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Wheeler

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Wm

Mount Pleasant—  
Bishop Auckland—

14. 11. 09.

Dear Mr. Pierce

We have received  
the enclosed letter from  
Miss Wheeler this evening  
& I should like your  
opinion as to whether  
you consider it would  
be advisable for her  
to go so far away &  
if she would be fit  
to travel so far alone.

We think she is in the  
right place where she is  
but are afraid she will  
never settle & she has  
frequently in her letters  
expressed a wish to  
go to her friends at  
Aberdeen who of course  
are Catholics.

It is a very difficult case  
& we should like your  
opinion as to whether  
we should be justified  
in withholding the money.

& we think if we  
told her that you  
thought she ought not  
to travel so far it  
might have some  
weight with her for  
a while.

I am sorry to trouble  
you but shall be  
greatly obliged if you  
can help us in the  
matter.

Yours sincerely

Joseph Lingford.  
Please return her letter

Memorandum.

(876)

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

To.....

10 May 23 1907

Dear Mr Pierce

I am sorry to trouble you again but  
the enclosed letter came yesterday from Miss Wheeler  
As you will see she is under the impression  
that she can have private rooms with  
Miss Peters - As you have advised Miss Wheeler



to go to Miss Peters I thought it would perhaps  
be better to leave it with you to decide whether  
she is told now that it is a boarding house or  
wait until she gets to Barrogate. I fear if the  
latter she might make it unpleasant for Miss P.

Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingford

My dear Cousin

Many thanks

the parcel arrived safely -  
but only one combination  
turned up - I had better  
have another - It has  
only short sleeves - but -  
perhaps I can manage -

Are you making  
arrangements with this  
person at Harrogate -  
I shall want rooms to  
myself of course -

and I hope you will  
not pay as much as  
you have done. here

I shall want  
money for travelling  
and a fixed sum for  
myself - if you settle  
here lies as Miss Peters  
seems to expect. —

I am sorry you  
are ill —

With love

Yours truly  
Dr. Wheeler

The Retreat -

Oct 21 - 1907



Memorandum.

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

To

Mr Bedford Price

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Dear Friend

In reply to yours please do not  
advance any money to Miss Wheeler. I am writing  
her to the effect that as she will have no money  
to receive before 1<sup>st</sup> January she must stay where



she is until Nov 12<sup>th</sup> as I have settled to that date  
and after that have refused to lend her any  
money unless she stays at the Retreat or goes  
to Barrogate and hope you will be able to induce  
her to arrange accordingly

I am Yours sincerely  
Joseph Loringford

connected with her  
case.



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Will you kindly  
write me (from enclosed)  
if you can meet me  
on Wednesday and  
time if you can.

Say 12 o'clock I should  
be in York from 12.30  
to 6 but want some  
time with my daughter

6/10/07.

Dear Dr Pierce,

My father  
would like me to have  
a talk with you re  
Miss Wheeler as he  
thinks there are some  
things that ought to  
be explained to you

who is at the Mount

I am

yours sincerely,

Ernest Rugford



✓  
FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

Memorandum.

To *Redford Pierce*

*9 Nov 21* 1907

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Dear Friend

Yours re Miss Wheelers teeth has been forwarded and though it is a good deal to expend under present circumstances it will be better to have the work satisfactorily done, and shall feel obliged by yours attending to same - I am obliged for



the reduction to 3 guineas per week and hope with  
care I may be able to meet her expenses -

Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingford

J 716

Lyndale,  
Ellesmere Park,  
Eccles, Lancs.

Sept 17. 1907

Dr. H. Kemp-

Dear Madam-

I should be glad  
to hear from you - when  
convenient, as to the  
progress Miss Wheeler  
who came to you in

August in making  
towards recovery. I hope  
she is doing well & not  
giving any anxiety.

Yrs truly  
(Mrs) Eliza O'Neill



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6/9/07

Dear Sir

We were quite aware  
that Miss Wheeler would  
require her teeth attending to  
but as I explained to you she  
has overstepped her insurance  
and I have to be as careful  
as possible as to finance  
I have settled with the



dentist in Newcastle for  
what he has done and  
therefore shall be obliged  
if you will kindly arrange  
for a suitable person in  
York to attend to her  
requirements -

Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingford

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

Memorandum.

To

W E Waller

8 Mar 24 1907

(653)

Dear Sir

Mr. Field informs me that from correspondence with you she expected her sister would be charged about £2. 10.0 per week. I may inform you that she has got into difficulties in money matters and I have to advance the amount to her paid

but hope with strict care I may be able to put  
matters right in time - I enclose a cheque for  
thirty pounds on account and shall be glad  
to hear the decision of the Committee  
Kindly acknowledge receipt and oblige

Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingford



Memorandum.

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

To

*The Secretary*  
*The Retreat, Auckland*  
8 March 1907

(657)

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your charge for M<sup>s</sup> Wheeler, which I do not quite understand as I understood your fees would be 3 guineas a week.

The trouble on her account lately has been that she has spent more than her income as she appears to have no



idea as to money matters and I hope you will be  
careful in supplying what she fancies her requirements  
as I now have to advance payments on her behalf

Awaiting your explanation

I am Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingford

638  
Lyndale,  
Ellesmere Park,  
Eccles, Lancs.

Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1907

Dr Kemp

Dear Madam -

I am very glad  
that you are willing  
to admit Miss Wheeler  
from Whitley Bay as a  
Voluntary Boarder into  
the Retreat on Monday  
August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The nurse who has been  
attending her will



accompany her to York,  
and will be able to  
answer any necessary  
questions -

They will probably  
already have informed  
you what time they  
are likely to arrive -

I am afraid you  
will find Miss Wheeler  
looking rather forlorn,

as she has lately had  
her teeth extracted.

This was done by a  
dentist in Newcastle;  
I don't know whether  
it would be medical  
etiquette for her to  
have them replaced  
by some York dentist,  
as the distance is  
so great.

Hoping she will  
settle quickly & easily,  
I remain  
yours sincerely  
(Mrs) E. B. Heild



Memorandum.

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

To

Mr. Frank Kemp

S. M. S. 1907

Dear Friend

Mrs. Field informs me she has written to you re her sister Mary Jane Wheeler as to being received at the Retreat as a voluntary boarder to which I quite agree as her trustee and shall be obliged by your informing me by return whether it

will be convenient to admit her on Monday if  
arrangements can be made & as trustees shall be  
responsible for the financial requirements -

Yours sincerely  
Joseph Lingard

8 Waterford Crescent <sup>(633)</sup>  
Whiteley Bay  
August 8<sup>th</sup> - 1907

Dear Dr. Krump

I have had  
a letter from Mr. Field,  
Sister of my patient,  
and as requested, Miss  
Whelan has signed the  
enclosed agreement  
with myself as witness.  
As arrangements have



we have definitely  
made I cannot say which  
day we shall leave for  
York, but I dare say  
Mr. Child will give  
you all necessary  
instructions.

Believe me  
yours sincerely  
Leah P. Proctor

you think a voluntary stay  
at home would be better please  
say so as one naturally shrinks  
from the other course.

I shall be glad to answer any  
other questions but shall be  
glad of an early reply.

Miss Whalen is 54 years old I  
think.

Yours truly  
John Wood

P.S. - If you think it preferable  
necessary kindly send from  
as Miss W. is at Whitley Bay  
in Newcastle & I in Huddersfield  
there will be some talk in post but  
it is arranged for her to have her  
talk out today so she may feel

Her willing to stay another  
where she is.

Write for a day or two

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Sent from

Lamhead

Shepley

Huddersfield

30.11.07.

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Dear Friend

Dr Preece

With you kindly give your  
advice as to the following case.  
Miss Whalen an independent  
lady who was a friend but is  
now a Roman Catholic needs  
care, being very restless &  
quite unable to manage her  
own affairs. I have been very



foolish over money matters  
so that she must be under  
some restraint. Would it  
be the best for her to come  
to York as a voluntary patient  
or as a certified one? She  
expressed herself as quite  
wicked for the women when  
I saw her on Thursday last,  
but as we see they are able  
to leave on a 24 hours  
notice I fear she might  
demand to leave at anytime  
as she is very restless &  
always wanting a change

She has always been very  
weak & unreliable & I think  
the influence of the Roman  
Catholics may have weakened  
her moral fibre & made  
her worse.

She is at present in rooms  
at the seaside with a  
trained nurse who finds  
her almost more than she  
can manage.

I do not think we should  
find any difficulty about  
a certificate & have <sup>had</sup> written  
to a GP who has treated her  
under care to ask him, but of course if



Memorandum.

FROM

JOSEPH LINGFORD,  
BISHOP AUCKLAND.

TO

Bedford Price  
York

10 Nov 1907

Dear Friends

I received a statement to end of year  
but as it is not decided as to Miss Wheeler's  
remaining after the three months I enclose  
Cheque to settle up to the end of the quarter

adding the amount charged for disbursements  
which leaves me £ 5. 6-9 to credit to last to the end  
of the year - Kindly acknowledge receipt  
and oblige

Yours sincerely

Joseph Linsford



Many Whaler.

Dear Dr Pierce

I hope you  
will pardon my seeming  
rudeness this morning  
but I was hardly able  
to give an account on  
the spur of the moment.  
Before the Sister.

I have never been  
strong though I have no  
serious illness to report -  
1906 I was living in Scotland  
and travelling about -  
In May I was staying at  
Ayr Hill High in Aberdeen -







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when I received a letter from some one I had known long ago but had lost sight of for 20 yrs. He wanted money and asked for it in any thing but polite terms. I got frightened packed up and set off without any definite aim except to get away.

This was about the 12 May last year (1906)

I had money with me but it only lasted about a week. I wandered to







Stirling and found<sup>(3)</sup>  
myself without any and  
spent two nights sleeping  
out of doors - and walking  
about all the time between  
I went as far as Dumfries  
and back on the Sunday  
morning, and after mass  
I went to the priest and  
he kindly helped me to  
go to 'Edinboro' where I  
had some rooms waiting  
for me - a fact I had  
quite forgotten - which  
shows my state -







I did not even feel<sup>(4)</sup>  
tired, only I was afraid  
this person was following  
me. The idea was

- absurd. I was in  
Columbo. most of that  
year. but spent the  
winter at Colby (m) Carlisle.

There was no doubt.  
I was gradually getting  
less able to manage  
● myself and my affairs -  
but nothing particular  
happened till June.  
I had been travelling about.







and went to stay at.

Clevedon in Somerset. with  
a landlady I had been  
with before.

Here I was short.  
of money. There was some  
due in July but instead  
of waiting I drew out a  
cheque for £15 or £17. I am  
not sure which now - and  
I signed my solicitor's  
name to it. (Seathley and Allen)  
after some trouble I got it.  
cashed at a branch  
of the Wills and Dorset.







bank in Clevedon.

The same day  
I left for Broadway and  
travelled by stages up to  
Dumfries. I went to

Preston on my way to see  
a priest. I knew and told  
him. He advised me  
to <sup>go to</sup> see a lawyer. but I  
did not. I had got an  
idea in my head that I  
must give myself up —  
and go first to the bank  
and explain —







Newcastle was the <sup>4</sup>  
nearest point - where  
Barclay's had a branch.

● I went in with my  
cheque book - and startled  
the manager by telling him  
what I had done.

He sent me  
to the police station -  
meanwhile I had written  
● Heathley and Wiles  
all the particulars.

The Inspector  
detained me for the night -  
The police doctor saw me







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and by 9 that-night -  
my solicitors telegraphed  
that-every thing had  
been arranged -

The next-day I  
was brought-up before the  
magistrate and remanded  
to the Observation wards  
of the Workhouse where  
I stayed three weeks.

Then my sister  
(Mrs Reed) came and took  
me out - and sent me  
to Whitey Bay with a  
nurse.



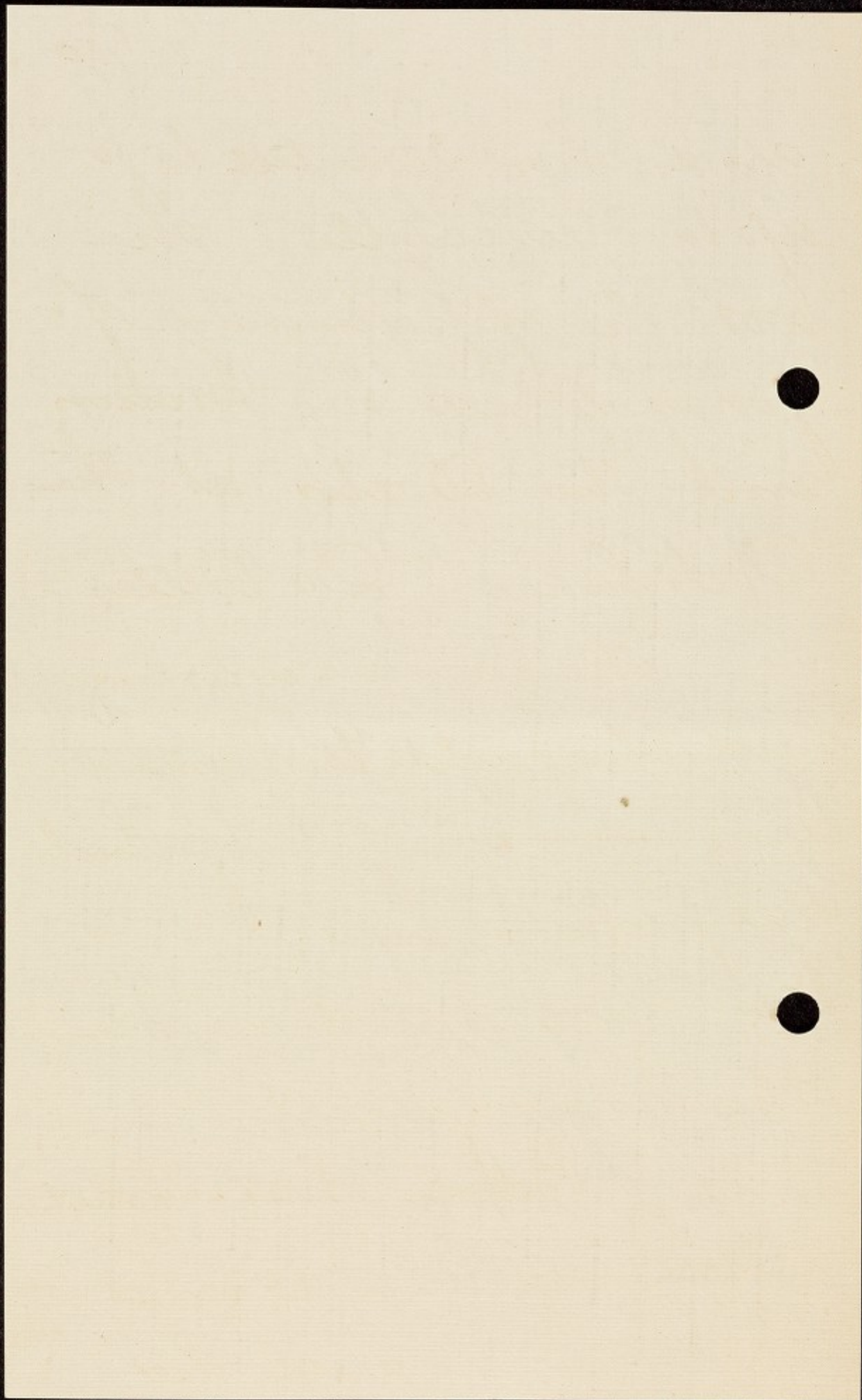




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In my mind it was a  
mistake - they were so  
anxious to cover it up  
that when Mrs Heild  
engaged the nurse she  
never said it was a  
mental case - but only  
that nurse was not to  
let me go about alone -

I got very bad towards  
the end of the month  
used to get into fearful  
rages - but never hurt  
any one - she got anxious



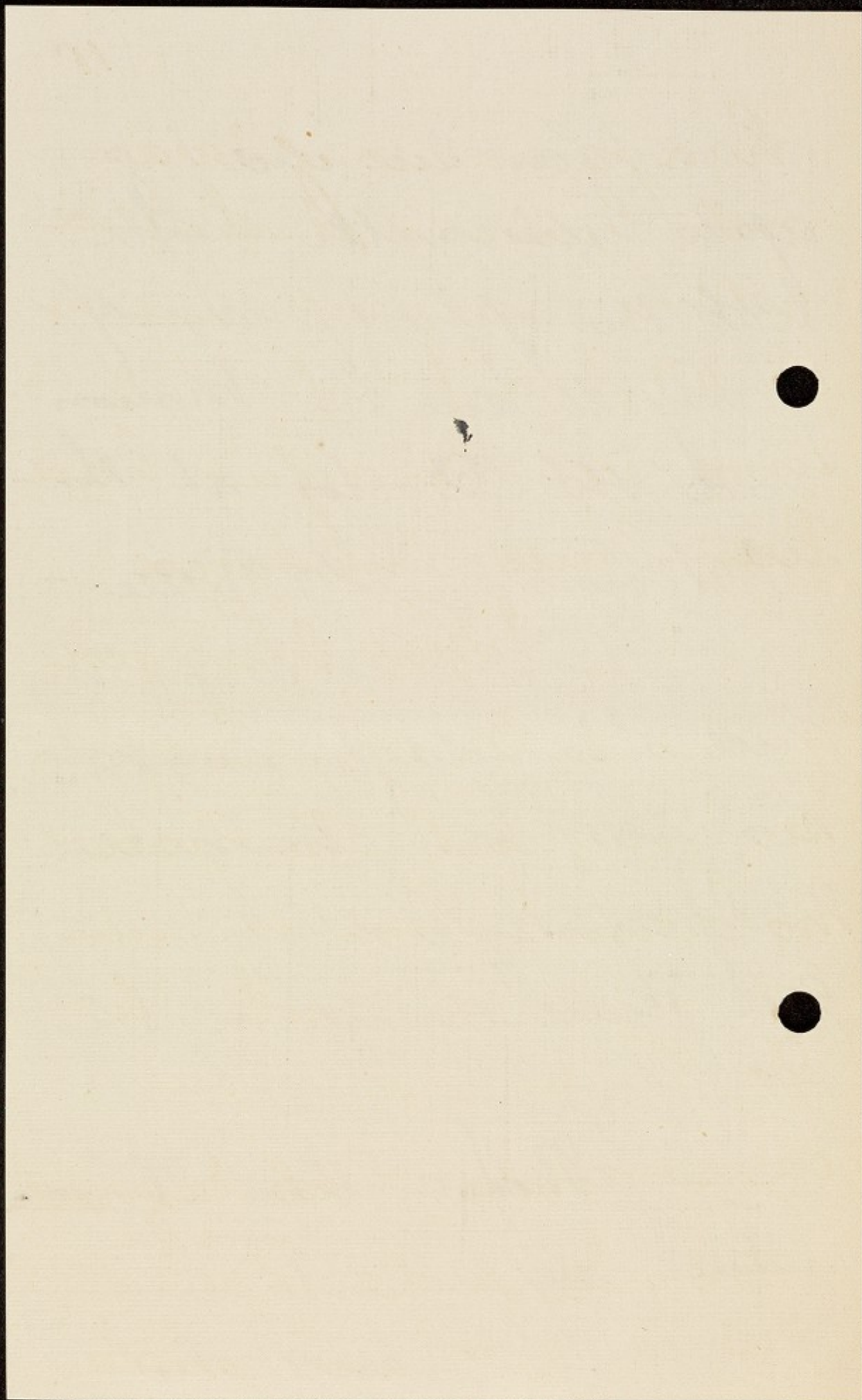


and when I wanted to go up to Newcastle - she took the opportunity of going to see her Mother and the Doctor at the Workhouse. (Dr Willes -)

The Mother was angry said she ought to have been told every thing which was perfectly right. - and Mrs Reed must make other arrangements -

Before that I had asked my sister to send me to York and she







had promised if I was  
not better - but she did  
not like being uprised by  
the Matron. I apologized  
and felt the affair had  
been badly managed -

Then I begged  
nurse to bring me up to  
see you, but she had  
no orders - Then my sister  
got disgusted - wrote to  
Dr. Kemp - and a paper  
came down which I signed  
and nurse brought me  
here the following Monday.







as a Voluntary Patient -  
signed for 3 mos.

Mr Lingford sees to  
my affairs and allows  
me nothing.

The position is very  
clear to me - at first. I  
expected penal servitude  
for it was forgery of course.  
and it might have been  
better, at least. I deserved  
it. My family were only  
anxious to cover it up -  
which never seems  
straight forward -







I told Dr Kemp. but -  
I feel ill and worn -  
and somewhat confused  
● now you will understand  
why I could not at once  
enter in to it -

I am much better -  
and I will do what -  
you think best for the  
future - when I have  
● the opportunity of asking  
you about the matter -

I remain

Yours sincerely  
Mary Wheeler.









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 Mary Jane Wheeler of no fixed abode as a patient in the said Hospital, I HEREBY UNDERTAKE AND AGREE with Richard Thompson of Quingchi, The Mining, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1907

Name Joseph Lingford

Residence Bishop Auckland

Occupation Gentleman

SIGNED by the said Joseph Lingford

in the presence of

Witness's Signature	} <u>Mary Alice Chipchase.</u> <u>Mount Pleasant, Bishop Auckland.</u>
Address, and	
Profession.	

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.

