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and Auditors.

G. W. TOWNEND, F. C. A.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

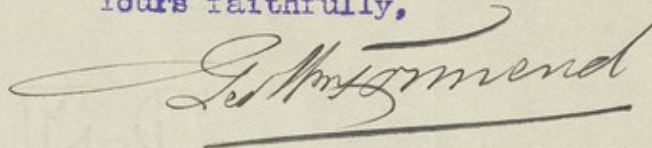
Mar. 25th 1913

Dear Sir,

I have a letter from Mr. Head's friends at Whitley Bay saying he is very much better. He has given them no trouble, has had no delusions, and would like to come back to Goole.

I think he has been 8 week's now at Whitley Bay. Will you kindly say if you would like to see him on his return, or can he be released; and if so, would you please advise and let me have your account to date including any charges during his absence, & oblige.

Yours faithfully,



Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
Yorks.

Carlisle Chambers,

Google,

Nov. 25th 1916

G. W. Townsend & Co.

Eschscholtz & Co.

and Associates

San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sirs,

I have a letter from Mr. Head's friend at Whitley Bay saying he is very much better. He has given them no trouble, has had no delirium, and would like to come back to Google.

I think he has been 3 weeks now at Whitley Bay. Will you kindly say to him would like to see him on his return, or can he be released; and if so, would you please advise and let me have your account to date including any charges during his absence, & office.

Yours faithfully,

*W. G. Townsend*

Mr. Bedford Pierce  
The Tenet  
York.



March 26, 1913

Dear Sir,

It is very pleasant to hear that Mr. Head is so well and that his delusions seem to have disappeared so entirely. I should hardly think it is necessary for me to see him again. He might find it rather painful to come up here. If I can hear from you, acting under the instructions of the Petitioner (Mr. J.W.Tinn), that Mr. Head is sufficiently well, I can at any time discharge him as recovered. This step must be taken at the express direction of the Petitioner. If there is a doubt as to recovery he can be discharged as relieved.

Yours very truly,

G.W.Townend Esq.







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Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

April 18th 1913.

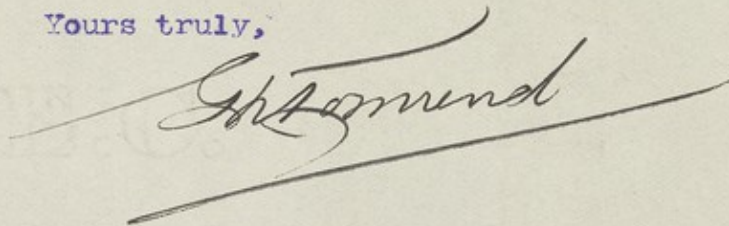
Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find cheque value £10. 4. 4 in payment of Mr. Head's account. I presume there is no other charge against him?

I am pleased to say Mr. Head continues to be very well and is taking over his own affairs, and I think he is quite capable of doing so.

He desires me to thank you and your staff for the kindness shown to him at the Retreat and he trusts he gave no unnecessary trouble whilst he was your patient.

Yours truly,



Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat  
York.

Carlisle Chambers

Guelph

April 19th 1913.

G.W. Townsend & Co.

Chartered Accountants

and Auditors

G.W. Townsend & Co.

Dear Sir,

I enclose please find cheque value £10. 0. 0. in payment of Mr. Reed's account. I presume there is no other charge against

Yours

I am pleased to say Mr. Reed continues to be very well

and is taking over his own estate, and I think he is quite capable of

doing so.

I am glad to hear that you and your staff for the business

shown to him at the latest and he trusts he gave no unnecessary

trouble while he was your patient.

Yours truly,

*W. D. Townsend*

W. D. Townsend & Co.,  
The Accountants,  
York.



G. W. TOWNEND & CO  
Chartered Accountants  
and Auditors.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

G. W. TOWNEND, F. C. A.

15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1913

Dear Sir.

Thank you for your further  
letter respecting Mr. Head, I handed  
the same to his friends, and regret  
not having acknowledged it before,  
I understand Mr. Head is  
leaving to-morrow, thanking  
you for your prompt attention

I am Yours faithfully  
Geo. W. Townend

D. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York



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Goole

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Chartered Accountants  
and Auditors.

G. W. TOWNEND, F. C. A.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

10th. Jan. 1913.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat,  
York.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday with regard to Mr Head. I have consulted with his sister Mrs Tinn today and also with Mr Tinn, her husband. I think, however, they appear to be anxious as to their position during Mr Head's leave of absence, and they have put to me the following questions

- (1) Must Mr or Mrs Tinn be continually with Mr Head?
- (2) Will he be able to sleep by himself <sup>all night</sup> without being attended?
- (3) To what extent would they be exonerated should Mr Head suffer a relapse?

They perfectly comprehend the printed regulations you have sent to them, but Mr and Mrs Tinn appear to be nervous as to their responsibility.

For what period is leave of absence granted?

Thanking you in anticipation for an answer to this note,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

*G. W. Townend*



January 1913

Carlisle Chambers

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John, Jan. 1913.

G. W. TOWNSEND & CO

Chambers & Associates

and Associates

100 Broadway, New York

Mr. Bedford Pierce,

The Interest,

York.

Dear Sir,

I beg to thank you for your letter of yesterday with regard to Mr. Head. I have consulted with his sister Mrs. Tinn today and also with Mr. Tinn, her husband. I think, however, they appear to be anxious as to their position during Mr. Head's leave of absence, and they have put to me the following questions:

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I am,

Yours faithfully,

*Wm. Townsend*

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Chartered Accountants  
and Auditors.

G. W. TOWNEND, F. C. A.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

✓ January 7th 1913.

Dr Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat. York.

Dear Sir.

I have been in consultation with the friends of Mr Head, and this letter is written with their assent. I understand that Mr Head is now very much improved, and subject to your approval his friends would be pleased if arrangements could be made for him to leave the Retreat in the early part of next week, the intention being to take him direct to Whitley Bay where his friends will be permanently with him, & they hope the change will be the means of fully restoring his health, I shall be glad to know if these arrangements can be carried out, and what day of the week would be suitable for him to leave, and is anything further necessary to be done by Mr Heads friends to carry out this suggestion. ✓

Yours faithfully.

*G. W. Townend*



January 10, 1910.

Mr. Richard Rogers,  
The Rogerses, York.

Dear Sir,

I have been in consultation with the friends of

Mr. Rogers, and this letter is written with their consent. I

understand that Mr. Rogers is now very much improved, and subject

to your approval his friends would be pleased if arrangements

could be made for him to leave the Rogerses in the early part

of next week, the intention being to take him direct to

Whitby Bay where his friends will be permanently with him.

They hope the change will be the means of fully restoring his

health. I shall be glad to know if these arrangements can be

carried out, and what day of the week would be suitable for

him to leave, and if anything further necessary to be done

by Mr. Rogers' friends to carry out this suggestion.

Yours faithfully,

Jan. 9, 1913

Dear Sir,

I quite approve of the proposal contained in your letter, and though there are still unfortunately delusions of suspicion, I think it is only right that Mr. Head should have a trial. I am glad his friends are willing to undertake the care of him. He has given us no trouble here for a long time, but withdraws himself from social functions, and says he is not wanted. Only the other day he said he was sure he could not leave the Retreat to stay with his friends because Dr. MacDonald Brown would not permit it.

I enclose the Committee's new regulations in relation to absence on trial, which explain themselves.

I hope this experiment will be a success. Mr. Head is a very nice man to do with, and we shall be delighted to hear that he is thoroughly convalescent.

Yours very truly,

G.W.Townend Esq.







Nov. 15, 1912

Dear Mr. Head,

We are very disappointed at the way in which your brother is going on. He is for the most part pleasant and sensible, and plays billiards a good deal, but he does not take a proper interest in the social life of the institution, and is suspicious, thinking that something is behind any ordinary proposal. It is difficult to get him to talk about these matters as he says "You know all about it", "You know quite well the reason", or something to this effect. He still thinks he is being made a scapegoat and also thinks that Dr. MacDonald-Brown is in some way responsible for his being made ill and coming here; and though I have explained to him over and over again how it happened, and that the responsibility of his being placed under care was mine and not that of his own medical man, he is quite unshaken in this opinion.

There are no decided signs of nervous disease, but his pupils do not re-act properly to light; and this suggests that underlying the mental symptoms is the possibility of grave progressive nervous disease.

I hardly know what to recommend. It is certainly not right for him to be at large, holding such strange opinions. and yet, on the other hand, he gives us no trouble here. Would it be possible for you or some other relative to come and see him and talk over matters plainly?

Yours very truly,



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Oct 14th 1912

17 Blair St

Worcester

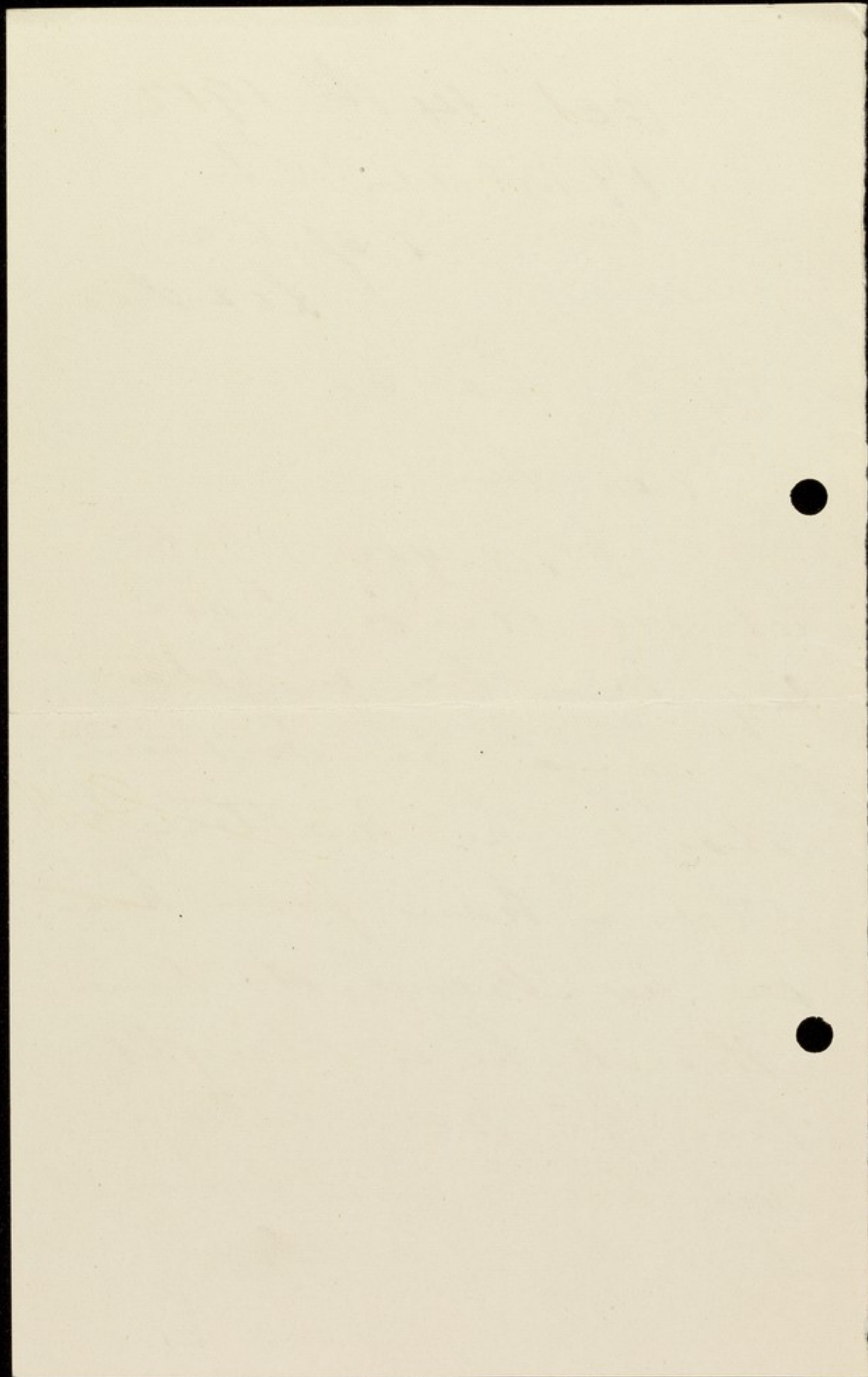
London

Mr Pearce ✓

Dear Sir

Will you please  
let me know how  
my brother is getting  
on as I am very anxious  
about the matter, the  
letter I have from him  
are very strange, at times  
I think he is alright  
then the next letter is  
just the reverse I would  
like to know what you think  
Yours faithfully  
John Head





TELEGRAMS-TOWNEND, GOOLE.

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Chartered Accountants  
and Auditors.

G.W. TOWNEND, F.C.A.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

✓  
May 11th 1912

Dear Sir,

I have written instructions to discharge accounts on behalf of Mr. W. Head from time to time, and if you will send your account to me in the ordinary way it shall have my attention.

I understand you want Mr. Head's age. He was born July 26th, 1850. I hope you consider he is improving.

Yours faithfully,

*G. W. Townend*

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat  
York.



VEREORANGE YOUNG AND GOULD

NEW YORK, N.Y.

Charles Chambers,

Goole,

May 11th 1850

W. W. Townsend,

Quincy, Mass.

and family,

W. W. Townsend,

Dear Sir,

I have written instructions to discharge accounts on behalf of Mr. W. from time to time, and if you will send your account to me in the ordinary way it shall have my attention.

I understand you want Mr. Reed's eye. He was born July 26th, 1850. I hope you consider he is improving.

Yours faithfully,

*W. W. Townsend*

Dr. Bedford Pierce,  
The Retreat  
York.

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September 13th 1912.

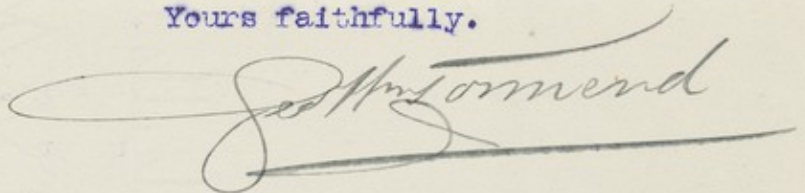
Dr Bedford Pearce, M.D.  
The Retreat.  
York.

Dear Sir.

I received the enclosed letter from Mr Head, I shall be glad to hear that his condition is improving, and if there is any chance of his being released, and when?

Please return the letter, and oblige.

Yours faithfully.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'G. W. Townend', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.



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I received the enclosed for Mr. [illegible] and if  
there is any chance of his being released, and if  
there is any chance of his being released, and if  
there is any chance of his being released, and if  
there is any chance of his being released, and if

him will you kindly  
let me know if I may  
write to him or not

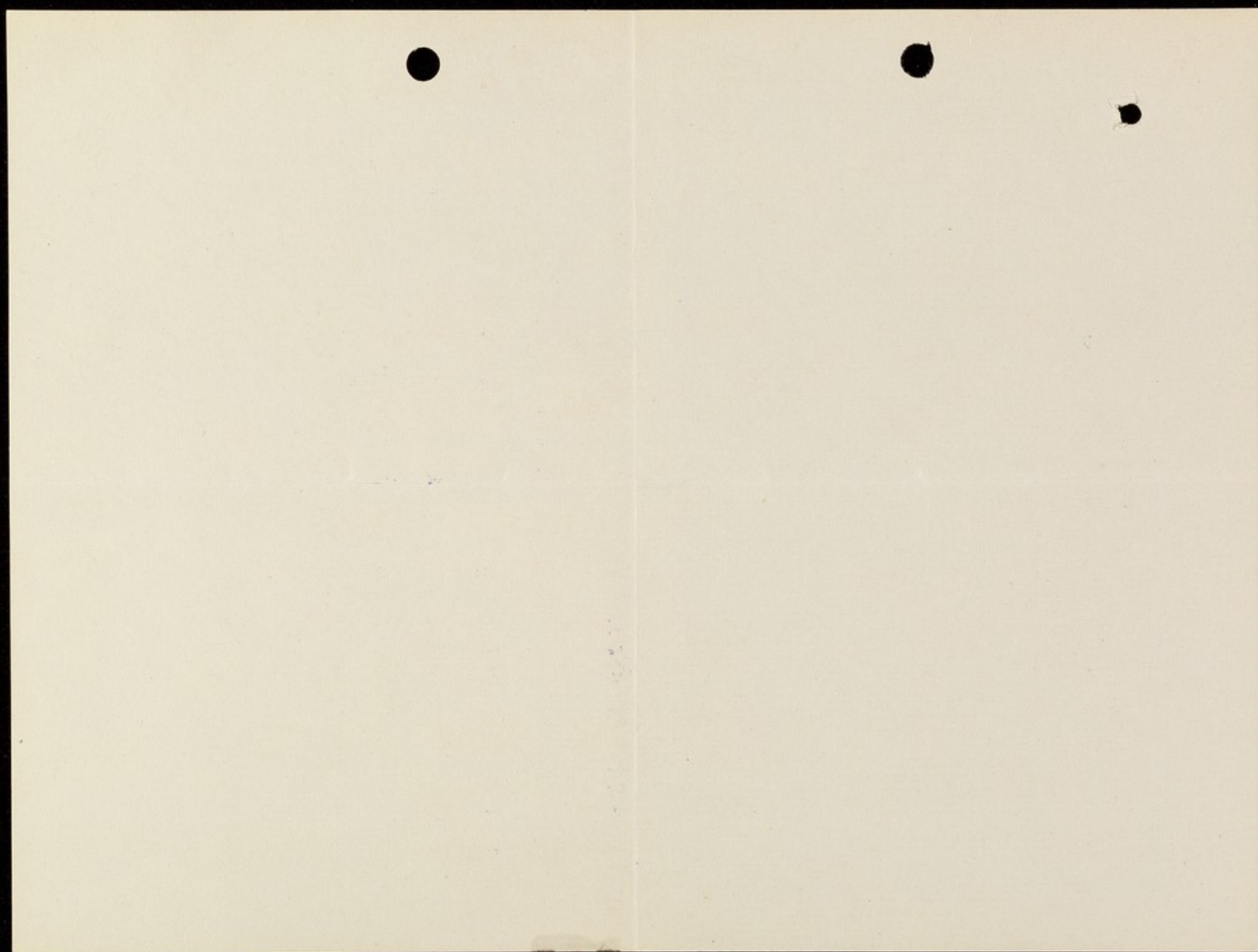
I beg to remain  
Yours Sincerely  
John Head

June 16<sup>th</sup> 1912 <sup>666</sup>  
17 Blain St <sup>Ans/</sup>  
Poplar  
London

Bedford Pierce Esq  
Dear Sir

My Brother William  
Head is under your care  
I wrote him eight days  
ago and have had no  
answer to my letter. I shall  
be glad to hear how he  
is getting on as I am  
his eldest Brother. I feel  
very anxious about





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G.W. TOWNEND, F.C.A.

Carlisle Chambers,  
Goole.

May 17th 1912.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter, I have seen Mr. Head's friends and they think £5. 3. 0 per week is as much as Mr. Head can rightly afford. They agree with you that any extra expense will not be necessary at present. I enclose form of agreement signed by myself, and remain,

Yours faithfully,

G. W. Townend

Dr. Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat, York.

Rev. Boddington



TELEPHONE TOWNSEND HOUSE

March 1st 1913

Carlisle Chambers

Goole

1st 1913

G.W. Townsend & Co

Wholesale Ironmongers

and Builders

100, Townsend St.

Dear Sir,

Replying to your letter, I have been in, Leeds, London  
and other parts of the country, and have been able to  
ascertain that the price of the material is as much as  
£1.00 per ton, and the cost of carriage will be  
nearly as much. I enclose form of agreement signed by  
myself, and signed by the other parties.

Yours faithfully,

*G.W. Townsend*

Mr. Bedford Clarke  
The Bedford, York.

Telephone 23.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1912

Head

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GOOLE,  
YORKS.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

Would you kindly forward me the necessary Papers, to enable us to send Mr Head to the Retreat. The friends would like to get him off this week. Have I to send the Papers along with him?

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Donald MacDonald



GOOL  
YORKS

May 2, 1912

Dear Dr. Macdonald-Brown,

Many thanks for your letter. I enclose a copy of the Retreat report, together with a set of forms for certificates. These will sufficiently explain themselves. The certificates must be completed and the order duly signed by a Magistrate (specially appointed under the Act) before the patient can be received.

We have room on the Men's side, and can take in Mr. Head this week if it be necessary.

My wife has returned to England, but has not yet got home, and I hardly expect her back until next week.

Yours very truly,



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N.B.—The Secretary is instructed to obtain the necessary signatures to the npanying form of guarantee before the care of any patient is undertaken by Retreat.

## ORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive William Head of Boothferry Road  
Goole as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE  
AND AGREE with

of \_\_\_\_\_ the Treasurer of the said Hospital,  
to pay or cause to be paid, to the said Treasurer  
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 14 day of May 1912  
Name Geo Hymond  
Residence Carters Chambers, Goole  
Occupation Chartered - Accountant

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.



