

**Peacock, Dixon**

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CATTERICK,  
YORKS.

Dear Dr. Pierce

Thank you for

your note about

Peacocks. I am

the offspring.

I will be obliged if

you will kindly let

me Peacocks (S. Lencu)

or myself know what

steps must be

Taken for the

removal of the

INDIRECT  
ENVOY

Come by as, soon.  
The answer question  
is a sermon on  
for the Peacocks.

With kind regards  
Believe me  
Sincerely yours

W. Fry

26<sup>th</sup> III 1909



March 30, 1909

Dixon Peacock

Gentlemen,

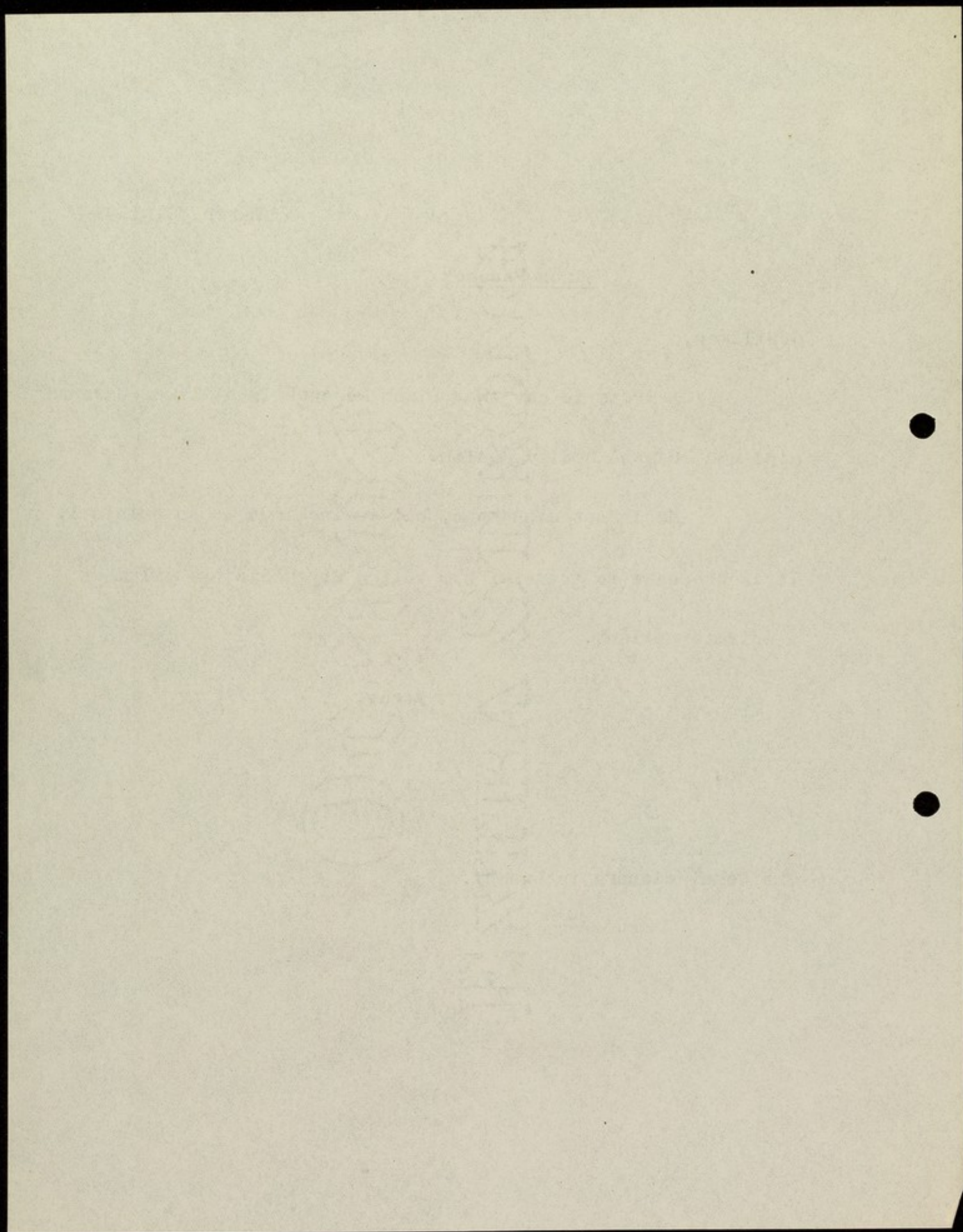
I write to say that Dixon Peacock is still of unsound mind and in good bodily health.

He is not dangerous, but is inclined to be suicidal.

It is proposed to transfer him to the North Riding Asylum as a private patient.

Yours very truly,

The Commissioners in Lunacy.





W

March 24, 1909

Dixon Peacock

Dear Sir,

Mr. Dixon Peacock of South Fencote, Bedale is a patient at the Retreat, suffering from melancholia, and his friends are no longer able to pay for his maintenance here.

I therefore give you notice of my intention to apply to a Justice of the Peace under Section 19 of the Lunacy Act, 1891 for an Order for his removal to the North Riding Asylum, Clifton.

I should say that he is deemed to be suicidal, and that it is desirable for him to be transferred direct from the Retreat.

Yours very truly,

The Clerk to the Guardians,

Northallerton





South Lucote  
Bedale.

✓  
D<sup>r</sup> Price

made necessary  
Dear Sir. application to  
Ad. for removal.

We were very  
sorry indeed to hear of  
my Brother's relapse.  
We were quite looking  
forward for his coming  
home. It is a pity he  
has fallen off again.  
As you say he is much  
worse & will have to  
continue away we think  
it will be the best to



the 31<sup>st</sup> of March.

Then if you will arrange  
for his transfer -

We were very sorry  
to have the news.

Yours Faithfully.

Lk. Peacock.

Transfer to a County  
Asylum: as there would be  
no certainty of him being  
well enough to come to us  
if he stayed. say another  
2 or 3 months at the Retreat.  
We certainly would have  
done it for him <sup>if the County</sup> if the expense  
will be the drawback.

Do you find him as  
depressed as he was just  
after he went in.

Do you say it would be  
wise to come to see him  
or not at present.

We will pay up to

March 19, 1909

Dear Madam,

Mr. Peacock continues to be somewhat better and he gives no trouble at Throxenby Hall. He goes out in the town a great deal alone and takes an interest in what is going on. Hence I think the time is approaching when he should leave. He himself says he has not entirely lost the morbid thoughts, and his demeanour confirms this, but he is wonderfully different from what he was, and it is clear that he is not deeply depressed.

Yours very truly,







South Leicestershire  
Bedale.

J. P. Preece

Dear Sir.

Has my  
brother continued better  
since he went to Scarborough.  
We haven't heard from  
him for a fortnight. I  
wrote to him last Friday  
and sent him a box of  
fruit.  
We have got a woman

to come on Monday.  
next.

Will you please let us know  
how he is. Then after  
the woman has been  
a short time. I could  
arrange. if you think  
him well enough to  
come home.

Yours Respectfully.  
Th. Peacock.

South Leicestershire. 89  
Bedale.

Ed: Purcell.

I was very pleased  
indeed to hear my Brother  
is improving so nicely.  
& hope he will continue  
so. He has no relatives  
he could go to stay  
with. he would have to  
come to my Brother & I  
at Home. You think  
him hardly well enough  
for that. My Brother &



wish you to give him  
his own money so him he  
had in purse. when he  
does come out. & I will  
see the other is paid.

Yours Respectfully.  
H. Peacock.

I think it best for him  
to stay a little longer.  
until you think him fit  
to come to us. It would  
be a pity for him to  
come too soon. if he is  
improving so nicely.  
He seems by his letters very  
anxious to get home. I  
will it be alright if I  
pay the remainder when he  
leaves. the 3 months I  
paid would mean to  
Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. I will pay to  
the end of this month now.  
if you like & then will  
see how he is. I should

PAID BY POST OFFICE  
CATERICK, YORKS.

✓

CATERICK,  
YORKS.

Dear Dr. Rufus Pierce

Maunt. 7-1-7  
Letter with the good  
news of progress in  
Peacock's case.  
Nan told her sister  
and she hopes to  
come on Monday  
morning by York  
to bring him home

YORK  
CATTENICK

Yr affec of this  
day.

With kind regards  
and thanks

Believe me

Sincerely yours

W. F. Foy

24<sup>th</sup> 11 1809.



South Lucote.  
Bedale.

To  
J<sup>r</sup>. Purice.

We were very pleased  
to have such good news  
of my Brother. J<sup>r</sup>. Lay  
said he would write  
to you & arrange for  
him coming home on  
Monday.

We think he might come  
on Saturday. Will  
you see him start  
from that end alright

2.

I will come to  
Northallerton to meet him.  
Will you please let us  
know what train he  
will come by. I hope he  
will keep better. When  
he returns.

Will you ~~please~~<sup>also</sup> send your  
A/c. on to me. I will  
send ~~you~~ the money.  
I will you give him  
the money back to him  
he gave up. If you  
send the bill on.

To day. (Thursday) I will  
send it before he leaves.  
Yours Respectfully. Th. Peacock.



Feb. 25, 1909

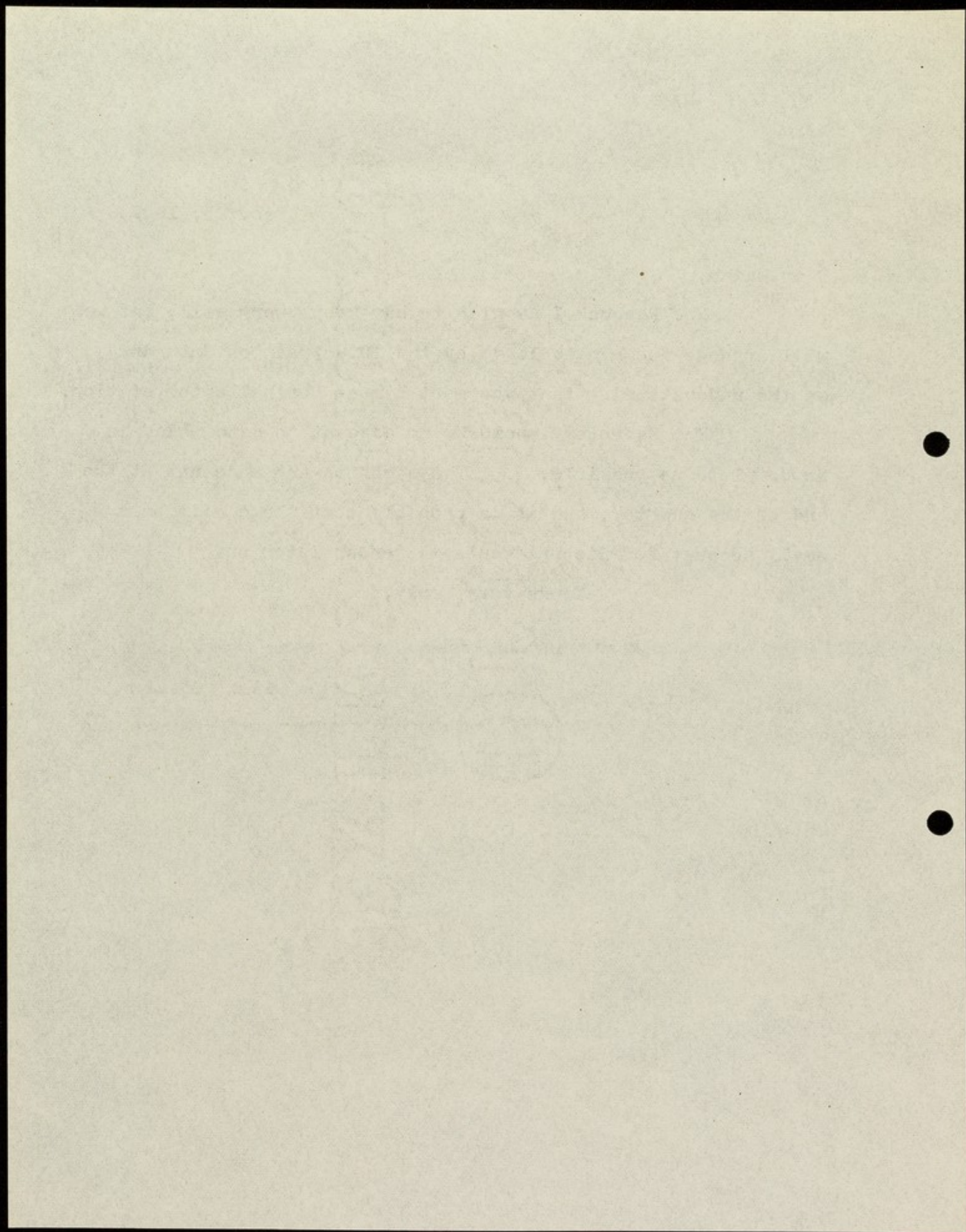
Dear Madam,

Mr. Peacock I am glad to say keeps very well, and we will arrange for him to leave by the 10.0 train on Saturday on the understanding that you meet him at Northallerton station.

The Secretary encloses an account to date which is as complete as possible. The accounts are made out at the end of the quarter, and it is probable that there will be a small account for disbursements to render later on.

Yours very truly,





Feb. 22, 1909

Dear Dr. Peacock,

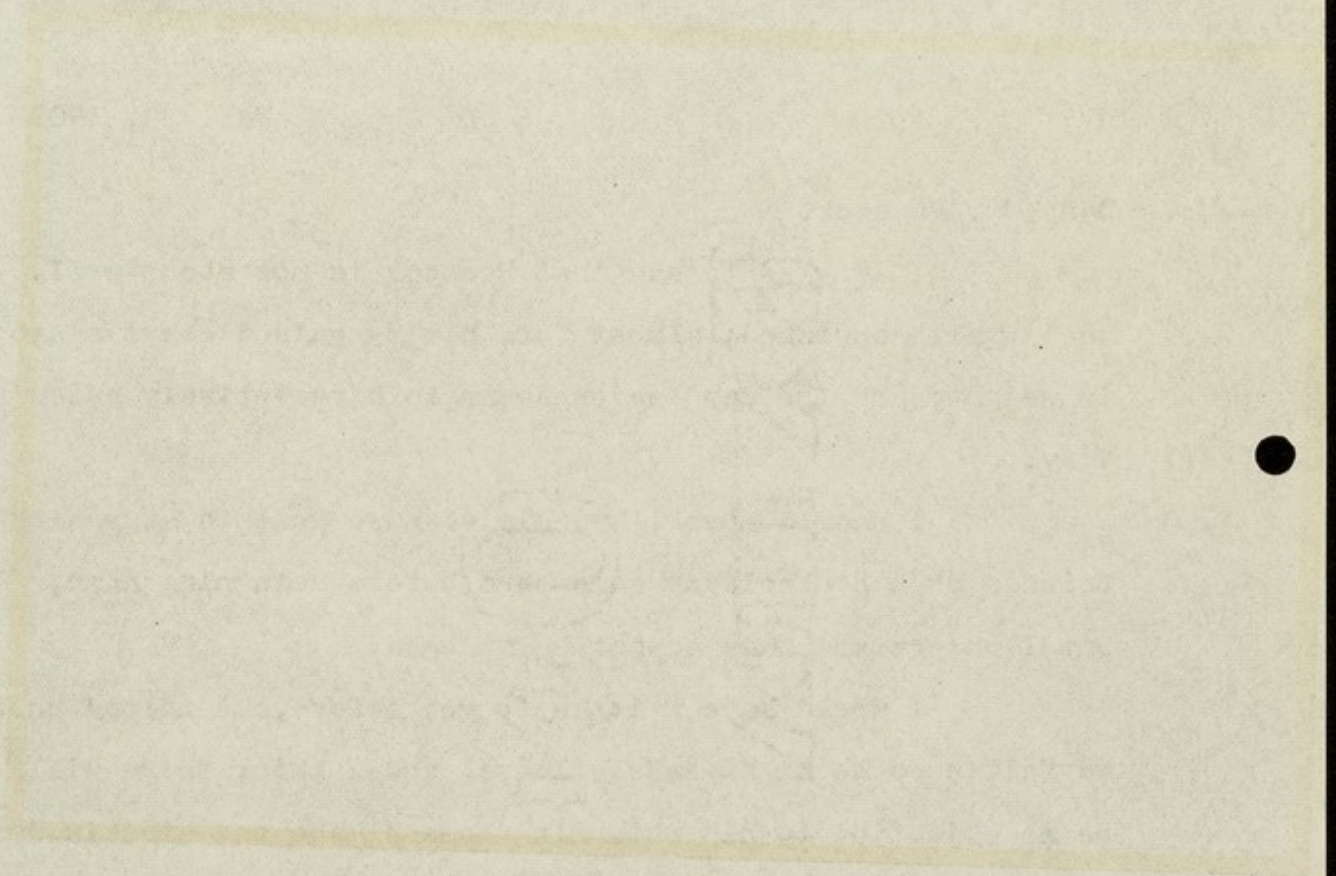
I am glad to say that Peacock is now about well. He is well nourished; almost fat, having gained about a stone in weight; and the depression seems to have entirely passed away.

I should have liked him to have gone to stay with friends or had a holiday somewhere before returning home, but I understand this cannot be managed.

I would have written to you before, but waited until we felt sure he might safely leave, and I think there will be no objection to his returning home at the end of this week. Perhaps you will send me a line saying whether you are aware of any reason to the contrary.

Yours very truly,







South Leicestershire.  
Bedale.

✓

D<sup>r</sup> Pierce

I had a letter  
from my Brother this  
morning saying he had  
seen D<sup>r</sup> Pierce & asked  
if he could come Home.  
Will you please give us  
your candid opinion of  
him if you think he  
will have to be away  
for some time. Will you

kindly advise us.

Miss Clifton be a good  
place for him to go too.

The sole reason is this  
we have not the means  
to keep him at your  
place. Will you please  
advise us for the best.  
Do you find him to  
continue making  
improvement?

Yours Respectfully -  
J. Peacock -

Feb. 6, 1909

Dear Miss Peacock,

There is no doubt that Mr. Peacock is wonderfully better and may be considered to be convalescent. It is perhaps a little premature to fix a date for his leaving, but if he keeps nicely for a week or two more I think he can do so. The question is what is he to do when he leaves. If he could be under some general supervision with relatives for a little while it would enable him to go away earlier than if his leaving means going straight back to work and home. We hardly think him well enough yet for this. I think you may feel assured that the attack is now passing off quite satisfactorily.

Yours very truly,



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CATTERICK,  
YORKS.

Dear Dr. Rufus Pierce

Am Peacock writes to the Unit. L. -  
 at the Unit. Do you think it is  
 likely to improve at all? He would  
 like to come & see him there. What do  
 think on Monday next? Y  
 Monday is convenient to you.

With kind regards Yrs. Sincerely

R. Fay

13<sup>th</sup> 11 8'9.

YORKS.  
CATTERICK.

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CORRECTION  
YORK

Dear Dr. Redford Pease  
Thank you for  
your note & letter. I  
am sorry I am  
the anxiety but that  
the ending was  
satisfactory. I am  
in peace  
I remained here  
in the anxiety.  
I am afraid I am

NO 1157720  
YORKS  
Peck's case  
cannot be a  
very promising  
one.

With kind regards

Believe me

Sincerely yours

W. L. Fry

18<sup>th</sup> X<sup>th</sup> 1908.

1022  
South. Lucote  
Medale.

to D<sup>r</sup> Pierce

✓  
Dear Sir.

We were  
awfully upset last night  
at getting D<sup>r</sup> Lys. Lefram  
saying my Brother had  
got out. As it was a  
very dark night. But  
pleased to hear this  
morning you had found  
him alright. He must  
have seen some one leave  
the door open. he seems



he has been one of the  
best to his Home.

Do you think Dr Ruree  
through time he may  
come alright. I will  
write to him. I thought  
perhaps if I wrote often  
it may make him think  
of coming.

Trusting to hear better  
news through more time.

Yrs. Truly.

L. Peacock.

Went on coming back I do  
wish he would settle a bit  
better. Do you really think  
his mind seem worse since  
he went in. Does he still  
talk as much about his  
Luis. Can you say he  
sleeps any better & does  
he eat well. If he  
could only begin to  
interest himself in  
things, he used to read  
a good deal. Does he  
much now.

I often wonder how he  
is & feel very anxious  
about him. I can say.

Dec. 22, 1908

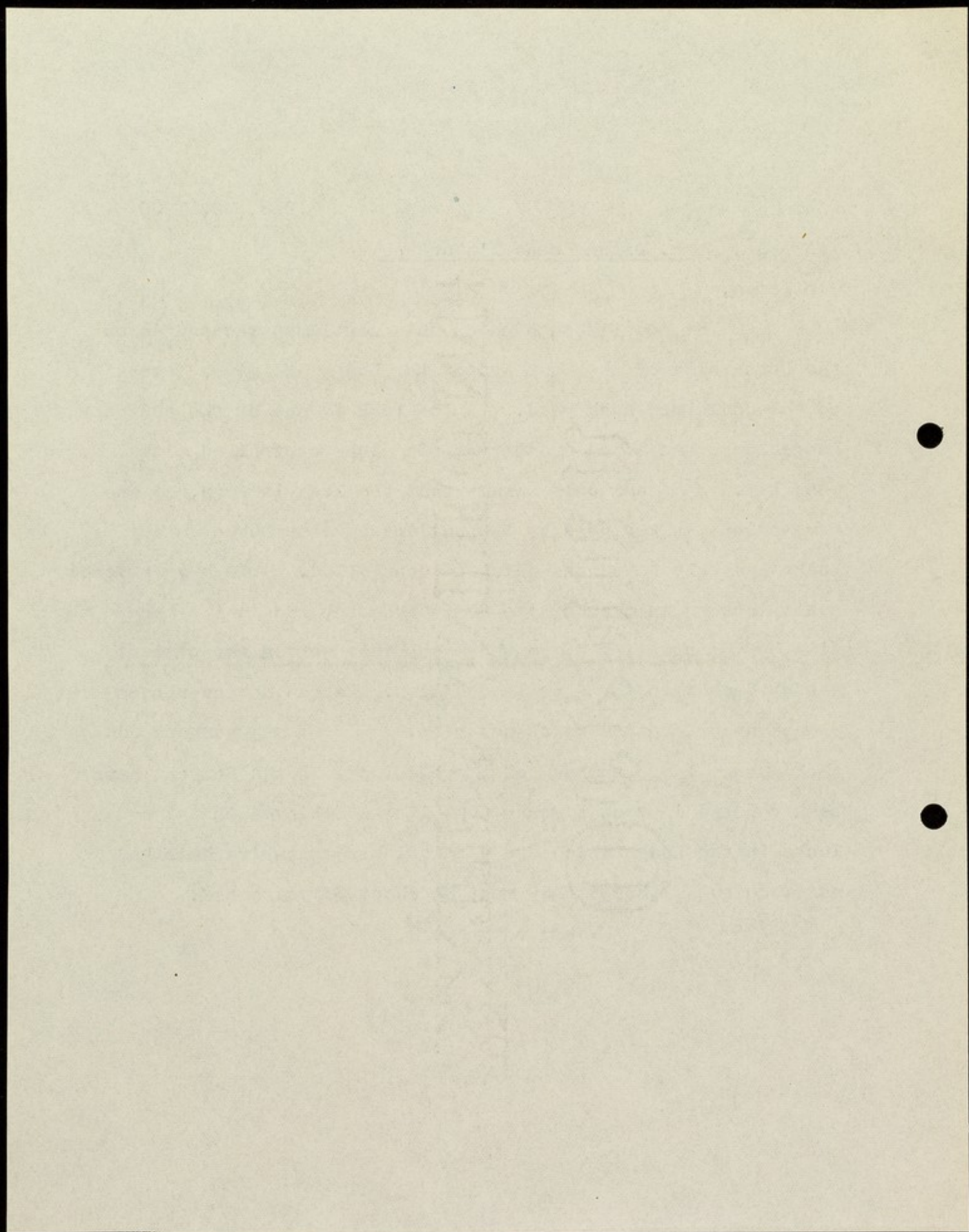
Mr. Dixon Peacock's escape

Gentlemen,

The door through which this gentleman escaped is on the North side of the West End of the Lodge and gives access to the coals and back yard. The lock is one of the ordinary Lodge locks and is an ordinary spring lock controlled with a pass key. We can only assume that the lock is worn, as we have tried the key used by the patient on a number of other locks and only found one which it controlled. We have ordered a new lock on another system for this door, and in the mean time by the shutting of another door in a screen the patient has no access to the door in question. He has moreover been placed under continuous observation. I may perhaps add that a very large number of the old locks in the Retreat have been renewed in recent years, but it was believed that the locks in the Lodge which are particularly expensive ones had not worn out although they must be about 35 years old.

Yours very truly,





Dec. 18, 1908

Dear Madam,

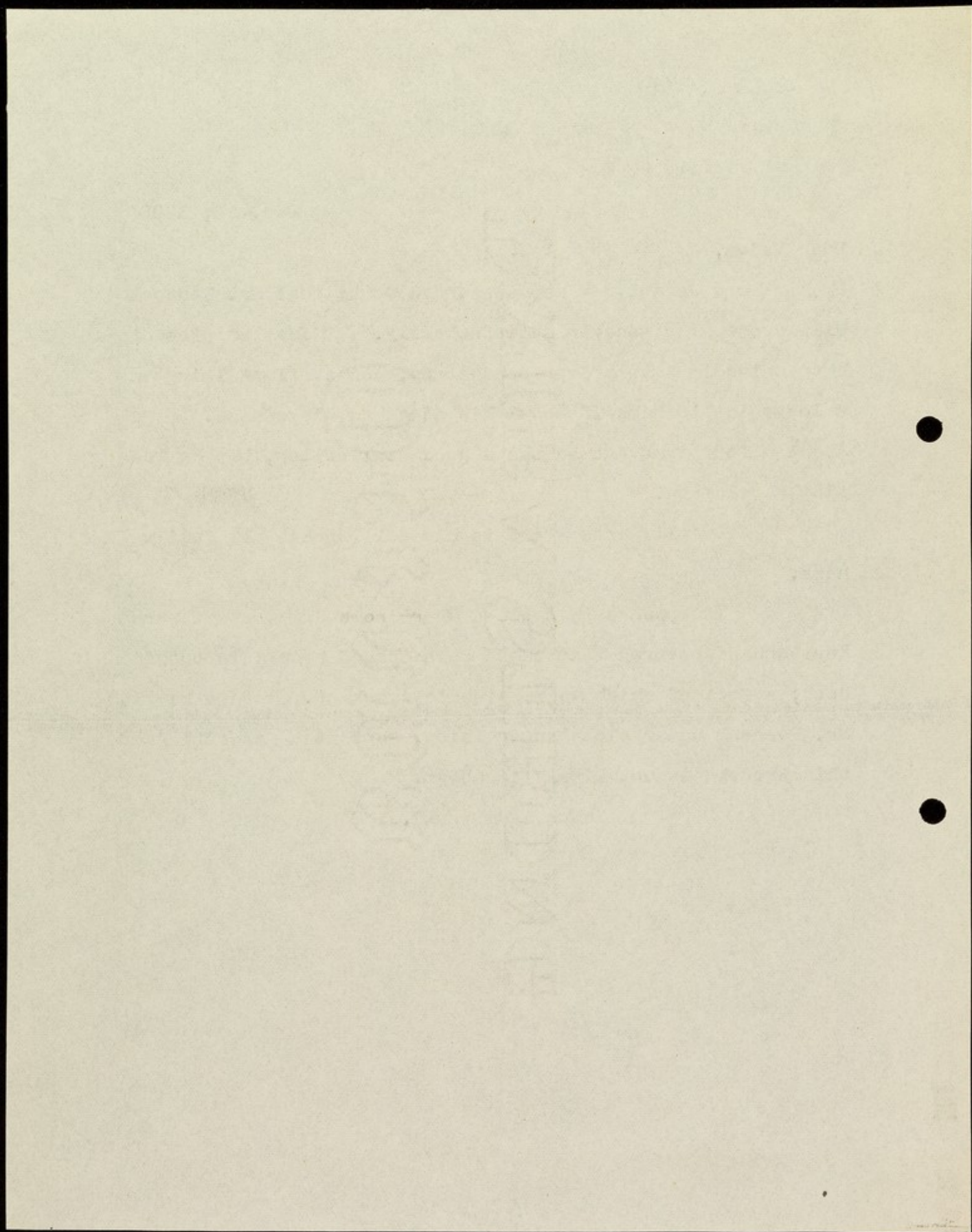
I do not see any reason to doubt that Mr. Peacock will eventually recover satisfactorily. Just at present he remains in a very depressed state, constantly talking in a low voice to himself about his sins and wickedness. About a fortnight ago he was a good deal better, but he has slowly relapsed.

By all means write to him telling him all family news.

It appears he noticed where some drawer keys were kept and discovered that these keys opened a certain outside door; a fact of which we were quite ignorant. We are keeping Mr. Peacock under close supervision, so that a repetition of this trouble is not likely to occur.

Yours very truly,





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CANTERBURY.  
YORKS.

✓ 30. 7. 1894.

Dear Dr. Besant Peire

The relation of the man  
Peacock with him &  
come to the wheat at the  
£2-8 he used to write

if you can take  
him. He is not

improving & is  
very depressed.

I can get another  
independent medical  
man to certify him



INDIRECT  
EXROY

Will me if you  
say that is right.

Perhaps you will

Kindly send me

the form when you

wish to say better

you can do with

the form at present.

The form is given

a nice good fellow

& belongs to  
my family

Thanking you

in anticipation

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

W. J. Fry



Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 1908

Dear Madame,

Mr Peacock handed over  
his purse to an attendant & under  
these circumstances he generously  
placed the amount at once to the credit  
of the patient - That has been done  
in this case & of course Mr Peacock  
can have such advances as may  
be desired from time to time.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Sader

Mrs. Peacock.



Nov 1898

Dear Madam,

Mr. General has been  
his former son's student & under  
these circumstances he generally  
places the amount of over \$1000  
of the patent - that has been done  
in the case of some of the  
can have such advantages as may  
be desired for him to have.

Yours faithfully

W. E. Chas.

Mr. General.