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away ever since
for 5 weeks to
Hurry her through
if her sorrow is
~~it is~~ but she
fully intended
to come & see him
on her recovery
I feel dreadfully
grieved that
ever to see him
but he seemed
so unapproachable
to me I didn't think
of it - would that
she were here
of her. Did she
know how
he was dying

(31)

Sunday

Dear Dr. Pierce
It came
as a great
shock to me
my husband's
death as I
you wrote
a good many
weeks ago you
said he was
very much better

I sitting up
in bed so
I presumed
he was get-
ting well or
should have
come up to
see him with
Sept. I got
Dr. Mackenzie
letter at 12-30
A.M. & the Win
at 1 P.M. so say
he had passed

away, we have
had another
great bereavement
as my little
daughter, Fanny
was killed
in France on
the 14 July
& it was just
about when you
wrote I said
Mr. Lloyd would
be pleased to
see my son
from D. Frank
but we could
come then as
she has been

2) I do hope
he didn't suffer
too much pain
perhaps it is
a merciful end
- my dearest
like being
unable to
- joy his home
I live in his
beautiful
home. I wish
like to thank
you for all

You have the
for my husband
as I am sure
he was as
happy as he
could be under
the circumstances
With kind regards
from

Yours sincerely
Maud. Fitch

Enclos.

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G.E. SENDELL.

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POCSON, PELOUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

21st Septr, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I beg to return you your two A/cs herein dated 20th inst. together with two cheques for £2. 8. 6 and £27. 14. 6 respectively in payment of the same. Please return me the two A/cs separately receipted.

Faithfully yours,

Wm Kemp
RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

LONDON

25. 10. 1950

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you

in regard to the matter of the

report which was submitted to you

on the 15th of October last.

I am sorry that I cannot

reply to you more

quickly than I should like.

I am, Sir, very

truly yours,

Yours faithfully,

The Director

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NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

19th Sept, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

May I remind you that I have not yet received your Account relative to the above. As I am being pressed by the Solicitors acting in the matter I shall be glad if you will forward it at your earliest convenience.

Faithfully yours,

C. W. M. Kemp

RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

1900 Report, 1910.

Dear Sir,

ES. H. J. FINE.

As I remind you that I have not received your answer
relative to the above, and as being passed by the Solicitor
acting in the matter I shall be glad if you will forward it at your
earliest convenience.

Respectfully,
Yours,

ES. H. J. FINE.

Dr. Richard P. Jones,

The Editor,

Y. O. R.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
STIMY, LONDON.
TELEPHONES
CITY 7663 (2 LINES)

2. Suffolk Lane.
Cannon Street.
London, E.C. 29th August 1916.

Henry J. Mackenzie, Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

H. Branson Firth dec.

We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date
and note what you say, and are much obliged for the Copy of the
registration of the death.

Yours truly,

Respectfully Yours to Mr

• 000-000-000-000 •

Veronica in the West

August 26th, 1916.

Dear Sirs,

MR. HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

Herewith I enclose a copy of the registration of the death of Mr. Firth.

As requested in your letter we are gathering his personal belongings and having them packed up, and will send them to your address probably next week.

We will settle all funeral expenses and include them in a bill which will be forwarded to you in due course.

Yours truly,

Messrs. Kekewich and Kaye,

Solicitors,

2, Suffolk Lane,

Cannon Street,

London, E.C.

August 28th, 1916.

Dear Sirs,

Mr. Henry Branson Firth.

Herewith I enclose a copy of the registration of the death of Mr. Firth, as requested in your letter.

We are gathering his personal belongings and having them packed up, and will send them to your address probably next week.

We will settle all funeral expenses and include them in a bill which will be forwarded to you in due course.

Yours truly,

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
STIMY, LONDON.
TELEPHONES
CITY 7663 (2 LINES)

2 Suffolk Lane.
Cannon Street.
London, E.C. 25th August 1916.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Yerk.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth

We are in receipt of your telegrams and are much obliged for the trouble you are taking about Mr. Firth. We note the funeral is fixed for tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 o'clock and we telegraphed you this morning that Captain Iremonger would attend.

We are acting for the Executors of Mr. Firth's Will and would be obliged if you would send in an account of all sums due to you for his maintenance etc. to the Receiver.

We shall also be obliged if you will ask the Undertakers to send in their Bill and send any other expenses which occur to you to us to be dealt with by the Executors.

If there are any personal belongings you might have them packed up and for convenience they might be sent to this address in the first instance.

We shall require a Certificate of Death.

Yours truly,

Richard L. L. Kay

18. August 1918

Dr. Bedford Lister,
The Bedford,
York.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Hanson Esq.

We are in receipt of your telegram and are much obliged
for the trouble you are taking about Mr. Wirth. We note the funeral
is fixed for tomorrow, Saturday, at 3 o'clock and we telegraphed you
this morning that Captain Irmengeter would attend.
We are acting for the Executors of Mr. Wirth's Will and
would be obliged if you would send in an account of all sums due
to you for his maintenance etc. to the Receiver.
We shall also be obliged if you will ask the Undertakers
to send in their Bill and send any other expenses which occur to
you so as to be dealt with by the Executors.
If there are any personal belongings you might have them
packed up and for convenience they might be sent to this address in
the first instance.
We shall require a Certificate of Death.

Yours truly,

James L. Lister

3rd August, 1916.

Dearest Syb, and Gladys (your joy is as good as mine)

Dr. Pierce has managed to scrape £25 out of Mr. Kemp, which I send you as an offering for your twenty-second birthday, and I hope you will spend it in any way you like. If I have any luck I hope to help you to buy a good violin later on, but that, of course, depends entirely on my health.

I am sorry to hear that Arthur has been invalided home, and I hope it is nothing serious, as I was expecting to hear great things of him after the war. Let me know how he is, and how the children are, and also Gwen. I have heard nothing of them for the last few years.

I have had a very nasty time the last two months, but I am glad to say that everything is being done for me that can be done, and I am at last making a good recovery, but at the same time slowly.

Let me know all that is going on at Down House, with regard to the horses and garden etc. It will also interest me to hear about the people at Andover.

If any of you at Down House care to come to see me I shall be very glad if you will arrange with Dr. Pierce, but it is a very long way. All being well I shall be about again before long. Very hard luck my being knocked

up as soon as I got away; probably this is the clearing
shower.

Best love to all.

Ever your loving

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AMERICAN AGENTS,

POGSON, PELOUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

2nd August, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I am in receipt of your letter of 1st inst. enclosing communication from Mr. Firth of the same date. Under all the circumstances I do not think the Master can object to the birthday present of £25 being given by Mr. Firth to his Daughter on her coming of age. Please therefore advance the money and charge it in your A/c.

Faithfully yours,

C. W. Kemp
RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

And please, tell

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of 1st inst. regarding
contribution from 12. 11. 19. of the same date. I have all the
circumstances I do not think the matter can be put
before the committee of the same date. I am, to the
best of my knowledge, in the same position as you are
and I am sure that the same will be the case in the
future.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

W. H. H. H.

12. 11. 19.

1st August, 1916.

Dear Sir,

The enclosed letter speaks for itself.

Mr. Firth has been very nicely lately, though his physical condition has been far from satisfactory. He is, however, better now.

He has remembered that he forgot to give his daughter a birthday present a year ago and he wishes to do so now. Unless I hear from you to the contrary we will advance the necessary money.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. W. Middleton Kemp, Esq.

36 Walbrook,

London, E.C.

Dear Sir,

1st August, 1916.

I am very glad to hear of your recovery and hope you will be able to return to your work soon.

I am, Sir, very truly,
Yours very truly,
J. H. P.

J. H. P.
J. H. P.

Dear Sir,

I should like to send to my daughter, Sybil, for her twenty-first birthday a present of £25, and I am asking Dr. Bedford Pierce to advance this money. I conclude this will be all right.

Yours very truly,

J. W. Middleton Kemp, Esq.
36 Walbrook,
London, E.C.

1st August, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I am glad to say that Mr. Firth is going on very well. He is quite at his best again mentally and his physical condition is improving. He is very good and stays in bed quietly. There has been no return of the haemorrhage and he is free from the pain. He feels weak and is rather nervous about himself, but he is very pleasant to do with.

He says he does not want to see any of the Christian Scientists, but he would be very pleased to see anyone from Down House, and I think if a member of the family visited him they would have quite a pleasant interview. He is not unmindful of his family, though he does not feel equal to writing much in the way of letters, and it is long since I heard a word critical of yourself. His antipathy seems to be mostly directed towards his sister at the present time.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1. The first...

2. The second...

3. The third... very well... and his... good and... reform of... which... himself, but he is very... the... the... to see... of the family... of his... in the way... of his... to be... of the present

4. The fourth...

5. The fifth...

6. The sixth...

Down House,
Andover.

July 30th.

Dear D^r Pierce
Many thanks
for your letter
about my husband
I hope he is
better it must
be trying being
in that kind
hot weather,

I suppose his
pleasure is pretty
bad now, he
never before. My
notice of his
children how
they would do
him for his
birthday but
no answer
We have been
in great trouble
as my little
daughter has
lost her friend
but in the

14th of yesterday
we received
a wire to let
my son-in-law
know I was
but thought I
missed it as
I had been
at the school
to see he was
born that I was
at Camp Long
and I am
for that. With
kindest regards
Yours truly
M. M. Smith

day first post
I am it was
posted 9-15 on
the 13th of the
letters take a
long time coming
some times. Please
let me know what
the Dr says when
he has seen my
husband. With
kind regards &
many thanks for
letters.

Believe me
Sincerely yours
Mabel Smith

Down House,
Andover.

Sunday

Dear Dr. Price
I ought
to have written
to you days
ago to thank
you for your
letters about my
husband. I am
very sorry to
hear he has

been so bad if guide wife
& hope he is not suffering much
poor dear. I thought if I could get the
ulceration some-
-where. I sent
you a wire
yesterday on
receipt of your
letter saying
you would like
to have another
opinion I think I
should think
if it is not for
an operation
a very good
physician would
do but I will
leave it to you
to do the best
for him as you
are on the spot
& know exactly
his symptoms & what
he is like.
I didn't get your
letter till yester-

18th July, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Dr. Barrs came to see Mr. Firth last evening, and he gave the opinion that he was suffering from a duodenal ulcer. He advised that he should remain strictly in bed for at least six weeks and said that it was not a case in which he would recommend an operation. He also made several suggestions in respect to diet and medicine, and so forth. This was all explained to Mr. Firth.

This morning he is pretty nicely. He has no pain but there is constant trouble in respect to his bowels as he is constipated.

I will let you know at once if there are any further developments.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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13th July, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Mr. Firth continues better and there has been no return of the haemorrhage, but he has complained again of pain in the upper part of the abdomen just below the sternum, and this certainly suggests that there is some ulceration present, probably in the duodenum.

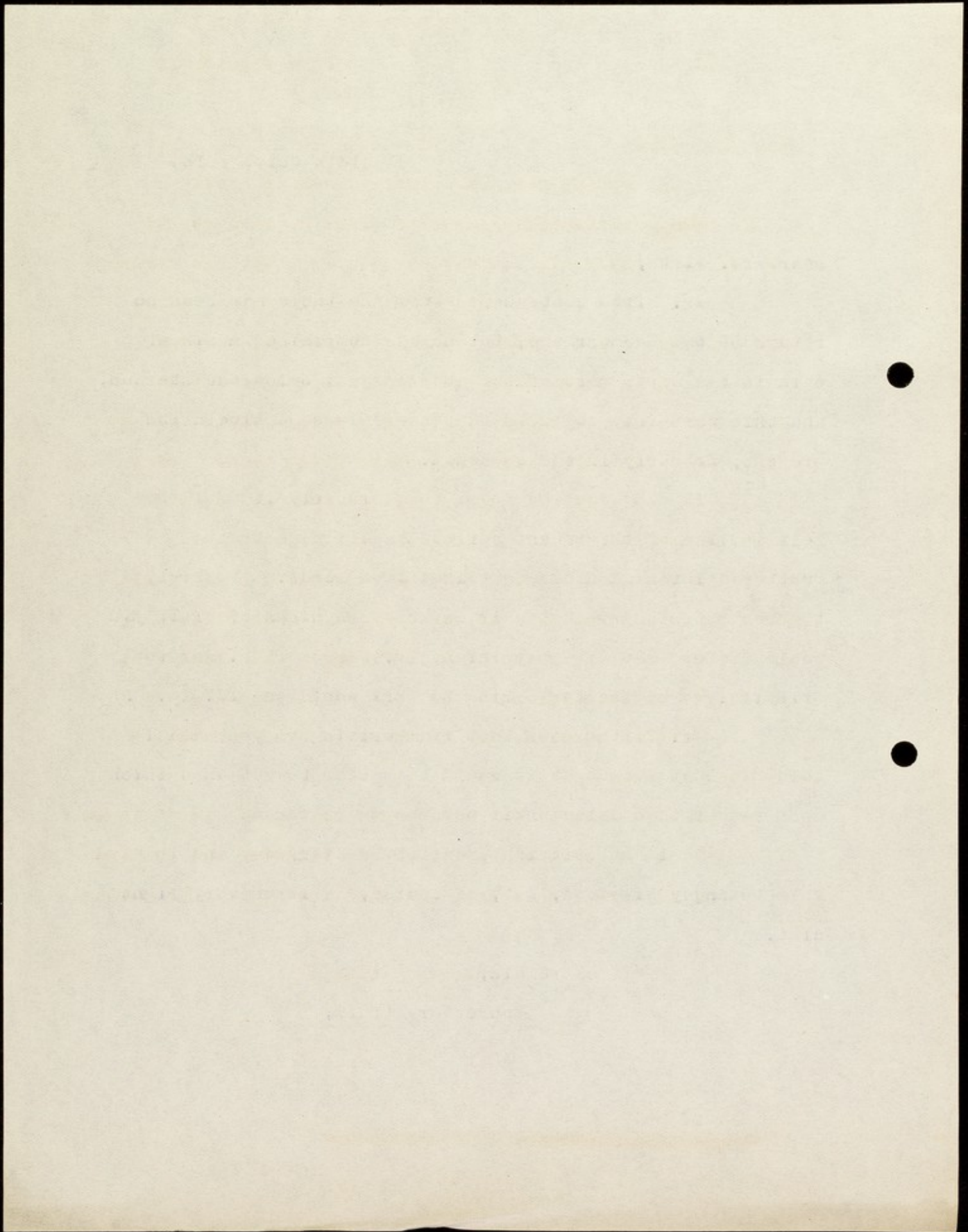
It has occurred to me that probably it would be well in view of the recent serious haemorrhage that a further opinion should be obtained from Leeds. Possibly the best opinion would be Sir Berkeley Moynihan's, or if you would prefer that of a physician, Dr. Barrs or Dr. Wardrop Griffith. The fee for coming to York would be £10. 10. 0.

Mr. Firth knows that I am writing to you, and I told him that I thought it would be better to get an opinion soon rather than delay until perhaps he is worse.

He is now sitting up a little every day and is able to enjoy his food, but, of course, he is on very light diet.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



AND

6, PARK SQUARE,
LEEDS.

BY APPOINTMENT.

TUESDAY, } 1.30 TO 4 P.M.
FRIDAY }

TELEPHONE { YORK N°112.
LEEDS N°3877.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

June 23rd, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I cannot report very favourably about Mr. Firth though he has undoubtedly improved since he returned to the Retreat; he looks better and he goes about the grounds a good deal, sits in the rock garden and is doing fairly well as regards his bodily health. Mentally, however, he is in a very unsatisfactory condition, he says that his food is being drugged, that drugs were given to him in London, and that they are still being given to him here, that it is some form of potassium, and that he knows he is being drugged by the effects on him. He is very irritable at times, though for the time being at any rate he is on good terms with me personally. This difficulty about the food appears to have commenced at his sister's, and it was quite clear that the stay with Mrs. King was very far from a success, and he seems to have quarrelled with her at once.

I myself think it was well worth trying as it convinces his relatives as to the gravity of his illness, and judging from some letters I have seen they had doubts on this subject.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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1830.

Down House,
Andover.

June 22nd,

Dear Dr. Rice.

I am very
anxious to know
how my husband
is. He didn't look
well long. Did he
I shall give my
sanction again
for him to the
degree with any
of his relations

again. As that summer comes
 is the best up & see you
 a very great but I should like
 to be in that see my husband
 but in that as it were but
 turning home as it were but
 under the help do any good
 where he would like to be
 have been wide
 as well with you
 & I said he was
 so return to you
 it is also a
 great worry &
 I am not strong
 I might probably
 come some time this

Believe me
 Sincerely y^r
 Maud. Tork

Believe me
Sincerely y^{rs}
Wm. L. Ford

997.

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

*7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.*

9th June 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

We beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday's date enclosing copy of your letter to Mrs. Firth and are glad to learn that the removal of Mr. Firth was effected without difficulty and that he seemed pleased to be back with you.

Yours faithfully,

John Weatherall Sturt

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

22 June 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Thomas Smith.

We had no trouble for your letter of yesterday's date
enclosing copy of your letter to Mr. Smith and are glad to
learn that the removal of Mr. Smith was effected without
effort and that he seemed pleased to be back with you.
Yours faithfully,

Very respectfully,
J. B. Smith.

8th June, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Just a line to let you know that Mr. Firth returned here quite pleasantly late last night. I received a wire from Dr. Hyslop saying that something had to be done and asking me to send attendants. I did so, and they returned by an evening train.

Mr. Firth looks poorly and thin, but there is no other marked change. We are keeping him in bed.

He seemed to me quite pleased to come back, at any rate he shook hands with me quite pleasantly on arrival.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

8th June, 1916.

Dear Hyslop,

As you will have heard, on receipt of your wire I sent off two attendants for Mr. Firth, and he came back like a lamb. He certainly does not look well but there does not seem to be much change.

I may see you to-morrow, as I am going to attend some W.P.A. Committees at 11 Chandos Street.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

987.

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk
Temple, London, E.C.

7th June 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

We refer to our recent interview with you when you explained to us Mr. Firth's mental condition and that you would ask Dr. Hyslop to take temporary charge of Mr. Firth.

On Monday last we heard from Mr. Kekewich (the Solicitor acting for the Receiver) by telephone that he had received a letter from Dr. Hyslop from which it appeared that Mr. Firth was becoming troublesome in the Nursing Home and we accordingly placed ourselves in communication with Dr. Hyslop, who confirmed this and also informed us that he now had an hallucination that the Nurses were poisoning his food and therefore it was necessary to take steps to place him under treatment for brain trouble rather than leave him in the Nursing Home. Dr. Hyslop also informed us that Mr. Firth had expressed a wish to him to go to Flower House and that he had mentioned this matter to you.

We accordingly at once communicated with Mrs. Firth asking for her instructions and wishes in the matter and we

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

7th June 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Brandon Firth.

We refer to our recent interview with you when you explained to us Mr. Firth's mental condition and that you would ask Dr. Hyslop to take temporary charge of Mr. Firth. On Monday last we heard from Mr. Kekewich (the Solicitor acting for the Receiver) by telephone that he had received a letter from Dr. Hyslop from which it appeared that Mr. Firth was becoming troublesome in the Nursing Home and we accordingly placed ourselves in communication with Dr. Hyslop, who confirmed this and also informed us that he now had an information that the Nurses were poisoning his food and therefore it was necessary to take steps to place him under treatment for brain trouble rather than leave him in the Nursing Home. Dr. Hyslop also informed us that Mr. Firth had expressed a wish to him to go to Flower House and that he had mentioned this matter to you. We accordingly at once communicated with Mrs. Firth asking for her instructions and wishes in the matter and we

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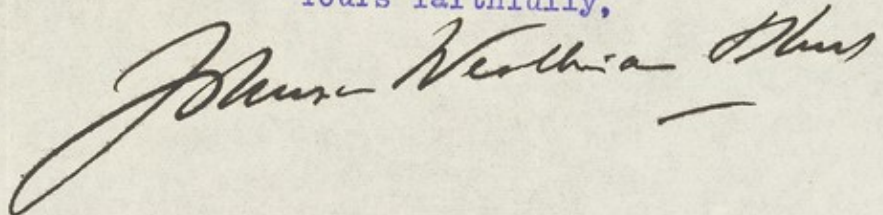
Dr. Bedford Pierce.

7th June 1916.

have heard from her that she does not wish Mr. Firth to return to Flower House but desires him to remain under your charge. We therefore communicated with Dr. Hyslop and in view of the urgency of the matter we understood from him that he would wire to you asking you to send up to take charge of Mr. Firth and to remove him to The Retreat.

We shall be glad to hear from you in due course that Mr. Firth is comfortably installed under your charge at The Retreat so that we can inform Mrs. Firth.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Northam Sturt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

7th June 1916.

have heard from her that she does not wish Mr. Birch to
return to Flower House but desires him to remain under your
charge. We therefore communicated with Mr. Hyatt and in
view of the urgency of the matter we understood from him that
he would write to you asking you to send up to take charge
of Mr. Birch and to remove him to the Retreat.
We shall be glad to hear from you in due course that
Mr. Birch is comfortably installed under your charge at the
Retreat so that we can inform Mrs. Birch.
Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

TEL. P. O. MAYFAIR
2993.

5, PORTLAND PLACE,
W.

988.
June 5. 1916

Dear B P

Firth is now full of ideas
about poison &c & has taken a
dislike to all the people at the
"Home". Today he suggested that
he should go back to Flower
House so I have written to
Kekewich Smith & Kaye (2 Suffolk
Lane, Cannon St &c) telling
them that the transfer ought to
be effected if possible.

Kindest regards

Yours ever
Herb. B. Hoyle

ST. ROSEMARY PLACE

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My dear Mr. [illegible]
I have just received your letter of the 14th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am
very much interested in the
[illegible] and hope to hear from you again soon.
Yours faithfully,
[illegible]

N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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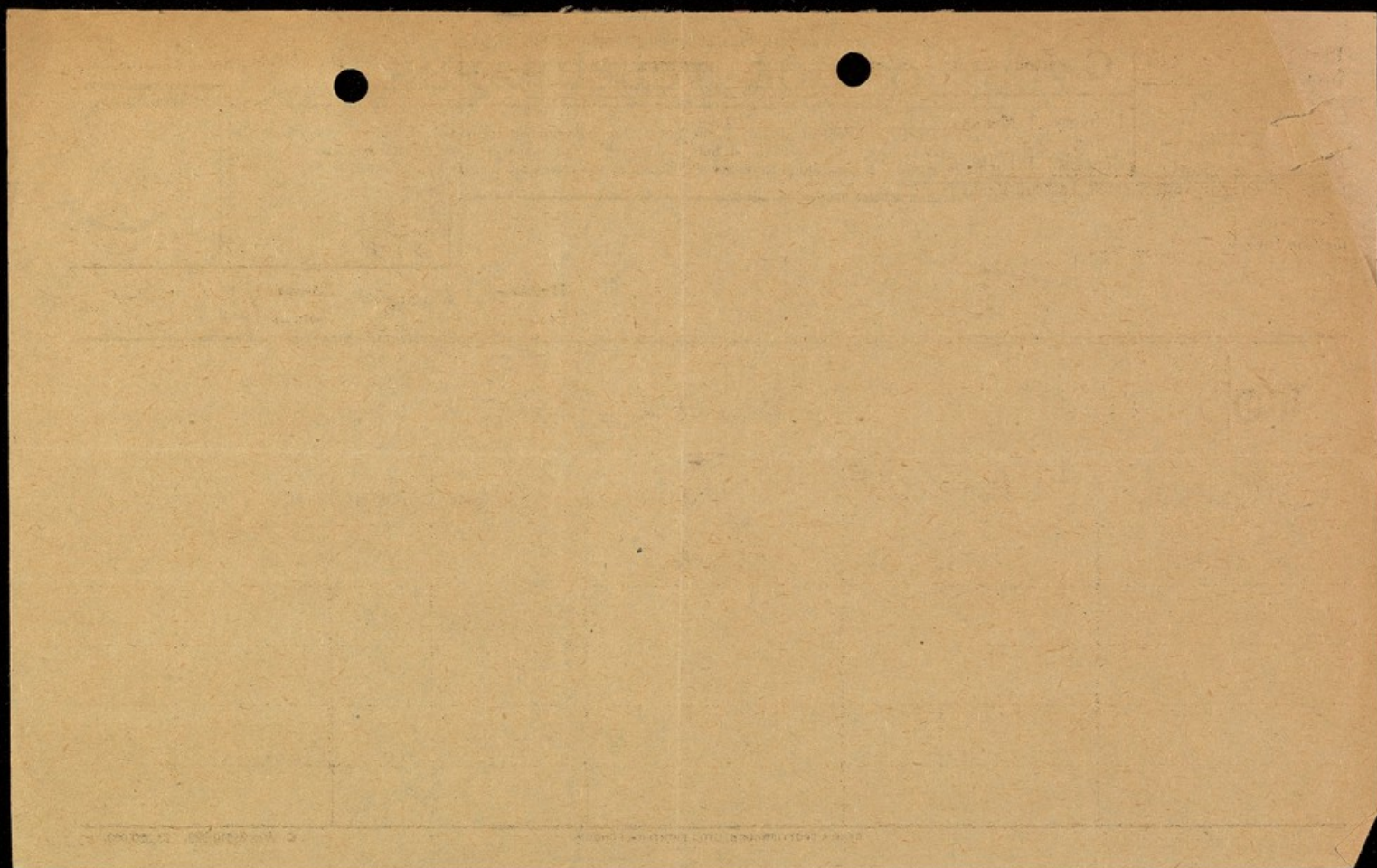
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TO { Pierce The Retreat York

Firth have arranged your seeing
him tomorrow at nursing home
he is much better please
consider when you see him
where he should be moved
to hear this morning Mrs.



N.B.—This Form must accompany any inquiry respecting this Telegram.



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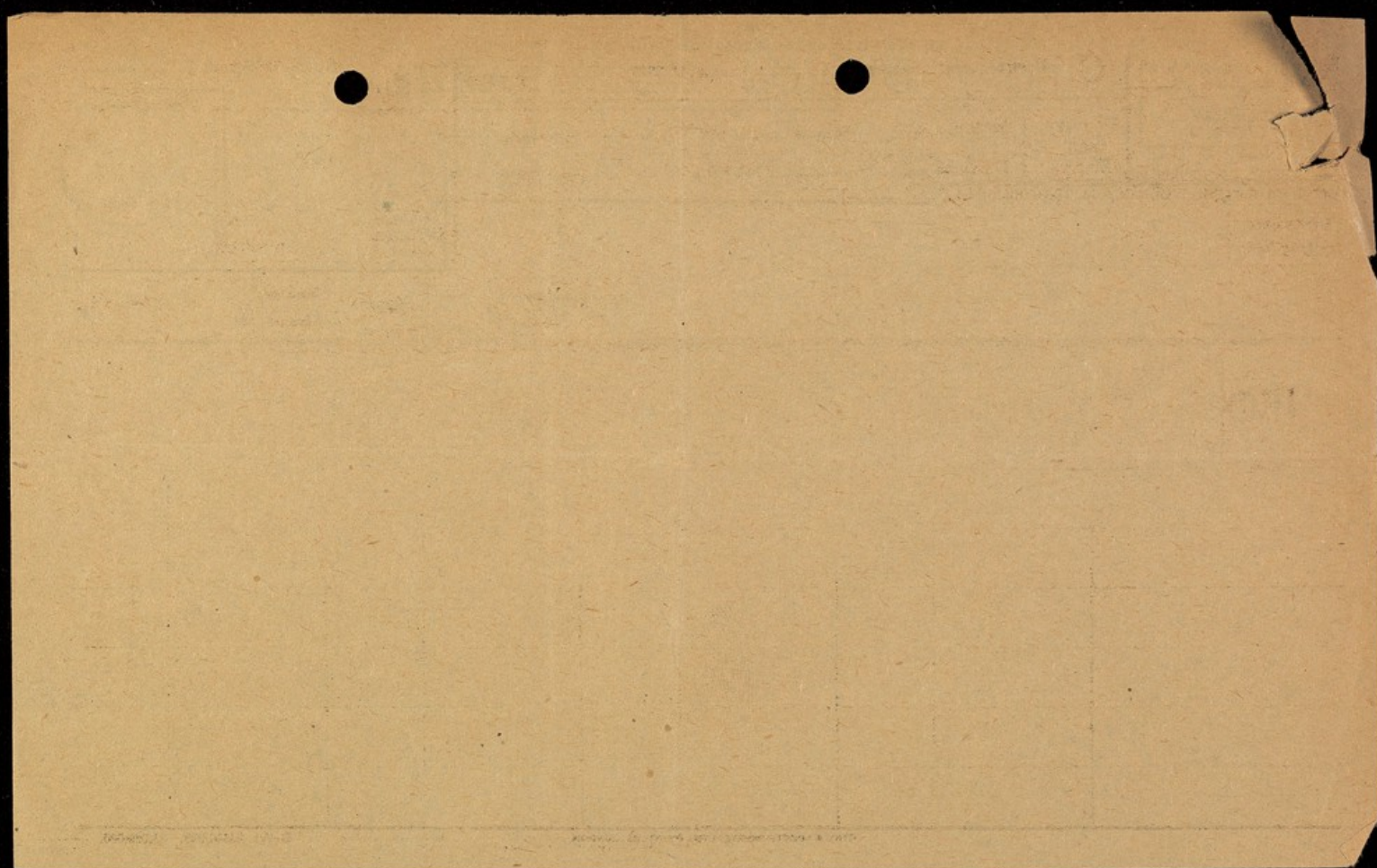
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TELEPHONE:
735 PADDINGTON.

90A HARLEY STREET, W.
(ENTRANCE WEYMOUTH ST)

May 25th
1916.

Dear Dr. Prince.

Many thanks for
your letter.

I will be very pleased
to see you regarding Mr. Futh
on Friday morning.
There is no doubt that
his contributions should not
be all made to lapse.

I have not seen
Mr. Futh for some time
as he took a very strong
disposition to me, saying
I was a quaker and at
the bottom of 10 plot-
etc etc & much of this
sort of thing.

I have placed him under
Dr. T. S. Hyslop

S. Folland Place

who will furnish all
more recent details.

I would exceedingly
manage to call here
between 10.30 & 11.30
on Friday; when I will
explain his condition
during the time I
was attending him.

W. S. Anderson &

Thames. For. V. Hyslop.
London & Lanc.

24th May, 1916.

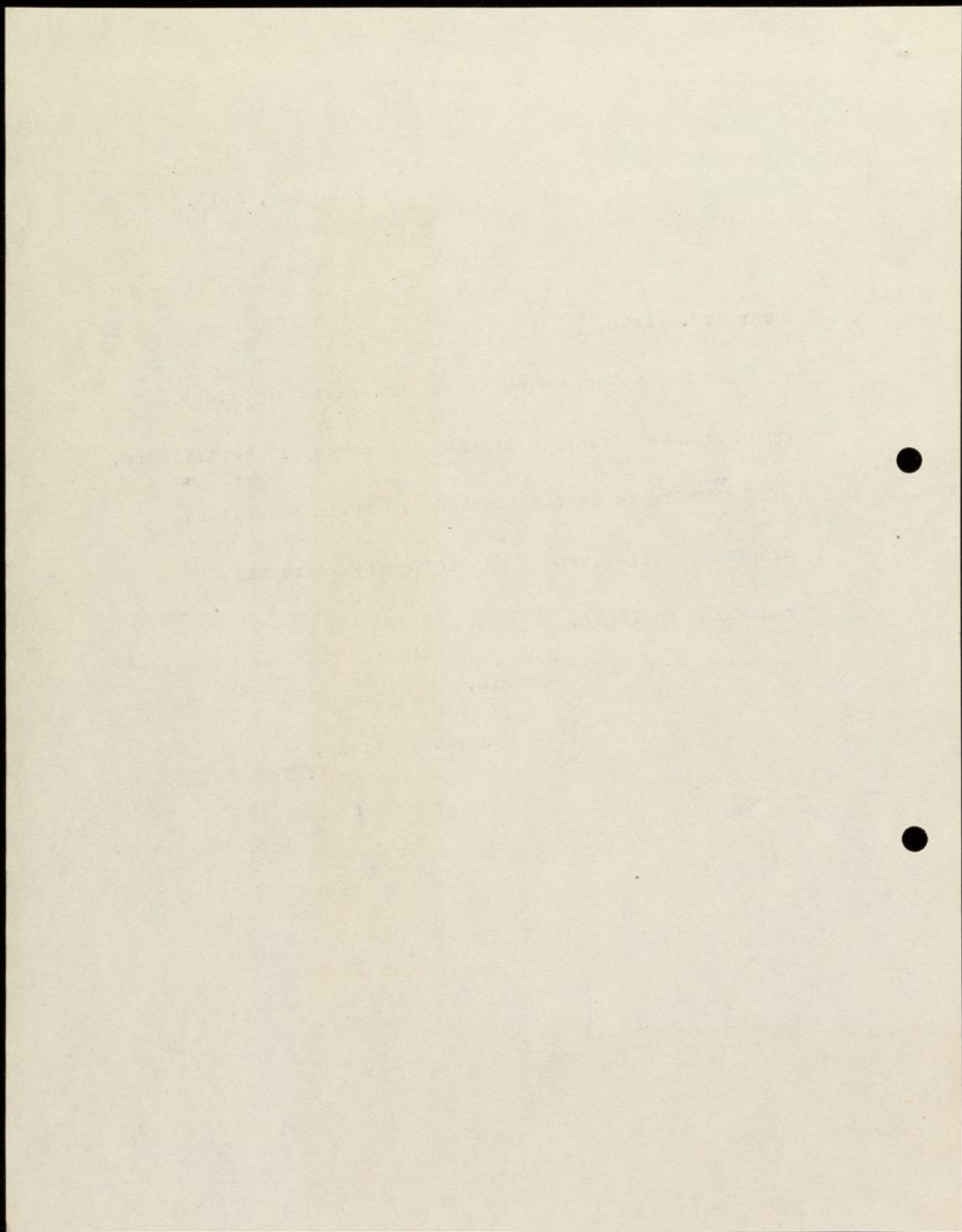
Dear Mrs. Firth,

I am proposing to see Mr. Firth on Friday morning with a view to signing the necessary certificate.

If I am able to certify that he is still of unsound mind there will then be no difficulty as to his remaining on leave.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



24th May, 1916.

Dear Dr. Gordon Lane,

The law requires that if Mr. Firth's certificates are to remain in force I should see him one day this week in order to sign the special report and certificate.

I understand that Mrs. Firth is wishful that the certificates should not be allowed to lapse, and as I am expecting to be in town I propose to see you and Mr. Firth on Friday morning next if it is convenient. I expect I could call on you between 9 and 10 o'clock in the morning.

I should like to know any particulars as to his mental and bodily state. As you will know, if the certificates are to continue in force I must make it quite clear that he continues to be of unsound mind. This may not be a very easy matter, as Mr. Firth's delusions seem to fade from time to time, and he is also very skilful in concealing them.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

101, 102

Dear Mr. [Name]

The few minutes that I have spent in your office

has been most profitable to me in many ways.

In order to sign the necessary papers and certificates

I have had to go through a great deal of trouble

and I am sure that you will be able to help me

in this matter. I am sure that you will be able to

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Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Name]

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT."
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk.
Temple, London, E.C.

22nd May 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We have to thank you for your letter of the 20th inst.
and note you will arrange to see Mr. Firth on Friday next and
that you consider this will give you time for the special
Certificate. We await to hear further from you.

Yours faithfully,

Amos Weatherall

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

22nd May 1910.

Dear Sir,

Mr. E. Brannon Fifth.

We have to thank you for your letter of the 20th inst.
and hope you will arrange to see Mr. Fifth on Friday next and
that you consider this will give you time for the special
arrangement we wish to hear further from you.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Herbert Brannon.

be 3 months at
least as you
said in the
of your letters
to do me. It will
leave I would
be of some sura
-ness. If you
have heard of
any thing you
might let me
know.

Yours truly
Sincerely yours
Maud. Fitch

Down House,
Andover.

May 21st

Dear J. Pierce.
Many thanks
for your second
two or three
days ago.
W. Fitch as I
thought only
stayed a
week at W.

things of them - things in the
sent for a mother as the
Hospitals & the nurse is getting
kept him into short. I am
the nursing now I am very
home just by my son who
know. I asked do his going
to W. Street do Low Street
quite 3 or 4 days if it is always
ago but have the something
had no reply I had no idea
from him he was having
but hope he such a short
is doing some preparation. I
thought it would

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7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

20th May 1916.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

Referring to your letter of the 17th instant, we now hear from Mrs. Firth that she shares your view and attaches great importance that Mr. Firth's Certificate should not be allowed to lapse. We hear, however, from Mr. Kekewich, who acts for the Receiver and who also acts for Mr. and Mrs. King that he understands it is not contemplated that Mr. Firth should remain a long time in the Nursing Home. We therefore would suggest that when you are in London next week you should take the opportunity of seeing Mr. Firth and passing the necessary papers for extension of his leave of absence say for three months. Mr. Firth is in a Nursing Home, 7 Queen Anne Street, W.

We note you state that the Reception Order would lapse on the 28th instant. There is therefore not too much time to make arrangements, and if you consider our suggestion impracticable we shall be glad if you would wire us on Monday and we would then go down and see the Board of Control.

Yours faithfully,

Johnson Weatherall & Sturt

17th May, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I enclose a copy of a letter I am writing to
your solicitors which will explain itself.

It is unfortunate that the time for the
renewal of the certificates falls just now, but it
cannot be left.

I have not heard anything lately as to how
Mr. Firth is going on. The last report was not very
satisfactory as regards his bodily health.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

17th May, 1916.

Dear Sirs,

I write to explain that unless a special report and certificate is sent to the satisfaction of the Board of Control by the 28th of May Mr. Firth's Reception Order will lapse by operation of the law. This special report and certificate should be signed by myself whilst Mr. Firth is on our books as a Retreat patient, and it so happens that I am expecting to go to London towards the end of next week and could see him for this purpose should it be desirable. As you will understand in a case of this kind a medical certificate is not easily written as the patient conceals his morbid feelings, and a single visit might fail to disclose sufficient signs of mental disorder.

I had a formal letter from the Board of Control sanctioning Mr. Firth's leave of absence to the Nursing Home. Would it not be better to formally transfer Mr. Firth to the Nursing Home under certificates and appoint a medical attendant? He would then sign the certificate.

From what I know of Mr. Firth I should think it would not be wise to allow the certificates to lapse. If you are in any difficulty perhaps you would confer with the Board of Control as to what steps to take.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mrs. Firth so as to save time.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

TELEPHONE:
735 PADDINGTON.

90A HARLEY STREET, W.
(ENTRANCE WEYMOUTH ST)

920
May 2nd
1916.

● Dear Dr. Asquith.

I write you upon
Dr. L.B. Hyslop's answer
regarding Mr. Luth.
I was sent for to see him
by his own request on April 14th
When he was suffering from
severe attacks of abdominal
pain, & was unable to
● lie still.

He was then staying with
his sister Mrs. Henry
S. Rosary Sanders.

I got Dr. Hyslop to
see him on following day 15th

11
I have a covered Mrs. Fuller
now at no. 6 a nursing
home 7. Queen Anne St.
where he is at present.

He was exceedingly
constipated & nervous
etc; from a humor
afflicted a cure, yet he
has been very weak &
disinclined to leave his
bed, he is of course very
delusional, in which
State I know I will leave
him presently; for I
will certify him when
he was sent to Flower
House Cottage.

Dr. Hyslop does not

TELEPHONE:
735 PADDINGTON.

90A HARLEY STREET, W.
(ENTRANCE WEYMOUTH ST)

Consider him. I do not
know the man
at present.

For this reason he
thinks it would be
well that you should
have a representation. The
matter is the proper
authorities to sanction.
his remaining when he
is both.

I would be pleased to
know from you if
during the time he has
been with you, whether

11
He has shown any
suicidal tendencies
to yesterday he told
me of his wishes that
he had several times
tried to do away with
himself. I am very
regretful as one of
his delusions, by 7
I should be glad to
know.

He is under good
care, & in addition
I. would very much as
has a rural nurse in
the home at night in
case of necessity just. Very
Sincerely,
Graham Lane.

11th April, 1916.

Dear Mrs. King,

I am glad to hear that Mr. Firth managed the journey quite well and arrived safely.

For some time on and off he has had attacks of pain which seemed to be due to indigestion but the cause of them has been obscure. I am glad to hear that Dr. Hyslop is coming to see him, as he will be able to help you.

We thought Mr. Firth on the whole had greatly improved the last few months, and the indications of cardio vascular degeneration were not so prominent.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. King,

8 Rosary Gardens,

South Kensington.

1911, April 11.

Dear Mr. Kinn.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Tappan was at the

meeting of the committee and arrived safely.

For some time on and off he has been at work

and in other places to be in the neighborhood of the

case of the ... I am glad to hear

that Mr. Tappan is coming to see me and will be

very welcome.

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that Mr. Tappan is coming to see me

Yours truly,

W. H. Kinn

South Kensington.

11th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

We will send the account for Mr. Firth in a day or two. It is, however, not easy to be quite sure that the account is complete, as tradesmen's accounts cannot always be collected immediately, but Mr. Firth has had pocket money lately and bought things for himself, and I should hardly expect there is much yet to come in.

Mr. Firth is on leave from the Retreat, and I enclose a paper showing the terms on which this is arranged.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. W. M. Kemp, Esq.

36 Walbrook,

London, E.C.

11th April, 1911.

We will send you a copy of the book in
the form of a present. It is, however, not easy to be precise
in the matter of the number of copies to be sent, but
I think it would be better to send a few more than
a few less. I have, therefore, ordered a few more to be
sent, and I should be very glad if you would
send me a few more. I have, therefore, ordered a few more to be
sent, and I should be very glad if you would

I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. W. C. Kerp, Esq.

35 Whitehall,

London, E.C.

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8, ROSARY GARDENS,

SOUTH KENSINGTON.

April 9th

Dear B^r. Pierce,

My brother has
asked me to send you
a line to let you know
that he got here all
right, he was rather
tired after his journey
so has been in bed
all the day.

He wants to see
Dr. Hyslop, as he is
not very well, I think
suffering from indigestion
so I have telephoned
to him asking him
to come.

yours sincerely,
Ethel King.

7th April, 1916.

Dear Mr. Firth,

I fully expected that you knew all about the arrangements respecting Mr. Firth. It is decided that he leaves to-morrow to stay with Mrs. King, but he fully understands that he is still a patient on the books of the Retreat and is going away in trial.

He is certainly very much better in many ways, and he assures me that he will have nothing to do with the witch woman or the lady hemet in the hunting field, or any other matters which troubled him when he first came here. He also distinctly undertook not to go down to Andover unless he was expressly invited, and it is understood that he remains with Mrs. King. He also said that he would not be writing letters like he did before.

I am, therefore, quite hopeful that he will go on well, at any rate for a time, though I fear that it is impossible to be sure that he will keep well.

I have written to Dr. Hyslop explaining the situation in case difficulties arise.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

2nd April, 1915.

Dear Mr. Wirth,

I fully expected that you knew all about the
arrangement regarding Mr. Wirth. It is decided that
he leaves tomorrow to stay with Mrs. Wirth, but he fully
understands that he is still a patient on the books of
the hospital and is under the same rules.

It is certainly very much better in many ways,
and I am sure that he will have nothing to do with
the wife. As for the lady, she is in the hospital field,
and any woman who would neglect her when he first
came here, I am sure she is not a very good person.
I am sure that she is very much better, and it
is understood that she remains with Mr. Wirth. He also
said that he would not be willing to leave like he did
before.

I am, therefore, quite hopeful that he will
do so well, at any rate for a time, though I fear that
it is impossible to be sure that he will keep well.

I have written to Dr. Hyslop explaining the
situation in case difficulties arise.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

6th April, 1916.

Dear Hyslop,

I daresay it will not be very long before you hear of Firth. For several months he has had full parole, and he has also repudiated his old delusions.

His bodily health is not very good. The signs of arterio sclerosis are still there, and he has periodical attacks of abdominal pain, the nature of which I am not sure about.

I have little doubt that after a time the delusional state of mind will recur, but it seems to me quite just that he should have a trial seeing that he has behaved himself well for so long.

He is to stay with his sister, and I am sending you a copy of a letter I am writing to her, so that you may see how matters stand.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

2191, 11791 810

6th April, 1916.

Dear Mrs. King,

I have seen Mr. Firth, and he would like to go by the 9.47 train, which arrives at King's Cross at about 1.30 p.m., on Saturday.

I am advancing him £10, as he wishes to buy some underclothing and other things in London.

I have explained the situation to him frankly, and he agrees not to go to Andover unless expressly invited. He promises not to write as many letters as he did before, and he is quite intending to drop all questions relative to the difficulties in connection with the witch woman and the lady he met in the hunting field.

I am quite hopeful that Mr. Firth's visit to you will be a success.

He is quite aware that he is a patient on our books, staying with you.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

3rd April, 1916.

Dear Madam,

I have heard from Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt to the effect that the Petitioner is quite willing that Mrs. Firth should have leave of absence to stay with you, and this being so, I am arranging that he is free to leave here on Saturday next, if that is convenient to you.

Will you be able to come to York for Mr. Firth, or would you like him to travel to London alone and you could meet him at the station? I should say that I consider he is quite able to travel by himself. Some one would see him off at any time that may be fixed.

I should explain that though Mr. Firth leaves the Retreat he is still a patient on our books, which involves responsibility for his welfare. It is, therefore, necessary that I should be informed at once if there are any unfavourable developements. As his leave of absence is made out expressly in your name it will be also necessary for you to let me know directly if he should leave you or if other arrangements for his supervision should become necessary.

I will explain to him that this leave of absence is conditional on his not going down to Andover without an express invitation, and that he is to stay with you for the present.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. King.

3rd April, 1916.

Dear Sirs,

I am in receipt of your letter. We will obtain from the Committee the necessary leave of absence for Mr. Firth. I see no reason why he should not leave here on Saturday, and I am, therefore, writing to Mrs. King to this effect.

I remain, Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,

7 Kings Bench Walk,

Temple, London, E. C.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

22nd March, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I quite understand your anxiety in respect to Mr. Firth, seeing that we do not pronounce him thoroughly recovered.

I think it would be possible to arrange that the leave of absence was granted under certain conditions, one of which would be that he did not go down to Andover, and another that he took no steps in relation to his property or affairs.

I have not been able to go to see Mr. Sturt, as the anticipated business in London has fallen through.

With respect to the Institution at Ticehurst, this is an excellent private Asylum in Sussex under the care of Dr. Hayes Newington, and is one of the best places in the country. I doubt if it would meet Mr. Firth's wishes to go there, as what he wants is to be in London and have some measure of freedom.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Firth's wishes to go there, as what he wants is to

be in London and have some measure of freedom.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

21st. March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

I fear that I shall be unable to call to see you, as the Will case in which I was interested has been settled.

The suggestion is that Mr. Firth should stay with his sister, Mrs. King. Do you see any objection to this course and to his being on leave of absence from the Retreat for this purpose?

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
7 Kings Bench Walk,
Temple,
London, E.C.

1st March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

W. E. Johnson, Esq.

I fear that I shall be unable to call to
see you as the Bill case in which I was interested
has been settled.
The suggestion is that I should stay
at the Hotel, & A. King. Do you see any objection
to this course and to his being on leave of absence
from the Secretariat for this purpose?

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. E. Johnson, Esq., Weatherall & Street,

7 Kings Bench Walk,

Temple,

London, E.C.

20th March, 1916.

Dear Mrs. King

Mr. Firth asked me to read the letter you enclose before it was sent, so I was aware that he had said really rather more than was justifiable, but there has been an improvement lately, which may be only superficial, and I incline to think that if you are able to take him he might pay you a visit in the way he suggests. I have written to Mrs. Firth on the subject and have not yet had a reply, but I am expecting to see the Solicitors in London in the course of a day or two, when I will talk the matter over with them. The case is a difficult one; still the fact remains that for some months Mr. Firth has behaved in quite a correct manner.

I have not told him that you have written to me about him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

20th March, 1915.

Dear Mrs. King,

Mr. Birch asked me to read the letter you enclosed before it was sent, so I was aware that he had said really rather more than was justifiable, but there has been an improvement lately, which may be only superficial, and I incline to think that if you are able to take him he might pay you a visit in the way he suggests. I have written to Mr. Birch on the subject and have not yet had a reply, but I am expecting to see the solicitors in London in the course of a day or two, when I will talk the matter over with them. The case is a difficult one; still the fact remains that for some months Mr. Birch has behaved in quite a correct manner. I have not told him that you have written to me about him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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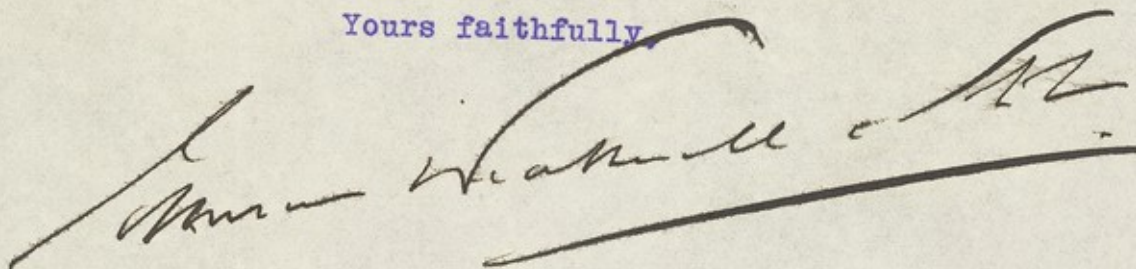
17th March 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday's date enclosing us copy of a letter you have written Mrs. Firth and note as to Mr. Firth's condition. We shall be pleased to see you when you are in London and if you would kindly telephone us Mr. Sturt will endeavour to arrange an appointment with you.

Yours faithfully,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Weatherall". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Bedford Pierce Esq.,
The Retreat,
York.

17th March 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Brynnon Firth.

We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday's date enclosing us copy of a letter you have written Mrs. Firth and note as to Mr. Firth's condition. We shall be pleased to see you when you are in London and if you would kindly telephone us Mr. Sturt will endeavour to arrange an appointment with you.

Yours faithfully,

Bedford Pierce Esq.,
The Rectory,
York.

Enclos.

KEMP, SONS, SENDELL & CO

C.W. MIDDLETON KEMP.
HAROLD FITCH KEMP.
G.E. SENDELL.

TELEPHONE N° 6184 BANK (2 LINES)

AMERICAN AGENTS,

POGSON, PELCUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

17th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I am in receipt of your letter of 14th inst. and enclose cheque for £29. 10/- in accordance with the accompanying A/c, which please return receipted.

Can you let me have the receipt for Mr. Constant's (the Dentist) A/c, £6. 6/-, as I shall probably require this for the Court.

I also send you cheque in favour of Mr. Walter Glaisby, Dentist, for £21. 12/-. Will you kindly get ^{the A/c} it receipted and returned to me.

Faithfully yours,

Wm Kemp
RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

London.

17th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. Firth.

I am in receipt of your letter of 14th inst. and enclose cheque for £25. 10/- in accordance with the accompanying V.C., which please return to me.

Can you let me have the receipt for Mr. Constant's [cheque] £25. 10/-, as I shall probably require this for the

Order.

I also send you cheque in favour of Mr. Walter Dingley, £25. 10/-, will you kindly get it receipted and returned to me.

Yours faithfully,

RECEIVED.

Dr. Richard Firth,
The Rectory,
Y. O. S. E.

All communications should be
addressed to—

THE SECRETARY,
The Board of Control,
66, Victoria Street,
LONDON, S.W.

Communications relating to different
subjects should be made in separate
letters.

In reply please quote

No. 59127.



THE BOARD OF CONTROL,

66, Victoria Street, S.W.

15th April, 1916.

Sir,

re. Mr. Henry Branson Firth.

I am directed by the Board of Control to
inform you that, at the request of Dr. T.B. Hyslop,
they have given consent to the above-named patient,
who is at present on leave from The Retreat at 8,
Rosary Gardens, S.W. being removed to 7, Queen Ann
Street, W. under the care of Dr. Bateman for
treatment on account of intestinal irritation. This
leave has been granted for 10 days from this date and
will be renewed if necessary.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

O. E. Dickinson

Secretary.

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat, York.

829.
Down House,
Andover.

April 24

Dear J. F. Pierce

What
are you doing
about Mr. Fidd
I wrote to my
solicitor quite
a week ago

but have heard
nothing further
in the matter.
Mr. Stuart said
you would
write to Mr.
McKewich as
he asks for
the King.
Perhaps you
have already
televised Mr.

Yours, you might
drop me a line
please.

I remain
Truly yours
Maud. Lorr

8, ROSARY GARDENS, S.W.

April 14th

Dear D^r. Pierce,

My Brother has not been well since he came here suffering a great deal of pain, so to-day he sent for D^r. Gordon Lake and he said he was to go into some Nursing Home recommended by himself or D^r. Hyslop, so he goes either this evening

W. S. MASON
a in the next day or two.

My brother will return to us
as soon as he is better but
I thought you ought to be
informed of this matter.

My brother has been very nice
but has suffered a great
deal of pain some days.

yours truly
Ethel King.

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AMERICAN AGENTS,

POSSON, PELOUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

12th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I am in receipt of your letter of 11th inst. and await your A/c against Mr. Firth when all outstandings are got in.

The document referred to in the last clause of your communication was not enclosed.

Faithfully yours,

Wm / m / p
RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

London

18th April, 1911



Dear Sir,

14th April, 1911

I am in receipt of your letter of 11th inst. and am
very glad to hear that you are all well. I am
The enclosed referred to in the last of your
letter of 11th inst. is now in my possession.

Yours faithfully,
(Signature)
14th April 1911

Yours faithfully,
The Secretary

KEMP, SONS, SENDELL & CO

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AMERICAN AGENTS,

POGSON, PELOUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

10th April, 1916.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I understand that Mr. Firth has left the Retreat at York and I am desired to ask you to be good enough to let me know what sums are required to completely discharge your Account in connection with the Patient.

Faithfully yours,

(Wm. J. M. P.)
RECEIVER.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y O R K.

10th April, 1911.

Dear Sir,

I understand that Mr. [Name] has left the service of your
and I am desired to ask you to be good enough to let me know
what steps are required to completely discharge your account in
connection with the [Name].

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

Dr. [Name] [Address]
The [Name]

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4th April 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

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Yours faithfully,

Gerald Sturt
John Weatherall Sturt

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

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The Retreat,
York.

8, ROSARY GARDENS, S.W.

April 4th ...Dear B^r. Pierce,

I am in receipt of your letter and am glad to hear my brother will be able to come to us on Saturday.

I do not think there can be any need for me to come to York as my brother is well enough to come to stay here, but my Husband

and I will meet him
at King's Cross if you will
let me know at what
time his train arrives, but
it will be more convenient
to me if it is an afternoon
one.

I should of course let you
know if matters took an
unfavourable turn or if
my brother left us.

I think however if the

arrangements are fully explained
to my brother and he under-
stands that he is under your
care although staying with us
and I have no power of
interfering with his money
affairs, he will be quite
amenable.

I do not know whether you
could give him a word of
warning not to write so
many letters, but should be
glad if you would.

Yours truly,
Ethel King.

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk.
Temple, London, E.C.

31st March 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We refer to your letter of the 16th instant and have subsequently been in correspondence with Mrs. Firth and with Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye, who act for Mrs. King, and who also represent the Receiver.

We gather from Mrs. Firth that it is proposed that Mr. Firth should be allowed to leave The Retreat and come up and stay with his Sister, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Firth is willing to consent to this provided you can arrange the matter with the Lunacy Authorities and provided the leave of absence is granted upon the following conditions viz:-

- (a) That Mr. Firth does not go down to Andover, and
- (b) That Mrs. King accepts full responsibility as to Mr. Firth's control and that he is not to be allowed to go about by himself staying at Hotels or roaming about in London alone without some reasonable control.

We communicated these conditions to Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye and we further understand that they will make the

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

21st March 1916.

Dear Sir,

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We refer to your letter of the 16th instant and have subsequently been in correspondence with Mr. Smith and with Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye, who act for Mrs. King, and who also represent the Receiver.

We gather from Mrs. Smith that it is proposed that Mr. Smith should be allowed to leave The Retreat and come up and stay with his sister, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Smith is willing to consent to this provided you can arrange the matter with the necessary Authorities and provided the leave of absence is granted upon the following conditions viz:-

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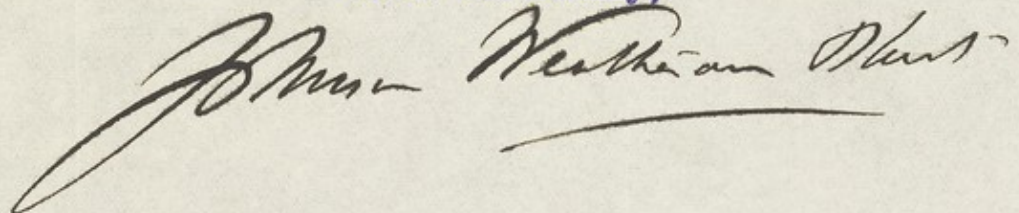
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We shall be glad if you will now make the necessary arrangements in connection with the proposed visit.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John M. Weatherman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

The Retreat,

YORK.

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21st March 1916.

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We shall be glad if you will now make the necessary

arrangements in connection with the proposed visit.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Bedford Pierce.

The Rectory,

YORK.

Down House,
Andover.

March 1st.

Dear D-Grace
I have
received your
letter the my
husband & I
have been duly
convinced
if I be
to Mr. Kings

Make good
not to tell me
about him as
I have had
trouble with
them before
in performing
them. Would
it mean that
he would be
out on 3. month
probation & I
become as his
Wife had
written to
the Synod
Comm: for her

if he got tired down here at
of being there which is
what would be
to happen would as I have no
be allowed may living
to go about on the place
in London the danger
by himself would have
I go I stay so wide do
at Hotels as the things
there would plainly appear
be nothing it as I should
pretending know something
him coming about him
as they would

When you are
in Down. The
object to him
going to the
if they will
Quaker for
they offer him
Hill and regard

Believe me
Sincerely
Rand. Fisher

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Down House.
Andover.

discharge &
Sir C. Brown
says that if he
he could be
removed to
some place
in the South
& mentions
a place called
"Ticehurst" but
where it is I

don't know. It
has always
been the same
thing whenever
he is let out
on his own
he becomes
perfectly in-
sane again
I don't wish
to go through
~~what~~ it all
again. So I
want to act
for the best
both for him

I ourselves.
I don't think
for a moment
he will stay
long at the
Hills as he
likes very soon
of everything
He seems to be
wonderfully
better under
your care. It
would do no
harm your
going to see
Mr. Stuart

8, ROSARY GARDENS, S. W.

March 14th.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Thank you very much for writing and letting me know how you think my Brother is, from his letter to me last week. I was quite under the impression that it was with your approval that he wrote me about staying here, and also that he was

quite normal and would
shortly get his discharge.

What is your opinion about
his coming here, if the
petitioner, who I conclude is
his Wife consents, I should like
to know as I do not want
to run any risk.

I enclose you my Brother's
letter and shall be glad to
have it returned, but please
do not let him know that
I have sent it you.

With many apologies for troubling
you and awaiting your reply,
yours truly,
Ethel King.

16th March, 1916.

Dear Sir,

I am expecting to be called to London to give evidence in the King Will case, and I should like to see you respecting Mr. Firth, who, for the time being, is a good deal better.

It will perhaps save time if I send you a copy of a letter I am sending to Mrs. Firth on the matter.

I should make it quite clear that there is still evidence of delusions of suspicion, but Mrs. Firth's general conduct, as you will see, has been satisfactory of late.

I will endeavour to let you know when I arrive in London, and perhaps we can arrange a meeting.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
7 Kings Bench Walk,
Temple,
London, E.C.

10th March, 1910.

Sturt to talk over the situation.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Firth,

Down House,

Andover.

London, E.C.

16th March, 1916.

16th March, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I enclose a copy of a letter from Mrs. King and my reply.

Mr. Firth has certainly been more reasonable lately. Yesterday he spoke quite pleasantly of you, and also repudiated his former opinions respecting the lady he met in the hunting field. He said he had quite altered his opinion on this subject.

The fact that Mr. Firth behaves well and has had full parole for three months without anything going wrong raises the question whether he ought not to have a trial away from the Retreat. As general principles persons who may not be thoroughly recovered but who behave themselves should have a trial after a time. If Mrs. King is willing to take the responsibility is there any objection to Mr. Firth going to stay with her?

Of course in a case such as this leave of absence would have to be given for some months, and I fear that it is only too likely that within that time the old delusions or perhaps fresh ones may re-appear. If so Mr. Firth would have to return to the Retreat, and we should have full authority to bring him back.

I am expecting to be in London very shortly, and thought of endeavouring to see Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall &

16th March, 1916.

Dear Madam,

For some weeks past Mr. Firth has had parole and been about in the city by himself as he pleased. I have no reason to think that he has in any way done anything amiss. He has also been to the theatre recently with the Sister in charge, and his conduct in the Retreat is quite orderly.

I cannot, however, report any true recovery; he is still suspicious and frequently thinks there is some conspiracy against him. Thus a meeting of the staff recently to consider pensions was thought to be some kind of plot. He has prejudices against certain members of the staff of a delusional nature, and only this morning he stated that there was something wrong afloat and that he would have to make a counter move.

With regard to the proposal in your letter, I cannot myself make any arrangements without the authority of the petitioner to whom I am writing, communicating your willingness to have your brother on a visit.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. King.

8, ROSARY GARDENS,

SOUTH KENSINGTON.

March 15th.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My Brother wrote to me on Friday to say that he would like to come and stay with us, I answered him at once to tell him how pleased we should be to see him and to let me know when to expect him, but I have

not yet had an answer
from him.

I am so glad to hear
that he is so well and
should be glad to know
when to expect him.

With kind regards
and apologies for
troubling you,

yours sincerely,
Ethel King

a lot of things
Sheneman has been
on his own and
Dr. Hyatt said
he is a clever
dissembler of
which I am quite
sure and I am
sure he is so
bitter & dishonest
me. With kind
regards.

Believe me
Sincerely
Maud. Fitch

595.
Down House,
Andover.

Jan 28th.

Dear Dr. Peirce

I was
glad to get
your letter
as I was just
going to write
to you & say
how very much

Wm. D. Day
thanks for
copy of letter
to Mr. King.
I think it will
do the point
& I agree with
it. I suppose
the Kings are
wanting him
removed. I am
not at all

worried to have
him taken
away from your
care as I am
quite satisfied
with it, & it
is so much hap-
-pier for me
to know he is
well looked
after. as we
have been
through such

26th January, 1916.

Dear Mrs. King,

In many respects Mr. Firth is decidedly better. He has regained his self-control, and for some few weeks he has had full parole and has been going about in the city as he pleased, and at no time has he done or said anything to which one could take exception. Not long before this, however, he was very irritable and at times abusive and clearly suffered from delusions; even at the present time he is inclined to be hostile towards my colleague, Dr. Mackenzie, and he expresses unreasonable dislike towards other persons, thinking they are spying on him.

I fear that there is no doubt whatever that the delusional state of mind continues, but it is less insistent and he more clearly realises the advantage of keeping his ideas to himself. He is exceedingly guarded in conversation, and does not now commit himself in anything like the way he did formerly. I have not lately heard him say anything about being divorced and marrying a certain lady, already married, to whom he has never spoken, but he does not repudiate these ideas in the way in which a person who had recovered would do.

He is extremely anxious to go away to the south and resume the control of his own affairs, and we consider that he is on his best behaviour in order to obtain this end.

I am glad to say that his general health is a good deal better, and though there is ground for anxiety as to the condition of his kidneys, he certainly looks better and is able to walk for a considerable distance without fatigue.

Mr. Firth will not write to Mrs. Firth or to his daughter. I think he will be writing to you as I have told him that I have heard from you.

To sum up the position. Seeing that he is behaving well and giving no trouble, I should not raise any serious objection to an extended trial elsewhere. I

fear, however, that it will not be long before there is a return of trouble, and that any additional freedom will end in disappointment. Seeing the extraordinary things he has done in the past and the bitterness expressed towards

Mrs. Firth, I can understand there is a good deal of hesitation in allowing him to have more liberty than he has at present.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

26th January, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I have had a letter from Mrs. King. I think it will be well for you to see a copy of my reply, so that you may know what I have said.

Sir James Crichton-Browne saw Mr. Firth to-day when he was very much better and was quite natural. He did not, however, discuss any of the more difficult subjects. The real question is whether it is safe to run a certain degree of risk in respect to it Mr. Firth's having a change.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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Yours very truly,

8, ROSARY GARDENS,

SOUTH KENSINGTON.

Jan. 24th ...

Dear Bro. Pierce,

I should be very
much obliged if you
would let me hear
how my brother Mr.
Firth is.

I wrote to him at Ames
but have not had any
reply to my letter, so

hope he is not ill.
Is there any chance of his
being out on probation
again, I wish there were.
With kind regards and
many apologies for
troubling you,

yours sincerely,
Ethel King.

30th December, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

About a fortnight ago Mr. Firth asked me to tell him why he was under care, and he asked that he should be discharged saying that he did not wish to leave unless he could go free. I told him next day many things that had transpired since he came here which are evidence of a disordered mind, all of which he explained away and made light of and generally he was wishful to ignore these incidents. Perhaps the worst feature is his unreasoning antipathy to certain patients and also to my colleague, Dr. Mackenzie, to whom he will not speak. On the otherhand, Mr. Firth has been much more pleasant lately, and I have felt justified in giving him a great amount of liberty, and he is out in the city on parole most days and he has given no cause for trouble. He says he will write no more letters and he will certainly not post any outside.

He has been attending entertainments this Christmas and I think he has enjoyed them. We had a play last night and afterwards a supper, and I think he was interested in it and he joined in conversation with visitors in quite a normal way. Physically he is somewhat better, but there is no fundamental change.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

100th December 1915.

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fundamental change.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Down House,
Andover.

Dec-29th

Dear Alice

It seems
a long time
since I have
heard of my
husband. I
would like
to know how
he is getting on

Please. He
never answers
his daughters
letters nor
nor have we
had one
line from
him this
long.

Please let
me know about
him. With

all kind wishes
to you for the
New Year.

Believe me
Truly yours
Maud. Lath

Down House,
Andover.

Dec 7/11

Dear Dr. Pierce
It seems
a long time
since I have
heard from you
about my husband
I would like
to know how he
is getting on

has not written
to any of us
for some weeks
now! is he fair-
ly contented
now & does he
wish to see
any of his old
-friends. I expect
you have had
very severe
weather lately
it has been

most intensely cold
here. With much
regards.

Believe me
Sincerely yours
Maudie Fitch

Mr. Little sister
 Mrs. Schuster
 wrote to ask
 and me to be
 move him to
 the Longport
 which I refuse
 to do, though
 good friends have
 completely central
 is he allowed
 to go out with
 now he has
 been attending
 all of us most
 indane letters
 up to a fort.

Down House.
 Andover.

Nov. 10th

Dear Dr. Price
 It is some
 time now since
 I heard from
 you about
 my husband
 I would very
 much like

to know how
he is, he ~~was~~
about a fortnight
ago & said
you had ~~seen~~
& guessed his
married daughter
- her & ~~subt~~
going up to see
him but
he wrote
to ~~Wren~~ to
say he declined

to see them
any - ~~Wren~~ the
married daughter
- she couldn't
come & see him
as her present
health won't
admit of it -
I might ask
one of her ~~coming~~
W. H. Smith
who lives near
Sheffield to
go & see him

4th November, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

On the whole Mr. Firth has been doing better. His general health seems to be somewhat improved, but he says he is weak, and I do not think he would be able to walk far, though he goes out in the grounds daily and sometimes is in the city.

He has not been complaining lately about his detention and he has not said anything recently about being removed, though I think his ideas are not altered. He has been rather difficult lately with the medical officers, particularly with Dr. Mackenzie, but he gets on very well with the staff. One day Miss Morris, the Assistant Matron, went with him to one of the Picture Palaces, and he was perfectly correct in his behaviour.

Although things are going on very well, one cannot but feel that sometime there may be renewed difficulty. About a month ago he told one of the attendants that he had given him the Holy Ghost. No doubt strange ideas of this kind are in his mind, though he rarely gives expression to them.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

22nd September, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Many thanks for your letter. We will gladly continue to do our best for Mr. Firth. He is very variable, sometimes when he meets us he is quite pleasant and agreeable, at other times he is abusive. He seems to think that he is being hypnotised by the Medical Officers and some of the patients. We allow him a little liberty in the grounds alone, but he does not go out without one of the attendants. Happily he gets on very well with his nurse.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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10th September, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

There is nothing fresh to report respecting Mr. Firth's condition. Of late he has been fairly well and cheerful, but he felt tired yesterday and had a day in bed. I have no reason to alter my previously expressed opinion as to the state of his bodily health. He continues to look thin and is not capable of much exertion.

I am writing because he says that he wishes to be transferred somewhere in the South of England. I asked him where, and he says he does not care where he goes, he leaves that to others. I told him that I would write to you on the subject. He asked me whether I would recommend that he should be removed, but I can hardly do this as there seems to be little advantage to be gained by moving him, excepting perchance in the South of England the climate might be more agreeable to him, and it might be easier for him to be visited.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

10th September, 1913

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and cheerful, but he felt tired yesterday and had a day in
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to be little advantage to be gained by moving him, excepting
perhaps in the South of England the climate might be more
agreeable to him, and it might be easier for him to be
visited.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

As he ought
to like it.

I remain
Truly y^{rs}
Mabel Litch

P.S. Yesterday
a letter came
from my ^{for his}
daughter full
of rubbish.

Down House,
Andover.

Sept. 19th

Dear Mr. Pierce

I am
sorry not to
have answered
your letter
sooner. I don't
think there
is any reason

for my husband
I had to be
removed, as
I am quite
sure he is
well looked
after & it would
be just the
same thing
if he was
removed any
where else.
any way for

the present he
can stay where
he is, but the
weather is
very fine here
& warm, if
he feels the
chance later
on. We can
think about
moving him
~~later on N.~~
country air
is his nature

their interference
I am sure
satisfies both
where he is under
your good care
his health may
be better, he has
stopped getting
down to his chest
With kind regards
Believe me,
Truly yours
Maud Smith

Down House,
Andover.

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Aug. 26th
Dear Dr. Pierce
Thank
you very much
for your last
letter & telling
me all about the
success of
Dr. Hyslop, are
they doing any

thing in the world you are what
matter I have said, when
you heard it. Would he
any thing if he were through
D.H. report house some thing
* as I am not it to many
going to have with him and
any thing he was all
done about the house. I
Mr. Firths be - he was fighting
- moral with - to get out of
- out my same - it. His belt
- tion. I am I don't want
him any more
hear them &

9th August, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

Dr. Hyslop came to see Mr. Firth on Wednesday last.

I understood the Solicitors made an application to the Master for him to do so. Mr. Firth had repeatedly asked to see Dr. Hyslop, and it seemed to me quite desirable that he should do so, and I encouraged the visit. I suppose Dr. Hyslop will make a report as to the result of his interview. He told me that Mr. Firth was wishful to return to London, and had himself proposed Flower House. I told Dr. Hyslop that I saw no reason why he should not be transferred if he was likely to be more comfortable in another Institution.

Mr. Firth is no better either physically or mentally.

He is feeble, when walking out in the garden he gives the impression of want of strength, and he is very thin. The chronic kidney disease continues, and he has had some dilatation of the heart, but with rest in bed this has improved. Mentally there is no doubt that the delusions of grandeur are still present though not very marked. Mr. Firth spoke of them quite plainly to Dr. Everley Taylor when he was at Scarborough.

Since he has been back here he has been exceedingly variable, sometimes perfectly pleasant and agreeable, but at

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other times irritable and abusive and even threatening. He once asked an attendant to send a telegram to his Solicitors instructing them to tell me not to visit him alone as he might injure me. A few days after this he was again perfectly agreeable, but says that he is pining away for want of liberty, and further adds that if he is to be under care somewhere he would rather be in the south nearer his friends. My own feeling is that it does not make much difference where he is, that the distressing nature of his mental condition will make him unhappy anywhere.

I should add that Mr. Firth gets on excellently well with the staff and makes no complaints whatever with respect to his care and the general conditions of life.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Down House, ✓
Andover.

Sunday
Dear Dr. Pierce
I have
today received
a letter from
my husband
& in it he says
he has sent
Dr. Hoslop &
he has ordered
him back to
the Flower House

to which I should
I must admit
for one moment
for several
seasons of
Hypophya
been to see
him I should
like very much
to know
what authority
he went, had
Mr. Irish been
in correspondence

with Mr. Fickens
lately as some
time ago he
said he was
wishing to see
I would like
you to send
me a line by
return please
to say how
he is as soon
as he has
isn't - Very Lane
I remain
Truly yours
Mabel Irish

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

4th August 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

The Master in Lunacy has authorised a visit by Dr. Hyslop to Mr. Firth and we shall be obliged if you will make arrangements accordingly upon hearing from Dr. Hyslop, who will no doubt communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,

Johnson Weatherall & Sturt

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

10th August 1912.

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Mr. R. R. Pearson F.R.S.

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TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
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TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

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7. Kings Bench Walk.
Temple, London, E.C.

24th July 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 21st instant enclosing copy of Dr. Hyslop's letter and we are in communication with Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye, who represent the Receiver, and gather that they will bring the matter before the Master in Lunacy with a view of obtaining his necessary sanction.

Yours faithfully,

John Weatherall Sturt

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

25th July 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Harrison Fildes.

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 21st instant enclosing copy of Mr. Fildes's letter and we are in communication with Messrs. Fildes & Co., who represent the Receiver, and further that they will bring the matter before the Master in Lunacy with a view of obtaining his necessary

sanction.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

21st July, 1915.

Dear Sirs,

Mr. Firth is very anxious to see Dr. Hyslop, and I write asking whether Dr. Hyslop could come. I enclose a reply which please consider as confidential as I have not his permission to send it on to you. I may say th at there is reason to fear that Mr. Firth is suffering from chronic Bright's disease, and though there is no immediate danger the outlook is not favourable. Mentally there is no improvement though Mr. Firth is quite reasonable when talking upon general topics but still has enlarged ideas and is very resentful towards all who are connected with his detention.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
7 Kings Bench Walk,
Temple,
London, E.C.

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

Mr. Birch is very anxious to see Mr. Lyster,
and I would ask whether Mr. Lyster could come.
I enclose a reply which please consider as confidential
as I have not the permission to send it on to you.
I may say that there is reason to fear that Mr. Birch
is suffering from chronic Bright's disease, and though
there is no immediate danger the outlook is not
favourable. Certainly there is no improvement though
Mr. Birch is quite reasonable when talking upon general
topics but still has enlarged ideas and is very
resentful towards all who are connected with his
detention.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. Lyster, Esq.,
Barnes, London, W.14.

Wm. Lyster, Esq.,
Barnes, London, W.14.

Yours,

London, E.C.

21st July, 1915.

Dear Hyslop,

I have written to the Solicitors respecting Mr. Firth, telling them that I think it is desirable for you to come to see him. I believe Mr. Firth himself has written to Kekewich, his own Solicitor, on the subject, so I hope that we shall be able to arrange it on a proper footing. I need hardly say that we shall be delighted to see you at any time. I am expecting to be at home all the time until the middle of August at any rate.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Star July, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have written to the Baltimore newspaper
of the 17th, telling them that I think it is desirable
for you to come to see him. I believe Mr. Tamm
himself has written to Newcomb, his own collector,
on the subject, so I hope that we shall be able to
arrange it on a proper footing. I had partly said
that we shall be delighted to see you at any time,
I am expecting to be at home all the time until the

middle of August at any rate.

With kind regards.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

21st July, 1915.

Dear Everley Taylor,

It is really strange that the ladies at Throxenby are so frequently out of health. It seems to be a sort of Box and Cox arrangement though just at present both are under a cloud. I heard this morning that Sister Hilda is better and I hope the indisposition will prove to be of a passing nature. Sister Lucy Lister will, I think, be able to keep things going quite comfortably even though they are both ill.

I had a word with Richard Cross the other day and I understood that he was going over to Scarborough verysoon when I hope you will see him.

Mr. Firth has done pretty well since coming back. He has greatly reduced the number of cigarettes, and so far has been quite civil and pleasant though his resentment at being under care continues. I told him plainly that his kidneys were out of order and that there was some enlargement of his heart, and he has been having a few days in bed. I suppose there is no very promising line of treatment for this condition. We are giving him quite a moderate amount of nitrogenous food and persuading him to take as much in the way of fats as possible.

12121, July, 1915

Very many thanks for telling me of Duncan
& Flockhards' paraffin which we will order.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and I hope to a
satisfactory conclusion will prove to be of a genuine nature.
I have been thinking of you all the time, and I hope to keep
things going quite comfortably even though now we
have a bit of a cold.
I had a word with the doctor about the other
day and I understood that he was going over to
Newburyport tomorrow when I hope you will see him.
Mr. Birch has done pretty well since coming
back. He has greatly reduced the number of cigarettes
and so far has been quite civil and pleasant though
his treatment at being under our care continues. I told
him plainly that his kidneys were out of order and that
there was some enlargement of his heart, and he has
been having a few days in bed. I suppose there is no
very promising line of treatment for this condition
as we give him quite a moderate amount of nitrogenous
food and are asking him to take as much as the rest of
the family.

20 July 1915

TELEGRAMS:
"EVERLEY L. TOR, SCARBOROUGH"
TELEPHONE N°1
AT HOME, 2 TO 3.30 P.M.

34, QUEEN STREET,
SCARBOROUGH.

Dear Bedford Price

Mr Fort was taking

Delectol

Duncan's Hockhals

is a flavoured pure paraffin
I am sending some to you to tide
over the gap until your York
Chemist can get it into stock

Sister Hilda has a bad attack
of diarrhoea with temp and
pain with headache.

Yours sincerely

W. A. Walker-Jones

1911-12



TEL. P.O. MAYFAIR
2993.

5, PORTLAND PLACE,
W.

716.
July 19. 1915

My dear BP

Many thanks for
yours re Firth. I shall
be very glad to see him
again but as I am very
busy I do not feel justified
in visiting him without
fee. I have been
helping him for about
a year (including a
visit to Scarborough) without
any fee whatsoever, so
I think they ought to
allow a fee of say 50gs

for me to see him at
Yonkers. He always
settles down after I
have seen him and as
I do not think he has
very long for this world
I think the authorities
ought to humour him
& grant his wishes to
see me.

Kind regards,
Yours sincerely
Theo. B. Hyatt

16th July, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

I have seen Mr. Firth again and also consulted with Dr. Everley Taylor and it seems to be perfectly clear that Mr. Firth is not well enough to live in a private family. The mental trouble is no better and physically he is poorly, thin with some cardiac trouble. We think he had better return to the Retreat, and I am arranging for him to do this very shortly.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Down House,
Andover.

July 13th.

Dear Dr. Pierce.

I have
received your
letter for which
I thank you.
I think I had
better leave
it to you to
arrange about
my husband

as you know
more about his
state than I
do, if he goes
to Scarborough
it seems he
won't be under
much control
& I don't know
if it is very
good for him
I would like

to know what
you decide
about him, if
he doesn't
object I should
think the
best would
be the best for
him.

I remain
Truly yours
M. Firth

10th July, 1915.

Dear Madam,

The time is approaching when Throxenby Hall is handed over largely to the women patients who have a change of air to the sea-side in the summer time. We occasionally have gentlemen patients stay through the whole time, but it is really not very comfortable, and the general conditions are nothing like so pleasant as they are now. I have two alternatives to suggest. One is that Mr. Firth comes back here for a few weeks; the other suggestion is that he goes on leave of absence to Scarborough, and I might say that there is a doctor, who is now away at the front, whose house is at liberty, and Mr. Firth could stay there on leave of absence for a few weeks. In this case I should have to engage an attendant to be with him as at the moment we cannot possibly spare a member of our staff. I append some particulars of the house which would seem to me a possible arrangement. You, of course, will understand that in such a case there is comparatively little supervision possible, as Mr. Firth will not walk out with a companion, and he would, therefore, be obliged to sit out in the gardens at Scarborough alone, and we should have comparatively

little hold upon him.

I cannot report any mental improvement, and
Mr. Firth is distinctly irritable when his detention
is discussed.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Firth,

Dear Madam,

And now

is as liberty, and Mr. Firth could stay there on
I have an absence for a few weeks. In this case I
could have no objection to his staying with him as
at the moment we cannot possibly spare a member of our
staff. I should have been particularly of the house which
would seem to me a possible arrangement. You, of
course, will understand that in such a case there is
comparatively little supervision possible, as
Mr. Firth will not walk out with a companion, and he
would, therefore, be obliged to sit out in the garden
at Southampton alone, and we should have comparatively

2nd July, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I was over at Throxenby yesterday and found Mr. Firth in improved bodily health , but he does not look really well and he walks in a rather feeble manner. He is beginning to resent greatly his detention and speaks in a hostile way towards all who are concerned in it. He very much surprised Dr. Everley Taylor, who has been exceedingly kind to him, by accusing him of being a party to his detention. He gives no trouble and is very pleasant in the house and likes Throxenby apparently well, but I am quite expecting that before very long there may be trouble as it is hardly likely that he can comfortably settle there feeling resentment against everyone.

He was visited the other day by Sir James Crichton-Browne, the Lord Chancellor's Visitor.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Firth,

Down House,

Andover.

End July, 1919.

Dear Madam,

I was over at Thursday yesterday and found Mr. With in improved bodily health, but he does not look really well and he walks in a rather faddle manner. He is beginning to resent greatly his detention and speaks in a hostile way towards all who are connected in it. He very much disliked Mr. Evelyn Taylor, who has been exceedingly kind to him, by assuring him of being a party to his detention. He gives no trouble and is very pleasant in the house and likes Thursday apparently well, but I am quite expecting that before very long there may be trouble as it is hardly likely that he can comfortably settle where feeling resentment against everyone.

He has visited the other day by Sir James.

Gratton-house, the Lord Chancellor's Visitor.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Wm. With,

Down House,

Andover.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
STIMY, LONDON.

TELEPHONES
CITY 7663 (2 LINES)

2. Suffolk Lane.
Cannon Street.

London, E.C. 21st June 1915.

The Secretary,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 19th instant
with Mr. H. B. Firth's cheque book, for which we thank you.

Yours truly,

Herbert Smith

15. June 1893

The Secretary,
The National
Y.M.C.A.

Dear Sir,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 10th instant
with Mr. E. B. Smith's cheque book, for which we thank you.
Yours truly,

Wm. L. Smith



TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
STIMY, LONDON.

TELEPHONES
CITY 7663 (2 LINES)

R. E.

567.
2. Suffolk Lane,
Cannon Street.

London, E.C. 17th June 1915.

Dr. Pierce,
Throxenby Hall,
near Scarborough.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. Firth

While Mr. H. B. Firth was out on probation the Receiver arranged for him to have a Drawing Account with the Union of London & Smiths Bank Ltd., 50 Cornhill, on which he could sign cheques for a limited sum in payment of his personal expenses. On Mr. Firth going into your Home under the Retention Order the Receiver was ordered by the Master in Lunacy to obtain the sum standing to Mr. Firth's credit and apply it as part of his assets subject to the Order of the Court. This has been done but the Bank are anxious to obtain any unused cheques which may be outstanding in Mr. Firth's possession and we shall be obliged if you will see if Mr. Firth has any cheques and also explain to him that by order of the Master in Lunacy the Drawing Account has been closed and his expenses will be paid by the Receiver through you.

Yours truly,

Herwich Smith & Kaye

15th June 1915

R. F.

Dr. F. F. F.
Thornhill Hall,
New Southgate.

Dear Sir,

Mr. F. F. F.

While Mr. F. F. F. was out on probation the Receiver arranged for him to have a Drawing Account with the Union of London & Cambridge Bank Ltd., 55 Cornhill, on which he could claim expenses for a limited sum in payment of his personal expenses. On Mr. F. F. F. returning home under the Probation Order the Receiver was ordered by the Master in Lunacy to obtain the sum standing to Mr. F. F. F.'s credit and apply it as part of his allowance subject to the Order of the Court. This has been done but the Bank are anxious to obtain any unused cheques which may be outstanding in Mr. F. F. F.'s possession and we shall be obliged if you will see Mr. F. F. F. has any cheques and also explain to him that by order of the Master in Lunacy the Drawing Account has been closed and any expenses will be paid by the Receiver through

Yours,

Yours truly,

John Smith

17th June, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

On the whole Mr. Firth is doing well at Throxenby Hall. He is rather more sociable and for the most part is pleasant and agreeable, though now and then he shuts himself up in his room and sees little of anyone. He told me on Tuesday that he was comfortable there and liked the people.

His general health is better, but he cannot walk far, - thus he tried to walk to the bungalow on the sea shore about two miles away but found it was too far. The food trouble of which I wrote to you is now better. Dr. Everley Taylor is seeing him frequently as I think it is well that he should be under close medical supervision.

When Mr. Firth's sister was in York he had a long conversation with her and the correspondence occurred after this. Mr. Firth tells me that he has been writing no letters lately.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

17th June, 1942.

Dear Mr. T. W.

On the whole Mr. T. W. is doing well at
Farnham Hall. He is rather more sociable and for
the most part a pleasant and agreeable person. He
and I have been talking a lot in his room and some
little of what he told me on Tuesday that he
was comfortable there and liked the hospital.

Mr. General has been in the hospital, but he cannot
walk far. He has tried to walk to the garden on
the one short road and after a while he found it was
too far. The food trouble of which I wrote to
you is now better. Mr. Stanley Taylor is waiting
for him to be sent to the front. I think it is well that he should
be under close medical supervision.

When Mr. T. W.'s sister was in York he had
a long conversation with her and the correspondence
continued after this. Mr. T. W. tells me that he has
been writing no letters lately.

I remain

Yours very truly,

The day when
in York. I would
like to know
when you write
me. again.
With kind regards
Believe me
Sincerely yours
Maud. Fitch

Down House,
Andover.

559.
June 16th

Dear D^r Grace.
I have
been intending
to write to you
for some days
so thank you
for your note
& the enclosure
I am sorry
to hear that

he has been
poorly and
obliged to
have a doctor
I hope he is
now better.
He wrote to
me a signa-
ture about
three weeks
ago but hardly
to say I have

answered it
for do I intend
so he is angry
with me for
publishing his
message. I thought
that letter
you wrote to
Mr. Schneider
was a wise one
& quick to the
point, about
Mr. Smith, and

8th June, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I have had a letter from Mrs. Schweder asking about her brother. I thought I had better let you know of this, and I send you a copy of my reply.

Mrs. Firth,
Down House,
Andover.

21st June, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I have had a letter from Mrs. Schneider
asking about her brother. I thought I had better let
you know of this, and I send you a copy of my reply.

Mrs. Wicks,
Down House,
Andover.

8th June, 1915.

Dear Madam,

I was sorry not to see you when you were in York. So far as I understand the reason why Mr. Firth has to return to special care was that he was writing a number of extraordinary letters in a most unsuitable and improper way, and on this account I believe the Board of Control objected to his remaining any longer on trial. I saw some of these letters and they clearly indicated a serious delusional state of mind. Since being at the Retreat Mr. Firth's conduct has been perfectly correct with the exception that he is inclined to be anti-social and appears to be unable to occupy himself in a reasonable way. He has also written several letters indicating that his mental condition continues to be unsatisfactory, although he himself says that he is very much better and that he has lost his delusions. I do not think I need mention particulars as to what these letters contain. I can only say that they are quite sufficient to satisfy anyone as to his mental unsoundness.

Mr. Firth has now gone to our branch house at Scarborough, Throxenby Hall, and I hope to see him on Thursday. His general health has not been very good. On arrival at York he was thin and weak. His kidneys are

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not sound, and though he has improved a good deal physically he is still far from well, and I hear that since he has been at Scarborough it has been necessary to get Dr. Everley Taylor to see him on account of his bodily health.

I must say in reply that I do look upon his condition as a serious one. Physically one cannot but fear that he is suffering from a chronic form of kidney disease, and mentally I also fear that there is not much hope of the delusional state of mind completely clearing up. Of course he is very much better mentally than he has been.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Mrs. Schweder,

Queensboro Court,
46, 48, 50, Queensborough Terrace,
Hyde Park, W.

TELEPHONE
3956Paddington.

QUEENSBORO COURT,
46, 48, 50, QUEENSBOROUGH TERRACE,
HYDE PARK, W.

June 6, 1915

816.

Dear Sir

Before saying what I wish to write to you I must explain that I am Mr. Firth's sister, & called to see him about 10 days ago. I was very sorry not to meet you as his case seems to have been more in your hands & the doctor I saw could not give me any of the information I required. I should like to know who is responsible for his being placed under restraint again if you think ~~is~~ his case is very serious & hopeless. I saw him several times when he was in Town, & although certainly

not in a normal frame of mind. I saw nothing in him to lead me to suppose it was necessary for him to be shut up. My sister who also saw him is of the same opinion as myself. I should feel very much obliged if you could give me any information as to his frame of mind. I thought he looked ill the appeared very weak

Yours faithfully
Edith Schweder

3rd June, 1915.

Dear Mrs. Firth,

We are arranging for Mr. Firth to go to Throxenby Hall, near Scarborough, to-day. He has been unwilling to go hitherto, but now he seems to want to get right into the country.

We are giving him liberty to go about by himself, as there seems no reason why he should not do so, and he very much objects to being shadowed by an attendant or nurse. It is part of his malady that he is anti-social and unwilling to join in the occupations and interests of others. He has not been writing letters lately, but there is no real change in his mental outlook.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

765
7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

25th May 1915

Dear Sir,

RE H. B. FIRTH.

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant and for the information as to Mr. Firth's condition you gave us.

As regards the infatuation you refer to for your private information we would say that we always understood that Mr. Firth met the young lady in question while hunting, just a mere casual slight acquaintance. This was before his first attack.

About a year or so ago we heard that the lady in question had married. To the best of our belief no communication has passed between the Lady and Mr. Firth since the chance meeting on the Hunting Field.

It will be quite impossible we think to get a letter from the lady or from her relatives.

Our client Mrs. Firth has no personal knowledge of the lady;
Exact by name.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Johnson Weatherall & Sturt

25th May 1915

Dear Sir,

MR. R. BIRTH

We beg to thank you for your letter of the 22nd instant
and for the information as to Mr. Birth's condition you gave us.
As regards the information you refer to for your private
information we would say that we always understood that Mr.
Birth met the young lady in question while hunting just a mere
casual slight acquaintance. This was before his first attack.
About a year or so ago we heard that the lady in question
had married. To the best of our belief no communication has
passed between the lady and Mr. Birth since the chance meeting
on the Hunting field.
It will be quite impossible we think to get a letter from
the lady or from her relatives.
Our agent Mrs. Birth has no personal knowledge of the lady.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

May 22, 1915

H.B.Firth

Dear Sirs,

I am arranging to send to the Board of Control the usual Report and Certificate for Mr. Firth next week. This has the effect of continuing the Reception Order for another year.

The first part of Mr. Firth's stay here he was very quiet and steady, but he was exceedingly tired, and wished to stay in bed most of the time. One morning he said he was very much better and had now lost all his delusions and he made light of the extraordinary things he had said in the past.

I cannot report any real improvement, however, as Mr. Firth has written several letters lately which clearly indicate a delusional state of mind.

You are aware of his infatuation with a lady who is now married. He tells me that he wishes to see her and that it is quite preposterous that he should be kept here under care because of this. Have I been rightly informed that this attachment is in itself wholly unreasonable? Can you tell me if the lady has ever written or in any formal way told Mr. Firth that she will not see him? I fear that no written statement from anybody will alter his opinion on the matter, and yet I should like to be able to tell him in some authoritative manner that this interview is impossible as the lady will not see him.

I cannot but think that the outlook of the case is distinctly unfavourable, though it is quite clear that Mr. Firth is able to suppress his delusional state of mind to a large extent, making it difficult to justify his detention.

I remain,
Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt

May 12, 1915

Y.S. 1915

Dear Sir,

The usual report of the Commission for the year 1914, which was submitted to the Senate in December, 1914, and to the House in January, 1915, is herewith submitted to you.

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. B. Johnson

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
J. B. Johnson

I remain,
Yours very truly,
J. B. Johnson

Respectfully,
J. B. Johnson

TEL. P. O. MAYFAIR
2993.

746
5, PORTLAND PLACE,
W.

May 21. 1915

Dear BP

re Firth

Have just
received inclosed letter
which seems to show
that Firth is still
deluded.

Kind regards
Yours sincerely
Theo. B. Kynsley

STANDARD PAPER

of what he has
to say on the
matter.

I remain
Very truly yrs
Maud. Fitch

735

Down House,
Andover.

May 20th

Dear Dr. Pierce;
I enclose
this letter
written last
Sunday for
you to see
it shows the
misleading shade
of the name

mind he may
appear fairly
abright - & think
& tell you he
is but that
speaks for itself
as you will
see if he
still writes
them I shall
send them on

do you from
time to time
Many thanks
for your last
letter. I must
tell you that
the young lady
is married
& has a child
so the whole
thing is made
I should like
to know if you
Love D. - Hyslop

and I hardly knew whether
people were there or not
or whether I should know
them. It was Dr. Price that
put the idea of the Di-
in my mind, then I gradually
convince you to hold that office
as you were my enemy, then
when Dr. at Filer told
me to write to the Home

Secretary I departed you and
eventually appointed his
Majesty as I came across
him with Holdame who Dr.
Kirkwich had told me was
responsible for my custody
and I had been cautioned by
a commissioner for writing

The Retreat

York 19 May/15

Dear Dr. Kyrlop

I killed you many times
and hundreds of other but
they soon turned up again.

One of your deaths was
my distraction to me for you
and duly turned up at the
Flover House at lunch and
came and shook hands with
me. I was so startled that
I did not see you go and I
thought you had disappeared.
After then I did not seem to
know who I was, tall or short,
old or young, great or small.

threatening letter to His
Majesty. No change took place
in His Majesty's life as at
last I deposed him and put it
down to the Church owing to
some vision of the past and
to my suspecting some men
who came into the Hotel and
later I thought they were
going to take me to the Vatican
to get some secrets out of me.
Then I went for the Grand
Tharua of Tibet and later
the Dabhi Tharua. I soon came
to earth them for I and they
connected it personally with
that vile devil of a witch

who had told me that I should
become very religious and live
to a great age. I may say that
the only part of religion that
interests me at the moment is
the marriage service. I should
never have got well without the
doing that I have had, for you
can't be told about religious
fancies, but I hope that a full
enquiry will be made about the
witch and that she will get
her deserts. I may conclude by
saying that my belief in mediums
is ended and no doubt they are
responsible for many religious
maniacs. Yours sincerely
H. Pearson. Duth

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

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TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
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749
7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

19th May 1915.

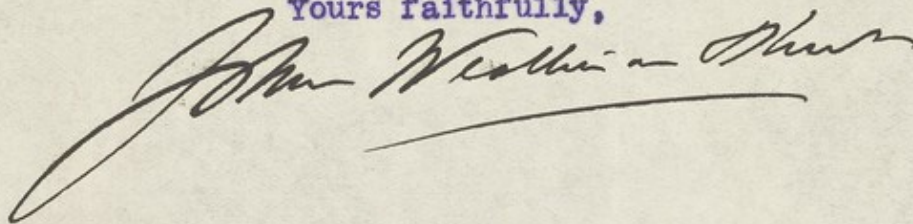
Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

Referring to the copy of the Reception Order in this case which we sent you, we note that this is dated the 5th June and we believe that under the Lunacy Rules this Order is only in force for one year but the Commissioners have power on application to extend it. We found we had a note to see that this was done but we thought we would remind you although doubtless you have the point before you.

We shall be interested to hear what you think of Mr. Firth's mental condition *prospects of recovery.*

Yours faithfully,



Dr. Bedford Pierce.

19th May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Stenson Wirth.

Referring to the copy of the Reception Order in this case which we sent you, we note that this is dated the 5th June and we believe that under the Lunacy Rules this Order is only in force for one year but the Commissioners have power on application to extend it. We found we had a note to see that this was done but we thought we would remind you although doubtless you have the point before you.

We shall be interested to hear what you think of Mr.

Wirth's mental condition.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Down House,
Andover.

May 17th.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Many

thanks for yr
letter received
today about
my husband
he may appear
stronger in
health but
his brain
isn't any

Myself reports
all about him
I well know
how much he
is whether he
wants to leave
you or not
he is not
going to ask
myself - he took
after. as he just
not in a fit
state to be
by himself.
He is a diffi-
cult case. I know.
Remain
Sincerely yours
Maud Smith

10 MAY 1915

cheaper. No
is it likely
to be yet
I am sure
of it. I know
about him
so well. Daddy
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a letter from
him only
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- day. I give
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May 15, 1915

Dear Madam,

Mr. Firth seems a good deal better and stronger since coming here, and he says he is sleeping better. He tells me that he has now entirely got rid of his delusions and he speaks quite frankly about them, saying that they were all nonsense. He has asked me to take care of his papers, and says that he wishes to begin again..

I do not find, however, that he speaks very reasonably of his attachment to the lady mentioned in your previous letter, and he is still wishful to see her. He claims that he is now perfectly well and that it is unreasonable for him to be kept under care on account of his wishes in this direction.

It so happens that I am going to London next week and I hope to talk things over with Dr. Hyslop.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Firth

May 16, 1918

Dear Madam,

Mr. With seems a good deal better and stronger since
coming here, and he says he is sleeping better. He
tells me that he has not entirely got rid of his delusions
and he speaks more frankly about them, saying that there
were all nonsense. He has asked me to take care of
his papers, and says that he wishes to be buried again.
I do not find, however, that he speaks very reasonably
of his treatment. The lady mentioned in your previous
letter, and he is still afraid to see her. He claims
that he is now perfectly well and that it is unreason-
able for him to be kept under care on account of his
wishes in this direction.
It so happens that I am going to London next week
and I hope to talk things over with Dr. Bishop.
I remain,
Yours very truly,

Wm. With

May 15, 1915

Dear Hyslop,

I am going up to attend the meeting on Tuesday and I hope to see you and have a word about Firth. He seems better in some respects and says he is now well, having lost all his delusions.

I could see you at 2.30 or thereabouts, before the meeting in the afternoon, if that would be convenient to you. Will you send me a line in reply to the Kingsley Hotel, Bloomsbury.

With kind regards,

Ever Yours,

My 15, 1915

Dear Mother,

I am going to the office tomorrow and

I have to see you and have a word about this. It seems

better in some ways than it is now well, having lost

the old situation.

I don't see you as 1.35 or 1.40 cents, before the

change in the market, it will be a considerable loss to you.

Will you send me a line to let me know the latest price.

Yours truly,

Wm. H. H. H.

Wm. H. H.

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TEL. P. O. MAYFAIR
2993.

5, PORTLAND PLACE,

W.

May 10th. 1915

Dear B.P.

Many thanks for yours re H.B.Firth.

I first saw him a few years ago at Balmoral when he wanted to interview the King and obtain a Knighthood for imaginary services etc. I sent him to Flower House for a time and his exaltation disappeared. His spinal fluid showed no evidence of G.P.I., and mentally he seemed to be suggestive of Paranoid Chronica.

I next heard of him in Paris and went there to rescue him from imaginary troubles. He again went to Flower House and had a very severe attack of suicidal mania with varying delusions of exaltation. He has always had a great opinion of himself and believes himself to be "God". At times, however, he owns that this is slightly exaggerated.

For over a year he has been out "on leave" and I have seen him a few times, once at Filey and several times here. He has written to me almost daily for some years and all his letters show exaltation.

Crichton Browne saw him at Flower House and reported that he was dangerous, and of late the Commisioners have been troubled about him and wished him to be detained in an institution.

Kindest regards

Yours sincerely

Thos. B. Tidylob

8th May, 1915.

Dear Madam,

Mr. Firth has settled in here very comfortably. He does not get up until about mid-day, as he says he is tired, and it seems quite clear that he is quickly fatigued both mentally and bodily.

He has talked to me quite frankly about his difficulties, and I should gather that he is distinctly clearer in mind than he was. He himself says that now his delusions are going away he feels so much weaker in body. I fear the strange ideas in relation to the lady you name have not entirely gone, and he says, moreover, that his illness has been principally due to the evil influence of a certain palmist, whom he appears to have met several times.

Mr. Firth is sleeping well and taking his food well, and I have little doubt that he will gain strength. He gets on very well with the staff. He went out for an hour's drive with the head attendant and enjoyed it very much, and was interested in everything that was pointed out to him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

to my father.

Dear father,

My father has been very
convinced that he has not yet reached about mid-day
in his journey in life, and it seems quite clear
that he is quickly fastened both mentally and bodily
to his father's side. He has talked to me quite freely about
his difficulties, and I should rather than be in
a position to observe in mind than he was. He himself
says that his behavior was going away to feel
so much weaker in body. I fear the attitude there
in relation to the fact you have not entirely
gone, and he says, moreover, that his illness has
been principally due to the evil influence of a
certain material, when he appears to have met several
times.
Mr. Smith is sleeping well and taking his
food well, and I have little doubt that he will gain
strength. He talks on very well with the staff.
He went out for an hour's drive with the head attendant
and enjoyed it very much, and was interested in
everything that was pointed out to him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

7th May, 1915.

Dear Hyslop,

A patient of yours, Mr. H. Branson Firth, has been transferred to the Retreat as you will have heard. So far he is very pleased that he came here, for he seems to like the people and is glad to be quiet and away from London. The intention is that he should go on to Throxenby Hall, Scarborough, after a short stay here, but it is just possible that he may not want to go if he continues to be as comfortable here as he is now.

I should be very glad if you could give me some information about the case, and tell me what you think. Mr. Firth frankly admits that he had many delusions and has written a great many foolish letters, and he states that now that his delusions are going away he feels exceedingly tired. He stays in bed all the mornings but is up and about in the afternoons.

I find it a little difficult to disentangle the facts of the history he gives from the delusional ideas. He appears to have been under the domination of a certain palmist, and also to have been infatuated with a girl named Barbara with whom he seems to think he has a strange affinity. This Barbara is now apparently married. Can you tell me whether there is any justification whatever for

this attachment, or is it an entirely morbid fancy on his part?

Mr. Firth seems to have great confidence in you, and if you are able to arrange to come over to see him I hope you will do so, for it will give a good excuse for us to have the pleasure of your company again. I was sorry to hear that you had not been very well, and trust it is nothing but a passing indisposition and that you are quite all right now.

We are short-handed and I have been very busy, otherwise things go on very much as usual in spite of the sad times. My son is out at Dunkirk helping in a typhoid hospital and happily the bombardment does not seem to have damaged any of his party, but a shell weighing about a ton fell within fifty yards of the Hospital. We shall be delighted to see you any time you can come over.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

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is like ~~now~~ ^{that} ~~that~~
he will try & call
himself together
for a bit. He
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would like you
to write direct
to me please
from time to
time how he is
I expect with the
best he will pro-
bably improve
but he is a off
poor case & I'm
so glad to think
he is going to

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Down House.
Andover.
I received
this morning.
I am glad to
hear that my
husband ar-
rived safely

I gave no
trouble. I saw
very much afraid
he would.
He wrote a
very insane
letter to my
daughter a
few days ago
also to my
brother-in-law

all on the one
subject. Miss.
Barbara. Gribble
but she is mar-
ried now. Accord-
ing to his letter
he said he
was suffering
agonies from
internal nervous
which attacked
his heart, stomach
& chest. But
you will see for

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JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk
Temple, London, E.C.

3rd May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We have now received from Dr. Bulmore copies of the Reception Order of the 5th June 1914 and various accompanying papers and we now beg to enclose you the documents as received viz:-

- (a) Copy of Order for Reception of Mr. Firth dated 5th June 1914.
- (b) Copy Petition of Mrs. Firth dated 4th June 1914.
- (c) Copy Certificate of Dr. Farr dated 1st June 1914.
- (d) Copy Certificate of Dr. Lane dated 2nd June 1914.
- (e) Copy Urgency Order for the Reception of Mr. Firth dated 1st June 1914.

Yours faithfully,

Johnson Weatherall & Sturt

*P.S. We saw Mr. Simpson this afternoon & handed
him the documents as it seemed best if Dr. Bulmore
Dr. Bedford Pierce, were with Mr. Firth he was just
finishing them up for you.*

2nd May 1914.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Harrison Smith.

We have now received from Dr. Harrison Smith copies of the Reception Order of the 25th June 1914 and various accompanying papers and we now beg to enclose you the documents as

received viz:-

- (a) Copy of Order for Reception of Mr. Smith dated 25th June 1914.
- (b) Copy Petition of Mrs. Smith dated 25th June 1914.
- (c) Copy Certificate of Dr. Harrison dated 1st June 1914.
- (d) Copy Certificate of Dr. Lane dated 2nd June 1914.
- (e) Copy Urgency Order for the Reception of Mr. Smith dated 1st June 1914.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

is once Mr. Birch
to move his
present where
abouts. He has
been apparently
peaceful & happy
& will there for
some time - with
his attendant
Dunkley. But I
trust you will
have no serious
trouble; no true
Mrs. D. Ballmore

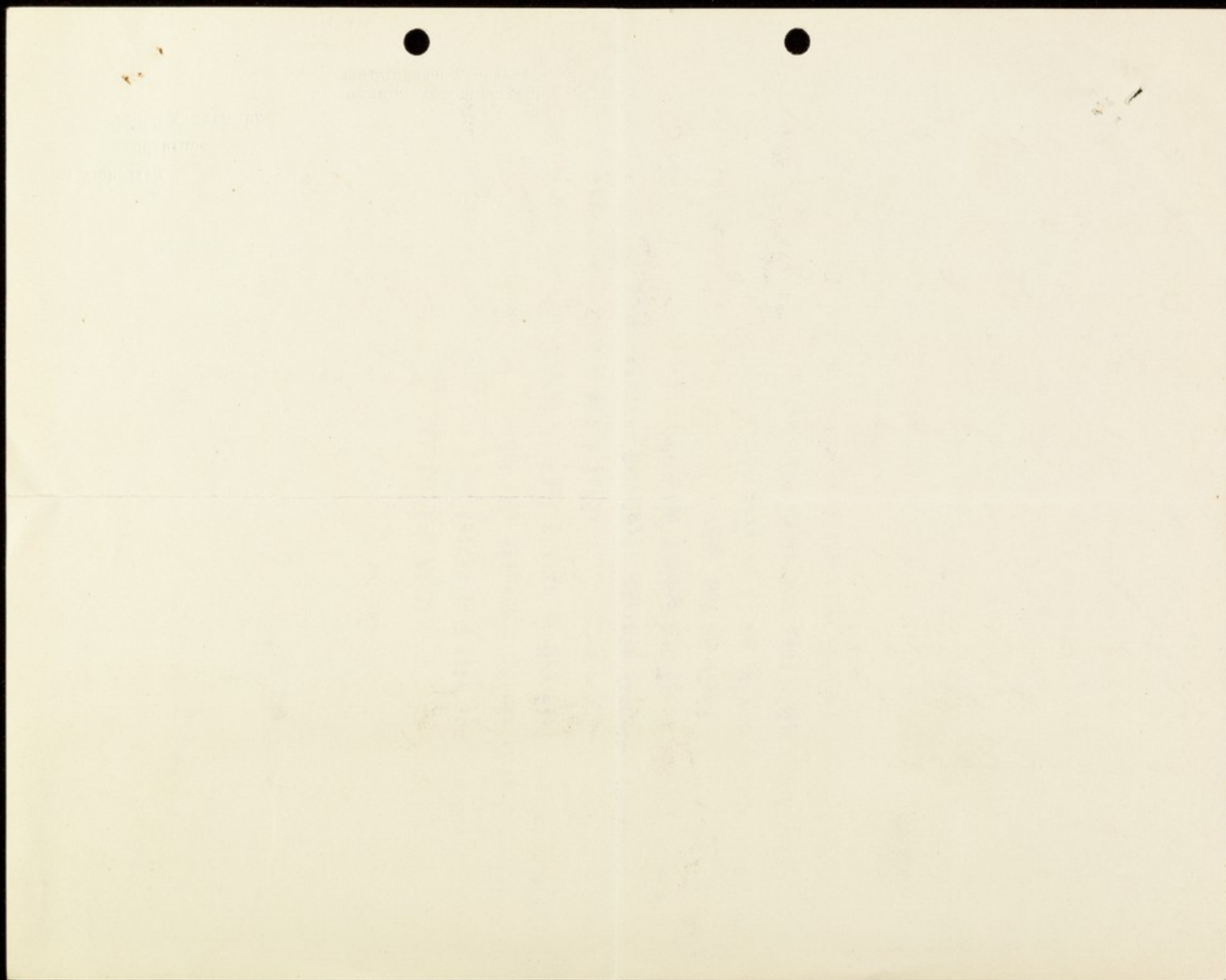
BECKENHAM HILL STATION.
TELEPHONE 57 BROMLEY.

671.
THE FLOWER HOUSE,
SOUTHEND,
CATFORD S.E.

May 1. 15.

Dear Sir

My husband is
away for 10 days
more - J. Price
is doing his work
& copied on the
Reception order
to be sent to Mr
Sturt today.
I expect it will
be sufficient to



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7. Kings Bench Walk
Temple, London, E.C.

1st May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We thank you for your letter and note you propose to send your Deputy Head Attendant Mr. Simpson together with a Junior Male Nurse on Monday to take charge of Mr. Firth and that they will reach London about 1.30.

We have obtained Dunkley's address from Mr. Kekewich and we are writing to Dunkley asking him to be at our office by about half past two on Monday and we shall be glad therefore if Mr. Simpson could arrange to be at our office at about 2.30. He can then get all necessary particulars and information as to Mr. Firth's condition from Dunkley and the necessary arrangements can be made.

Mr. Kekewich has this morning sent on to us a further letter he has received from Mr. Firth, of which we enclose you a copy from which you will see his mental condition.

We also hear from Mr. Kekewich that Dr. Hyslop has now returned from Scotland and that he will be pleased to give any information desired. In case of need we shall propose to

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

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1st May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Stenson Firth.

We thank you for your letter and note your proposal to send your Deputy Head Attendant Mr. Simpson together with a Junior Male Nurse on Monday to take charge of Mr. Firth and that they will reach London about 1.30.

We have obtained Dunkley's address from Mr. Kekewich and we are writing to Dunkley asking him to be at our office by about half past two on Monday and we shall be glad there-fore if Mr. Simpson could arrange to be at our office at about 2.30. He can then get all necessary particulars and information as to Mr. Firth's condition from Dunkley and the necessary arrangements can be made.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

1st May 1915.

suggest to Mr Simpson invoking Dr. Hyslop's assistance.

Yours faithfully,

John Weatherall Short

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

1st May 1912.

Yours faithfully,
suggest to Mr. Simpson involving Dr. Hyslop's assistance.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

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30th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

You will have heard from the representatives of Mr. Branson Wirth that they have obtained the Commissioners' Consent to the removal of Mr. Wirth to the Retreat preparatory to his going to our branch house at Throxenby Hall near Scarborough. I am writing to say that I am sending to London on Monday next our deputy head attendant, who will be calling to see the solicitors preparatory to looking up the patient. I gather that there may be some difficulty in the matter. I understand that the patient is on leave at the present time, having a large amount of liberty, and will probably object to the removal. However we must hope for the best, and I trust there will be no serious difficulty.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Dr. C. C. Mullmore,

Flower House,

Catford, S.E.


30th April, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I have duly received the Order and Consent for the transfer of Mr. Branson Firth to the Retreat, it being understood that he subsequently goes on to Throxenby Hall if this be found suitable. It is clear that the removal to York may present considerable difficulties. I am proposing on Monday next to send to London our deputy head attendant, Mr. Simpson, together with a junior male nurse, who can be at hand if difficulties should arise. They will reach London about 1.30, and I would suggest that Simpson should call at your office in the early afternoon. You will then, no doubt, be able to advise him as to what steps he is to take, and where he would be likely to find the patient. It would probably be better to defer doing anything in the matter until either late the same evening or early the next morning. I am also writing to Flower House telling them what we are proposing, so that there may be no misunderstanding. I have little doubt that after Mr. Firth reaches York he will settle in comfortably. It is a pleasant time of the year to come to York, and I expect he will find many interests here. It will probably be better that he should remain in York a few days so that I may get to know him before he goes to Throxenby Hall, where there is necessarily much greater freedom.

I remain,

Yours very truly,


JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE N°
CENTRAL 2719.

*7. Kings Bench Walk
Temple, London, E.C.*

29th April 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We duly received your letter of the 23rd instant.

We duly obtained the Order for the discharge of Mr. Firth as a private Patient from Flower House to The Retreat, York, duly signed by Mrs. Firth and we also as intimated in our letter of the 22nd instant have been in constant communication with Mr. Kekewich with a view of arranging for Mr. Firth's coming to you and Mr. Kekewich arranged to see Mr. Dunkley, the Attendant from Flower House, who has been in charge of Mr. Firth.

We enclose you copy of a letter we have received this morning from Mr. Kekewich, from which you will see that Mr. Dunkley is of opinion that it is unlikely he will be able to induce Mr. Firth to go to York with him and that Mr. Dunkley is further of opinion that if Mr. Kekewich was to write to Mr. Firth telling him that he is to go to York he would probably run away without Dunkley knowing where he had gone. Mr Kekewich therefore is of opinion that you should make your

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

25th April 1933.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Stanson Firth.

We duly received your letter of the 23rd instant.

We duly obtained the Order for the discharge of Mr. Firth as a private patient from Flower House to The Retreat, York, duly signed by Mrs. Firth and we also as intimated in our letter of the 22nd instant have been in constant communication with Mr. Kekewich with a view of arranging for Mr. Firth's coming to you and Mr. Kekewich arranged to see Mr. Dunkley, the Attendant from Flower House, who has been in charge of Mr. Firth.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

29th April 1915.

own arrangements to take charge of him.

As we have already explained to you, as we are acting for Mrs. Firth, any step that we may take in the matter is viewed with the utmost suspicion by Mr. Firth and in fact we have letters from him threatening us with all manner of proceedings for acting in his Wife's interests. Under these circumstances it seems to us the only arrangement that can be made is that you should send an Attendant to London. We could then through Mr. Kekewich place him in communication with Mr. Dunkley and arrangements can be made for Mr. Firth being taken to The Retreat and he can then be placed under your charge at Throxenby Hall.

We therefore now enclose you as directed by the Secretary of the Board of Control, one of the copies of the Consent duly signed by Mr. Shadwell, the Commissioner of the Board of Control, for the removal of Mr. Firth to The Retreat, York, together with form of ^{discharge} ~~Consent~~ duly signed by Mrs. Firth.

We also enclose you a blank form which the Secretary of the Board of Control sent to us to be forwarded to you in order that you may make the necessary return to the Board of Control after the Patient's admission.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

27th April 1912.

own arrangement to take charge of him.

As we have already explained to you, as we are acting

for Mrs. Birch, any step that we may take in the matter is
viewed with the utmost suspicion by Mr. Birch and in fact we

have letters from him threatening us with all manner of
proceedings for acting in his wife's interests. Under these
circumstances it seems to us the only arrangement that can be
made is that you should send an Assistant to London. We could
then through Mr. Kewenig place him in communication with Mr.
Buckley and arrangements can be made for Mr. Birch being taken
to the Retreat and he can then be placed under your charge at
Thornbury Hall.

We therefore now enclose you as directed by the
Secretary of the Board of Control, one of the copies of the
Consent duly signed by Mr. Shadwell, the Commissioner of the
Board of Control, for the removal of Mr. Birch to the Retreat,
York, together with form of Consent duly signed by Mrs. Birch.
We also enclose you a blank form which the Secretary of
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after the patient's admission.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

29th April 1915.

We have also had a letter from Dr. Bulmore, to whom we are sending the other copy of the Consent and of the Order of Discharge signed by Mrs. Firth in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of the Board of Control, and he writes intimating that he has gone away for a few days but that it is necessary that a Special Report and Certificate as to Mr. Firth's condition should be forwarded to the Commissioners in Lunacy within three or four days from the 2nd May otherwise Mr. Firth will become uncertificated. We enclose you the form which Dr. Bulmore has sent on to us.

You will see from the Consent to the Transfer signed by the Commission^r that the removal has to be effected before the 5th May. We shall therefore be glad to hear from you that you can arrange to send someone up for the week-end so that Mr. Firth can be removed to The Retreat on Monday or Tuesday next week.

This is one of those unfortunate cases where the Wife has no real control or ability to act and there is no member of the Family who is willing to accept the responsibility of acting.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

29th April 1912.

We have also had a letter from Dr. Bulmore, to whom we are sending the other copy of the Consent and of the Order of Discharge signed by Mrs. Birch in accordance with the directions of the Secretary of the Board of Control, and he writes intimating that he has gone away for a few days but that it is necessary that a Special Report and Certificate as to Mr. Birch's condition should be forwarded to the Commissioners in January within three or four days from the 2nd May otherwise Mr. Birch will become unceremoniously enclosed for the form which Dr. Bulmore has sent on to us. You will see from the Consent to the Transfer signed by the Commission that the removal has to be effected before the 2nd May. We shall therefore be glad to hear from you that you can arrange to send someone up for the week-end so that Mr. Birch can be removed to The Retreat on Monday or Tuesday next week.

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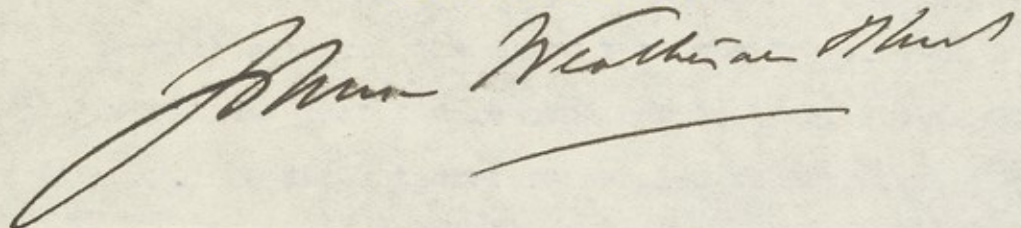
Yours

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

29th April 1915.

As regards the form enclosed in your letter asking for further particulars of the case, we do not think Mrs. Firth can really throw any light on the matter. Of all the medical men who have attended Mr. Firth, Dr. Hyslop is the one who has the fullest knowledge and details of the case and ^{he} has been able to exercise an extraordinary powerful influence over Mr. Firth and when he returns, which we understand will be the case in a week or so, he could doubtless give you the fullest particulars if you wrote to him.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Weatherall Shaw". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Yours faithfully,

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

2 Suffolk Lane,
Cannon Street,
LONDON, E.C., 28th April 1915.

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
7 King's Bench Walk,
Temple, E.C.

Dear Sirs,

re H. Branson Firth.

We have seen Mr. Dunkley and he has come to the conclusion that it is quite unlikely that he can induce Mr. Firth to go to York with him and he thinks that if we write to tell Mr. Firth that he is to go to York he might run away without Mr. Dunkley knowing where he had gone to. Therefore Dr. Pierce ought to make his own arrangements.

Yours truly,
KEKEWICH SMITH & KAYE.

23rd April, 1915.

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Dear Sirs,

I am much obliged for your letter of yesterday, and for the particulars enclosed respecting Mr. Branson Firth. I enclose a Statement for further particulars, which perhaps Mrs. Firth, or some member of the family, will be willing to fill up. This will enable us to complete the case book records.

I much hope that you will be able to persuade Mr. Firth to come to York, without our having to send for him. If a male nurse has to come to bring the patient here it sometimes creates prejudices against the man or the Institution, and generally it is much better for the friends to make arrangements for the removal quite independently. Of course, we could send if it is absolutely necessary.

If Mr. Firth could catch the 10 a.m. train he could be seen and examined here in the afternoon, and go on to Throxenby Hall the same evening quite comfortably. I have arranged a very good room for him there, and he certainly could not be going to Scarborough at a better time of the year so far as the country is concerned. If he is interested in games, lawn tennis or outdoor pursuits of any kind you will perhaps see that he has the

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necessary outfit.

I am arranging for a trustworthy and competent nurse to be at his disposal at Scarborough. No doubt I shall hear from you when we may expect him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

Messrs. Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,

London, E.C.4.

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Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT."
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

7, Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

22nd April 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Branson Firth.

We are pleased to inform you that we have this morning heard from the Secretary of the Board of Control that the Commissioners have given their consent to the removal of Mr. Firth as a private patient from Flower House to The Retreat, York, and we are obtaining the necessary Order for the transfer signed by Mrs. Firth. We are then instructed by the Secretary of the Board of Control to forward one copy of the Consent and of the Order to Dr. Bulmore and the ^{the} Consent and Order to you. We are also instructed to send you the form of Notice of the admission. This we will forward to you when sending you on the Consent and Order signed by Mrs. Firth.

In order to shew you the nature of Mr. Firth's case we are enclosing you the following documents viz:-

Extracts from the several Affidavits filed in the Lunacy proceedings when the Receiver was appointed, and from the Medical Certificates when the Reception Order was made.

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22nd April 1915.

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I.-

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

22nd April 1915.

Copy of the Report of Dr. Maurice Craig dated 4th July 1914. (This was an independent Report which we had taken at the instance of Mrs. Firth shortly after the Reception Order.)

Copy Reports of Drs. Haworth and Foster of Filey of the 20th December 1914, which will shew you his mental condition at that date.

Copy of a letter which Mr. Firth wrote to his younger daughter Sybil dated 9th March 1915, the original of which is in our possession. (A copy of this letter was supplied by us to the Commissioners in Lunacy about the time when the extension of Mr. Firth's period of probation for a month was made.)

Copy letter written by Mr. Firth to Mr. Kekewich, the Solicitor acting for the Receiver in the Lunacy proceedings dated 11th April 1915. (This letter evidences Mr. Firth's mental condition at the present time.)

Copy of Mrs. Firth's Petition for the Reception Order and copy of the Reception Order dated 4th June 1914.

By the terms of the Commissioners' consent the transfer

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

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By the terms of the Commissioners' consent the transfer
copy of the Reception Order dated 24th June 1914.
copy of Mrs. Birch's petition for the Reception Order and
time.

evidence of Mr. Birch's mental condition at the present
proceedings dated 11th April 1915. This letter
solicitor acting for the Receiver in the Lunacy
copy letter written by Mr. Birch to Mr. Kewenish, the
Lunacy about the time when the extension of Mr.
letter was supplied by us to the Commissioners in
of which is in our possession. A copy of this
daughter Sybil dated 24th March 1915, the original
copy of a letter which Mr. Birch wrote to his younger
mental condition at that date.

copy reports of Drs. Newirth and Foster of Willey of
the 20th December 1914, which will show you his
the Reception Order.

taken at the instance of Mrs. Birch shortly after
1914. This was an independent report which we had
copy of the report of Dr. Maurice Craig dated 24th July

22nd April 1915.

of Mr. Firth to your care is to be made on or before the 5th May next, so if it would be agreeable to you we would suggest arranging for Mr. Firth to go down to The Retreat towards the end of next week or the beginning of the week following, and we shall be glad to hear from you what day would be convenient.

The Consent for the removal is we notice to remove Mr Firth as a private patient from Flower House to The Retreat, York. We take it that this does not necessarily mean that Mr. Firth must stop at The Retreat, York, but it means that he is placed under your charge and that you can cause his removal to Throxenby Hall without any further application for transfer. We should like to have this point confirmed.

The course proposed to be adopted by Mr. Kekewich and ourselves is as follows:- As we are acting for Mrs. Firth, Mr. Firth has the greatest suspicion of anything that we may suggest or do and it is impossible therefore for us to communicate with him. We therefore propose to arrange with Mr. Kekewich that he shall get the attendant Dunkley to come down and see him, that he shall ascertain exactly Mr. Firth's present condition, and arrangements and then that he (Mr. Kekewich) will write Mr. Firth shortly telling him that the period of

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

22nd April 1915.

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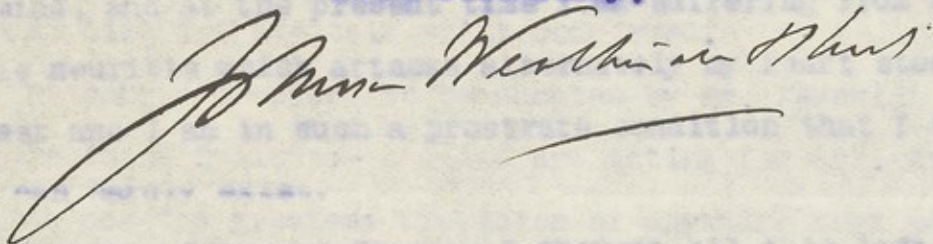
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22nd April 1915.

probation having expired the Commissioners in Lunacy have directed him to go to York to stay with you for the time being, and Dunkley will then take him down. We hope to arrange this without the necessity of having to resort to stronger measures but we take it if need be you have ample authority under the present Consent of the Commissioners to the transfer to you to send one of your men if necessary to London to take charge of Mr. Firth and to compel his removal to The Retreat, York.

We shall be glad to hear from you as to this.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Weatherill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Dr. Bedford Pierce.

12th Street, New York

22nd April 1915

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.
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Yours truly,
H. Bedford Pierce

Thatched House Club,
St. James Street, S.W.,
28 April 1915.

Dear Mr. Kekewich,

I have asked Dr. Hyslop to make me an appointment.

Soon after I met Barbara Gribble I made up my mind that I would get her at any price and whatever her position is I am still determined to carry out my resolve. That is a matter that lies entirely with ourselves and can be the affair of no other person.

Everything that has happened has been owing to the restraint which has been put upon me as I always had this resolve in my mind, and at the present time I, am suffering from a terrible neuritis which attacks alternately my heart stomach and chest and I am in such a prostrate condition that I feel that I can hardly exist.

Whenever I became free as I thought all this left me but as soon as I found that I was still kept in restraint for the purposes of assurance, desperation again overtook me.

I hope that Dr. Hyslop will see the necessity for my complete release for there is nothing against me to retain any longer the control of either me or my affairs, and at present I can neither take any interest in anything nor have I the strength to speak to anyone.

Yours truly,
H. BRANSON FIRTH.

Thatched House Club,
81. James Street, S.W.,
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Yours truly,
H. HARRISON PINK.

COPY LETTER from Mr. H. B. Firth, Original of which is in the possession of Mr. Kekewich.

The Royal Palace Hotel,
Kensington, London, W.

11 April/15.

Dear Mr. Kekewich,

I think it is time that you told my sister Mrs. King to treat me with the respect that is due to my position in the World for I know that the Government depend upon my intelligence. Barbara has now shown you by her financial scheme that hers is equal to mine and that no one can apply it without her assistance. We are always in communion in the vision and both know our value as absolute leaders over the Whole World. When you write and say that you will treat me with proper respect I shall be glad to see you. I have written definitely to the Archbishop of Canterbury and instructed him as to our intention on the matter of religion and that the Prince of Wales should at once succeed his Father who is the Devil and that until Barbara and I meet in absolute freedom his power will remain till the death of both of us in which case no decrees will be withdrawn and a terrible calamity will fall upon the World and true religion may not be found again for 100,000 years. You had better begin to think seriously.

Yours truly,

H. BRANSON FIRTH.

The Royal Palace Hotel,

Washington, D.C.

April 14, 1944

Dear Mr. Keenan:

I think it is time that you told Mr. Slater King to

leave the subject of the report that is the subject of the

report for I know that the Government has no interest in

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Yours truly,
R. SHAWDON NIXON

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT."
47 TEMPLE.
TELEPHONE NO.
CENTRAL 2719.

7. Kings Bench Walk,
Temple, London, E.C.

23rd March 1915.

Dear Sir,

We are acting on behalf of Mrs. Firth, the Wife of Mr. Henry Branson Firth. Last June a Reception Order was made in Mr. Firth's case by which he was placed under the charge of Dr. Bulmore of the Flower House, Catford but Mr. Firth has been allowed out on periods of probation which have from time to time been extended, and in all he has been out now some eight months.

The Board of Control now require that arrangements should be made for Mr. Firth being placed in private care and Mr. Dickinson, the Secretary of the Board of Control, has suggested to us that we might consult you as to whether you could recommend to us a suitable medical man who would receive Mr. Firth as a single patient. Mr. Firth is a gentleman of means and a weekly sum of eight or nine guineas could readily be arranged for.

We should like to find a place in the country, particularly Yorkshire as Mr. Firth is a Yorkshire man, where Mr. Firth would be able to get some fishing and general outdoot recreations. If you can assist us by putting us in communication

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

23rd March 1915.

Dear Sir,

We are acting on behalf of Mrs. Titch, the wife of Mr. Henry Branson Titch. Last June a Reception Order was made in Mr. Titch's case by which he was placed under the charge of Dr. Bulmore of the Flower House, Gatford but Mr. Titch has been allowed out on periods of probation which have from time to time been extended, and in all he has been out now some eight months.

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Dr. Bedford Pierce.

23rd March 1915.

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Yours faithfully,

John Nathaniel Whit

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

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23rd March 1915.

With some suitable gentlemen we should feel greatly obliged.

Yours faithfully,

[Faint, illegible signature]

Dr. Bellard Pierce,
The Rectory,
York.

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KEMP, SONS, SENDELL & CO

C. W. MIDDLETON KEMP.
HAROLD FITCH KEMP.
G. E. SENDELL.

TELEPHONE NO 6184 BANK (2 LINES)

AMERICAN AGENTS,

POSSON, PELOUBET & CO.,
42, BROADWAY,
NEW YORK.

LONDON,

36, WALBROOK, E. C.

21st May, 1915.

Dear Sir,

re H. B. FIRTH.

I enclose your Account for a quarter's Board at £8. 8/- per week in advance from the 4th inst., £109. 4. 0 and cheque in payment of the same. I send this on the understanding that if for any reason Mr. Firth leaves the Retreat before the expiration of the quarter a proportionate rebate would be made by you. Kindly return Accts. receipted.

Faithfully yours,

W. H. Firth

RECEIVER

Bedford Pierce, Esq. M.D.,

The Retreat,

YORK.

LONDON.

21st May, 1911.

Dear Sir,

W. L. G. FISH.

I enclose your Account for a quarter's Board at No. 1 - 101
which in advance from the 1st inst., 1911, £100. 0. 0 and enclose in payment
of the same. I send this on the understanding that it is for the
month of May. With leave the balance before the expiration of the
quarterly proportionate rebate shall be made by you. I am, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Yours faithfully,
W. L. G. FISH.

Bedford House, 21, St. J.
The London,
York.

JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
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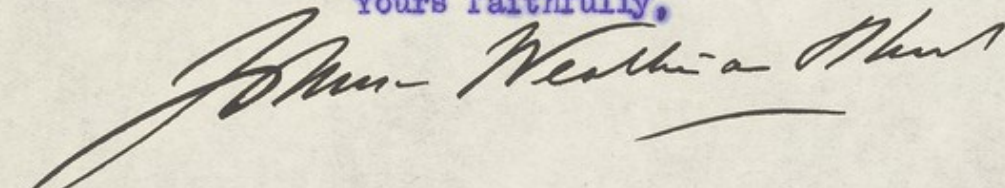
21st May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

Referring to your letter enclosing your form of Agreement, we now hear from Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye that they have seen Mr. Kemp, Chartered Accountant, of the well-known firm of Kemp Sons Sendell & Co. of 36 Walbrook, E.C., that in his character as Receiver he cannot bind himself by an Agreement in the terms such as you have sent. He is quite agreeable, however, to pay the quarter's fees in advance and we think that under the particular circumstances of this case this will doubtless be satisfactory to you. The Receiver has no control over the person of Mr. Firth. He is Receiver of the Estate, collects the income, and is authorised to make all necessary payments for Mr. Firth's maintenance and care, including medical fees. We return you your form of Agreement.

Yours faithfully,



The Secretary,
The Retreat.

First May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Harrison Smith.

Referring to your letter enclosing your form of Agreement, we now hear from Messrs. Harrison Smith & Co. that they have seen Mr. H. H. Harrison, Chartered Accountant, of the well-known firm of Messrs. H. H. Harrison & Co. of 35 Whitehall, E.C., that in his character as Receiver he cannot bind himself by an Agreement in the terms such as you have sent. He is quite agreeable, however, to pay the quarter's fees in advance and we think that under the particular circumstances of this case this will doubtless be satisfactory to you. The Receiver has no control over the person of Mr. H. H. Harrison. He is Receiver of the Estate, collects the income, and is authorised to make all necessary payments for Mr. H. H. Harrison's maintenance and care, including medical fees. We return your form of Agreement.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
The Receiver.



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 Albrausm Fish of _____

as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE

AND AGREE with Richard Thompson
of Bringington, 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 _____ day of _____ 19____

Name _____

Residence _____

Occupation _____

SIGNED by the said _____
in the presence of _____

Witness's Signature, _____

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.

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RECEIPT

I have received of your office
the sum of \$100.00 for the
purchase of the land of the
United States of America
in the County of ... State of ...
and for the same I have
received of your office the
sum of \$100.00.

Yours very truly,

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JOHNSON, WEATHERALL & STURT,
SOLICITORS.

Gerald Sturt.
Charles J. Stewart.

TELEGRAMS TO "STURT,"
47 TEMPLE.
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19th May 1915.

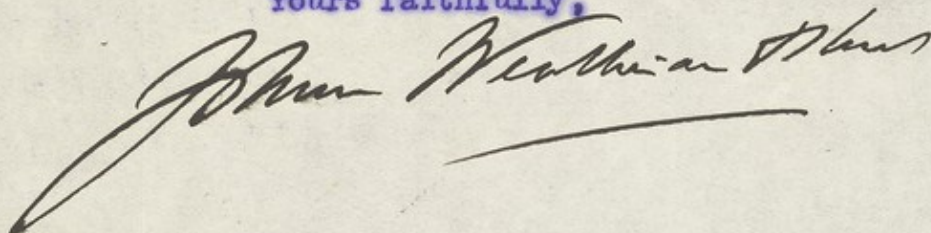
Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Branson Firth.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterdays date stating that at the recent meeting of The Retreat Committee terms for Mr. H. Branson Firth were fixed at £8. 8. 0. a week.

We have forwarded your letter and enclosures to Messrs. Kekewich Smith & Kaye, who act for Mr. Kemp, the Receiver appointed by the Master in Lunacy.

Yours faithfully,



The Secretary,
The Retreat,
YORK.

19th May 1915.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H. Harrison Smith.

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday
date stating that at the recent meeting of The Reform Committee
terms for Mr. H. Harrison Smith were fixed at £8. 6. 0. a week.
We have forwarded your letter and enclosure to Messrs.
Kewster Smith & Nye, who act for Mr. Kemp, the Receiver
appointed by the Master in Lunacy.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
The Reform,
York.

May 18 1915

Dear Sirs,

re. Mrs H. Brausen Firth

At the recent meeting of the
Retreat Committee the terms for
Mrs H. Brausen Firth were fixed at
eight guineas a week. Enclosed
the usual agreement form which
please return to me when completed.

Yours faithfully

Wm E Waller Secy

Miss Johnson Weatherall & Sturt.

Wm. H. Brown, Secretary.

Wm. H. Brown
2000

These letters have been completed.
The usual agreement from which
eight families a week. I enclose
for H. H. Brown with one of the
Robert Committee the same for
at the recent meeting of the

Dear Sir,
Wm. H. Brown, 2000

May 18 1912

COPY LETTER from Mr. H. B. Firth to his daughter, Original of which is in the possession of Messrs. Johnson Weatherall & Sturt.

The Royal Palace Hotel,
Kensington, London, W.

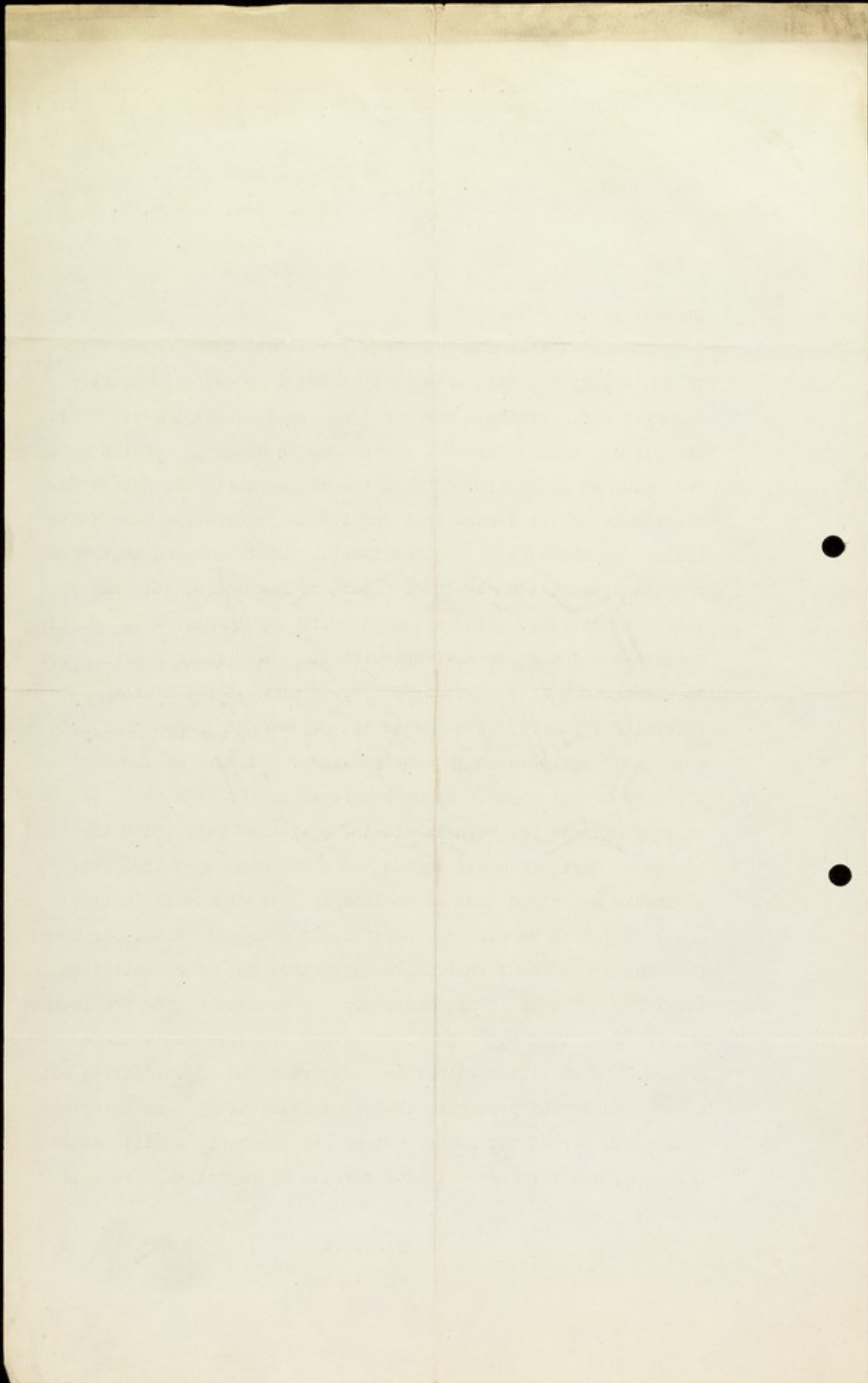
9 March/15.

Dearest Syb.

So many thanks for your letter you have been such a brick to me through all this hateful time but I am going to speak strongly and definitely now for I am tired of all the blackmail and slander that is created against me in order to confine me in an Asylum as a lunatic. After the manner that your Mother has behaved to me for I know that no divorce proceedings were taken against me although it was continually put in my mind that some had been taken, I shall never return to her again, this may be taken as definite. I started out with the intention of getting Barbara and I mean to have her without her children and no force is strong enough to prevent me by fair means for I am ~~the~~ most intelligent and forcible man on this earth and I know that my ability is appreciated in some quarters. I have at last appealed to His Majesty on my behalf stating at the same time that my madness has been due to the spirit of evil which the Bishop of Carlisle admitted was the Devil and suggesting that he should ask the Church of England to investigate the matter and I feel that he will not hesitate to take this step, for until this has been done I shall make no further use of my intellect for I feel that it is necessary for the welfare of the people and am surprised that he has not authorised inquiries to be made before. My position either as a divorced man or one living with a woman unmarried prohibits the possibility of my ever entering Buckingham Palace which no doubt my ability would entitle me to later on, but I forego this for I value my happiness more than honour.

Your, loving

DADDY.



RE HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

EXTRACT from Affidavit of GWENDOLINE MAUD IREMONGER
sworn 13th September 1912 :-

The said Henry Branson Firth is 49 years of age and has lately been shewing signs of mental disorder. He has had delusions of being followed by spies and that attempts were being made to poison him.

I have seen him several times lately and stayed with him at an Hotel in London and on the 31st August 1912 he came down to Exeter where we were staying and while he was with us he had many strange delusions. On the 1st September 1912 he returned alone to London without saying any thing to us and he resided at the Buckingham Palace Hotel and there began ordering jewels dressing bags and clothes on an extravagant scale alleging he was Lord Wherwell and was going to pay a visit to Balmoral.

The orders he has given amount to about £1,000 as I am informed and he paid for some things and for others gave cheques in the name of Wherwell drawn on a Bank where he had no account.

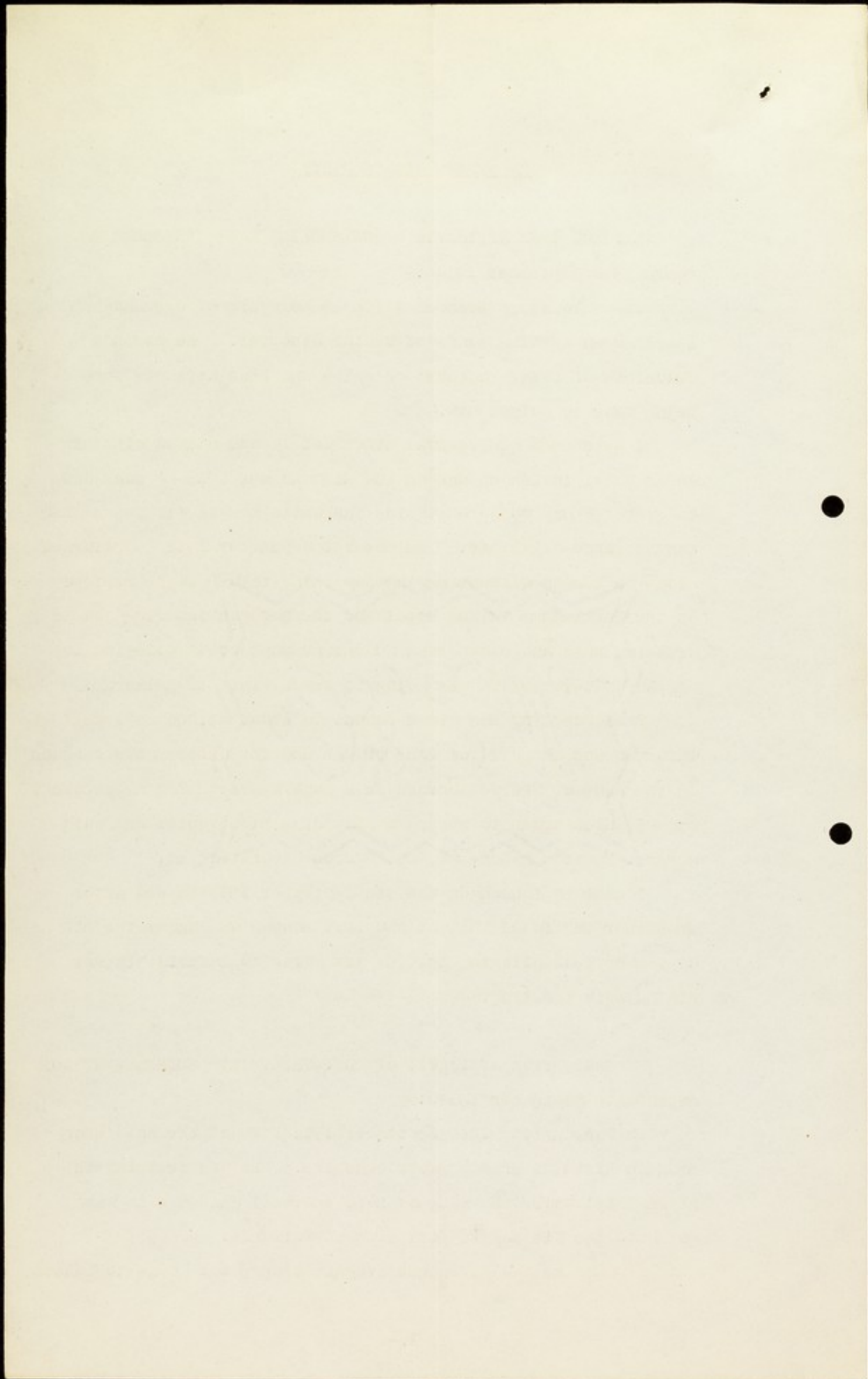
He also tried to secure a Flat at a high rental and paid Messrs. Hampton & Sons £2,000 towards decorating it.

I came to London on the 9th September 1912 to see after my Father and found that he had left London on Sunday the 8th September 1912 alleging that he was going to Balmoral to see His Majesty the King.

EXTRACT from Affidavit of DR. THEOPHILUS BULKELEY HYSLOP
sworn 14th September 1912 :-

On Tuesday the 10th September 1912 I found the said Henry Branson Firth at Braemar Aberdeenshire. He was residing there at an Hotel under the name of Lord Wherwell and said he was going to see His Majesty the King at Balmoral.

I found he had given extravagant orders for goods to London



tradesmen saying that the goods were necessary for his visit to Balmoral.

I am of opinion that the said Henry Branson Firth is of unsound mind and unfit to manage himself or his affairs.

EXTRACT from Affidavit of DR. CECIL CHARLES BULLMORE sworn 30th September 1912 :-

I have had many occasions to examine the said Henry Branson Firth and I am of opinion that he is of unsound mind and incapable of managing himself or his affairs.

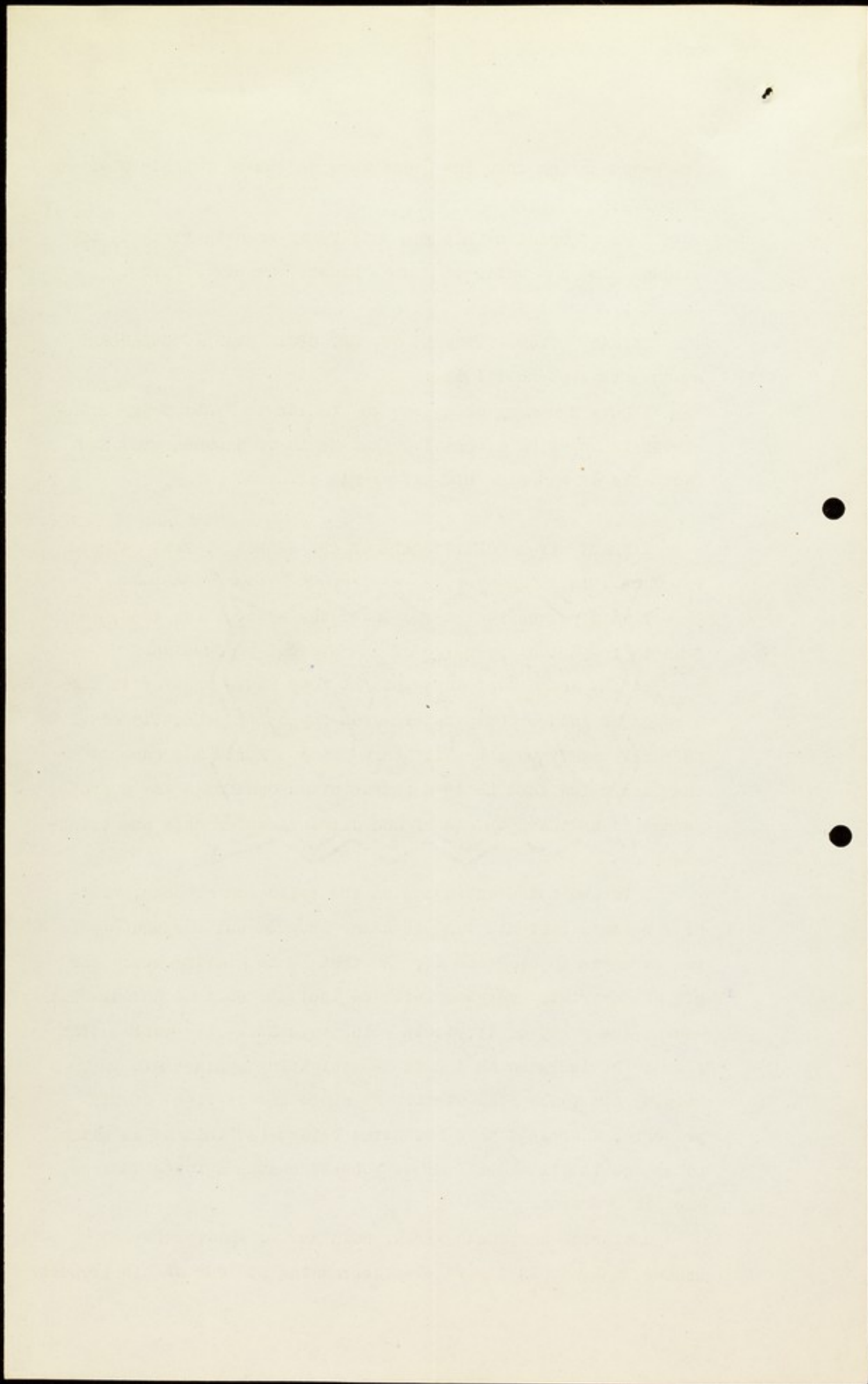
EXTRACT from CERTIFICATE of DR. ERNEST A. FARR signed 1st June 1914 at Andover :- *in support of Petition for Reception Order*

I am a person registered under the Medical Act 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession.

On the 1st day of June 1914 at Down House Andover in the Borough of Andover (separately from any other practitioner) I personally examined the said Henry Branson Firth and came to the conclusion that he is a person of unsound mind and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz:-
(1) he says that his food is being drugged but fortunately he has strength to overcome it, (2) that he is getting ready for his great trial, everybody will be included so that no one will escape the sweep of it, it is going to startle the world, that I am to be included as I have been plotting against him & helping him to be fraudulently detained and deprived of his property, whereas I have not acted before (3) that he is going to manage it all himself as he possesses such a force that no one can overcome.

Catherine Mary Maud Firth, Down House, Andover (Wife)
states he says (1) I have been defrauding him out of his property



(2) says he is being drugged & is continually cautioning the servants about it, (3) uncontrollable temper gets into a passion without any cause (4) makes me suffer for fraudulently obtaining his money & having him put away, (5) says he has sent off miles of wires arranging his case.

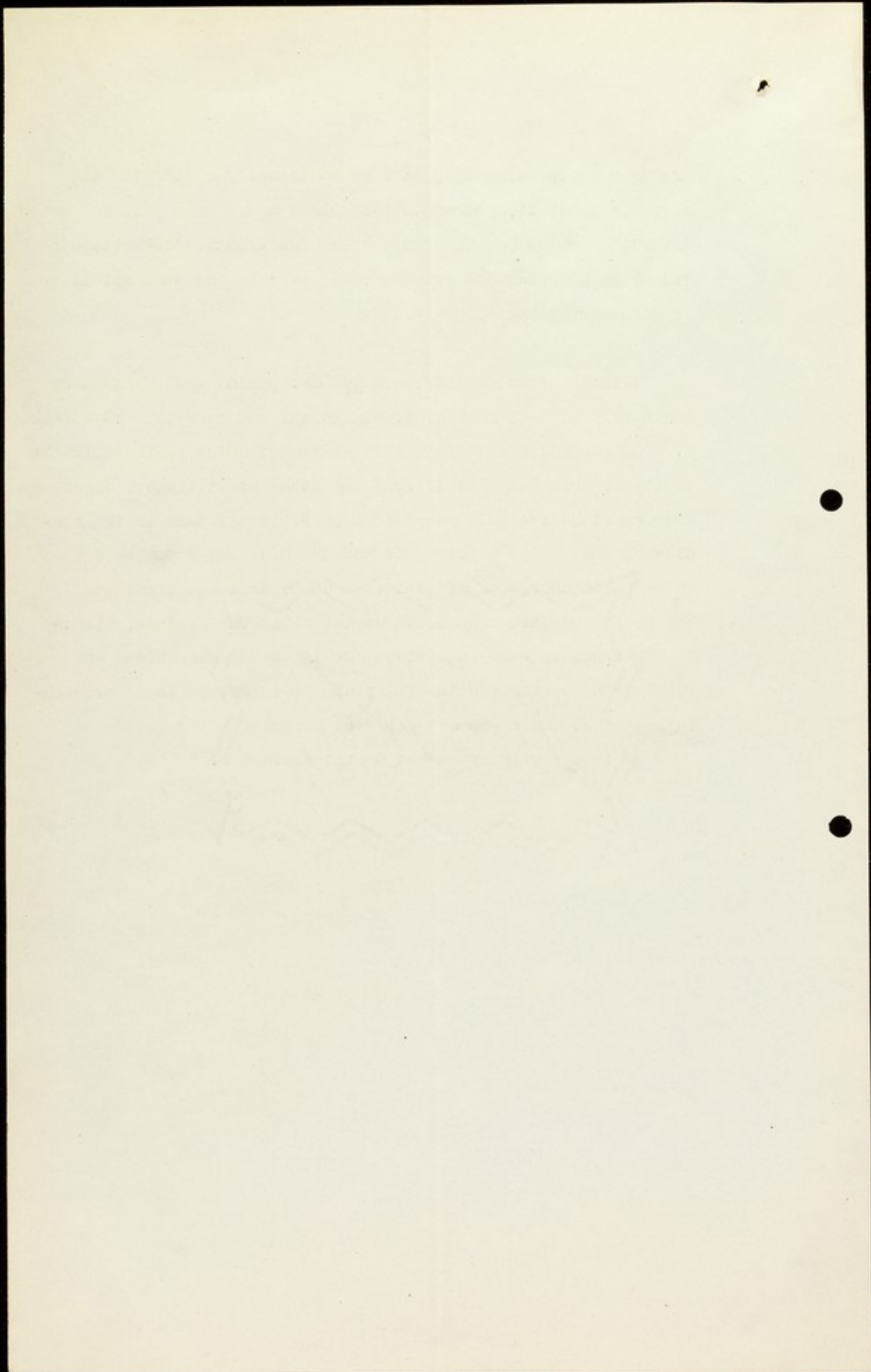
EXTRACT from CERTIFICATE of DR. GORDON JOSEPH LANE of 90a Harley Street, London, W. signed the 2nd June 1914 :- *in support of petition for Reception order.*

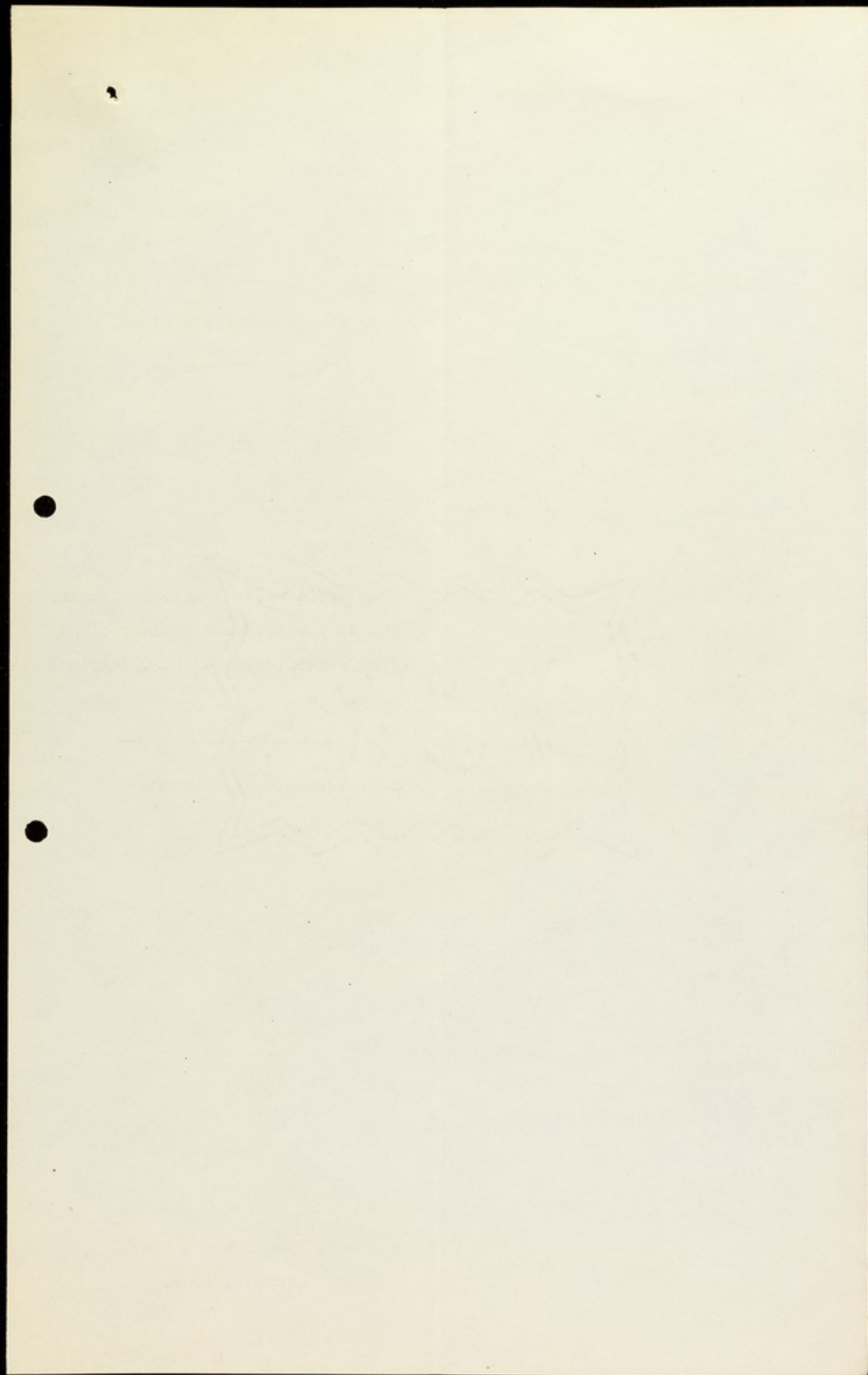
On the 2nd day of June 1914 at Flower House, Catford in the County of Kent (separately from any other practitioner) I personally examined the said Henry Branson Firth and came to the conclusion that he is a person of unsound mind and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz :-

Patient is very loquacious, he is unduly suspicious and imagines he is the victim of a plot he threatens legal proceedings against those who are his best friends.

He is a victim of marked mental confusion.





RE HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

Copy,

E X T R A C T S

from Affidavits of Mrs. Iremonger,
and Drs. Hyslop and Bullmore, and
from Certificates of Drs. Farr and
Lane.

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Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
Temple, E.C.,

87, HARLEY STREET,

W.

4th July 1914.

REPORT RE HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

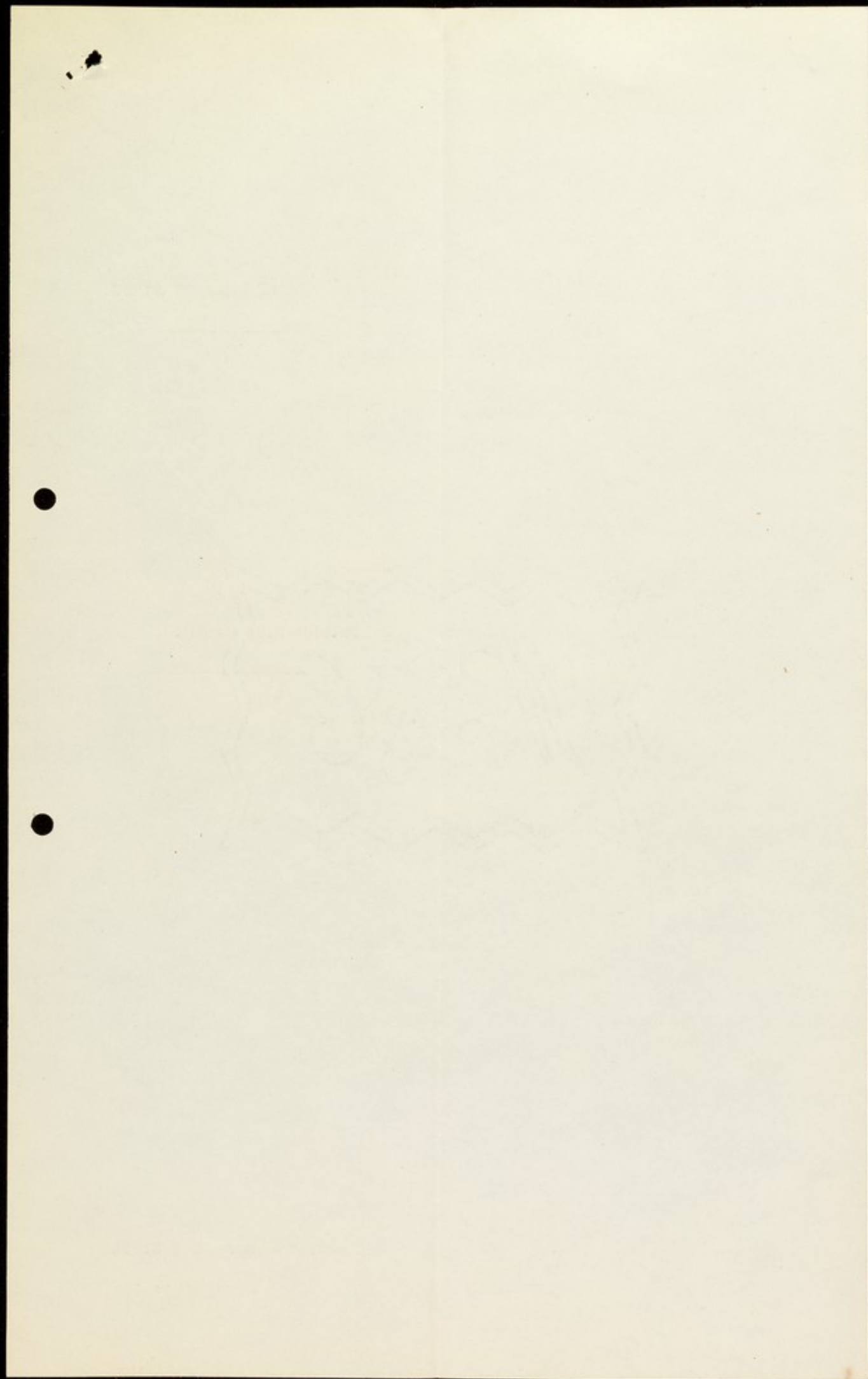
I saw this Patient at Flower House on the 3rd July 1914 after having heard the full history of his case.

He is now evidently better and able to converse freely but I do not regard him as absolutely well yet as he does not seem to fully realize all that he says; for example, he states he thinks it is the best thing that he should have been ill, and he talks in a somewhat light manner of the whole illness.

His illness is clearly of the recurrent type, and I am afraid there is little doubt that he will have further attacks; though he may remain better for several weeks or months, especially if he is under some form of control. At the moment he does not expect to be leaving for about for about three weeks. I certainly think that it would be wise for this reason and having regard to the shortness of the time since his admission to Flower House - that three weeks or a month should be allowed to elapse before he leaves and then that he should go in charge of a Medical Man. This, he is quite willing to do. I understand that this is the view of the medical men connected with Flower House. If it were possible when he does go away that he should be on leave this would be an advantage. Also as he is willing to go to some place such as Filey in Yorkshire, I am of opinion that this would be better than sending him to Scotland, as going to the latter place would mean the cancelling of his Certificates.

MAURICE CRAIG M.D. L.R.C.P.





RE HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

Copy,

R E P O R T
of Dr. Maurice Craig.

Fos. 4.

Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
Temple, E.C.,

Rutland Lodge, FILEY,

Dec. 20th 1914.

REPORT re HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

I say Mr. Henry Branson Firth at the Crescent Hotel, Filey on December the 20th 1914. I know a full history of his case, and have frequently seen him during the last two months. I think his mental state much improved, but not sufficiently so to manage & control his affairs without supervision. He still is under the impression that his best friends are his enemies, & have robbed him of his estates.

The last week he has bought small articles in the town & had them forwarded to the Hotel, telling the shopkeepers he had no money, whereas he had several pounds in his pockets.

He is irritated by the idea of being watched by his present attendant. I think it would be advisable to remove Dunkley.

I should suggest that Mr. H. Branson Firth should continue under supervision for another three months.

J. T. HAWORTH.

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.



REPORT on HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

I have examined the said Henry Branson Firth today, Sunday 20th December 1914, at the Crescent Hotel, Filey.

He considers that he has been the victim of certain people who, to serve their own ends, succeeded in putting him under restraint as a lunatic, whereas any symptoms of lunacy which he may have shown were not antecedent to his being put in the Asylum, but developed in consequence of this treatment.

He insists that he was encouraged to write letters while at the Flower House, so that his enemies might make more of a case against him, as he now admits that the letters written were all nonsense. He believes that he was furnished with a writing pad containing Royal Note paper on which he could write to the King.

Apart from the above stated facts his conversation was quite rational, shewing only at times a considerable amount of irritability at the irksomeness of restraint & supervision, which is not unnatural.

I consider that he is now rapidly recovering from his mental infirmity, but I cannot think he is yet in quite a fit state of mind to undertake the control of his own affairs.

The presence of an attendant, living away from the Hotel, & only seeing him rarely, seems to me to serve no purpose whatever, except to distress the patient, and it will be a relief to the patient & will I think tend to promote his full recovery if the attendant can be dispensed with or if an attendant who is not known to the patient could be substituted.

ROBERT S. FORSTER, M.B.

Hunmanby, E. Yorks.

20th December 1914.

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RE HENRY BRANSON FIRTH.

Copy,

R E P O R T S
of Drs. Haworth and Forster.

Fos. 7.

Johnson, Weatherall & Sturt,
Temple, E.C.,

TRANSFER OF PRIVATE PATIENT.

LUNACY ACT, 1890, s. 58.

C O N S E N T.

I, the undersigned, a Commissioner of the Board of Control, hereby consent to the removal, on or before the 5th day of May 1915, of Mr. Henry Branson Firth a Private Patient in Flower House, South End, Catford, S.E., to The Retreat, York.

Given under my hand this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

L. L. SHADWELL. (A Commissioner
of the Board of
Control.)

O R D E R.

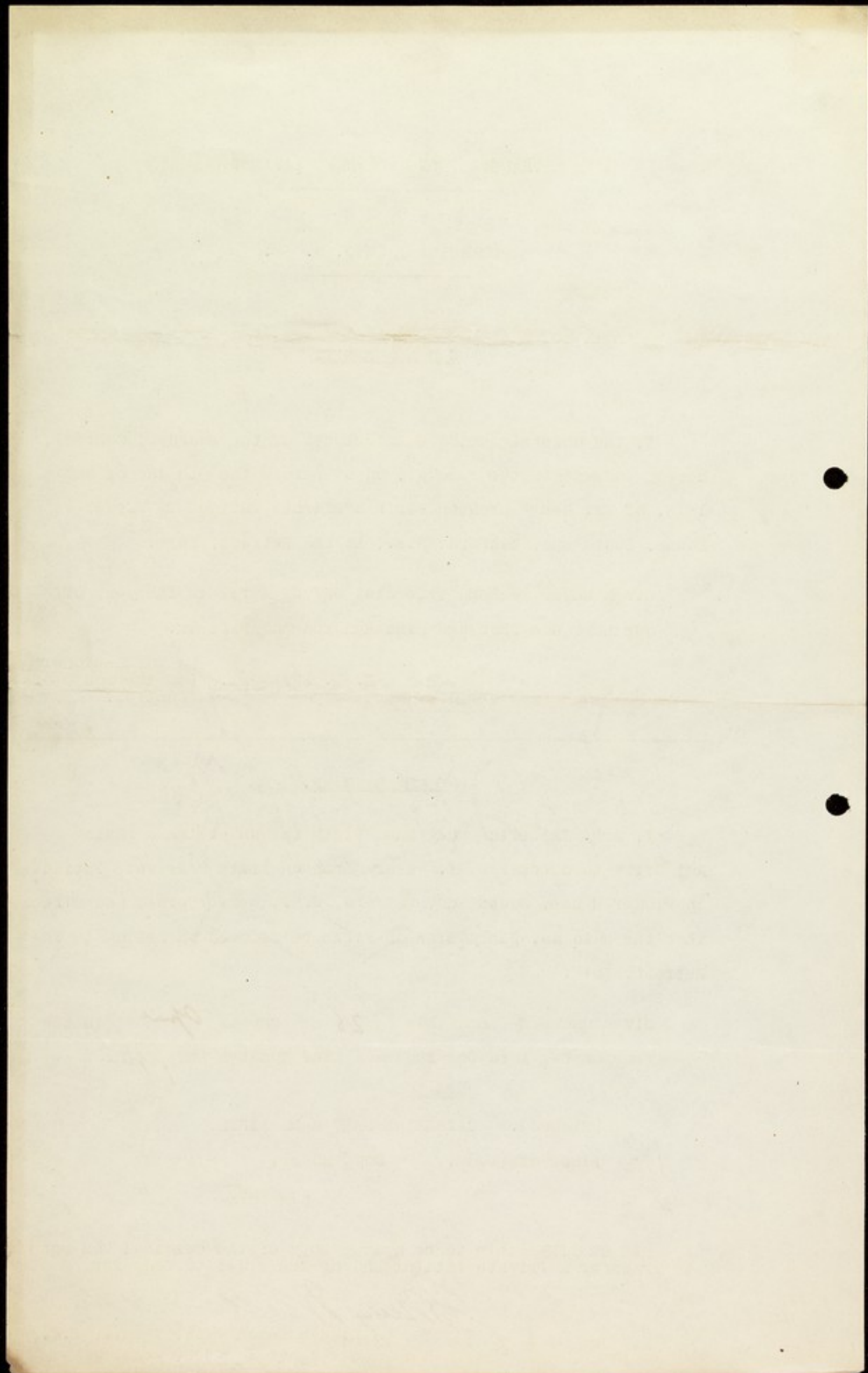
I, Mrs. Catherine Mary Maud Firth the undersigned having Authority to discharge Mr. Henry Branson Firth a Private Patient in Flower House, South End, Catford, S.E., hereby order and direct that the said Mr. Henry Branson Firth be removed therefrom to The Retreat, York.

Given under my hand this 26 day of April in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and fifteen

(Signed). CATHERINE MARY MAUD FIRTH,
Place of Abode, Down House,
Andover.

WE CERTIFY this to be a true copy of the Original Consent to Transfer a Private Patient and of the Order to Transfer.

John Weatherall & Sons
7 King's Bench Walk, Temple, E.C.,
Wm. H. Smith



ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF A PRIVATE PATIENT

To be made by a Justice appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890,
Judge of County Courts, or Stipendiary Magistrate.

I, the undersigned Charles Turing Brookhouse
being (a) a Justice of the Peace for the County of London
specially appointed under the Lunacy Act 1890
upon the petition of Catherine Mary Maud Firth
(b) Down House Andover Hants
in the matter of Henry Branson Firth
(c) a person of unsound mind accompanied by the
Medical Certificates of Dr. G. I. Lane
and Dr. Ernest A. Farr
(d) Name of petitioner. hereto annexed, and upon the undertaking of the said (d) Catherine
Mary Maud Firth to visit the said
Henry Branson Firth
personally or by someone specially appointed by the said (d) Catherine
Mary Maud Firth once at least in every six months while
under care and treatment under this Order, hereby authorise you to receive
the said Henry Branson Firth
as a Patient into your (e) House
(e) Asylum, or hospital, or house, or as a single patient.

And I declare that I have ~~for have not~~ personally seen the said
Henry Branson Firth
before making this Order.

Dated this fifth day of June 1914

(Signed) (a) C. T. Brookhouse
A Justice for the County of London appointed
under the above-mentioned Act [or the Judge of the
County Court of
or a Stipendiary Magistrate].

(f) To be addressed to the medical superintendent of the
asylum or hospital, or to the
resident licensee of the house
in which the patient is to be
placed. To (f) Dr. C. Bullimore Flower House Colford S. G.
Lunacy 3. Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C. A370 (S1263 k)

LUNACY ACT, 1890.
Sched. 2, Form 8.

Order for the Reception of a
Private Patient.

IN THE MATTER OF

a Person of Unsound Mind.

Lunacy 3.

Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, E.C. 4. (S163 k)

PETITION FOR AN ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF A PRIVATE PATIENT.

In the Matter of Henry Branson Firth

a person alleged to be of unsound mind.

(a) — a justice of the peace for —, or his honor: the judge of the county court of —, or — stipendiary magistrate for —.

To (a) C. J. Brookhouse Esq. M.D. a justice specially appointed under the Lunacy Act 1890 for the County of London

(b) Full postal address, and rank, profession, or occupation.

The Petition of Catherine Mary Maud Firthof (b) Down House Andoverin the County of Hampshire

(c) At least twenty-one.

1. I am 46 (c) years of age.

(d) A lunatic, or an idiot, or a person of unsound mind.

2. I desire to obtain an Order for the Reception of HenryBranson Firth as (d) a person of unsound mind

(e) Asylum, or hospital, or house, as the case may be.

in the (e) Flower House of Batford

(f) Insert a full description of the name and locality of the asylum, hospital, or licensed house, or the full name, address and description of the person who is to take charge of the patient as a single patient.

situate at (f) Batford London S.E.

(g) Some day within 14 days before the date of the presentation of the petition.

3. I last saw the said Henry Branson Firthat Down House Andover

(h) Here state the connection or relationship with the patient.

on the (g) first day of June 1914.4. I am the (h) wife of thesaid Henry Branson Firth

* Bracketed part to be filled in only on occasions when petitioner is not connected with or related to the patient.

[or if the Petitioner is not connected with or related to the Patient, state as follows: *—]

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:—

The circumstances under which this Petition is presented by me are as follows:

Lunacy, Nos. 1 & 2.

[53 Vict. c. 5: ss. 4, 5, and Sched. II., Form 1., with (No. 2) Statement.]

Petition for an order for reception of a private patient.

LONDON:
SHAW & SONS,
Fetter Lane, Fleet Street,
PUBLISHERS OF
The Justice of the Peace

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 Henry Branson Firth
_____ personally, or by someone 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 Henry Branson Firth
_____ accompanies this Petition.

If it is the fact, add: 8. The said Henry Branson Firth
_____ has been received in the (i) Flower House Catford London S.E.
under an Urgency Order dated the first of June 1914.

(i) Asylum, or hospital
or house, as the case may be.

The petitioner therefore prays that an Order may be made in accordance with the foregoing Statement.

(k) Full Christian and
surname.

(Signed) (k) Catherine Mary Maud
Firth

Date of Presentation of the Petition, this 14th day of
June 1914

FORM 2.

STATEMENT of Particulars referred to in the annexed Petition.

If any Particulars are not known, the Fact is to be so stated.

[Where the patient is in the Petition described as an idiot, omit the particulars marked*]

The following is a Statement of Particulars relating to the said Henry Branson Firth

Name of Patient, with Christian Name at length Henry Branson Firth

Sex and Age Male 50 years

*Married, Single or Widowed Married

*Rank, Profession, or previous occupation (if any) No occupation

*Religious Persuasion Church of England

Residence at or immediately previous to the date
hereof Victoria Hotel
London

*Whether First Attack No

Age on First Attack 48 years

When and where previously under Care and Treatment
as a Lunatic, Idiot, or Person of Unsound Mind Flower House Catford SE
twice

*Duration of existing Attack About 3 weeks

Supposed Cause Unknown

Whether subject to Epilepsy No

Whether Suicidal Not at present (Has been in previous attacks)

Whether Dangerous to Others, and in what way Has been in previous attacks (homicidal)

Whether any near Relative has been afflicted with
Insanity No

Names, Christian Names, and full Postal Addresses
of one or more Relatives of the Patient Catherine Mary Maud Firth
Down House Andover, Hants

Name of the Person to whom Notice of Death to be
sent, and full Postal Address, if not already given Catherine Mary Maud Firth
Down House, Andover, Hants

Name and full Postal Address of the usual Medical
Attendant of the Patient Ernest Augustus Farr
Andover Hants

(Signed) Catherine Mary Maud Firth

When the Petitioner is NOT the person who signs the Statement add the following particulars concerning the 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

[Over.]

When neither Certificate is signed by the usual Medical
Attendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that it is not practicable to obtain a Certificate

(a) Name of patient. from the usual Medical Attendant of (a) _____

_____ for the following reasons, viz. :—

(b) To be signed by the
petitioner.

(Signed) (b) _____

_____ 19 ____

When a previous Petition has been dismissed.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that a former Petition for the Reception

(a) Name of patient. of (a) _____

(b) Name of asylum, hos- into (b) _____
pital, licensed house, or single
charge. was presented to _____

(c) Justice of the peace for (c) _____
_____, or judge of county
court of _____, or stipen-
diary magistrate for _____, in the month of _____, 19 __, and dismissed.

Herewith is a copy (furnished by the Board of Control) of the State-
ment sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal.

(Signed) _____

_____ 19 ____

*NOTE.—This Copy is to be obtained from the Board of Control by the
Petitioner at his own expense.*

[An Order for Reception of a Private Patient is to be obtained upon a private application by Petition to a Judge of County Courts, or Stipendiary Magistrate, or Metropolitan Police Magistrate, or specially appointed Justice of the Peace. The Petition is to be presented, if possible, by the husband or wife, or by a relative (i.e., a lineal ancestor or a lineal descendant, or lineal descendant of an ancestor not more remote than great grandfather or great grandmother) of the Lunatic, and is to be accompanied by a Statement of Particulars and two Medical Certificates on separate sheets of paper. One of the Medical Certificates accompanying the Petition must, if practicable, be by the usual Medical Attendant of the Lunatic; if not by him, the reason must be stated (see Form above). If a previous Petition has at any time been dismissed, the facts relating to its dismissal are to be stated in the fresh Petition (see Form above); and the Petitioner must obtain from the Board of Control a copy of the statement sent to them of the reasons for its dismissal, and present this copy with his Petition. The Reception Order, the Petition, the Statement of Particulars, and the Medical Certificates must be sent to the Superintendent or Proprietor of the Asylum, Hospital, or House where the patient is to be received, and arrangements concluded for the reception of the patient without delay, as the Reception Order must be put into effect within seven clear days from its date.]

**Form of Urgency Order for the Reception of a Private Patient, with Medical
Certificate and Statement accompanying Urgency Order.**

FORMS 4, 2, 8 & 9.

I, the undersigned, being a Person Twenty-one years of age, hereby

(a) House, or hospital, or
asylum, or as a single patient.

authorise you to receive as a Patient into your (a) House

(b) Name of Patient.

(b) Henry Branson Fitch

(c) Lunatic, or an idiot,
or a person of unsound mind.

as a (c) Person of unsound mind whom I last saw at

Down House Andover Hants

(d) Some day within two
days before the date of the
order.

on the (d) First day of June 1914

I am not related to or connected with the Person signing the Certificate

which accompanies this Order in any of the ways mentioned in the

(e) Husband, wife, father,
father-in-law, mother,
mother-in-law, son, son-in-
law, daughter, daughter-in-
law, brother, brother-in-law,
sister, sister-in-law, partner,
or assistant.

Margin. (e) Subjoined [or annexed] hereto is a Statement of Particulars

relating to the said Henry Branson Fitch

(Signed)

[If not the husband or
wife, or a relative of the
patient, the person signing
to state as briefly as possible:

Name and Christian Name Catharine Mary Fitch
at length

—1. Why the order is not
signed by the husband or
wife or a relative of the
patient. 2. His or her con-
nection with the patient, and
the circumstances under
which he or she signs.]

Rank, Profession, or Occupa-
tion (if any) Unmarried

Full Postal Address Down House Andover Hants

How related to or connected
with the Patient Wife

(f) Superintendent of—
the—asylum,—hospital
or resident licensee of the
—house [describing the
asylum, hospital, or house
by situation and name].

Dated this First day of June 1914

LUNACY, 4 and 2.

(53 Vict. c. 5, s. 11.)

LONDON:
SHAW & SONS,
Fetter Lane, Fleet Street,
PUBLISHERS OF
The Justice of the Peace.
E294 (870270)

To (f) Superintendent of Down House
Catford London S.E.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS REFERRED TO IN THE ANNEXED ORDER.

IF ANY PARTICULARS ARE NOT KNOWN, THE FACT IS TO BE SO STATED.

[Where the patient is in the position or order described as an idiot, omit the particulars marked *.]

The following is a Statement of Particulars relating to the said Henry Branson Fitch

Name of Patient, with Christian Name at length Henry Branson Fitch

Sex and Age - - - - - Male 50 years

*Married, Single, or Widowed - - - - - Married

*Rank, Profession, or previous Occupation (if any) - - - - - No occupation

*Religious Persuasion - - - - - Church of England

Residence at or immediately previous to the date hereof - - - - - Victoria Hotel London 17th 1844

*Whether First Attack - - - - - 3rd attack

Age on First Attack - - - - - 48 years

When and where previously under Care and Treatment as a Lunatic, Idiot, or Person of Unsound Mind - - - - - Flower House Catford London S.E. 1914

*Duration of existing Attack - - - - - Three weeks

Supposed Cause - - - - - no reason

Whether subject to Epilepsy - - - - - no

Whether Suicidal - - - - - not now, has been on previous

Whether Dangerous to others, and in what way was during 1st attack injured himself

Whether any near Relative has been afflicted with Insanity - - - - - no

Names, Christian Names, and full Postal Addresses of one or more Relatives of the Patient - - - - - Catharine Mary Gaud Fitch
Down House
Andover

Name of the Person to whom Notice of Death to be sent, and full Postal Address, if not already given - - - - - Catharine Mary Gaud Fitch
as above

Name and full Postal Address of the usual Medical Attendant of the Patient - - - - - Barnes Augustus Farr
Andover Hants

(Signed) Catharine Mary Gaud Fitch

When the Petitioner or person signing an Urgency Order is not the person who signs the Statement add the following particulars concerning the 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

CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONER.

In the matter of Henry Branson Fitch

(a) Insert residence of patient.

of (a) Down House Andover

(b) County, city, or borough, as the case may be.

in the (b) Borough of Andover

(c) Insert profession or occupation, if any.

(c) no occupation

an alleged lunatic.

I, the undersigned James Augustus Farr
do hereby certify as follows:

1. I am a person registered under the Medical Act, 1858, and I am in the actual practice of the medical profession.

2. On the First day of June 19 14

(d) Insert the place of examination, giving the name of the street, with number or name of house, or should there be no number, the christian and surname of occupier.

at (d) Down House Andover

(e) County, city, or borough, as the case may be.

in the (e) Borough of Andover

(f) A lunatic, an idiot, or a person of unsound mind.

I personally examined the said Henry Branson Fitch
and came to the conclusion that he is (f) a person of unsound mind
and a proper person to be taken charge of and detained under care and treatment.

3. I formed this conclusion on the following grounds, viz.:—

(g) If the same or other facts were observed previous to the time of the examination, the certifier is at liberty to subjoin them in a separate paragraph.

(a.) Facts indicating Insanity observed by myself at the time of examination (g) viz.: He says

that his food is being drugged, but fortunately
he has strength to overcome it. (2) that he is getting
ready for his great trial, every body will be
included, so that no one will be safe
the scope of it going to shake the world.
that he will be included as I have been
plotting against him, & keeping him to
be fraudulent, detained and deprived
of his property, whereas I have not acted
alike. (3) that he is going to manage it
himself as he possesses such a force that
no one can overcome it. That Catherine
Branson Fitch wife states that he says (1) I have
been depriving him of his property (2)
that he is being drugged & is constantly
can poisoning the servants about it
(3) uncontrollable temper, gets into a
passion without any cause, (4) that
he suffers "for want of money" obtaining
money & having him put away his
(5) & that he sent off with wires in a
his case.

(h) The names and christian names (if known) of informants to be given, with their addresses and descriptions.

LUNACY Nos. 8 & 9.

(i) If an urgency certificate is required, it must be added here, Form No. 9.

[(i) STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING URGENCY ORDER.]

I certify that it is expedient for the welfare of the said Henry Branson Fitch [or for the public safety, as the case may be] that the said Henry Branson Fitch should be forthwith placed under care and treatment.

My reasons for this conclusion are as follows: He states he will turn over one of the horses with what any one stands in his way will not let his wife or daughter leave the house, nor allow any horse or carriage to be taken about. He is very excited & passionate when seen taking a drive. He is blaspheming about the Crown and within roads leading to the town.

4. The said Henry Branson Fitch appeared to me to be [~~or not to be~~] in a fit condition of bodily health

(k) Strike out this clause in case of a private patient whose removal is not proposed.

to be removed to an asylum, hospital, or licensed house. (k)

5. I give this certificate having first read the section of the Act of Parliament printed below.

Dated this first day of June
One thousand nine hundred and fourteen

(Signed) Ernest Augustus Darr
of (l) Andover Hants

(l) Insert full postal address.

Extract from section 317 of the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Any person who makes a wilful misstatement of any material fact in any medical or other certificate, or in any statement or report of bodily or mental condition under this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanour.