual Medical Attendant of (a) for the following reason, viz:—

(Signed), (b)

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

53 Vict. c. 5, s. 7 (4).

When a Previous Petition has been dismissed.

3, the undersigned, hereby state that a former Petition for the Reception of (a) into (c) was presented to (d) in the month of \_\_\_\_\_ 19, and dismissed.

Herewith is a copy (furnished by the Commissioners in Lunacy) of the Statement sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal.

(Signed) (b)

day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19

(a) Names of Patient in full.

(b) To be signed by the Petitioner.

(c) Name of asylum, hospital, licensed house, or single charge.

(d) Justice of the Peace for \_\_\_\_\_, or Judge of County Court of \_\_\_\_\_, or Stipendiary Magistrate for \_\_\_\_\_.