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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

April 22nd

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose cheque for my son's account. I have heard from him once since he went to Dumfries & he seems fairly content, has he written to you about his pictures books etc? he seemed to think he taught them there.

Yours very truly
Lucy B. Jackson

Crichton Royal Institution
Dumfries

27th March 1909.

Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter, and for your kind recommendation of the Institution to Mrs. Jackson. We shall be able to receive Mr. Jackson, and I enclose our prospectus from which you will see our present rates of board. As Mrs. Jackson has not yet communicated with me, it may be convenient for you to have the enclosed for reference. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

C. E. Astorlurock

76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

March 27th

Dear Dr Keen

Thanks for your letter. I am very sorry to hear your report of my son, of course it would be better for him to be removed tho' I fear he won't like it, I have written to Dr Eastbrook, I have never heard of the Crichton Institution & always well spoken of, tho' I am very sorry he has to leave the Retreat I won't write to him about leaving till you give due leave but I feel it would be hard not to tell him till the last moment but I'm quite in your hands in the

I fear we must expect him to get worse as the disease increases with age; Mr Raleigh told me you had said he attacked another patient.

I am truly sorry

Yours very sincerely

Lucy B. Jackson

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12, Northmoor Road,
Oxford.

Dear Dr. Pearce,

I enclose Mrs. Jackson's letter – I think that it is best and clearest to send it to you. You will see that she agrees, and prefers the Crichton Institution, and would like to write to Mr. Jackson to tell him. Will you

let her know if
you think it wise
for her to write
to him? I fancy
he was grievously
offended at the last
move.

I have told
her she need not
bother about the
legal steps to be
taken. If I can
help will you let
me know?

With kind
regards I am
Yours sincerely
W. H. Rackham.

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12, Northmoor Road,
Oxford.

Dear Dr. Peirce

I have written to Mrs. Jackson and do not doubt that she will agree to the change you suggest. I remember seeing a prospectus of the Crichton R. Inst. and I think it would do

very well. I fear that it is essential that the expense should not be greater than at present.

It would be very kind of you, and Dr. Mackenzie if you would make the necessary arrangements. We are very grateful to you for all you have done.

Yours very truly

W. A. Raleigh.

76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

April 7th

Dear Dr Pierce

I have only just got your letter as it was directed to the wrong number & I fear this will not catch todays post I have written to my son if he has left will you redirect it as I fear he may think it unkind of me not to have written before. — I hope the journey

tomorrow will be satisfactorily managed & no doubt Dr. Easterbrook will let me know of his arrival with thanks for what you have done for him.

I remain - Very truly yours

L. B. Jackson

April 1, 1909

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I have filled up the paper for Mrs. Jackson's admission to the Crichton Royal Institution, and will inform him today that I think it desirable for him to have a change and that I have communicated with you on the subject.

I see no reason why he should not go on Saturday next. I do not think a long delay is desirable. This will give him tomorow to collect his things and pack them up.

We are sorry for him to go for many reasons, but there is no doubt that it is well for him to have a change, and we cannot but realise that he is an uncertain patient; and the new restrictions here are likely to irritate him a good deal.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

March 26, 1909

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I have heard from Professor Raleigh. I think the next step for you to take is for you to write direct to Dr. Easterbrook of the Brighton Royal institution and make arrangements for Mr. Jackson's reception there. This means entirely new certificates, and if Dr. Easterbrook will send the papers to me Dr. Mackenzie and I will sign them. You will be required to sign a Petition to the Sheriff for his admission.

I feel sure that it is well for Mr. Jackson to have a change. I should not say anything to him respecting the removal until matters have been arranged. He may not like it, and it would be a pity to have an unnecessary disturbance.

Yours verytruly,

March 26, 1909

Dear Dr. Easterbrook,

I have advised Mrs. Jackson to apply to you for the admission of her son, Mr. H.P.M.Jackson. The case is one of progressive delusional insanity. You may have seen the case in the papers, as Mr. Jackson's wife succeeded in getting a decree of nullity of marriage last year. Jackson is an artist, and has not lost his artistic powers, but he is troubled with delusions of persecution and thinks that gases are instilled into his room to produce seminal emissions. He also thinks that persons he has known before are in disguise here, watching him. Until quite recently he has had parole outside which he has never broken. This has, however, been stopped because of an assault upon another inoffensive patient. The actual cause of this is not clear, but Jackson thought the patient was deliberately annoying him, and seemed unable to understand that he was demented and harmless.

They pay us 48/- a week, and I believe are not able to pay more. Mr. Jackson' brother in law is Professor Raleigh of Oxford. I have advised a change because every one here is distrusted and new surroundings seem desirable.

Yours very truly,

76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

March 24th

My dear Walter

I am very sorry to hear what you tell me about Herbert, but of course he must be removed, & most certainly I should prefer the Crichton Institution, I have heard it much spoken of, & I should not like him to go to Edinburgh for many reasons. I fancy there will be arrangements to be made as the rules are different in Scotland, I remember when he left Oxford some of the Dns I think Dr Yellowlees, did it would make some trouble & that was one reason for adopting York. Should I write

to Dr Pierce on the matter? I should like to save you all the trouble I can, tho' I am most thankful to have you to tell me what to do. I had hoped to go to see Herbert this summer but now I fear that's impossible & I don't know that he would care to see me. I will not write to Dr Pierce for a day or two, till I hear from you, as perhaps he would rather not hear from me just yet. —

Anything that I can do I should be very glad to. I don't fancy the English Lunacy Commission have any authority in Scotland. I wonder whether I should write to Herbert. I think he ought to be told. I thought he was rather hardly used when he left Oxford he was hurried off without notice but of course I would not like to go against the Dr's opinion.

I am hoping for the boys for Easter at Folkstone. I hope they will enjoy the sea & that it will do them good.

Best love & thanks

Very Affectionately Yours

L. B. Jackson

I saw Mrs Beck yesterday she is getting over her bad cold & cough.

March 22,1909

Dear Professor Raleigh,

I am sorry to say that the time has come when Mr. Jackson should have new surroundings. I believe this course will be necessary from time ti time as the delusions relating to his surroundings gradually grow upon him. I have been obliged to withdraw his parole, the immediate reason for which has been that he attacked an inoffensive patient here and has given him a serious black eye, the reason for which being that he considers the patient deliberately annoyed him. Mr. Jackson thinks that persons are here to watch him, that I am wilfully concealing the fact from him, that gases are being introduced into his bedroom at night in order to produce seminal emissions; and generally the delusional ideas are serious and apparently progressive.

I am writing to you in the first place rather than to Mrs. Jackson who is the Petitioner because I should not like to distress her unnecessarily, but there is a reasonable hope that if Mr. Jackson be removed to an entirely fresh place he will for a time be somewhat better.

I would suggest the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries (Dr. Easterbrook) or the Royal Asylum, Morningside (Dr. Robertson) as being institutions where he would receive the best attention with a maximum amount of liberty, and I think his admission could

be arranged at the same terms as he pays here.

You will understand that now his parole has been withdrawn here the life at the Retreat wil be very irritating to him and much worse than at a new place with the same restrictions.

If the patient goes to Scotland you require to have a Sheriff's Order obtained there, and new certificates will have to be signed. These Dr. Mackenzie and I could do if wished.

Yours very truly,

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Jany 14th

Dear Dr Green

I enclose cheque for my son's account & am glad to notice that you think him rather more sociable lately. I wrote to him & had a short letter from him in reply. I should be so much obliged if you could

Tell me any thing more about him, does he still occupy himself with drawing or painting?

With kind regards

Very sincerely yours

Lucy B. Jackson

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Ans

76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Octr 10th

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose a cheque for my son's account & am glad to know that you think him more docible, I should be very much obliged to know whether he still works at his painting or etching, I wrote to him but got no reply but

I will write again in a few days. I hoped to have been able to go to see him this year, but I have been ill twice, & do not feel strong enough to undertake the journey & all it entails, at present. I imagine he still enjoys his parole. —

Yours very truly

Lucy B. Jackson

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

13th July

Dear Dr Pirrie

I enclose a cheque for my Son's account, & should be very glad to hear that he has got over any annoyance he may have experienced from the trial. I think from what he said in a letter he sent me, that he had no regrets for the fact of the annulement, but only for the manner of it.

I hope you have not been obliged to stop his parole as I am sure that would make him more unhappy

Yours very Sincerely
L. B. Jackson

6 ALBERT GATE
GLASGOW.

June 18.08

My dear Dr Reese

I fear you are concluding that I have allowed mere lapse of time to give the reply to your letter

Not so: — but I put it in my pocket to consider what I could reply and the hub of things demanding attention on my return home put it out of my mind. This has made no difference however, — for you accurately anticipated my conclusion: I felt that, having only seen him on one occasion a number of years ago & before his recent experiences, I

cannot offer any opinion worth having; & that your daily observation of him - both before & after the trial as to his marriage - enabled you to form an opinion beside which all other opinions wⁿ be of little or no value

He has done so well with you & has been so comfortable & free from fear I fear any change wⁿ upset him.

I fully recognise that you cannot feel that there is an element of risk in so much liberty — but if his wife keeps far away I think his past good conduct shews that the risk is not great — alarming of course that he has little or no money.

Uncertain wⁿ be awkward & possibly dangerous if he bolted to London & could find his wife - there or elsewhere.

I gather from your letter — for I have seen nothing in the newspapers - that the Court annulled the marriage and if he loved his wife this can hardly to arouse some resentment against her. If the marriage is not annulled he will be apt to resent yet more her effort to annul it. She should therefore keep well away from him.

Best regards to your uncle from us both. I gladly adopt the Quaker form —

With love, thine sincerely

D Fergusson

July 14, 1908

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

There is really nothing fresh to report respecting Mr. Herbert Jackson's condition. He remains in good health and goes out daily on parole and has never encroached upon the liberty given. He is still suspicious and rarely, if ever, speaks to me or the officers unless spoken to, and then only gives the barest acknowledgment of any remark made. He is doing some painting, but declines to join in any of the games or amusements, and will never play cricket, tennis or croquet as he formerly did. So far as one can judge he is neither better nor worse since I wrote last. Perhaps outwardly he is less irritable.

Yours very truly,

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

May 27th

Dear Dr Pierce

When I got your usual quarterly report of my son Herbert Jackson, I was too ill to write myself to ask more particulars, & now I should be so very glad if you would let me know how he has been lately, I wrote to him a week or two ago but have had no answer. do you think he has

been worried by the trial & I don't think that he would be pained by the verdict, for I fancy he has lost all affection for his wife, tho' no doubt he resents the imputation of insanity. I will write to him again in a little time even if he won't answer perhaps he may like to have letters now & then.

Believe me

Very sincerely yours

L. B. Jackson

Bedford Pierce Esq M.D.
The Retreat
York.

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OFFICIAL SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,

ALL LETTERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE OFFICIAL SOLICITOR.

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

LONDON, W.C.

3rd June 08

Dear Sir

re Isherwood dec

I thank you for your letter enclosing your statement of account which shall receive attention.

The result of the Jackson Action was equally a surprise to us, though the Judge seem made it fairly clear which way his judgment inclined. I have had some very rude & clearly inspired letters from Mrs Jackson.

Yours faithfully

Wm H. Winterbotham

29. V. 08
12 Walton on Road
Oxford

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Dear Dr. Pierce,

Many thanks for your letter. It would be a satisfaction to have the considered opinion of Dr. Fellowes and yourself on whether Mr. Jackson ought to be removed. It is purely a question of his mental state. He had parole when he was at the Warneford, and he was then angrier?

behaviour than he is now. It was an ordeal for his sister, whom he often met in the street, but he has never done a violent thing since his seclusion. So the question is whether there is a real risk of new developments. If Dr. Fellowes is able to visit you with you please give him very kind regards. My opinion is in favour of a move but must then get prospectuses of other places and the other places.

I cannot easily get away during term. I rather doubt whether Mr. Jackson would see me. He would not while he was at the Warneford — not at Flower House.

Yours very sincerely
W. A. Raleigh.

I am sure he has been "happier" with you than he was before, so we should be sorry to move unless safety requires it.

12 Northmoor Road

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~~Magdalen College,~~
Oxford.

26.v.08

Dear Dr. Peirce

Could you suggest the name of any institution where you think Mr. Jackson would be better than at the Retreat? I do not like to trouble his mother until there is a definite proposal.

As I know him, I should trust his parole absolutely, even when he was angry, but of course I cannot tell how far

mental disturbance may interfere with settled principles of conduct. Is it possible for him to have any modified idea of parole?

Of course I understand that you cannot withdraw his parole without ill effects. But his friends are really dependent on expert advice in the choice of an institution. There was one in Scotland (was it near Dollar?) that we saw a prospectus of.

It is essential, I fear, that it should ~~be~~ involve no more cost than the Retreat.

Shall I write to Dr. Gillespie, who was a colleague at Glasgow, or to Dr. Mercier, and ask for advice? But we should be very well content to follow your advice.

With kind regards

I am

Yours very truly

W. Rankin.

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HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
"CLIENT, LONDON."
National Telephone No
9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building.
1, Finsbury Square.
London, E.C. May 12th 1908

Dear Dr Pierce,

The hearing of Jackson's case has now been ordered to be in the list for the 20th instant subject to any case remaining over from the previous day's list. I have made careful enquiries and do not anticipate that anything will prevent the action being proceeded with on the above date.

As Mrs Jackson's evidence will be taken first, I think it will be sufficient if you will get to the Court about 12. 30 on the day of the trial which will enable you probably to travel up in the morning.

Should anything unforeseen happen so as to interfere with the above arrangement, I will let you know at the earliest possible moment.

As it is some time since I sent you a copy of your proof as handed to Counsel, I beg to enclose same again herewith for your perusal ~~approval~~.

Yours very truly,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

Dear Sir France,

The hearing of Jacobson's case has not been ordered to be in the list for the April sittings, consequently to any case concerning over from the previous day's list. I have made careful inquiries and do not anticipate that anything will prevent the action being proceeded with on the above date.

As Miss Jacobson's evidence will be taken first, I think it will be sufficient if you will get to the Court about 11. If on the day the Court should wish to see you, I will let you know.

Also in applying uniformness judges so as to interfere with the above arrangement, I will let you know at the earliest possible moment.

It is some time since I saw you, I hope you yourself as looked to Counsel, I hope to enclose some opinion herewith for your approval.

Yours very truly,

Dr Fredjand Franco,
"The Franco",
York.

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Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce

The newspaper reports of the Nutting case brought me the enclosed letter from an old friend. I showed it to my wife, who tells me that long ago, before her marriage (i.e. 18 years or more) she found a huge heap of pill-boxes in her brother's room, and asked him about them. He said they

were laudanum pills
which he had been
taking for a stomach
pain. She had forgotten
this incident, but thinks
probably in the habit
of taking drugs – he
used to be sleepy
and stupid at times.

So I send you
the letter in case it
may be of use

Believe me
Yours very sincerely
W. A. Raleigh.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address.
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Parrs Bank Building.
1, Finsbury Square.
London E.C. May 18th 1908

Dear Dr Pierce,

re Jackson.

I duly received your letter of the 15th instant.

It is practically certain that this case will be reached some time on Wednesday and I can arrange that your evidence be taken on Thursday, possibly early in the morning. Under the circumstances, it will be sufficient if you travel to London by a late train on Wednesday and perhaps you will be good enough to let me know by what train you are arriving so that if necessary I can meet you and inform you of the position of the matter.

Unless you prefer to make your own arrangements as regards hotel accomodation for Wednesday night, I shall be glad to secure accomodation for you at the Euston Hotel and perhaps you will let me have a wire on the subject.

If, contrary to expectation, your attendance should be required before Thursday, I will wire you in good time.

Yours very truly,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

Shall stay at Knipley Hotel, Bloomsbury
expect to arrive
Kings X. 10.45.

Dear Mr Evans,

I duly received your letter of the 15th inst.

As is practically certain that this case will be reached some time on Wednesday, and I can arrange that you attendance be taken on Thursday, possibly early in the morning. Under the circumstances, it will be only worth if you travel to London by a late train on Wednesday and perhaps you will be good enough to let me know by what train you are arriving so that it may be necessary I can meet you and inform you of the position of the matter.

Unless you prefer to make your arrangements to regards hotel accommodation for Wednesday night, I shall be glad to secure accommodation for you at the Russian Hotel and perhaps you will let me have a wire on the subject.

If, contrary to expectation, your attendance should be required before Thursday, I will wire you to good time.

Yours very truly,

Mr Richard Evans,
Tile Street,
York.

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Telegraphic Address,
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Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. May 19th 1908

Dear Dr Pierce,

re Jackson.

Referring to my letter of yesterdays date, I can dispense with your attendance to morrow Wednesday and you need not attend the Court until Thursday morning. The case will be heard in Court 1 of the Probate, Divorce & Admiralty Division. Please do not forget to bring with you the case book shewing the record of Mr Jackson's case, a copy of which you sent me some time ago.

Yours very truly,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat, York.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
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9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building.
1, Finsbury Square.
London, E.C. May 14th 1908

Dear Dr Pierce,

re Jackson.

I regret to learn from your letter of yesterdays date that you are being inconvenienced in this matter. Under the circumstances, I will endeavour to arrange, if possible, that your evidence shall be taken first thing on the morning of Thursday the 21st instant which would enable you to travel up Wednesday evening and be back in York early Thursday afternoon.

Kindly let me know whether this would suit you better and I will write you definitely as soon as I can ascertain the exact state of the list.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

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Lorain Ravine,

My Gordon.

I request to learn from your father of yesterday date that you are living unannounced on this motive. Under the circumstances, I will endeavour to arrange, if possible, that your evidence shall be taken first thing on the morning of Thursday the 21st instant which would enable you to travel up Wednesday evening and be back in York early Thursday afternoon.

Kindly let me know whether this would suit you better and I will write you definitely as soon as I can ascertain the

exact state of the law.

Yours faithfully,

Lorain Ravine,

" Elle Ravine",

York.

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Telegraphic Address,
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1. Finsbury Square,
London E.C. 2nd May 190

Dear Sir,

Jackson v Jackson

The Court will resume the hearing of defended causes before the Judge in person on Friday the 15 inst. and this action will probably be heard on or about Tues. the 19th inst.

The Official Solicitor and myself will shortly make an application, have a day specially fixed, of which I will immediately advise you.

Yours faithfully
Herbert Oppenheimer

Dr Bedford Pierce.

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OFFICIAL SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,

ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,

LONDON, W.C.

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12th February 1908

B. Pierce, Esq., M.D.,
The Retreat,
York.

Dear Sir,

Jackson v. Jackson

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date informing me that Mr. Jackson can be seen at any time. I will let you know in good time if I decide to visit him. I am obliged to you for your offer to let me see your case book.

Yours faithfully,

G. Lincoln Bolton

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OFFICIAL SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,
LONDON, W.C.

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10th Feb. 1908

Dear Sir

Jackson v. Jackson

My Counsel requires to know a good deal more about Mr Jackson's affairs, in order to be able more effectually to cross-examine the Petitioner's witnesses, than I am at present able to ~~give~~ tell him, and it may be desirable that I should send some one down from this Department to have an interview with Mr Jackson if you see no objection.

For the present, however, I will merely ask you to hand Mr Jackson the accompanying memorandum and ask him to be good enough to fill in replies to the questions contained in it, returning the document to me when he has done so.

Supposing an interview with Mr Jackson to be necessary I assume any morning ~~before~~ after 10 ~~30~~ o'clock would be convenient?

Yours faithfully

[signature]

B. Pierce Esq. M.D.
The Retreat
York.

P.S. It would be very desirable to have Mr Jackson's replies to my questions by Wednesday if possible
W.H.W.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
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Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. February 6 1908

Dear Dr Pierce,

re Jackson.

In further reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I do think that the difficulty which you feel is more a matter of wording than a matter of substance. The question is was Respondent of sufficient mental capacity to enter into the marriage contract. Now every contract involves firstly, a consideration and secondly an obligation. The consideration is that which the party shall receive under the contract, the obligation that which he shall perform under the contract.

Now if you consider the large variety of delusions due to the identical mental disease and manifesting themselves both before and after marriage, is it not perfectly true to say that the Respondent's conception of the consideration, viz, the performance of the duties of the wife towards the husband, and of the obligation, viz, the performance of the husbands duties towards the wife, was affected, permeated and distorted to such an extent by the Respondent's delusions as to disable him from appreciating these two principal constituents of the contract ~~on~~ in the capacity of a sane man?

Insane delusions on the vital constituents of the contract surely involve incapacity to truly understand and appreciate the contract and I think, on the above basis, capacity to contract can be negatived in this case.

The two ways in which the question was there mental capacity to contract marriage,

can be answered will appear from the following answers:-

(1) Yes, but although he could understand the contract to the extent that he was binding himself to marry the lady, yet his views on the subject of marriage and respective duties etc were perverted by delusions.

(2) No, for although he could understand that he was binding himself to the lady by a marriage contract, yet his views as to the duties and obligations of himself and his wife arising from that contract were utterly distorted by the delusions.

In substance the two answers are identical and I feel sure that on further consideration you will feel justified in adopting the second form as, having regard to the substance of the matter, mental capacity is negatived.

I shall return you your proof in the course of this week.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

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London, E.C. February 4th 1890 8

Dear Dr Pierce,

re Jackson.

The president has specially fixed Tuesday next the 11th instant at 10. 30 a.m. for the trial of Mrs Jackson's case so as to obviate any unnecessary waste of time for the professional witnesses. The action will be heard in Probate Divorce & Admiralty Court No 1, Royal Courts of Justice, Strand.

You will, under the circumstances, no doubt find it most convenient to come up to Town the evening before the trial.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

Dear Sir Pierce,

Re Jackson.

The president has officially fixed Tuesday next the 11th instant at 10. 30 a.m. for the trial of this Jackson's case so as to obviate any unnecessary waste of time for the professional witnesses. The action will be heard in Probate Divorce & Admiralty Court in Royal Courts of Justice, Strand.

You will, under the circumstances, not doubt your most convenient to come up to town the evening before the trial.

Yours faithfully,

Sir Charles Pierce,
Bart. Petersfield
York.

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HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
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Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. 28th Jany 1908

Dear Sir

Jackson v Jackson

This action will not be taken before Wedy next the 5th proximo.

Yours faithfully
Herbert Oppenheimer
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Dr Bedford-Pierce

The Medical Superintendent,
The Retreat
York

OFFICIAL SOLICITOR'S DEPARTMENT,
ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE,
LONDON, W.C.

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30th Jany 1908

Dear Sir

Jackson v. Jackson

This is an action by Mrs Jackson, the wife of Mr H. P. M. Jackson, an inmate of the Retreat, to have her marriage with that gentleman on the 8th October 1904 declared null & void on the ground that he was of unsound mind at that date and incapable of contracting marriage.

The Court has appointed me Guardian

ad litem of Mr Jackson.

I understand that the Petitioner relies mainly upon medical evidence to support her case, and intends to call two medical men whom Mr Jackson consulted previously to his marriage, viz:- Professor Sanson Gemmell and Dr J. T. Nisbett, as well as others, including Dr Savage, who saw him subsequently.

I shall of course have an opportunity of cross-examining these witnesses, but I assume from the fact that the Petitioner is calling them that they will express the view that the Respondent was, at all events, not of

entirely sound mind at the time of his marriage.

I do not know whether you are in a position to form a judgment on this point. If you are I should be very glad to know what that judgment is, and perhaps you will kindly let me have a line by return of post as to this. You might at the same time tell me how long after his marriage Mr Jackson and when he was first admitted to the Retreat.

Yours faithfully

[illegible]

I shall also be glad to know what Mr Jackson's present state of mind is & whether there is any prospect of his recovery or improvement

[illegible]

H. P. M. Jackson

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Jany 26th

Dear Dr Kerr

I have just heard that the case for ~~nullity~~ nullity of marriage brought by my son's wife, is likely to come on this week, he asked me about it a while ago & I promised to write when I heard, so I have done so, by this post, I don't know at all how he will take it, will he have

to be present do you think?
I am very anxious about
the effect on him. I fancy
he will resent most the
fact of being considered
insane. —

Yours very truly
Lucy B. Jackson

H. M. Jackson 30

76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Jany 13th

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque for my son's account. I am glad to notice you have been able to give him parole again. I hope this means that he is less aggressive than he was a little while ago. I was very much pleased to receive from him a

practice of Etchings he has lately done, with a short note, the kindest I have received from him since his illness. I fear this does not mean that he is really better, but it may be that he is less unhappy.

With kind regards

Sincerely yours

Lucy B. Jackson

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
"CLIENT, LONDON."
National Telephone No.
9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. January 21st 1908

Dear Sir,

re Jackson.

Referring to our previous correspondence in January last, I shall esteem it a favour if you will let me know whether Mr H. P. M. Jackson is still in your charge and if not where he now is.

Having regard to the unequalled opportunities of observation of Mr Jackson which you have had, Mrs Jackson's advisers consider your presence at the trial of the first importance. In a case like the present one, detail is everything and it appears indispensable that I should have a personal interview with you sometime before the trial. Should you intend to come to London in connection with some other matter during the next ten days, perhaps you will be good enough to inform me and arrange an appointment. If you have no such intention, I propose to call upon you at York and shall be glad if you will let me know whether there are any particular dates which would be inconvenient to you.

Needless to say I hold myself personally liable for your disbursements and fees in connection with the matter.

You will no doubt be interested to learn that the other two alienists who will be called on behalf of the Petitioner in this case as witnesses and both of whom professionally attended the Respondent, emphatically concur in the opinion that there can have been no remission of the disease since certain symptoms thereof were observed at Liver-

pool in 1903, of which symptons conclusive proof has now been obtained.

As the preparations for this trial are of a most complicated character and necessitate a vast amount of work, I should feel greatly obliged if you could favour me with a reply at an early date and, thanking you in anticipation, remain,

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Octr 10th

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque for £35.10.7 for my son's account (Herbert R. M. Jackson) & should be glad to know some thing of his condition did he go to Scarborough & is he still as reserved as when you last wrote he never writes himself.

I suppose his wife's petition will soon be heard. When the law courts open, do you think he is at all troubled by the prospect? I shall be very grateful for a few lines about him.

Yours sincerely

Lucy B. Jackson

AND
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THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Oct. 11, 1907

Dear Mrs. Jackson,

I cannot report any change for the better. Some two months ago Mr. Jackson withdrew his promise that he would not molest any person he might meet when out walking beyond the grounds. He at the time was evidently feeling that he was being watched. I was therefore unable to allow him to go about alone and have entirely withdrawn his parole. He has not been worse in consequence: if anything rather pleasanter to the attendants and others about, but he remains absolutely convinced that there are persons about the place who spy upon him and that certain of the patients are members of a conspiracy acting against him.

He makes no reference to the forthcoming case in the courts. I told him you had written, and he asked if there was any news. I think it would be well to write to him again.

Yours very truly,

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~~76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,~~
~~EARL'S COURT, S.W.~~

Yew Tree Cottage
Finningham
Stowmarket
July 12th

Dear Dr. Kerr

I enclose a cheque for my son's account & am obliged by the report which I wish was more favourable, he seems to have quite given up writing to me I sent him a little present the other day

but he has not acknowledged it. I fear he thinks hardly of us all now.

Yours very truly
Mary B. Jackson

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

May 16th

Dear Dr Birn

I was very sorry to hear from you that my son was getting suspicious of the attendants & that you thought it might be desirable to remove him. I hope that may not be necessary for I can't imagine any place where he would

be so well situated, perhaps
he may settle down again
I believe the case for the
nullity of marriages is going
on, but I have no idea
when it will come into
Court, ~~Herbert~~ wrote to
me ~~not~~ the other day to ask
about it, & also asked about
one of his cousins in rather
a suspicious manner
I wrote & told him all
I knew but I dare say he
doubts my word, you tell
me he even doubts you
It is terribly sad. My daughter
& Sonichen Lau (Mr. Walter Raleigh)
are going to S. Africa in
June for four months
& I should be so thankful
if you could keep Herbert
at any rate till their
return

Very sincerely yours
L. B. Jackson

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

12 April

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce

I enclose you a cheque for my son's account for £39 10 11. I should be so very much obliged if you would tell me something about him he never answers my letters & I am anxious to hear of him, so he still interested in painting

thinking & is he at all more sociable with his companions has he thought of sending any pictures to exhibitions? — I will write to him again in a short time when I hear of his brother's arrival in India. —

Believe me
Very Sincerely Yours
Lucy B. Jackson

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
"CLIENT, LONDON"
National Telephone No
9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. April 9th 1907

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I regret to find that during my absence on a short vacation, an application was served on Mr Jackson without first consulting you.

Assuming that Mr Jackson is at the present time of unsound mind, and I take it that there can be no doubt on the subject, the present application is of a purely formal character it being obviously in the interests of a person of unsound mind that the Official Solicitor should be appointed to safeguard any interests which he may have.

Should Mr Jackson instruct a solicitor, the Court would probably hear him although no appearance has been entered but as Mr Jackson is of unsound mind, I do not see what useful purpose can be served by his attending a summons in person in London and neither the Petitioner nor myself would be prepared to bear the expense of that course being adopted. In fact, I have very little doubt that the Court would on application, supported by evidence of insanity of the respondent, have dispensed with personal service of the summons on him altogether.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Febry 25th

Dear Dr Pearce

I am rather anxious about my son Herbert. I think you know that his wife is trying to get a decree of nullity of marriage & that he has been served with a citation, he wrote to his brother & told him but I fear he is now angry with him & we hear nothing he does not answer my

letters & indeed I have not written to him just lately I don't like to do so while this is going on I should be so very glad to know whether he is at all upset by this business. — I hope you have quite recovered from the Influenza, you were suffering from it, when I last heard of you.

forgive me for troubling you but I am sure you will understand that I am anxious about my poor son, my other son leaves for India in a fortnight

Yours very truly

Mary B. Jackson

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HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
"CLIENT, LONDON."
National Telephone No.
9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building.
1, Finsbury Square.
London, E.C. February 11th 1907

Dear Sir,

re Jackson.

Referring to my letter of the 31st ultimo, I have forwarded the Petition in this matter for service to Messrs Wilkinson of Museum Street, York, requesting them at the same time to communicate with you.

I shall esteem it a favour if, on hearing from Messrs Wilkinson, you will write them with an appointment for handing the papers to Mr Jackson.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Jany 23rd

Dear Dr Pierce

I enclose cheque for my son's account & should be very glad if you could tell me any thing of his condition, I wrote to him just before Xmas but he has not replied, but he has written once or twice to his brother who visited him another day & to whom he was quite friendly. Tho'

her expressed no desire to see him again before his return to India in March. I was sorry his wife had such a painful visit to him. — do you think there is any change in his ~~character~~ mind & is her skill painting & contented in his condition. —

Yours very sincerely

Lucy B. Jackson

Dear Sir,

~~It is of course far from my intention to hinder the~~

I have thought over the points raised in your letter. ~~Of course~~ I do not want to hinder in any way the application you propose to make, ~~but I feel it impo~~ but I cannot but recognise that it will be a disturbing matter for my patient, and I do not feel able to foresee how he will take it. ~~I expect he will resist~~ We rarely talk to him about his delusions ~~and so far there has done well been no trouble at all with him~~ and if it is necessary that I should give a formal report as to his mental state I hope this may be deferred until as near the time of the action as possible. I incline to ~~believe~~ the opinion that he will resist the application not so much ~~because~~ on account of ~~his~~ any objection to the marriage being annulled as ~~his~~ for ~~being~~ the reason assigned ~~for this~~ ~~He prob~~ He probably will resent the alleged insanity –

On the main question there is no doubt that he is – or has long been suffering ~~[illegible]~~ from delusional insanity, ~~that this disease~~ commenced long before his marriage – ~~[illegible]~~ In my experience it is most unlikely there has been any real remission of symptoms since he was in diagnosis –

~~[illegible]~~. From this it ~~[illegible]~~ follows that when married he was suffering from this disease.

~~It is a question ~~[illegible]~~ for the Court to decide whether he was sufficiently insane to render a marriage contract void.~~ It is however, not an easy matter to ~~[illegible]~~ ~~satisfy~~ say that at that time he was unfit ~~to~~ legally to marry – ~~[illegible]~~ In my opinion ~~he was unfit to marry certainly~~ so far as I have been able to judge he was unfit to marry and am prepared if wished to say so.

I need not point out to you ~~many of~~ certain obvious difficulties. I ~~conclude the facts are well known to you~~ e.g. ~~If you ~~[illegible]~~ such as the fact~~ that two medical men ~~[illegible]~~ who saw him at ~~the~~ or near the time encouraged the marriage –, ~~I conclude that these matters~~ ~~The main question you ask is~~ ~~there are other matters which in~~ these facts will be known to you –

I may perhaps add that at the present time Mr Herbert Jackson is well behaved ~~is~~ & quite correct in behaviour – That he has liberty to go about York as he pleases

Subject.	Examination.	Candidates.	Passed.	Rejected.	Rejections.
Chemistry and Chemical Physics.	January.....	66	33	33	50
	April	61	34	27	44
	July	105	59	46	44
	October	28	14	14	50
	Total ...	260	140	120	46
Practical Pharmacy.	January.....	39	30	9	23
	April	50	45	5	10
	July	90	77	13	14
	October.....	42	31	11	26
	Total	221	183	38	17
Elementary Biology.	January.....	41	23	18	44
	April	124	80	44	35
	July	69	43	26	38
	October.....	23	12	11	48
	Total	257	158	99	39
Anatomy and Physiology.	January.....	76	36	40	53
	April	97	63	34	35
	July ..	71	45	26	37
	October.....	49	31	18	37
	Total	293	175	118	40
Medicine.	January.....	192	118	74	39
	April	193	117	76	39
	July	219	144	75	34
	October.....	144	88	56	39
	Total	748	467	281	38
Surgery.	January.....	183	92	91	50
	April	196	103	93	48
	July	215	112	103	48
	October.....	189	114	75	40
	Total	783	421	362	46
Midwifery.	January.....	150	96	54	36
	April	175	103	72	41
	July	136	89	47	35
	October.....	131	80	51	39
	Total	592	368	224	38

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
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Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. January 31st 1907

Dear Sir,

re Jackson.

I duly received your letter of the 28th instant and am much obliged for the information therein contained.

Whilst hoping that the handing over of the contemplated proceedings will have no detrimental effect on the state of the patient, I do not see how personal service can possibly be avoided as the law renders it absolutely necessary, and of course for very good reasons, that any person alleged to be insane must be served personally.

I will, however, communicate with you again before service is effected and also request the solicitor who will hand over the documents to communicate with you in the first instance so as to enable you to be present.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
York.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
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9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building,
1, Finsbury Square,
London, E.C. January 21st 1907

Dear Sir,

I am obliged for your letter of the 18th instant and you may rest assured that I should not have approached you on the matter if the giving of the required information could be considered a breach of professional etiquette. There could be no doubt that the unanimous opinion of all Courts of this country has for many years past been that where questions arise merely as to the mental condition of a party to proceedings, it is reasonable, in the interests of Justice that medical gentlemen in charge of the patient should afford to those bona fide interested in the proceedings, the benefit of their opinion on the subject.

I need hardly remind a professional gentleman of your experience in such matters that as a preliminary step to any proceedings in lunacy matters, the Court requires affidavits of not less than two medical men who are either in charge of the Plaintiff or have frequently opportunities of examining him. In practice, the necessary materials for this evidence are invariably supplied by the Superintendent or other medical man in charge of the asylum or home in which the patient resides. The Court, therefore, not only considers it admissible but in fact necessary and essential that under such circumstances the assistance of the patient's medical advisers should be obtained and no suggestion has ever been made by anyone that by complying with those requirements, anything approaching a breach of professional etiquette

or confidence is committed; in fact, it has been held over and over again that a solicitor who takes any proceedings based on allegations of insanity, commits a serious breach of duty almost amounting to misconduct if he does not apply for the opinion of the medical adviser who has charge of the patient. The reason for placing mental cases in a separate category so far as the above matters are concerned, from ordinary cases is, of course, that an enquiry into the state of a patient's mind cannot be hostile to the patient and only be ~~either~~ for the purpose of protecting the patient and others from consequences of his affliction and the very fact o that the patient's own medical advisers are from the first applied to and their opinion to a large extent acted upon, is a guarantee to the Court that the evidence which will be adduced shall be bona fide, straightforward and unbiassed.

I think that the above considerations will convince you that I did not in my previous letter request you to to do anything which under any conceivable circumstances be considered a breach of professional etiquette and I trust that you will see your way to communicate with me as requested at your convenien

Thanking you for your courtesy in the matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Dr Bedford Pierce,
"The Retreat",
York.

Oxford
24 Jan. 1907.

Dear Dr. Bedford Pierce,

Mrs. Herbert Jackson's proposal to apply for a decree of nullity is known to her husband's relatives, and they do not feel that they can oppose it. Her sister's husband, who is a lawyer, obtained an opinion from a leading Counsel, which opinion, it seems, was favourable to the claim for nullity. I think that I state the

release. I was much surprised to hear the opinion of Counsel, which seems counter to all the light that I know and have heard of similar cases. I cannot yet believe that a decree will be granted; but it is certain that his immediate relatives will take no action to oppose it.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Jackson is doing well.

Believe me

Yours very truly

W. A. Raleigh

view of Mr. Jackson's relatives correct) when I say that they will take no action of any kind, but will withhold no information that is asked for.

It is a sad business. Mrs. Hurlbut Jackson would not have dreamed of this, I think, if she had not been tortured (the sense of utter helplessness. She cannot help him; he does not want her; and I suppose it may fairly be said that she has not known two days of happiness with him free from this incubus of suspicion. I remember that she told me, at the beginning, that she had offered to go and live with him in an uninhabited island in Scotland or elsewhere. She made this offer seriously; he refused on the ground that people could visit the island in boats.

I make these observations, because I believe that this paralysis and uselessness is the worst of what she suffers. She is not prepared to face it for life, if the law grants

From Dr. MERCIER
please reply to

Flower House,
Catford, S.E.
TELEPHONE 57 BROMLEY.
STATION, BECKENHAM HILL.

34, Wimpole Street,
London, W.
TELEPHONE 986 PADDINGTON.

24 I. 1907

Dear Pierce,

Only influenza! only! — what more would you have? Isn't it enough? Accept all my sympathy and good wishes.

Mr Offenbacher, the solicitor in question, called on me yesterday, and we had a long discussion on the case of Mrs Jackson. It is one in which, in my opinion, if relief can be obtained, it ought to be obtained. A person who is legally a lunatic cannot contract a marriage. Jackson at the time of his marriage was not legally a lunatic, but this was due to the non-recognition of his lunacy by his friends. He was certainly as insane at the time of his marriage, and for years before that time, as he was when he was certified a few months after his marriage. In 1903 he was seen by Wigleswortb, who declared that he was then insane. If he had been seen by any competent alienist at the time of his marriage he would have been discovered to be insane and he could have been certified and so rendered incompetent to marry. I think it is quite competent and proper for

In this respect marriage differs from testamentary disposition, which may perhaps be effected by a lunatic

those alienists who have had him in charge since his marriage begine some such opinion as the following:—

He is now and has been continuously since he was first certified an insane person. If it is shown that he was affected with the same form of insanity on various occasions and at various times (or, let us say, presented symptoms of the same form of insanity) for some years previous to the marriage, and shortly before and shortly after the marriage, then the expert knowledge which we as alienists have of that form of insanity enables us to say with certainty that his insanity was continuous throughout the period that he was exhibiting symptoms of it; and that there could have been no such complete intermission as would constitute a "lucid interval" in which he could have been of completely sane mind (and fit to contract a marriage.) This, it seems to me, is the evidence that is required, and for my own part I should be quite prepared to testify in this sense.

With kind regards & best wishes for speedy recovery

Yours sincerely

Chas. Mercier.

HERBERT OPPENHEIMER,
SOLICITOR.

Telegraphic Address,
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9231 LONDON WALL.

Parrs Bank Building.
1, Finsbury Square.
London E.C. January 17th 90 7

Dear Sir,

I believe that you are aware that Mrs C. Jackson of Glasgow intends to present a petition for declaration of nullity of her marriage with Mr Herbert M. Jackson, who is at present under your charge, on the ground that owing to his mental condition he was unable to contract the marriage at the date of the ceremony.

It is my duty before presenting the petition to satisfy myself that Mrs Jackson has reasonable grounds for that step and you will readily understand that it is of the very first importance for me to ascertain whether the present symptoms of insanity correspond with certain symptoms which were observed previous to and immediately after the marriage ceremony and in particular, it is a point of the utmost importance to prove that those symptoms are such as would demonstrate undoubtedly to an experienced medical man that Mr Jackson is not sane although a mere layman, inexperienced in such matters might be under the impression that Mr Jackson's mind is not affected

I should feel greatly obliged if you would communicate to me your views on the matter and in particular, whether you are of opinion that the mental disease of the unfortunate patient is of old standing or arose suddenly and recently.

As I understand that the case has received your careful attention you may also be in a position to acquaint me with circumstances which may be of great importance for

the issues involved and of which I am at present unaware.

Might I ask you to inform me in your reply whether in your opinion the handing over of a petition to the patient in your presence would have a detrimental effect on his general condition of health and also whether you know the name and address of a reliable local practitioner resident near "The Retreat" to whom I could entrust the handing over of the petition?

It is almost superfluous to state that the proposed proceedings are in no way hostile to your patient, on the contrary, I believe that the nullity of the marriage would be regarded by him as a most desirable object.

Apologising for troubling you in the matter, I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Dr Oldford Pierce,
"The Retreat" York

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Octr. 13th

My dear Sir

I only received the enclosed account last evening it was directed to me at Ashton Keynes from whence I wrote to you in the Summer, please note that the above is my permanent address. Since I wrote to you last I have had one short letter from my son

written in a not unfriendly spirit. I hope he still continues his painting & his interest in his surroundings. I expect my eldest son from India next month & he will certainly go to see him. —

I enclose cheque & remain

Yours very truly

Lucy B. Jackson

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76, LONGRIDGE ROAD,
EARL'S COURT, S.W.

Septr 17th

Dear Dr Purser

It seems a long time since I heard of my son. I don't like to trouble you unnecessarily but I have written to him as you advised from time to time, but have had no reply, & his wife tells me she has done the

same with as like result I should be so glad to hear how he goes on. Is he still able to paint & also to amuse himself. & does he still continue pleasant to you & those about him.

I expect my eldest son from India about the end of October & he promises to go to see him & you

Herbert may be pleased to see him as he was last heard when he first had to leave home he does not hold him responsible & is not angry with him ~~with~~ as with the rest of us.

Yours very sincerely
Lucy B. Jackson

Ashton Keynes 543
Cricklade
July 22nd

Dear Dr Pierce

I am much obliged
by your very kind letter
I have not written very
much to Herbert lately
for his letters to me were
so angry & bitter that
I felt ~~they~~ mine could not
give him pleasure
but I certainly will write
as you think it wise
& kind, but may express

of affection has always made him angry he thinks it hypocritical or at least he says so, so my letters have been short. I know his wife writes to him but she tells me he does not answer. I cannot tell you how thankful I am to know that my son has found so kind & sympathetic a friend in you & I trust he will continue to be pleasant with you. This is terribly sad that there seems so little hope in his case, all the sadder I think from the fact that he is so sane in many ways. I shall be leaving here in about a week but I will let you have my address any thing sent here would be forwarded in the meantime.

Yours very truly
L. B. Jackson

Ashton Keynes
Cricklade
July 14th

Dear Dr Hare

Thanks for your letter. I am grieved, but not surprised, to hear that you think my son's condition is so serious but all the Drs who have seen him give us little hopes of his ultimate recovery, in the meantime we wish him to be as

well cared for happy as his condition will allow. but as he has just had the change to York it seems hardly necessary to go to Scarboro. I am sorry to say expenses have to be considered, Herbert has nothing of his own, my income is very small & it is only by the help of his brother & sister that we are able to send him to the Retreat. I thought it better to tell you this at once & you will understand the position. please to send his accounts to me & let know whether payments are made in advance. as at the Warneford

I am so glad to hear Herbert is painting a little that will give him pleasure & also that he joins in the games.

Yours sincerely

Lucy B. Jackson

The Old Mill
Ashton Keynes
Cricklade.
Wilts

478 A.

July 7th

Dear Dr James

I was very glad to get your letter yesterday afternoon it was good of you to write so promptly to relieve my anxiety, when you have been able to talk to my Son ~~them~~ more I shall be so glad to have your opinion about him. I have no doubt Dr Neil

or or or or
aaaaaaa
or or or or or or or

will have told you much more than I could of his condition. Of course he is very angry with me, as he holds me responsible for his confinement, this I can well understand & allow for.

Believe me

Yours very truly

Lucy B. Jackson

The Old Mill
Ashton Keynes
Cricklade
Wilts

(478)

July 3rd

Dear Dr Pierce

I have only just received the papers from the Commissioners about my Son Herbert Jackson's removal from Warneford. I have sent them to Dr Neil who will communicate with you as soon as possible.

Yours very truly
Mary B. Jackson

17-vii-06.

Dear Sir

You are welcome to do as you think best with the letter I wrote you describing the onset of Mr. Jackson's illness. He will not, I suppose, misrake the letter for a full statement of the reasons (or causes) of his detention. It tells only what came to my knowledge. I was not

asked to give evidence,
either to the Commissioners
or to the doctors who
saw him. They formed
their opinions independently.

Believe me
Yours very truly
W. de Raleigh.

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THE WARNEFORD,
OXFORD.

June 30th, 1906.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Mr H. P. M. Jackson, who is about to be transferred from here to your care, is a hopeless case of paranoia. His mind is a tissue of delusions. He believes that his wife is unfaithful, that people conspire against him, open his letters, insult him in the street, etc., etc. And he has aural hallucinations. He hears women or children wailing and crying, and people whispering and talking outside his bedroom door. His insanity had existed for a long time, perhaps for years, before it was recognised, and he married and became the father of a child while he was insane.

After he had been here for eight months I allowed him to go out on parole. It was a responsible and anxious thing to do, but it answered very well un til lately when he became disobedient to certain conditions I laid down, and I stopped his parole. His sister is married to Prof. Raleigh of Oxford. He regards them as enemies, and it is to be away from their neighbourhood that he is being removed.

Can you send for him, or would you prefer that I should send him?

Yours sincerely,

James Neil

The Warderoyde
Oxford

June 30th, 1906.

Dear Dr Pierce,

Mr H. P. M. Jackson, who is about to be transferred from here to your care, is a hopeless case of paranoia. His mind is a tissue of delusions. He believes that his wife is unfaithful, that people conspire against him, open his letters, insult him in the street, etc., etc. And he has aural hallucinations. He hears women or children crying and crying, and people whispering and talking outside his bedroom door. His insanity had existed for a long time, perhaps for years, before it was recognised, and he married and became the father of a child while he was insane.

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Can you send for him, or would you prefer that I should send him?

Yours sincerely,

at home & was most kind & considerate for one no one could have been more her was much attached to his Father, I ought to mention that at the age of 75 my husband had a fit & two years later another & even that time they were more frequent every few months perhaps. the Dr. Hay thought in the nature of the Epileptic fits but which left him without the slightest effect on his mind which was clear & strong till the end. I have another son who is in India I.C.S. I hope he will be home in the Autumn & I am sure he would

wish to see you
I am very glad
Herbert seems
so good with
the Chancery
Mr. Prescott
Coming see Cousin
will expect Mr. Cousins
to be very
Mr. Prescott
yours very
L. B. Jacobs

have endeavoured to file in the Gazette as correctly as possible. & my son in law Mr. Raleigh is writing to tell you about Herbert's life in Liverpool think he knows much better than I do. My son has been very reserved for many years but I my self had no idea there was any thing wrong till

he & his wife came to stay
with me for a week or two
on their return from Italy in Feby 1905
he was then strange in
his manner & very suspicious
accused me of opening
his letters & a few days
after they left me he came
& asked me if I thought
his wife was faithful to
him. & if any one even
the King or the Prince of Wales
had visited her, this of
course opened my eyes
& I sent for his Dr. who
got Dr Savage to see him
whose verdict was emphatic
that he must be sent away
he went first to Dr Mercier
with whom he remained
about 3 weeks & was then
removed to the Warneford
I think Dr Mercier said
he knew you & I am
sure he would answer
any enquiries. Don't you
think it would be well
if his wife were to give you
her experience of his con-
duct in Italy she of course
knows more of him than
any one at that time.—
My husband died in Dec.
1903 Herbert was then living

Ashton Keynes
Cricklade
July 15th

Dear Dr Pierce

I am very sorry I forgot to sign the paper. I feel sure the date is right now.

I am quite willing that you should show Herbert my letter as it stands. I think he would allow that there is nothing in it that is not quite

time. Mr Raleigh is in town for a day or two so there may be a little delay about his answer. —

I wrote to you yesterday but as the post is rather cross country you may not get it till tomorrow

Yours sincerely

Lucy B. Jackson

Permanent address:- { 12 Northmoor Road
Oxford

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Dear Sir,

Mrs. Mason Jackson has asked me to write and tell you what I can about the onset of Mr. Herbert Jackson's illness.

I have known him since the time that I married his sister, seventeen years ago. He was always courteous, kindly, considerate, with a very high and honourable standard. He was very reserved, and I never felt that I was in the least intimate with him. I doubt if any of his friends felt that they knew him well.

For some time he held a post in an Art School in Liverpool, where I was Professor of English Literature. We naturally saw a good deal of him; and, looking back on that time, I cannot think that there was the smallest reason to doubt his complete sanity.

In 1900 I was transferred to Glasgow, and, shortly after, he went out to the South African War. I believe (though I do not think I knew it at the time) that he was the more willing to go, from having been disappointed in a love-affair. He was certainly in low spirits at that time.

He came back from Africa in the summer of 1902 and returned to Liverpool. Then

followed troubles. I was alarmed that winter by a letter I had from him, accusing me, in terms alike vague, of plotting against him. I wrote to him, and went to see him, and he confessed that he had been mistaken. He told me that he had had good grounds for his suspicion, but did not tell me what they were. He talked coolly and reasonably; and I was driven to suppose that there were events unknown to me which had misled him. But I thought him unhappy and morbid, and tried to shake him in the idea, which he then expressed to me for the first time, that he was being followed and watched.

I was next written

to from Liverpool & a friend of his and mine, Mr. Harald Ehrenborg, the Swedish consul. Mr. Ehrenborg said that his friends were unhappy about Mr Jackson, who had ~~accus~~ accused three or four persons of intriguing against him, and had challenged them to duel. Also Mr. Ehrenborg had had a letter from Mr. Jackson, very explicit in its statements concerning the incessant spying, ~~[illegible]~~ following, searching of rooms, opening of letters &c. Mr. Ehrenborg, who is a man of sense and honour, could tell you more than I about this period. He lives at ~~39~~ 39 Sydenham Avenue, Liverpool.

Mr. Jackson resigned his post at Liverpool and took up the study of Engineering in London, only to drop it again. He lived at home with his father and mother, and had a studio. I think he was a great deal alone, and I now doubt whether after he left Liverpool he did much work in his studio. After the death of his father in the winter of 1903 (about Christmas time) his mother took rooms, and he lived wholly in his studio. We saw him some times in summer, when we had a country cottage in Berkshire. He would turn up without warning, and stay a short time with us. He was reasonable, but plainly preoccupied with

his own affairs, and bitter about the untrustworthiness of people in general. On one occasion he came from London express to ask me whether I knew anything about the opening of his letters.

In the autumn of 1904 he married. The marriage was a surprise to us, for he had met his wife, who was staying with us, at our cottage, and had there made but a slight acquaintance with her during some days while he had rooms in the village. It seems he followed her to Scotland, and in a few days after, they were engaged. She is an extraordinary

bright-spirited and courageous person, and I believe that his strong unhappiness appealed strongly to her. We believed that his troubles and unhappiness were now at an end. When I saw him in Glasgow, after his engagement, he was a changed being, I thought. This belief was shared by his old friend, and best man, (whom he had consulted medically) Dr. Henry Munro, of Catford London S.E.

He and his wife went abroad, straight from the wedding, and spent the winter in Italy. She can tell you of the suspicions that hunted him while they were there. They were unable to stay long in one

place; he accused her of infidelity; although she was never, she says, for twenty minutes out of his sight. But she can tell you better. Her address is Mrs. Herbert Jackson, c/o Mrs. Macfarlane (her mother) 41 Kersland Street, Hillhead, Glasgow.

They came back and took rooms in a suburb of London, at Barnes. There he suspected the presence of men around their house, the drugging of his food &c. He kept a loaded revolver by him. She grew worried; Dr. Hay Thomson called in Dr. Savage, who gave an urgency order; and Mr. Jackson was sent to the care of Dr. Charles Mercier, at Flower House, South end, Catford, London S.E.

He was there a month, and was then sent on to the Warneford, at Oxford, the idea being that his wife could visit us and see him frequently, (for in the summer of 1904 we had moved from Glasgow to Oxford) But this reason has since lost its force.

I could give you a large number of names of those who (I have since learned) noticed strangeness of talk and conduct in Mr. Jackson. Dr. J. T. Nisbet of ~~Lodge~~ Croxteth Road Liverpool knew him well, and would doubtless tell you all he knows. I will not trouble

you with further names. Indeed I do not know whether most of what I have written may not be useless or superfluous.

Before his marriage Mr. Jackson had been an artist, with a studio in one place or another, for about eighteen years. He is a very vigorous, able, and truthful painter. But his profession, and the want of any public success in his profession, have been the cause of great loneliness of life.

As I knew him (and I do not know that he has altered in this respect) he was the soul of honour,

and ~~a~~ utterly truthful. He would tell you a story, I think, not different in essentials from this. His groundless suspicions of his wife are quite unlike him, as he was. I remember what Mr. Chenbury said to me once. Mr. Jackson had ~~as~~ made accusations against him & letter, and, without withdrawing or explaining them, accepted an invitation to dine. Mr. Chenbury said "He is either not a gentleman or not right in his mind; and I know him to be a gentleman".

I would not have troubled you at this length, but I know that you like to learn all you can of your patients.

Believe me
Yours sincerely
W. H. Raleigh.

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July 15.

St. Ronan's
Iona
Argyllshire

Dear Dr Pierce,

My Mother in Law, Mrs Mason Jackson has forwarded your letter of July 8 to me, and she asks me to write to you.

It is right of course that you should learn all there is to know about my husband;

secret which he would not disclose, also that he did not trust any member of his family and warned me not to believe any ill they said of him. But I hardly knew his family, and it seemed natural enough that he should be afraid of anything coming between us. Besides this, I did not see much of him before our marriage, as he had to be in London looking after his affairs. My family was much opposed to the marriage being so soon, but Mr Jackson seemed so nervous and restless, and unable

case. I had hoped that his removal from Oxford might not have been made so early, so that I could have seen you before his arrival. It is so much more difficult to write.

I hope to be able to visit my husband in the Autumn - probably in October, - and then I shall see you.

As it is, I shall try and write what I can.

I met Mr. Jackson at his sister Mrs Raleigh's house, for the first time in August two summers ago. I did not see much of him as he was not living in the house and only came occasionally into the neighbourhood at all, and I did not get to know him well. He travelled home with me to Glasgow in September, unknown to his family and against my wish, and after a short time in Glasgow where he was introduced to my mother we became engaged. Looking back now I see that there were peculiarities in his behaviour, and especially that he referred in his letters to some

of him.

Immediately after our marriage we travelled to Como, and at once I began to see that something was wrong, though still for a long time, having absolutely no knowledge of such things, I imagined that it would pass away if he was made happy enough. Anyhow I fought against it in every possible way. He disturbed everyone, and constantly thought that people in the street were making signs to him or laughing at him and that jokes in the papers or the Theatre

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to allude to any work, that we determined to be married at once and my mother and brother came to London where I was married early in October. I need hardly say that I never had the faintest suspicion of the real state of affairs and I have heard since that some of his Liverpool friends and one Doctor in particular would have endeavoured to warn me if they had heard anything of the affair beforehand. He had written extraordinary letters accusing

people of spying upon him and of intercepting and making use of his letters. He had also had a fight with an artist whose studio was above his own, asserting that he had heard women crying in this man's rooms.

His own people do not seem to have known anything of this, though for long they had found him quarrelsome and difficult, and he had ~~not~~ lived ~~a~~ great deal alone for some years. Mr. Raleigh at one time, alarmed by letters he received, ~~prevailed~~ upon his brother in law to see a Doctor, a friend of his own, fearing that his mind was affected. But the Doctor was not a specialist and merely said that he was nervous and disappointed perhaps at not getting on in his profession. He had also had other disappointments although he had never before been engaged to be married.

Yet in this interview with the Doctor Mr. Jackson accused him of making signs to him.

All this however I only heard lately. At the time his sister merely told me that he was a little "grim and odd" and that marriage would be the making

continued much the same. He did a little painting, but the headaches returned, and we went to another Doctor - this time an American.

He made a thorough examination of my husband at his special desire, as he had a strange idea that he could never have any children; the Doctor - Dr Garvey - reassured him about this, but said that ~~[illegible]~~ the passage of his nose was so blocked up in some way that this was the probable cause of his headaches, and that it ought to be cleared. My husband refused to have this done. Dr Garvey has since written that he feared there was

were directed against him. I discovered that he had kept piles of old newspapers in which he discovered veiled allusions to himself or to imagined evil practices of his. He never let me out of his sight for any time, and if he did, constantly questioned me as to whether anyone had insulted me, and I could see he found it hard to believe me when I answered in the negative.

We stayed in Perugia for about six weeks, but it became impossible to remain long in one place. He told me that he had hoped to escape from this espionage which had continued now for more than two years.

but that it was as bad in Italy as ever in England.

All noises of train whistles or household sounds in the rooms around us, he insisted were signals, and gradually I saw that his trust in me was beginning to shake, for I always said exactly the truth, seeing no other way, and he could not believe in my ignorance. He could not work ~~[illegible]~~ much though we had come to Italy for that purpose, because he would hardly go outside to sketch without taking me with him (and I had to work & see to things at home) and in the house the supposed signals annoyed him so much, and also he thought people were watching him at work and perhaps stealing his ideas.

At times he seemed happy, but was very silent and distracted often, and complained of dreadful headaches. We went to a Doctor in Perugia (an old Italian man) who told him to take arsenic, but the headaches disappeared for a time of themselves.

We then went to Settignano near Florence where matters

that he said if it were true he would not allow me to stay with him. He slept then always with a pistol under his pillow, and used to get up in the night and look for people in the attics. I asked Mrs Raleigh if people had ever suspected her brother in Liverpool, and watched him, as he had so often assured me. She was very much alarmed when I told her, especially as by this time Mrs Jackson was also afraid from questions my husband had asked her about men coming into the house. Also my husband had spoken to a friend, in whose house we dined, and accused me of being untrue to his friend.

something very far wrong, but he said nothing at the time, and I did not confide in him in any way.

At Settignano my husband began to suspect all the peasants around us. He thought they climbed on the roof, and had a secret entrance to the house, and when one of them died, he thought it was all sham, and that he was not dead at all. Then he began to suspect me, and asked me terrible questions. I thought perhaps being out a great deal in the open air and lots of exercise might help him, so

on our way back to England early in February we walked for some days from North Italy across the Alps into Switzerland. But this was no good and he was very angry with me all the way, hardly ever speaking. In practice all the time of our marriage he was never anything but very kind and gentle towards me, especially when there was any danger, but in words he made con-stant and terrible accusations. Only once or twice he was really angry with me. He constantly spoke of getting a separation when we returned to England. In London we lived for a week or two with his mother whilst we were looking for a house. I believe she noticed something strange in his behaviour, but we never spoke of it at the time. I spoke to noone, until later, when we had gone into a small house at Barnes and his sister Mrs Raleigh came one day to see us. I had then reason to expect that I might have a child, but my husband was so angry and incredulous when I told him,

and wrote kindly. If I were always very ill, he would never suspect me of anything.

Pardon this very long letter. It was written to try and give you ~~a full~~ some idea of the case, as Mrs Jackson asked me to do. From what Dr Mercier & Dr Neil say, there seems to be little hope of a recovery. The only comfort is that my husband – though he would deny it – must be happier at The Warneford or in your Retreat, than he could possibly be leading an ordinary life with me so long as his delusions continue. He assures me constantly that he is not unhappy, only angry. I feel sure his life with you will be as happy as it can be under the circumstances.

5.) Mrs Raleigh was the first person I ever spoke to at all. At that time I felt I must speak to someone because if there was to be a child it made everything different. Otherwise I should have taken any risk first. I had suggested going with my husband to some Island where we could not possibly be watched, but he would not consent, and I don't suppose it would have helped. His sister sent Dr Savage to see us in March, and he said that my husband should be removed at once to an Asylum. So he was taken to Dr Mercier's at

Flower House. Dr Mercier has formed no hopeful opinion of the case. He seems to have been in this condition for so many years, although his family did not of course realise it.

Then he was removed to Dr Neil's. ~~that~~ It

For some time I went to see him as often as I could but it was thought better that I should not go too often either for him or my own good, though he liked me to come very much. Then for a long time I was unable to go and see him, though once in July he sent for me urgently and I travelled up from Scotland. But when I arrived he had nothing to say after all.

My Baby was born in October, and I have seen my husband once since then - last month. But he has ceased to have any regard for me, and believes nothing I say, so I do not see what good it does to either of us. He takes - or pretends to take - no interest in the child, although at the time of her birth he begged for news

6/ Once – when I saw him in Oxford – in July – my husband said he would willingly change from the Warneford to any other asylum I had been to see and thought better. Probably he has changed his opinion or forgotten this. I was not able to keep my promise and to come and see you first, but the change seems to have been made easily for which I am thankful.

One thing I know you may be sure of – that if Mr Jackson gives you his word on anything ~~you may~~ he will not break it. In this way he is absolutely trust-

-worthy.

Any letters you write to Mrs. Mason Jackson are forwarded at once by her to me after she has read them, so I hear whatever there may be to hear.

I hope it will be good news.

I should be very grateful if you would write to me once and tell me exactly how my husband speaks of the child when you mention the subject to him.

Would you advise me to bring the child to see him?

It must be hard for him to realise its existence at all.

Believe me yours
sincerely
Catherine Jackson.