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9th February, 1916.

Strictly confidential.

Dear Sir,

I hear from Mrs. Pryce that she would like me to write to you respecting Mr. Pryce's condition. I am sorry to say that both Dr. Veale and I myself came to the conclusion that he is suffering from general paralysis. If this diagnosis is correct, this is a progressive disease for which no successful treatment has been found. At the present time his mind is not seriously affected, but there is every reason to fear that mental enfeeblement will gradually progress, and it would not be very surprising if acute mental symptoms arise.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

W. D. Forster, Esq.,
Lloyds Bank Limited,
Darlington.

Old West, 1911

Strictly confidential

Dear Sir,

I hear from Mrs. Fives that she would like me to write to you respecting Mr. Fives' condition. I am sorry to say that both Dr. Vesie and I myself came to the conclusion that he is suffering from general paralysis. If this diagnosis is correct, this is a progressive disease for which no successful treatment has been found. At the present time his mind is not seriously affected, but there is every reason to fear that mental deterioration will gradually progress, and it would not be very surprising if acute mental symptoms arise.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

W. D. Forster, M.D.,
Lloyd Bank Bldg.,
Washington.

Wethersham
to Arlington

8. 2. 16.

Dr. Bedford Pierce

My husband's bank (Lloyds)
Manager, Mr. W. D. Forster desires
to have a personal note from
you as to Mr. Pryce's condition.
We have no objection to being
a friend of ours.

Thanking you

Yrs faithfully
Catharine Pryce

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TELEPHONE NO 2460.

ALL LETTERS
TO BE ADDRESSED TO
"THE MANAGER"

Lloyds Bank Limited.

Darlington.

31. Jan. 1916

D. Bedford Price.
Park Square Leeds.

Dear Sir.

Our customer Mr H. J. Pryce who is ill at Gaiglands
Hyams. Wkley. has to believe recently consulted you as to
his condition.

We shall be much obliged if you would in confidence
drop us a line as to Mr Pryce's condition & probable
chances of recovery. The Writer has had a letter from
Mr Pryce this morning evidently written under considerable
excitement and it is rather difficult to gather quite what
the patient's condition is.

If you can therefore send us a line your information
will be appreciated.

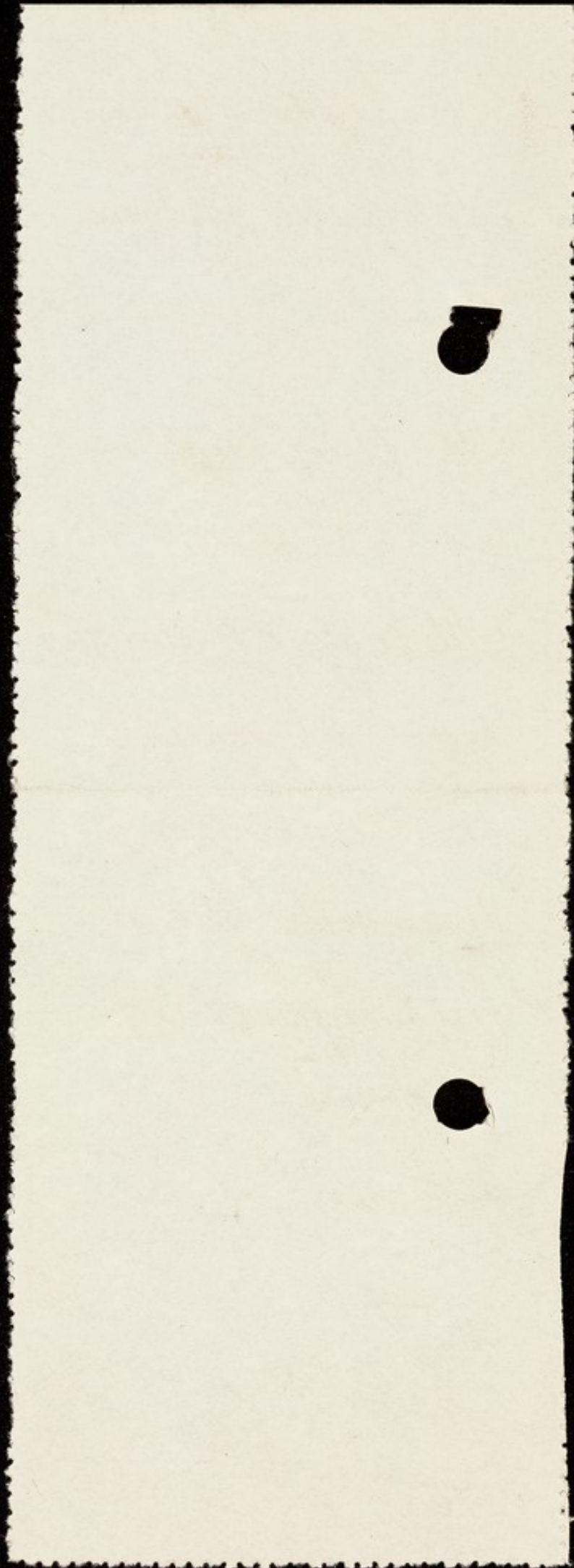
Yours faithfully,

A. W. W. W.
Manager.

Chief Cashier's Office,
Central Station,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Feb. 1917

The Chief Cashier
to the
North Eastern Railway Co.
has pleasure
in enclosing
herewith cheque
in payment of
to ^{the} Jan.
account, as
rendered to our
Mr. H. Ryce.



24 Elmfield Terrace
Darlington.

30. 3. 17.

• Dear Dr. Pierce

I thank you for your letter,
it's all too sad, & terrible
to think my husband had
had to go to the Asylum
• however one can only pray
the end won't be long,
poor dear it's dreadful to
see a man go like that, I

Must thank you, for
all your kindness to
us.

Yrs Very Sincerely
Catharine Pryce.

29th March, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I have this evening obtained the order for the removal of Hubert James Pryce from the Retreat, York to the Durham County Asylum, under the Lunacy Act, Section 19.

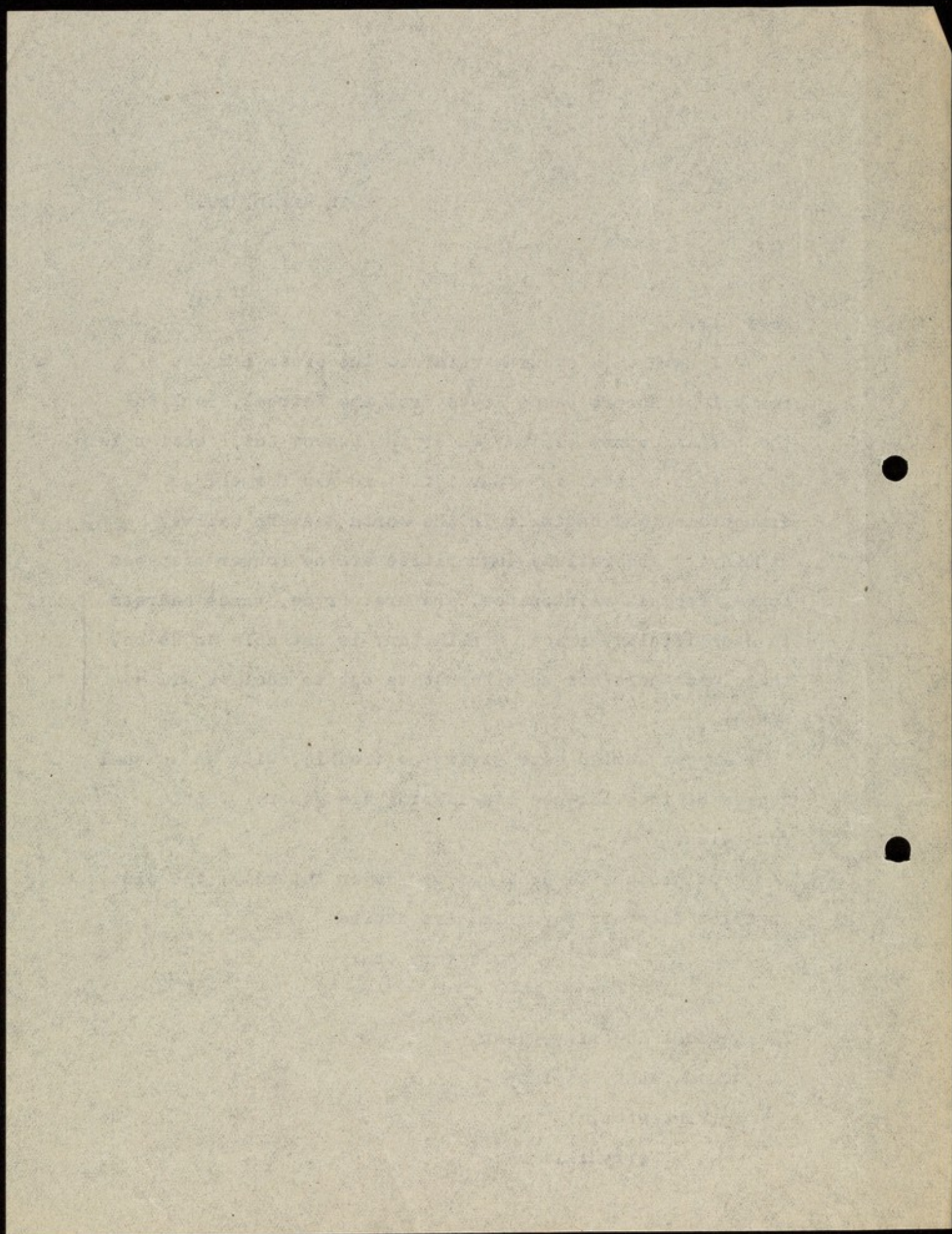
This patient is a paralytic and was formerly a draughtsman and engineer in the North Eastern Railway Company. The railway authorities are no longer prepared to pay for his maintenance, and Mrs. Pryce, whose address is 24 Elmfield Terrace, Darlington, is not able to do so, there was therefore no alternative but to declare him a pauper.

He is a mild case giving no trouble, with an unusual degree of intelligence considering his general feeble condition.

We propose to send him to you on Saturday, the 31st, on which date his payments here expire.

Yours very truly,

The Medical Superintendent,
Durham County Asylum,
Winterton,
Ferryhill.



29th March, 1917.

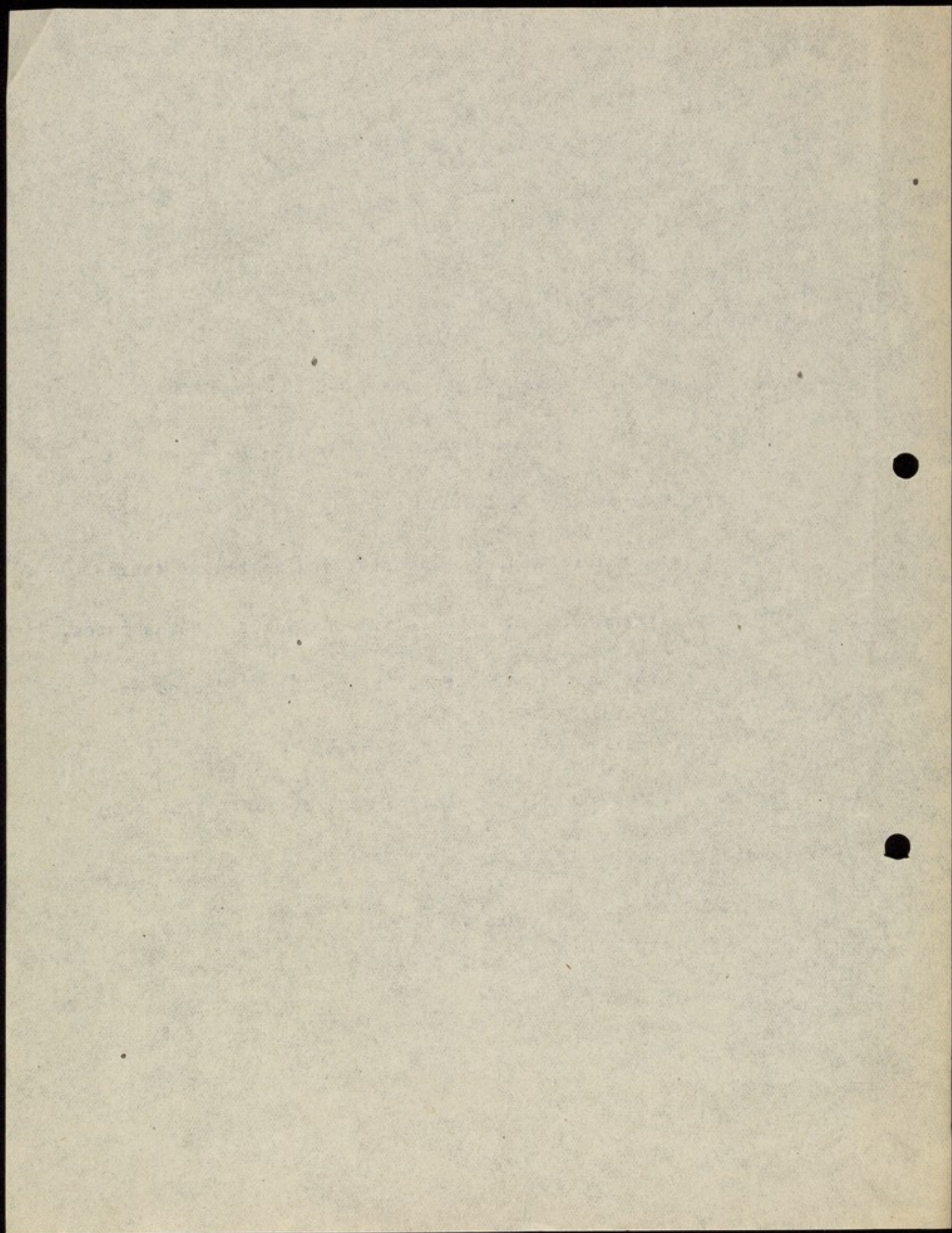
Dear Mrs. Pryce,

I have now obtained an order for the removal of Mr. Pryce to the Durham County Asylum, Ferryhill.

I heard from the North Eastern Railway Company that they are no longer able to make payments, and there was therefore no alternative but to make him chargeable to the rates.

We propose that the transfer shall be effected on Saturday next, he will leave here with a nurse by the train. I need hardly say that I am very sorry that such a step has to be taken.

Yours very truly,



H. V. SCOTT,
CLERK TO THE JUSTICES.

TELEPHONE 13D.

*Magistrates' Clerk's Office,
Clifford Street,
York.*

29th March, 1917.

Dear Doctor Pierce,

Enclosed I beg to send you two copies
of the order made for the removal of Mr.
Hubert James Pryce.

Yours faithfully,

H. V. Scott

Clerk to the Justices.

Dr. Bedford Pierce,
The Retreat,
Heslington Road,
York.

W. M. SCOTT
CHIEF OF BUREAU
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Dear Sir:
Reference is made to your letter of the 11th instant, in which you request information regarding the activities of the "Black Legion" in the Chicago area. The Bureau has been advised that the "Black Legion" is a term used to designate a group of persons who are active in the Chicago area and who are engaged in various criminal activities, including the sale of narcotics and the operation of gambling establishments. The Bureau is currently conducting an investigation of these activities and will keep you advised of the results of its findings.

Very truly yours,
W. M. SCOTT

W. M. SCOTT
CHIEF OF BUREAU
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

22th March, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I beg to apply for a Justice's Order for the removal of Mr. Hubert James Pryce of Westholme, West Crescent, Darlington, to the Durham County Asylum, Sedgefield, under the 19th Section of the Lunacy Act, 1891. His friends are no longer able to pay for his maintenance, and I have informed the Clerk to the Guardians at Darlington of my intention to apply for this Order.

It would be a convenience if the patient could be removed on the 31st instant, as the payments cease on that day.

It is anticipated that the costs will be as follows:-

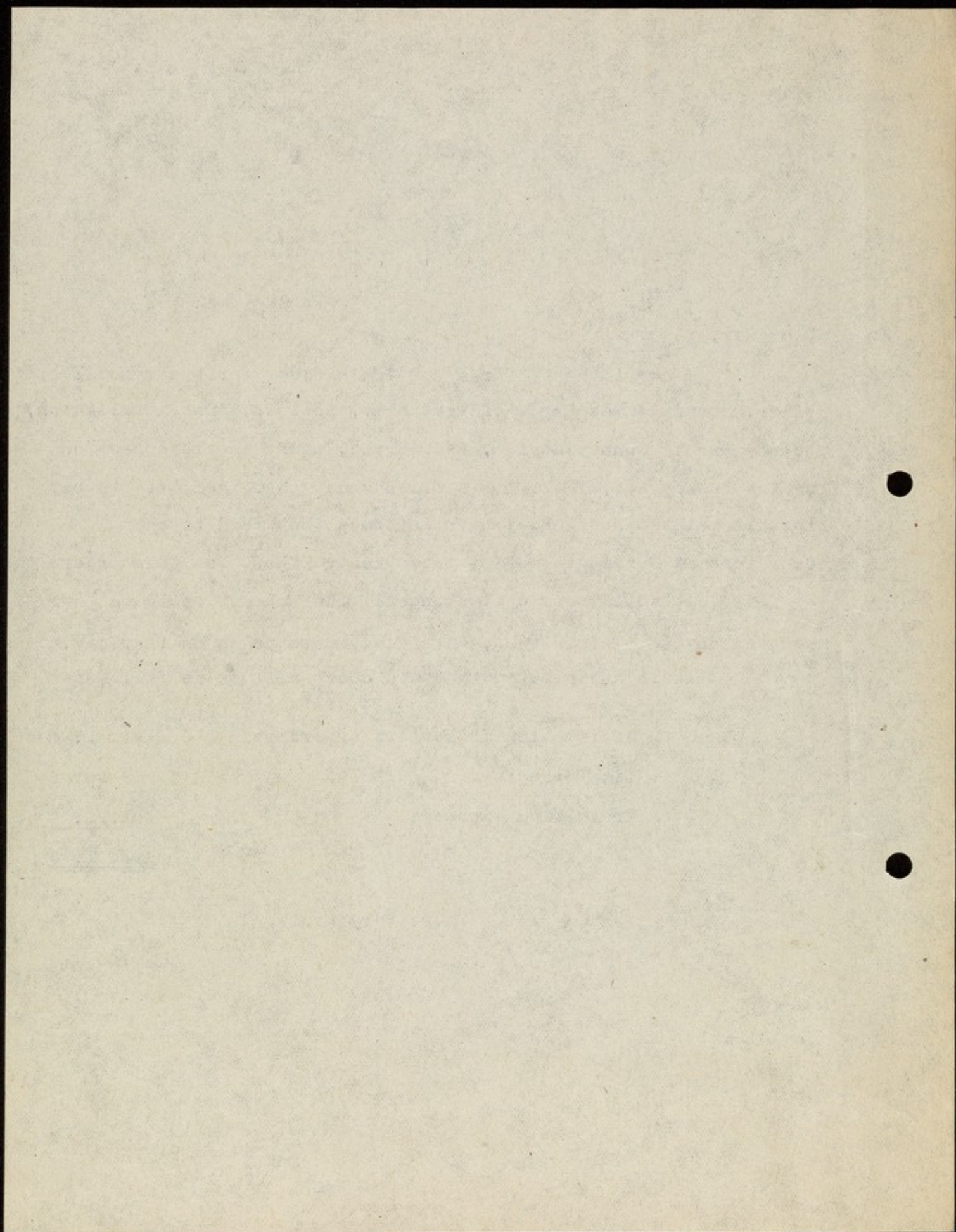
Affirmation in support of Order.	£1. 1. 0
Time of nurse.	10. 6
Travelling expenses.	<u>11.10. 0</u>
	<u>£3. 1. 6</u>

Yours very truly,

The Clerk,

to the Guardians,

York.



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DARLINGTON UNION.

TEL. NO. 2252.

UNION OFFICES,

DARLINGTON.

16th March 1917.

Dear Sir,

re Pryce.

I beg to acknowledge yours
of the 15th inst.

Yours faithfully,

Chas. H. Leach

Dr. Bedford Pierce,

The Retreat,

Y o r k.



15th March, 1917.

To the Clerk to the Guardians,
Darlington Union.

Dear Sir,

I write to inform you that the friends of Mr. H. J. Pryce, formerly of Westholme, West Crescent, Darlington, and now under care at the Retreat as a person of unsound mind, are no longer able to pay for his maintenance. I have communicated with the General Manager of the North Eastern Railway, who tells me that the Company are no longer in a position to assist in the payments. I am, therefore, writing to inform you that under the 19th Section of the Lunacy Act, 1891, I propose to take steps for the transfer of this patient to the Durham County Asylum at the end of this month.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

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A. KAYE BUTTERWORTH.
GENERAL MANAGER.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
GENERAL, RAILWAY, YORK.

TELEPHONE NO. 97.

K. 2100/P.1.

Dear Sir,

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Letters to be addressed:

THE GENERAL MANAGER,
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY,
YORK,

13th. March, 1917.

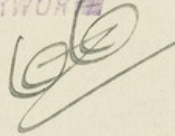
Re Mr. H.J.Pryce.

I am obliged for your letter of the 10th. instant with regard to Mr. H.J.Pryce. I regret that it is not possible for the Company to continue payment of the cost of his maintenance at the Retreat beyond the end of the present month.

Yours faithfully,

Bedford Pierce Esq., M.D.,
The Retreat,
YORK.

A. KAYE BUTTERWORTH



THE GENERAL MANAGER
NORTH BOSTON BRANCH

ALBANY, N. Y.
JANUARY 1, 1900
DEAR SIR:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. in relation to the above matter.

I am sorry to hear that you are not satisfied with the results of the examination.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
J. H. [Signature]

10th March, 1917.

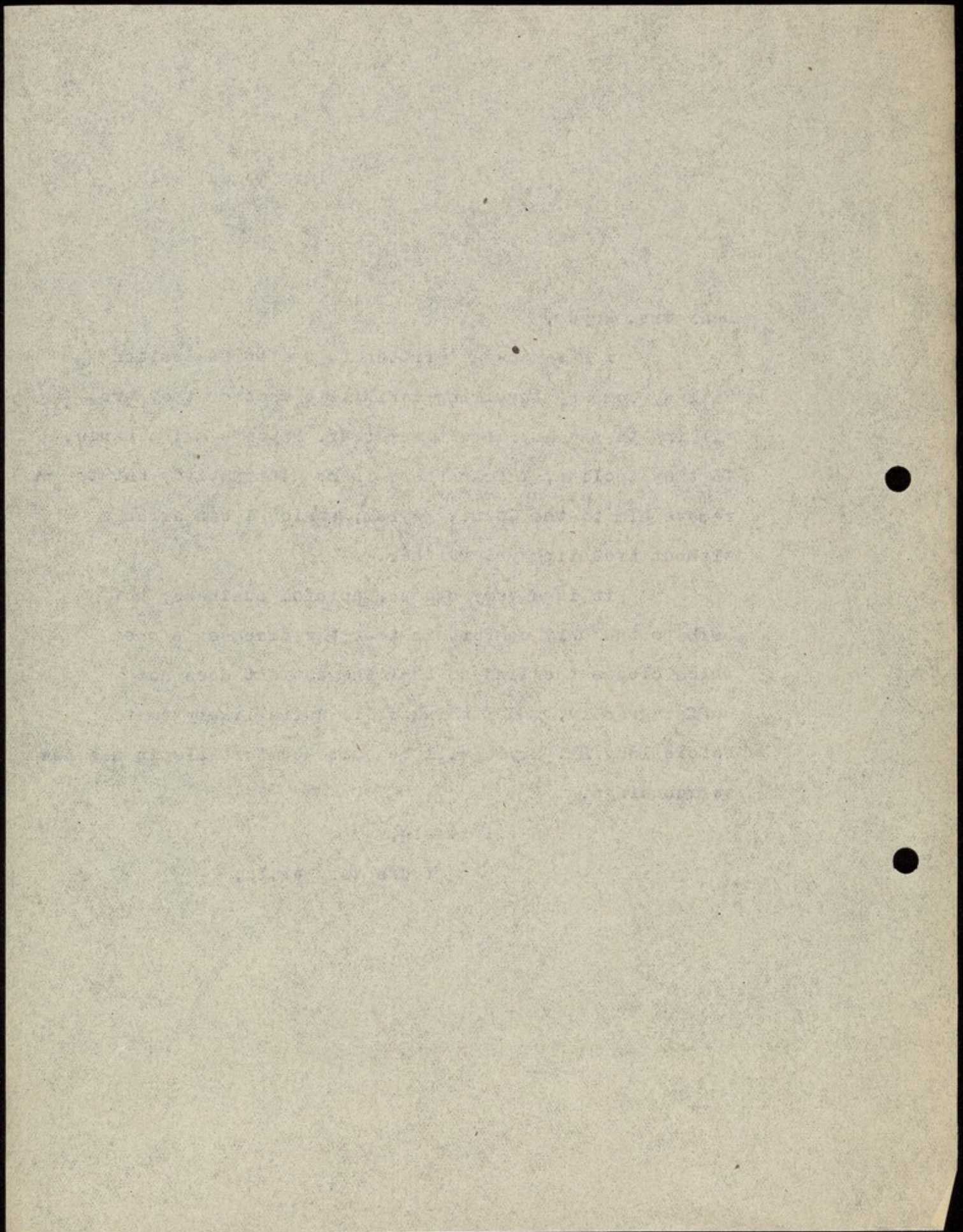
Dear Mrs. Pryce,

I have to-day written to the North Eastern Railway Company inquiring definitely whether they are willing to pay any more towards Mr. Pryce's maintenance. If they decline, I fear there is no alternative, but to remove him to the County Asylum, which I can arrange without troubling you further.

It is a very sad and apinful business, but perhaps the only comfort is that the disease is one which clouds the mind so that the patient does not suffer greatly, and I think it is quite likely that before long Mr. Pryce will be quite comfortable in his new surroundings.

I remain,

Yours very truly,



10th March, 1917.

Dear Sir,

re Mr. H. J. Pryce.

At the end of the present month the period for which the North Eastern Railway Company have paid for the maintenance of this patient will expire, and I understand that the Company are not intending to pay for him any longer. May I ask whether this is correct, as if so, it will be necessary for him to be removed to the Durham County Asylum. I have heard from Mrs. Pryce, and she is quite unable to contribute to his maintenance.

You have heard, I believe, that the patient is suffering from General Paralysis of the Insane. He is slowly going down hill, mentally and physically, and he is not likely to live for more than a year or two. He is, however, able to appreciate his surroundings, and I think the transfer to the County Asylum would be painful to him.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

The General Manager,

North Eastern Railway.

10th March, 1917.

Dear Sri,

re Mr. H. J. Pryce.

7th March, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Pryce,

We understand that the North Eastern Railway Company have paid for Mr. Pryce at the Retreat until the end of this month and they do not accept any responsibility for his maintenance after that time.

There is now only three weeks left before making other arrangements, and I write to ask what you wish to be done. The Committee would not be able to reduce the terms below three guineas per week under the present circumstances. If you write me a formal letter stating that you are unable to pay for Mr. Pryce, I can then put into motion the ordinary legal procedure for his removal to the Durham County Asylum. Perhaps, however, you are able to make some other arrangement. I fancy they might be willing to receive him at the Crichton Royal Institution at a rate between 30/- and £2. 2. 0 per week if application were made.

I may say that Mr. Pryce is fairly cheerful under the circumstances. There is no improvement physically, but he is quite pleasant to do with and is easily managed by women nurses. He seems to be quite aware that some change will be necessary at the end of the month.

Yours very truly,

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible]

much better it
would have been
because I think
it's going to kill
me. I am all
alone in the world
without a relation
Oh please do help
me. Yrs

Sincerely
Catharine Pryor

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TELEPHONE NO 112.

THE RETREAT,
YORK.

Dear Dr. Pierce
I am so sorry I
have been unable
to see you to-day.
Your letter was
handed to me &
naturally it gave
me a shock, though
I expected it, I must
tell you the truth
I have sold my -

home up, and
Since settling up
all bills I am
left with about
£10, and have
only what the
G. E. R. have
allowed me, which
is £1 per week
which I pay for
my room —

I have been too
ill my self to
take a post, so
of course there is
nothing for it
until I can get
something to do,
my husband
will have to go
to the Free Dispensary.
Oh how if he had
only died how —

24 Elmfield Terrace
Darlington.

8. 13. 17.

Dear Dr. Pierce
All being well, I
am coming up
with my husband
to-morrow, & shall
be up about 1.30

or perhaps a
little before.

Yrs Sincerely
Catherine Rye

13th February, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Pryce,

There is very little to report respecting your husband. He is certainly more feeble, but he understands what is going on, and he was pleased to hear that I had had a letter from you. He walks more uncertainly and his speech and general tremulousness are more marked.

I think it would be well for you to come to see him, and it would give him a good deal of pleasure. If you are not able to come yourself perhaps you could send some old friend, as I think he would appreciate a visit.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

1. The first part of the report is a general
description of the project and its objectives.
2. The second part is a detailed description of the
methodology used in the study.

3. The third part is a description of the results
of the study. 4. The fourth part is a discussion
of the results and their implications.

5. The fifth part is a conclusion. 6. The sixth
part is a list of references. 7. The seventh part
is an appendix.

8. The eighth part is a list of figures. 9. The
ninth part is a list of tables. 10. The tenth
part is a list of abbreviations.

11. The eleventh part is a list of symbols. 12.
The twelfth part is a list of units. 13. The
thirteenth part is a list of definitions.

10th February, 1917.

Dear Mrs. Price,

I cannot report any real improvement in your son. Mrs. Pryce junior has not been to see him lately. I am afraid he is progressively getting more feeble in mind. If you were able to come to come to see him I have no doubt he would know you as he is quite aware of his position. He accepts everything in a very easy way and is quite aware that he cannot do things, and I have no doubt the days pass by without his taking much notice of events.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

John W. ...

Dear Sir,

I cannot report any test I have had in
your shop. I am sorry that I have not been able to see
him lately. I am afraid he is somewhat seriously
more than a little. If you were able to come to
see for me, I would be glad to have you know him as
he is quite aware of the situation. He accepts
everything in a very easy way and is quite sure that
he can do it. I have no doubt that he is a
very good man. I am sure that you will find him
very pleasant to deal with.

Yours very truly,

John W. ...

514.
Mrs Price
Churchtown
H² Garstang
Lancs

Feb 9 - 1917

Dear Sir
Pardon me for
being troublesome as I
have heard nothing
about my son Robert Price
since you last wrote me
I feel anxious to know
how he is going on
does his wife come to

See him I would come
to see him being in only
feeble Health & such a
long way of I feel I dare
not undertake the journey
do you think he would
know me Does he do any
riding now I will conclude
waiting in anticipation
for your Reply I Remain
Yours most Respectfully

J Rice

he is, for we all
play for the end.

Poor dear. it has
nearly sent me mad
myself. I am only
just beginning to sleep
at night. I should like
to come & see him, but
my D^r thinks it better
not, do you?

Y^{rs} Sincerely
Catharine Pryce.

D^r if its possible do let him
write to me.

24 Elmfield Terrace
Darlington.

Dear P^r Pierce
May I trouble to
ask you how my
husband is? I have
been my self very
ill owing to a —

nervous breakdown.
and am not
yet well, Really
knowing the
seriousness of my
husband's condition,
and that he is
quite incurable, feel
I shall be glad to

know he is at least.
If it is just a
perfect night mare,
knowing he is
as he is. Do you
think he can live
much longer? I
should be grateful
if you would let him
know how

✓ Mrs Price
Churchtown
32 Gaustang Lane
Jan 16 - 1917

To the Superintendent of
the Home Called the
Reformat Sir I have
just received information
that you have a Patient-
by name Herbert Price of
this is correct with you
Kindly let me know I
had him with me for
4 months for change
but he gradually got worse

his wife fetched him
home on the 28 of September
Since then I cannot ^{get} to know
any thing about him. So
Dear Sir if he is in this
home would you kindly
let me know & how he is
if there is any hopes of
him getting any better
I am his Mother would
like to know about him
I hope I am not intruding
in asking about him waiting
in anticipation I remain
yours most respectfully

J. Price

Telegraphic Address:

"GENERAL, RAILWAY, YORK"

Telephone No. 97.

Letters to be addressed:-

"THE GENERAL MANAGER,"

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY,

YORK.

K. 592/P.6.

12th. January, 1917.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H.J.Pryce.

I have received the account dated the 10th. instant for £61-4-0 in respect of board from 16th. November 1916 to 31st. March 1917 in respect of Mr. H.J.Pryce, which I have passed forward for payment. It will, of course, be understood that should Mr. Pryce's residence at the Retreat cease before the end of March any refund will fall to be made to the Company.

Yours faithfully,

A. Kaye Butterworth
(Signature)

The Secretary,
The Retreat,
YORK.

THE GENERAL MANAGER
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
YORK

12th January 1917

Mr. H. J. Ryce

I have received the account dated the 10th instant
1917-4-10 in respect of board from 15th November 1916 to 15th
March 1917 in respect of Mr. H. J. Ryce, which I have passed forward
for payment. It will, of course, be understood that should
Mr. Ryce's residence at the latest come before the end of March
any return will fall to be made to the Company.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. Ryce

The Secretary,
The Railway,
York.

A. KAYE BUTTERWORTH,
GENERAL MANAGER.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:
GENERAL, RAILWAY, YORK.

TELEPHONE NO. 97.

Letters to be addressed:

THE GENERAL MANAGER,
NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY,
YORK.

K. 592/P. 6.

14th. December, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Mr. H.J.Pryce, Darlington.

With reference to your letter of the 13th. instant: I have informed Mrs. Pryce that the Company will be prepared to bear the cost of Mr. Pryce's maintenance up to a limit of £3-3-0 per week for a period of five months from the 1st. November. I shall be glad to arrange for payment for that period if the accounts are sent to me.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretary,
The Retreat,
YORK.

A. KAYE BUTTERWORTH

(Signature)

13th December, 1916.

Dear Sir,

You are, I believe, aware that Mr. Hubert James Pryce of Westholme, Darlington, is here, and we understand from Mrs. Pryce that you will discharge the account for his maintenance. The terms at the Retreat, £3. 3. 0 per week in this case, require payment in advance, and I, therefore, write to ask whether I should send the account in to you or to some other department.

Yours faithfully,

The General Manager,
North Eastern Railway., Company,
YORK.

13th December, 1912.

Dear Sir,

You are, I believe, aware that
Mr. Robert James Hyde of Westholme, Warrington, is
here, and we understand from Mr. Hyde that you will
discharge the account for his maintenance. The terms
of the Retiree, No. 3, 1907 were in this case, regular
payment in advance, and I, therefore, write to ask
whether I should debit the account in to you or to some
other department.

Yours faithfully,

The General Manager,
North Western Railway, London.
Yours,

24 Elmfield Terrace
Washington
12. $\frac{12.}{16.}$

Dear Dr. Pierce.

How do you think
my husband is going
on? And do please
ask him to try and
write me just a line
or so - it is rather
dreadful hearing what

of him. I thought he
looked a good deal
better, but the man
in his bed room, seemed
to worry him a good
deal.

Thanking you.
Yr Sincerely
Catharine Tyce

24th November, 1916.

Dear Sir,

The Commissioners of the Board of Control have returned Mr. H. J. Pryce's certificates on account of various omissions and mistakes, and Mr. Pierce thought it would be best to write to you and ask if you could arrange to have them corrected.

In the first place as regards the Magistrate's Order the Commissioners say "As Darlington does not appear to be a Quarter Sessions Borough, inquiry should be made as to whether the Justice is specially appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890". I enclose a slip showing how to deal with the matter if Mr. Watson is not a Justice specially appointed under the Lunacy Act, 1890.

Also they point out that Dr. Raine's initials appear incorrectly on the Order, and this should be altered and initialled by the Magistrate.

Secondly, Mrs. Pryce has left several blanks on the Petition, and these should be filled up where it is marked in pencil.

The Statement of particulars also needs to be completed where marked.

All alterations and additions should be initialled. Please return the papers in the enclosed envelope

by the first post on Wednesday morning at the latest.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. J. Smale,

53 Stanhope Road,

Darlington.

Waltham.

Darlington

18. $\frac{11}{16}$.

Dear W^m Pierce

might I trouble to
ask how my husband

settled down? And do

you think he is happy?

Of course you understand
the account must be
sent direct to the —

General Manager
Sir I hope Butter worth
I am sending Mr Pryce
a little note just to
cheer him, may he
please write me one.

Yrs Sincerely
Catharine Pryce.

15th November, 1916.

Dear Mrs. Pryce,

We can if necessary send an attendant to Darlington to accompany Mr. Pryce to York, but we prefer not to do so if it can be avoided. The usual fee is a guinea in addition to expenses.

We should like to have a few days notice as to when he is coming.

We much hope that he will settle down here comfortably.

I remain,

Yours very truly,

248
Westholme.

Darlington

14 $\frac{11}{16}$.

• Dear W^d Pierce

I feel so thankful
to think my husband is
going to be received into
your home - he wishes himself
to come he has such
faith in you - Poor dear he
is very quiet - the only thing
he seemed to dread is to be
left alone, he walks very well
too, & likes to hold himself. I
think Doctor, could he be given
a slight occupation he would
be better - How Doctor about

him. Coming, will it be
very expensive for a
while to come for him?
If so, I will bring him
myself. Though I just
feel it would be just a little
too much returning alone -
you see he is all I have in
the world. Sir Rayl Battersworth
had been very good to me -
in letting me put him with
you - & I thank you again
for your kindness.

Yrs Sincerely
Catharine Fryce. —