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Oct. 12, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

It is pleasant to hear that Mr. Neave is doing so well, and I enclose the notice of discharge which it is indeed satisfactory to be able to do.

Will you tell him I shall be glad to hear how he gets on and that I hope he will bear in mind the advice I so often gave him; that in this world the man gets on best who is most ready to consider the feelings of other people. If you think this platitude will annoy him please keep it back, but my hope is that in going in and out of the business he will not push things at all from his point of view until his position is thoroughly re-established.

Yours very truly,



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Oaklands  
Fordingbridge  
Oct. 11: ✓ Salisbury

Dear Mr. Pierce,

The three months  
is nearing completion, &  
I am indeed glad to  
be able to ask you to  
grant my husband his  
discharge.

Since I feel satisfied  
about his recovery &  
as you do not consider  
it really necessary  
that you should see  
him now, I am glad

to be saved the expense  
But later on, when the  
question of his returning  
to work arises - Should  
his brother wish it - I  
will ask you to kindly  
see him one day when  
you are in London.

We only came here  
yesterday, & the present  
arrangement is that  
he does no work, but  
simply goes in & out  
of the business, till  
probably time & so  
satisfy his brother

that he is fit & well,  
& able to take up his  
work again. We can  
but trust that the  
test will not prove  
too much for him.

Thanking you for your  
last kind letter

Believe me

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave



likes to see all letters she  
writes

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Hugh J. J. McWhorter

ans/  
at  
10. Shaftesbury Avenue  
Highfield  
Southampton  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1910.

Dear Dr. Price

We have been staying  
with Mr. James Neave at  
Fordingbridge & while there  
Mrs Neave came over to  
discuss with Mr James  
Neave the question of her  
husband's future.

Mrs Neave says he  
is wonderfully improved &

she considers him fit to  
return to business on the  
other hand Mr James Neave  
is not satisfied & it  
has now been arranged  
that Mr. Mrs Neave should  
take rooms in Fordingbridge  
for three months so that  
Mr. James can have a  
better opportunity of forming  
a conclusion as to his  
condition.

It is unfortunate in  
view of their limited  
means but of course Mr.  
James cannot be expected

we need of the fact to take him with  
the business again) till he is satisfied as  
to his recovery. Mrs Neave told  
me that she will have no hesitation  
in getting him discharged next month.  
In the meanwhile she is saying as little  
as possible to Mrs Neave as to his health  
doubts as to whether he will ever be fit to  
resume the business and this is the reason  
for my writing for Mrs Neave as she has not



Sept. 15, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

It is very pleasant indeed to hear such a good account of Mr. Neave, and I much hope that when he meets his brother it will be quite clear that he is well enough to return to his business and will be able to give proper attention to it.

I should think there is no necessity for me to see him, unless, perchance, unexpected difficulties arise.

The question of his discharge is quite simple. If you are satisfied that he is recovered and inform me that you wish him to be discharged I will send you the usual notice, and the certificates will be no longer in force. If you have any doubt about the word "recovered" I should consult a medical man to see whether he thinks your husband is really well. It is of course possible for you to discharge Mr. Neave as "relieved", but it is better not to do this unless he is clearly unfit to do his work. The words used turn entirely on the mental condition and do not refer to the diabetes or his bodily health.

With kind regards to Mr. Neave and yourself,

I remain,

Yours very truly,

EXTRA THICK  
BIBBID



be glad to be spared  
the expense of the  
journey.

I should be glad to  
have your opinion as  
to what you consider  
best.

Yours very Sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

at Grosvenor House  
Esplanade.

Sep. 14: Weymouth

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I feel I ought to have  
written to you before this,  
but thought I would  
wait till I could give  
you a really definite  
& decided account  
of my husband.

It is over eight weeks  
since he left you, & I  
am much glad to be  
able to give you a good  
report of him.

He was very argumentative  
& excited during the  
first week or two, &  
difficult to reason with,  
but since then he seems  
to have improved daily  
& rapidly.

About the middle of Oct.  
I believe, the term of his  
Certification will have  
expired, & I trust when  
he is then granted his  
discharge, it may never  
again have to be renewed  
& I also trust he will  
be able to take up his  
work again very soon -  
I hope to arrange for

lodgings at Fordingbridge  
in another week or so  
when his brother will be  
able to see & judge  
how soon he may return  
to work.

Will you please tell  
me what is the usual  
course with regard to  
his discharge, or if it is  
necessary that you should  
see him before the expiration  
of the three months?

If his brother is satisfied  
& it can be managed  
without meeting you in  
London - as you kindly  
suggested should it be  
desirable - I should



July 12, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

Many thanks for your lkind letter. It will be quite right for Mr. Neave to go on Saturday as arranged. It is an easy journey to Birmingham, there being no change on the way. No doubt he will advise his daughter when he will arrive.

With regard to the future, I really do not think you need worry very much over Mr. Neave. I should let him do very much what he likes; only so use your influence that he keeps you informed as to what he is doing, and I do not think you will find he will wish to give you anxiety. The difficulty will be when he meets his brother. I would suggest that at the first meeting little or nothing should be said on business matters. Let them meet apart from anything to do with the business, and then perhaps the more serious questions can be discussed later.

I signed the necessary continuation certificate, but stated on it that the period of trial was for three months. Consequently the certificates must not be kept in force after that time unless it is important that they should.

Yours very truly,



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anytime for me for  
a bit - but I trust I  
shall be able to send  
you a good report of  
him ere long.

Yours very Sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

433  
The Willows  
Ire  
Bucks.  
July 11:

Dear Mr. Percie,

You have no doubt  
already heard from  
Mr. Dr. I have that  
they are quite prepared  
to have my husband for  
a day or two - before taking  
him on to Heymouth.

If you will kindly  
advance him a little  
money for his travelling  
expenses to Birmingham  
I will feel much obliged  
& it can be returned to



his account at the  
Retreat.

I should very much like  
to convey to you in a few  
words how truly I have  
appreciated all your  
patient kindness to him  
during the past year  
- & the thoughtful consider-  
ation you have ever shown  
towards myself in my  
great trouble. I am  
fully conscious of the fact  
that my husband has  
been a very trying &  
worrying patient - but  
beneath it all he never  
lost his respect &

admiration for you, & all  
this has undoubtedly  
greatly helped to at least  
convince him that he  
was not placed where  
he is without reason.

I am feeling rather concerned  
about his daily health  
& should much be gratified  
for just a few hints as  
to his general treatment  
& dieting. Your treatment  
seems to have kept  
the disease so well  
under, & he has been  
so well in the whole  
all through.

It will be a very

at The Willows<sup>399</sup>  
Ire.

July 2: Bucks.

Dear Mr. Rice,

I have arranged with  
my brother-in-law Mr.  
Armstrong to go with  
him to York on  
Wednesday next, &  
hope to reach there  
at 12.30 p.m., & the  
Retreat as soon after  
as possible.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Neave







83. Fountain Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
28<sup>th</sup> June 1910

Dea D. Price

I omitted to tell you  
in my letter of today that I  
have heard from Mr Neave  
hoping that Mr Armstrong  
will be able to go so that Mrs  
Neave & Mr James Neave the  
two most concerned approve  
of Mr Armstrong's going  
which of course is very important  
as they are the two most affected  
by what he may do.

Mrs James Neave added  
that if he went it would  
take him three days & the  
greater part of them & that he  
could not spare that time  
from the business.

If Mrs Neave writes  
with Mr. Armstrong  
that she cannot go, I hope  
you will be satisfied with  
Mr. Armstrong going alone  
as otherwise there must be  
still further delay which  
I am sure must have an  
irritating effect upon Mr.  
Neave.

I was working again last

Evening I don't see any prospect of being free  
for some time.

I am sorry to trouble you with two

letters

Yours sincerely

Edw. P. P. M. Neave



June 27, 1910

Dear Mr. McIlveen,

Since writing to you yesterday Mr. Neave has come to see me, saying that arrangements are on the way for Mr. Armstrong to visit him some day soon. He much hopes that some other relative can be selected as he would prefer Mr. Anderson to come. Mr. Neave says that Mr. Armstrong is no relation, only a connection by marriage; and he tells me there have been some serious differences of opinion between him and Mrs. Neave's brother; and generally Mr. Neave would rather not have Mr. Armstrong as an intermediary in delicate business as he feels out of sympathy with him. I have told Mr. Neave that if he is well enough to leave us he should be well enough to meet Mr. Armstrong or any one else. As the proposed leave of absence really concerns Mrs. Neave more than any one else, could she not come again and see if things do not promise better than they did before.

Yours very truly,

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May 2nd., 1910.

Dr Bedford Peirce,  
The Retreat,  
Y o r k.

Dear Sir,

Mr. W. A. Neave has had a good deal of typewriting work done during the past month or two, and at his request I submitted the invoice to his firm at Fordingbridge. They have now replied saying that I should send it to you, and I therefore enclose same herewith.

Of course I have not received any sanction from yourself or anyone else at the Retreat to do the work, as Mr Neave gave me to understand that the matter would be dealt with either by himself or through his relatives; but perhaps you may be able to deal with the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

*A. E. Wood*



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The Retreat,  
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you may be able to deal with the matter.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

21 June 1910

Mr. Chairman. members of the Retreat Committee and Dr. Beaford Pierce -

Dr. Beaford Pierce has very kindly asked me to bring before you any suggestions which appeal to me, that may prove beneficial to the patients and all concerned for the pleasure of working certain things at the Retreat - I very much appreciate his suggesting my doing so. and will in a brief way point out a few minor matters where I think improvements can be made without incurring any great amount of trouble on those who have their carrying out.

The Retreat

I came to the Retreat on the 29 January 1909 and my first impressions were of the most favorable character. This has been fully confirmed by my practical experience during the period it has been my home. I will not now go into minute comparisons of it with other places. but will only say at this stage I am charmed with the improvement it is to what I have experienced elsewhere. I cannot speak too highly of the comfort, kindness & gentleness which is given to one's creature comforts. but as improvements are constantly coming to the front - I take the liberty of pointing out where slight things might be done to advantage.



COMMITTEE



Staff

Mr. Darley I have a very high opinion of as being a most capable man for the post he fills. he has great Faith has a much warmer loving heart than one gives him credit for on first acquaintance. and the more I know him the better I like him - if it is possible I would like to see him have more power which I feel sure he would use with discretion.

Mr. Smith

In Mr. Smith you have a very conscientious man, a good servant to the Retreat, in fact he is little over zealous in the interests of the Retreat, this causes one to look upon him as rather officious - but at the same time he does his duty well and one can not but help liking him. if he could be shown how to exercise a little more *forbearance* I think it would save himself some worry and make it pleasant for others.

The other members of the Staff are pleasant kind men who have a lot of forbearance in the difficult posts they fill.

~~As yet~~ one does not like to complain of such men as the Retreat employ. but if a hint were given on the following I feel sure it would add pleasure to others.

Newspapers

It is sometimes a difficulty to get certain papers. and I think an attendant should always see that a patient is not kept waiting



COMVII



for one of the attendants can avoid it.

Easy Chairs. Here again I consider an attendant should not communicate one when a patient is without one and desires to have one.

Respect of Patients Many patients may have been in the habit of having fifty or more men at their beck and call and the management of thousands of Pounds. attendants should ~~be fully instructed~~ use great tact in ordering such patients about. for instance for an attendant of 25 years of age or so to give a <sup>unnecessarily</sup> ~~premptory~~ order to such patients must be very humiliating to the Patient.

It is rather marked in new attendants that they rarely address the patients as Sir. I am of opinion that this title should be used in its proper form to the patients as an act of courtesy.

There are many little things a patient asks for and requires done quickly. in this respect a little more consideration should be shown the patients when it involves such a little time occupied in doing it.

for instance I want my nails cut, I ask an attendant to do it. it could be done in about two minutes. he does not do it there. and probably I have to endure 2 or 3 days suffering before it is done.

I may want to send a message to one of the Drs. it would take 2 minutes - one never knows when



СОВЕТ



Letters

it will <sup>be taken up</sup> ~~be~~ and be delivered. one is kept in suspense and uncertainty unnecessarily. One notices that certain patients letters are taken in at any time for posting - but should other patients be only a few minutes late for the letter box. it is so difficult at times to get any attention at all in this respect. This is very irritating to the patient - to witness the great distinction shown and the preference given. The food is good wholesome well cooked and nicely served and is such that one cannot reasonably complain about.

Food

Bacon & Ham

This is good. but I think we might have a better brand.

Read

If it was possible to do your own baking the bread would be better. I don't know anything about your own facilities or working of the kitchen - but if you have the facilities and it did not interfere with your arrangements. it might be done at night and show you a considerable saving in expense. I am personally interested in a Gloucester Bread which is spoken favorably of by The Lancet and supported by the medical profession which I shall <sup>have</sup> more to say about at a later stage.

Laundry

I find collars are severely used, and I consider your Laundry is not up to date



COMVI



Bedroom

For the want of a chest of Drawers my 5  
clothes are various places - inconveniently other

The great thing that appeals to me is  
to make you patient by Love and  
never use fear and as little force as  
possible and avoid deception & evasiveness  
Place every confidence in you patient  
and that will begin confidence.

Perfect Love casteth out fear.

Love Love the first born of creation  
Love Love the God of every nation  
Love Love in this and every station  
The Rules of the Universe is Love.

There are many other points I would like  
to go into on Democracy in general  
but they are too delicate and deep for  
me to express without more study and  
facilities of consulting the best authorities  
on the subject. When I am in this position  
and should you desire it - I will be only  
too pleased to put my views before you

I am gentlemen

Yours faithfully

William Allen Neave



COMPTON





28 June 1910

Dear Dr. B. Piero

would you have any objection to my meeting at an interview - I see are Bishop of York and the Bishop of Wakefield? if so - I would like to have your written permission and any word of recommendation in my favor.

My object in asking the above is - viz -

I have these Reverend Gentlemen's views on Lunacy.

I did not ask for them - but they came without my asking and from a patient's experience - I think I may be very useful to them on points on which they are probably not so well versed as myself, and the results arising from the interview may possibly prove beneficial to all concerned and others -

Kindly respect my wishes at the moment by not asking me any delicate questions on the matter -

One of my main points would be to <sup>urge to</sup> bring this institution up to or as near the standard of comfort as as near as possible to that of the Retreat.

My object in life in my humble way is to do what little good I can and try and love my fellow men

I am faithfully  
William Allen Neave



28 June 1910

Dear Dr. D. Jones

Would you have any objection to my visiting at an  
interview - like the Bishop of York and the Bishop of  
Nottingham? I am - I would like to see you with pleasure  
and any word of recommendation in my favor.  
My object in asking the above is - viz -  
I have three persons for whom I am in search  
and I am sure for them - but they have without my asking  
and from a patient experience - I think I may be very  
useful to them in what they are looking for and so  
will be as myself. and the results arising from the  
interview may benefit four persons to all concerned  
and others -

Kindly accept my wishes of the movement of my asking  
one very delicate question in the matter -  
One of my main points would be to bring the institution  
up to a new standard of conduct as a new  
movement to that of the present.  
My object in life is to improve the way in which the  
good I can do for the poor and the poor.

W. S. PARAGOLINE  
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June 29, 1910

Dear Mr. McIlveen,

I entirely agree with your letter, and I think Mr. Neave is certainly very unreasonable. One cannot but look upon the case with anxiety as to the ultimate future.

Your second letter has just come. Personally I should be quite satisfied with Mr. Armstrong as a visitor, especially after your explanation. The fact that he understands the history of the case is to my thinking a reason why he should come, provided, of course, that he is a man with sufficient breadth of view not to allow previous experience to prejudice him unduly. From what I saw of him I should think he would do quite well.

Yours very truly,



RECOMMENDATION

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83 Fountain Rd  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
28<sup>th</sup> June 1910

Dear Dr. Price

I am obliged for your  
letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I heard from Mr. Neave  
last Saturday asking why no  
one came & I replied at  
length telling him how  
it was I couldn't get away  
& saying that Armstrong  
would come.

I enclose a copy of a letter

I received this morning from  
Mr. Neave which he has no  
doubt also sent to the persons  
mentioned in the letter.

His statement that you  
wrote me a month ago  
to come at once is not  
correct; he must <sup>also</sup> have received  
my letter showing why I haven't  
come so it is not very fair  
of him to write as he does.

It is no use relatives  
coming up to give a firm  
opinion who did not see him  
when he was ill first & do  
not propose to take any responsibility.



for the future care of him.

Mr. Armstrong married Mrs Neave sister & they have often stayed with the Neaves & the Neaves with them & when Mr. Neave became so unwell he kindly wished to go for a holiday & it was to them at Brewe that he went; he got word Mr. Armstrong travelled down with him to Southamptoi & discussed it all with Mrs Neave Mr. James Neave indeed the Armstrongs have been most kind to him always; Nellie Mrs Neave's youngest daughter who is with me now spends her holidays with the Armstrongs at Brewe; used to Mrs Neave & Mr. James Neave he is the best one to go indeed he is the only one <sup>(kindly being)</sup> who has seen Mr Neave during the whole matter.

Mr. Neave suggests Mrs Anderson he is a brother of Mrs Neaves whom I have never seen & who many years ago fell out with Mrs Neave & <sup>the</sup> Armstrongs he has done

Aunt Mary.

From Mr. Near's point of view there has been a ~~unintentionally~~ long delay & it is unfortunate that when I have agreed <sup>it without considerable difficulty</sup> for someone to come over he should take ~~any~~ exception to him.

I am writing Mr. Near that I ought to point out that when we did come over in January he wouldn't agree to the proposals that it has taken him five months to agree to them & that I have already explained to him why I personally have been unable to come & that having written I told him that Mr. Aunton would come he is behaving very foolishly & the letter he has timed to various relatives is very unfair & misleading. Please excuse this hurried scrawl.

Yours faithfully  
Hugh R. McQueen



writing (2)

- For Mr. Neave in the past as Mr. Armstrong has shown nothing of the matter & of course it is necessary that someone should go whose word should carry weight with
- Mrs. Neave who will be responsible in the future.

True Mr. Armstrong is only a connection by marriage but so is Mr. Audleston!!! & so am I for that matter!

The other persons named in Mr. Neave's letter have sinistraly taken no responsibility for him in the past nor have they any control in his business.

- I, of course, have written <sup>long ago</sup> to both Mrs. Neave & Mr. James Neave & am sorry they have not seen their way to go to York & meet to them Mr. Armstrong is far the best as they have confidence in him & he is really a very good sort & has Mr. Neave's best interests at heart
- 

I am writing to Mrs. Neave telling her that she really must make it convenient to go to York with me.



(copy)

The Retreat  
York

27<sup>th</sup> June 1910

My dear Hugh

I am given to understand that the reason  
for my not leaving the Retreat at once  
is the fact that my relations do not  
display sufficient interest in me  
to come at once to make the arrangements  
for my leaving

D. B. Pierce wrote to Hugh McHewen  
over a month ago to come at once -  
he has not come - neither has any relation<sup>come</sup>

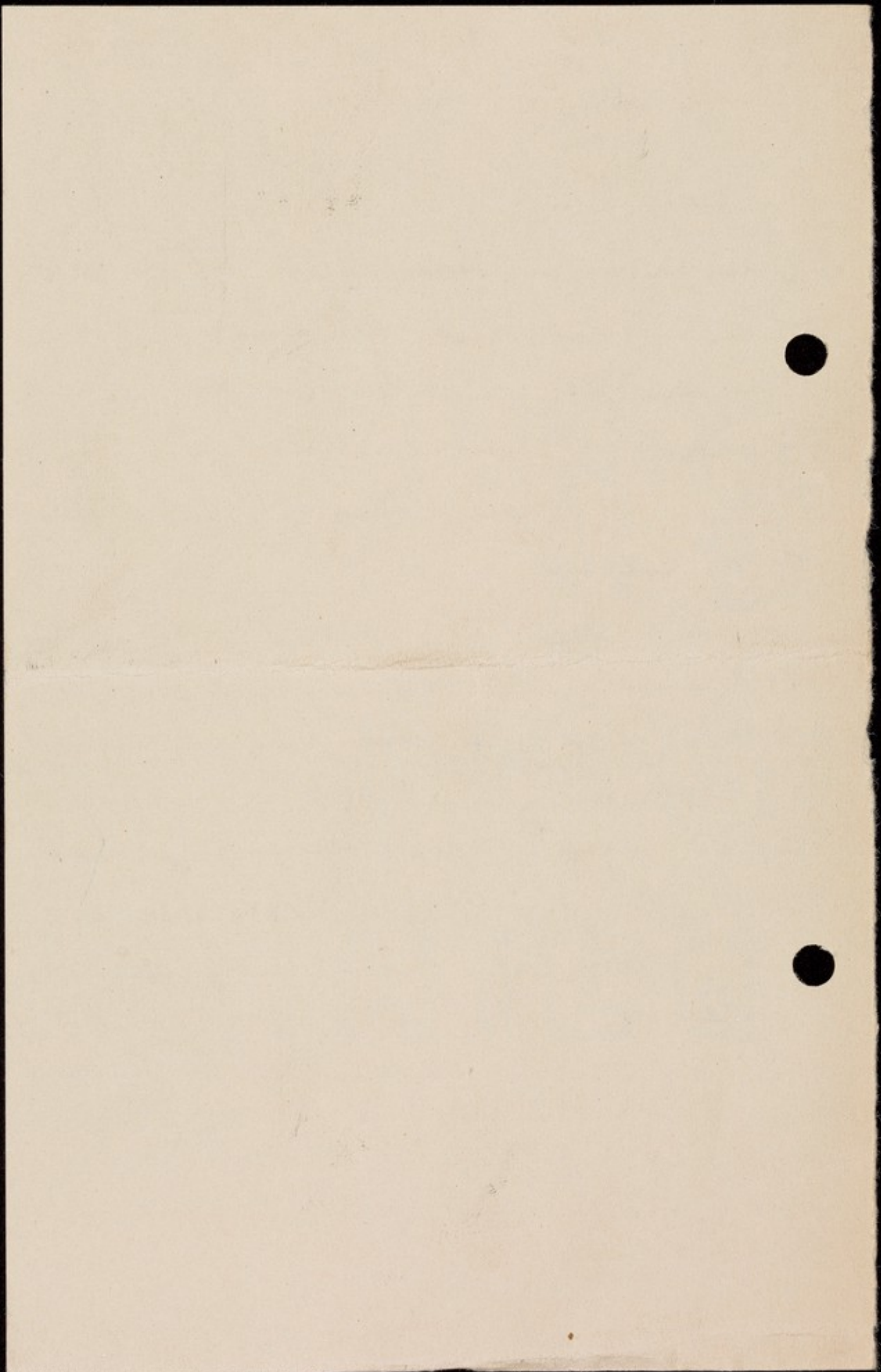
I have written the above to the following: -  
Hugh McHewen - Mary - Bernard - James -  
Red Anderson & Richard Neave - surely  
except you all one or more can come  
if necessary

Please wire me at once to say if you can  
come if necessary - and also wire Mary  
Neave to Mrs Wilson the Willows Over Bicks  
saying you can come and I will pay  
all the expenses

With love

Yours affecly  
Allen





The Retreat. York. 24 May 1910.

6 May

My dear Mary.

I send one copy of your letter I have today written  
Hugh & Stella. ~~and~~ I trust that all difficulties  
of my leaving are now removed, and that we  
will be brought together as we should be.

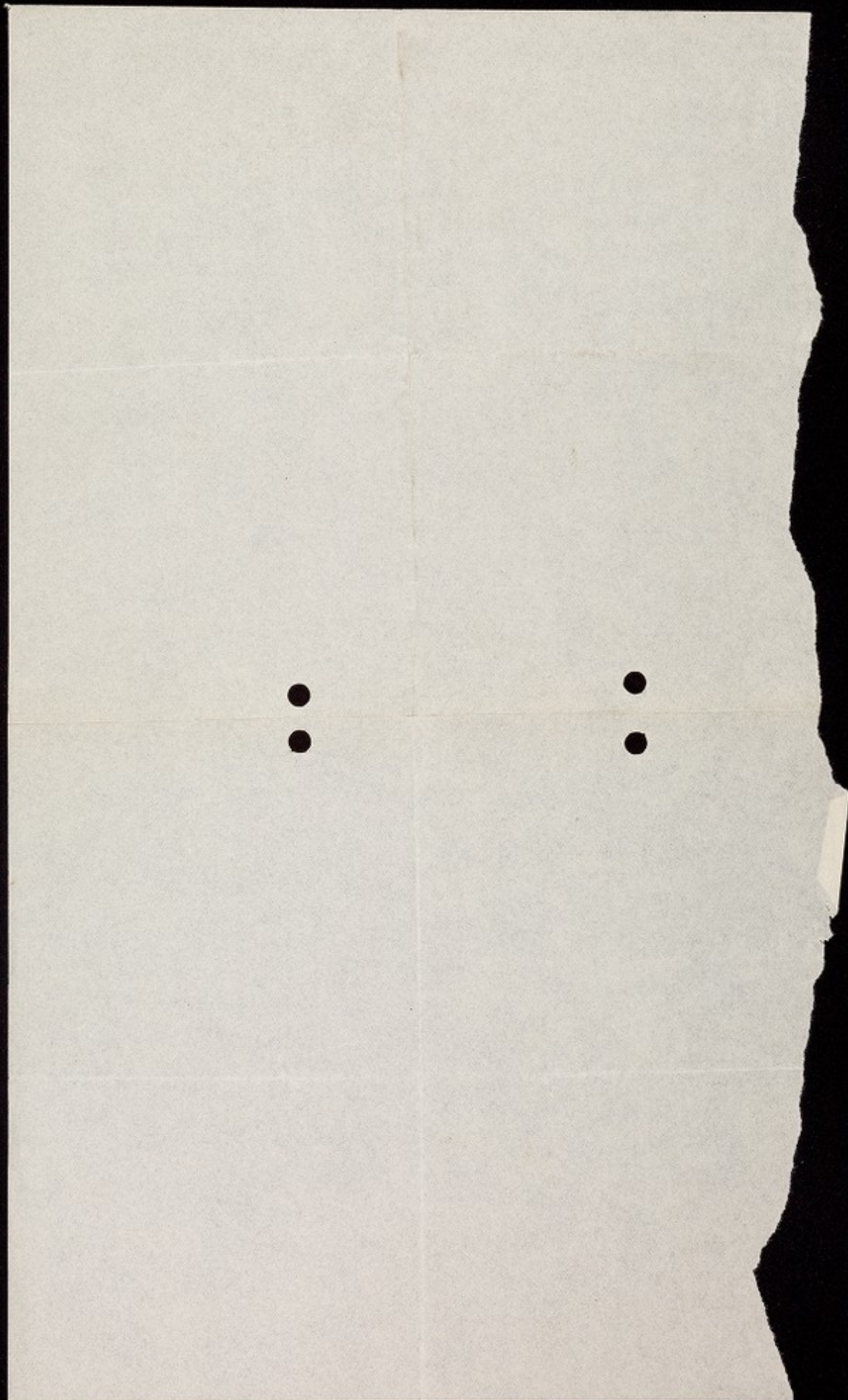
During the past 16 months I have had some  
happy times at the Retreat - but it has not  
been entirely free from some amount of  
suffering.

I fear you have suffered more than I have  
I am sorry that this has been your lot, and  
that you have been obliged to go through  
so much for me.

Do you remember the happy times we used  
to have in the beautiful Emerald Isle  
when I first knew you, and afterwards when  
duty separated us - and how we accidentally met  
on the long waiting car, the correspondence  
that followed, my coming to Ireland again to  
ask for yourself and then to come and claim  
and take you <sup>away</sup> ~~again~~ - Our beautiful little home  
and the pride of my family over you, and my  
joy in possessing you  
Carnegie history repeat itself

With Love I am yours. Allen







The Retreat York 23 May 1910.

My dear Hugh & Stella.

I was pleased to receive Hugh's letter today.

I am afraid I have not given you the credit you deserve in studying my interests and doing what you have considered necessary for my welfare and good.

I appreciate all the kindness you have shown to all concerned.

I sincerely hope that any soreness which has been expressed is now entirely healed, and that all will be the best of friends.

I agree and appreciate the contents of Hugh's two last letters.

I agree to the proposals read over to me by Dr Bedford Pierce at the interview on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> January 1910.

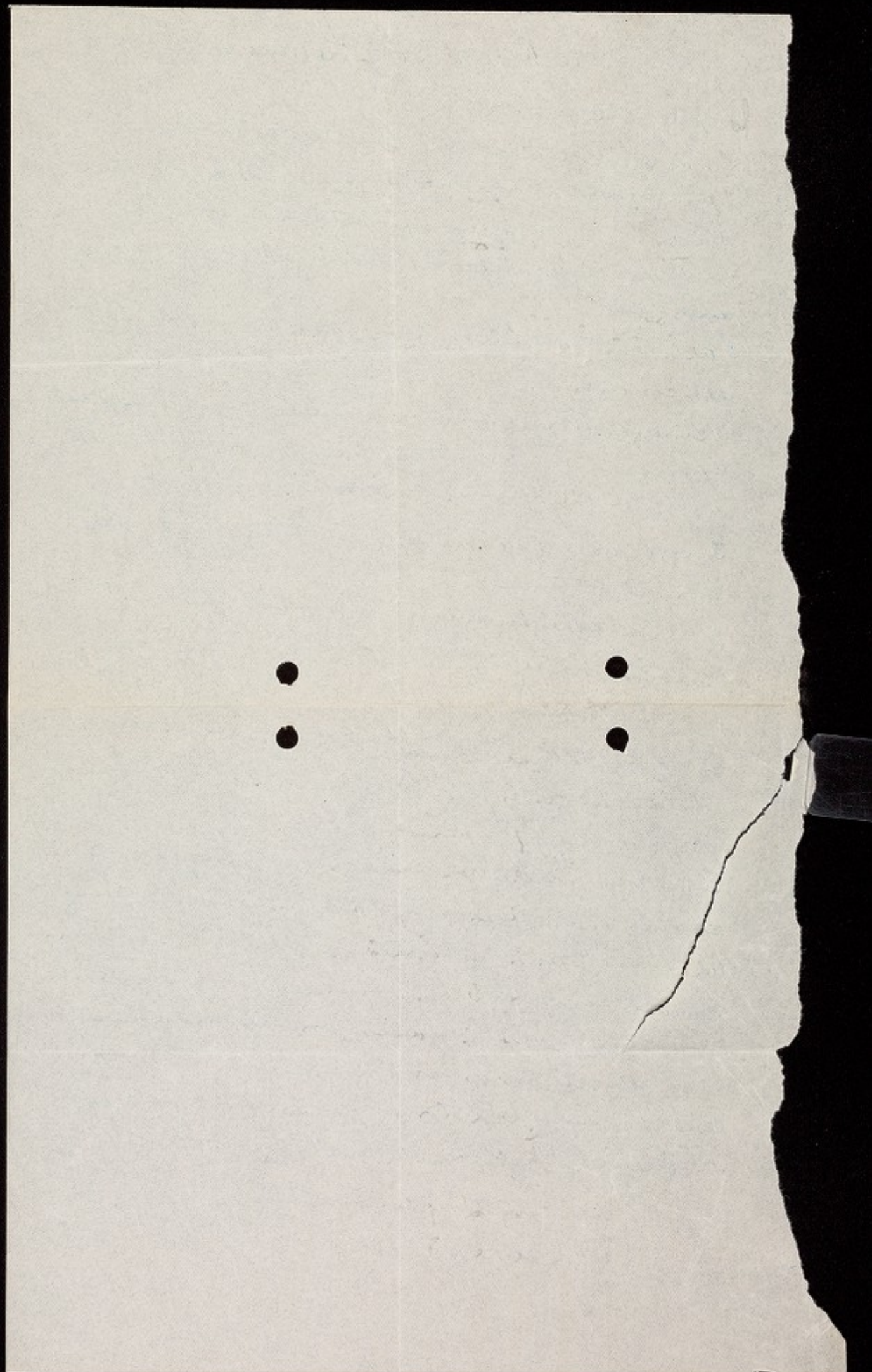
I agree to that which Dr Bedford Pierce stated at the interview he had with me on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> January 1910.

I think it would be wisest my going for a change for a time to a place away from my old haunts and associations. but I do not press it. I would suggest Hugh's coming up to see me this week end. and if possible make arrangements for my returning with him.

Kindly give my love to my darling little sweetheart Kathie. and with much love to you both.

I am yours affectionately  
William Allen Deane.





83. Fountain Rd  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
12<sup>th</sup> June 1910

Dear D. Tice

I am sorry I have  
not acknowledged your letter  
before I have written to  
Mr. Armstrong he is in  
Ireland at the moment  
but I believe returns tomorrow  
& I hope he will be able  
to go to see you at an  
early date

Yours sincerely

P. T. O.

109th P. T. O. P.S. I have written above



to Mr. Nease as I am sure  
he will be wondering why  
he has not heard I have told  
him that it is necessary that  
someone should come to York  
to make definite arrangements  
<sup>can be</sup> made that I have been co-  
tied up with work that I  
have been unable to come &  
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Mr. Armstrong to see if he can  
go over & that we are doing  
our best.

10th Nov.

Mr Neave was then present  
the proposals were put in writing  
she is prepared to stand by them now <sup>as we</sup> as we  
to the two agreed to them. I  
have since sent them a copy  
of them to his brother Mr. James  
Neave & am keeping him  
informed of how the matter stands;  
if on the other hand I come over  
alone the <sup>whole</sup> responsibility will be  
laid on me & I wish Mrs Neave  
to take her share of it as she will  
if the matter rests on our interview  
in January.

Could he not travel alone  
as far as Birmingham say on  
Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. He could  
then stop here the weekend &  
travel down on the following Monday

83, Fountain Rd  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
3<sup>rd</sup> June 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I am obliged for your  
letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. & am  
very glad to hear you think  
Mr Neave more reasonable

I quite understand  
that it is desirable if possible  
for someone to see him before  
you ~~you~~ finally give the  
leave of absence but is it  
really essential I ask because  
I do not see at the moment



Now it is to be managed I have had to work at the Office again this weekend & now our Boundaries Extension Bill is going into Parliament & I don't see how I am to get away for a weekend for some time to come; Mrs Neave is at Dover & I doubt if I could get her to go & look alone Mr Neave's brother is singlehanded at Fordingbridge & I don't think I could get him up; the only other one is Mr Armstrong Mr Neave's brother-in-law at Crew & I will ask him if you say someone must come.

Apart from the difficulty I have now in getting away I must say frankly I don't want to come <sup>alone</sup> Mrs Neave & Mr James Neave & Mr Armstrong are the proper people to take the responsibility as they had been certified & stand in nearer relationship to him & I do not think I should now take the matter out of their hands by going over alone.

Can't his leave rest upon our interview in January

The Willows 253  
Jock  
Bucks.

May 23:

Dear Mr. Pierce

I am sorry not-  
to have thanked you  
for your letter before.  
I waited to see if  
Mr. McSherry was writing  
you - knowing that  
unnecessary letters only  
add to your already  
very busy life.

I am very sorry of  
course by husband's parole



in the town is stopped.  
but I quite see it is  
the only thing you  
can do & it will be  
much better for him-  
self I should think in  
every way - he talked  
to & made friends of  
so many - It was  
very forgiving & kind  
of you to allow it  
to go on so long.

Every thing seems so  
painfully disappointing  
about him - & his

letters convey so very  
little indication of  
improvement.

Again thanking you  
Yours very Sincerely  
Mary Anne

I think he should have a  
copy of the conditions -  
you have them I think - the  
document we agreed to read  
to him - I do not think  
you read out "6 months" in  
the last condition I know we  
had some discussion on it  
I suggest it should read "one  
month" renewals of course by  
the committee it will be easier  
to renew than cut short

I think Moreau is wise in  
letting his bills stand at any  
rate for the present the people ought  
to communicate with you before

"HOMELAND,"  
83, FOUNTAIN ROAD,  
EDGBASTON.

7<sup>th</sup> May 1910

Dear Dr Peice

I have now <sup>heard</sup> from  
Mrs Neave & understand  
that she has written to  
you that it will take  
a week or so to make the  
necessary arrangements but  
subject to Mr Neave  
accepting the conditions  
she is willing to try what  
good a holiday will do.



I am sorry your report  
of him is no improvement  
but I take it you still think  
that there is prospect of a  
change doing him good  
for unless there is such  
prospect the finances really  
don't warrant the experiment

Mrs Neave did not get  
the £120 from the business  
for interest as estimated by  
us the year was a bad one  
she only got £50.

Young Neave has got <sup>junior</sup> an  
appointment at Portsmouth  
under the Admiralty & is  
drawing almost enough to  
keep him now. Rather the  
other child I am keeping  
here myself.

My wife will go with  
Mr & Mrs Neave & we think  
of Borcombe a sea side  
place near Bournemouth  
if rooms can be obtained

If he came here he  
may worry the 2nd Major!  
I hope with my work generally

"HOMELAND,"  
83, FOUNTAIN ROAD,  
EDGBASTON.

giving him credit.

We will not of  
course make any arrangement  
for rooms until we hear  
from you that Mr. Neave  
agrees to the proposals.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely  
Hugh H. McHose

P.S. I am sorry to trouble you  
at such length. I am not  
writing Mr. Neave so perhaps you  
will give him the copy conditions we agreed



HOMERSON  
93 FOUNTAIN ROAD  
EDGEMONT

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to Weymouth with my wife  
where they could meet Mrs Neave  
would not be far from his  
brother subject of course to roomkeeping  
found by them.

Unless we move in the  
matter soon I think he will  
have every reason to complain  
that we have not fulfilled our  
promise to him. Unless  
you think he is worse than he  
was in January we ought to  
take him & we are ready to do so  
is Mrs Neave.

If he gives trouble I  
understand that we can bring  
him back as you would send  
for him & I feel that this fact



will have much more influence  
with him than anything I  
could say if I was able to  
come over

I am sorry to bother you  
with such a long letter

Yours sincerely  
Heph J. M. Wheeler

P.S. / He has a great affection for  
Kathie his small daughter who  
is here & I feel that to see her  
for a weekend would do him  
good. Please excuse an  
untidy letter it is late & I  
am rather tired out.

H. M. W.

The Willows 232  
Jere  
Bucks.

May 6!

Dear Mr. Pierce

My son-in-law, Mr. M. J. Shreve,  
has forwarded me your  
letter & also one from my  
husband to yourself.

The former is not at all  
encouraging, but if you  
really consider that a  
change or leave of absence  
away from the Retreat  
might result in much  
good to my husband, I  
will make the necessary



arrangements for it as soon  
as I possibly can. He  
must of course agree to the  
conditions that were drawn  
up in Jan. last - & I must  
also try & make him under-  
stand that our holiday must  
be an extremely quiet & simple  
one, for my means are so  
much more straitened than  
I had anticipated.

My son-in-law suggests -  
that I should ask your  
opinion with regard to  
the advisability of  
altering the last condition  
- to read "leave of absence  
for one month" &c. ?

Should my husband agree  
to it all, I fear I cannot  
arrange for leaving for an-  
other <sup>few</sup> weeks ~~more~~ as I am  
undergoing a course of treatment  
at present for one of my  
eyes, which is in a very  
weak condition.

I am enclosing a copy  
of the conditions, as you  
may like to have it - to  
give my husband.

I shall be glad to hear  
from you as soon as you  
are in a position to write  
me.  
Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

The Willows <sup>237</sup>  
Jock  
Bucke.

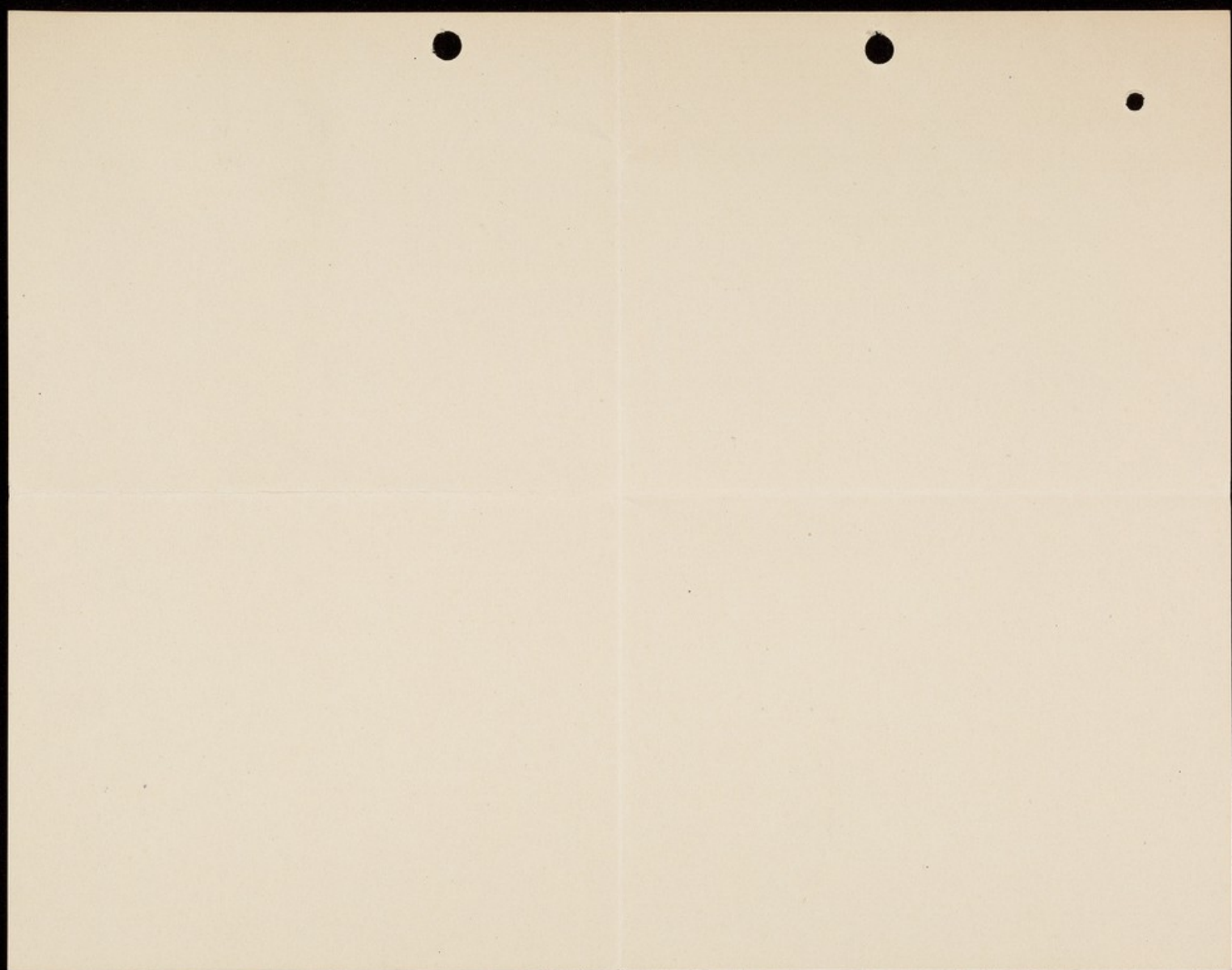
May 14:

Dear Dr. Pierce,

I am very anxious to  
know what transpired  
Sunday last with  
regard to my husband.  
I should feel so very  
grateful if you can  
kindly let me ~~know~~  
have a few lines

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave







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April 30/10

Dear Sir

Re your communication of  
the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. I sent the a/c to Mr Heave's  
brother at his request

Mr Heave informed me that his  
estate is worth several thousand  
pounds so I naturally look upon him  
as a man of substantial means.

Will you kindly inform me what  
means you would like me to take to  
recover the amount he owes me. I have  
no desire to take extreme measures for  
the collecting of this small amount.



Your reply by return of post will  
much oblige

Yours sincerely

W C. L. Burdick

J. A. R. -

The Villa ~~212~~  
Jock  
Buck.

April 25:

Dear Mr Pierce

Thank you for your  
letter - it is very disappointing  
& discouraging not to have a  
brighter report.

Thank you also very much  
for helping me, with



referred to the bills - I will  
certainly do as you  
advise me.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

83. Fountain Rd  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
2<sup>nd</sup> June 1910

Dear D. Peice

Mr. Neave has now  
written to me stating that  
you told him I was coming  
to York last week-end that  
he is disappointed why  
didn't I come. I hope  
you were not also expecting  
me, I thought I made it clear

in my letter that I could only  
come with the greatest difficulty  
if absolutely necessary.

As a matter of fact I  
worked on Saturday night  
till 1. a.m. then right through  
Sunday in connection with  
a large boundary extension  
being pressed here.

I am writing to Mr. Neave  
telling him how busy I was  
and ~~am~~ that I cannot  
come to York now & stating  
that as I had already told  
him I can make no arrangements  
as to leave of absence without  
consulting you, that I have



written to you & am awaiting your reply.

I hope you will let me hear from you soon as I am in rather a fix in replying to Mr. Heavis's letter; of course if you say he is not so well as he was when we put forward the proposals to him in January & that the leave of absence just now would be a mistake I should be able to tell him so & that therefore the proposals are in abeyance till he is better; but if you think he is as well as he was in January then I do not see how we can go back on the proposals then made to him which he now accepts.

Hoping to hear from you soon with kind regards

Yours sincerely

Hugh D. M. Woods

Bedford Price Esq. M.D.  
The Retreat  
York

June 8, 1910

Dear Mr. McIlveen,

I think it would be a mistake for such an important step to be taken as Mr. Neave leaving the Retreat on trial without some member of the family satisfying himself that he is more reasonable than he was. I think this is so, my last conversation being decidedly more satisfactory.

I should have thought Mr. Armstrong would be really the best person, and I should be pleased to see him at any time to talk over Mr. Neave's case.

Yours very truly,



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May 31, 1910

Dear Sir,

I will submit your letter to the Retreat Committee.

In the meantime I think the very nature of the matter you wrote for Mr. Neave must have told you that the Retreat could not be held responsible. You must also remember that at the time I was quite unaware that Mr. Neave was giving you work to do.

Yours truly,

A.L.E.Wood Esq.



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83, FOUNTAIN ROAD,  
EDGBASTON.

24<sup>th</sup> May 1910

Dear Dr. Pierce

I enclose a letter I  
have received from Mr. Neave  
tonight & a copy of a letter  
enclosed to Mr. Neave I  
had previously written to him  
pointing out how extraordinary  
his attitude in demanding  
to see a solicitor upon the  
proposals was & also pointing  
out that he had in myself  
a lawyer who had had nothing



to do with his being cut off & his interests lay entirely  
in his recovery & remaining work & his family responsibilities.  
I told him plainly that I was now keeping his daughter Kathie  
alto' I am fond of the child it didn't assist my finances  
You see his reply; their letters suggest a change for the  
better I do not think I can well get away next  
weekend but will do so if it is necessary. Can we  
now go ahead & book rooms in Boscawen & take him  
there as soon as possible? I am writing Mrs  
Heave & also replying to Mr Heave that I am writing to  
you as of course I must before making the necessary  
arrangements. If it is convenient to you I should be  
much obliged if you could reply this tomorrow morning as I  
should hear from you in the evening. I am this hurried  
servant.

Yours sincerely  
Heph J. J. McHocess

P.S. If the arrangement has to  
go before the committee please  
let me know the date of the next meeting.

necessarily be continued.  
Against this there are  
£50 of fixed charges for  
insurance, payment of  
interest on loan, stamp  
duty etc

6 Besides himself & wife there  
is one boy to help & one  
girl to educate & maintain.

It is suggested that he  
has leave of absence upon  
the following conditions -

W. W. A. leave.

Any question of Leave of Absence  
on trial turns upon the  
appreciation of the following  
points by ~~all~~ concerned.

1. That ~~W. W. A.~~ leave has been  
~~Cancelled~~ mentally affected & in  
the opinion of those best  
qualified to judge he has  
not yet recovered.
2. That before being



placed under care his  
behaviour at business  
was of such a character  
that his brothers lost all  
confidence in his business  
capacity

3. That his elder brother  
formally states that he  
cannot be reinstated  
until it can be shown  
that he has recovered  
completely

4. It is clear that any  
effort to coerce his brother  
would be disastrous

5. Until his recovery be  
established it is useful  
to be extremely careful  
over money matters -

His income is about £240  
& fully half of this is an  
allowance from the firm  
which need not

1. He places himself under the guidance of a family Council consisting of his wife, daughter & son-in-law (Mr. & Mrs. Kline), agreeing for the present to fall in with their wishes as to place of residence, amount of money spent, & his general mode of life.
2. No attempt be made



to return to business & nothing done in relation to inventions & patents without the consent of the family council, it being understood for six months at least these matters be left entirely in abeyance.

3. The Leave of absence from the Retreat is for 6 months. It may be renewed or not by the Retreat Committee as is desirable at the end of that time.  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 1910.

May 4, 1910

Dear Mr. McIlveen,

I enclose you a note from Mr. Neave. I should like to know, if possible before next Tuesday, whether any arrangement can be made for Mr. Neave to have a temporary leave of absence.

There is no improvement in his mental condition, and we have no doubt he remains of unsound mind, but this does not, as you know, prevent his having a temporary change of scene or leave of absence on trial if the family can arrange it.

Mr. Neave has been running up some small accounts in York. The tradespeople are indignant because they are not paid, and Mrs. Neave tells me she cannot afford to pay for these unnecessary extras.

Yours very truly,



May 4, 1910

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter on the subject of  
Mr. Heave's account. I do not know what you can do.

I believe you were aware that he came from the Retreat, and  
you did not communicate with me before supplying the goods,  
and I cannot be considered in any way responsible.

His means are extremely slender, and his wife informs me  
she cannot afford to pay for these things.

Yours very truly,

"HOMELAND,"

83, FOUNTAIN ROAD,

EDGBASTON.

5<sup>th</sup> May 1910

Dear Dr. Peirce

I received your  
letter this morning & have  
written to Mrs. Neave who is  
now at Over Hope to be  
able to write you definitely  
before Tuesday

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

1894 J. J. Mc Woeen



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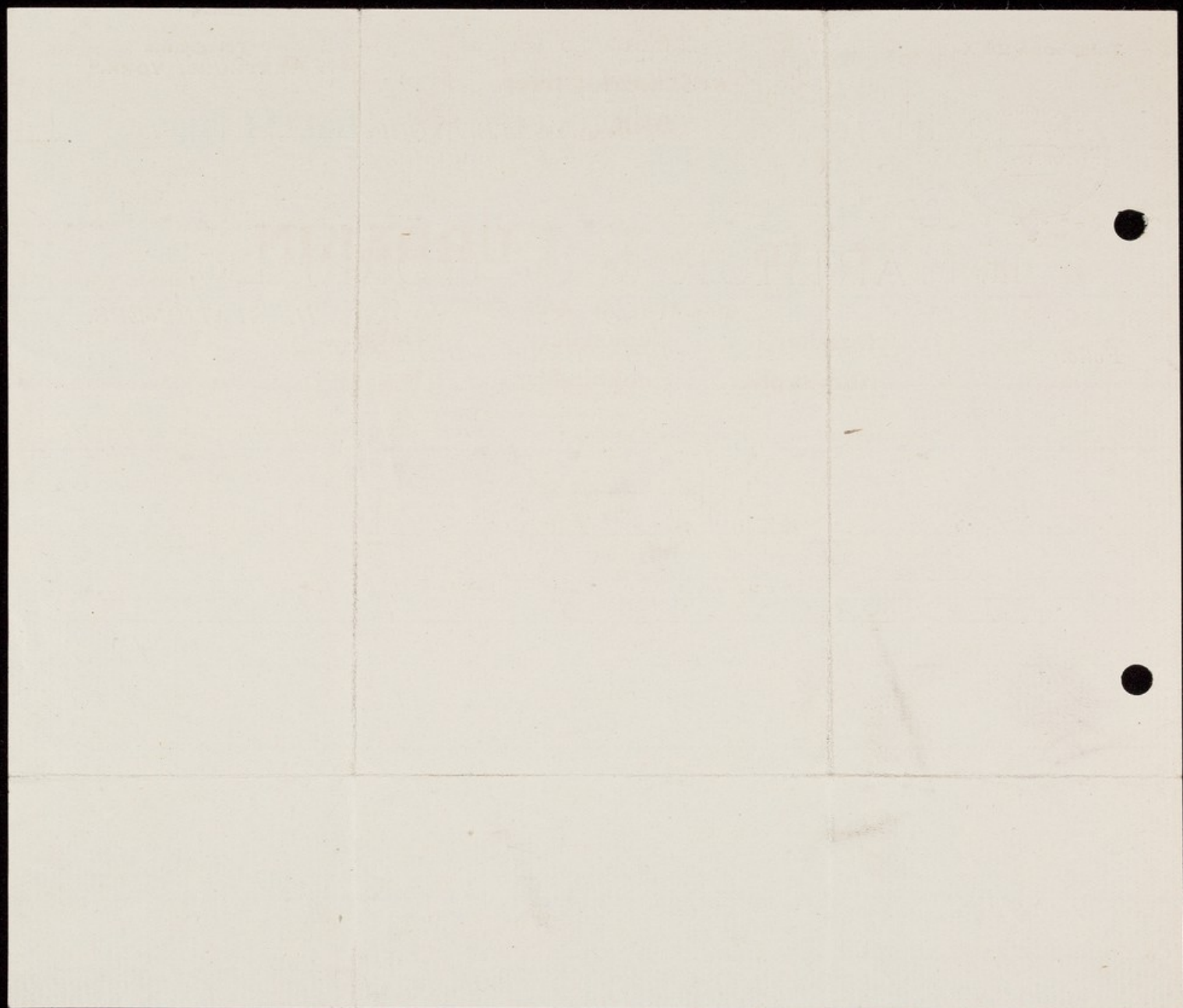
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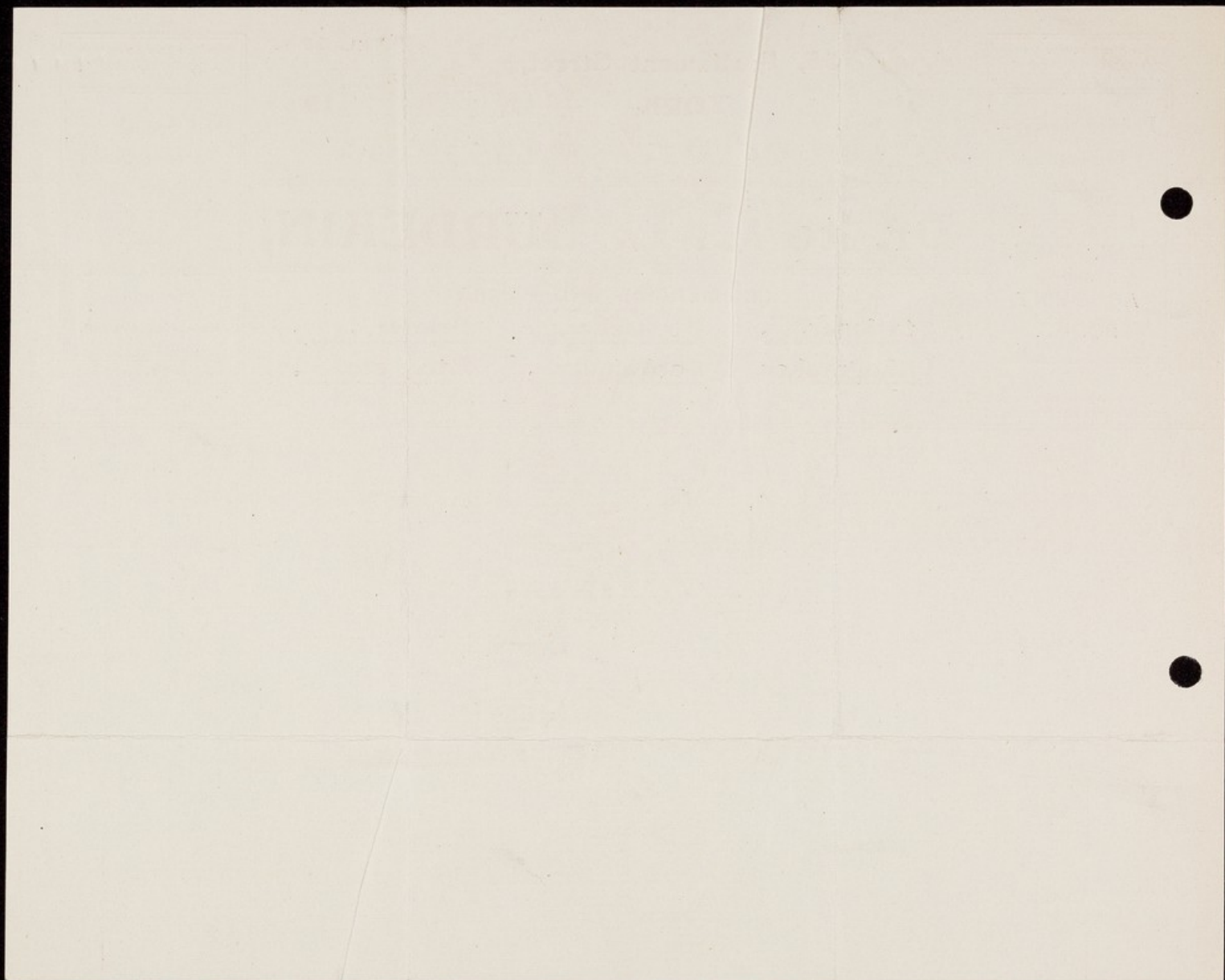
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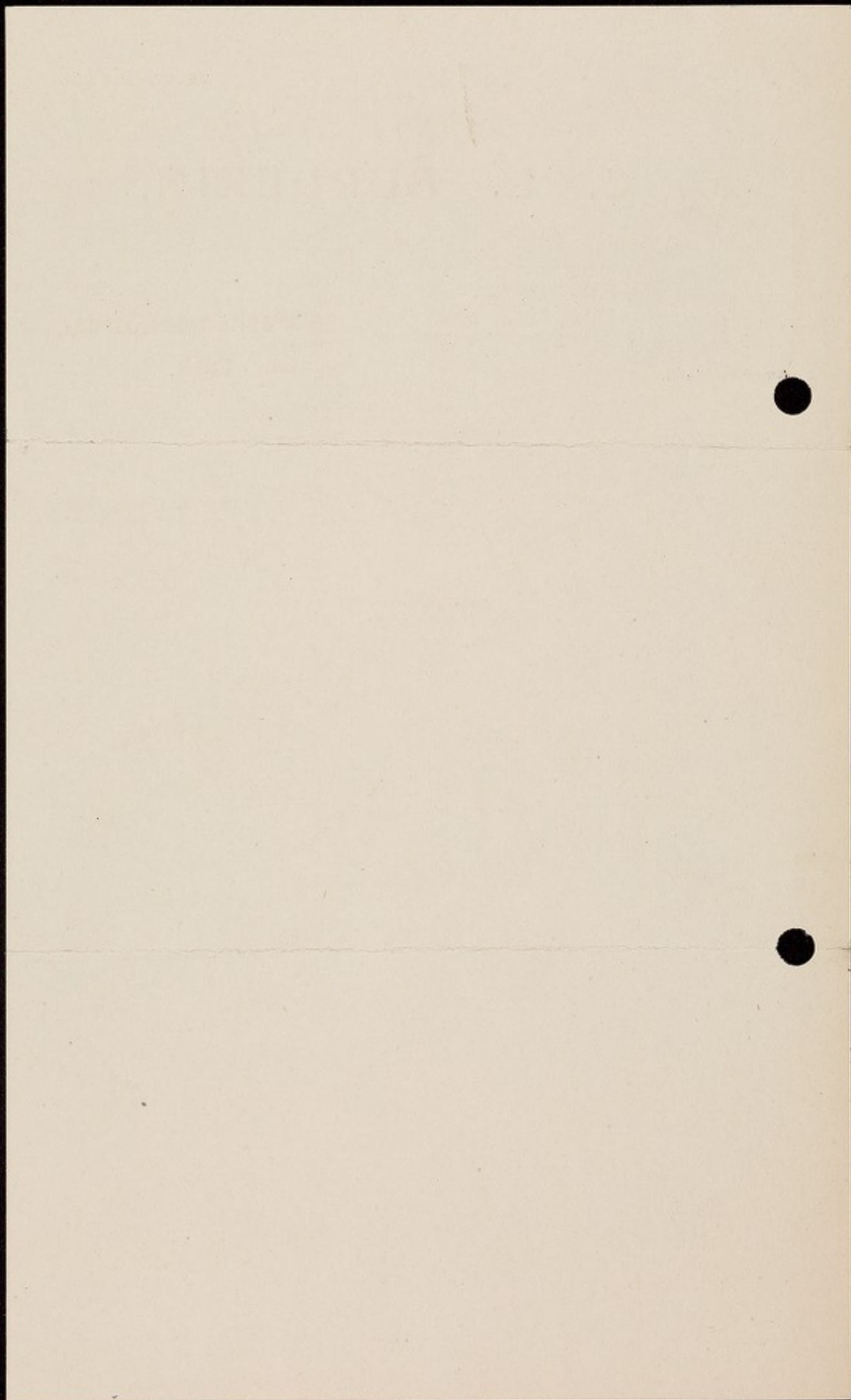
Dear Sir

I am instructed by Mr  
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forward the enclosed a/c to you  
for payment

Yours faithfully  
C. L. Burdekin

J. A. R.

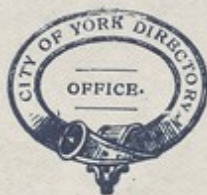




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Mr. W. A. Neave has requested me to forward you  
the enclosed Accounts, and has asked me to say I would  
like to have the amount by return of post.

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acknowledge the receipt of  
your letter of the 10th inst.

in relation to the

contract for the

printing of the

last year.

I am sorry to hear that you have been disappointed in your business.

I am sure that you will find the account of the business very interesting.

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Yours truly,

Arthur & Co.

April 21, 1910

Dear Sir,

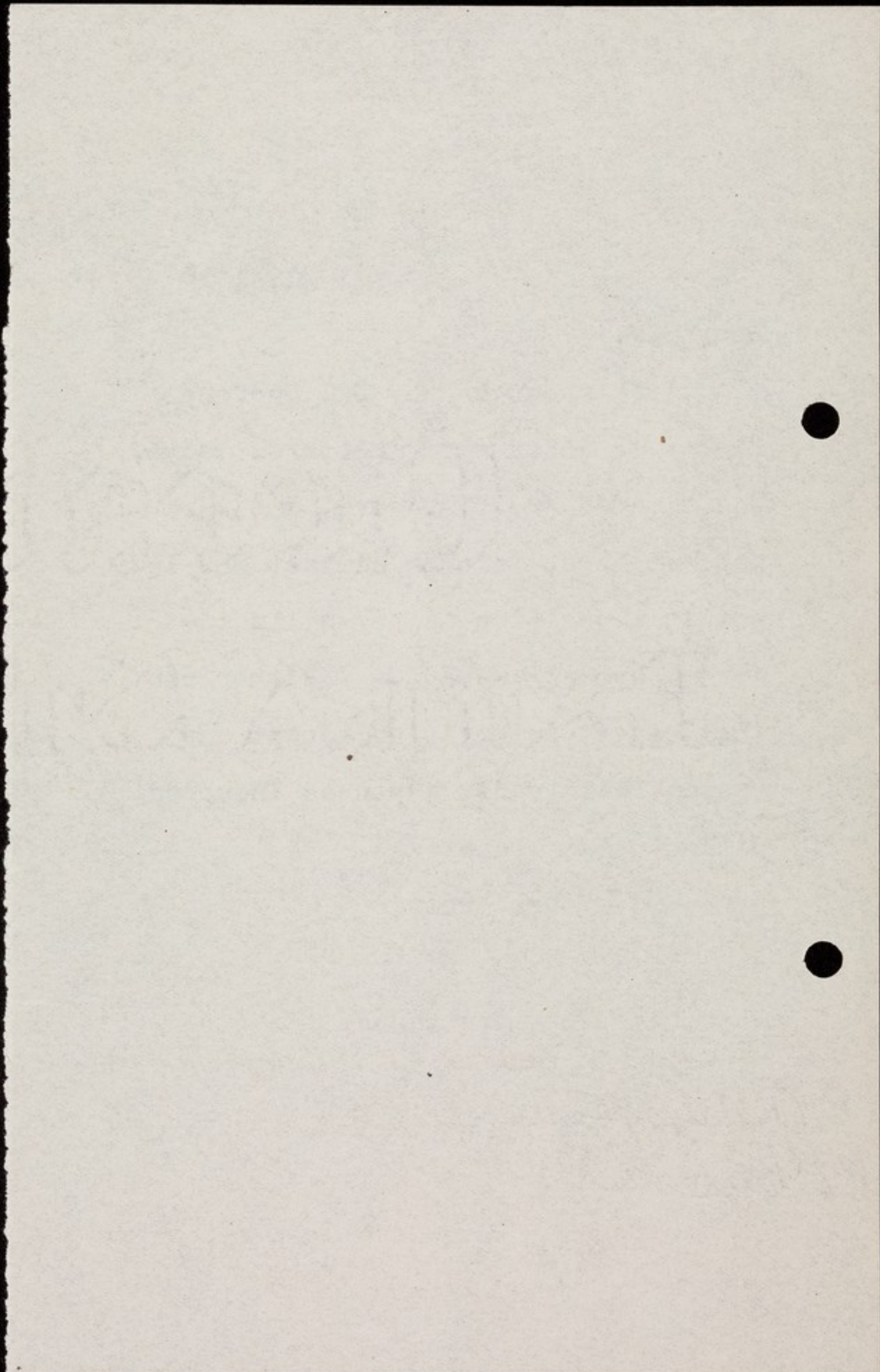
I am requested by Dr. Bedford  
Pierce to inform you that Mrs. Neave,  
the wife of Mr. W.A. Neave, who is a  
patient here, informs him that she is  
not in a position to pay bills in-  
curred by her husband. Neither can  
the Retreat authorities accept any  
responsibility for expenses incurred  
without their knowledge.

Yours truly

Asst. Sec.

Arthur H. Co.  
C. L. Bunde M.D.





April 21, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

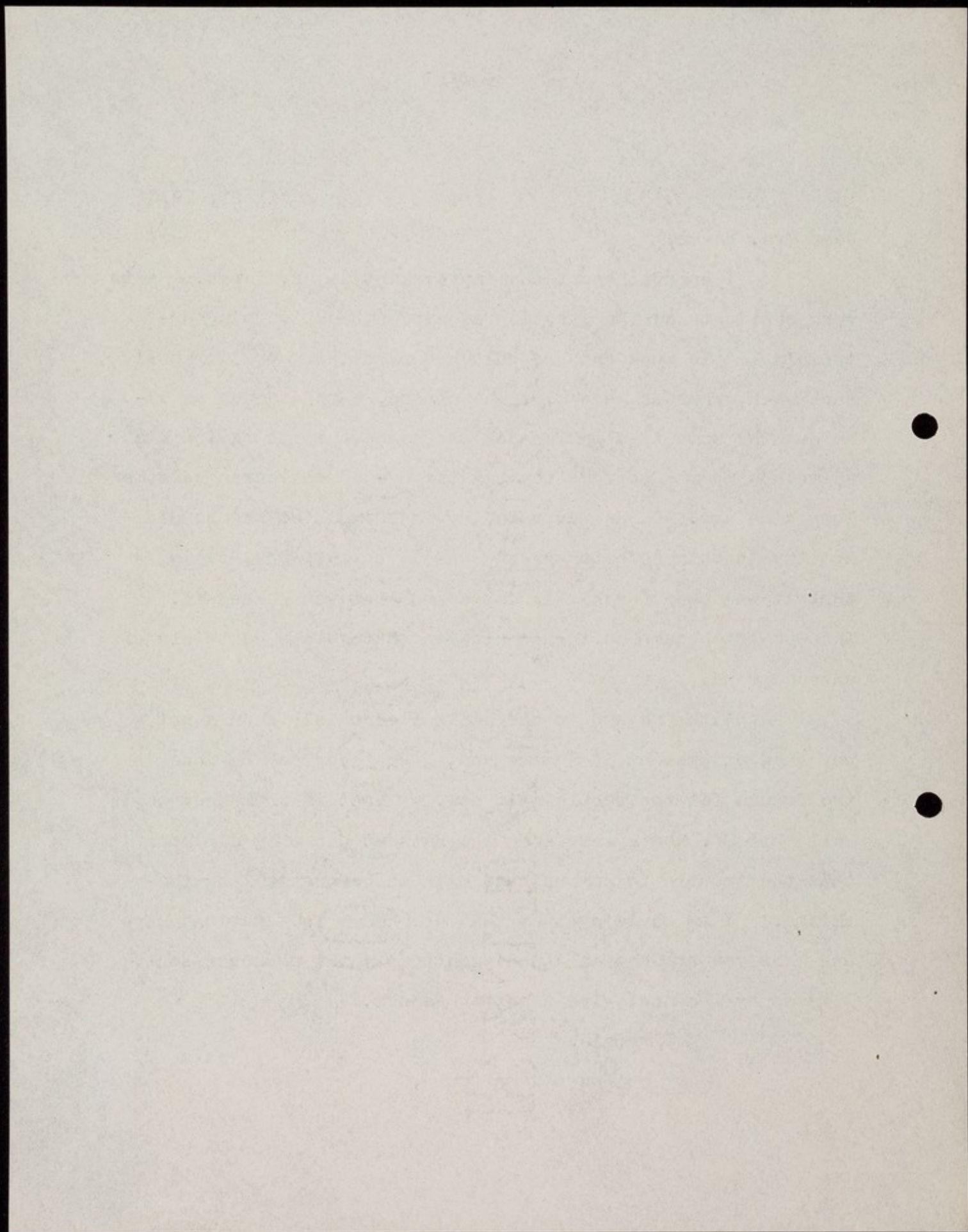
I cannot report any improvement in Mr. Neave. He is very obstinate on the question of expense and is doing extremely little work and has only had a shilling or two lately each week, whereas he can, if he choose, earn as much as 9/-. He saw the Committee on Tuesday and asked them to advise him as to how he was to make you pay the 3/- a week arranged some long time ago. He was asked by the Committee why he did not try to earn some money and send it to help you, seeing that it was open for him to do so and that you needed it. The Committee came to the conclusion that he was certainly of unsound mind.

With regard to the bills I certainly should not pay them at present if I were you. Whatever may be done in the future let the people wait now. Most of them knew quite well that Mr. Neave came from the Retreat and they did not take the trouble to communicate with me before selling the things. I am advising them that Mr. Neave is a patient here and that you are not in a position to pay the accounts sent. I am sorry I cannot give a better report.

I remain,

Yours very truly,





at  
The Willows  
Over  
Bucks.

April 14:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

My brother-in-law  
has forwarded me two  
more bills of my husband's  
which were sent to him  
for payment a few days  
ago. I have not done any-  
thing with regard to these.  
I sent you some little  
time ago as I wanted to  
hear from you - I fear  
though from the tone of



some recent letters of my husband; they are still unpaid. I am very distressed about it; for I have not the means to meet such unnecessary expenses, & I cannot make him see this.

I have tried to induce him to tell me if he is earning any money at present—but this he will not say.

I know what a full & busy life yours is, & I feel so sorry to trouble you over these small worries so frequently.

I have been looking so anxiously for a little more evidence of real radical improvement in my husband's letter of late, as it is now nearly two years since his confinement — I trust it will come ere long.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave.

P.S. Enclosed you will please find cheque for £20. 15. 4.

THE RETREAT,  
YORK.

June 10: 1909.

Dear Mr. Thompson

re W. A. Neave.

This patient was admitted here last Jan'y. from Chaddle asylum. He was then in a state of excitement following an attack of depression. He was very talkative & full of schemes for reforming his business etc. He has gradually quietened down but he is still far from being well. He did all sorts of wild & extravagant things before he came under care & he cannot now see that there was anything amiss in his conduct. He was a Voluntary Boarder at Chaddle at first & was certified by order of the Commissioners: he knows this, yet he blames

his wife for the whole matter saying she has treated him most unjustly & believes it has been done from some interested motive.

I do not think that he is at all fit for discharge at present though he may come to be so in time. He is I fear likely to have another attack of depression though there may be a time before that when he is practically well.

I return his letter herewith

Yours very truly  
Henry J. Mackenzie



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Longmead.  
Fordingbridge  
Hants.  
Feb'y 10<sup>th</sup> 1910.

Dear W. Pierce

This afternoon I received a letter from my brother Allen Neave in which he says that he has written to Mr. Pyemish our Solicitor at Salisbury to meet him in London on Saturday or Monday to talk over matters, I do not suppose that Mr. Pyemish would meet him under

present conditions, but<sup>55</sup> I thought it best to write and inform you in case he is doing this without your sanction.

Please do not let him know that I have written you.

In haste to catch post  
With kind regards

Yours sincerely  
R. J. Neave.





I am more than sorry to  
trouble you over these small  
matters - but I feel so sure  
you will sympathize  
with me, & understand  
that my present sad cir-  
cumstances compel it.  
I must trust that  
things will be brighter  
again - but this year must  
be a hard struggle.

It is true in upon me  
~~that~~ very strongly that it  
is all for the best - my  
husband is unwilling  
to leave the Retreat -  
on the conditions proposed  
to him - it would be  
difficult to provide even  
the meagre comforts for

The Willows  
Over  
Bucke.

Feb. 9: -10

Dear Mr Pierce,  
I seem to trouble  
you so much from time  
to time over my husband,  
but I am very anxious  
to know if you have  
been able to persuade  
him to earn some  
weekly pocket-money?  
I am in great trouble  
over money matters, as  
only yesterday I received  
the disappointing intelligence  
that the past year has  
proved a terribly bad one



in the Business - &  
means that my husband's  
Capital has realized  
about £60 instead of  
£120 - which latter sum  
I was led to believe I  
might rely on having  
(for my self, my youngest-  
daughter, & help with my  
son) my sad position  
now is that I have,  
unconsciously, been spending  
Capital to the extent of  
£60. I am obliged to  
have to suggest-reducing  
my husband's pleasures  
in the smallest degree but  
I feel he must do the  
little in his power to

help us. I will therefore  
be so truly grateful to  
you, if you can insist  
on his providing his  
Stationery out of his  
earnings, as well as Ibbaco.  
I would also be grateful  
if your Head Attendant  
could induce him to buy  
more useful clothing,  
when he is in need. He  
had bought some boots &  
an umbrella, just before our  
visit to him, & I tried hard  
to make him see that  
stronger boots would have  
been more sensible - & a  
cheaper umbrella answer  
his purpose equally well,  
but fear he did not see it!

Feb. 10, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

I thought it better to read your letter to Mr. Neave. He seems quite unable to understand that there should be restriction in his expenditure. I have, however, told him that I shall cut down the disbursements to the lowest possible level. He is quite confident that if at liberty he would make the business all right, and has no hesitation whatever in saying that he is and has been improperly detained. It is quite useless to argue with him.

Yours very truly,

him at present, & his expensive & necessary diabetic treatment would make it doubly difficult. It is comforting to feel he has everything that can be desired under your kind care, at the Retreat - & I trust when he comes out he will be altogether much better than he is, both bodily & mentally. I have only had one or two very short letters from him since I saw him - written



in much the same  
frame of mind, as we  
left him in.

With very kind regards

Yours Sincerely

Mary L. Peave

The Ribent

York.

8 Dec. 1909.

Charles Geomans Esq  
Chairman of the Ribent Committee.  
17 Broomhall Road  
Sheffield.

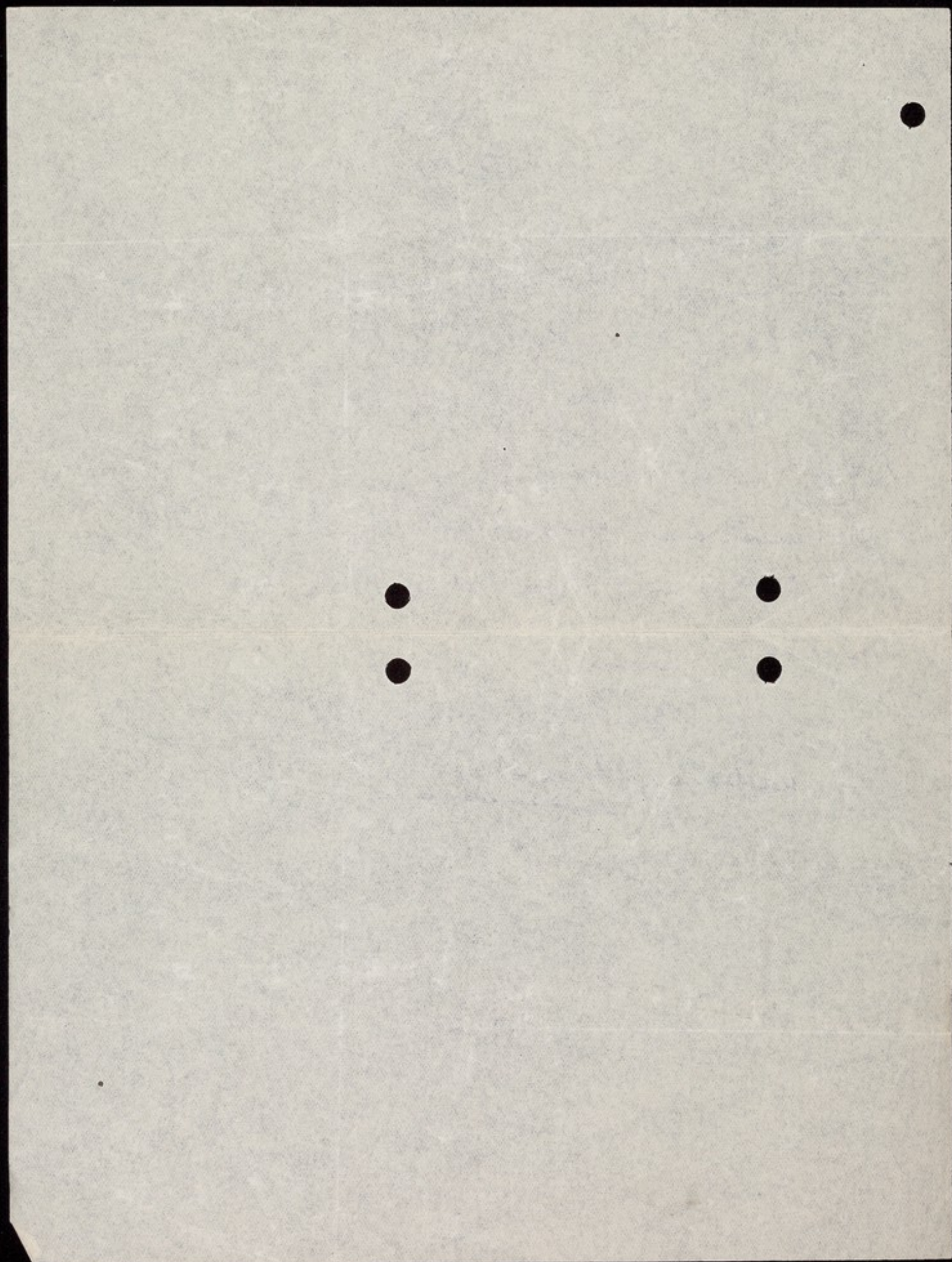
Dear Mr Geomans.

I request an interview with the Ribent Committee  
and Mr Bedford Pierce at your next Committee  
meeting.

Yours

Yours faithfully  
William Allen Neave







17 Broomhall Road

Sheepshead

9th Decr 1909

copy.

Dear Mr. Meade,

I have just received your letter of yesterday. and am only sorry my answer must be, the District Committee do not feel any benefit can arise from ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> having a further interview with you, not that they do not sympathise with you in its being necessary in your own interest, that you should remain under the care of the Institution, but is impossible for the Committee to act contrary to the reports of the Lunacy Commissioners, and the medical officers of the District

I remain

Yours very truly,

(signed) Charles Forman





9<sup>th</sup> December 1909

600

17, BROOMHALL ROAD,  
SHEFFIELD.

Dear Mr. Price,

I have this morning  
received the enclosed from Mr. Neave  
I have attached copy of my reply  
I have written as I have above, as I  
could see no good, in keeping the  
poor fellow in suspense, as to  
Committee action at their next  
meeting, and hope you will approve.

Whilst I am writing my  
wife asks me to reply to the  
invitation to the Arts & Crafts  
Exhibition next Wednesday.

We are both of us extremely  
sorry we shall be unable to  
come over this time.

Yours very truly

Charles P. Hornum



17 Broomhall Road  
Sheffield.

"HOMELAND,"

83, FOUNTAIN ROAD,

EDGBASTON.

21<sup>st</sup> Jan 1910

Dear Dr. Twiss

I am much obliged  
for your letter of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst  
& copy memorandum stating  
the Committee's decision, and  
trust Mr. Neave will soon  
see that to come out on  
trial is a step in the right  
direction.

Yours sincerely  
Hugh J. D. McQueen



HOMELAND  
83. FOUNTAIN ROAD  
EDINBURGH

Mr. W.A. NEAVE

Any question of Leave of Absence on trial turns upon the appreciation of the following points by all concerned.

1. That Mr. Neave has been mentally affected and in the opinion of those best qualified to judge he has not yet recovered.
2. That before being placed under care his behaviour at business was of such a character that his brothers lost all confidence in his business capacity.
3. That his elder brother formally states that he cannot be reinstated until it can be shown that he has recovered completely.
4. It is clear that any effort to coerce his brother would be disastrous.
5. Until his recovery be established it is needful to be extremely careful over money matters.

His income is about £270, and fully half of this is an allowance from the firm, ~~and fully half of this~~ in which need not necessarily be continued. Against this there are £50 of fixed charges for insurance, payment of interest on loan, storing furniture etc.

6. Besides himself and wife there is one boy to help and one girl to educate and maintain.

It is suggested that he has leave of absence upon the following conditions.

1. He places himself under the guidance of a family council consisting of his wife, daughter and son-in-law (Mr. McIlveen), agreeing for the present to fall in with their wishes as to place of residence, amount of money spent, and his general mode of life.
2. No attempt be made to return to business and nothing done in relation to ~~patents~~ inventions and patents without the consent of the family council, it being understood for six months at least these matters be left entirely in abeyance.
3. The Leave of Absence from the Retreat is for 6 months. It may be renewed or not by the Retreat ~~tee~~ as is desirable at



the end of that time.

January 16th, 1910



COWAN

Mr. Neave Jan. 16th, 1910

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brothers lost all confidence in his business capacity.
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<sup>against this</sup> There are ~~already~~ £50 of fixed charges,  
~~against this~~ - for insurance, payment of  
interest on loan, storing furniture etc..



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of a family council - consisting of  
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with their wishes, as to place of residence,  
amount of money spent, and his  
general mode of life.
- ②. No attempt be made to return to business  
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& patents without the consent of the  
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is desirable at the end of that time.

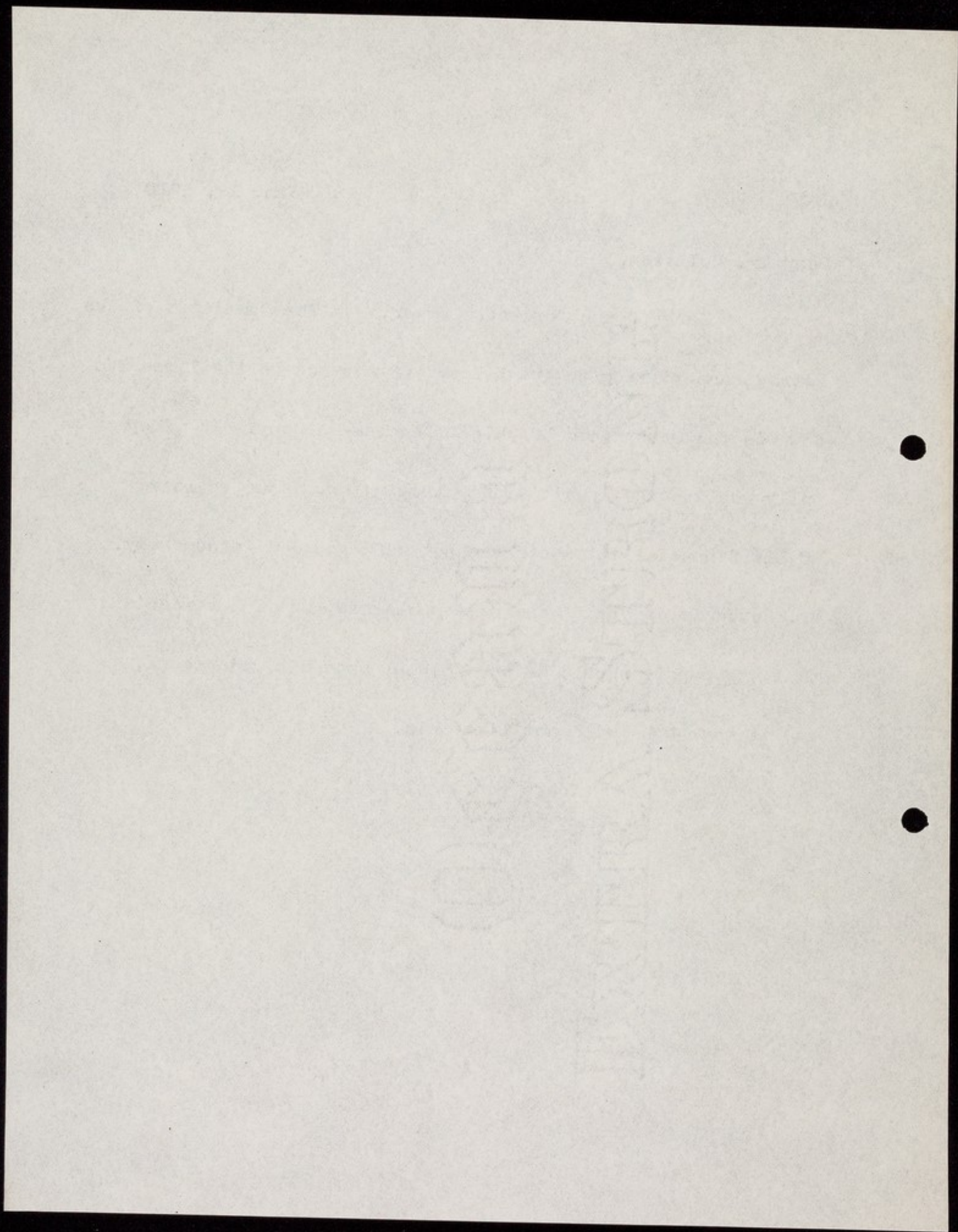
Jan. 19, 1910

Dear Mr. McIlveen,

Many thanks for your letter. The Committee of the Retreat are willing to grant leave of absence on the lines laid down in the memorandum of which I enclose a copy. They fully realise the gravity of allowing Mr. Neave to leave if his financial interests are not safe guarded in some way. Mr. Neave is somewhat more reasonable now, but I have decided that his parole should be conditional upon his doing work, and it may be he will not like this.

Yours very truly,







The Council House,  
Birmingham.

18<sup>th</sup> Jan'y 1910

Dear Dr. Peice

I want to thank  
you from Mrs Neave my wife  
sincerely for your kindness  
to us last weekend. I am  
sure you ought to have your  
weekends free & it was really  
good of you to give us so much  
of your time.

I have written to Mr.  
James Neave & hope to be able

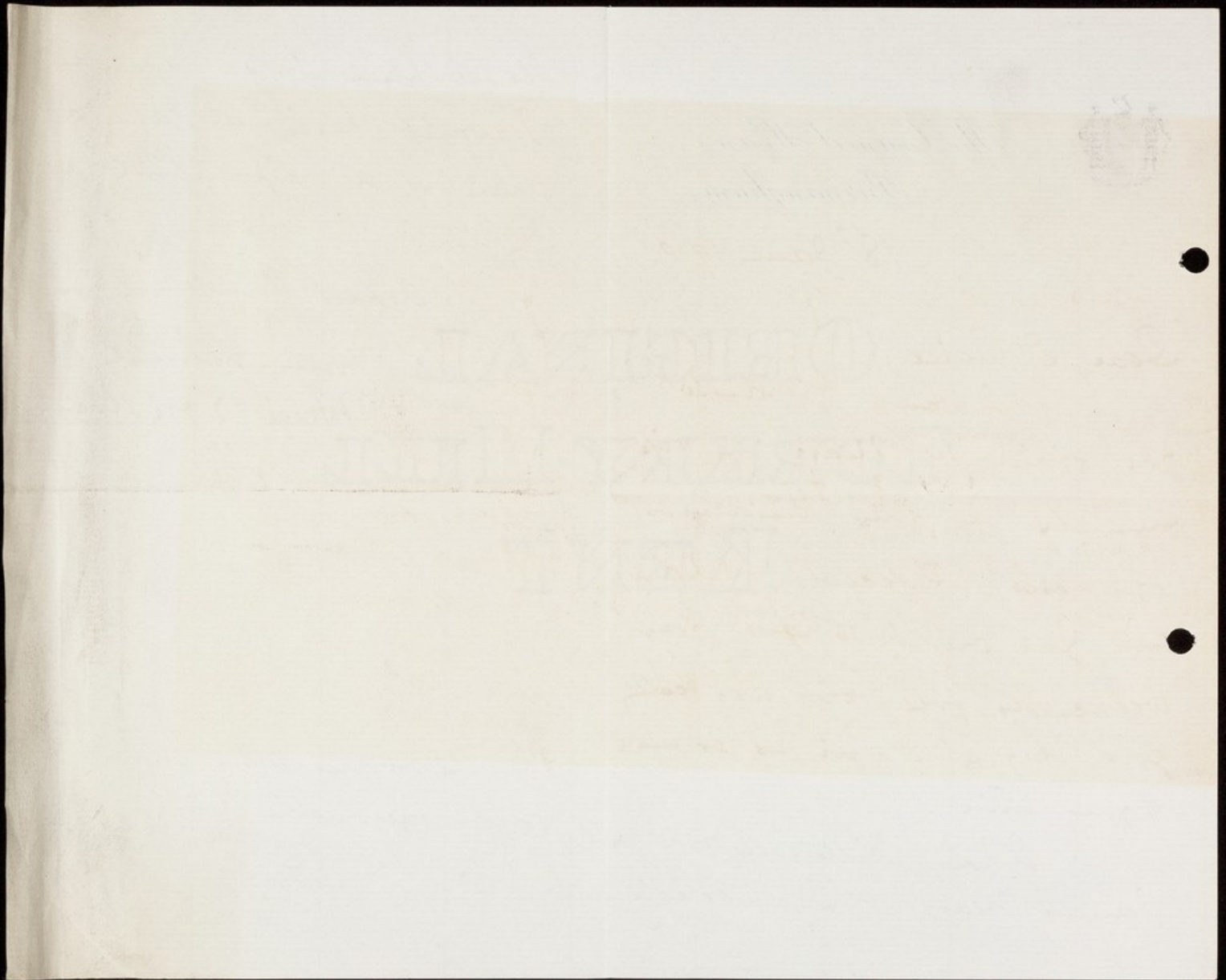
to see him before long as  
I want him to take a  
share of the responsibility in  
anything that is done

Again thanking you

Yours sincerely  
Hugh P. J. McIlwren

P.S. The rooms were completely  
most reasonable  
(12<sup>th</sup>).







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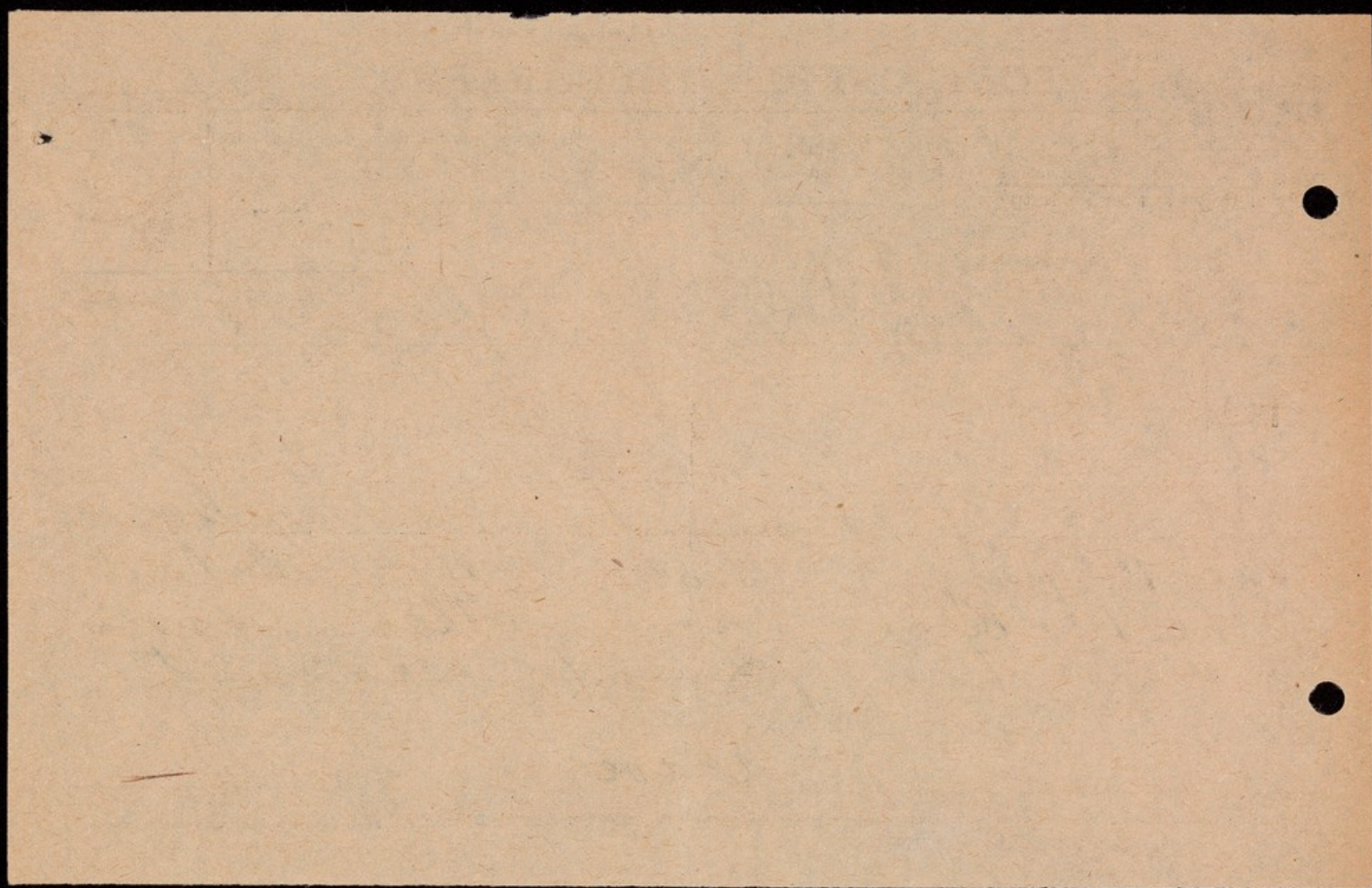
*Pearce Retreat*

*No objection to showing figure  
sheet prefer not other detail  
sheet there are other losses  
on her private account*

*Leave*

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





Jan. 10, 1910

Dear Mrs. Neave,

With reference to your letter, I think it would be wise to spend rather a longer time with Mr. Neave on this occasion as you will then be able to judge better if you see him more than once.

I can arrange rooms at small expense near the Retrat if you wish.

I have had a letter from Mr. R.F. Neave, but his statement as to what money Mr. Neave has lost did not correspond with those made by Mr. Armstrong when he was here. In talking to Mr. Neave it is extremely important that one should have all the facts fully before one. I suppose the difference is due to losses on his private account apart from the business.

Yours very truly,



EXTRA STRENGTH  
BRILLIANT

83 Fountain Rd.  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham

Jan. 9:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I hope to leave  
Bham. for York early  
Saturday morning next,  
reaching there about  
12.30, & will get to the  
Retreat as quickly  
after as possible. We  
leave York again at  
4.50, so hope it will  
be convenient to see



You during this interval.

I am exceedingly sorry, my husband's brother is unable to accompany me, & am also very sorry to say he does not see his way to making my difficult position less difficult.

He is disinclined to have any deed drawn up - with regard to my husband's control over his Capital in the Business, & he is also most emphatic

that he shall not have anything to do in the business, till it is proved that he is fit for it. He told me he had written to you himself on these points so no doubt he has.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

The Retreat York. 16 Jan'y 1910

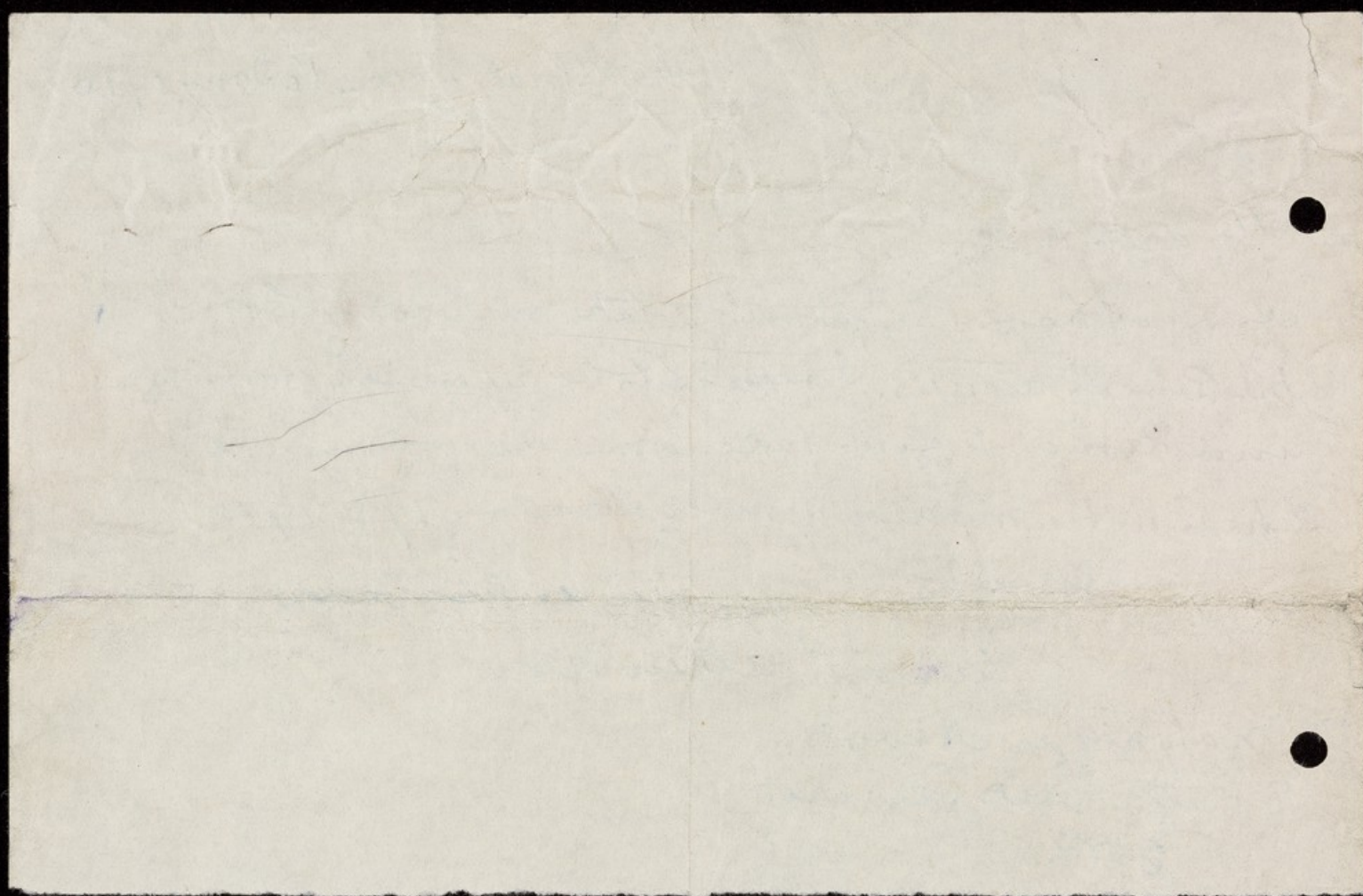
My dear Wife.

As you have the power to take me away from  
the Retreat at once. I refuse to be separated from you  
and demand your taking me away from the  
Retreat in the morning Monday January 17<sup>th</sup> 1910.

I am your affected husband  
William Allen Neave.

May Lizzie Neave.  
8 Belle Vue Terrace  
York.





The Retreat. York. 16<sup>th</sup> January 1910

Dear Dr. B. Pierce.

As my wife can take me away at once from the Retreat I demand that she takes me away on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> inst. I protest against being detained against my will.

I am not insane. I demand my release as a free man I am capable of managing myself and my affairs and am not dangerous to any one.

- I demand a copy of the Certificate<sup>\*</sup> or Certificates which authorises my detention.

My wife clearly gives me to understand that the cause of my detention arises from the views and way I have been doing certain things.

I maintain my views are sound and that it is not unusual under the circumstances the way I did the things.

- At present I do not see how certain things are to be adjusted which exist between Mease & I & myself without an adjuster. I am prepared to put all my affairs in which differences exist before Wilson manage for his counsel and advice & will act upon it and if Mease & I like also to agree to his being arbitrator between them & myself. I propose that we both arrange to put our affairs before and leave him to adjust them both to abide by his decision.

Yours faithfully William Allen Mease







Dec. 30, 1909

Dear Mr. Neave,

Many thanks for your letter and for the particulars contained therein. I conclude you have no objection to my showing this letter to your brother, though one quite expects he will try to explain away every one of the incidents referred to. There is, however, one point of more importance. I was told by Mr. Neave's brother-in-law when he was here that Mr. Neave had lost in speculation or in some other way fully £1800, and I told Mr. Neave in talking to him that I understood his losses were over £1000, and this he denied point blank. It was on this account I wrote to you, and it would appear that your brother is correct and that Mr. Armstrong was wrong. Perhaps there have been other losses at another time to account for the discrepancy. With regard to ~~the~~ those given in your list I gather that the principal complaint is the way in which at that time he bought things and transacted business without consulting his fellow directors. I suppose any body might buy things and find them depreciating in value, and hence one does not on the face of it think a great deal of losses incurred in this way, but it is obvious that no business concern can be conducted successfully unless the various directors and partners freely consult one another and act in harmony. I believe your brother still considers he has been unjustly treated and that there never was any



proper ground for his detention, and I certainly fear this does not promise well for the future. On the other hand there is no doubt that he has very much more self control than he had, and there is little likelihood of his doing such foolish things again.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



### Further details

Instead of going to London one day a week, he went up sometimes four and five days a week, unknown to the firm, they were under the impression he was doing the usual journeys

He engaged a Private Secretary, and rented an office in London without consulting the firm

He used to wear a straw hat in the month of March & April and said that he was the only person in London who did so, he also said that he had a musical box inside his

hat

He wished to have the word "Druida" in large letters fastened on the back of his coat to go to London in

Another time he wished to have a pair of white linen trousers this was in March & April.

He attended a Show in London and distributed a large quantity of Cigarettes to the passers by.

Whilst in Crew he would go out about



5.30 in the morning  
I treat any man  
which he saw at the  
street corners to cups  
of coffee.

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He stayed in the  
office all one night  
instead of going home  
all the work was  
finished at 5.30 in  
the evening & there  
was no need for him  
to stay after that  
time.

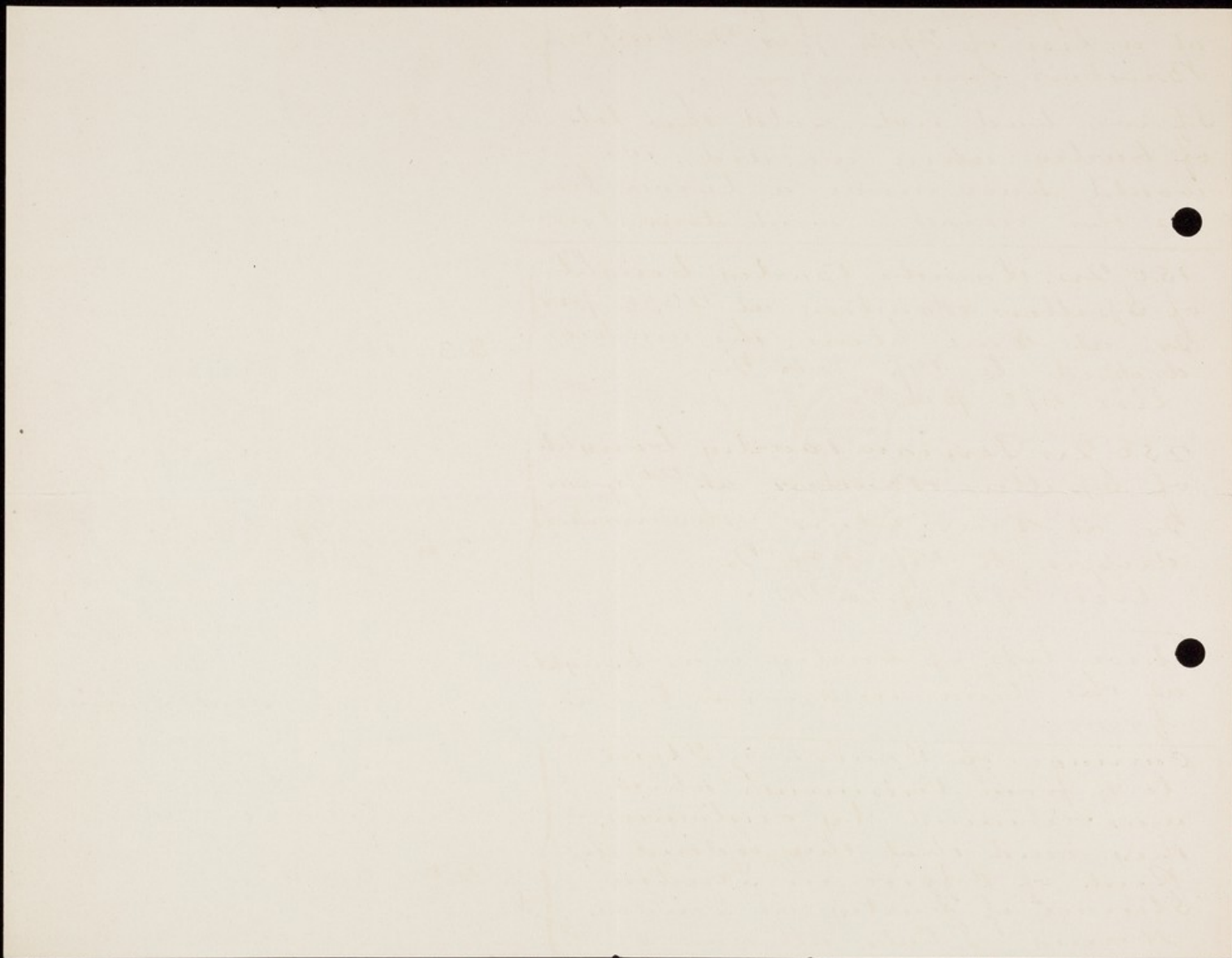
Lynbrook.  
Gordonsbridge  
Hants.  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Mr. Pierce.

As desired in  
your letter, I now enclose  
a list of details to the  
best of my ability that  
I can remember of losses  
sustained by the firm  
through my brother Allen's  
reckless dealing just  
before his break down.  
I also enclose a list of  
various peculiarities which  
showed at the same  
time. I fail to see

of any part that he  
could do in the business  
outside his former  
position & that as I  
explained before I cannot  
consent to till he is  
quite fit, as the anxiety  
would be more than I  
could undertake. After  
he has been one of the  
Directors it is not at all  
likely that he would be  
willing to take a clerk's  
or an ordinary workman's  
place in the mill.  
I am afraid that I shall  
not be able to come up  
to see you at present  
as I shall be very busy  
stocktaking until the  
end of January.  
Yrs Truly  
R. J. Neave





## Losses.

560 2<sup>rs</sup> Persian Barley bought  
of Winter Bros at 20/1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per 2<sup>rs</sup> }  
This lot of barley Winter Bros.  
resold for us at 18/- per 2<sup>rs</sup>. } 60.16.7  
at a loss of 2/1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> per 2<sup>rs</sup> besides  
Brokers' commission }

If we had not sold this lot  
of barley when we did, we  
would have made a larger loss  
as the markets went down lower.

150 2<sup>rs</sup> Karachi Barley bought  
of Spillers & Baskers at 23/6 per  
2<sup>rs</sup> at Nine Elms, the markets  
dropped to 19/- per 2<sup>rs</sup>, } 33.15.0  
loss 4/6 per 2<sup>rs</sup>. }

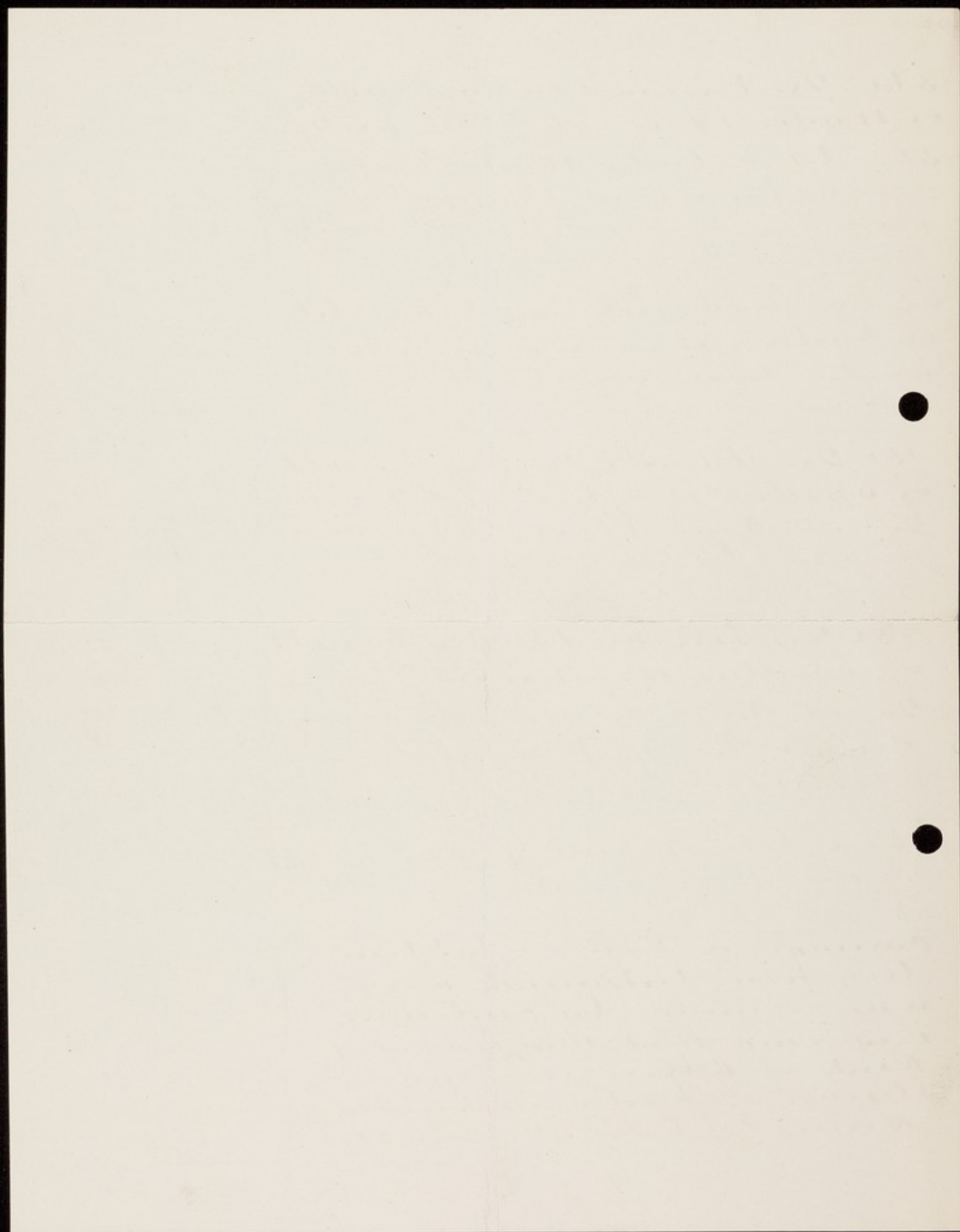
250 2<sup>rs</sup> Persian Barley bought  
of Spillers & Baskers at 20/9 per  
2<sup>rs</sup> at Nine Elms, the markets  
dropped to 18/- per 2<sup>rs</sup> } 34.7.6  
loss 2/9 per 2<sup>rs</sup>. }

These lots of barley was bought  
at the time unknown to the  
firm.

Carriage of Branda & Glou  
to & from Portsmouth which  
was returned by customers,  
they said that they <sup>had not</sup> ordered it. } 40.0.0  
Rent of Office in London  
Storage of barley in London  
Hiring of Cabs all day &c about }

£ 168.19.1





83 Fountain Rd  
Lapaston  
Birmingham

Dec. 26:

Dear Mr. Pierce

Thank you for  
your letter, which  
I have received. I  
am hoping to come  
to York in about a  
week's time. My  
son-in-law ~~who~~ is  
coming with me.



but is extremely busy  
just at present &  
cannot definitely  
say yet which day  
he can get off. I  
will write to you  
directly it is decided  
& will leave the  
discussion of the  
points in your  
letter till then, if  
this is agreeable to  
you. Yours very sincerely  
Mary Anne

✓  
Seymour.  
Fordingbridge  
Hants.  
Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dear Dr. Pierce

I understood that you have expressed the hope that my brother Allen Neave, may before long have his liberty to see whether he is fit to have the certificate annulled. Nothing would please me more than to find that he will soon be quite right again, as his help in the business

is much needed. At the same time I must add that I cannot consent to any arrangement which would impose on me the anxiety of considering & watching his transactions. It is hardly possible for him to do a little light work when once he gets back to the office, nor would he be content with less than his former position.

It appears to me to be essential in his interests and mine that any tests as to his capacity should be made



elsewhere. If he were to be unfortunately unfit for his former post he might nevertheless involve the business in very serious liabilities before the facts could be ascertained.

I write this definitely because I realize the practical impossibility of the suggestion, but perhaps some light work (philanthropic or otherwise) could be found for him for a time, where he could

show his improved powers and yet not be able to injuriously affect a business concern should he still need further care.

I shall be glad to hear from you at your leisure.

Yours Sincerely

R. James Neave

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Dec. 1/05.

Dear Mr. Neave,

I cannot get Mr. Neave to look at things any more reasonably. When Mr. Armstrong was here he told me that Mr. Neave in his excited state lost a considerable sum of money. Mr. Neave denies this in toto. Can you send me some particulars, as it is important for me to be quite sure of the facts? The main reason for his detention is the fear that he will be foolish in money matters and again land us upon unreasonable sentences, but it is

necessary to be quite sure that previously he did this, & I should like to be able to show him a written statement as to the extent to which he did lose unpaired his capital & unpaired the fortunes of his family.

Mr. Neave does not work now, does not wish me to advance money in the way he requests. We have stopped doing this.

I remain

Yours sincerely

Edmund Davis



necessary to be quite sure that previously  
 he did this. I believe that it is  
 likely that from a written statement  
 as to the subject, towards he did have  
 expressed his capital & improved the  
 fortunes of his family.

Mr. Lane has not made any  
 changes with some adverse owned  
 in the way he requests. He has  
 stopped doing this.

Yours truly

John C. Lane

Chapman

1871-1872

Dear Mr. Lane,

I cannot get Mr. Lane to take in  
 things any more. I believe that  
 Mr. Lane is in his right state  
 but a considerable owned owned  
 Mr. Lane denies this in the. I  
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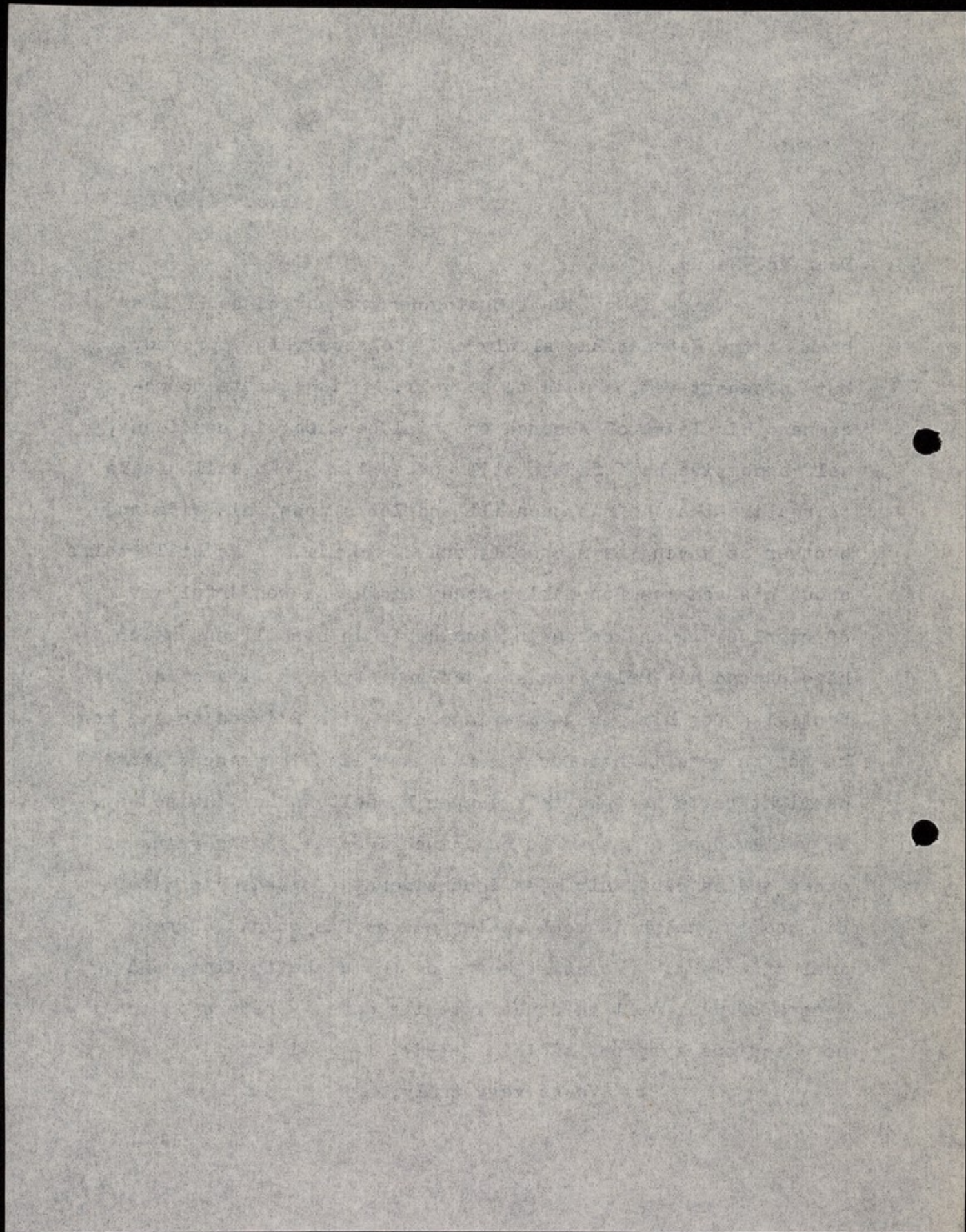
Dec. 11, 1909

Dear Mr. Neave,

There is no doubt that your brother since he has been at the Retreat has slowly and progressively improved, but he cannot yet be said to be well. I hesitate to recommend his leave of absence on trial because his confident, self assertive beliefs are still present. He still fails to realise that he has been ill and looks upon his wife and brother as having been cruelly unkind to him. He still talks about his schemes for making money and has a wonderful way of overlooking and colouring incidents in his illness which have caused his relatives so much anxiety. I should have been glad for him to go away and stay with friends to see how he got on were it not for the fear that in his present state he might begin to take things upon himself in an unwise way. He really does not seem to have much idea as to the value of money and is certainly most inconsiderate towards his wife. His bodily health is much better and he has gained a great deal of weight. He still keeps on the diabetic diet, and errors of diet will no doubt speedily cause a return of the more serious symptoms of this malady.

Yours very truly,





it a favour, if I had  
a direct report from  
you as to his present  
physical and mental  
condition, to you  
consider it necessary  
for his welfare to  
be still kept in the  
Retreat? The poor  
fellow is anxious  
enough for his freedom,  
although he speaks  
very highly of the  
kind treatment he

1 Lancaster Place.  
**RICHMOND HILL,**  
**SURREY.**  
Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 09

W. B. Pierce.  
The Retreat.  
York.

Dear Sir,

I have just received  
a letter from my brother  
W. Allen Neave, which  
strikes me as being a  
reasonable and sensible  
enough letter and I  
should feel more  
satisfied and esteem



RICHMOND HILL  
SURREY

has received.

Of course any  
communication you  
make to me, will be  
treated with esteem  
and in a proper  
way.

apologising for troubling  
you & thanking you

for the kind attention  
you have given Allen

Believe me

Yrs Sincerely.

Bernard Neave.

300 Hingford Road  
Crews

29<sup>th</sup> Nov 09

Dear Sir,

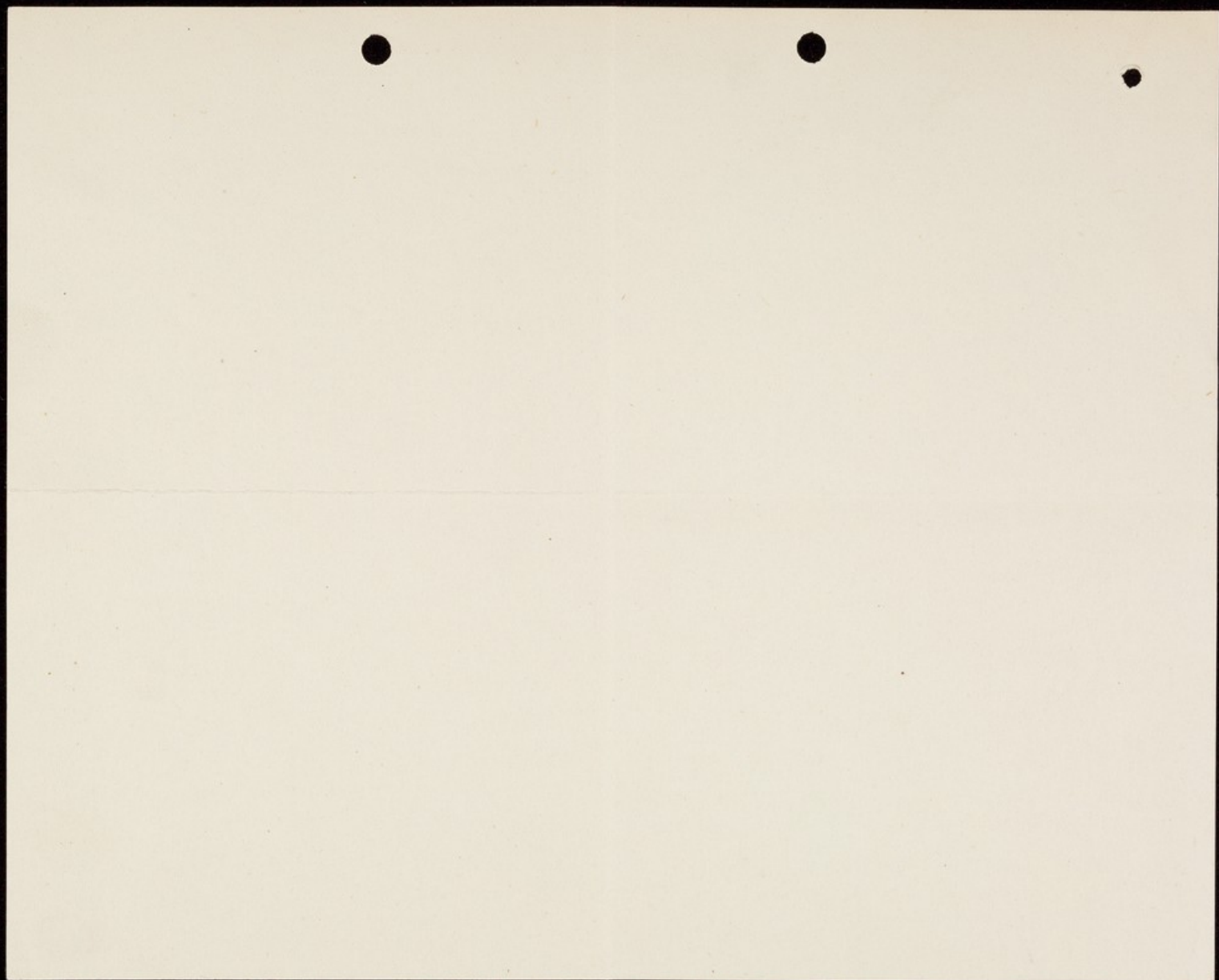
I hope to be in York  
on Wednesday first, and with  
your kind permission will  
call at the Retreat and see  
my Brother-in-law Mr W. A. Heave,  
Mr Heave who is aware of  
my visit, would very much  
like me to see you, and I  
shall be glad if you can  
grant me an interview.

585  
I hope to reach York about  
10 am and will come direct  
to the Retreat, failing that, I  
will reach the Retreat about  
noon, I have about 3 hours  
which I hope to spend with  
Mr Heave.

Yours truly  
J. Armstrong

Dr Redford Perce,





Bheadle, Royal  
Bheadle  
Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 1909

Dr Pierce

Dear Sir

I rec<sup>d</sup> a  
long letter from my friend  
Mr. Neave, your patient.  
His tribute to you & your  
staff & good attendants.  
I esteem you a great favour  
if you write to my wife,  
she is willing to transfer  
me to York under  
you & join my friend Mr.  
Neave. My address is  
Jas Bryer Modern Bakery  
& Grocer 112 & 114 Strand Rd  
Bootle, Liverpool. my  
own property & investments

elsewhere. She has full  
power to transfer me. I  
know you will not keep me  
there any longer than is  
necessary. Our Chairman  
four months ago mentioned  
a place & he is willing to  
send me there, his name  
is Mr Stone Esq.

Believe me to be

Your faithfully friend

Jas Bryer His X mark

Witness Albert Smith

P.S. Tell my friend Mr  
Neave I will answer <sup>his</sup> your  
excellent letter bye & bye  
J.B.



Last Thursday on  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Esq -  
Chairman Chas Hopkins  
Esq advises me to write  
to you my friends to  
transfer me to York  
under Albert Smith  
you Jb

• The Willows 547  
I see  
Bucks.

Nov. 2:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Thank you for your  
note. It was Thursday  
in this week my brother-  
in-law (Mr. Armstrong  
of Crewe) had fixed to  
go to York - but I  
have just heard from  
him that he finds  
it will be impossible  
for him to manage it  
this week. He hopes



to go very soon. However I  
will let you know  
which day. He  
understands you are  
in Leeds Tuesday &  
Friday so will fix  
a day he is likely  
to find you at the  
Retreat.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Reave

Friday at  
Leeds - 1.30 pm.

The Willows  
I see  
Bucks.

Oct. 29:

Dear Dr. Rice  
I saw from your  
letter reading that you  
are in Leeds most of the  
day Friday & as this was  
the day my brother-in-law  
thought of going to see my  
husband this week I told  
him, & he has now fixed  
to go Thursday next - when  
he hopes he will be able  
to see you for a short-  
time. I was very sorry



to have troubled you but  
it did not occur to me  
to look at your letter  
reading till I had posted  
my letter to you.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Reave

in my husband's sad case  
& thank you exceedingly.

I shall have no change of  
address at present. The  
friend with whom I am,  
is suffering from heart-  
trouble & I am acting  
as companion-help to  
her.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Heave

512  
The Willows  
Irek  
Bucks.

Oct-5.

Dear Mr. Rice,

I have heard from  
my brother-in-law, but fear  
there is nothing very helpful  
in his suggestions - it is so  
very difficult to advise.

He suggests Scarborough or  
Crewe for my husband  
whenever you consider  
he ought to have a trial  
away from the Retreat.  
He mentions Scarborough because  
he knows you have a



branch house there, &  
think it would be a  
simple matter, if my  
husband were near it, &  
it should prove necessary,  
he might go there? But  
I rather it is a purely  
convalescent home with  
no resident medical man.  
I should be glad to know  
a little more about it, or  
if you think there might  
be a possibility of your  
being able to send him  
to this home for a time,  
or would you not consider  
it desirable for him?  
With regard to Crewe

I would much prefer his  
not going there. He was  
there just before going to  
Chester & it was a very  
painful time as you will  
understand. I think  
the best thing for me would  
be to have rooms at  
Gordonsbridge & go there.  
But we must be guided  
by your kind advice, &  
when the time comes  
I feel sure the right  
thing will be shown me  
to do.

I do feel, more than  
grateful, for all the  
kind interest you take

The Willows  
I see  
Bucks.

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Oct. 21:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

Thank you for your  
letter. Although disappointed  
I was not surprised to  
know that the Commissioners  
agreed with your opinion  
that the time is not yet  
ripe for my husband's  
discharge.

I had some enclosures  
from him a few days ago  
I was hesitating about  
sending them to you



but felt - I ought -

He is evidently holding  
intercourse & corresponding  
with some York business  
men that cannot be  
at all good for him.

As you will see from  
the nature of them, it  
is only feeding some of  
the ideas we are so  
anxious he will put  
out of his mind -

I suppose the Testimonials  
are bona fide?

Yours very Sincerely  
Mary L. Reave

P.S.

Since writing this I  
have heard from the  
husband of my sister  
that he will very  
likely be able to  
visit my husband  
next week, & would  
like to know the days  
he will be sure of  
being able to see you -  
if you will please  
kindly tell me.

455  
Inglewood.

Gordonsbridge

Nants.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 1909.

Dear W. Pierce

I am writing to ask  
if you will kindly let  
me know when you have  
time, how my brother is  
getting on, and say ~~at~~  
~~what~~ what you really think  
of him.

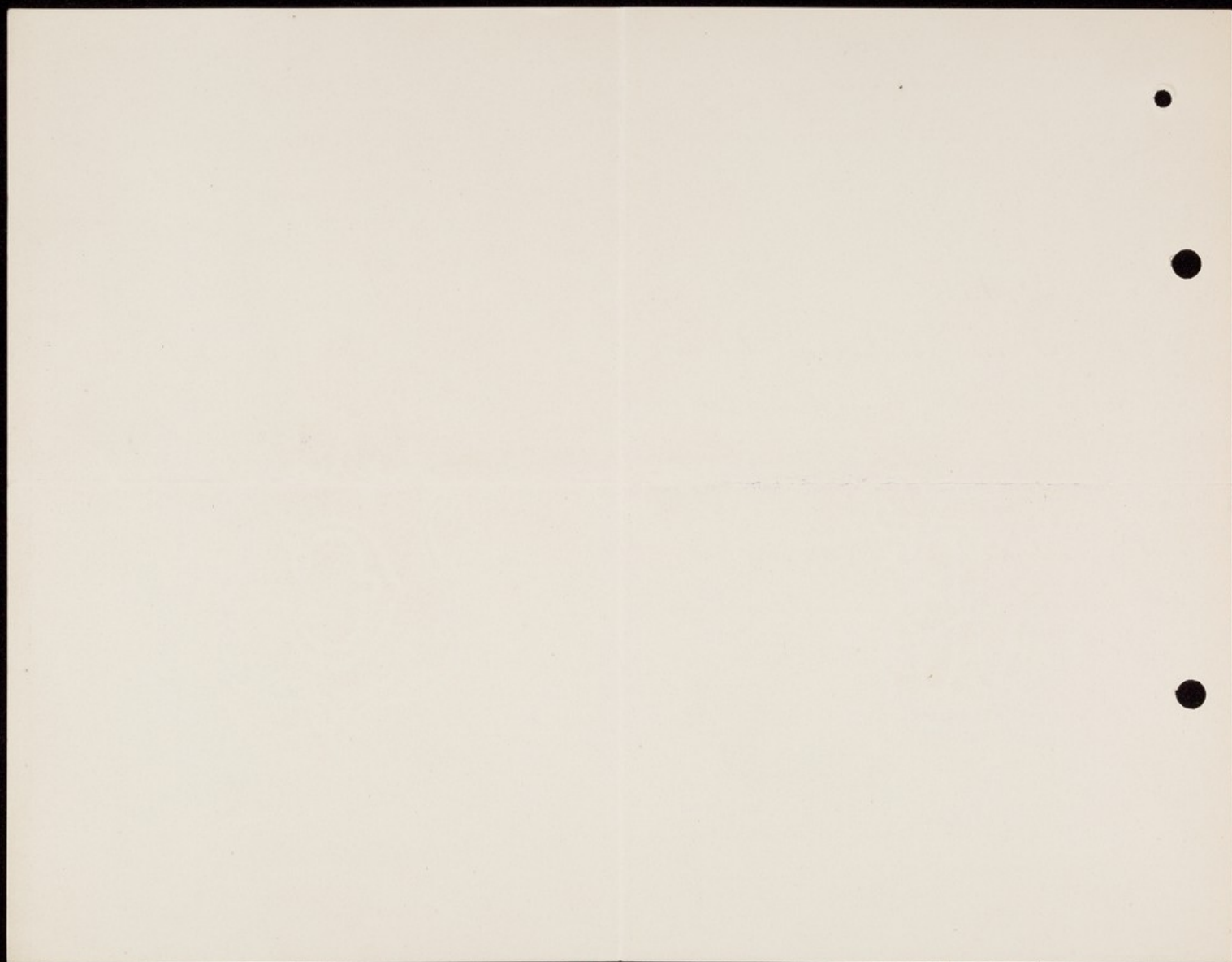
With kind regards

Yours sincerely

R. James Neave.

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state to remain as a boarder.

He was never detained against  
his will.

The case is very inter-  
esting as the alternating  
periods seem to have been of  
such long duration.

Nicol is going to  
Australia on the 27th inst.  
He has kept remarkably well

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,

W. SCOWCROFT,  
TUESDAYS 12-3,  
FRIDAYS 2-3,  
72 BRIDGE ST,  
MANCHESTER.

LUGGAGE STATION,  
CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.  
L. & N.W.R.Y. AND CHESHIRE LINES.

TELEPHONE:-  
208 CHEADLE HULME.

CHEADLE ROYAL,  
CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

13th July 1909.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

It is perfectly  
true that Mr Neave never signed  
any paper on his admission  
here but it was fully explained  
to him by me before his  
admission that he came  
voluntarily and of his own



free will and accord.

I should never think of  
asking a boarder to sign  
any document whatever as  
it is not, as you know, worth  
the paper it is written upon.  
It is immaterial to me

whether they wish to remain  
or not as I find most  
boarders ~~and~~ unsatisfactory  
cases and cause a great deal  
of worry.

On the Commissioners'  
visit Mr Neave made no  
complaint to them about his  
detention but they considered  
that he was not in a fit mental

CHEADLE ROYAL,  
CHEADLE, CHESHIRE. ✓

Dr Bedford Pierce continued.

and may possibly remain so  
although his family history  
is not a very good one.

He has not given us the least  
trouble and has had his parole  
for some considerable time.

With kindest regards  
Respectfully,  
R. V. Cowan



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is that he never complains  
about anything with regard  
to 'The Rehearsal' so I know  
he is really happy,  
except when he sits  
down to write to me!  
Again thanking you for  
your letter.

Yours very sincerely  
M. L. Peave

At The Willows <sup>250</sup>  
Jock  
Bucks.

June 28:

Dear Mr MacKenzie

I do not know if  
Mr Price has yet returned  
but I should like to thank  
you for your letter. I  
should have done so earlier,  
but have been very occupied  
during the past week or  
two - preparing for the  
storing of my furniture  
& giving up of my home.  
The sad fact of all this



seems to have no effect  
on my husband, & his  
letters of late have been  
very depressing. In one  
of to-day he tells me he  
has had the advice of a  
lawyer with regard to his  
rights &c. - but I sincerely  
trust this is not so, for  
I really cannot afford  
this sort of thing, I am  
sorry to say - & indeed I  
doubt very much with you,  
if it would in any way  
satisfy him.

He also tells me he  
has borrowed money from  
some of the Allenbants  
which I hope is not correct.

I knew you were very  
kindly allowing him to  
earn some pocket-money  
& so have sent him very  
little for some time. I  
felt he had more than  
sufficient; & I cannot  
now afford him more than  
is absolutely necessary  
for his wants, as I am  
exceedingly poor. It is  
so difficult to make  
him understand all  
this, & I fear he is  
not making the same  
rapid improvement that  
he did at first.

The one thing that -  
comforts me very much

My address after the  
28<sup>th</sup> will be -

83 Fountain Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham

<sup>307</sup>  
The Willows  
Ick  
Bucks

July 20:

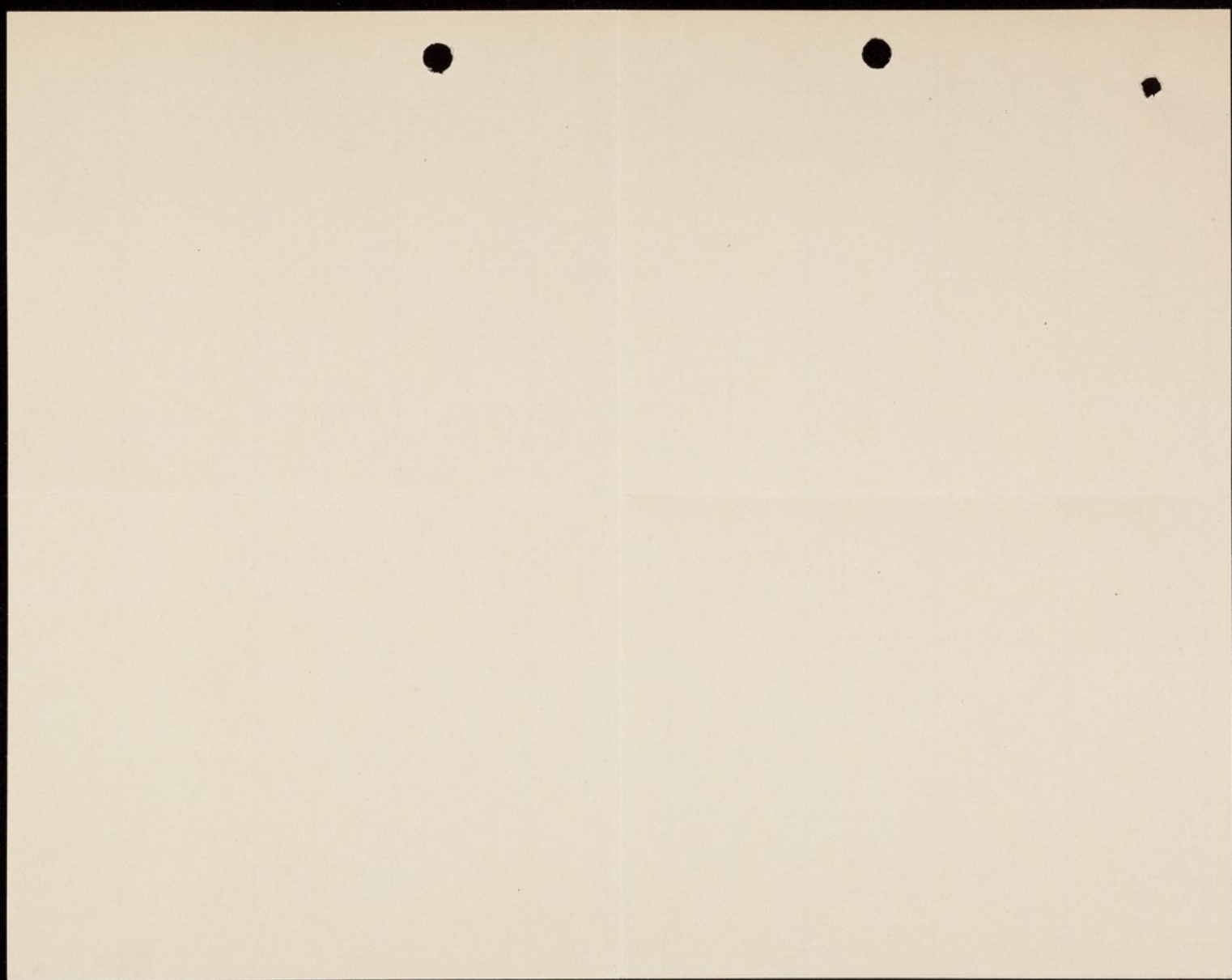
Dear W<sup>m</sup> Pierce

I enclose Cheque  
for amount £20. 12. 8.

My husband is not - I  
feel in a much happier  
frame of mind yet - he  
returns my letters when  
I write - but I must drop  
for better presently.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Keave





The Willows

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Dr.

Bucks.

July 9:

Dear W<sup>m</sup> Rice,

I thank you very much for your kind letter & for wishing to spare me all you can in the matter of my husband's letter-writing. It is very painful to have him writing to mere acquaintances & I will be so glad if you will only permit him to write to the persons whose names I enclose. He can—



understands that - when  
he wishes to write to his  
son & youngest daughter -  
& one or two others - & encloses  
to me I will forward them,  
as it saves postage.

I am sorry you think  
you are a little less  
able to influence him  
just now - but I trust  
this present unhappy  
frame of mind will  
soon improve.

I should like to know  
if you really think  
my husband will ever  
be fit for business again.  
His brother is perhaps  
a little unduly frightened

at the idea - but it -  
would be a sadly serious  
matter were he to  
enter into it - not fit -  
& take up his foolish  
scheme again - it -  
would mean hopeless ruin.

Thank you for your  
kind expression about  
my boy. It is a great  
disappointment - it -  
would have meant such  
relief & help to me.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary D. Peave

(287)  
James Peave (brother)

Mrs Currier Sister

Mrs Peave Whitney "

Mrs M<sup>c</sup> Shoen (daughter)

Mrs Armstrong (Sister-in-law)





Longleat.

Fordingbridge

Hants.

9<sup>th</sup> July 1909

Dear Sir

Mr Allen Neave has shown me your letter to her of the 5<sup>th</sup> July. It has made her anxious because her circumstances are very much straitened and if her husband were to leave you he would probably resume his former reckless dis-regard of the value of money.

Were he to act as he did before he went to

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Chard there would soon be a financial catastrophe for all his family including himself.

You will appreciate this when I tell you that all he possesses is his interest in Neave & Co Ltd which (assuming his shares pay 5 per cent) means only about £130 —

It would therefore be impossible for him and his family to live even as economically as they do without an allowance which for the present the Company makes.



My brother's position  
is clearly defined by  
the Articles of the  
Company (there is no  
partnership and he has  
no claim of any kind  
beyond the shares & a  
few debentures in the  
Company which bring in  
the income mentioned  
above.

I should very much  
like his Solicitor Mr. Pyemish  
(an old friend of our  
family) to see <sup>you</sup> and  
perhaps he could arrange  
this during vacation  
time next month. He

could explain the whole  
position to you. •  
Are you likely to be in  
London soon? If so I  
would ask him if he  
could meet you there.

I remain  
yours faithfully  
R. James Neave.

Bedford Pierce Esq  
The Retreat  
York.

an Indian Appointment -  
he was amongst the Selected  
Candidates, but was rejected  
by the Medical Board.)

You will see by this  
I cannot keep a home  
& am at present visiting  
with some kind friends,  
& have sent my daughter  
to school.

With regard to my  
husband having any claim  
~~upon~~ his brother, as far as  
I know he has none, nor  
would there be the shadow  
of a chance of his being  
allowed to take his  
position in the Business  
again, were he not  
positively declared by ~~the~~

at The Willows<sup>271</sup>  
Dover  
Bucks.

July 6:

Dear Mr. Pierce,

I very much feared  
there was no improvement  
in my husband's condition,  
so your letter of to-day  
convinces my fears.

He has just returned  
me the last letter I wrote  
him - with a very bitter  
outpouring. I find it  
impossible to reason with  
him of late - & every thing  
I say to him he resents  
& will only dwell on  
my cruelty & injustice



to him in keeping him  
Certified "etc." It is terribly  
trying, & my Cup of Sorrow  
seems very full at present.

I will explain to you  
quite plainly his position  
financially -

Prior to this trouble he  
was drawing £300 per year  
from the Business, as  
Director, but as he is  
now a Certified Lunatic  
he ceases to be a Director  
& hence his salary ceases,  
& he has absolutely  
nothing except what  
interest may accrue to him  
from £3000 Capital in  
the Business.

His brother therefore agreed  
to give him a Pension -  
for a time only - of £150  
per year. Out of this his  
entire expenses are met,  
his Insurance premium  
paid, Storage of our furniture  
etc. - which means really  
that every penny of the  
£150 is swallowed up in  
this way, & I am solely  
dependent on the interest  
of the £3000 for the main-  
tenance of myself & <sup>education of my</sup> daughter,  
& also give my Son a little  
help, who is at Norwich  
at present, earning only  
£1 per week. (I am sorry  
to say he has not got

✓  
You, & other Medical men<sup>271</sup>  
to be of absolutely sound  
mind - So that the  
very serious side, to his  
being liberated, before he  
is really fit; is, that  
the little he now has  
would soon be gone.

I will ask his brother  
to write you more fully  
with regard to his terms  
of partnership in the  
business, as he will  
better explain it.

About signing a  
Voluntary Boarder paper.  
at Chaddle I really  
cannot tell you whether  
he did so or not - but -



I do know that Dr. Sconcroft put it very plainly to him why he had come there, & asked him if he were willing to stay - to which he replied he was. Would you like me to write to Cheadle with regard to this point, or perhaps Dr. Wilson of Crewe could tell me.

I feel I have not made all I have wanted, as clear to you as I might - but I am feeling so terribly worried to-day - & had the

disappointing news of my boy's rejection by the India Medical Board by the same post - as your letter.

I will write you again if there is any thing further you would like to know.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

2  
Maure House <sup>(237)</sup>  
Neabridge  
Southampton

June 2:

Dear Dr. Percie,

I feel very sorry to  
trouble you, but my husband's  
letters of late have been very  
worrying & altogether very  
discussing, & I feel so  
anxious to know if you  
consider he is really  
maintaining the great  
improvement - which he  
had undoubtedly made?  
I have thought - perhaps  
his present interest -



may merely be due to  
his keen disappointment  
that we did not make  
immediate arrangements  
for his leaving York, when  
we visited him at last.  
He has been so very bitter  
in his correspondence since.  
I hope it is simply owing  
to this, but I should feel  
most grateful for a few lines  
just to know what your  
opinion of him is now.

I am so afraid that  
in his present mood he  
may get into correspondence  
with some lawyer or other  
& it is so difficult to  
reason with him on this

point - or to convince him  
that it is not a case for a  
lawyer to be of any help.  
He has been so fond  
for such a long time - &  
has not to my knowledge  
posted any letters  
secretly. He also is  
still most pleased with  
every thing - & every body - in  
connection with the Patent  
- it is just this very  
natural desire, to be  
freed. I suppose that  
so troubles him.

With kindest regards  
Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Howe



July 15, 1909

Dear Dr. Scowcroft,

Many thanks for your letter. I entirely agree with you that Voluntary Boarders are as a class most unsatisfactory, and certainly not worth the trouble they give. I believe at St. Andrews they decline to take them, but I feel it rather a duty to the infirm in mind that we should give them an opportunity of being treated voluntarily, but I fear this willingness to help is entirely misunderstood, and I expect very few Voluntary Boarders are grateful.

With regard to their admission, we always get them to sign a paper: I enclose a form. I always thought it was usual in other places to do the same. I am aware that as a legal document it is valueless, but I certainly find it useful as making it clear that patients can leave if they want to do so, and also that one month's fees will be charged. Because Neave has ascertained that our Voluntary Boarders sign such papers he thinks he ought to have signed one when he came to you.

I am glad to hear that Nicol has done so well. I only hope he will be able to make a fresh start on the other side.

Yours very truly,



July 12, 1954

Dear Mr. [Name]

I am pleased to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying the summer.

I am writing you to let you know that I have received your letter of the 10th and am sorry that I have not been able to reply to you more quickly. I have been very busy with my work and have not had much time to devote to my private correspondence.

I am sorry that I have not been able to visit you as often as I would like to. I have been very busy with my work and have not had much time to devote to my private life.

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April 23, 1909

Dear Mrs. Neave,

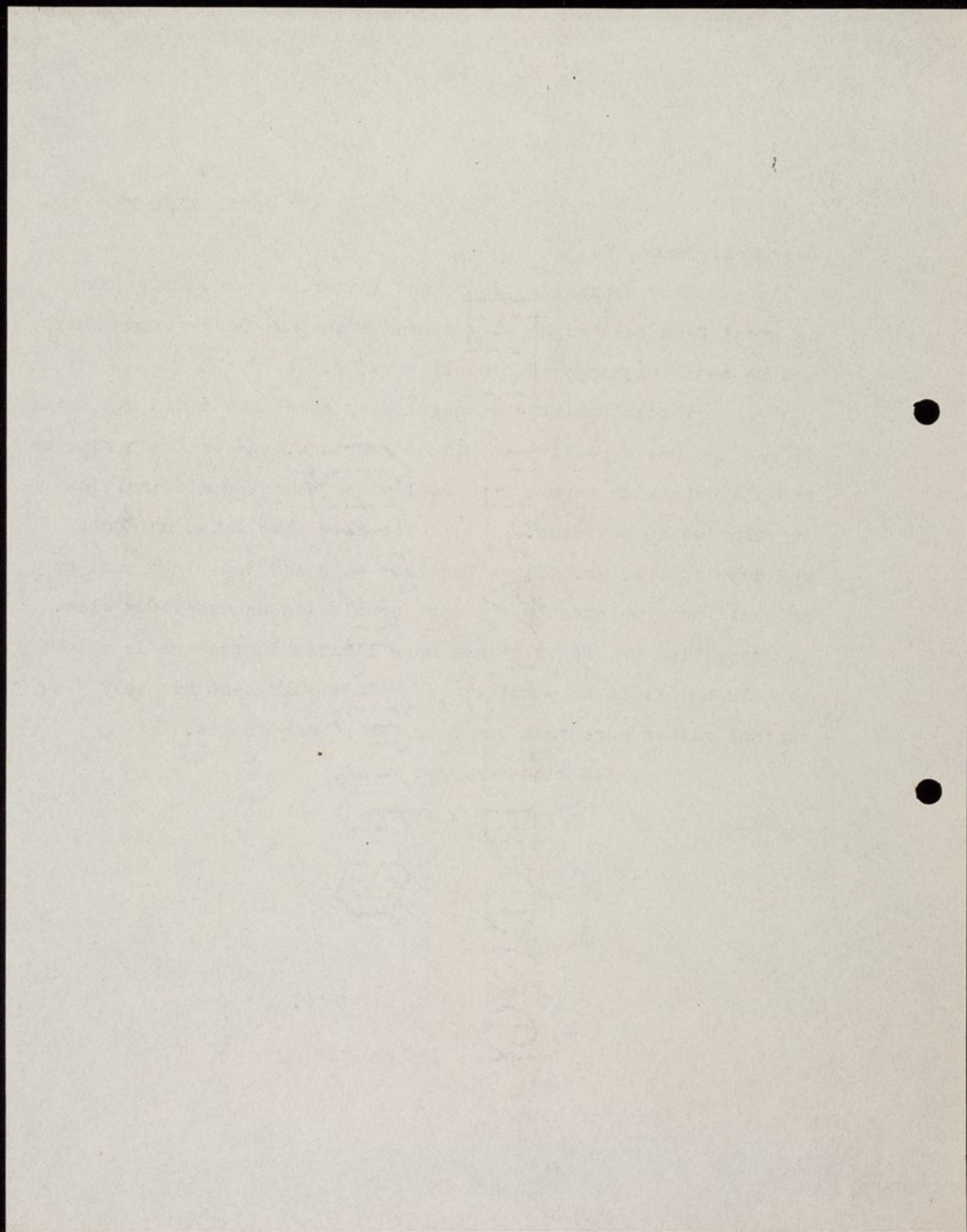
Many thanks for your kind letter. Mr. Neave was in great form last night at a dance in the new Recreation Room and he certainly enjoyed himself greatly.

I told him before your letter came that I did not think it was any use appealing to Wilson Marriage, and that the reasons for his detention were a good deal wider than the difficulties in relation to business. I also said that I had no doubt whatever that if Mr. Wilson Marriage came and went into matters he would come to exactly the same conclusion as everybody else. We are giving Mr. Neave rather more liberty in that he is allowed to walk out alone on parole. This will test his self control rather more than has been the case hitherto.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,





✓ Manor House  
Redbridge  
Southampton

April 3.

Dear W<sup>t</sup> Pierce,  
Thank you for  
your letter.

My husband's eldest-  
brother & my self both  
hope to come to  
York about the 16<sup>th</sup>  
April. Should any-  
thing turn up however  
to necessitate my  
brother-in-law postponing



is going, till a few  
days later I will  
let you know. I am  
writing to let my  
husband know our  
present plans.

Yours Sincerely  
M. L. Neave

March 13, 1909

Dear Mrs. Neave,

There is no doubt that Mr. Neave has improved during the short time he has been at the Retreat. There is, however, no fundamental change, and he still has expansive ideas as to his business capacity, and appears to be hostile towards his brothers, and thinks he has been badly treated. However he is not difficult to do with, and is willing to follow my advice; and our relations are quite pleasant.

There will be some difficulty with regard to the expense of the special diabetic diet. I do not know what the Committee will say with regard to the weekly cost of the Gluten bread. However that must be left for the present.

Yours very truly,





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I shall be very anxious  
to know a little more  
about my husband's con-  
dition, regarding the  
diabetes - & the extent  
of the probable extra  
cost - of the treatment  
you consider necessary.

Yours very sincerely  
Mary L. Keave

W<sup>m</sup> Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

152  
● Manor House  
Reading  
Southampton

March 15.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very  
much for yours of this  
morning. I am glad  
to know my husband  
has really improved, since  
he has been at the  
Retreat. But it has  
come I might say as  
a shock to me, that  
the Diabetes is again  
asserting itself, & that



it is considered necessary  
he should have diabetic  
treatment. The doctors  
at Chease Royal never  
seemed to treat this  
trouble with any seriousness  
but gave me to understand  
that the percentage of  
sugar in his system was  
a minimum, & latterly  
that he was practically  
well. I asked Dr. Wilson  
however some little time  
ago to ask for if it had  
really disappeared - for  
my husband had pronounced  
symptoms of it - when Dr.  
Wilson saw him last April.

It will be a very serious  
question with me, how to  
afford any more for  
special diet. I have  
a little girl not yet  
fourteen to be educated,  
& am breaking up my  
home in June, & during  
nearly all I shall have  
to see education - so as  
to fit her to earn her  
living - for I cannot  
help feeling it is all  
very hopeless about my  
husband entering into  
any business again,  
& the future looks very  
dark.

Letter to Othello & we all  
see a great improvement  
in him - although his  
happy frame of mind  
may have much to  
do with this.

We all more & more  
appreciate your great  
kindness in having him  
at the Retreat - I do  
indeed feel truly grateful  
for it all.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Keave

W<sup>m</sup> Bedford Price  
The Retreat  
Goth

● Thaw's House  
Reabridge  
Southampton

March 11.

Dear Sir,

I fear it may  
still be rather early  
days for you to pronounce  
a very decided opinion  
on my husband (Mr. Keave)  
but I am getting a  
little anxious to know  
what you really  
think of him.

It is most gratifying &  
comforting to know he  
is so absolutely happy



at the Retreat. Not a  
single fault - or murmur  
about anything in  
connection with it - since  
he went to you - but  
all in praise of everything.

The disappointing part  
is, that his ideas, with  
regard to money matters,  
& also his determination  
to sever his connection  
with his brothers in the  
Business, remain  
just the same. I  
have tried so hard of  
late to reason with him  
a little & have put the  
sad truth very plainly

to him. That I must  
break up our home in a  
few months (if he is not  
better) as I will not  
have the means to support  
one. But it has little  
or no effect on him, &  
he continues to worry just  
the same for more pocket-  
money, more tobacco &c. &c.  
He is still very bitterly  
disposed towards me  
for certifying him, &  
refuses to see that  
his doctors had any  
part in it.

Apart from all this  
to my self, he has been  
writing wonderfully sensible

but trust that my husband's  
intense regard for you, - &  
his confidence in all around  
him - will ere long compel  
him to see things as  
you are endeavoring to  
present them to him,  
& so hasten his recovery.

Yours Sincerely  
M. Peave

● Maudie Jones  
Reabridge  
Southampton

April 20: ✓

Dear Dr. Pierce,

My brother-in-law has  
forwarded Dr. MacKenzie's  
letter to me, also my  
husband's copy of letter  
he wishes forwarded to  
Mr. Wilson Marriage, &  
has asked me to write  
you to save time.

He thinks it best not  
to send the letter. Mr.  
Marriage is a very busy  
man, & it would mean



entering into a wearying  
correspondence with my  
husband. My brother-in-law  
may possibly see the  
marriage at Whittemore  
& if my husband is still  
desirous of having his opinion  
he will ask him to write  
him & advise him not to  
sever his connection with  
his brothers in the business  
& to leave all this dis-  
cussion till they meet -  
as it is so difficult  
by letters. He will look  
into my husband in this  
straw, & hope he will be  
satisfied.

I felt so cheered by

your hopefulness about  
him, that it is a little  
disappointing he is taking  
up this thread again. He  
was on the whole wonderfully  
subdued & rational all  
the day Saturday after your  
talk to him, & I hoped it  
had much effect.

I should like to take this  
opportunity of thanking  
you very much for all  
your kindness, & for giving  
us so much of your  
valuable time during  
our visit to York. I am  
glad to have seen the  
bright-happy surroundings  
at the Retreat, & I can

"COILA",

CREWE.

Dear Sir

a patent of mine - Mr Neave  
now a resident in Cheadle  
Royal. is I believe about to be  
transferred to your Home.  
- I should esteem it a great  
favour if you would kindly  
inform me as to the



course of procedure. So  
that I may inform his  
relations here -

I hope he will be more  
comfortable under you. As  
I ~~attend~~ I think he has been  
genuinely and fretting at  
Chevalle - Regarding the trouble I  
am giving I am faithfully yours  
Charles W. Brown

(78)  
Maudie House  
Reabridge  
Southampton

Feb. 1:

Dear Sir,

I am very sorry  
to trouble you again so  
soon - but I forgot -  
when writing to you  
yesterday, to enclose  
addresses of friends  
to whom my husband  
has been allowed to  
write to direct - Any  
other letters he writes  
I will feel obliged



if they are finally  
forwarded to me, at  
intervals. One of our  
great troubles with him  
till recently was his  
posting letters secretly  
but this I trust he  
will not try to resort  
to again - He quite  
understands now that  
I post on for him.

I heard from Charles  
Royal this morning  
that he went to  
you Friday last -  
Yours very sincerely  
May L. Reave

Wm Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

(77)  
Hampshire House  
Reading  
Southampton  
Jan. 31:

Dear Sir,  
I understood from  
Mr. Scowcroft - that my  
husband (Mr. Reave) was  
leaving Cheam Royal  
for the Retreat on  
Friday last? I am  
very anxious to know  
if he did go, & how  
he seems? He has  
not written to me  
himself for a week



& I have had no further confirmation of his going from any other source. I trust however he is safely with you, & feeling a little more contented. As he is sadly indifferent to the value of money, & ~~is~~ inclined to be very extravagant in his small daily wants I shall be so glad if you will only allow him to have tobacco to the value of about 1/- in the week - & also kindly supply him

with quite cheap note paper &c. as he writes a great deal - I send him postage stamps very much by self as a rule.

Yours sincerely  
Mary L. Peave

Dr Bedford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT,

W. SCOWCROFT.

TUESDAYS 12-3,

FRIDAYS 2-3,

72 BRIDGE ST,  
MANCHESTER.

LUGGAGE STATION,

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

L. & N.W.RY AND CHESHIRE LINES.

(75)  
TELEPHONE  
208 CHEADLE HULME.

CHEADLE ROYAL,

CHEADLE, CHESHIRE.

28th January 1909.

Dear Dr Bedford Pierce,

We propose

to send Mr Neave to you tomorrow

Friday but the train arriving

at York at 12-30.

Our head attendant Mr Stott

will accompany him and Doctor



Scowcroft will be very  
much obliged if you will  
kindly show him a little of  
your hospital.

We have the Orders for  
removal, one of which we  
will send with the patient.

Faithfully yours,

*Joseph C. C. / K*  
Senr: Assist: Med: Off:

71  
Mans House  
Redbridge  
Southampton

Jan. 26:

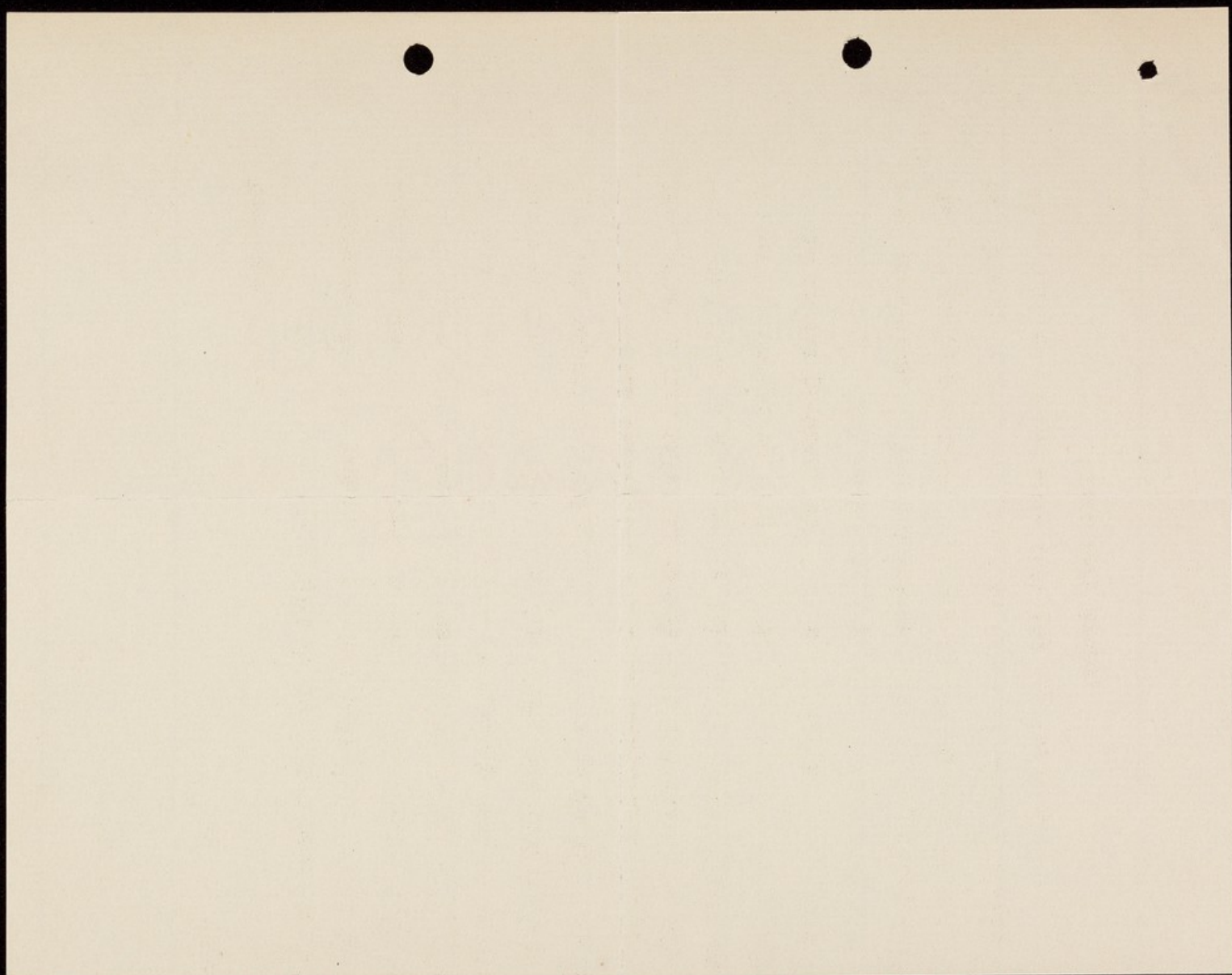
Dear Sir,

I enclose form received to-day from the Lunacy Commission for you. I have also signed, & forwarded to Dr. Scovcroft the two copies of Consent & Order form.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Keave

Dr. Beaford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York





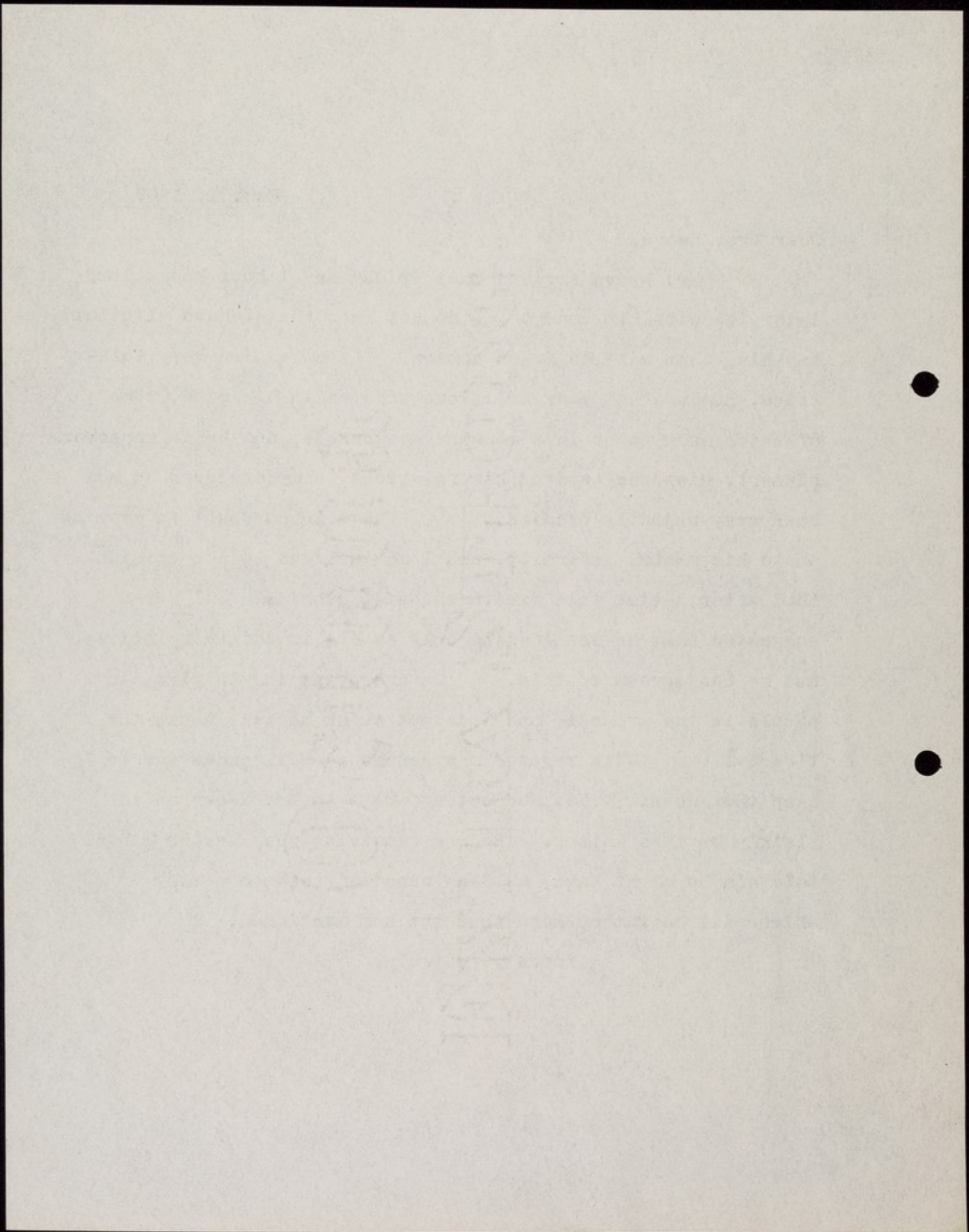
Feb. 1, 1909

Dear Mrs. Neave,

Mr. Neave arrived last Friday and I have had a long interview with him today. I do not know that I have elicited anything that will be fresh to you. He remains very talkative, has a great many ambitious schemes in his mind, some of which seem to be in a measure reasonable, and he is moreover bitterly disposed towards his relations, and considers he has been very unjustly treated.. There is no doubt in my mind as to his mental infirmity, and I am inclined to the opinion that after a time this excitement will subside. I have suggested that he shall write only to his immediate relatives, and he has agreed to this. We are proposing to give him parole in the grounds, and I do not think he will abuse the liberty. With regard to expenses we will endeavour to keep them down. You had better write to Mr. Neave quite plainly on this matter. Before receiving your letter I had told him he might have half an ounce of tobacco weekly which will be rather more than the sum mentioned.

Yours very truly,





Feb.1, 1909

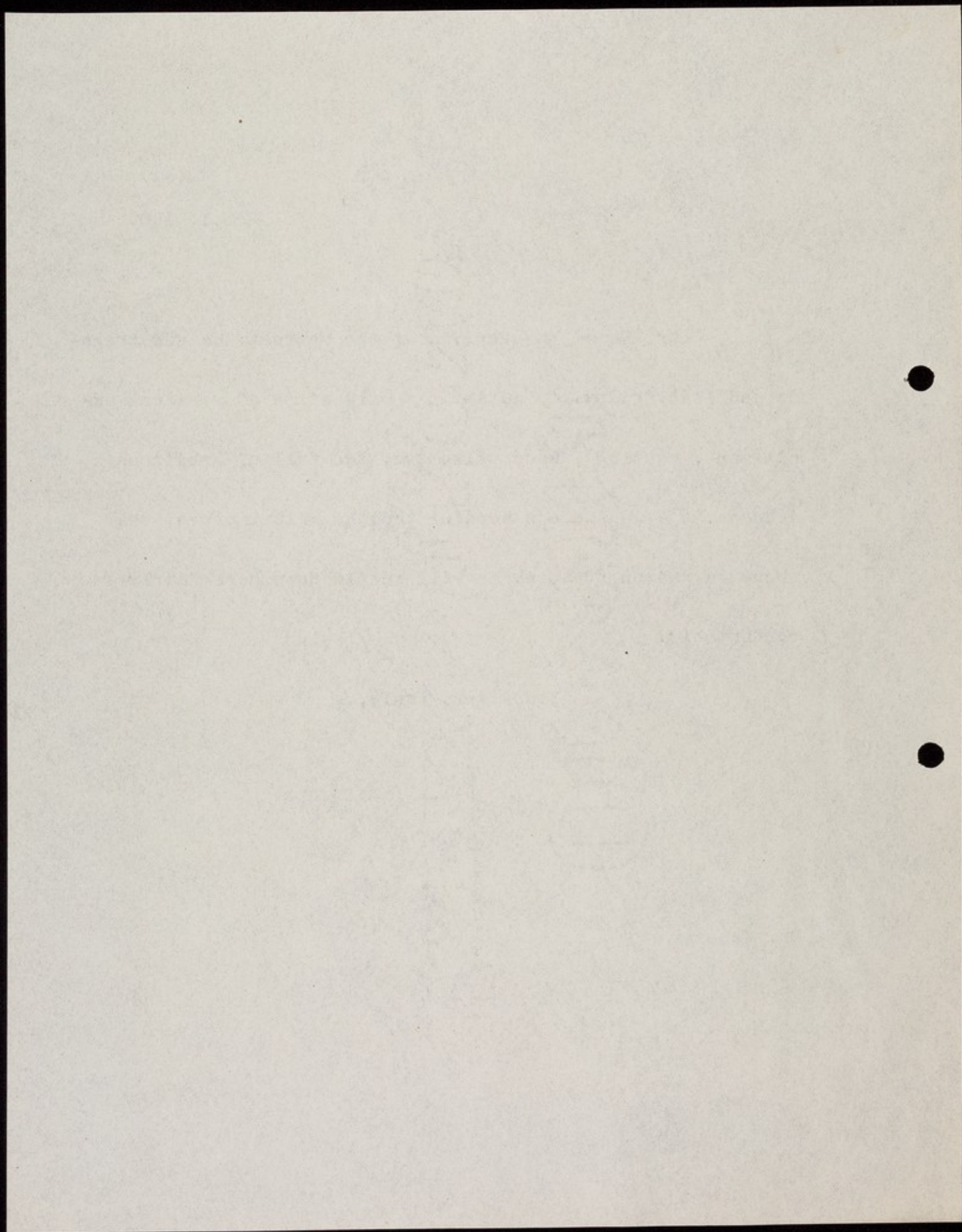
Dear Sir,

Mr. Neave has arrived at the Retreat: he was transferred last Friday. He is in a mild state of maniacal excitement, restless, very talkative, and full of ambitious schemes. We are hopeful that he will improve, and there is reason to think he will settle down here fairly comfortably.

Yours very truly,

Dr. Webster





Jan. 21, 1909

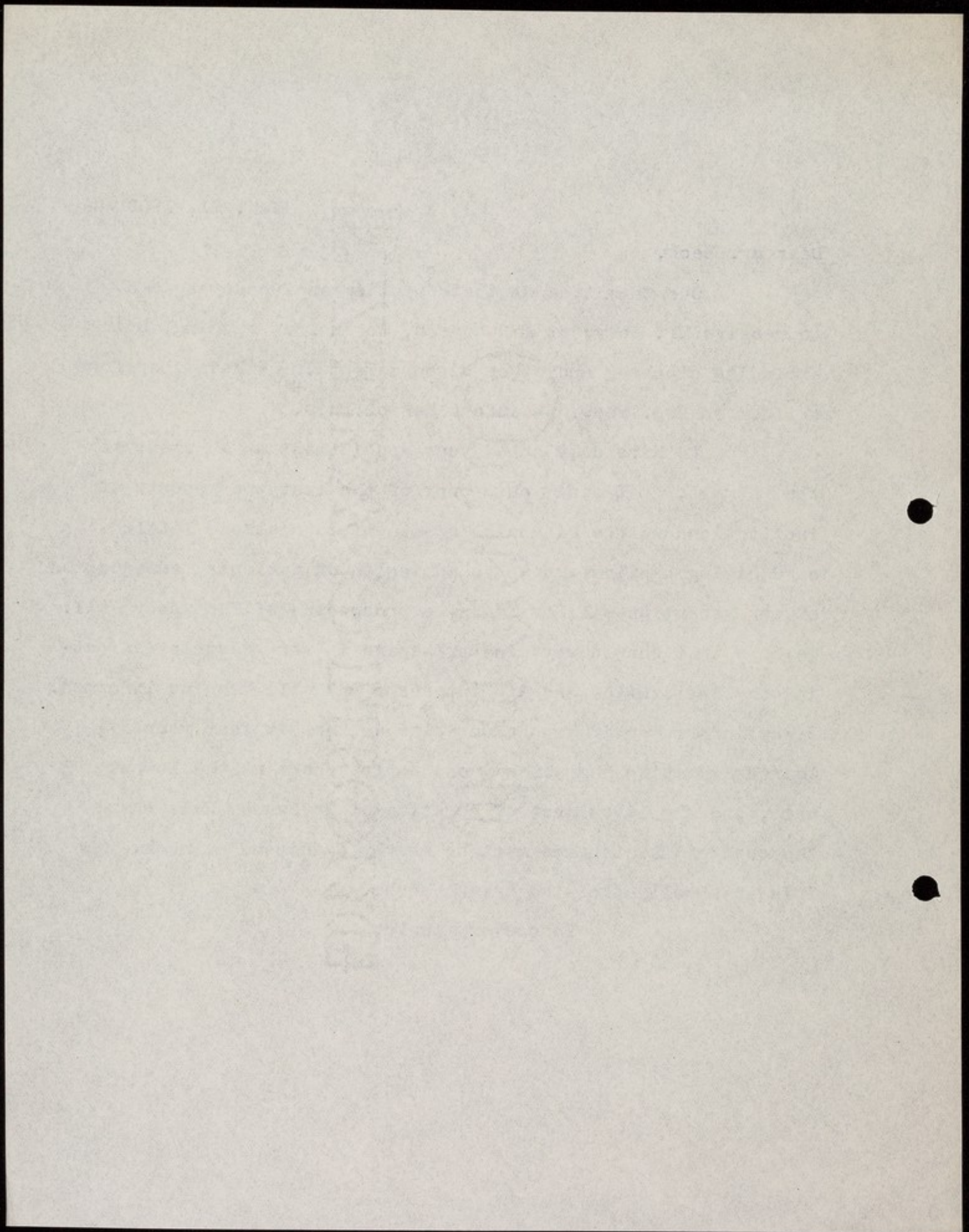
Dear Mr. Beck,

Our Committee at their meeting on Tuesday agreed to receive Mr. Neave at £75 a year, to include washing, but excluding clothing and other disbursements. I have therefore written to Mrs. Neave to inform her of this.

We have duly noted your appointment as an agent to the Retreat. I send you a copy of the last two reports of institution and the financial statement, and also a little card giving particulars as to admission of patients, some copies of our recent appeal for funds, <sup>and</sup> a prospectus of Throxenby Hall. We hope that should anything transpire in your district affecting the institution and its interests you will keep us informed. I may inform you if you do not already know it that your Quarterly Meeting has already one patient here at the lowest rate, and she lives most of her time at Throxenby Hall where the cost of maintenance must be nearly 3 guineas a week. This is a well appointed branch house.

Yours very truly,





Thames House  
Redbridge

Jan. 21: Southampton

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of  
your letter of to-day, for  
which I thank you  
very much indeed.

Will you please convey  
to the Committee how  
deeply grateful I feel  
for their kind & generous  
consideration of my  
husband's case.

I am writing to the  
Lunacy Commissioners



also to Dr Wilson of  
Crewe. (My husband's  
medical adviser, before  
his going to Chesham Royal)  
He will explain all the  
circumstances to Dr  
Scowcroft, & I trust  
all necessary arrangements  
will soon be made  
for his transfer to  
the Retreat - for his  
sufferings to go daily  
increases.

Again thanking you  
I remain  
Yours sincerely  
Mary L. Keare

W<sup>m</sup> Bedford Price  
The Retreat  
York

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Witney, Oxon.

18 Jan. 1909

Dear Friend,

Bedford Pierce,

I am writing you with regard to Wm. Allen Neave (my wife's brother.) I understand that his wife is in correspondence with you with a view to his admittance to York Retreat. We (that is my wife & I) very much hope that it may be arranged for him to be admitted, especially as he has such a strong wish for it himself. I am not at all sure about ordinary asylum conditions as tending to recovery, and when there is no alternative except an asylum, it is no



desirable that there should be real sympathy & desire for welfare on the part of authorities. We should feel that at the Retreat the best was being done.

W. A. Neave's father was a friend. His sister (Mrs. Quertier) is still a friend. Another sister married a friend (myself). While we are not in touch with ~~these~~ his financial affairs, we hope the case will be regarded as one closely connected with friends, as we are given to understand that terms are the difficulty.

I think you will quite understand our anxiety in this matter.

Yours faithfully  
Richard Gundry Neave

ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

FROM THE CLERK:—

RICHARD BECK,  
BRITANNIA WHARF,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

To

Dr. Pears

York

Date

13 Jan 1909.

Dear Friend,

Wm A Neave

I sent your letter to R. James Neave, brother  
of W.A.N. & he sent on the letter to his sister in law.  
Enclosed is her reply.

If I can do anything further shall be only  
too pleased.

I notice there is no Agent for York Retreat  
appointed by our M/M. I will see that some one  
is asked to do so at our M/M here tomorrow.

Yours sincerely

R. Beck

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ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

To

From the Clerk

RICHARD PIERCE

BRISTOL

SOUTHAMPTON

Per

Per Friend

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eight months before we were  
married. His views have  
always remained strictly  
Evangelical, & this is why  
he has still such a leaning  
to Friends, & why he is so  
anxious to be placed  
amongst them. His letters  
to me, daily, are most-  
pathetic - pleading to be  
sent to the Retreat.

Thank you so much for all  
your kind help to me - I do  
trust the Committee will  
be able to see their way  
to taking him.

Yours very Sincerely  
Mary L. Neave

31  
13 JAN 1908  
Sharon House  
Reading  
Jan. 12:

Dear Mr Beck,

My brother-in-law, James  
Neave, has forwarded Dr  
Bedford Pierce's letter to  
me - as he thought I could  
best answer his questions.

My husband always  
attended Friends Meetings  
from his childhood, up  
to a year or so before  
his marriage. He had  
been living in Ireland  
for some time previously,



& also at Birmingham -  
& at the latter place took  
an active part in the work  
of the Society, which he  
often yet talks about.

Soon after his return  
to Lordingbridge, he I  
believe attended the Church  
there - for no reason that  
I have ever heard him  
express, but believe it -  
was simply owing to the  
fact that the Friends  
at Lordingbridge had  
 dwindled down to such  
a few - & chose his own  
relations - so that there  
was not much attraction  
(if I may use the word)

at the Meeting House just  
then for young men.  
He always retained the  
greatest sympathy through  
for the Society - which indeed  
I largely shared with him -  
& when we visited Ireland -  
which was fairly frequently  
for some years after our  
marriage, we always  
attended the Friends  
Meeting at Bessbrook.  
I am a member of the  
English Church by self,  
but I might add it was  
not owing to any influence  
on my part - that my  
husband left Friends, for  
I only knew him about



Jan. 8, 1909

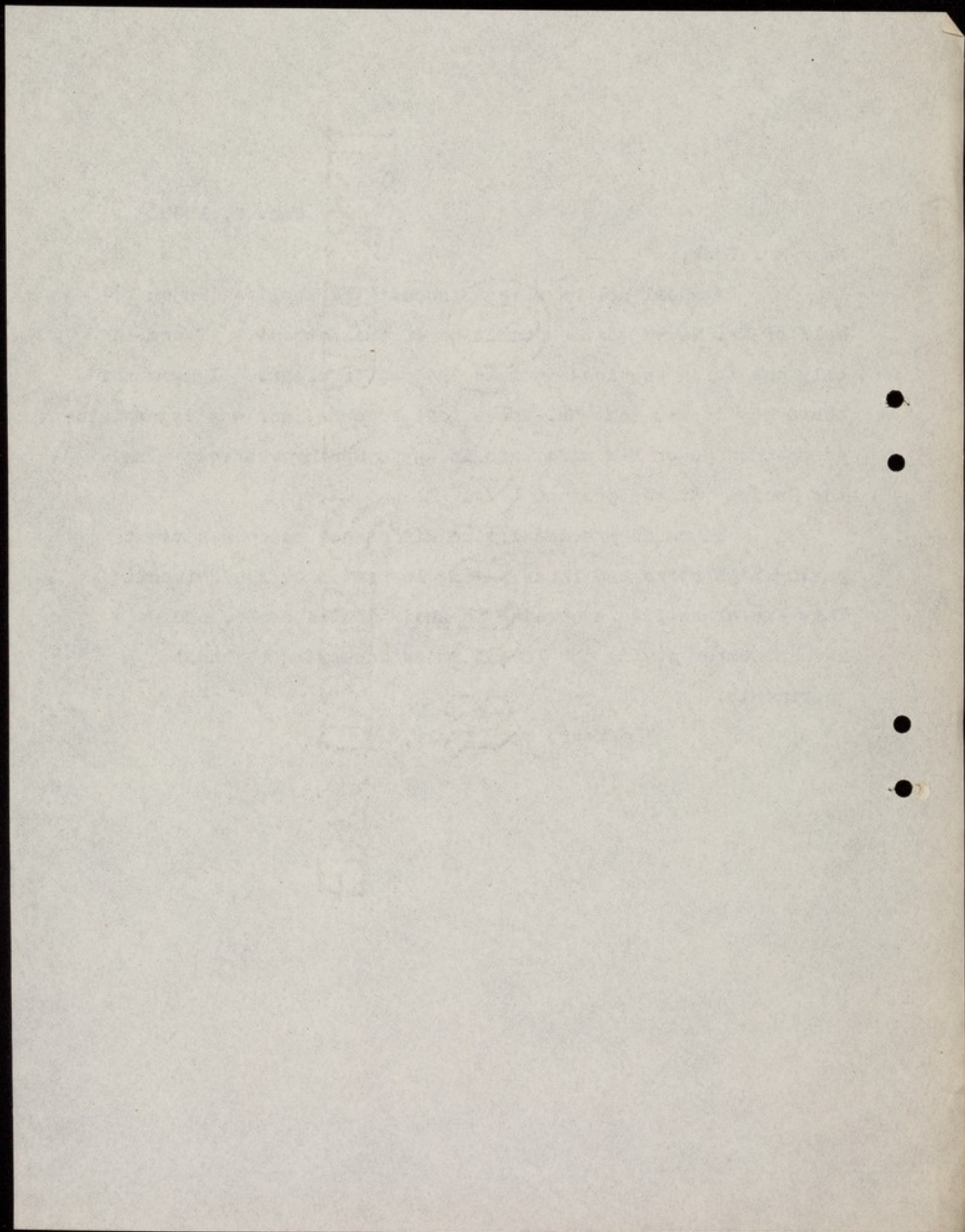
Dear Mr. Beck,

I shall now be able to submit the application on behalf of Mr. Neave to the Committee of the Retreat. There is only one thing required to make the matter clear. I have not heard how it was that Mr. Neave left Friends, nor was it explained whether he or his wife are in any sympathy whatever with the Society at the present time.

There is practically no difference between patients paying high rates and those paying low rates at the Retreat. They are classified according to their mental state, and we have a number paying the lowest rates occupying the best apartments.

Yours very truly,







ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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FROM THE CLERK:—

RICHARD BECK,  
BRITANNIA WHARF,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

To D. Bradford Pierce  
The Retreat  
York

Date Jan. 1909

Dear Friend,

Mr. Allen Neave.

I have today had a long chat with R. James Neave of Fordingbridge, brother of above, as to the financial position of his sister in law. I gathered from him that Mr. N. A. Neave cannot afford more than £75. per annum. He is himself making Mrs. Neave a substantial allowance out of the profits of his business, which practically comes out of his pocket, so that I do not think Mr. N. can look for any more financial help in that quarter, the other brother is more like a salaried partner.

Mr. Neave thinks that a transfer from Chaddle to York ~~is~~ be beneficial to his brother.

Does a patient who is rec<sup>d</sup> at a reduced scale receive the same attention & accommodation as those who pay higher?

I think this is all the information I can send to you.

Yours sincerely

R. Beck



ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOL MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

From the Clerk:-

RICHARD HEC

THOMAS W. WARR

SOUTHAMPTON

Date

Dear Friend



ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

(1058)

FROM THE CLERK:—

RICHARD BECK,  
BRITANNIA WHARF,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

To Dr Bedford Pearce

The Retreat

Date 24 xii 1908.

York.

Dear Friend,

Mrs William Allen Neave has been here today  
suspecting her husband who is now at the Cheadle Royal  
Institution - & she has shown me your letters.

I know W<sup>m</sup> A. Neave very well, constantly meeting him  
in the train. He is a partner in the firm of Neave & Co.  
Lutlens, Fordingbridge - (They are related to the Neave's Ford  
people, but the businesses ~~are~~ are distinct)

W<sup>m</sup> A. Neave is 52 in July - His father was a  
Friend James Reynolds Neave of Fordingbridge, I had the  
pleasure of meeting him in a "live" condition. W.A.N. have  
remained a Friend.

In some time past W. A. N. has been "mad" on  
labor saving schemes in the matter of book keeping - I  
have seen some of them - most, entirely impractical -  
This has involved him in considerable pecuniary loss & in  
his business I believe his brothers have had great difficulty  
with him in the way in which he spent money most unwisely.

Probably this makes Mrs Neave's income very limited &  
that she writes from "The Manor House", it is not a very grand  
place.

I explained to her that such Institutions as The Retreat  
were established for Members of the Socy of Fds, the Society at large  
having spent large sums to establish & maintain such



ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

To

From the Clerk

RICHARD BECK

George A. Wain

Southampton

Date

Dear Sir,



ALTON, SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

FROM THE CLERK:—

RICHARD BECK,

BRITANNIA WHARF,  
SOUTHAMPTON.

To \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friend,

and that it was customary to ask a higher fee for those who were not Friends, as we did in the case of our Schools.

Mrs Kew is evidently in great distress over her husband's state & I do not know how far his friends are helping her or w<sup>d</sup> help.

What w<sup>d</sup> be the harvest for you & ask in such a case, & with whom w<sup>d</sup> be associated at The Retreat?

From what I know of W. H. N. it w<sup>d</sup> seem to be a case of a man having entirely lost his balance, being absolutely absorbed in working out office schemes for saving time & clerks, when he sh<sup>d</sup> have been playing golf or gardening or collecting Nat<sup>l</sup> History objects -

His wife said sadly "he never had a hobby" -

I will make all the enquiries I can, & let you know after the holidays, but I promised Mrs N. I w<sup>d</sup> write you tonight.

Y<sup>r</sup> sincerely R. Beck

I am brother to  
Mrs Joseph Peters  
whom I think  
you know



ALTON SOUTHAMPTON AND POOLE MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

To

From The Clerk

RICHARD BECK

BRITAIN, WARR

SOUTHAMPTON

Date

Dear Friend

Dec. 22, 1908

Dear Madam,

We learn from M.C.H.Ashby, Elmsleigh, Bassett, Hants.  
that his father to whom we referred you as agent, is deceased.  
We had not been informed of this.

Under the circumstances we have asked the Mr. Ashby  
mentioned above to take up the question as there is no other  
appointed agent for Southampton.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Neave



Dec. 22, 1908

Dear Friend,

I think it is true that our list of agents needs revising, but it seems strange that we have not heard that your father was deceased, as we have every year sent him reports and notices of meetings and so forth.

I think early in the new year we must write round to / the various Monthly Meetings asking them to correct the list.

Seeing there is no agent perhaps you would be able to answer the questions raised in the letter, yourself.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

M.C.H.Ashby Esq.

1044  
Manor House  
Neabridge  
Southampton

Dec. 21

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your  
letter of Dec. 16. I find  
Mr Morris Ashby of  
Bassett is not your  
agent - his father who  
died some time ago  
held the office.

Mr Richard Beck  
of Bitterne (some six  
miles from here) has  
a great deal to do with  
the work of the



Society of Friends in  
Southampton neighbourhood  
& it was my original  
intention to see him prior  
to receiving your letter  
referring me to Mr. Ashby,  
as he, Mr. Beck, knows  
my husband, & also his  
family. I am writing  
Mr. Beck this evening, &  
hope to see him very  
soon - He will I am  
sure, put my case more  
clearly & fully to your  
Committee, & I trust  
they will be able to  
see their way to

taking him at The  
Retreat, when you  
have a vacancy.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary Anne

W<sup>m</sup> Bedford Price  
The Retreat  
York.

Dec. 16, 1908

Dear Madam,

I submitted your letter to the Committee at their meeting yesterday. I regret to say that just at present we have no room on the male side, but are hoping that in a week or two there will be a vacancy. The Committee were disposed to make some reduction in terms below the figure mentioned, 48/- a week, but they did not feel the case was one which had much claim on the Retreat, seeing that Mr. Neave has severed his connection with the Society of Friends.

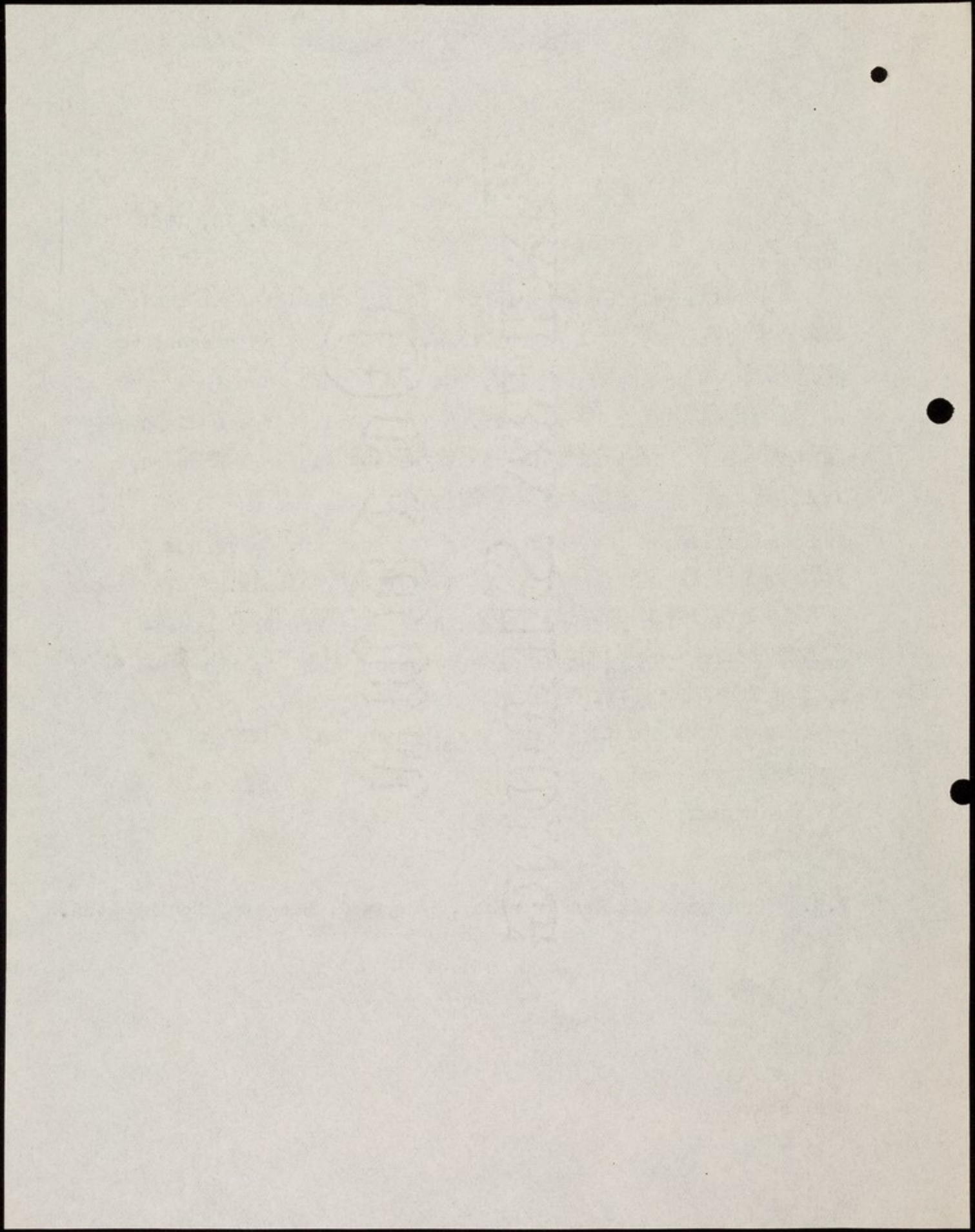
I think perhaps it would be well for you to communicate with our agent in your neighbourhood, to whom I am writing on the matter.

Yours very truly,

P.S. Our agent is Morris Ashby, Lingwood, Bassett, Southampton.

Mrs. Neave





Dec. 16, 1908

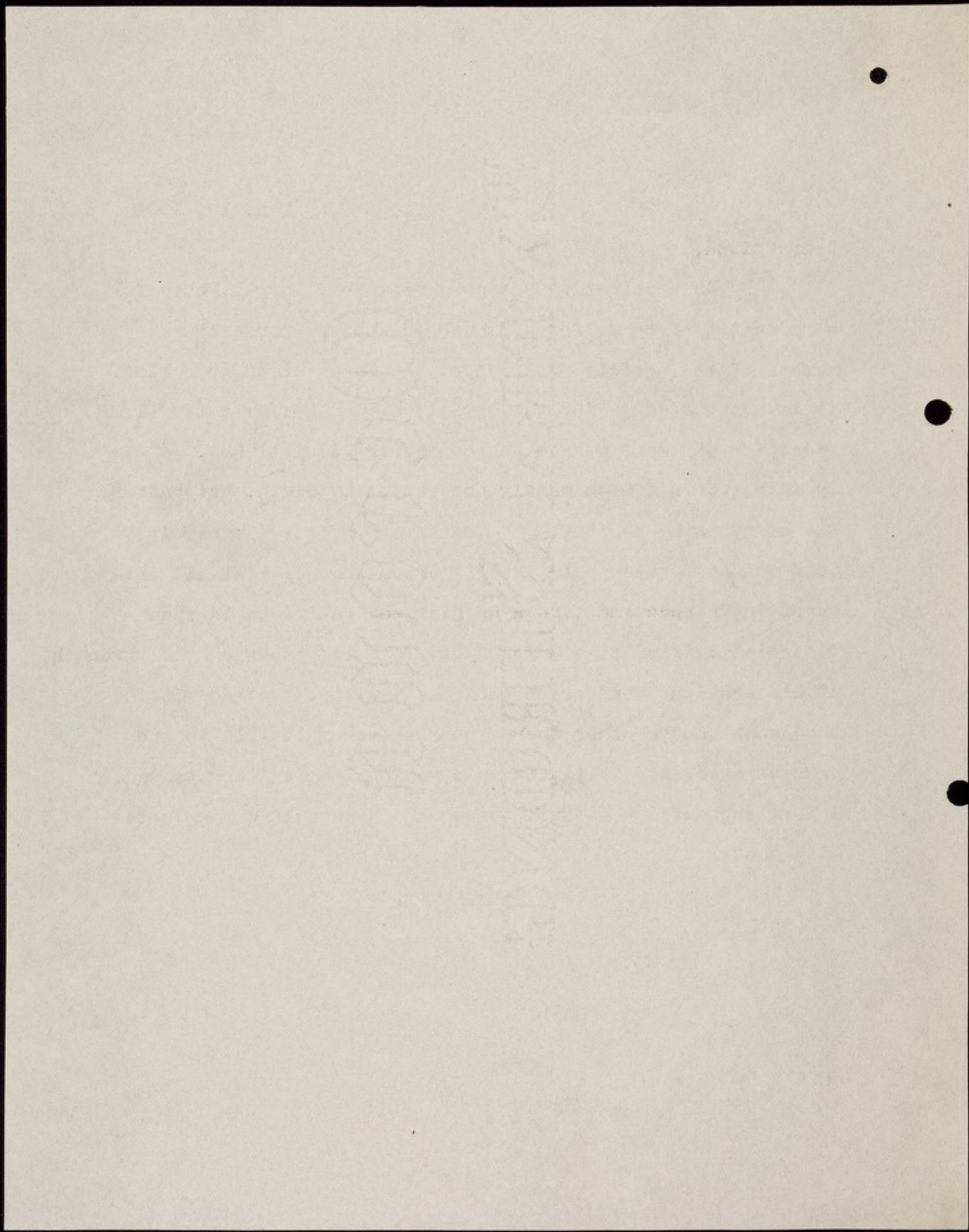
Dear Friend,

An application has come from Mrs. Mary L. Neave for a reduction of terms for her husband who was formerly a member of the Society of Friends. In cases of this kind it is not customary for the Committee to make any material reduction of terms unless the connection is intimate. By this I do not mean merely connection by birth, but rather one of sympathy or work. To put the matter plainly it does not seem reasonable that a person who has lost all interest in Friends and thrown up his membership should when financial difficulties arise apply for assistance on the strength of his previous connection with the Society. I do not in the least know whether these remarks are applicable to the present case, and it is for this reason I am writing to you. I have suggested that Mrs. Neave should herself communicate with you.

Yours very truly,

Morris Ashby Esq.





Mause House  
Reabridge  
Southampton

Dec. 14:

Dear Sir

Thank you for your  
letter of this morning.  
In answer to your  
question - My husband's  
father - James Reave  
of Lordingbridge - was  
a member of the Society  
of Friends till his  
death, a few years ago.  
He has also two sisters  
staunch members -



one living at Fordingbridge  
(Mrs Adolphus Curtiss) &  
one near Oxford (Mrs  
Richard Reave) in fact  
he has innumerable  
connections, all friends.

The Reaves of Macchisfield  
are related, but I am  
not clear what the  
relationship is - I believe  
they are second cousins.

I am writing for early  
post & hope this will  
reach you to-morrow  
morning.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Reave

I might add that  
the Reaves are connected  
(by inter-marriages) with  
the Neethakes of  
Southampton.

& if desired give your  
references.

Yours Sincerely  
Mary L. Reave

Dr. Bedford-Pearce  
The Retreat  
York

1012

Manor House

Bedbridge

Southampton

Dec. 11.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the  
Prospectus for Kinship  
forwarded to me. I am  
in great trouble about my  
husband, who has been at  
Chease Royal Asylum  
for the past six months.  
He went there as a  
voluntary boarder - but  
although his mental  
condition is no worse it  
became necessary to certify  
him as he was very  
unhappy, & insisted on leaving.



He has been exceedingly  
restless & unhappy again  
lately, & his great desire  
is to go to The Retreat.  
All his people have belonged  
to the Society of Friends for  
generations past, & although  
he himself is not a member  
now, he has an intense  
respect for all connected  
with Friends, & this I  
think is his reason for  
wishing so to go to York.  
He is I ought to add  
no better, & the doctors  
seem to fear his trouble  
will be at least recurrent.  
This means that I shall  
be very poor, & could

not possibly meet even your  
lowest fixed terms (£2.8.  
per. week according to Prospectus)

My object - therefore in writing  
now is to ask you what  
your lowest terms would  
be. Should you be able to  
see your way to taking  
me? I do not gather  
from the Prospectus what  
the privileges or limitations  
are of those who can only  
afford to pay little?  
perhaps you would kindly  
let me have a few particulars  
& if you are able to  
entertain my husband's  
case I will be grateful