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Haworth⁷⁶
Darlington
Jan 26th 13

Dear Sir. Thanks for
yours received. Mr. Colling
is improving every day &
I am afraid that if he
returns to York again, it
will do him more harm
than good - at York he
misses his riding & Mr.
Darley will tell you

that he rides better than
he walks - You see
Mr. Colby practically lives
for riding & outdoor sports,
& it means a great deal
to him to be denied what
he has always enjoyed -
He is never left by himself
either indoors or outside &
I quite think his name
could be safely taken off
your books - He has
made progress, you see.

Mr. Dancy left & I
should not at all be
afraid to be responsible
for him. Thanking you
all for the interest for
what you have done
for Mr. Colby.

Believe me.

Yours truly.

E. M. Colby

The Vicarage,
Seaham Harbour,
Co Durham
21st May 1913

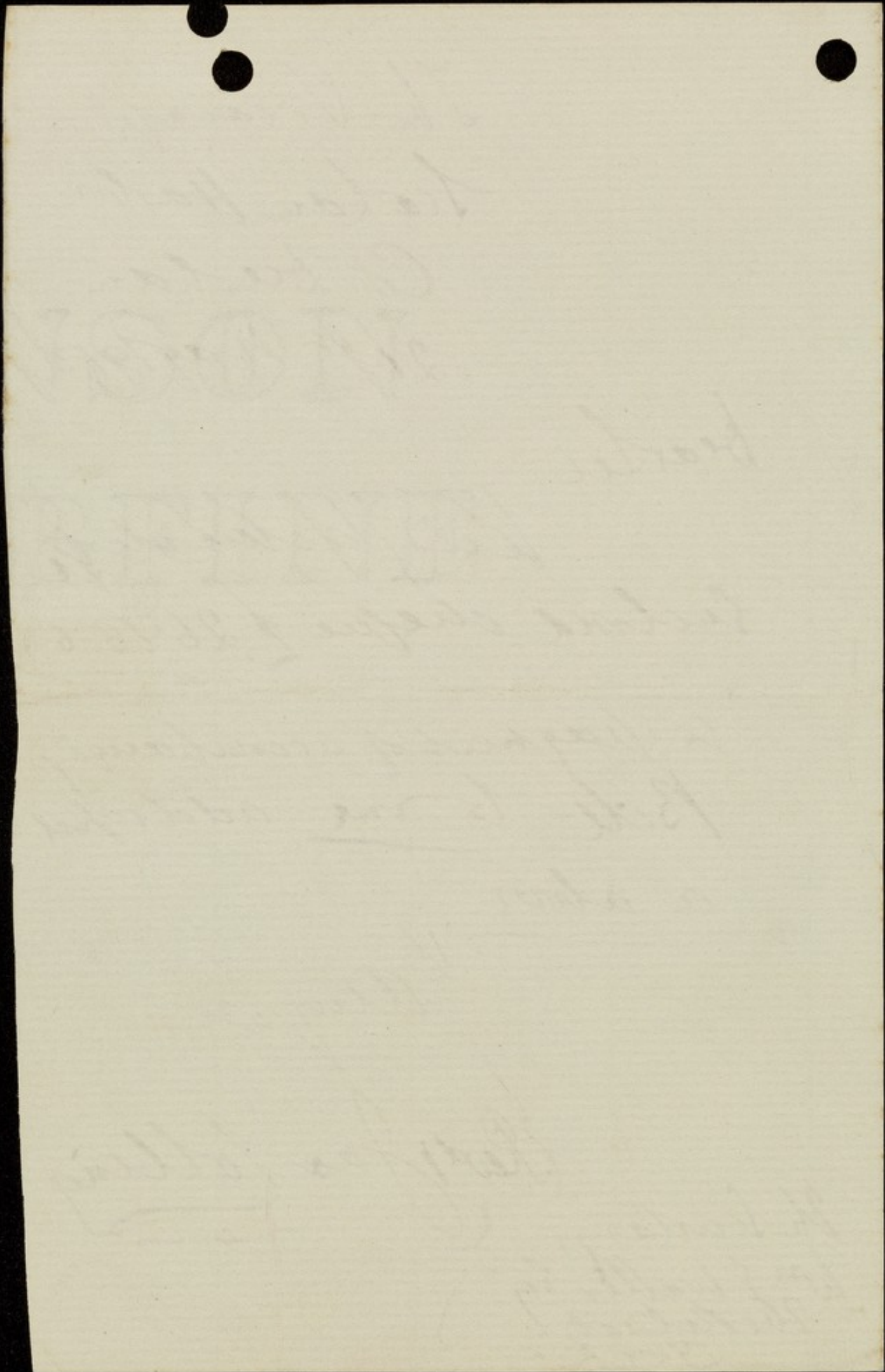
Dear Sir

Kindly acknowledge
enclosed cheque £26.18.5

in payment of accompanying
Bill - to me, addressed
as above

Yours truly
Rev. Jas. Colling

The Secretary,
Wm. & Walter Esq.
The Retreat,
York.



No. 91

THE RETREAT,
YORK,

Sept 17 1912

Received from

Mr Robt Collins

the sum of Twenty One Pounds

Eighteen

Shillings and

Two

Pence

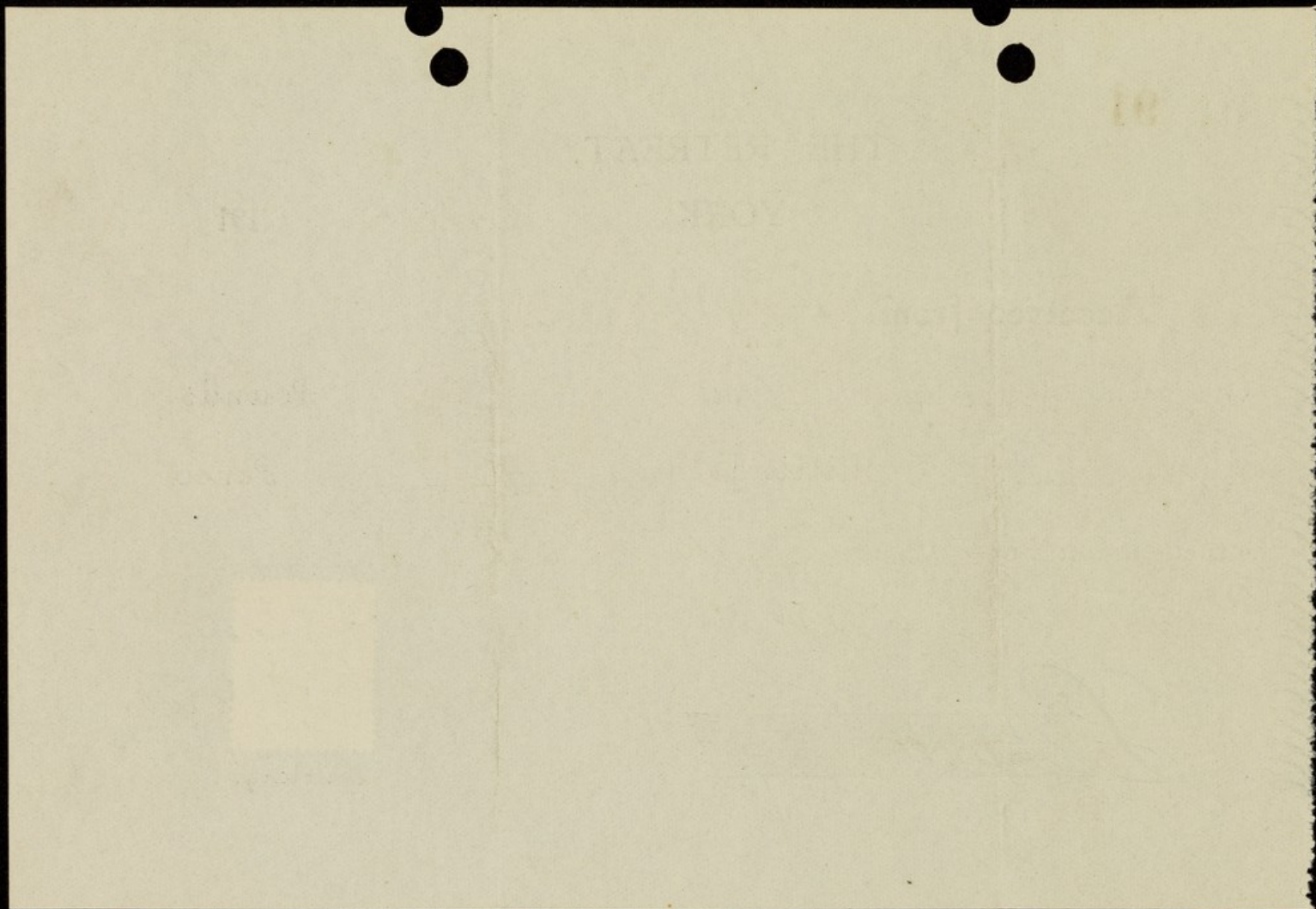
on account of Cash in pocket

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Received
by E. Waller.

Secretary.



Hunworth
Darlington
May 3rd 13
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Dear Sir. With regard to
my Father's account, I should
be much obliged if you
would kindly let me
know what the Disbursements
~~to 8-4~~
6-4-5 include - also if
the debits ~~to 4-9~~ are
included in the £69 or in
~~to 2-4~~
6-4-5 or whether they are extras.

My uncle wishes me to ask
you these questions & then
he will send you a cheque.
Yours truly.

E. M. Collins

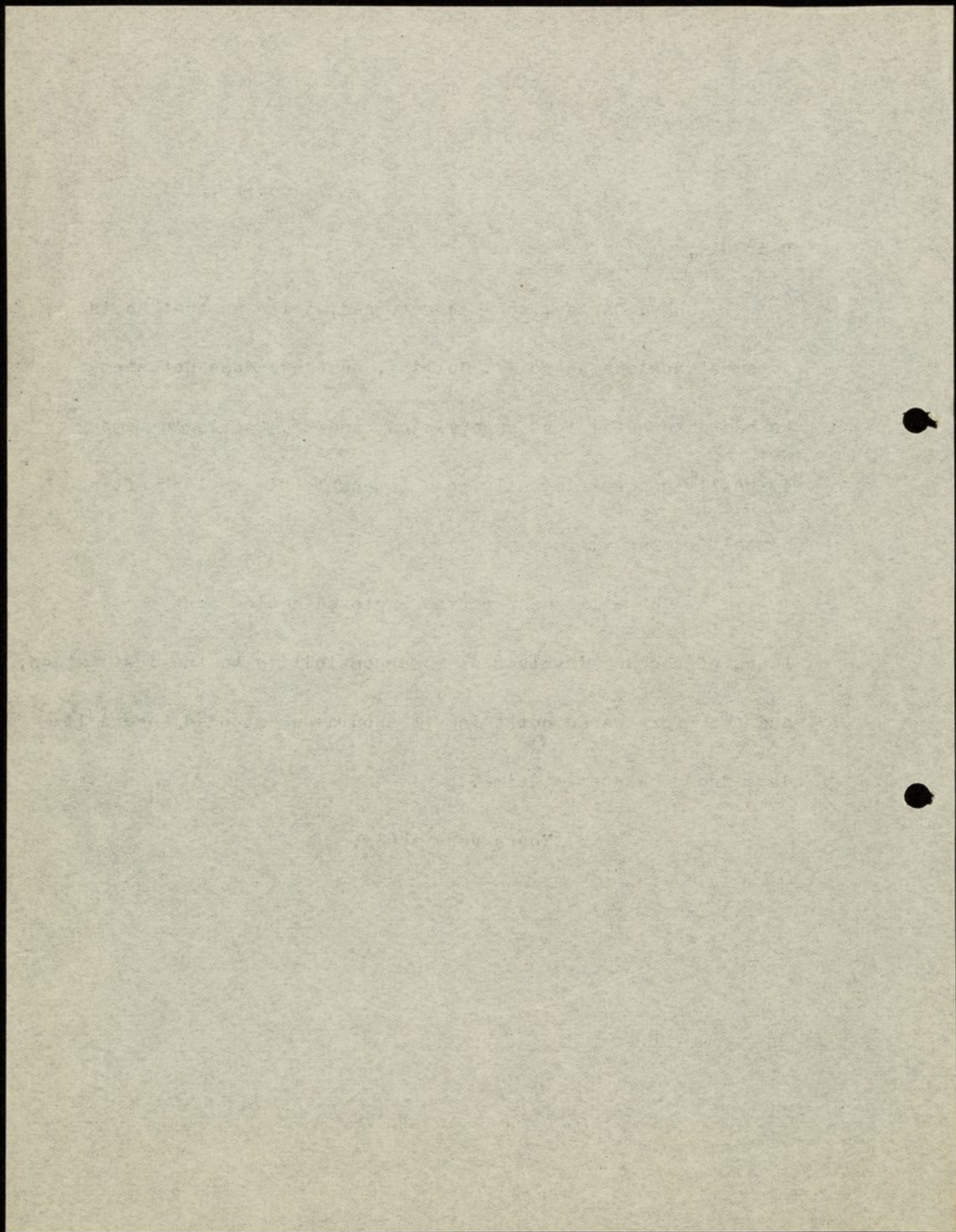
Jan. 24, 1913

Dear Sir,

Mr. Darley, who has returned, tells me that he is somewhat anxious as to Mr. Colling, as there does not seem to be quite sufficient supervision, and Mr. Colling's memory is really not sufficiently good to enable him to look after himself properly.

You will see from the enclosed notice that the leave of absence involves some responsibility to the Institution, and therefore we do not think it should be extended beyond 14 days from the present time.

Yours very truly,



Marionville on Lees

Jan'y 21- 13

D^r & F^rice

Dear Sir

I have had a further
talk with Mr^r Collings. Son. & The Housekeeper
and think there is no danger in
Mr^r Colling being left now. Young
Mr^r Colling says he will go out with
him. for walks, rides and drives.
In the house he requires no attention.
We have just come in from a

Meet- of hounds & Mr Colling.
behaved remarkably well.

I hope to leave Darbyton on Thursday
about 1 P.M.

I am very grateful Sir to you for
the trouble you have taken in writing
to Mr John Burns. with regard to Fred.

I remain Yours Respectfully
Thomas Darby

(3)
Very well. His Elder son has not been here as yet. and the one that is here is afraid of him. and gets out of his way when he can. He says that they will try and manage him amongst them after Thursday. But is afraid his father will want to hunt after I leave him. If they cannot manage him they will write you and ask you to let them have some Attendants. He was rather excited for the first 2 days after coming home. but has done better since.

I told his son that he had better write you and say what he would like done about some one else coming. as the

Murworth on Lee

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July 17. 13

D^r. Pierce

Dear Sir

I am glad to say that Mr. Coling is less restless & confused than when we first came here. He knows his son, and the servants and makes no mistake in their names. He also knows all the people about here when we meet them in the lanes. But cannot always tell their names at once. He walks about the garden and stable by himself. and is no trouble in the house. He goes out driving most days and he does very well.

(14)
eldest son does not take much interest
in the people here.

Please let me know what to do on
Thursday next, as the 2 weeks will
be up.

I remain Yours Respectfully

Thomas Darbey

(2) Yesterday we met one of his men
out with a horse, and he would have a
ride. I walked alongside of him, and
he did very well. To day he rode as far as
Dunsdale Park, about two miles from here
and I went with him with a pony cart.
He knows what the Rheum is for, and
says his son had no business to send
him there as he was only weak, and
not insane. He said yesterday whilst out
walking that people would think him
~~mad~~ mad, on account of having a man
with him. He has called on several
people here, and he has always behaved.

Thurworth on Lees

Jan'y 13 - 13

Dr. Price

Dear Sir

Just a line to let
You know how Mr. Colling is doing. I
am glad to say that some times he is fairly
quiet and less restless than when at York.
Other times he is all warts and very
restless. Last night he wanted his gun in
his room but I told him he could not
have it. This morning he ordered the
room to saddle him a horse

has lost his legging's. His tobacco his
spectacles etc. There is one son at
home but he keeps out of his father's
way as much as he can, so he is not
helpful to me.

Hoping all at the school are
going on well.

I remain Yours Respectfully
Thomas Darley.

as he wanted to go out for a ride.
We managed to put him off that with
a promise of a drive after dinner. I
have to watch him very carefully when
out-driving to see that he gives and
takes plenty of room for other traffic.
He is very trying when the lights are put
on. by repeating the same thing over
& over again. In that respect he is no
better. And he cannot explain or tell
you what he wants, and calls

Jan. 3, 1913

Dear Sir,

In reply to yours , I may say that I told Mr. Hett that we should be quite pleased to arrange for Mr. Colling to have leave of absence on trial, to see how he goes on; and Mr. Darley, our Head Attendant, could be liberated to accompany him for a short time.

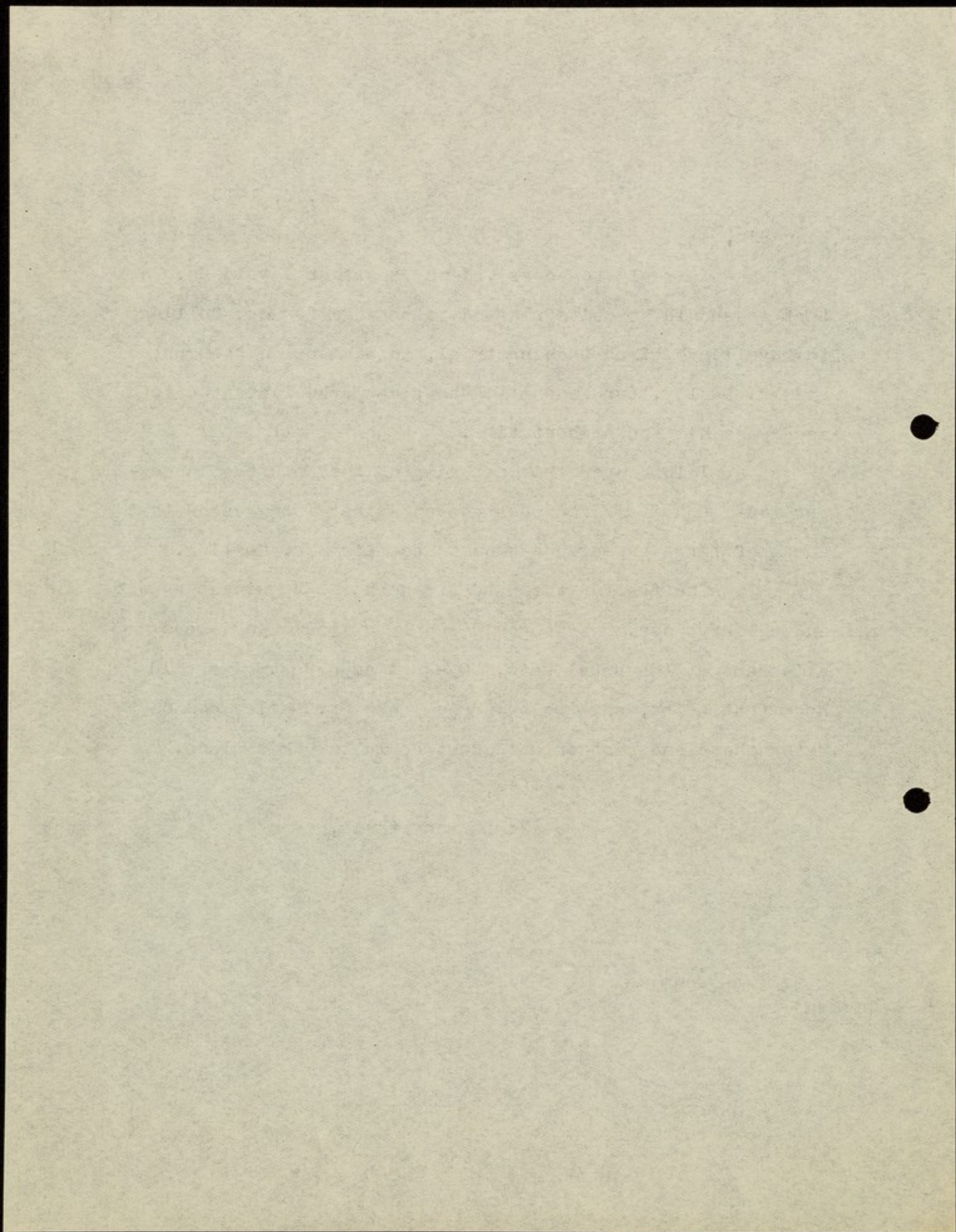
I look upon this as being of the nature of an experiment, and it is for this reason that I suggested that a man of large experience should accompany Mr. Colling.

The fee for the Head Attendant is 3 guineas a week and all expenses. We could supply a less experienced attendant at the usual rate, 50/- and expenses. I should hope that after, say two or three weeks Mr. Darley could return here and another attendant could take his place.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Rev. James Colling

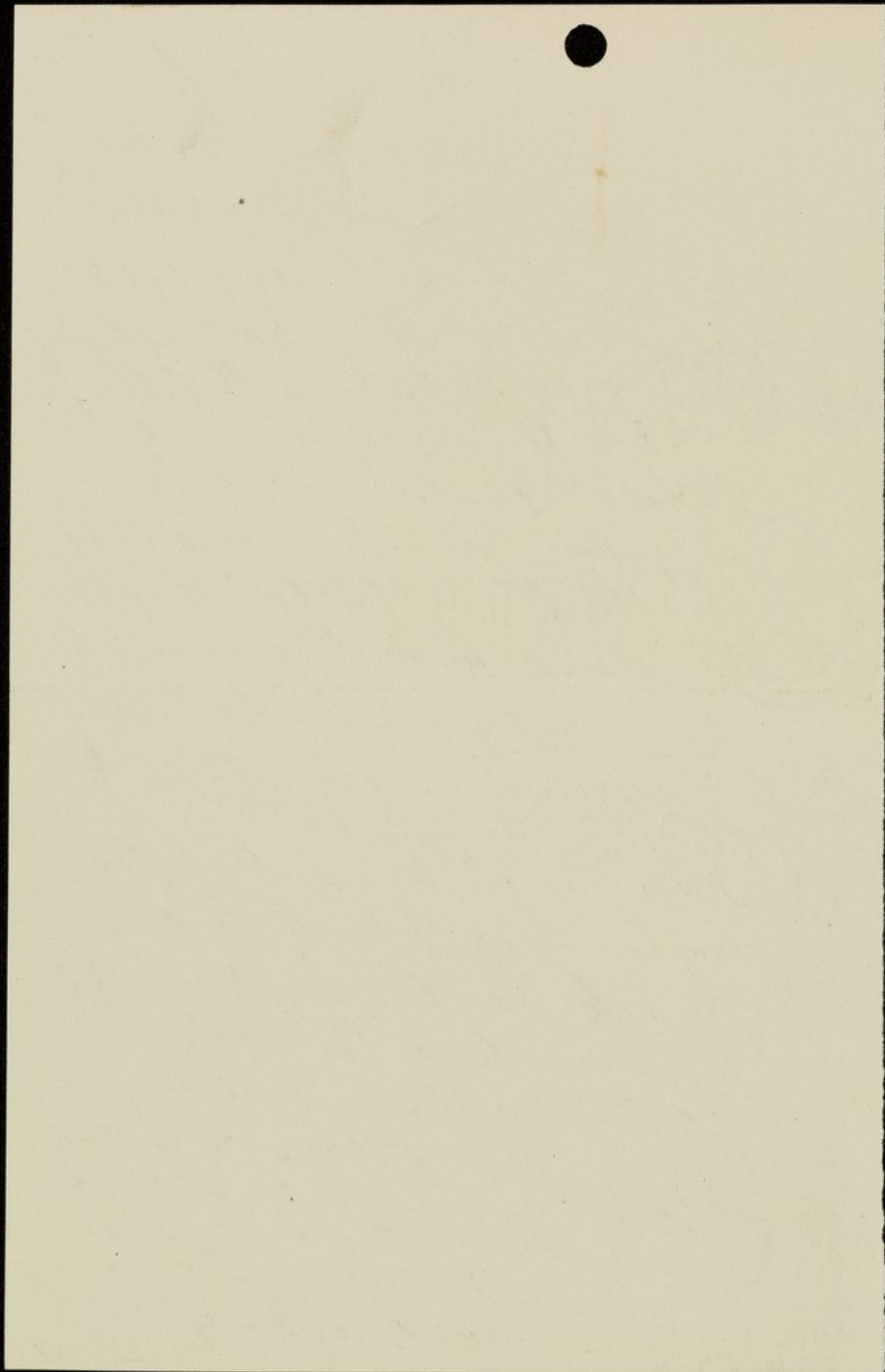


The Vicarage, 4
Seaham Harbour,
Co Durham

Dear Sir, 2nd Jan 9 1913.

Mr Holt of Darlington
tells me that he saw Mr Colling
of Middlesham were at the
Retreat yesterday and that
they saw you &c - and that
you think my brother might
be allowed to go to Hurworth
(or probation), with Mr Darby
his attendant - for a time to
see how he goes on.
I am, as you know, Mr Colling's
brother and I write to ask if
you will sanction his removal
to Hurworth on the conditions
mentioned above. I fear he is not
making progress where he is and
perhaps cannot do so anywhere, but
if you would sanction a trial at
Hurworth I think we could arrange
to have it carried out (Rev) Jay Colling.

Dr Price
The Retreat
York.



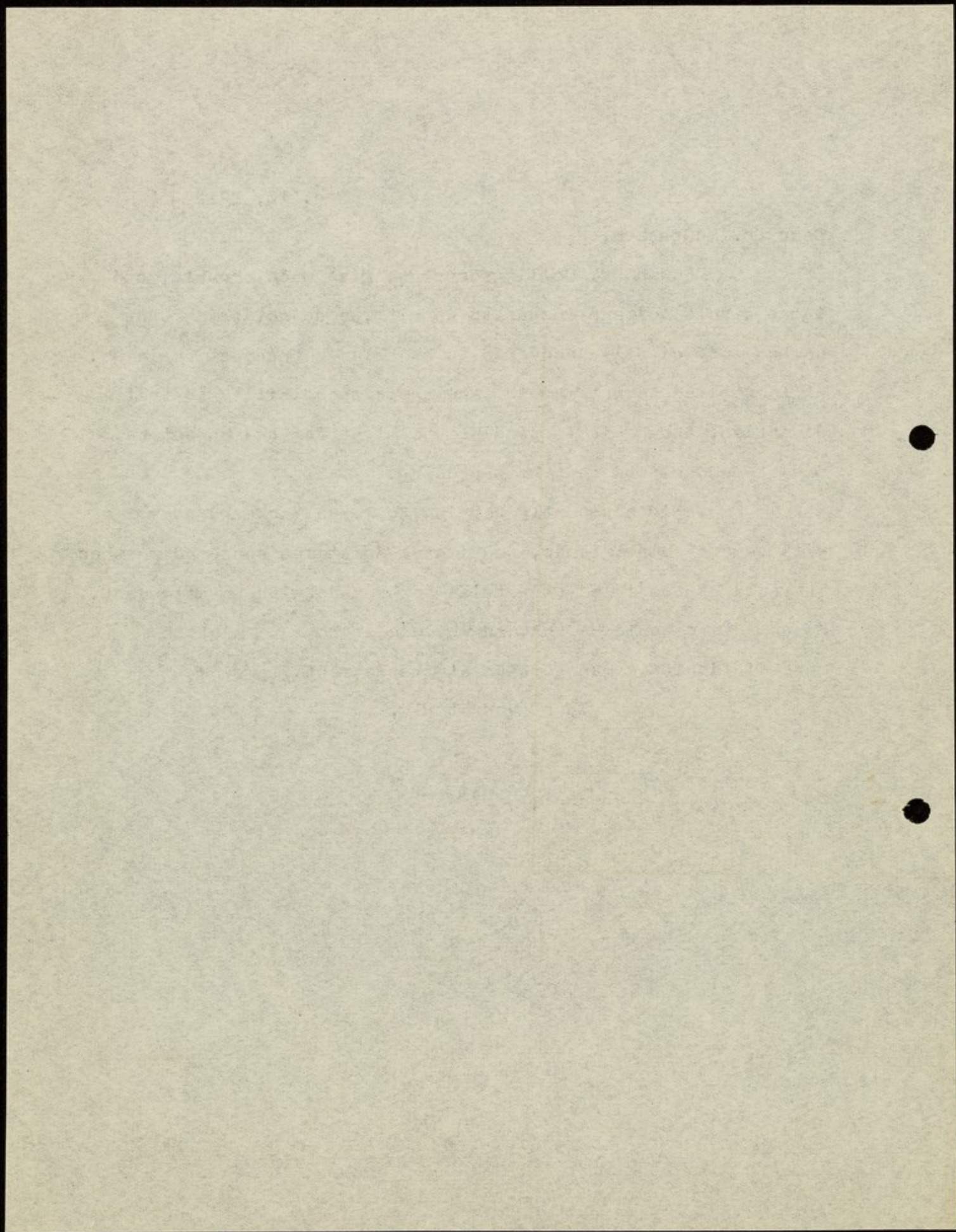
Dec. 13, 1912

Dear Dr. McCracken,

Though Mr. Colling does not give much trouble, and is as a rule quite pleasant to do with, we do not think that he has sufficiently recovered to be able to transact business. At least I could not myself take any responsibility in that direction, though it is possible he might for the moment be made to understand what he was doing.

He is constantly begging to leave York and stay with some of his friends, and I have sometimes wondered whether it would be possible for a trial to be made with an attendant. My only fear would be that anywhere near home he might be more difficult to manage than at the Retreat.

Yours very truly,



Cornwall - 1260
Yorke
Dec 12th 1912

Dear Dr. Pierce

I saw Mrs Matthews of Crayke
Hall near Hoasungwold, sister to Mr
Robert Colling and she wished me to
ask you if you thought Mr Colling
was in a fit state of mind to sign some
business documents. Just at the time
of his sudden seizure he was engaged
in the act of selling some land and the
business was not completed and it
remains in that condition, and his

Family are most anxious to have the transaction completed.

I am sorry to trouble you but they are very anxious about this matter. I have told them that they must rely entirely on your opinion and advice about their brother, and be guided by you

yours sincerely

Wm Lorack Ken

known him for a long time.

You will understand that I cannot help troubling you and I hope you will write and tell me that it is not in the patient's interest that I should see him at present. If you will kindly do so I should be much obliged if you would briefly tell me your opinion of the case especially as to prognosis. Patients relations are very tiresome but of course they are very anxious about their brother. I know nothing about the case but from what I was told I thought there may have been a coarse organic lesion as the exciting cause.

Kindly excuse me for troubling you which I certainly would never have thought of doing unless for the reason above stated.

Yours sincerely

J M Craik Ren

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COXWOLD.
YORK.

Nov 7th 1912

Dear Dr Pierce

I have had a letter from the Rev James Colling of Seaham Harbour wishing me to see his brother Robert Colling who is your patient at your hospital Asylum.

Between ourselves I do not want to go as I am quite certain it would do no good and might do harm to the patient and I should be much obliged if you could tell me that that is your opinion. I am really no relation but your patient R. Colling and I married sisters and I have

Nov. 8, 1912

Dear Dr. McCracken,

I do not think there would be any objection to your calling to see Mr. Colling. He is much quieter, and there is now no violence or serious difficulty in managing him. He seems to be suffering from an irregular form of aphasia, not properly understanding the meaning of words. Thus, not long ago he said he was 90, and yesterday he said he was 11 and getting on for 12.

On the other hand he is quite able to make shrewd running comments on what is going on, and watches the billiards and makes critical remarks. He knows the various players and something of their capacity, and yet he cannot give their names.

He is constantly begging to leave and knows that I am the person to apply to, and yet he never can remember my name, nor does he properly understand his position.

He goes out walks in the town daily and is orderly in his behaviour. I do not see how he can leave, seeing that he is so muddled in important directions.

Yours very truly,

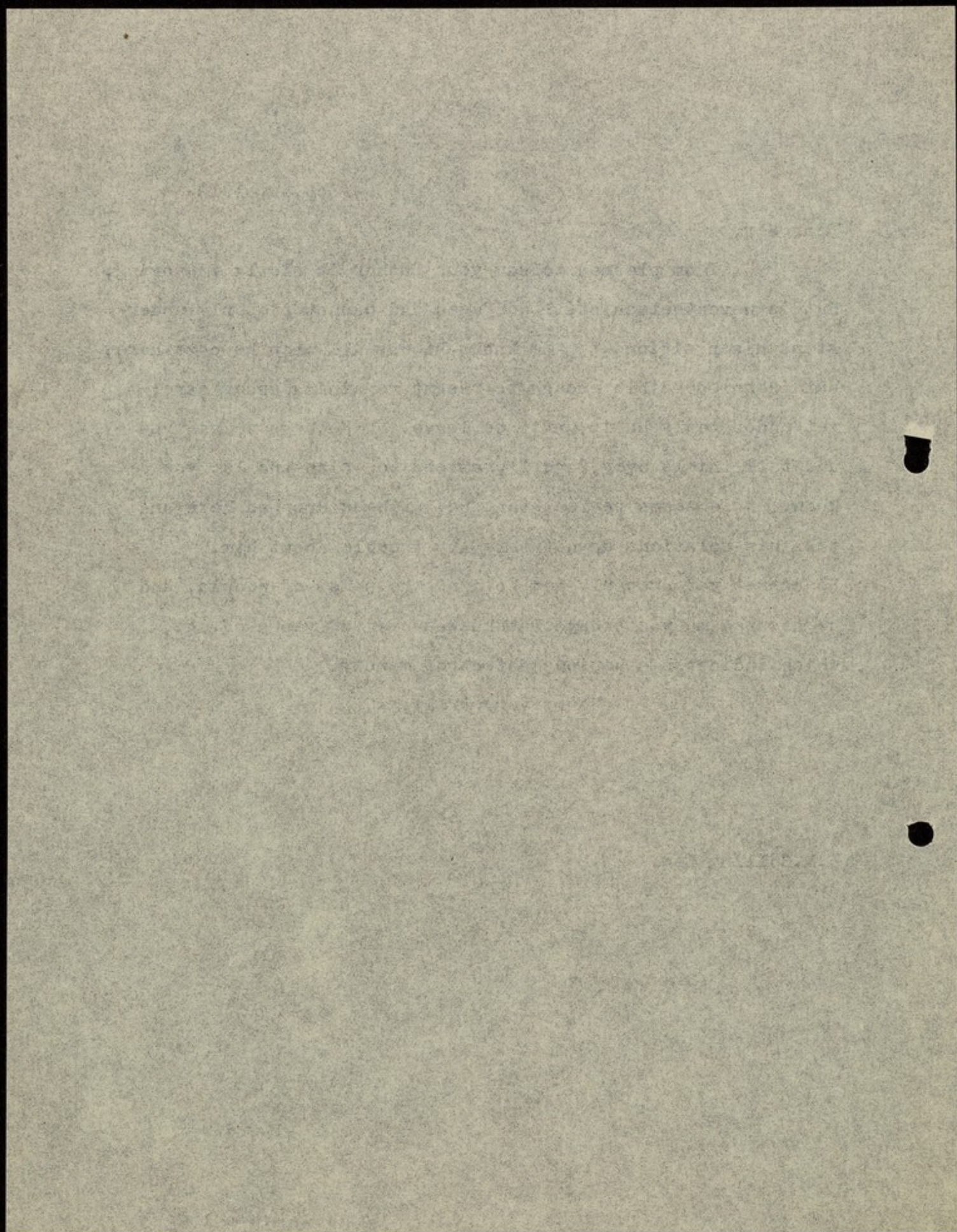
Oct. 4, 1912

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to say your father is slowly improving, but is nevertheless still confused and cannot properly understand his position. He knows he was ill when he came here, but is now sensible enough to resent remaining under care; yet undoubtedly he is unfit to leave. He begs to see you and talk things over, and I promised to write and let you know. He seems to feel that he has been dropped here and that his relations do not take any trouble about him. He cannot yet properly get hold of the names of people, and he assured me yesterday that he was over 80 years of age, which indicates a serious defect of memory.

Yours very truly,

F.M. Colling Esq.



Hurnworth.
Darlington
Oct 5th '12
—

Dear Sir,

Many thanks
for yours. I will come over
tomorrow (if fine) to see Father.
I enclose cheque & form.

yours truly,

Edw. Colling.

P.S. You might kindly send me
a receipt.



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23 Sep 1912.

Dear Sir -

Please write
me a note, when
you can spare
the time, to let
me know how
my father is -
I shall be in
York Wednesday
& Thursday on

by way to
Portsmouth Mass
+ could call to
see him. i.e.
if you think
he would know
her + it would
not do him
any harm —
I had a

letter from my
uncle P. Sutt
(of Thornton Mass)
last week +
understood from
it — you thought
seeing a relation
might upset him!

Yours truly
R. W. Collings.

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THORNTON-LE-DALE
PICKERING

Sept 16. 1912

Dear D. Prince,

I have had a note
from my nephew R. Celling
of Middleham asking
me to go and see his
father who has been
placed under your care.
I know nothing about
his illness. If you think

it never for him not to
see any of his relations
let me know, but if you
think it all right may
be with him I could arrange

for either Thursday or
Saturday afternoon. My
partner is away on holiday
so I am rather tied
at present.

Yours sincerely
R. T. Scott

Sept 28 1912

Dear Sir,

Enclose the usual form
of agreement which please return
to me when completed -

The Retreat Committee has not met
since Mr R Collings admission so that
the terms have not been actually fixed
but they will probably be about \$4 per week
a week - A cheque for the quarterly
payment in advance at that rate would
oblige -

Yours faithfully

W. E. Satter

Secy.

E. M. Collings Esq.

Sept 28 1912

Dear Sir,

I enclose the usual form
of agreement which please return
to me when completed -
The Robert Committee has not yet
received the R. G. Group's answer to that
the terms have not been actually fixed
but they will probably be about 4 figures
a week - A cheque for the quarterly
payment is enclosed at that rate would
be fine -

Yours faithfully
W. E. Wilson
Secy.

E. M. Gillingham

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

Robert Colling

of

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with

Richard Thompson

of

Dringcliffe, 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

5th

day of

October

1912.

Name

Edward Mear Colling.

Residence

Hurworth, Darlington.

Occupation

gentleman.

SIGNED by the said

Edward

Mear Colling.

in the presence of

Witness's Signature,

Thomas Mather,

Address, and

Hurworth Place, Croft, Darlington,

Profession.

Working man.

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.

