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found her a good deal changed  
• She is scarcely able to walk  
her speech is affected. She  
has been in bed for many days  
• & her face - skin - has become  
rough & coarse -

She seemed sullen, or dazed  
for some time but afterwards  
was fairly rational & cheerful

It appears she is still very  
troublesome at times & even  
the evening before our visit  
had tried to strangle herself

• I write these lines not to  
trouble you but because I think  
• you will like to hear about  
your old patient

Yours ffly  
Charles Riley

(630)  
BILTON LODGE,  
KENT AVENUE,  
HARROGATE.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup> 1904  
Dr. Bedford Pierce  
York

Dear Sir I enclose cheque in  
payment of account

We are in a good deal of  
anxiety about our daughter

Dr. Gilmour wrote me on  
Thursday last that they were  
very anxious about her & asked  
us to go & see her. He said she  
had been a good deal dazed  
& confused & that her bodily  
strength had run down

He went on Friday &

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necessary I will have my daughter transferred.

We would like our friend (Miss Griffiths) who recently visited Miss Riley, to accompany her on the journey. This lady is a great friend of my daughter & would probably make the journey more comfortable to her if they went together. Will you kindly tell me that this can be done & say on what day & at what hour Miss Griffiths must be with you. If it can be conveniently arranged Monday next would be preferred.

\* Of course  
with the Nurses

Yours affly  
Miss Riley

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KENT AVENUE,  
HARROGATE.

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✓  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 1904  
Dr Bedford Pierce  
York—  
Dear Sir

We have decided to "Transfer" my daughter to Scalbor Park. I have been in communication with the Lunacy Commission & have received the forms for you & Dr Gilmour. Unfortunately these have to be signed by Lord. I am sending them to him with the request that after signing he will send them to Dr Gilmour & you — I understand that you will then do all that is

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KENT AVENUE  
HARROGATE



Griffiths is to be at the Retreat  
by eleven o'clock.

I should tell you that Miss  
Griffiths is a qualified nurse  
& being experienced in mental  
cases can take the place of  
the third nurse. You know  
already that she is a personal  
friend of Miss Riley.

Yours truly  
James Riley

The Retreat

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BILTON LODGE,  
KENT AVENUE,  
HARROGATE.

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1904  
Dr Bedford Pierce

York  
Dear Sir  
Many thanks for your  
kind note. You will doubtless  
have received the forms therefore  
I understand that the transfer  
will take place on Monday.  
Of course you know best how  
it shall be done & the motor  
journey seems the best. To  
prevent mistakes I say that  
I understand that you make  
all arrangements & Miss

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KENT AVENUE  
HARROGATE



• trouble you until she knew  
definitely what she could do  
I am sorry for our daughter  
sake as Mrs. G being with her  
would be a comfort to us all

I hope there will be no  
serious trouble & with thanks  
to you for the arrangements  
you have so kindly made me

Yours affly  
James Riley

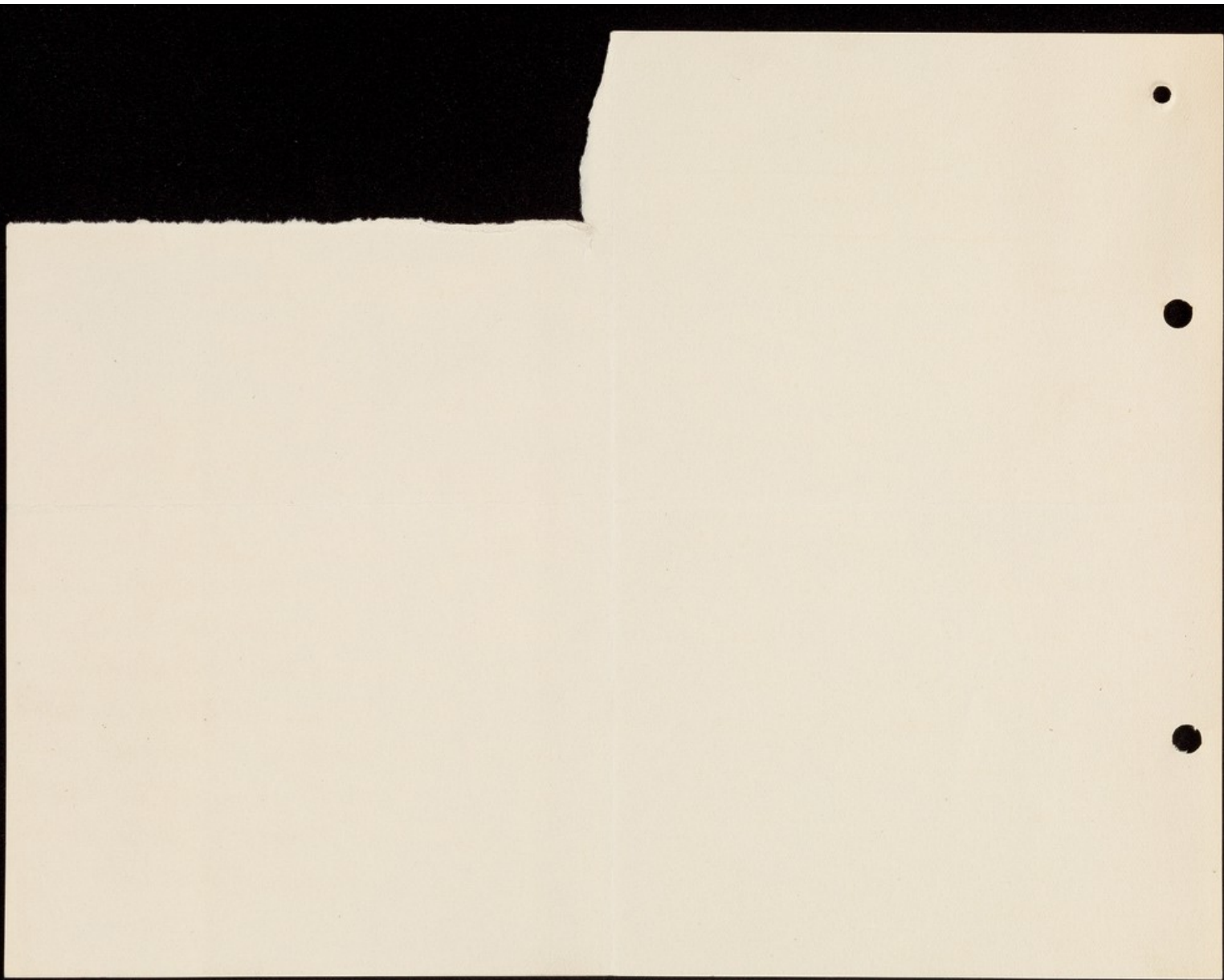
• Could I trouble you further  
to have a message sent us  
tomorrow that all is well

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1904  
Dr Bedford Puse  
York 525

Dear Sir I am sorry to say we  
have just heard from Mrs  
Griffiths that she has not been  
able to free herself from an  
engagement for tomorrow which  
will prevent her going to York  
to accompany my daughter

I saw you up last night  
to ~~see~~ talk with you about it  
but as Mrs G thought it just  
possible she might be able to  
get free I decided not to





ON WAR OFFICE LIST.

CONTRACTORS TO H.M. GOVERNMENT.

MAKERS OF BARS, STRIPS, HOOPS, LIGHT RAILS,  
SMALL ANGLES, &c. &c. IN IRON & STEEL.

TELEPHONE N° 27, NAT.  
TELEPHONE N° 3, P.O.  
TELEGRAMS: "BARS"  
BRAND: RILEY.

Bilton Lodge  
Richmond Iron Works

Harrogate

Stockton-on-Tees July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1904

Dear Sir

Thanks for your letter of yesterday from which I am glad to learn that you think more encouragingly of our daughter's case. I am glad to know that she has been playing the Piano. She is a capital musician & sing & play well. She also paints well - on canvas & otherwise - and I want to say that I shall not demur to any reasonable charge you think it well to incur for music or painting materials, to make her happier or more contented.

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I have signed the agreement - witnessed by D. D. Riley Grand- & returned it to you. I also enclose cheque in payment of A/c & shall be pleased to receive formal acknowledgment.

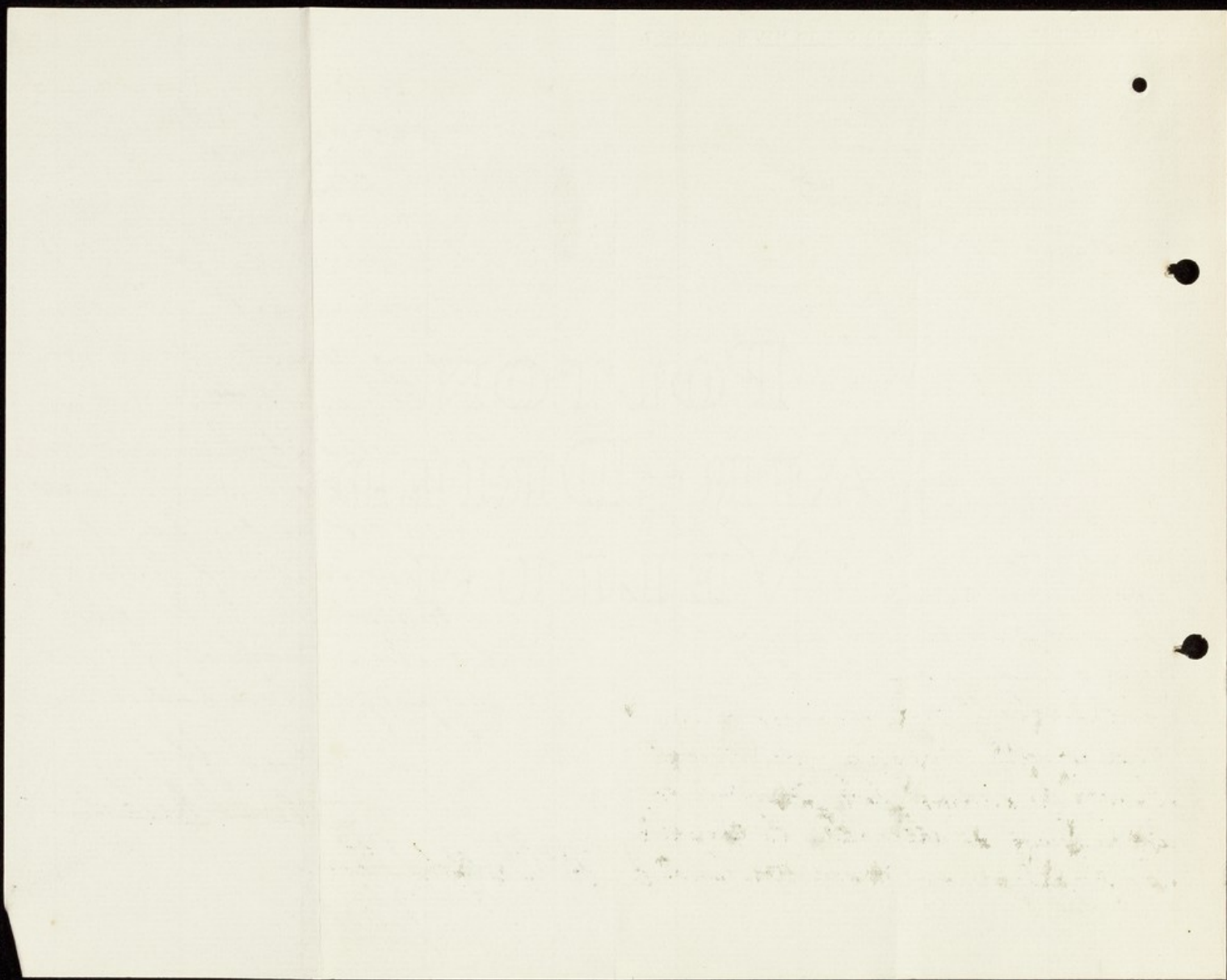
Regarding correspondence we desire that any letters written by Miss Riley shall be addressed to Bilton Lodge & we will send them forward in our discretion.

I have suggested to Mr. Riley to write to 'The Matron' about certain matters of dress & my people have had in mind.

Yours affly  
James Riley

D. Bedford Pence  
York





position to send me a more  
encouraging report & that the  
necessity for ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~extremity~~ for  
the extreme anxiety, watchfulness  
& care may soon be reduced.

Naturally you do not like  
sending to me distressing news  
about your poor daughter, but I  
prefer that you should do so  
rather than that the other  
members of my family should  
be so troubled. Therefore while  
thanking you for the kindly  
thought I request that you will  
write me, not my son.

Yours affly  
James Riley  
D Bedford Place  
York

BILTON LODGE,  
KENT AVENUE,  
HARROGATE

✓ July 20<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir  
Thanks for your kind  
& sympathetic letter. I note  
the decision of your Committee  
as to terms & altho the charge  
is a very heavy one for me it  
heavier than I can bear for very  
long, yet if you will kindly  
have a statement sent to me  
of the sum you now require I  
will send cheque for the amount.

I hope your treatment ~~is~~  
will be so successful that  
you will shortly be in a



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KENT AVENUE  
HARROGATE



THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,  
SOUTHPORT.

TELEGRAMS: "PRINCE SOUTHPORT."  
TELEPHONE NO 15.

H. Y. GASCOIGNE,  
MANAGER.

July 15<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dear Sir

I have been out of health & Mr Riley very greatly upset by what has happened to our daughter - We have come here for a week or so - Last Sunday I got my son Charles to write to you & asked him to enclose my card so that you might reply to me directly - As we have heard nothing from you I am getting a little uneasy as to whether he missed - We shall be obliged if you will write me a ~~little~~ line soon saying how Gerrie is & whether it will be proper or

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otherwise for any of us to write to her. Also please give me the information I asked as to your terms &c -

I am not sure that I know how to address you correctly but I hope this letter will reach you -

Yours affly  
Ernest Riley

Dr Percie  
The Retreat  
York

We shall be here until next Friday morning



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SOUTHPORT



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SOUTHPORT  
LIVERPOOL

*Ans*

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THE PRINCE OF WALES HOTEL,  
SOUTHPORT.

TELEGRAMS: "PRINCE SOUTHPORT."

TELEPHONE No 15.

HY. GASCOIGNE,  
MANAGER.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 1904

Dear Sir

I thank you for your letter of yesterday - I cannot explain about your previous letter missing me. It may be that my son got it -

We are troubled that your news about my daughter is not more favourable but hope you will soon be able to report some improvement

I observe on your note paper that you are in Leeds frequently & as I am often there I will try to see you & have a talk one of these days when we have got back home

With regard to terms I confirm my tele as follows:

Cannot wire fully I write maintenance charge very high. I understand about nurses but



hope circumstances temporary?

I had understood that the customary charge for a patient was 2/2/- weekly with various extras for sundry requirements for bodily use &c. Such a bill was shewn me a fortnight ago by a friend who has a relative in a good private home & I naturally expected a similar charge for my daughter. Of course I expected I should have to pay for extra nurses & do not dissent to it but I should find it a serious charge were this to be long continued. I await a further communication stating what total payment is expected from me & trust it will be made as reasonable as circumstances will allow.

I thank you for your remark about our writing to my daughter.

J. Bedford Preece  
York

Yours affly  
Charles Preece



let him know your  
serius for keeping  
my sister for the  
present. He regrets  
the news is not  
more favourable but  
hopes he may have  
a more favourable  
report shortly. He  
also wishes to know  
if we may write  
to her.

Please write to him  
as per enclosed

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BILTON LODGE,  
KENT AVENUE,  
HARROGATE.

Jan'y 6<sup>th</sup> 1986.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed is my  
Father's card & he desires  
me to write you & thank  
you for your letter  
addressed to my brother  
per Dr Kemp. My Father  
is laid up in bed at  
present so cannot  
write himself.

He also desires me  
to ask you to kindly



BILTON LODGE  
KENT AVENUE  
HARROGATE

Card as both my  
brother & myself have  
business at Stockton  
& are only here at  
the week-ends.

Yours ffy.

Chas. A. Riley

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



## YORK RETREAT HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

In consideration of the Directors of the York Retreat Hospital for the Insane agreeing to receive Gertrude Riley of Bilton Lodge  
Harrogate as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE  
AND AGREE with Richard Thompson  
of Dringale, The Mount, York the Treasurer of the said Hospital, to pay or  
cause to be paid, to the said Richard Thompson  
as such Treasurer, or to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, all such Sum or  
Sums of Money as shall from time to time be or become due and payable for the Lodging,  
Maintenance, and care of the said patient in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the  
Authorities of the said Hospital, and all such Sum or Sums of Money as shall be paid or disbursed  
by or on behalf of the said Institution for any articles of Wearing Apparel, or other necessities, or  
extras supplied to, or provided for the said Patient, or the repairing or mending and washing of  
the articles of Wearing Apparel of the said Patient, so long as the said Patient shall continue in  
the said Hospital, or be under the charge of the Authorities of the said Hospital, and also to pay  
or cause to be paid the expenses in respect of the Funeral of the said Patient, in case the said  
Patient shall die in the said Hospital, or whilst under the charge of the Authorities of the said  
Hospital. AND I FURTHER AGREE to pay Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on any  
accounts due from me as above, which shall not have been discharged within Twenty-eight days  
from the receipt of such account from the Treasurer, Secretary, or Clerk of the said Hospital.  
AND I ALSO UNDERTAKE AND AGREE, at my own expense, to remove the said Patient from the  
said Hospital within Fourteen days after receiving Notice in writing from the Treasurer, Secretary  
or Clerk for the time being of the said Hospital, requiring such removal.

WITNESS my hand the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 1907

Name James Riley  
Residence Bilton Lodge, Harrogate  
Occupation Iron Manufacturer

SIGNED by the said James Riley  
in the presence of

Witness's Signature } Wm Doyle, George Esq  
Address, and } 3 Clarence Drive Harrogate  
Profession. } Physician

N.B.—The charge for Board, Lodging and Medical care is payable quarterly, in advance. Disbursements by the Institution on behalf of patients, and other exceptional expenses, are charged in the following quarter's account. A residence of less than a month is charged as a month.

In the event of the death, removal, or discharge of a patient before the expiry of the quarter covered by the last payment, the surplus amount is returned by the Retreat.



