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SOLICITORS.  
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS.  
NAT. TEL. NO 124.

33 SAVILLE STREET,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

22nd March 1910

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 30th November last, we shall be glad of your opinion as to the best course to be adopted to properly establish the recovery of Mr Harry Close.

It is proposed, we understand, to have him examined by his own medical adviser, Dr Peart, and another competent Doctor, to ascertain whether he has recovered and is capable of managing himself and his affairs. He was, we believe, originally certified by Drs Peart and Frazer, both of this Town, but we believe Dr Peart would like to have Dr Drummond of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, associated with him. Do you consider that the Certificates of the original certifying Doctors alone, or with Dr Drummond added, would be sufficient to establish recovery, and warrant the Bank in honouring Mr Harry Close's Cheques?

May we take it from your letter of the 30th November last that his discharge from the "Retreat" was a discharge



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NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

AND THE NORTH

Dear Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 10th November  
last, we shall be glad of your opinion as to the best course  
to be adopted to properly establish the recovery of Mr. Harry  
Close.

It is proposed, we understand, to have him examined  
by his own medical adviser, Dr. Pearse, and another competent  
Doctor, to ascertain whether he has recovered and is capable  
of managing himself and his affairs. We are, we believe,  
originally certified by Dr. Pearse and Dr. Brown, both of this  
Town, but we believe Dr. Pearse would like to have Dr. Brown  
of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, associated with him. Do you consider  
that the Certificates of the original certifying Doctors  
alone, or with Dr. Brown added, would be sufficient to  
establish recovery, and warrant the Bank in honouring Mr. Harry

Close's Cheques?

May we take it from your letter of the 10th November  
last that his discharge from the "Hospital" was a discharge

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from certificates?

Might we suggest to Dr Peart as an alternative that Mr Close might be examined by Dr Peart and yourself with or without Dr Frazer, that is, if you think your joint certificate would meet the case? If you see no objection, kindly let us know your fee for an examination at North Shields.

Yours faithfully,

*C J R Brown & Holliday*

Dr Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.



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NORTH SHIELDS.

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From certificates?  
Might we suggest to Dr. Pearce or an alternative  
that Mr. Cline might be examined by Dr. Pearce and yourself with  
or without Dr. Pearce. That is, if you think your joint  
certificate would meet the case? If you see no objection,  
kindly let us know your fee for an examination at North

Shields.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pearce.

The Rectory,

York.



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33 SAVILLE STREET,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

29th November 1909

Dear Sir:-

You will remember the case of Mr Harry Close of Preston near North Shields, who was for some time in The Retreat under your care, namely, from December to July last, when we believe he was sent home. We understand he has since been discharged by your Certificate.

We have not seen Mr Close since he got home, but we are informed by his brothers that he wishes to withdraw certain moneys from the Bank, part of which is on joint account in the names of himself and his partner brothers, and other part on personal account. The Bank has referred the brothers to us as its Solicitors, so that we are in a somewhat delicate position and have to keep both parties right. You will of course appreciate that in a case of this kind, the Bank must be quite sure of its position before it acts.

Will you kindly let us know if you are in a position to certify that Mr H. Close is at present capable of managing his own affairs so as to be able to draw cheques, give receipts,



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22 SAVILLE STREET

LONDON, W.1

Nov. 30, 1909

22nd November 1909

Dear Sirs,

I am afraid I am quite unable to help you in

respect to the difficulty you mention in your letter.

I have not seen Mr. Close since he left here, and am

therefore quite unable to express an opinion as to whether

he is fit to transact business. I should have thought

that now he is discharged from certificates the Bank cannot

but recognise his power to do so. I would suggest that

if there is further difficulty you consult his present

medical man.

Yours very truly,

Messrs. C.J.R. Brown & Holliday

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and close his account with the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

C. J. R. Brown & Holliday

Dr Bedford Pierce,  
Medical Superintendent,  
The Retreat,  
York.



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and close his account with the Bank.

Yours faithfully,

*Charles V. H. H. H.*

Dr Bedford Place,

Medical Superintendent,

The Retreat,

York.

Preston Gardens,

Preston,

North Shields.

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Sir

Mother wishes me  
to write in answer to your  
letter regarding my Brother.  
He is going on very nicely  
and we are all quite  
sure he will not have  
to return to the Retreat



We all thank you very  
much for your great-  
kindness also for the  
benefit my Brother received  
while under your care  
He is quite happy now  
that he is home again

Yours Sincerely  
Annie Close

Dr. Rufus Pierce

Nov. 8, 1909

Dear Sir,

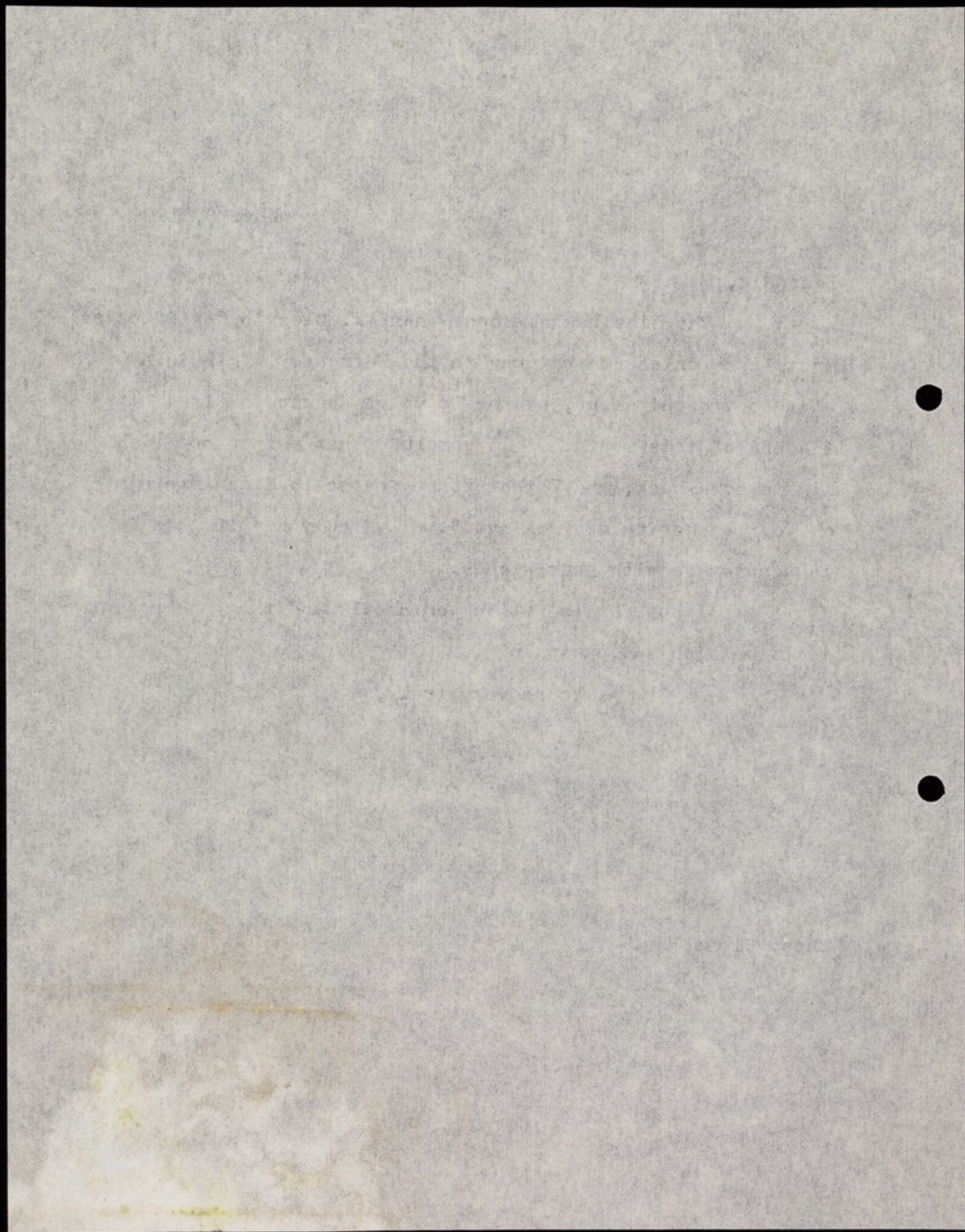
The time has now come when Mr. Close's Certificates must lapse unless he returns to the Retreat. This is a statutory requirement, as the Leave of Absence expires at the end of this month. I conclude that you do not wish him to come back, and I therefore propose to discharge him on your authority as "Relieved". Kindly say if this is in accordance with your wishes.

I hope he is getting on nicely and that the recent indisposition has passed off.

Yours very truly,

Thos. Close Esq.







and I don't think he  
could either see or speak  
to us. After we got him  
to bed he vomited all through  
the night. until next morning  
He seemed to suffer very  
much from a burning pain  
in the stomach. He would  
not have the Doctor sent for  
as he thought it would pass  
off again. He is downstairs today  
but very poorly

Yours Truly  
Abse

Preston Gardens,

Preston,

North Shields.

Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr. Mackenzie  
Dear Sir

I write to let you  
know my Brother is very  
poorly. He took a bad  
turn on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. it commenced  
by a numbness all over  
him and we carried him



And laid him on the  
sofa. He came round and  
was able with assistance  
to walk a little after  
that sickness set in and  
continued all through the  
night. From that till  
Wednesday Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> he was  
fairly well. He was sitting  
at tea when it came  
on and we did exactly  
the same as before, but  
this was much worse as  
he seemed to lose consciousness

Preston Gardens

Preston  
Ruth Shields

July 24<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr. Pierce  
Dear Sir

We had a letter  
from my brother this morning  
he seems delighted to be  
able to come home



If you can spare Mr. Simpson  
to come with him we  
will feel very much obliged  
for my Brother has such  
confidence in him.

perhaps he could stay  
a few days with us

if you are able to spare  
him. Thanking you for your kindness  
Yours Truly  
Abbe

Preston Gardens,

Preston, North Shields.

July 8<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Mother wishes to know  
if she may have an interview  
with you in regard to my  
brother Harry. As she is  
responsible for him she  
would like to see you personally.  
Kindly let us know when it will  
be convenient to you  
Yours Truly  
Abloss





Know if this will suit  
you.

Yours Truly  
A. Chase

Preston Gardens,

Preston, North Shields.

✓ July 14<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr. Pierce

Dear Sir

Herewith please find  
enclosed cheque to the amount  
of your a/c. £46. 14. 6  
Mother has thought. Since  
she came home after seeing  
my Brother. That if he  
would rather come home  
at the end of July. She  
would cancel the



Arrangements about going  
to Icarro. Would you  
kindly allow Dr. Simpson  
to come home with him  
and stay a week then  
we will see you about  
another attendant.

I have written to my  
Brother about going to  
the Papant. We will  
require two tickets as  
my sister will come with  
me. Kindly let us

July 15, 1909

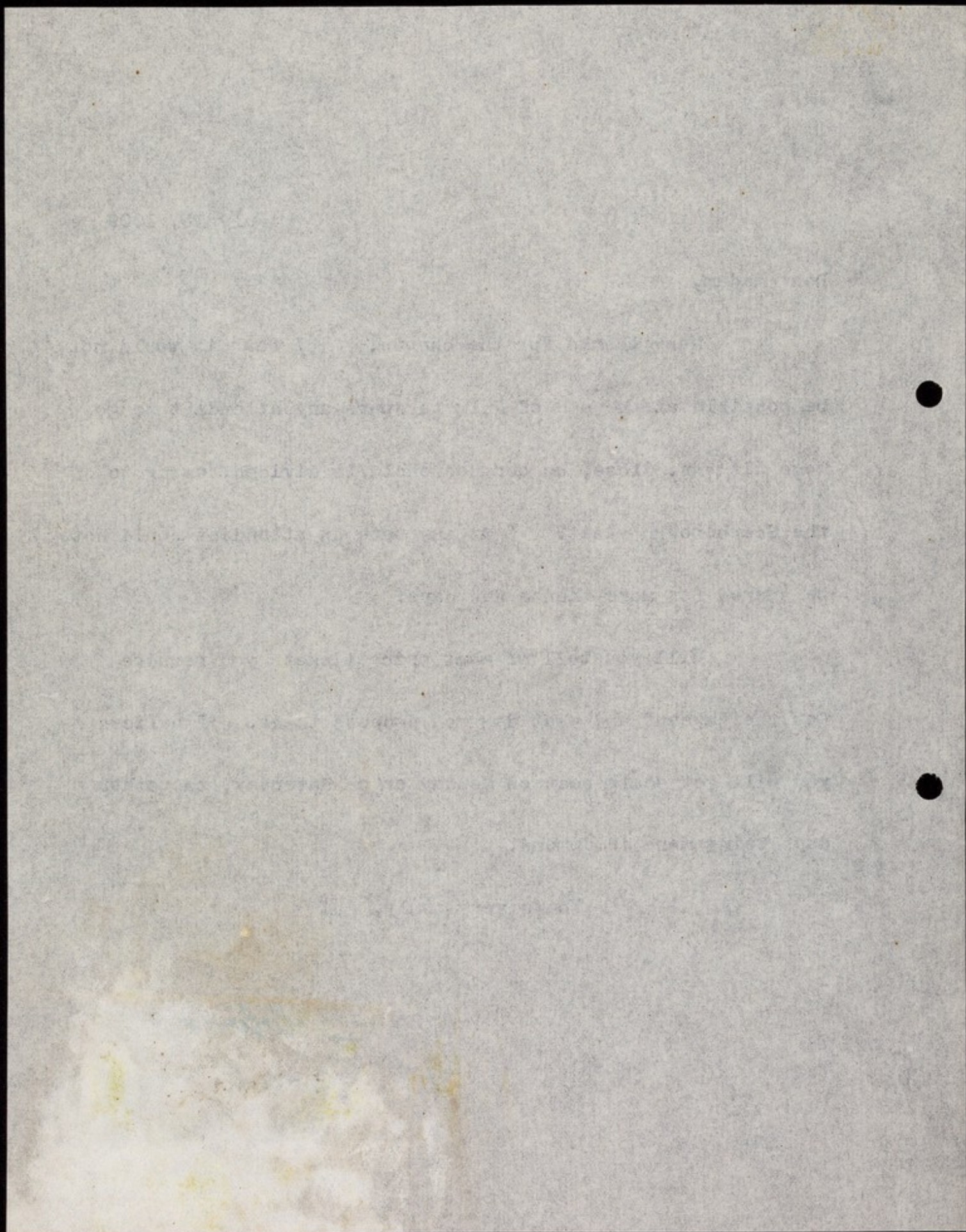
Dear Madam,

Many thanks for the cheque. I fear it would not be possible at the end of July to spare any attendant to go home with Mr. Close, as our household is divided, owing to the Scarborough visit. At any rate an attendant could not be spared for more than a few days.

Will you tell me what price tickets you require for the Pageant and what day you propose to go. I believe you will get seats best on Monday or on Saturday, the other days being more in demand.

Yours very truly,







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 Harry Close of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson

of Dringate, 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 necessities, 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 eight day of December 1908

Name Ann Close  
Residence Preston Gardens North Shields  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED by the said Ann Close  
in the presence of

Witness's Signature	} <u>Annie Close</u>
Address, and	
Profession.	
	<u>Preston Gardens North Shields</u>
	<u>Assist at home</u>

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.





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CLEVELAND VILLA,  
NORTH SHIELDS.

Dr Porce  
Dear Mr

Nov 23 1908

I am so glad by  
your sending me of promptly the  
papers & in reply to my telegram that  
they are intended for the  
same case about which I was in  
correspondence with you about 6 or 7 weeks  
ago. It appears to be a case of  
early general paralysis as far as  
an diagnosis goes just now -  
Dr Drummond of Newcastle who  
saw the patient with me 6 weeks ago  
and again today is of this opinion.  
But although his friends are

kept in a state of anxiety by his  
proceedings. The symptoms are not  
so acute & urgent at present as to  
make it advisable to certify him  
with a view to his being sent to  
the Retreat. until the case is  
clearer and more unmistakable  
if I may say so.  
We propose to try Dr. J. J. Doole  
in large doses for a time but  
I fear that he may at no  
very distant period have to be  
certified and sent to you  
if you are then able to receive  
him, as his friends & I  
hope you may in such a case  
Yours sincerely  
R. S. Teant





P. J. We are on the boat  
Tel No 228 North Shields

Preston  
North Shields  
Dec 5<sup>th</sup>/08

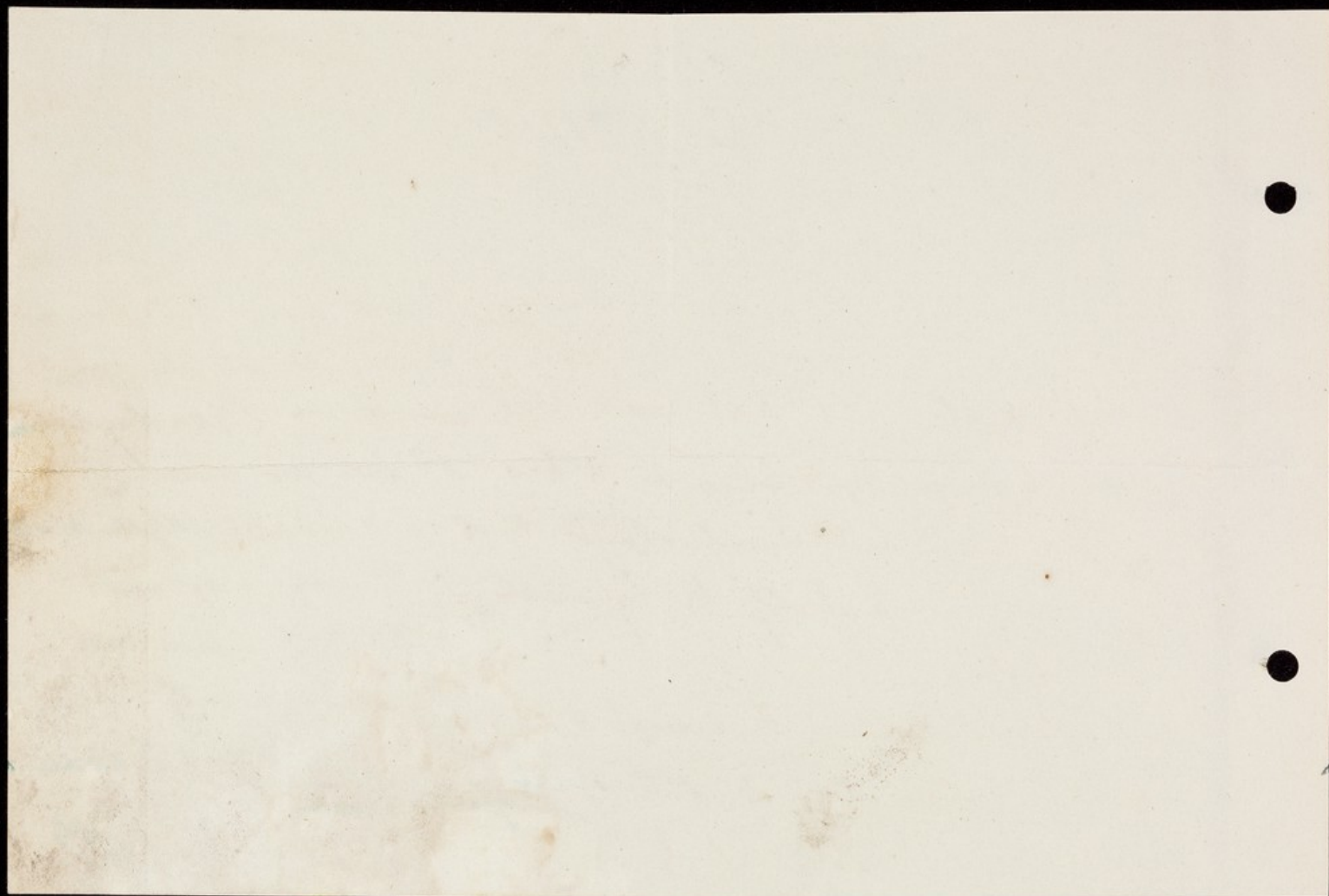
Dear Sir

Will you please  
let me know how Mr Harry  
Close is going on at the Retreat.  
We will send on Monday some  
clothes &c for his use. I  
spoke to Dr MacKenzie about  
the terms & we expect  
you to forward them on

Yours Truly  
Thomas Close  
Dr Bedford Pierce

over





Dec 7. 1908

Dear Sir,

The Retreat Committee does  
not meet until next week where  
the terms for Mr H. Clore will be  
considered but I understand that  
the fee will probably be 3 guineas  
a week -

Please return the usual agreement  
to me when signed & completed

Yours faithfully

W. E. Waller

Secy.

Mrs. Clore



Dec 7 1908

Dear Sir,

The District Committee does not meet until next week when the term for Mr. H. C. Lee will be considered but I understand that the fee will probably be \$1000 a week.

Please advise the mutual agreement how these figures are completed.

Yours faithfully  
W. C. Lee

Wm. C. Lee