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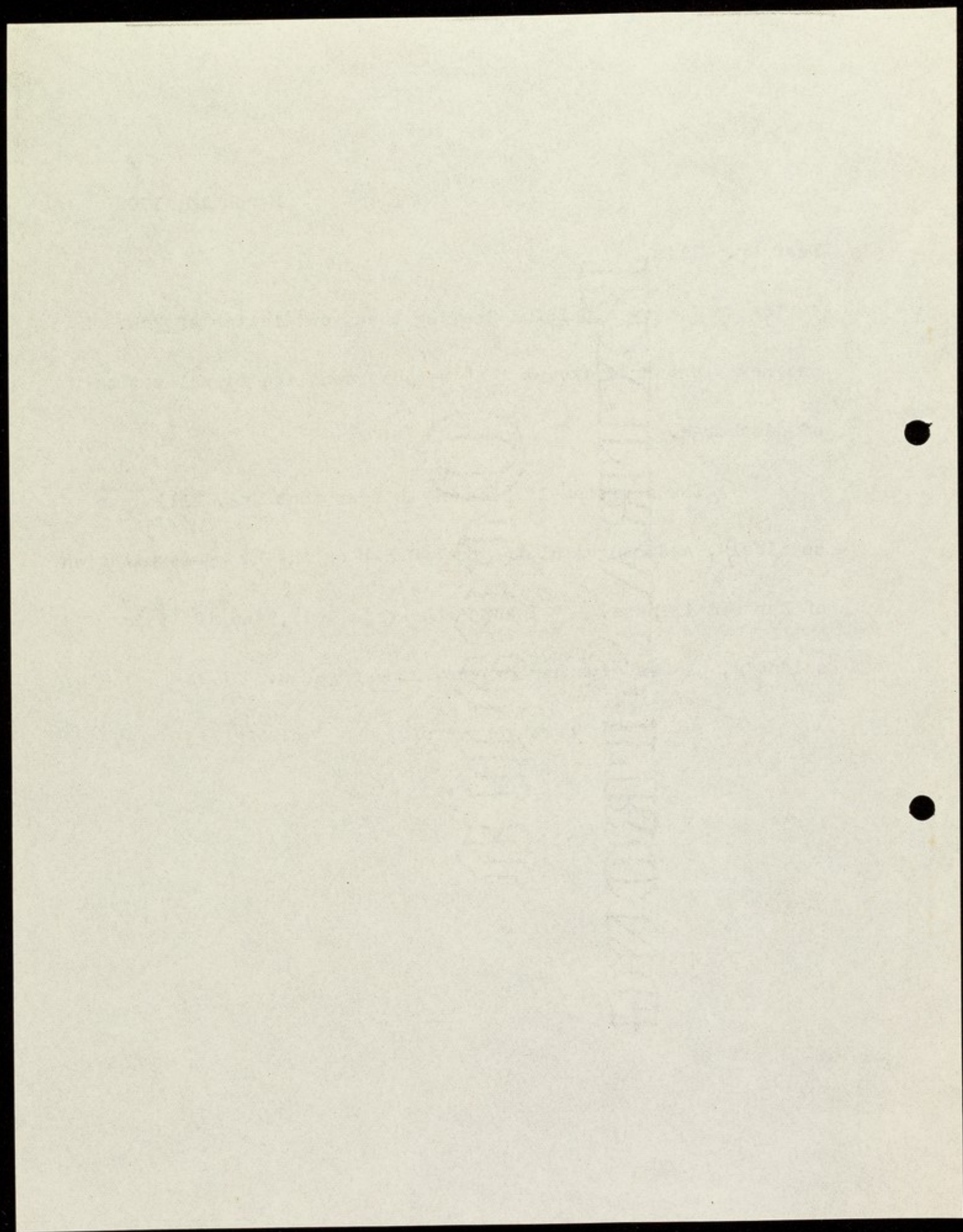
March 15, 1909

Dear Mr. Ellis,

I have a painful feeling that your letter of Feb. 22 was never answered except that we just sent the formal notice of discharge.

I was extremely pleased to hear that Mrs. Ellis was so nicely, and congratulate you and her on the happy termination of her sad illness. I hope she keeps well, and if it is suitable, please give her my very kind regards.

Yours very truly,



to her. during the time
she has been under
your care.

I remain

Yours Truly
J Ellis

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THE HIGHLANDS,
HESSLE,
E. YORKS.

Feb'y 22/09.

S^r Sir

You will be pleased
to hear after the
expiration of a month
that Mr. Ellis is going
on wonderfully well

& going about her household
duties &c as though
nothing had happened,
She is rather timid
about meeting her old
friends, & we are not
having many people
in to see her, &
Keeping her quiet.
You will be hearing
from Dr Johnson

last week.

I think it is quite safe to pre-
sent the discharge here, &
I shall be glad to hear the etc

I take this opportunity of
thankg. You & your Staff
for your kindnes & attention

✓
Horse
T. York.

Feb. 20. 05

Dear Dr. Pinner,

I have
seen Mrs. Ellis this
morning & think
she is greatly improved.
She appears to be
mentally practically
well again &
physically much
better than she has
been for some time.
I think she may

safe & fully
discharged!
Yours faithfully
S. Howard Johnson

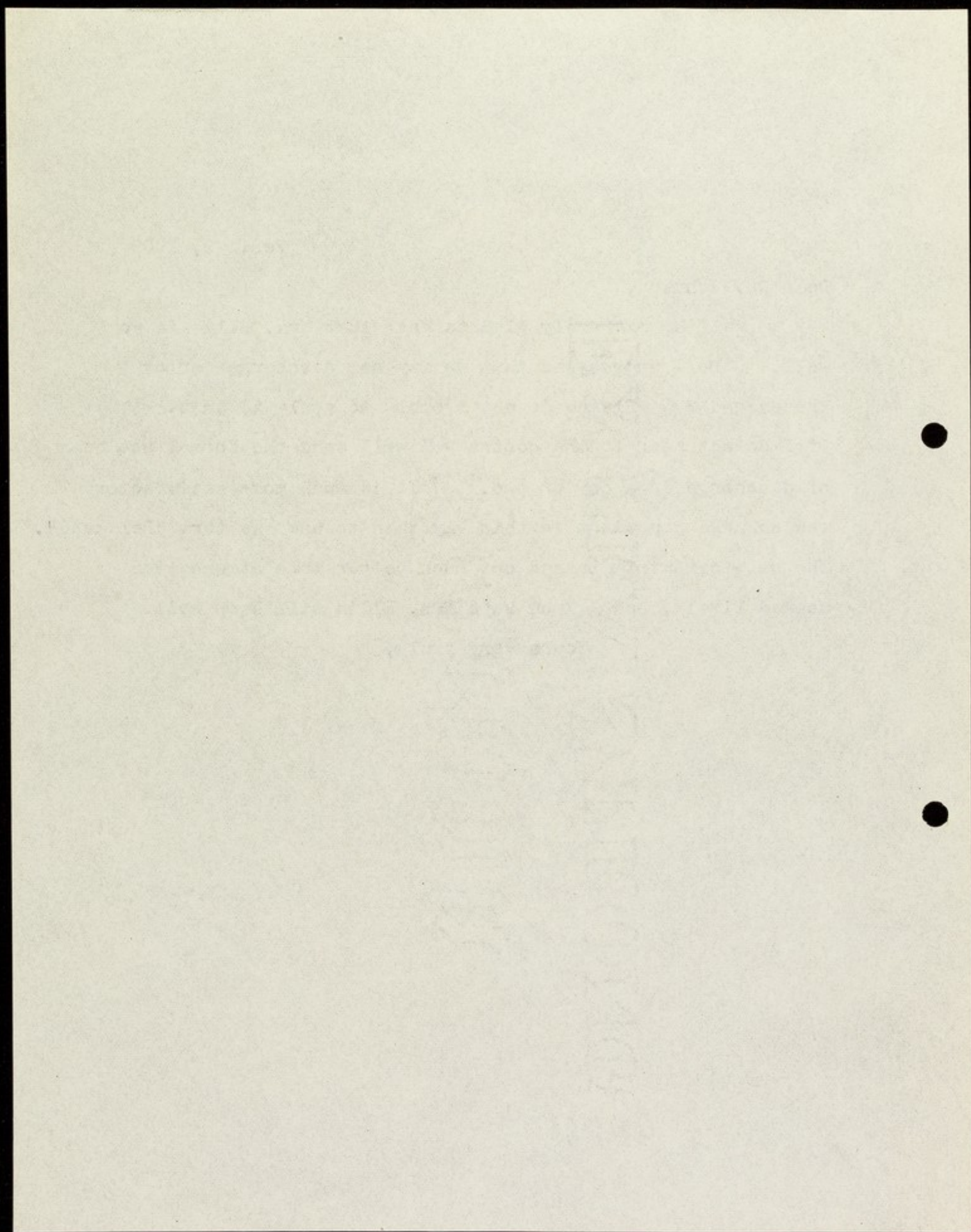
Feb. 22, 1909

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I am extremely glad to hear that Mrs. Ellis is so well. Do I understand that we may now discharge her as "Recovered"? Please do not trouble to reply to this.

If I do not hear to the contrary I will send the formal notice of discharge in a day or two. It is much more satisfactory to discharge a patient in this way than to use the term "Relieved". The case certainly turned out much better than at one time seemed likely, and I much hope Mrs. Ellis will keep well.

Yours very truly,



(21)

✓ Haven
N. York.

Jan. 5. 08

Dear Dr. Purin,

Mr. Ellis

came in to see
me last night
& suggested that
he should take
Mr. Ellis away
from York to
some place such
as Albany in charge
of a man & in
the course of a

went a few days
has come to think
I promise him
to write to you
& let you know
as to the wisdom
of such a course.
Mr. Ellis thinks his
wife has got to a
certain point & that
there is such a
thing as
away will hasten
his recovery.

Yours faithfully,
S. B. Brown Johnson

ELLIS, BICKERSTETH & AGLIONBY,
SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH W. ELLIS.
F. B. AGLIONBY, M.A., B.C.L.

TELEPHONE 233 LONDON WALL.

(915)
Portland House,

Basinghall St.

London 13th Novr. 1908
E.C.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

From the letter I receive from my cousin I should gather that he has benefited by his stay at York and I have written him today suggesting that he should prolong his stay with you for a further week at least. I hope he will do so. Mrs Ellis has been to see me today and she tells me she has not yet had time to make the necessary arrangements for his return and as she has recently sold their house and stored the furniture she wishes to settle for a new home before his return and thinks she can do this by Wednesday week. Do not inform Mr Ellis that I have mentioned these particulars to you but I thought it as well you should know the position and endeavour to persuade him to remain with you a little longer. I shall be glad to know your view as to the result of his stay at York.

I am,

Yours faithfully

Joseph W. Ellis

Dr Bedford Pierce

*The Retreat
York.*

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Dear Mr. [illegible]

Thank you for the [illegible]

which I have just received. I am [illegible]

very glad to hear that you are [illegible]

and hope you will [illegible]

to see me soon and tell me the [illegible]

news of your [illegible]

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

and [illegible]

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Enc: /

ELLIS, BICKERSTETH & AGLIONBY,
SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH W. ELLIS.
F.B. AGLIONBY, M.A. & C.L.

TELEPHONE 233 LONDON WALL.

Portland House,
Basinghall St.
London. 26th Oct. 1908
E.C.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

I enclose a cheque for £21 in respect of
the maintenance of Mr O. E. Ellis for one month from the 22nd inst.
Kindly forward receipt.

I received a note from Mr Ellis this morning . He is
naturally unsettled but I hope will remain with you for the entire
month.

I am,

Yours faithfully

Joseph W. Ellis

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

Enc:

1932 Oct. 2

Dear Mr. Redford Pierce,

I enclose a cheque for \$21 in respect of the maintenance of Mr. H. Ellis for one month from the 1st inst.

Kindly forward receipt.

I received a note from Mr. Ellis this morning. He is naturally unwell but I hope will be with you for the entire month.

Yours faithfully

W. J. H. Ellis

Mr. Redford Pierce
The Hospital
York

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SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH W. ELLIS.
F.B. AGLIONBY, M.A., B.C.L.

TELEPHONE 233 LONDON WALL.

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*Portland House,
Basinghall St.
London, 20th Octr. 1908
E.C.*

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

At present it is proposed that my client should at once become a voluntary patient at The Retreat and if so I will accompany him to York tomorrow (Wednesday) night and see you with him some time on Thursday morning. This letter is subject to confirmation by telegram from me tomorrow. If there are any formalities to be complied with before we leave London will you kindly let me know. I may mention that the gentleman in question is 48 years of age, is perfectly rational and sensible but is at the present moment subject to great depression and finds all the little things of life a great trial and worry but otherwise seems perfectly well.

I am,

Yours sincerely

Joseph W. Ellis

Dr Bedford Pierce

Can see you anytime tho w. o Fri mon
away all Thursday

✓
ELLIS, BICKERSTETH & AGLIONBY,
SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH W. ELLIS.
F.B. AGLIONBY, M.A., B.C.L.

TELEPHONE 233 LONDON WALL.

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Portland House,
Basinghall St.
London. 19th Octr. 1908
E.C.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter last week. I shall hope to write you definitely in a day or two as to whether my client is prepared to become a voluntary patient at The Retreat. I may mention that this is apparently a case which requires *but* little attendance ~~but~~ he is in fair physical health and accustomed to go about alone in London but subject to very great depression. In my view it is important that he should lose no time in placing himself under proper treatment but the usual difficulty arises that his friends hesitate before advising him to adopt this course. The matter is at present under the family consideration.

Yours sincerely

Joseph W. Ellis

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York

19th Oct. 1933

Dear Dr. Redford Pierce,

Thank you for your prompt reply to my letter last

week. I shall hope to write you definitely in a day or two as to

whether my client is prepared to become a voluntary patient at the

Hatfield. I may mention that his is apparently a case which requires

a little attendance as he is in fair physical health and does not

to go about alone in London but subject to very great depression.

In my view it is important that he should lose no time in placing

himself under proper treatment but the usual difficulty arises that

his friends hesitate before advising him to adopt this course. The

matter is at present under the family consideration.

Yours sincerely

Joseph H. Jones

Dr. Redford Pierce

The Resident

York

ELLIS, BICKERSTETH & AGLIONBY,
SOLICITORS.

JOSEPH W. ELLIS,
F.B.AGLIONBY, M.A.B.C.L.

TELEPHONE 233 LONDON WALL.

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Portland House,
Basinghall St.
London, 10th Octr. 1908
E.C.

Dear Sir,

You may remember that in 1905 I met you in connection with the case of Mr Horace Petter on which occasion you gave evidence in corroboration of that of Dr Urquhart at an inquiry held at York before Master Fischer.

I shall be obliged if you would kindly let me know by return whether you have in your institution a vacancy for a voluntary patient who could occupy his own private rooms and spend a month or two in your care. The case in question is that of a city gentleman who has broken down and is at the present moment causing considerable anxiety to his friends by his extreme depression and although in the ordinary way a first rate and keen business man at present seems incapable of making up his mind in the most trifling matters. Would you also ~~probably~~ mention the probable cost per week to cover his board, residence, medical attendance and private room.

I am,

Yours faithfully

Dr Bedford Pierce
The Retreat
York.



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Oct. 26th 1908

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the
Retreat Committee the terms for
Mrs Ellis were fixed at 5 guineas
a week with 1 1/2 guineas a week for
each additional nurse required —
at present two extra nurses are
necessary — one day & one night —
The extra nursing will be charged
at the end of the quarter —

Yours faithfully

J. E. Waller
Secy.

Mrs. Ellis Esq.

Oct. 26. 1908

Dear Sir,

At a recent meeting of the
Robert Committee the term for
the Bill was fixed at 2 years
a week with 10 minutes a week for
each additional hour required —
at present two extra hours are
necessary — one day & one night —
The extra houring will be charged
at the end of the quarter —

Yours faithfully

R. C. Brown
Secy.

Mr. Ellis Esq.

Oct. 17, 1908

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for sending me the form respecting Mrs. Ellis. She is if anything a little better, but remains variable. For a short time she seems almost able to understand her position and to see that her strange beliefs are really delusions. At other times she is resistive and generally difficult to nurse. It is difficult to say which phase will gain the upper hand. I am required to give new patients a notice to say that they can see a magistrate if they wish. Poor Mrs. Ellis quite concluded that this was preparatory to punishment for her crimes, and I am afraid she was not altogether able to understand my explanation of the matter.

Yours very truly,

RECEIVED
JAN 10 1961



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 Ann Ellis of _____

_____ as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Dunstable, The Grange, 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 12th day of October 1908

Name John Ellis

Residence Heaglands, Huddersfield

Occupation Drapers Merchant

SIGNED by the said John Ellis
in the presence of _____

Witness's Signature	} <u>John Ellis Jun.</u> <u>Kaydonue South Kirkstall.</u> <u>Farmer.</u>
Address, and	
Profession.	

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.

