

GBR 43: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 43	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 19 June 1854 to 10 March 1856.	<p>List of Guardians elected in April 1855. The list contains: names of Guardians as given in the election list in the minute book. Expanded forms, if known, are given in square brackets. Names of parish, profession and places of residence if known.</p> <p>Ebenezer Black (Grindon, farmer, Grindon. Nomination paper void for uncertainty. Mr Ebenezer Black entitled to serve); James Black (Cornhill, farmer, New Heaton); John Brown (Horncliffe, farmer, Horncliffe); Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Marygate); William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, Norham East Mains); Thomas Crewther (Ancroft, mineralist, Spittal); Adam Darling (Shoreswood, timber merchant, Quay Walls, Berwick); John Davidson (Berwick, druggist, Marygate); Robert Dickson (Tweedmouth, farmer, Kiln Hill); William Elliott (Twizel, farmer, Riffington); John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer, Broom House); Joseph Fleming (Berwick, currier, Marygate); Thomas Friar (Duddo, gentleman, Grindon Ridge); William Gibson (Berwick, postmaster, Hide Hill); James Grey (Berwick, brewer, Silver Street); Richard Makins (Tweedmouth, farmer); John Charles McDonald (Kyloe, farmer, Berrington); William Moor (Longridge, farmer); John Morton (Berwick, butcher, Marygate); Thomas Pinkerton (Ancroft, farmer, Ancroft Steads); Robert Ramsey junior (Tweedmouth, ironfounder, High Street); James Richardson (Thornton, farmer, Thornton); Ninian Sanderson (Berwick, farmer, Conundrum); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Gallagat House); James Wilson (Tweedmouth, gentleman, Spring Hill); John Wilson (Berwick, ironmonger, Bay View) [sic]; John Wilson (Tweedmouth, ironmonger, Bay View) [sic];</p>	19 June 1854 – 10 March 1856.

			<p>George Winlaw (Berwick, shoemaker, Marygate); No nomination paper received from Loanend.</p> <p>Medical Officers appointed March 1855: Alexander Kirkwood (Berwick District and Union Workhouse). Dr Kirkwood resigned from the post of Medical Officer for the Berwick District in September 1855, and was replaced by: Robert Carr Fluker: Andrew Morison (Tweedmouth District); James Wilson (Islandshire District); John Paxton (Norhamshire District, East Division); Matthew James Turnbull (Norhamshire District, West Division);</p> <p>Relieving Officers serving during the period covered by this volume: James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], (Berwick); John Anderson (Islandshire); Joseph Scott (Norhamshire);</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse during the period covered by this volume: James Blackett Atkinson (resigned June 1854), replaced by Alexander Laidlaw December 1854.</p> <p>The parishes which comprised the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union during the period covered by this volume were: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Hornccliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel;</p>	
Item	GBR 43/1 - 8	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 June 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Nesbit; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; William Cleghorn; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey jr [Robert Ramsey junior]; Adam Darling; James Wilson; William Moor; Alexander Crossman; George Smith; John Brown; John Morton; Robert Dickson; James Grey; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke].</p>	19 June 1854.

		<p>Medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood; James Wilson; John Paxton. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Financial Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); William Ross (beef); R Johnson & Co (coals); G & J Young (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); William Cowe (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); George Henderson (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Chrisp (tailor); Peter Wilson (shoes); Andrew Thompson (ironmonger); Alexander Marshall (milk); C L Gilchrist (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); [Dinah Maneral]; (codfish); John Crombie (codfish); Phillis Buglass (codfish); Elizabeth Johnson (codfish); Esther Johnson (codfish); John Davidson (chemist).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Sample (old rope); David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of register office); Joseph Redfearn (old rope); James Emery (old rope); Thomas Heslop (water sprig); John Thompson (district rate); George Lauder (binding books for register office); Thomas Heslop (water sprig for register office).</p> <p>Account for maintenance for a pauper lunatic in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum was presented and payment ordered. Berwick, Christian Crooks.</p> <p>The Clerk had received a precept from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay the County Treasurer the amount set opposite the names of the parishes of this Union, towards the General County Rate at one halfpenny in the pound on or before 20 June 1854.</p> <p>Account of fees to Clerks to Justices was presented and payment ordered to</p>	
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			<p>Messrs Willoby.</p> <p>Cheque to be paid to James Blackett Atkinson for paying out-relief.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, 32, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Robert Dodds, pitman, of Shoreswood, for pain in the back, recommended to be taken into the Workhouse. The above signed by John Paxton.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for bread, beef etc. would expire shortly. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive fresh contracts.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board containing their decision as to the charges brought against James Blackett Atkinson by the Rev McDermott. Proposal moved by George Smith, seconded by Alexander Crossman, that in spite of the Poor Law Board's decision the Guardian continue to have the greatest confidence in Mr Atkinson. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The meeting had received a letter from the Poor Law Board, stating that they should make arrangements, as soon as possible, for the separation of the offices of relieving officers and master of the workhouse. Letter received from James Blackett Atkinson tendering his resignation as Master of the Workhouse. Resignation accepted by the Guardians and they point out the expediency of the Master and Matron of the Workhouse being a married couple.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/9-19	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 July 1854	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton]; James Black; William Cleghorn; Richard Makins; John Morton; Robert Ramsey jn [Robert Ramsey junior]; James Wilson; John Nesbit; George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; David Logan. Medical officers: James Wilson; Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p>	3 July 1854

			<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); William Ross (beef); R Johnson & Co (coals); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Elliott (treats) ; Ann Marshall (milk); Elizabeth Johnson (fish); John Main (tailor); C L Gilchrist (groceries).</p> <p>Account for maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Peckham House, Surrey, was presented and payment ordered. Berwick, Martha Forster.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: William Willoby and Edward Willoby (clerks); James Blackett Atkinson, John Anderson, Joseph Scott (relieving officers); Andrew Mallock (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood; Andrew Morison, James Wilson, John Paxton, Matthew James Turnbull (medical officers); Jane Purdie (matron); John Moor (assistant master); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber).</p> <p>Payment ordered to Joseph Scott as Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for the Parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Thomas Cromarty, 29, fisher, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 4s worth of mutton from 2 June to 23 June. Signed by James Wilson. William Lee, 66, of Spittal, for dislocation of shoulder, prescribed bread and tea; Sarah Bell, 50, of Tweedmouth, for a cold, prescribed bread and tea. The above signed by Andrew Morison. James Rowley, 27, labourer, of Hatters Lane, for diarrhoea and pain, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert Fluker for Alexander Kirkwood. William Knox,</p>	
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			<p>33, of Castlegate, for slight debility from previous illness, nothing prescribed; Mary Ann Tully, 23, of Walkergate Lane, for premature labour, prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 1 lb of beef; Hannah Hastle, 31, of Hatters Lane, in childbirth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar and beef; Mary Ann Tully, of Walkergate Lane, in childbirth, prescribed 2 lbs of beef and 4 lbs of bread. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee that they had advertised and received fresh contracts for provisions, and had received the Guardians' approval.</p> <p>Letter received from James Wilson regarding an incident of Irish people in Berwick trying to obtain free medical assistance by fraud. They had tried to obtain a medical order by pretending not to have any money. James Wilson was also accused by the midwife of being violent towards her when she refused to leave the room.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the appointment of a new master of the Workhouse in place of James Blackett Atkinson, who had resigned. As Jane Purdie has refused to resign, and the Guardians would like to appoint a married couple to the post, the Clerk was directed to write the Poor Law Board to ask what course to pursue.</p> <p>Plan prepared by Mr Grey of the proposed addition and alterations of the Workhouse, was laid before the meeting together with a report about the same. The Clerk was directed to transmit plan and report to the Poor Law Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/20-28	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 July 1854	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Nesbit; Robert Makins; James Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; William Moor; Robert Cairns; John Morton; George Smith; George Winlaw; Robert Ramsey jn [Robert Ramsey junior]; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman. Medical officers: James Wilson; Andrew Morison; Alexander Kirkwood. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	17 July 1854

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: R Johnson & Co (coals); R Ramsay & Son (boiler); George Henderson (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); Gas Company; Hannah Wight (earthenware); John Mains (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk); Elizabeth Swinney (fish); John Winter (flour).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); John Thompson (poor rate); Charles Knight (forms)</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum presented and payment ordered: Berwick, John Howe; Hannah Jamison; Elizabeth Trotter; Christian Crooks; Jane Thomson; Thomas Allison. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Agnes Dalgliesh; Isabella Lough. Norham, Maria Hall.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 37 cases. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 38 cases. Ancroft, Andrew Morison, 9 cases. Holy Island, James Wilson, 10 cases. Kyloe, James Wilson, 5 cases. Ancroft, James Wilson, 5 cases. John Paxton, Duddo, 5 cases, Felkington, 3 cases, Grindon 2 cases, Horncliffe, 8 cases, Loanend, 1 case, Longridge, 1 case, Norham, 12 cases, Norham Mains, 4 cases, Shoreswood, 6 cases, Twizel cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], 7 midwifery cases, 1 midwifery case; Berwick Workhouse, 8 midwifery cases. Tweedmouth, Morison [Andrew Morison], 2 midwifery cases, 2 fractures of arms. Norham, Mr Paxton [John Paxton], 1 fracture of arm.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Richard Pringle, 43,</p>	
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Item	GBR 43/29	Minutes of Berwick Board of	Present at the meeting:	31 July 1854.

	<p>- 34</p>	<p>Guardians meeting held on 31 July 1854.</p>	<p>Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; William Moor; Robert Dickson; James Wilson; John Morton; Robert Cairns; R Ramsey [Robert Ramsey; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; Joseph Fleming. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (bread); William Ross (beef); Robert Rutherford (draperies); George Henderson (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); C L Gilchrist (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); Ann Marshall (milk).</p> <p>Common charges: George Macaskie (printing and advertising); W and E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby], (justice clerks fees).</p> <p>Account for printing voting papers for the last election of guardians of the Parish of Berwick was presented and payment ordered to: George Macaskie.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Cornhill, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], 9 cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Thomas Cromarty, fisher, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 1 ½ lbs of mutton for a week. Signed by J Wilson [James Wilson]. James Burn, of Hatters Lane, for diarrhoea, prescribed 2 lbs of beef and rice; Peter Butler, 24, of Walkergate Lane, for a sprain of back, recommended to be admitted to the Workhouse. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p>	
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the proposal made by the Guardians regarding alterations and addition to the Workhouse, subject to certain modifications of detail in the plan of the intended addition. They further state that all plans must be sent to them for their inspection. Resolved by the Guardians that suggestions made by the Poor Law Board be adopted, and that the Special Committee appointed 8 May last be authorised to take measures for acquiring the new proposed piece of ground, and to instruct Mr Grey to complete the plans in accordance with the modifications suggested by the Poor Law Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/35 - 42	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Aug. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Thomas Pinkerton; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; John Nesbit; James Wilson; Robert Dickson; John Brown; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; John Morton; John McGregor; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Crossman; R Ramsay [Robert Ramsay]; G Smith [George Smith]; John Wilson; David Logan; Richard Makins; Adam Darling; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (bread); William Ross (beef); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Chrisp (tailor).</p> <p>Accounts of the District Registry for registering persons for whom successful vaccination certificates have been transmitted to them by medical officers:</p>	14 Aug. 1854.

			<p>Berwick, James B Atkinson, 79 cases. Tweedmouth, 67 cases. Ancroft, John Anderson, 6 cases; Holy Island, 7 cases; Kylee, 5 cases. Joseph Scott, Longridge, 1 case, Duddo, 4 cases, Felkington, 3 cases, Norham, 8 cases, Loanend, 1 case, Horncliffe, 11 cases, Norham Mains, 2 cases, Grindon, 2 cases, Shoreswood, 3 cases, Cornhill , 8 cases.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; James Young, labourer, of Felkington, for disease of knee joint, prescribed 1 bottle of wine and 2 lbs of mutton. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Thomas Cromarty, 29, of Holy Island, for phthisis, prescribed 3 lbs of mutton for 2 weeks; George Hall, 50, of Fenwick, for debility, prescribed 3 lbs of mutton for 2 weeks; Rosina Metking, of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed bread and 2 lbs of beef (2 identical entries).The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that applications for the post of master of the Workhouse had been received from: Anthony L Cuthbertson, Berwick; James Reid, Montrose; John Short, Berwick; John Coutts, [Meigle]; James White, Usk; [William Anderson], Portland; John Richardson, Edinburgh; Alexander Frazer, Edinburgh; Robert Drysdale, Edinburgh; Robert Maule, Newcastle; John Macaulay, Edinburgh; John Gladstone, Berwick; William Tulley.</p> <p>Resolved that the choice of qualified applicants was too limited, and that the Guardians should be able to appoint a master and matron as a married couple, which at the moment cannot be done as the present matron, Jane Purdie, has refused to resign. To induce Jane Purdie to resign her position it is suggested that she should be paid £10 a year for 2 years if she agrees to resign right away as compensation for loss of income. Also resolved that this proposal be put before the Poor Law Board for their sanction.</p> <p>Dr Clarke laid before the meeting a list of books for the Workhouse library. The list was approved by the Guardians. Dr Clarke further announced a gift authorised by a friend of 20 volumes to be added to the library.</p> <p>Ordered that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] should inspect the various</p>	
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			pauper lunatics belonging to the Union, at present confined in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum and the Bensham Lunatic Asylum, and report back to the Guardians.	
Item	GBR 43/43 - 51	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 Aug. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Richard Makins; George Winlaw; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; Adam Darling; Ninian Sanderson; James Wilson; Robert Dickson; Alexander Crossman; Robert Ramsay junior; George Smith; John Wilson; David Logan; John Morton; Joseph Fleming; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and of the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a precept from the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay the amount due towards the General County Rate at one halfpenny in the pound.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys. Prescribed 6 bottles of porter; James Young, of Felkington, for disease of knee joint and [? Fever], nothing prescribed. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. James Cox, 19, of Castlegate, for an abscess of the hand, prescribed bread and oatmeal; David Thompson, 60, labourer, of Hatters Lane, for a sprain of ankle joint, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker for Dr Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter received from the Poor Law Board regarding appointment of new master of the Workhouse. They agree with the Guardians that the Workhouse would</p>	28 Aug. 1854.

			<p>be best served by the posts of master and matron being held by a married couple, but they reject the Guardians' proposal to pay Jane Purdie, the present Matron, to resign. The Poor Law Board request to be informed of Jane Purdie's age and fitness to carry out her job. They conclude that it will be necessary for the Guardian's to advertise for a man for the position, and state that none of his family will be allowed to reside in the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to write back to the Poor Law Board and report that Jane Purdie is 40 years old and well qualified to perform the duties as Matron.</p> <p>James Reid, James White, John Richardson, Robert Drysdale and John Gladstone were approved for interview on 7 Sept. at 1 p.m. to undergo such an examination as the Guardians may think fit.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting the report which Mr Owen, Inspector of Schools, had submitted.</p> <p>The Clerk also laid before the meeting a circular from the Poor Law Board drawing attention to the recommendations given on the previous visitation of cholera.</p> <p>The proposal of appointing an inspector of nuisances for the rural districts was considered, and it was decided such services were much required. Alexander Davidson was appointed for the Northhamshire District and Alexander Winter for the Islandshire District.</p> <p>The case of Jane McDonald who has for some time been chargeable to the Parish of Berwick, and whose relief is now discontinued was considered... Mr Atkinson informed the Guardians that the relief granted during the absence of her husband had been recovered and repaid by Reverend Hamilton. Unanimously resolved to thank Rev Hamilton for his conduct in this matter.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/52 -53	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 Sept. 1854.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Smith; Richard Makins; J Wilson [James Wilson]; John Wilson; Thomas Pinkerton; J C McDonald [John Charles	7 Sept. 1854.

			<p>McDonald]; David Logan; Alexander Crossman; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Guardians that he had received an application from John Cleghorn for the post as master of the Workhouse. Also letter received from James White saying that he was unable to attend the meeting in consequence of the absence of the Governor of the Prison.</p> <p>James Reid, Robert Drysdale, John Gladstone and John Cleghorn appeared before the meeting and were examined on their knowledge of accounts and arithmetic. The results not being satisfactory it was decided to postpone the appointment and advertise for additional candidates.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/54 – 59	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 Sept. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Winlaw; Robert Cairns; John Morton. Chairman: George Winlaw.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (bread); William Ross (beef); George Henderson (porter etc.); Johnson & Co (coals); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Mains (tailor); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Charles L Gilchrist (groceries); Ann Davidson (herrings).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Melrose (books for the library); [H & J Gray] (North British Advertiser); John Blakewell & Co (Newcastle Courant).</p>	11Sept. 1854.

		<p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum; Peckham House Asylum and Crichton Royal Institution were presented and payment ordered: Holy Island, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Isabella Johnston. Berwick, Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Martha Frost. Berwick, Peckham House Asylum, Martha Forster. Tweedmouth, Crichton Royal Institution, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the settlement of Margaret Hay, a pauper lunatic at present in the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum, having been adjudicated to be in the township of Loanend. An order for that purpose has been obtained by the Parish of Belford.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; James Young, of Felkington, for phthisis, prescribed 1 bottle of wine (2 identical entries). The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. William Knox, 33, labourer of Tweed Street, for hernia diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; William Knox, 33, labourer, of Tweed Street, for chronic diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries and beef. The above signed by Robert Fluker for A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Margaret Finharty, of Chapel Street, in childbirth, prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef and tea. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that contracts for provisions would shortly expire. It was referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive fresh contracts.</p> <p>Letter received from the Workhouse Medical Officer requesting that another "beef" day in the week be allowed to the inmates of the Workhouse. The Guardians agreed to the request and that the Poor Law Board should be requested to sanction the same.</p> <p>Resolved that a meeting with the local Board of Health would take place at the next meeting to discuss measures to be adopted to prevent the increase of cholera.</p>	
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Item	GBR 43/60 – 61	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Sept. 1854. Meeting held at the Town Hall.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; J Morton [John Morton]; J Gray [James Gray]; George Winlaw; John Wilson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The following resolutions were adopted in consequence of the prevalence of diarrhoea and cholera in the town:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] and Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker] be requested to make an inspection of the Parish of Berwick, and that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] and Mr Morison [Andrew Morison] do the same for the Parish of Tweedmouth, and report to the Guardians at a meeting to be held this evening as to the necessity of having a house to house visitation. 2. A committee be appointed for the purpose of waiting upon the Vicar and request that he will permit the use of the Old Vicarage as a house of refuge. The Committee consists of Messrs Fleming, Grey, John Wilson and Winlaw. 3. That the druggists be requested to dispense medicines to persons needing them on the inspection of a medical gentleman, and they be strictly enjoined to recommend all persons who may be attacked with diarrhoea or cholera to immediately try and get the services of a medical man. 4. That a supply of blankets be immediately purchased for the use of necessitous persons, and that nurses be engaged to attend upon persons attacked by diarrhoea or cholera. <p>Meeting adjourned till 6 o'clock this evening.</p>	14 Sept. 1854.
Item	GBR 43/61 – 62. .	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Sept. 1854.	<p>Present at the Meeting: Guardians: J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; J Morton [John Morton]; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; Robert Cairns; James Grey; John Wilson. Also present: the Reverend the Vicar [George Hans Hamilton]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Vicar gave leave to occupy the Old Vicarage as a house of refuge.</p>	14 Sept. 1854.

			<p>The medical men appointed at the meeting earlier in the day to make an examination of the town, reported that they did not think there was any necessity for a house to house visitation at present. They were directed to make another similar examination of Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal next Saturday.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/62 – 64.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 Sept. 1854. (extraordinary meeting).	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith, George Winlaw; A Darling[Adam Darling]; J Wilson [James Wilson]; J Wilson [John Wilson]; J Grey [James Grey]; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; J Morton [John Morton]; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>Letter read from Joseph Fleming, George Winlaw and Robert Cairns, Guardians, calling the extraordinary meeting to consider the necessity of appointing an inspector of nuisances for Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal under the regulations issued by the General Board of Health. The Clerk also read article 161 of the Directions and Regulations of the General Board of Health regarding the above.</p> <p>Motion put forward by John Wilson, seconded by James Wilson, and it was unanimously resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexander Laidlaw is appointed Inspector of Nuisances for Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal. 2. Messrs Kirkwood and Fluker be authorised and empowered to make a house to house visitation in such parts of Berwick as they may deem expedient, and that Messrs Wilson and Morison are to do the same in Tweedmouth and Spittal. <p>A committee with power to add to their number, consisting of Messrs Fleming, Cairns, Winlaw and Morton was established. Their aim was to give directions to the Medical Officers and the Inspector of Nuisances, and they would meet each morning at the Town Hall at 10.</p>	18 Sept. 1854.

Item	GBR 43/65 - 72	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 Sept. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; D Logan [David Logan]; John Wilson; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Cairns. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial account for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Crosby (bread); William Ross (butchers); Peter Wilson (shoes); R Johnson & Co (coals); R Chrisp (tailor); R Nicholson (tinsmith); Simon Trainer (potatoes); R Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); R Rutherford (draperies); Alexander Jeffrey (smith); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Harle (quarter's salary); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber).</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Inspector of Nuisances for Berwick, Tweedmouth and Spittal, for expenses defrayed by him for the removal of nuisances.</p> <p>Cheque paid to Mr Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Workhouse Master, for paying the petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up the balance of the out-door relief account.</p> <p>A quarterly statement was made of the costs of the provisions consumed by</p>	25 Sept. 1854.
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			<p>paupers [in the Workhouse] and for those consumed by the officers.</p> <p>Value of clothes taken from the Workhouse books stated.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Knox, 32, of Windmill Hole, in childbed, prescribed tea, sugar and bread; Daniel McEvoy, of Chapel Street, for bilious attack, prescribed bread etc.; Daniel McEvoy, of Chapel Street, for partial paralysis, prescribed relief; John Watson, 23, of Chapel Street, for fever, prescribed 1 pint of wine, 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef; Alex. Williams, 44, of Church Street, convalescent from fever, prescribed 1 glass of wine daily, 2 lbs of beef and 4 lbs of bread; William Murray, 60, of Hatters Lane, suffering from (not stated), prescribed relief, (2 identical entries); Ann Duff's 2 children, 6 and 4, of Weatherly Square, for fever and diarrhoea, prescribed bread, beef, oatmeal and wine; James Grey, of Bridge Street, for spitting blood, prescribed 1 pint of wine; George Duff, 34, of Weatherly Square, for fever, prescribed 1 pint of wine; George Duff, 34, of Weatherly Square, for diarrhoea, prescribed ½ lb of sago and necessaries. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Margaret Morgan, 34, of Wallace Green, for diarrhoea and fever, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Rachel Parker and daughter Catherine Buglass, of Chapel Street, for severe diarrhoea, prescribed teas, sugar and sago. The above signed by R C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Examination of new applications for the situation of Master of the Workhouse. The following candidates were approved of for the examination: James Speirs; John Dickson and K Hugh Frazer, and were asked to attend on Monday 2 October for such an examination as the Guardians may think fit.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/73	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 Oct. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Thomas Pinkerton; D Logan [David Logan]; John Wilson; George Winlaw; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; George Smith; James Wilson; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Morton; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; A Smith [Alexander Smith]. Chairman: Thomas Pinkerton.</p>	2 Oct. 1854.

			<p>Candidates for the position of Master of the Workhouse, James Speirs and John Dickson were examined on their knowledge of accountancy and arithmetic. As the results were not satisfactory it was agreed to further postpone an appointment.</p> <p>Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke] gave notice that he would move that the salary of the Master of the Workhouse be increased from £50 to £70 at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/74 - 82	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 Oct. 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Brown; John Wilson; James Wilson; J Black [James Black]; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; Adam Darling; Ninian Sanderson; Richard Makins; Alexander Crossman; James Black; John Morton; T Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (postage etc.); Charles Knight (books etc.); [Grant & ?] (expenses in admitting pauper in asylum); J B Atkinson (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage); Blackwell & Co (advertising).</p> <p>Account for maintenance of lunatic in the Bensham Lunatic Asylum was presented and payment ordered to: Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple.</p>	9 Oct. 1854.

			<p>Payment of salaries was ordered to: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (clerks); James B Atkinson (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); Andrew Mallock (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); Mr J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); James B Atkinson (workhouse master); Mrs Purdie [Jane Purdie] (matron); John Moore (assistant master); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress).</p> <p>Payment ordered of salary to Joseph Scott, Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for Cornhill.</p> <p>Payments ordered to Inspectors of Nuisances: Alexander Davidson; Alexander Winter and Alexander Laidlaw.</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Laidlaw to cover expenses for the removal of nuisances.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Alice Hall, of Riffington, for debility, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Mary Campbell, 36, of Cornhill, for disease of ankle, nothing prescribed. Signed by J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] [John Hardie], 39, pitman, of Spittal, for diarrhoea, prescribed bread and tea. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. James Proudfoot, 13, of Castlegate, for fracture of thigh, prescribed relief; Rachael Casey, 48, of Church Street, for neuralgia, prescribed 4 lbs of beef and 2 lbs of mutton. Signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>Dr Clarke moved, seconded by Mr Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton], that the salary of the Master of the Workhouse be increased from £50 to £70 per annum.</p> <p>The Clerk read several communications: 1. A letter from Mr White of Usk, expressing a wish to appear before the Guardians if the position had not yet been filled. 2. An application from Mr James Lowrey, schoolmaster, Cornhill. 3.</p>	
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			<p>An application from Mr A Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], on condition that the salary should be £70 per annum. Mr White was told to attend a meeting on 23 November, and Mr Lowrey was told that the Board did not consider him eligible as he had the misfortune to lose one of his hands.</p> <p>Letter from A Kirkwood and Robert Carr Fluker requesting that the streets and lanes within the town of Berwick be swept every day, and that enough men be employed to do this. Duplicate of the letter to be transmitted to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>Report from A Kirkwood with the results of his visit to the asylums in which lunatics from this Union were confined. Total number 13. Cured 1. Removed to Workhouse at my recommendation 1. Dead 5. Leaving of those under treatment 6. Admitted since then 7. Removed from London 1. Total now chargeable 14.</p> <p>Chargeable to Berwick, 7. Tweedmouth, 4. Norham, 1. Loanend, 1. Cornhill, 1. Total 14. Recommended that Mary Ann Temple be removed from the Bensham to the Edinburgh Asylum. James Swinhoe to be removed to the Workhouse which is a proper place for his reception. All accepted by the Guardians</p> <p>.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/83 – 92	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 Oct 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling; James Wilson; Ebenezer Black; John Morton; George Smith; John Wilson; William Moor; John Brown; R Ramsay [Robert Ramsay]; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; T Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton]; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	23 OCT 1854.

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Adam Paxton (chest of tea); William Ross (beef); John Winter (bread); William Cowe (groceries); James Balmer (porter); John Main (tailor); Margaret Blakey (milk); Simon Trainer (potatoes; R Crisp (tailor); John Young (coffee).</p> <p>Common charges: Aldridge & Bromby ([- Times Advertising]); J & J Gray (advertising); William & Edward Willoby (justice clerk fees); Thomas Harle (expenses removing John Allan to asylum).</p> <p>Nuisance removal: Aldridge & Bromby (expense in obtaining copies of Regulations of General Board of Health).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered: Berwick: Thomas Allison; Christian Crooks; Hannah Jamison; Martha Forster; Jane Thompson. Tweedmouth: John Octon; Agnes Dagleish; Isabella Lough; Isabella Johnston. Norham: Maria Hall. Union Poor: John Allan.</p> <p>Expenses ordered to be paid to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] for visiting and examining the lunatics belonging to the Union at present confined in the Royal Edinburgh, Crichton Royal, Gateshead Fell and the Bensham Lunatics of Asylum.</p> <p>Payment ordered to be paid for the settlement of Mary Lawson, at present confined in the Wrekston Asylum.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, A Kirkwood, 21 cases. Tweedmouth, A Morison [Andrew Morison], 33 cases. Ancroft, A Morison, 20 cases. Kyloe, Lames Wilson, 14 cases. Holy Island, James Wilson, 3 cases. Cornhill, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], 4 cases.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, A Kirkwood, 12 midwifery cases, fracture of arm and fracture of thigh. Tweedmouth, A Morison, dislocation of elbow. Union Poor, J Turnbull, 2 midwifery cases.</p>	
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			<p>Cheque given to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Inspector of Nuisances to defray his expenses for the removal of nuisances etc.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Patrick Casey, of Church Street, for neuralgia of arm, prescribed 4 lbs of bread, 2 lbs of beef, tea, sugar and oatmeal (2 identical entries); Richard Gardener, 35, of Walkergate Lane, for pneumonia, prescribed 2 lbs of beef, 4 lbs of bread (10th), 2 lbs of beef, 4 lbs of bread (14th), 4 lbs of bread (17th), 4 lbs of bread, 2 lbs of beef for 2 weeks and tea and sugar; Ann Wales, 45, of Chapel Street, convalescent from dysentery, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 3 lbs of beef; Alex Greens, of Chapel Street, convalescent from cholera, prescribed mutton, bread and tea; Catherine Mahon, of Wallace Green, for diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Kirkwood. John Hardie, of Spittal, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 11 bottles of port. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>First half of the apprentice fee of Thomas Dryden, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth, bound to John Douglass, Chatton, was ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Consideration of Dr Clarke's [Henry George Charles Clarke] motion postponed from the last meeting. The Clerk read a letter from Mr White, Usk saying he withdrew his application. The Clerk also read a letter from Mr Reid, Montrose, asking to be informed about the result of the election.</p> <p>Amendment to Dr Clarke's motion that Mr Reid be elected at a salary of £50 per annum. For the motion: The Chairman; T Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton]; Dr Clarke; Adam Darling; James Wilson; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; John Morton; George Winlaw; Robert Ramsay; Alexander Crossman; George Smith. For the amendment: J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Nesbit; William Cleghorn; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; William Moor; John Brown; Joseph Fleming; Ebenezer Black. Majority for the motion 4, which was declared to be carried. The Clerk to tell Mr Reid as to the application.</p> <p>Resolved that candidates will again be advertised for in the two Berwick newspapers, the Newcastle Courant and the North Berwick Advertiser.</p>	
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			<p>Election to take place on 13 November, applications by 4 November.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had given notice to the Guardians of the Glendale Union about binding Thomas Dryden to John Douglass of Chatton, and that he had received no objection to such binding [apprenticeship].</p> <p>The Inspectors of Nuisances attending the meeting made their report and it was ordered that the Inspectors for Islandshire and Berwick Districts be discontinued after Saturday the 28th instant.</p> <p>Ordered that Mary Ann Temple be removed from the Bensham Lunatic Asylum and placed in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside.</p> <p>Dr Clarke gave notice of a motion for the next meeting stating that no loan be in future granted to any freeman or widow of a freeman on the security of their meadow.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/93 - 99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 Nov 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; John Nesbit; Richard Makins; John Embleton; John Wilson; David Logan; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Robert Ramsay; John McGregor; John Brown; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; Robert Dickson; James Grey; Adam Darling; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial reports for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); Robert Rutherford (draperies); G & C Young (draperies); William Ross (beef); George</p>	6 Nov 1854.

			<p>Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Johnson & Co (coals); Robert Gibson (milk); Gas Company; Simon Trainer; James Balmer (porter etc.); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Young (groceries); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Common charges: John Winter (stationery etc.).</p> <p>Account for Dr Paxton [John Paxton] was ordered to be paid: Loanend, 3 cases; Shoreswood, 5 cases; Twizel, 2 cases; Felkington, 1 case; Norham Mains, 2 cases; Horncliffe, 3 cases; Grindon, 3 cases.</p> <p>Salaries due to the Inspectors of Nuisances for Berwick and Islandshire ordered to be paid to: Alexander Laidlaw, 4 weeks; Alexander Winter, 4 weeks.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Parker, of Chapel Street, in childbirth, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Elizabeth Parker, of Chapel street, in childbirth, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of meat; Alice Hoare, of Church Street, in childbirth, prescribed bread, tea and arrowroot; Agnes Bond, of Walkergate Lane, for continued fever, prescribed ½ pint of wine. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. [Catharine Mahon], of Wallace Green, for gel boil, prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for A Kirkwood.</p> <p>The following candidates for the post of Master of the Workhouse were considered unsuitable because of their testimonies: John Richardson; A Grahame; John Tarrant; John Telford; George Gunn; George Dodds. The following candidates were approved of for examination: James Clark; Alexander Laidlaw; George Paxton; [William Kelvington]; Thomas Walker; John Reddie; George Ball. Examination of the candidates to take place on 13 inst. At 12 o'clock.</p> <p>Dr Clarke moved that no loan be in future granted to any freeman or widow of a freeman on the security of their meadow. Seconded by Mr Nesbit. Mr Fleming moved as an amendment that each individual case that comes before the Board be decided upon its own merits. Both motion and amendment postponed till next meeting to obtain the opinion of the Poor Law Board.</p>	
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			Ordered that the services of the Inspector of Nuisances for the Northhamshire District were to be dispensed with.	
Item	GBR 43/101 – 102	Minutes of the Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 Nov 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; John McGregor; John Embleton; Ninian Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; A Darling [Adam Darling]; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Robert Ramsay; John Wilson; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; George Smith; R Dickson [Robert Dickson]; D Logan[David Logan]; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the increase in the salary of the Master of the Workhouse from £50 to £70 per annum.</p> <p>Candidates for the position of Master of the Workhouse were examined on their knowledge of accounts by being requested to work questions in arithmetic. Alexander Laidlaw was unanimously appointed subject to the approval of the Poor Law Board. Resolved that Mr Laidlaw spend a week visiting the Hexham Union Workhouse to acquire knowledge of the duties of the office before taking over on 1 December 1854.</p> <p>Note : there is no page 100</p>	13 Nov 1854.
Item	GBR 43/103 - 107	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 Nov 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; David Logan; Rev G Hans Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	20 Nov 1854.

			<p>Common charges: Thomas Sample (old rope); David Gibson (rent of Register Office).</p> <p>First half of apprenticeship fee paid to William Jobson, shoemaker, Chatton, on the binding of Sibbit Gatty, belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth. First half of apprenticeship fee also paid to Thomas Smith, shoemaker, Kilham, on the binding of John Dryden, belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A communication from Mr Home, secretary to the Dispensary, quoted extracts from a committee meeting of the Dispensary held on 26 October 1854, which noted that the Trustees of the Savings Bank had protested about the use of the Dispensary as a hospital for convalescent cholera patients. The use of the rooms had been granted as an emergency measure, but now that cholera in the district had subsided, the Board of Guardians should consider where a proper hospital for convalescent cholera patients should be established, to avoid any future recourse to a charity which was set up for different purposes. The Guardians deferred consideration until the next meeting.</p> <p>Attention drawn to the case of Elizabeth White and her illegitimate child, both at present inmates in the Workhouse. It appears that the child must have been conceived while she was a prisoner in the Berwick Gaol. The circumstances to be presented to Sir John Kincaid, Her Majesty's Inspector of Prisons, and to the Visiting Justices of the Gaol.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/108 - 116	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 Dec 1854.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Richard Makins; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John McGregor; David Logan; Ninian Sanderson; J Brown [John Brown]; A Crossman [Alexander Crossman]; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Dickson; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received a precept from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay the sums due towards the General County Rate.</p>	4 Dec 1854.

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of the kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Thomas Muller, of Chapel Street, for roserash, prescribed bread and arrowroot; Alex Rose, of Walkergate Lane, for abscess of thigh, prescribed ? for self and wife. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Patrick Clyne, of Castlegate, for smallpox, prescribed beef and bread (3 entries). Signed by R C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. I have inspected James Knox residing in Holborn, and found that he is permanently disabled from following any occupation. Signed by George Wilson, surgeon to Lowick District.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the points referred to them from the Committee of the Berwick Dispensary. They resolved that there was no need to set up a hospital for convalescent cholera patients since the Rules of the Dispensary allowed for the use of that building for such a purpose when ordered by a Subscriber or by "one of the Medical Gentlemen of the Town".</p> <p>Report presented to the meeting by the committee appointed to negotiate with the Corporation of Berwick for enlarging the Workhouse, and the possible acquirement of the ground adjacent to the Workhouse called the Tithe Barn and the Pound Fold. They reported that the present site is held under a lease from the Corporation, of which there are still 37 years to run. When the Union was formed it was agreed that the Guardians would pay the Parish £50 per annum in rent.</p> <p>Any negotiation would involve 3 bodies viz:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Corporation, the owner of the Workhouse and the adjacent land. 2. The Parish of Berwick, as the proprietors of the 'Burrs', and also as the lease of the present Workhouse site and of the old workhouse. 3. The Guardians, as the proposed purchaser of the present Workhouse and the additional pieces of ground, and also as the lessees under the Parish of Berwick, and of the Workhouse as it was at the formation of the Union. <p>The course of dealing between the above bodies may be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Corporation purchase the 'Burrs' from the Parish of Berwick. 	
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			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The Guardians shall purchase for the same sum as the price of the 'Burrs' from the Corporation the present Workhouse site and the adjacent pieces of land called the 'Tithe Barn' and the 'Pound Fold'. 3. That on conveyance being made by the Parish of Berwick to the Corporation of the 'Burrs' and from the Corporation of Berwick to the Guardians of the present Workhouse and the before-mentioned additional pieces of land, a mortgage be granted by the Guardians to the Parish of Berwick for the price of the 'Burrs', on such terms as may afterwards be agreed upon. 4. The Committee recommend that the Guardians should acquire the interest of the Parish of Berwick in the present Workhouse. The minute of the Committee has been submitted to the Parochial Authorities of Berwick who express themselves in favour of the arrangements proposed by the Committee. <p>Copy of minutes of meeting of the Town Council Works Committee held on 22 November 1854 outlining the conditions for buying the present Workhouse and the adjacent pieces of land. Resolved that the report be entered into the minutes and be considered at the next meeting, and that copies be sent to the Poor Law Union asking whether the suggested mode of purchase meets with their approval.</p> <p>Ordered that Jane Baxter and Ann Reid be taken before the Magistrates of Berwick on a charge of disobeying the order of the Matron and of using violent and improper language to her.</p> <p>Ordered that the Sand House in the Women's Yard be fitted out as a refectory hall for women. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provision etc. would expire shortly and it was referred to the Committee to advertise for and receive fresh contracts.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/117 - 130	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 Dec 1854.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Alexander Crossman; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; Richard Makins; Ninian Sanderson; T Pinkerton [Thomas	18 Dec 1854.

			<p>Pinkerton; John Morton; Robert Dickson; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; G Smith [George Smith]; Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; Rev George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment was ordered to: William Ross (butcher); John Winter (bread); R Johnson & Co (coals); George Weatherhead (groceries); R Chrisp (tailor); R Gibson (milk); W Palmer (porter); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Andrew Thompson (ironmonger); John Main (tailor); John Young (grocer); R Mathison (cooper); J C Allan (vegetables); R Rutherford (drapers).</p> <p>Common charges: John Rennison (stationery); Captain Sample [Thomas Sample] (old rope); C & J Gray (advertising); Newcastle Courant (advertising).</p> <p>Registration fees ordered to be paid to: James B Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees ordered to be paid to James B Atkinson; John Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of lunatics in the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries and the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum, Gateshead were presented and payment ordered: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe, Crichton Royal Institution. Loanend, Margaret Hay, Gateshead Fell Asylum.</p> <p>Ordered that the Inspector of Nuisances for Norhamshire, Alexander Davidson,</p>	
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			<p>be paid for 6 weeks.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of the kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Elizabeth Gibson, of Norham, for contusion of leg, nothing prescribed; The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]; [John Maley], labourer, of Chapel Street, for abscess in arm, prescribed necessaries; John Malley, labourer, of Chapel Street, for inflammation of arm, prescribed necessaries; Clynes family of Castlegate, for[confluent] smallpox, prescribed 4 lbs of beef twice (2 entries); James Rooney, 29, of Weatherly Square, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Brach, of Weatherly Square, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Mary Fairley, of Hatters Lane, for dyspepsia, prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef (2 entries); Mary Downie, of Weatherly Square, for bronchitis, prescribed 4 lbs of bread, oatmeal and 2 lbs of beef (2 entries); Nancy Manian and Helen Manian, for rheumatic abscess of thigh, prescribed bread, beef and 8 lbs of oatmeal (3 entries); John Grieve, of Tweed Street, for smallpox, prescribed 2 glasses of wine daily, 2 lbs of meat and 8 lbs of bread. The above signed by A Kirkwood.</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] for the payment of out-relief.</p> <p>Report from the Committee re the proposed purchase from the Corporation of Berwick , of the present Workhouse and the buildings thereon and the pieces of ground adjacent. Letter received from the Poor Law Board stating that the mode of purchasing the above as outlined by the Guardians was not legally possible. The Guardians would have to pay the purchase money at once, and borrow the amount required and charge the sum borrowed upon the poor rates of the whole Union and repay the charge by twenty annual instalments.</p> <p>Resolved that the recommendation of the report of the Committee be adopted, and that steps be taken for the purposed sale of the 'Burrs' by the Parish of Berwick to the Corporation of Berwick.</p> <p>Also resolved that the Workhouse Committee should take steps towards</p>	
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			<p>making the requisite application to the Quarter Session for an order to divert the present lane leading to Featherbed Lane.</p> <p>Laid before the meeting an entry in the Visitors' Book by Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, regarding his inspection of the Workhouse. He praises the new Master, but he suggests that the daily provisions required for 5 Workhouse officers be entered into the Guardians' Minute Book, and a copy be given to the Master for his future guidance, as he is not aware at the present what he is entitled to. He also points out that there are 11 children and the Schoolmaster suffering from smallpox. He suggests that immediate steps be taken to remove the healthy inmates from the Workhouse, and also to keep the children of the out-door paupers away from the Workhouse.</p> <p>With reference to the above it was directed to inform Mr Hurst that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The officers now receiving food are the Master, Matron, Porter, Nurse and Pupil Teacher, and the rations allowed to each was settled in February 1853 and were approved of by the Poor Law Board, and it was entered into the Minute Book of the Guardians, and a copy of it is in the possession of the Master. 2. Unclear what books are being alluded to by Mr Hurst, as, with the exception of the Inventory Book, all the other books have been kept and posted. The reason the Inventory Book has not been kept is that the one in use when Mr Laidlaw entered upon his office was nearly filled up, a new one has been ordered and will be duly kept by Mr Laidlaw. 3. Regarding moving the healthy inmates of the Workhouse, the Medical Officer could not support this as the out-relief children have already been stopped from going to the Workhouse School. <p>Report from Captain Smith, R N, one of the visiting justices of the gaol of this borough as to the allegation made by Elizabeth White or Knox that her illegitimate child which was born in August last in the Workhouse had been conceived while she was a prisoner in the gaol. The report concludes that the child must have been conceived out of the gaol.</p> <p>Letter laid before the meeting from the Poor Law Board in answer to the letter</p>	
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			<p>from the Union requesting the opinion of the Board about the legality of the Guardians giving relief to burgesses and their widows on security of the rent of their meadows. The Board informs them that the law does not enable the Guardians to advance relief by way of a loan on securities of land or of any other description. In cases of destitution they may declare such relief shall be taken as granted on loan. If the Guardians should consider a widow to be destitute they may grant relief to her on loan, and if they deem it expedient, take steps to enforce the repayment of such relief at the time when the rent is paid, as she will at that time be considered to be in possession of funds.</p> <p>Voting about the motion made by Dr Clarke at the meeting on 23 October 1854.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>For the motion:</td> <td>For the amendment:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Clarke</td> <td>Joseph Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Alexander Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Thomas Pinkerton</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Robert Dickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Richard Makins</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Rev George Hans Hamilton</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Robert Cairns</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>George Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Alexander Crossman</td> </tr> </table> <p>Amendment carried.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously to thank Mr England, the Master of the Hexham Union, and the Guardians of the Hexham Union, for letting Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] visit the workhouse there to obtain an insight into his duties as Master of the Berwick Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Workhouse Committee had advertised and received fresh contracts for provisions etc. Contracts approved by the Guardians.</p>	For the motion:	For the amendment:	Dr Clarke	Joseph Fleming		Alexander Smith		Thomas Pinkerton		Robert Dickson		Richard Makins		Rev George Hans Hamilton		Robert Cairns		George Smith		Alexander Crossman	
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			<p>Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber).</p> <p>Salary ordered to be paid to Joseph Scott, Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for the Parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, pitman of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; William Gray, of Greenlawalls, for smallpox, nothing prescribed. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Elizabeth Mien [sic], of Spittal, for palsy, nothing prescribed. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Margaret Burn, 5, child of William Burn, for infantile [remittance], prescribed necessaries for the family. Signed by Robert Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Alexander Kirkwood. John Sanderson, 17, for smallpox, prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of meet; Henry Drysdale, 42, of Church Street, for mental derangement, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef; Barney McDermott, 40, of Weatherston's Yard, Chapel Street, for bruises in consequence of a fall during epilepsy, prescribed bread and oatmeal for self and wife.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding a report from Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], stating that smallpox is very prevalent at Berwick, and that it has been introduced into the Workhouse by the children of out-door paupers attending the Workhouse School. The Board presume that the Medical Officer of the Workhouse has vaccinated the children in that establishment who require it, and that the Public Vaccinator will take steps to prevent the spread of this fatal disease. The Board think the Guardians should make people aware of the arrangements which have been made for gratuitous vaccinations in the Union. Also suggested that some of the private medical practitioners who reside in the Union should be appointed public vaccinators in addition to the four Medical Officers of the Union. The letter has been submitted to Dr Kirkwood asking for his opinion and a letter has been received from him stating that smallpox had not been introduced into the Workhouse by the out-relief children, the opposite was the case, smallpox had occurred in the Workhouse before any of the out-door children had the disease. Dr Kirkwood also stated that he does not object to appointing fellow practitioners as public vaccinators, but he also says that he has no difficulties in finding time to vaccinate, and he says that he could</p>	
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			vaccinate all the children born in one year in the course of a morning. He adds that smallpox has not been very prevalent in Berwick, only a few cases have occurred, almost entirely confined to Castlegate. Dr Kirkwood's letter to be forwarded to the Poor Law Board.	
Item	GBR 43/141 – 150	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 Jan 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; Robert Dickson; Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; Thomas Friar; Alexander Crossman; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Thomas Sample (old rope); R Home (annual allowance for coals etc. used in the Register Office); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (justice clerk fees); James Purves (paper etc.); Thomas Melrose (paper etc).</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Wrekenton & Bensham Asylums were presented and payment ordered: Wrekenton, Tweedmouth, Mary Lawson; Bensham, Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple.</p> <p>Vaccination and extra medical fees were ordered to be paid to: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 33 cases; Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 38 cases; Ancroft, Andrew Morison, 15 cases; Holy Island, James Wilson, 2 cases; Kyloe, James Wilson, 4 cases. Extra medical fees: Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 7 midwifery cases; Union Poor, M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], 1 midwifery case.</p>	Jan 15 1855.

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Catherine Keith, in childbirth, convalescent, nothing prescribed; John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. [?], of Fenham, for sprain of wrist and [?], prescribed bread, oatmeal and coffee. Signed by James Wilson. Margaret Burns and William Burns, labourer, 34, for pain in back and piles, prescribed ½ pint of sherry and necessaries; Mr Riley's son, of Castlegate, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert Carr Fluker for Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. William Davidson, 44, of Weatherly Square, for injury of finger, prescribed 2 lbs of bread. Signed by A Kirkwood.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had considered the remuneration to be allowed for extra services rendered by the medical officers during the cholera epidemic in the Union last year. The Clerk was directed to apply to the Poor Law Board to sanction payment to Dr Kirkwood; Robert Fluker; Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the practice of allowing the children of out-door paupers to attend the Workhouse School. The Board think this is not advisable on the following grounds:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The frequent communication between the inmates and the children would make it very difficult to control the influx of forbidden articles into the Workhouse. 2. Danger of the spread of infectious diseases. 11 children are at the present suffering from smallpox, no doubt introduced by the out-door children. The Board state that the law has not imposed on the Guardians the same duty as regards the out-relief children as on the children in the Workhouse. The Board request that the Guardians discontinue the practice of allowing the children of the out-door paupers to attend the Workhouse School. <p>To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>A letter was presented from the Dissenting Ministers, following a report in local newspapers concerning evening services on the Sabbath at the Workhouse</p>	
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			<p>and a meeting of several ministers: Alexander Kirkwood; James W Miller; John Peden; John Cairns; Edward B Rogers; William Gray. The letter stated that:</p> <p>(1) No meeting of the ministers to discuss the Workhouse had taken place.</p> <p>(2) Messrs Cairns, Miller, and Rogers were willing to continue their services (on various conditions).</p> <p>(3) Mr Kirkwood had retired two years ago (through age), Mr Peden withdrew (through ill health), and Mr Gray declined to continue (because of other engagements).</p> <p>(4) Thus, the alleged failure of usual arrangements was not the fault of Ministers, who would address any issues they were made aware of.</p> <p>Report from Dr Kirkwood regarding the observation that several boys at the Workhouse have suffered from peculiar symptoms of suppression of urine attended with a tendency to dropsy. This can only be due to the insufficient warmth of the clothing worn by the boys which is not only the same as worn in summer but is very ragged and scarcely cover their nakedness. Dr Kirkwood recommends the Board to allow each boy a suit of flannel during the winter months.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse stated that orders had been given a considerable time ago for these items, but they had not been supplied yet. The Board directed the Master to obtain, either from the contractor, or from other sources a sufficient number of suits of clothes.</p> <p>John Wilson gave notice of a motion for the next Board meeting to consider the propriety of granting some remuneration to the Clerks and Relieving Officers for their extra services during the prevalence of cholera in the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/151 – 160	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 Jan 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Guardians: Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Brown; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Robert Cairns; George Winlaw; Thomas Pinkerton; R Ramsay jn [Robert Ramsay junior]; James Gray; Adam Darling; John Morton; John Wilson; George Smith; David Logan; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke].</p> <p>Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	29 Jan 1855.

			<p>Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that the books of the Master and the Relieving officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Towerson (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); R Johnson & Co (coals); R Rutherford (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Robert Nicholson (plumber); John Main (tailor); Robert Chrisp (tailor); Robert Davidson (rope); Margaret Blakey (milk); Peter Wilson (shoes); William Cowe (groceries); John Gilroy (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Young (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); Girvan & Son (wood).</p> <p>Common charges: George Macaskie (printing etc); J Drummond & Son (repair of locks etc in Register Office).</p> <p>Extra medical fees and vaccination fees were ordered to be paid: John Paxton, Union Poor, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Norham, John Paxton, 14 cases; John Paxton, Loanend, 1 case; John Paxton, Felkington, 2 cases; John Paxton, Duddo, 1 case; John Paxton, Norham Mains, 1 case; Cornhill M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], 10 cases.</p> <p>Account for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, was presented and payment ordered: Union Poor [John Allan]; Berwick, Thomas Alison; Hannah Jameson; Martha Forster. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Agnes Dalgliesh; Isabella Johnston; Isabella Lough. Norham, Martha Hall.</p> <p>First half of the apprentice fee of James Gatty, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth, bound to Philip Wallace of Felkington, ordered to be</p>	
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			<p>paid.</p> <p>Accounts presented by the Medical Officers for their attendance on cholera patients etc, and the same having been sanctioned by the Poor Law Board, payment was ordered to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] and Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker], for general medical inspection, 8 days house to house visitation and inspection of various properties, 21 cases of cholera, 71 cases of diarrhoea, attendance and [?]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison] for house to house visitation, 2 cases of cholera, 19 cases of diarrhoea; Dr Wilson [James Wilson], for house to house visitation, 3 cases of cholera, 15 cases of diarrhoea; Mr Paxton [John Paxton], for 17 cases of diarrhoea.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smail (draperies); G & J Young (draperies); William Currie (draperies); James Dunlop (draperies); E & W Paxton (draperies); Smith & Co (draperies); R Rutherford (draperies); John Brown and Son (plasterers); John Elliott (druggist); William G Carr (druggist); John Davidson (druggist); Davison Gibb (druggist); John Crosby (baker); John Winter (baker); C J Gilchrist (groceries); William Ross (butcher); Catherine Oliver (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); Young & Todd (plumbers); Carr & Co (coals); Hannah Wight; Alexander Davidson (lime).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Forsyth (no first name), of Woolmarket, for [biliary disorder], prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef; Ellen Kyle, of Green (Greenses?), suffering (not mentioned), prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] and R Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] respectively.</p> <p>The indenture of apprenticeship of James Gatty, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Tweedmouth, to Philip Wallace of Felkington, tailor, was signed by both the master and apprentice in the presence of the Board.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board requesting that the Guardians discontinue the practice of admitting the children of out-door paupers to the Workhouse</p>	
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			<p>School. Resolved unanimously that the Workhouse Committee be requested to enquire into the statement contained in the letter from the Poor Law Board and report to the Guardians at the next meeting, presenting the views and evidence of the Medical Officers, the present and former Masters of the Workhouse and the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress to the Workhouse School about the effect of admitting the out-door relief children into the Workhouse School.</p> <p>Resolved that the Rev Mr Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton] and Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke] be admitted to the Workhouse and School Committee.</p> <p>Letter from the dissenting clergymen on the subject of the religious services in the Workhouse was read again.</p> <p>Moved by John Wilson and seconded by Mr Crossman that the Clerks to the Union be paid £20 in consideration of the extra duties performed by them during the prevalence of cholera in this Union. Amendment moved by Mr Fleming, seconded by Mr Makins, that the matter be taken into consideration in 6 months.</p> <table> <tr> <td>For the motion:</td> <td>For the amendment:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr Clarke</td> <td>McDonald</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rev Hamilton</td> <td>Makins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darling</td> <td>Winlaw</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pinkerton</td> <td>Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grey</td> <td>Sanderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Logan</td> <td>Morton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wilson</td> <td>Cairns</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Smith</td> <td>Fleming</td> </tr> </table> <p>Crossman Majority of one in favour of the motion, which was carried.</p> <p>Also moved by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Crossman, that James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] be paid £10 for the extra services performed by him during the prevalence of cholera last year. Motion carried by the same majority as that of the allowance to the Clerks. The Clerk to seek the sanction of the</p>	For the motion:	For the amendment:	Dr Clarke	McDonald	Rev Hamilton	Makins	Darling	Winlaw	Pinkerton	Brown	Grey	Sanderson	Logan	Morton	Wilson	Cairns	George Smith	Fleming	
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			<p>Poor Law.</p> <p>Recommended by the Workhouse Committee that the clothing of the in-door boys ought to be substituted for clothes of a warmer material during winter. They also recommended that the girls ought to have small shawls each winter. Recommendations adopted by the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/161 – 175	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 Feb 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Embleton; William Cleghorn; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; R Ramsay jn [Robert Ramsay junior]; John Wilson; George Smith; Richard Makins; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Robert Dickson; Adam Darling; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Clay & Son; John Winter; Robert Towerson; A Meikle; R Johnson & Co; G & J Young; R Rutherford; Margaret Blakey; Robert Crisp; J Sanderson; [Jas Balmer]; M Main; John Young; Andrew Thompson; John Davidson; Robert Gibson; William Cowe; George Weatherhead.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (poor rate) (general district rate) (special district rate); Charles Knight (school books); Andrew Robson (advertising); Registrar General (books supplied to District Registrars).</p> <p>Account for maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution,</p>	12 Feb 1855.

			<p>Dumfries, presented and payment ordered for: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees to: James B Atkinson, Berwick, Tweedmouth; John Anderson, Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylee; Joseph Scott, Cornhill, Norham, Duddo, Loanend, Horncliffe, Felkington and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Ann Luggatt, of Hatter's Lane, in childbirth and for abscess of breast, prescribed necessaries; Ann Luggatt, of Hatter's Lane, in childbirth and for abscess of breast, prescribed 2 lbs of beef. Signed by R C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Ann Smith, of Holy Island, for phthisis, prescribed 1 pint of wine; Jane McDonald, of Walkergate Lane, for [phthisis menorrhagia], prescribed bread etc and meat for herself and family (3 entries). The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee re admitting the children of out-door paupers to the Workhouse School. Resolved that the Workhouse Committee enquire into the effect of doing the above. The children of the out-door paupers have been frequenting the Workhouse School for the last 34 years and have never caused any problems, neither in terms of bringing in diseases nor unwanted effects, and it has been highly appreciated by the parents. The Committee also refers to the report of Mr Brown, Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools for the Northern District 1853-54, who is in favour of the practice. The Guardians recommend that they should remonstrate with the Poor Law Board about this, as a discontinuation of the practice would prove a great calamity to the Union and tend to increase both pauperism and crime in the rising generation.</p> <p>Evidence given by James B Atkinson, Relieving Officer and previous Master of the Workhouse; Alexander Laidlaw, present Master of the Workhouse; Jane Purdie, Matron of the Workhouse; William Nesbit, Schoolmaster of the Workhouse. They were all in favour of continuing admitting the children to the Workhouse School.</p> <p>Also report from Dr Alexander Kirkwood, Medical Officer of the Workhouse, who states that letting the children of the out-door paupers frequent the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse School, has not had any bad effect on the health of the inmates. Resolved that the report be sent to the Poor Law Board and to the President of Council on Education.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had selected patterns of cloth for the use of in-door men and boys in winter from patterns belonging to Mr Smail.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/176 – 184	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 Feb 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; Robert Dickson; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; George Smith; John Brown; R Ramsay jn [Robert Ramsay junior]; John Wilson; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Anderson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Alexander Ford (oatmeal); Robert Towerson (beef etc); John Winter (bread); G & J Young (draperies); John Bowhill (cabinetmaker); Robert Chrisp (clothing); James Gibson (cabinetmaker); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson (milk); Andrew Thompson; T Cockburn & Son (wine).</p> <p>Common charges: John Rennison (stationery).</p> <p>Nuisance Removal Act: Andrew Thompson (ironmonger).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received precept from the Clerk of the Peace</p>	26 Feb 1855.

			<p>for Northumberland requiring the Guardians to pay on or before 14 March next to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland the amount indicated towards the General County Rate. Payment ordered.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of the kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. John Ogle, 54, of Fenham, for rheumatism, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton. Signed by James Wilson. George Johnson, of Wallace Green, for epilepsy, prescribed necessaries; George Johnson, of Wallace Green, for fits, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Cox, of Weatherly Square, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Finn, 25, of Chapel Street, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by R Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Alexander Kirkwood. John Marshall, 52, of Church Street, for bronchitis, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef or mutton for self; John Marshall, 52, of Church Street, for improving bronchitis, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of mutton for self; David Short, of Walkergate Lane, for ophthalmia, prescribed relief for self and family. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provisions etc, would shortly expire. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to request and receive fresh contracts.</p> <p>Order received, under seal, from the Poor Law Board, directing that every medical officer to be appointed after 25 March next shall hold his office until he shall die or resign or be proved to be insane or become legally disqualified or be removed by the Poor Law Board, and that the appointment of the medical officers and the contracts for vaccinations would expire on the 25 March.</p> <p>The Clerk reported to the Board that the following Union and Parish Officers had named the following sureties: Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], William Currie, draper, Western Lane, Berwick and Alexander Gunn, tailor, High Street, Berwick; [George Dick], Joseph Melburne in the room of [Mr Main], insolvent, and John Allan of Berwick, sack manufacturer, at present one of the sureties; Mrs Purdie, William Blakey, in the room of George Gregg, gone to Australia, and James Brown of Church Street, Berwick, baker, at present one of the sureties.</p>	
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			<p>John Wilson gave notice of motion that at the next meeting he would move that the religious services in the Workhouse school room by the dissenting clergymen of Berwick and Tweedmouth be conducted as usual, and that the attendance of the aged infirm inhabitants residing in Castlegate be permitted to attend. He also gave notice that at the next meeting he would call attention to the fact that John Paxton, Medical Officer of the Northhamshire East Division, had not complied with the request made to submit his weekly medical reports. Mr Wilson also announced that at the next meeting he would move for a return of the number of cases of persons who refused to comply with the Vaccination Act.</p> <p>Letter received from a group consisting of [Mr La Patterson]; George Young; Edward Dixon; Ellen Young; Francis Lough; [C L Davidson]; A Craise; Henry Plenderleith; Mary Cochrane; Margaret Cochrane and teachers of the school, requesting to be allowed to continue using the Workhouse school room on Sabbath afternoons for non-sectarian religious instruction of the children residing in the immediate neighbourhood of the Workhouse. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	BGR 43/185 – 193	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 March 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; Richard Makins; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Embleton; John McGregor; John Wilson; Alexander Crossman; John Brown; Ninian Sanderson; Robert Dickson; James Gray; John Morton; Robert Cairns; R Ramsay jr [Robert Ramsay junior]; David Logan; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officer had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were</p>	12March 1855.

			<p>presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to : J Steele (rent of garden); C Knight (forms).</p> <p>Ordered Mr Atkinson to be paid for his extra services during the prevalence of cholera in the Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John McAdam, 7, of Spittal, for smallpox, prescribed bread, tea etc; William McAdam, 10, of Spittal, for smallpox, prescribed bread, tea etc.; Ann Carr, 16, of Spittal, for smallpox, prescribed bread, tea, etc.. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. John Ogle, 54, of Fenham, for rheumatism, prescribed [flannel?]. Signed by James Wilson. Elizabeth Gibson, 54, of Norham, for weakness, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Regarding the appointments of the Union medical officers, it was resolved that the Union would be divided into 5 districts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Berwick District comprising the entire Parish of Berwick, including attendance at the Union Workhouse.2. The Tweedmouth District comprising the Parish of Tweedmouth and the Parish of Ancroft with the exception of the township of Haggerston.3. The Islandshire District containing the parishes of Holy Island, Kylee and the township of Haggerston.4. The Norhamshire District East Division comprising the townships of Loanend, Longridge, Norham Mains, Horncliffe, Duddo, Thornton, Shoreswood, Felkington, Norham, Grindon and Twizel.5. The Norhamshire District West Division comprising the Parish of Cornhill. <p>Resolved that the public vaccinators be appointed on the same terms as the medical officers, and cover the same districts. Fees for both medical officers and public vaccinators to be decided.</p>	
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			<p>Resolved that appointments of medical officers and public vaccinators be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Wilson's [James Wilson] motion that the use of the Workhouse schoolroom by the dissenting clergymen of Berwick and Tweedmouth on Sunday evenings, and that the aged and infirm inhabitants residing in the Castlegate area should be allowed to attend, was carried unanimously. Resolved that sanction for this by the Poor Law Union be applied for. Mr Wilson also drew the Guardians' attention to the fact that John Paxton, Medical Officer of the Norhamshire East Division, had not complied with the request to submit his weekly medical returns.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from John Paxton apologising for his neglect and promising to do better in future. The apology was accepted by the Guardians, but they requested him to attend the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Wilson moved that the Clerk be instructed to obtain from the Public Vaccinators the names of those persons who had neglected or refused to comply with the provisions of the Vaccination Act. This was agreed to.</p> <p>The letter from the Sunday school teachers was read again and taken into consideration. Mr Fleming moved, sanctioned by Mr Crossman, that what was asked for should be granted, and that the sanction of the Poor Law Board should be applied for.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the payment of £20 to the Clerk and £10 to James B Atkinson for extra services during the prevalence of cholera in the Union. The Clerk informed the Guardians that he declined to accept the payment.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/194-205 (205 shared with the	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 March, 1855	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Jas R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; Alexander Crossman; George Smith; Robert Cairns; Robert Ramsay jn; John Brown; Joseph Fleming; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Wilson; John Morton;	26 March, 1855.

	<p>following minutes).</p>		<p>Rev G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Wilson [James Wilson]; Morison [Andrew Morison]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Robert Towerson (butcher meat); John Winter (bread); James Smail (new clothing); Johnson & Co (coals); Thomas Landreth (potatoes); William Henderson (repairing etc during year); Berwick and Tweedmouth Gas Co.; T & R Thompson (shawls etc.); Andrew Thompson (ironmonger); Alexander Meikle (shoes etc.); Robert Nicholson (tinsmith for year); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Young (groceries); William Cowe (groceries); William Dickson (plasterer for year); James Balmer (porter etc.); Simon Trainer (vegetables etc.); George Weatherhead (groceries); William G Carr (druggist); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); T Cockburn & Co. (wine); J Wilson (shoes); Alexander Jeffrey (blacksmith); Ralph Thompson (wright); J & W Nicholson (watchmaker); Charles Whillis (potatoes).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); William Nesbit (1/4 salary); Isabella Nesbit (1/4 salary); Thomas Harle (1/4 salary); Mary Harle (1/4 salary); James Trainer (1/4 salary); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (postage); J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage).</p> <p>Settlement of George Stephenson, a pauper lunatic, confined in the lunatic asylum at Wrekenton, County Durham, having been examined and judged to be in the township of Thornton in this Union. An order for that purpose and payment having been obtained by the Parish of East Chevington they were</p>	
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			<p>ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Account for maintenance of Mary Lawson in the Wrekenton Asylum up to March 6, the day of her discharge, and payment ordered.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the Poor Relief account on account of each parish and the Union Poor.</p> <p>Value of provisions consumed by the paupers stated.</p> <p>Statement of the value of the clothing taken from the Workhouse books presented.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Ann Carr, of Spittal, for smallpox, prescribed bread, tea etc.; [Wilson], of Spittal, for smallpox, not vaccinated, prescribed necessaries; [Richard] for a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Thomas Neil, for haemoptysis, prescribed 1 pint of wine; [Mary Conelly], of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed 4 lbs of bread, oatmeal and 2 lbs of beef (2 identical entries). The above signed by A Kirkwood.</p> <p>Appointment of medical officers. Appointed were: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] for Berwick District and Workhouse. Mr Morison [Andrew Morison], Tweedmouth District. Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Islandshire District. Mr Paxton [John Paxton], Norhamshire East Division. Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Norhamshire West Division.</p> <p>The above were also appointed vaccinators for their respective districts.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding letting children of out-door relief paupers attend the Workhouse School. They state that several of the points brought forward in the report were things they had not considered or were aware of. They also point out that the issue is at present being considered by the legislature, and they therefore conclude that the Guardians can carry on</p>	
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			<p>the practice of allowing the out-door children to attend the Workhouse School for the time being.</p> <p>Petition to the House of Commons for reformation in the law of Scottish Marriage was laid before the Board and signed by the Chairman.</p> <p>Letter from James Blackett Atkinson requesting an increase in his salary as Relieving Officer for Berwick. He states that after resigning his office as Master of the Workhouse in June 1854 the Guardians wished him to undertake the superintendence of the Workhouse. He had held an office in the Parish before being appointed Master of the Workhouse, which he had given up to concentrate on the Workhouse, but as this position was now taken up by another person, he could not get it back. He asks for his salary as Relieving Officer to be increased from £90 to £100 per annum. Resolved to consider at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/205 (shared with previous minutes) – 212.	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 April 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Ja R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Richard Makin; John Brown; Robert Cairns; John Wilson; John McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; David Logan; George Smith; John Morton; George Winlaw; Thomas Friar; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Crossman; Joseph Fleming; James Grey; R Ramsay jn [Robert \Ramsay junior]; Rev Mr Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [John Wilson]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Paxton [John Paxton]; Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account for visiting a pauper patient in the Wrekington Asylum by Dr Wilson</p>	9 April 1855.

			<p>[James Wilson] was presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Vaccination fees presented and payment ordered to: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Tweedmouth, Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Ancroft, Andrew Morison; Ancroft, Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Holy Island, James Wilson; Kyloe, James Wilson; Cornhill, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood, 6 midwifery cases; Berwick, Alexander Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case in Workhouse; Union Poor, Alexander Kirkwood, 1 midwifery case in Workhouse; Tweedmouth; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison], 1 midwifery case; Union Poor, John Paxton, 2 midwifery cases; Union Poor, Dr Turnbull, 2 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Cheque paid to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] for paying the Petty Common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to W and E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby], (clerks); J B Atkinson (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); representatives of Andrew Mallock (treasurer); Dr Kirkwood (medical officer); Mr Morison (medical officer); Dr Wilson (medical officer); Mr Paxton (medical officer); Dr Turnbull (medical officer); A Laidlaw (workhouse master; Jane Purdie (workhouse matron).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidney, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton. [Hn Wilson], of Spittal, for smallpox, prescribed bread, tea etc. Signed by A Morison. [Patrick Brenan], 12, of Chapel Street, for [confluent] smallpox, prescribed beef and necessaries, (2 identical entries); [Patrick Brenan], 12, of Chapel Street, for [confluent] smallpox, prescribed beef, tea [request also.....]. The above signed by R C Fluker [Robert Car Fluker]. Higgen's children, of Chapel Street, for [confluent] smallpox, prescribed 4 lbs of bread and 1 lb of beef; [Leeh A Burn], of Palace, for [sypleric emption], prescribed relief; Henry Drysdale, of Church Street, for [?], prescribed relief; Nathan Fell, of Church Street, for phthisis, prescribed 8 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of meat. The above signed by A Kirkwood.</p>	
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			<p>The Guardians considered the letter from J B Atkinson applying for an increase of salary as Relieving Officer from £90 to £100 per annum. Mr Crossman, seconded by John Wilson, moved that the salary be increased. Ebenezer Black moved an amendment, seconded by Joseph Fleming, that the salary should remain the same. Voting took place. The result was:</p> <p><u>For the motion:</u> John Wilson George Smith Alexander Crossman</p> <p><u>For the amendment:</u> The Chairman J R Nicholson Richard Makins John Brown R Cairns J McGregor N Sanderson J C McDonald David Logan John Morton George Winlaw Thomas Friar Ebenezer Black Joseph Fleming James Grey Robert Ramsay jn.</p> <p>Rev G H Hamilton declined to vote.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board stating that the proposal made by the Guardians would put them in the awkward position of being tenants to their own tenants, which might lead to legal difficulties, and should therefore be reconsidered. Resolved that the suggestion made by the Poor Law Board be adopted.</p> <p>The following Medical Officers appeared and appointed their substitutes:</p>	
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			<p>Alexander Kirkwood named Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; James Wilson named Andrew Morison; Andrew Morison named James Wilson; John Paxton named Andrew Morison; Matthew James Turnbull named John Paxton.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the death of Andrew Mallock, the Union Treasurer.</p> <p>Resolved that a new Union Treasurer be appointed at the next meeting, and that John M Meggison act as treasurer until then.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/213-221	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 April 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: A Smith [Alexander Smith]; T Pinkerton [Thomas Pinkerton]; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John Wilson; John Brown; John Embleton; William Gibson; James Black; Ebenezer Black; William Cleghorn; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; R Ramsay jn [Robert Ramsay junior]; Thomas Friar; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; Adam Darling; George Winlaw; Richard Makins; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>Election of Guardians for the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union: Ancroft: Thomas Pinkerton, Ancroft Steads, farmer; Thomas Crewther, Spittal, mineralist. Berwick: Ninian Sanderson, Conundrum, farmer; James Grey, Silver Street, brewer; John Wilson, Bay View, ironmonger; John Davidson, Marygate, druggist; John Morton, Marygate, butcher; Joseph Fleming, Marygate, currier; George Winlaw, Marygate, shoemaker; Robert Cairns, Marygate, hosier; William Gibson, Hide Hill, postmaster. Cornhill: James Black, New Heaton, farmer. Duddo: Thomas Friar, Grindon Ridge, gentleman. Felkington: George Smith, Ancroft, farmer; Grindon: (nomination paper void for uncertainty, Mr Ebenezer Black entitled to serve). Holy Island: John Embleton, Broom House, farmer. Horncliffe: John Brown, Horncliffe, farmer. Kylee: John Charles McDonald, Berrington, farmer. Loanend: (no nomination paper received). Longridge: William Moor, farmer. Norham: Alexander Smith, Gallagat House, farmer. Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, Norham East Mains, farmer.</p>	23 April 1855.

			<p>Shoreswood: Adam Darling, Quay Walls, Berwick, timber merchant. Thornton: James Richardson, Thornton, farmer. Tweedmouth: James Wilson, Spring Hill, gentleman; Robert Dickson, Kiln Hill, farmer; Robert Ramsay junior, High Street, ironfounder; John Wilson, Bay View, Berwick, ironmonger; Richard Makins, farmer. Twizel: William Elliott, Riffington, farmer.</p> <p>Alexander Smith was put forward as chairman for the year moved by Thomas Pinkerton, seconded by John Wilson. Ebenezer Black put forward Joseph Fleming as chairman for the year, seconded by William Gibson.</p> <p>Result of vote: For Mr Smith: Thomas Pinkerton; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; Rev Hamilton; Adam Darling; Dr Clarke; John Wilson; William Cleghorn. For Mr Fleming: George Winlaw; Richard Makins; John Brown; William Gibson; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; John Morton; James Black; Ebenezer Black; R Ramsay jun.; Thomas Friar.</p> <p>Joseph Fleming was elected with a majority of 3. [annotated in pencil].</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee for the ensuing year: Mr Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; Joseph Fleming; Robert Dickson; Jams Grey; George Winlaw; Robert Ramsay junior; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; John Davidson; William Gibson; Adam Darling; John Morton; James Wilson.</p> <p>School Committee for the ensuing year: Rev Hamilton, A Smith [Alexander Smith]; J Wilson [James Wilson]; R Ramsay junior; Dr Clarke.</p> <p>Special Committee for the ensuing year: Thomas Pinkerton, Alexander Smith; George Smith; Rev Hamilton; Ebenezer Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	
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Item	GBR 43/222-229	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 May 1855.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; George Winlaw; William Gibson; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John	7 May 1855.

			<p>Morton; George Smith; William Moor; John Brown; William Elliott; Robert Dickson; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: George Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Rutherford (draperies); James Smail (clothing); John Winter (bread); A Smith (beef); G & J Young (draperies); James Dunlop (draperies); William Cowe (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); Messrs Cockburn (wine etc.) [Thomas Cockburn and Son]; P Wilson (shoes); George Bell (carrots); John Main (tailor); George Henderson (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (groceries); Andrew Thompson (groceries).</p> <p>Accounts for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum presented and payment ordered: Berwick, Thomas Allison, Martha Forster, Hannah Jamison. Tweedmouth: John Octon, Agnes Dalgleish, Isabella Johnston, Isabella Lough. Norham: Maria Hall. Union Poor: John Allan.</p> <p>Registration fees ordered to be paid to: James B Atkinson; Joseph Anderson and Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Vaccination fees ordered to be paid to: J B Atkinson and John Anderson.</p> <p>Cheque paid to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Master of the Workhouse, for the expense of in-door funerals.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was</p>	
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			<p>ordered: Ann Glough, of Norham, for influenza, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton weekly for a fortnight; John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Margaret Aynsley, of Norham, for dysentery, prescribed 2s worth of brandy. The above signed by John Paxton. Mary Ann McNeil, of Walkergate Lane, for confluent smallpox, prescribed 1 pint of wine, 2 lbs of beef and 8 lbs of bread; Mary Ann McNeil, of Walkergate, for smallpox, prescribed 1 pint of wine, 4 lbs of bread and 2 lbs of beef; Mary McNeil, of Walkergate Lane, for smallpox, prescribed 1 pint of wine; John Fairbairn, 20, of Church Street, for phthisis, prescribed 1 pint of wine. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>Resolved that the salary of the nurse to be appointed in place of Mary Harle be paid £15 per annum with rations. The position to be advertised in the two Berwick papers and the North British Advertiser. Appointment to take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>Sanction by the Poor Law Board of Mr Meggison [John Mills Meggison] as Treasurer of the Union.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board containing letter written to Dr Kirkwood stating that they had received a letter from Mr Usher, District Auditor, observing that the initials of the Medical officers are not always placed against every case and also inaccurate quantity of bread is given. The Board had accepted Dr Kirkwood's explanation of the cases stated.</p> <p>Application to the Poor Law Board to issue order for the appointment of collectors of Poor Rates: township of Horncliffe, James Paxton; township of Norham Mains, Alexander Davidson; township of Duddo, Samuel Boak; parish of Kyloe, John Anderson, Relieving Officer of the Islandshire District.</p> <p>Ordered that [Hannah Roeh], at present at the Workhouse be sent to the Morningside Lunatic Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/230-237	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Thomas	21 May 1855.

		<p>21 May 1855.</p>	<p>Crewther; Robert Dickson; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton; William Elliott; R Ramsey jn. [Robert Ramsey junior]; George Smith; John Embleton; William Cleghorn; John Davidson; Robert Cairns; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and Payment ordered to : John Richardson (shoemaker); R Johnstone & Co (coals); John Winter (bread); A Smith (beef); William Currie (draperies); George Henderson (porter); T Cockburn & Son (wine); William Cowe (groceries); Margaret Blakey (milk); George Brand (baskets); John Davidson (groceries); John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson (milk); John Renwick (earthenware).</p> <p>Common charges: John Wilson (stationery); Mary Harle (8 weeks' salary).</p> <p>Payment ordered to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] for amputating the leg of James Proudfoot, sanctioned by the Poor Law Board. (Extra medical fee).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following , for whom relief was ordered: Marjory Smith, of Sandgate, for breast cancer, prescribed 1 pint of wine; John Fairbairn, of Church Street, for phthisis, prescribed 1 pint of wine; [Mr Gurrie's family], of Castlegate, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann McNeil, of Walkergate Lane, for smallpox abscesses, prescribed 1 pint of wine, 2 lbs of beef and 4 lbs of bread (4 identical entries). The above signed by A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Heriot Baker, of Tweedmouth, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea etc. worth 2s. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6</p>	
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			<p>bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Application for the situation of nurse received from Isabella Aitkin, but as she did not appear in person as required in the advertisement, the appointment was postponed till next meeting. The Clerk was directed to write to her requiring her attendance.</p> <p>Sanction from the Poor Law Board of an increase in the pay of the nurse, and also of the fee paid to Dr Kirkwood for amputating the leg of James Proudfoot.</p> <p>The use of the school room at the Workhouse as a place of meeting for the religious instruction of the children residing in the immediate neighbourhood of the Workhouse on Sunday afternoons was sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Letter was received from the Poor Law Board on the subject of religious services in the Workhouse by the dissenting clergymen and allowing out-door and aged and infirm persons who are not paupers to attend. The Poor Law Board state that before expressing a final opinion upon the matter they need more background information on the origin of this practice.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed in his answer to this letter to state that the practice started several years before the formation of the Union by the Master of the Workhouse. The Guardians are not aware of the practice having given rise to any complaints on the ground of breach of discipline or difficulty in the management of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Dr Clarke gave notice that at the next meeting he would call the attention of the Guardians to the Register General's report showing a great increase in the mortality of the Parish of Berwick, and that the local Board of Health be required to adopt measures to deal with this situation.</p> <p>Rev Hamilton gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that such of the medical gentlemen resident in the Union who choose to apply be appointed public vaccinators.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/238-246	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; Thomas Friar; William Gibson;	4 June 1855.

		<p>June 1855.</p>	<p>John Brown; George Winlaw; James Gray; John Norton; Robert Cairns; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]; Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Account for maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution, Dumfries, was presented and payment ordered: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Order from the Poor Law Board ordering the re-payment of money by John Anderson for money disallowed by the auditor.</p> <p>Payment ordered to George Scott of the half apprentice fee of William Fairnell, bound to George Scott on this day.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept requiring the Guardians to pay to the Treasurer of the County of Northumberland as a proportion of the parishes towards the General County Rate. Payment ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of money paid by the Parish of Ladykirk, being the amount of maintenance paid by the Guardians of this Union on behalf of the Parish of Berwick for a pauper lunatic, C Crooks, whose settlement was in the Ladykirk Parish.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: William Morris, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 2 lbs of sago. Signed by James Wilson. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Jane Reid, of Tweedmouth, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea (2 identical entries); John</p>	
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			<p>that Mary Harle is re-appointed subject to the sanction of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], the Relieving Officer of the Berwick District, was prevented by severe disposition from attending the meeting. He also presented a certificate signed by Dr George Johnston, saying that J B Atkinson's state of health demands that he should be granted leave of no less than one month. Resolved that leave be granted to J B Atkinson as soon as he is sufficiently recovered to be able to leave his home, and that John Thompson, Assistant Overseer of Berwick, be appointed as J B Atkinson's deputy if sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board authorising the Guardians to purchase the Tithe Barn House and Pound Fold and the interest of the Parish of Berwick in the present Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the permanent appointment of Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], as Medical Officer of the Berwick District and Workhouse. However, Mr Wilson [James Wilson], Medical Officer of the Islandshire District; Mr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Medical Officer of the West Division of the Northhamshire District; Mr Paxton [John Paxton], Medical Officer of the East Division of the Northhamshire District and Mr Morison, Medical Officer of the Tweedmouth District, do not reside in their districts. These officers cannot hold their situations permanently, but the Poor Law Board state they can hold their situations on a temporary basis until Lady Day 1856.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Overseers of Tweedmouth and Northham were still in arrears with their payments. Proceedings to start against the overseers to compel them to pay the amounts due.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/247-255	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 June 1855.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; Ninian Sanderson; Thomas Crewther; John Morton; John Embleton; George Smith; Robert Cairns; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].	18 June 1855.

			<p>Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Alex Smith (beef); John Winter (bread); Robert Johnston & Co (coals); Andrew Thompson (ironmonger); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (groceries); John Richardson (shoes); George Henderson (porter and vinegar).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Jane Reid, of Tweedmouth, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea; Mary Stockport, of Spittal, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea; John Hills, of Spittal, suffering from smallpox, prescribed bread and tea; Anthony Hasting, of Tweedmouth, for a cold, prescribed sago; Anthony Hastings, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed sago. The above signed by Andrew Morison. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Jane [Beasely], of Hatters Lane, prescribed bread and beef James Rowley, of Weatherly Square, for cough with some pain in chest, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Bridget Cox, of Weatherly Square, in childbed, prescribed necessaries; Bernhard McDermott, of Narrow Lane, for dropsy, prescribed beef and bread (2 identical entries); Alice Oliver, of Woolmarket, for cholera, prescribed nothing; Mary Oliver, of Woolmarket, for amputation, prescribed relief to be continued; Michael McBride, of Walkergate Lane, for inflammation of bowels, prescribed bread, beef and oatmeal.</p> <p>The Rev Hamilton moved "that any duly qualified medical man within the Union may be appointed as a public vaccinator upon application to the Board". His</p>	
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			<p>motion was seconded by Mr Gibson. Mr Davidson moved as an amendment that it is not expedient to make any addition to the number of public vaccinators already appointed. A vote was taken:</p> <table> <tr> <td>For the motion:</td> <td>For the amendment:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rev Hamilton</td> <td>Mr Fleming, Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Gibson</td> <td>Mr Crewther</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Darling</td> <td>Mr Sanderson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr Dickson</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr Cairns</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr Smith</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Mr Ramsey</td> </tr> </table> <p>Majority for the amendment which was declared carried.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board correcting a mis-statement in their earlier letter re the appointment of Messrs Paxton and Morison as permanent medical officers. They say it should have been stated that these gentlemen were not legally qualified in one of the 4 modes prescribed by article 168 of the General Consolidates Order.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board approving the grant of a month's leave of absence to Mr Jas B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], and also of the appointment of Mr Thompson to act as his temporary substitute during that period.</p> <p>Letter received from Mr Home, Superintendent Registrar and the Registrar General, stating that Mr Anderson [John Anderson] has been suspended from his office as Registrar of Marriage. Also enclosed the letter from R Home, Superintendent Registrar, explaining the reason - a marriage solemnized in the Catholic Chapel between James Watson and Anne Mauley which was not signed by the Registrar of Marriage who was not present during the ceremony due to illness. His son W G Anderson, Deputy for births and deaths, was there but did not, and could not sign the register, only the priest Mr Harrigan did. Due to this failure the marriage is probably void and the couple have to re-marry.</p> <p>Letter from George Graham, Registrar General, saying that the couple will have to re-marry, and that Mr Anderson's deputy, his son W G Anderson, is</p>	For the motion:	For the amendment:	Rev Hamilton	Mr Fleming, Chairman	Mr Gibson	Mr Crewther	Mr Darling	Mr Sanderson		Mr Dickson		Mr Cairns		Mr Smith		Mr Ramsey	
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			<p>qualified to act as Registrar of births and deaths during his father's illness.</p> <p>Appointment by R Home of Mr J Scott [Joseph Scott], the Relieving Officer of the Northhamshire District, to be the Registrar of marriages within the Union, was approved of by the Guardians present.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/256-263	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 July 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Moore; Richard Makins; Thomas Pinkerton; Ninian Sanderson; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; John Gray; George Smith; John Morton; Robert Cairns; William Cleghorn; Robert Dickson; Rev Hamilton [George Hand Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Jas B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Alex Smith (beef etc); John Winter (bread); Robert Johnstone (coals); Thomas Landreth (potatoes); James Smail (draper); Messrs Thompson (draper); George Henderson (porter); Messrs G & J Young (wine); Messrs Cockburn (wine); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Richardson (shoes); John Moore (ironmonger); Gas Company (gas).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); John Thompson (poor rates); John Thompson (district rate).</p> <p>Account for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum presented and payment ordered: Tweedmouth, Ann Foy. Felkington, Hannah</p>	2 July 1855.

			<p>Rork.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers up to the end of Midsummer quarter, and also a statement of the several balances therefrom, which as it proved the correctness of the several accounts was ordered to be inserted in the minutes.</p> <p>Salaries for the quarter ended Midsummer last, for which the officers were entitled were ordered to be paid to: William and Edward Willoby (clerks); Jas B Atkinson (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); J M Meggison [John Mills Meggison] (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); M C Turnbull[Matthew Charles Turnbull] (medical officer); Alexander Laidlaw (workhouse master); Jane Purdie (matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (barber).</p> <p>Order for salary to be paid to Joseph Scott as Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Daniel Glen, of Chapel Street, for dentition, mother required at home to attend to child, father having deserted, prescribed necessaries; Marjory Smith, of Sandgate, for breast cancer, prescribed wine; Bridget Foy, of Weatherly Square, in childbed, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Margaret Fairley, of Chapel Street, for [menonhopia], prescribed relief (2 identical entries); James Fairbairne, of Church Street, for phthisis, prescribed wine (2 identical entries). The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Sarah Bell, of Tweedmouth, for a cold, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Bell, of Tweedmouth, for a cold, prescribed bread, tea etc; Anthony Hastings, of Tweedmouth, for teething, prescribed necessaries; Mary Paxton, of Spittal, for inflammation of breasts, prescribed mutton; Sarah Stevens, of Tweedmouth, for burns, prescribed bread, tea etc. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. William Morris, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 2 lbs of sago. Signed by James Wilson. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton.</p>	
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Item	GBR 43/264-268	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 July 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; George Winlaw; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton; William Gibson; Robert Cairns; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; Robert Dickson; George Smith; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Payment of salary to Mary Harle ordered. Her appointment sanctioned by the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Account for maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Gateshead Fell Asylum was presented and payment ordered: Cornhill, Mary Ann Temple.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood, 3 midwifery cases; Union Poor, Dr Kirkwood, 5 midwifery cases; Berwick, Dr Kirkwood, fracture of arm; Berwick, Dr Kirkwood, trusses; Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison, 3 midwifery cases.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood; Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison; Ancroft, Andrew Morison; Holy Island, Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Kylee, Dr Wilson; Ancroft, Dr Wilson; Cornhill, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Medical certificates were ordered for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Alice Young, of Tweedmouth, for diarrhoea, prescribed rice. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Marjory Smith, of Sandgate, for breast cancer,</p>	16 July 1855.

			prescribed wine; William Drummond, of Church Street, for melancholia, prescribed necessaries; James Fairbairn, of Church Street, for phthisis, prescribed wine (2 identical entries). The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.	
Item	GBR 43/269-274	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 July 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; William Gibson; William Moore; Richard Makins; John Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; Robert Dickson; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread etc.); Alexander Smith (beef etc.); Robert Rutherford (draperies); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); James Gibson (carpenter); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries).</p> <p>Cheque paid to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Master of the Workhouse, for paying the expense of the in-door funerals.</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered: Berwick, Thomas Allison; Tweedmouth, John Octon, Agnes Dalglish, Martha Forster; Tweedmouth, Anne Foy; Norham, W Hall; Berwick, Hannah Jamison; Tweedmouth, Isabella Johnston, Isabella Lough; Felkington, Hannah Rock.</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Heslop (water sprig).</p>	30 July 1855.

			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the religious services in the school room of the Union Workhouse, at which aged and infirm inhabitants have been accustomed to attend. The Poor Law Board say that they are reluctant to stop a practice that has been going on for so long and that the Guardians wish to continue, but they also say that the practice is very unusual and might give rise to inconvenient consequences. The Board are therefore pleased that the Guardians have reconsidered the subject with the view of stopping the practice.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Agnes Moore, of Hatters Lane, for [whitlaw], prescribed bread and tea. Signed by Alexander Kirkwood. Mary Paxton, of Spittal, for inflammation of breast, prescribed mutton; George Patterson, of Spittal, for disease of bowels, prescribed necessaries; Francis Knox, of Tweedmouth, for debility, prescribed mutton; Margaret Finlaw, of Tweedmouth, for diarrhoea, prescribed wine. The above signed by Andrew Morison. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Margaret Clark, of Duddo, for hepatitis, nothing prescribed. The above signed by John Paxton. William Moris, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed sago. Signed by J Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	
Item	GBR 43/275-282	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 Aug. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; John Morton; William Gibson; Thomas Pinkerton; J Ch McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Embleton; Adam Darling; John Wilson; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; James Grey; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee</p>	13 Aug. 1855.

			<p>were presented and payment ordered to: John Thompson (oatmeal); Alexander Smith (beef); John Winter (bread); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); George Henderson (porter); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight & Co (books).</p> <p>Registration fees ordered to be paid to: James B Atkinson, Berwick; James B Atkinson, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution ordered to be paid: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Medical certificates recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Paxton, of Spittal, for disease of breast, prescribed mutton. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Sarah Paxton, of West Newbiggin, for rheumatic fever, prescribed mutton. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Elizabeth Martin, of Hatters Lane, in childbed, for great destitution, prescribed bread and oatmeal; Ann Boothe, of Chapel Street, in childbed, prescribed tea and bread; Edward Donohoe, of Weatherly Square, for constipation, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board, presented at the last meeting, regarding the subject of religious services in the Workhouse by dissenting clergymen on Sunday evenings was taken into consideration. The Clerk was directed to reply that enquiries had been made to the Master of the Workhouse, and they have been assured that no inconvenience or breach of discipline has been felt by the practice in question, and that the Guardians therefore decline to reconsider the matter.</p> <p>Ordered that Dr Kirkwood be requested to visit the different lunatic asylums in which pauper lunatics from the Union are at present confined.</p> <p>Letter of resignation from Dr Kirkwood, Medical Officer of the Berwick District, with effect from 25 September. He is to remain Medical Officer of the Union</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse. Letter to be taken into consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>Sealed letter intercepted by the Master of the Workhouse was handed to the meeting. The letter was addressed to John Griffin, No 6 Company Berwick-upon-Tweed Barracks. The Master, after making enquiries, assumed that the letter was from a female inmate of the Workhouse of very loose habits and that the letter contained matters of an improper nature. The Clerk was ordered to write the Poor Law Board to ask whether the Guardians have the power to open the letter in question or any other letter written by inmates of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Home, Superintendent Registrar, regarding painting and wall-papering of his office. To be referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Resolved that the annual examination of the paupers of the Berwick District take place on Tuesday next at 10 o'clock.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/283-291	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 Aug. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; John Wilson; Thomas Pinkerton; Thomas Crewther; George Smith; John Davidson; John Morton; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread etc.); Alexander Smith (beef etc.); R Johnston & Co (coals); George Weatherhead (groceries); G & J Young (draperies); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Davidson (groceries); [Moudd & Todd] (shoe stamp); John Main (tailor); James</p>	Aug. 27 1855.

			<p>Smail (draperies); William Cowe (groceries); John Moor (ironmonger).</p> <p>Common charges: George Macaskie (printing); John Rennick (old rope); David Gibson (1/2 year's rent of register office).</p> <p>Registration fees: John Anderson, Ancroft, Holy Island and Kyloe. Joseph Scott, Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Shoreswood, Thornton and Twizel.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: James B Atkinson, Berwick, Tweedmouth. John Anderson, Ancroft, Holy Island and Kyloe.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace of the County of Northumberland a note of the precept required for the parishes of the Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Paxton, of Spittal, for disease of breast, prescribed mutton; Elenor Hall, of Ord, for debility, prescribed mutton. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Sarah Paxton, of West Newbigin, for rheumatic fever, prescribed mutton; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed porter. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. [Mich Carlin], of Chapel Street, for bruise of arm, prescribed 3s relief; [Elizabeth Matric], of Hatters Lane, in childbed, prescribed bread and meat. The above signed by Alex Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood's resignation of his office as Medical Officer of the Berwick District was accepted. Election of a new medical officer at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the subject of the admission of the town's residents to the religious services performed on Sundays in the Workhouse. They feel unable to support that practice for those other than inmates connected with the establishment.</p> <p>Resolved to draw the Local Board of Health's attention to the threatened outbreak of cholera, and to take immediate steps to cleanse and disinfect</p>	
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			those parts of the town where cholera has appeared on former occasions.	
Item	GBR 43/292-303	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 Sept. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; John Wilson; John Davidson; Thomas Crewther; William Gibson; James Wilson; John C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; William Elliott; Adam Darling; George Winlaw; John Embleton; Alexander Smith; Robert Dickson; John Brown; William Cleghorn; James Nicholson; Rev Hamilton [Hans George Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); Alexander Smith (beef); Thomas Landreth (potatoes); Robert Johnston & Co (coals); Thomas Cockburn (porter); Margaret Blakey (milk); George Henderson (porter); Ralph Holmes (herrings); Robert Gibson (milk); Simon Trainer (vegetables); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (groceries); John Davidson (groceries).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Ann Hope, of Spittal, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea; William Pringle, of Tweedmouth, for disease of chest, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Sarah Paxton, of West Newbigin, for acute rheumatism, prescribed mutton. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. David Short, of Walkergate Lane, for inflammation of throat, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].</p>	10 Sept. 1855.

			<p>Two applications for the position of Medical Officer for the Berwick District were laid before the meeting - James Wilson and Robert Carr Fluker. Enclosed a recommendation from A Kirkwood in support of Robert Carr Fluker.</p> <p>Mr A Smith nominated James Wilson, seconded by John Davidson. William Gibson nominated Mr Fluker, seconded by Mr Crewther. A vote was taken.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>For James Wilson :</td> <td>For Robert Fluker:</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John C McDonald</td> <td>Joseph Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Robert Nicholson</td> <td>John Brown</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Cleghorn</td> <td>William Gibson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Winlaw</td> <td>Thomas Crewther</td> </tr> <tr> <td>William Elliott</td> <td>Rev Hamilton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Davidson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Dickson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexander Smith</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Darling</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Embleton</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Wilson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Wilson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Ramsey</td> <td>Dr Clarke declined to vote.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Majority for James Wilson 8. Result of the proceedings to be sent to the Poor Law Board for their sanction of the appointment of James Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Kirkwood regarding inspection of the lunatics chargeable to the Union now in the Edinburgh, Dumfries and Gateshead Fell lunatic asylums was laid before the meeting. He reported no change in their mental condition, which is unfavourable. He was, however, satisfied with their clean and comfortable appearance and with their general treatment.</p> <p>Number of people remaining in asylums in August 1854 was 12, viz. Berwick 3; Tweedmouth 6; Norham 1; Cornhill 1; Felkington1.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for provisions etc. would shortly expire. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for tenders.</p>	For James Wilson :	For Robert Fluker:	John C McDonald	Joseph Fleming	James Robert Nicholson	John Brown	William Cleghorn	William Gibson	George Winlaw	Thomas Crewther	William Elliott	Rev Hamilton	John Davidson		Robert Dickson		Alexander Smith		Adam Darling		John Embleton		James Wilson		John Wilson		Robert Ramsey	Dr Clarke declined to vote.	
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			<p>The Clerk called the attention of the Guardians to the provision of an act to consolidate and amend the Nuisances Removal and Disease Prevention Acts 1848 & 1849, and he laid before the Board a notification as to the removal of nuisances issued by the General Board of Health, and also a notice proposed to be issued by the Local Board of Health of Berwick calling the attention of the public to the provision of the said act. Ordered that the Clerk prepare a similar notice for circulation in the rural district.</p> <p>Committees were to be set up to receive notices, take proceedings, and to execute the provisions of the act mentioned before.</p> <p>Elected were: For the Berwick District: Joseph Fleming, Chairman; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; John Wilson; John Davidson; John Morton; George Winlaw; Dr Clarke; William Gibson; James Wilson; Robert Dickson; Robert Ramsey junior; Robert Makins; Adam Darling; Rev George Hans Hamilton.</p> <p>For the Northamptonshire District: Alexander Smith; John Wilson; John Brown; William Cleghorn; William Elliott; Ebenezer Black; James Black; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Thomas Friar; William Moor.</p> <p>For the Islandshire District: Thomas Pinkerton; George Smith; John Embleton; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther].</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood presented a report stating that the water closet in the hospital was in such a poor state of repair that it could not be used, and also that the window frame in No. 3 Female Ward was rotten and rain was coming in. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board replying to a letter from Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Master of the Workhouse, on the subject of frequent discharge and re-admission of some of the inmates of the Workhouse. The Poor Law Board ask for further information on the matter. The problem, as stated by Mr Laidlaw, is that inmates, particularly women, discharge themselves only to request re-admission the same day, or the following day. To be re-admitted requires an order from a relieving officer, which, according to Mr Laidlaw is too easy to obtain. If this system is allowed to continue Mr Laidlaw predicts that the whole establishment will fall into disorder. To be referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
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Item	GBR 43/303-313	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 Sept. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Robert Dickson; John Davidson; John Morton; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; Adam Darling; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); Alexander Smith (beef); John Richardson (shoes); Robert Johnston & Co (coals); George Archbold (plumber); Margaret Blakey (milk); T Cockburn & Son (wine); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); George Henderson (porter); John Main (tailor); Simon Trainer (potatoes); John Davidson (groceries); William G Carr (chemist); Ralph Holmes (herrings); Peter Wilson (shoes).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (postage etc.); James B Atkinson (postage etc.) John Anderson (postage etc.); Joseph Scott (postage etc.); William Nesbit (quarter's salary); Isabella Nesbit (quarter's salary); Thomas Harle (quarter's salary); Mary Harle (quarter's salary); James Trainer (quarter's salary).</p> <p>Cheque paid to Mr Laidlaw, the Workhouse Master, for paying the petty common charges of the house, also cheque paid to him for paying the expenses of the in-door funerals.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the out-relief account.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the clothing accounts by</p>	24 Sept. 1855.
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			<p>transferring the amount expended to the debit of in-maintenance and credit clothing account.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [William Mucklewee], of Chapel Street, for epilepsy, prescribed 2s; Alexander Williams, of Crawford's Alley, for fever, prescribed port wine; Mary Tourson, of Castlegate, for ulcer on leg, prescribed beef and mutton; Alexander Williams, of Crawford's Alley, for fever, prescribed wine; Alexander Williams, of Crawford's Alley, for fever, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Alexander Kirkwood. Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, for wound and inflammation, prescribed relief for 10 days; Dorothy Beasely, of Old Vicarage, for fever, prescribed wine. The above signed by Alexander Kirkwood.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions etc. The tenders were approved by the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the appointment by the Guardians of Dr Wilson [James Wilson], as Medical Officer of the Berwick District. They state that it appears that Dr Wilson is not fully qualified for the job, whereas the other applicant Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] is. They therefore state that the job should go to Dr Fluker. In response the Guardians state that William Smith Lilly was appointed medical officer in 1847 and 1848 in spite of not being fully qualified, and in spite of Dr Kirkwood, who was fully qualified being a candidate on both these occasions.</p> <p>Resolved that immediate steps be taken to appoint a sanitary inspector for the rural district. John Wilson moved that at the next meeting he would suggest that the sanitary inspector be paid 20s per week. Appointment of a sanitary inspector to take place at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/314-322	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 Oct. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Thomas Crewther; Thomas Friar; James Grey; Adam Darling; Robert Dickson; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Smith; William Elliott;</p>	8 Oct. 1855.

			<p>Thomas Pinkerton; John Davidson; Ninian Sanderson; John Brown; William Moor; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; John Embleton; Richard Makins; William Cleghorn; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; James Black; George Smith; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood, Tweedmouth. Andrew Morison, Ancroft. Andrew Morison, Holy Island. Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Kyloe. Dr Wilson. Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Cornhill.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood. Tweedmouth, Andrew Morison. Union Poor, Dr Turnbull.</p> <p>Payment of expenses to Dr Kirkwood for visiting and examining the lunatics belonging to the Union in the Royal Edinburgh, Crichton and Gateshead Fell Asylum was ordered.</p> <p>Salaries ordered to be paid to: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby]; Jas B Atkinson (relieving officer); John Anderson (relieving officer); Joseph Scott (relieving officer); John M Meggison (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood (medical officer); Andrew Morison (medical officer); James Wilson (medical officer); John Paxton (medical officer); M C Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (medical officer); William Laidlaw (workhouse master); Jane Purdie (matron).</p> <p>Payment of salary of Joseph Scott as Assistant Overseer and Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Cornhill was ordered.</p>	
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			<p>George Smith John Wilson John Davidson</p> <p>Ninian Sanderson declined to vote.</p> <p>Majority for A Smith 4.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of letter from Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] on the subject of the frequent discharge and re-admission into the Workhouse of some of the inmates. The Poor Law Board state that as long as the privilege of leaving the Workhouse is enjoyed by the inmates without any qualification, and as long as they can demand re-admission from the Relieving Officer on a representation of destitution even though the destitution arises from the act of the pauper themselves. The only course the Guardians can suggest is that when "this class of women" present orders for readmission, Mr Laidlaw should be authorised to detain them in the Vagrant Cell until the next Board Meeting instead of sending them to their usual room.</p> <p>Letter from the Secretary to the Committee of Council on Education intimating that reserve stipends would be paid on their Lordships being informed that William Braby, the pupil teacher, has entered a training school, and that he might remain in his present school until Christmas. Ordered that leave be granted to Braby remaining in the Workhouse until Christmas.</p> <p>Remuneration to be paid to Mr Thompson for the time he performed the duties of Relieving Officer when J B Atkinson was absent referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/323-332	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 Oct. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; Alexander Smith; William Gibson; John Morton; Robert Dickson; Richard Makins; J C McDonald [John Charles McDonald]; John Embleton; William Cleghorn; William Elliott; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Adam Darling. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had</p>	22 Oct. 1855.

			<p>been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: James Smail (draperies); George Weatherhead (tea); Robert Rutherford (draperies); John Winter (bread); Alexander Smith (beef); J & G Young (draperies); William Cowe (groceries); James Keenan & Co (draperies); T & R Thompson (draperies); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Smith & Armstrong (draperies); T Cockburn & Son (porter); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (groceries) John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered: Berwick, Thomas Allison; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamison. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Agnes Dalgleish; Isabella Johnston; Isabella Lough. Norham, Maria Hall; Tweedmouth, Ann Fox. Felkington, Hannah Rock.</p> <p>Common charges: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (justice clerk fees); J & T Grey (advertising for nurse).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Norham; Norham Mains; Loanend; Twizel; Horncliffe; Thornton; Grindon; Shoreswood; Duddo; Longridge; Felkington, Mr Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Union Poor, Mr Paxton.</p> <p>The half apprentice fee of Archibold White, a poor boy chargeable to the Parish of Berwick, bound to Peter Weatherburn, was ordered to be paid.</p> <p>The half apprentice fee of John Ferguson, a poor boy chargeable to the Parish of Tweedmouth, bound to George Richardson, was ordered to be paid.</p>	
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			<p>the table at the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The indentures of apprenticeship of Archbold White to Peter Weatherburn, and of John Ferguson to George Richardson, were executed by both masters and apprentices in the presence of the Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 43/333-345	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 Nov. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Cairns; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Thomas Pinkerton; Richard Makins; John Wilson; Alexander Smith; Adam Darling; James Grey; George Smith; Ebenezer Black; James Black; Robert Dickinson. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter; Alexander Smith; William Cowe; Alexander Patterson; Simon Trainer; Margaret Blakey; Robert Gibson; John Main; John Davidson; John Richardson.</p> <p>Common charges: cheque given to Mr Thompson for his services as Relieving Officer during the absence of Jas B Atkinson.</p> <p>Registration fees: Berwick and Tweedmouth, James B Atkinson. Ancroft, Holy Island and Kyloe, John Anderson. Cornhill, Norham, Twizel, Duddo, Shoreswood, Felkington, Thornton, Horncliffe, Grindon and Loanend, Joseph Scott.</p>	5 Nov. 1855.

			<p>Vaccination registration fees: Berwick, Tweedmouth, Jas B Atkinson. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, John Anderson. Norham, Twizel, Loanend, Norham Mains, Horncliffe, Thornton, Grindon, Shoreswood, Duddo, Felkington, Longridge, Cornhill, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Margaret Goodale, of Tweedmouth, for disease of chest, prescribed mutton; Sarah Bell, of Tweedmouth, for a cold, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Mark Cockburn, of Berwick, for [secondaries], prescribed necessaries. Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Dr Kirkwood.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board re the appointment of a medical officer for the Berwick District. The Board state that the case of the appointment of Smith Lilly is not similar to the present one, as due to Dr Kirkwood's resignation it is important to keep up the number of medical officers, and unless the Guardians can prove the impractability of appointing Dr Wilson [James Wilson], the Board cannot approve of it.</p> <p>Alexander Smith moved, seconded by Adam Darling, that as the only objection of the Poor Law Board to Dr Wilson's appointment is that he does not hold the double qualification of the Apothecaries, which they admit that even if he had them, they would not guarantee a better performance as a medical officer, and that therefore Dr Wilson should be appointed.</p> <table> <tr> <td>For voted</td> <td>Against voted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>George Smith</td> <td>Joseph Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thomas Pinkerton</td> <td>William Gibson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Adam Darling</td> <td>James Grey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richard Makins</td> <td>Ebenezer Black</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robert Dickson</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alexander Smith</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>James Black</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>John Wilson</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Majority for the adoption of the resolution 4.</p>	For voted	Against voted	George Smith	Joseph Fleming	Thomas Pinkerton	William Gibson	Adam Darling	James Grey	Richard Makins	Ebenezer Black	Robert Dickson		Alexander Smith		James Black		John Wilson		
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the payment to John Thompson for his services as Relieving Officer during the absence of J B Atkinson.</p> <p>Resolved that appointment of Collector of Rates for the Parish of Kyloe and for the township of Horncliffe, Norham Mains and Duddo will take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board containing a copy of a certificate awarded by the Committee of Council of Education to Mrs Isabella Nesbit, Matron of the Union Workhouse, and extracts from a report made by Mr Browne after his inspection of the school. The report states that there are no desks, no gallery and no blackboard in the school. No progress can be looked for until a proper schoolroom has been provided. The Poor Law Board also state that the Guardians have been negligent in spending the money granted by Parliament for its proper purpose and trust that they will do so without delay. Referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse, Alexander Laidlaw, laid before the meeting a letter regarding Joseph Manderston who had applied for a job at Dixon Moor Colliery, about 3 miles from Belford, without success. He was, however, allowed to stay the night in a shed at the colliery, where he mistook a tin of gunpowder for coffee and when he brought it over to the fire it exploded and burnt his face and hands. He stayed at the colliery for 5 days without medical attention. He then made his way to Belford Workhouse. He was refused admission, but was allowed to spend one night in the vagrants' cell. The medical officer attended to him and the next morning he was given some breakfast and told to leave without being given water to wash himself in. Mr Laidlaw states that he finds that Belford Union has been negligent in their duties, and forced their duties on to another union, in this case the Berwick Union. He also claims that this has happened before, although no case has been as inhuman as this one.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Kirkwood describing Mr Manderston's injuries to his hands and face, and he says that Mr Manderston's life would have been at risk due to his injuries and the bad weather. He had admitted Mr Manderston to the Berwick</p>	
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Item	GBR43/346 -356	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 Nov. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Thomas Pinkerton; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; Robert Dickson; Adam Darling; William Moor; William Cleghorn; Ebenezer Black; John Morton; John Wilson; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns; James Grey; Richard Makins; William Elliott; George Smith; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke Henry George Charles Clarke]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: James Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: Margaret Blakey (potatoes etc.); John Winter (bread etc.); A Smith (beef etc.); T Cockburn & Son (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Davidson (groceries).</p> <p>Common charges: David Gibson (1/2 year's payment of Register Officer).</p> <p>Account for the maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution was ordered to be paid: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; William Clarke, of Tweedmouth, for disease of hand, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison].</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board regarding the election of Dr Wilson {James</p>	19 Nov. 1855.

		<p>Wilson] as Medical Officer for the Berwick District. They say that the election of D Wilson is invalid and that the Guardians have to hold new elections. Resolved that new elections will take place at the next meeting.</p> <p>Election of Collectors of Poor Rates for the Parish of Kylloe and for the townships of Horncliffe; Norham Mains and Duddo. Elected were: John Anderson for the Parish of Kylloe; James Paxton for the township of Horncliffe; Alexander Davidson for the township of Norham Mains and Samuel Boak for the township of Duddo. Sanctions of the above elections to be requested from the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting the plans of proposed alterations and additions to the Workhouse, and the proposed changes of the plan proposed by the Poor Law Board. Also notice to the Local Board of Health requesting to have the lane between the Workhouse and the Tithe Barn Yard shut up and a new lane made.</p> <p>The supply of oatmeal and sugar to the Workhouse from John Tait and William Cowe was accepted.</p> <p>The case of Joseph Manderston: letter from Belford Union, signed by William Johnson for Mr Selby, enclosing a statement of the officers who had anything to do with the case in question. He requires that the dates and facts of each case alluded to may be sent to the Belford Union so that the circumstance of each case may be properly investigated. Mr Johnson states that it appears from the evidence of the officers of the Belford Union that there is no ground for such complaints.</p> <p><u>Statement from George Scott, Relieving Officer:</u> He had seen Mr Manderston at the Workhouse. He went to the Master and recommended him to send for a doctor.</p> <p><u>Statement from Compton Bugg, Porter at the Workhouse:</u> He had admitted Mr Manderston into the Vagrants' Ward on the evening of Monday 29th October. He had noticed Mr Manderston's burnt hands, but had heard no complaint. Mr Manderston left the Workhouse the next morning at 9 of his own accord.</p> <p><u>Statement from Thomas Forster, Master of the Workhouse:</u> Mr Scott had come</p>	
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			<p>to him on the evening of 29th October and said that a man was in the Vagrants' Ward with burnt hands, and that a doctor should be sent for. This was done and his hands were treated with oatmeal gruel and a poultice applied. Mr Manderston was given supper and breakfast in the morning. When Mr Forster went to the Vagrants' Ward at about 9 a.m. Mr Manderston had left.</p> <p><u>Statement from Thomas Davidson, Medical Officer at the Workhouse:</u> He said he had been called for on 29th October at about 6 p.m. He went and treated Joseph Manderston's right hand with oatmeal gruel and a poultice was applied. He ordered the same to be done in the morning. He said that the left hand was only slightly burnt and his face was blackened by the explosion of the gunpowder, but the skin was not injured. When he returned the next morning Mr Manderston had left without any order.</p> <p><u>Statement from Sarah Hogg, the Workhouse Nurse:</u> She said that Mr Manderston had come to the Workhouse on the evening of Monday 29 October. His hands were burnt. She gave him some oatmeal and water to wash his hands in. She then made a large poultice and applied it to hands and wrist. He expressed his gratitude. The next morning she gave him some breakfast at about 8, then went to make the poultice, but when she returned to the Workhouse he had left.</p> <p>Resolved that the case be referred to a committee composed of the Chairman, Rev. Hamilton; Messrs Gibson and Cairns, authorizing them to take the statements of the pauper and such other persons as may be necessary, and to transmit such statements to the Belford Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR43/357-371	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 Dec. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; George Winlaw; Ebenezer Black; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; Robert Dickson; Thomas Crewther; John Morton; John Brown; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented</p>	3 Dec. 1855.

			<p>and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread etc.); Alexander Smith (beef etc.); Robert Johnston & Co. (coals); David Logan; Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (groceries); John Main (tailor); George Henderson (wine etc.); T Cockburn & Son (porter).</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland a precept for the Guardians to pay the rates due for the Parishes of this Union on or before the 10th December.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Elizabeth Scott, of Wallace Green, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries; William Nesbit, of Greens, for dropsy, prescribed beef. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] for Dr Kirkwood. James Reid, of Tweedmouth, for hurt, nothing prescribed; Catherine Hartill, of Tweedmouth, for disease of foot, prescribed mutton; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed porter. The above signed by J Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p><u>Joseph Manderston's statement:</u> He applied unsuccessfully for work at the Detchant Moor Colliery on the evening of 25 Oct. He was allowed to spend the night in a cabin belonging to the colliery. He mistook a bottle of gunpowder for coffee, it exploded and he was knocked down. His clothes were on fire and both hands severely burnt, as were his face and neck. He dressed the burns with Florence oil. He left the cabin in the morning of the following Monday. He went to Belford as the men at the colliery had said they were bound to take him in at the Workhouse. The weather was wet. He went to the Relieving Officer's house (George Scott). Mr Scott was out but his wife told him to go to the Workhouse and tell them that she had sent him, and that they would take him in for one night. She gave him no written order. He told the doorkeeper that he had come to seek medical assistance for his burns. He was put into a room and the door was locked. The room had no bed, only sloping boards, no bedding, and no bed clothes except two old coverlets. A small fire was lit. Between 5 and 6 the doorkeeper entered the room together with a person, who</p>	
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			<p>he afterwards found out to be Mr Scott, the Relieving Officer. Mr Scott said that if he had been at home when he called at his house he would have turned him away. Mr Scott tried to send him off. Mr Manderston pleaded with him to allow him to stay for a few days and get medical assistance. Mr Scott behaved as if he was mad or drunk. He asked him if he had any money, he said he had four pence. Mr Scott said that in that case he would have been able to pay for lodging. Mr Scott said he did not care if Mr Manderston lived or died. The doctor came and treated only his left hand. After the doctor had left he was brought some soup. By this time the fire was out and as he was still very wet he had to walk up and down the room all night to try and keep warm. In the morning the room was unlocked. He was served breakfast by a woman, the same one as who had served him supper the night before. A little later another woman, unknown to him, entered the room and told him that he had to leave, which he did without having his hands and face seen to. He arrived at Berwick after spending one night in lodgings in Lowick and one night in the engine house at Scremerston. He was ordered to the Workhouse where he had been since. He is 78 years of age and a native of Scotland.</p> <p><u>Statement from Mary Harle, Nurse at the Workhouse:</u> she was sent to the Receiving Ward where she found Joseph Manderston. She observed that both hands were burnt, wrapped in very dirty cloths, and a very offensive smell came from them. She found the burns very severe, the skin was hanging in pieces. His left hand was the worst and the sleeve of his coat had to be cut off. His face was also burnt. The lower part of his face and upper part of his neck was one entire scab. The doctor arrived and ordered the burns to be temporarily dressed until a prescription from the druggist had arrived. The next morning the loose skin was cut off with scissors. He was taken to the hospital and given some coffee. He was very feverish and he has been in the hospital, confined to his bed, for about a fortnight.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that copies of the above statements had been sent to the Belford Guardians. He also laid before the meeting a letter from the Belford Clerk, and the statement from Margaret Bugg. In the letter, signed by G Selby, he confirms receipt of the declarations of Joseph Manderston and Mary Harle and states that Margaret Bugg's statement contradicts most of Joseph Manderston's statement. He further says that if they are not satisfied with the statements submitted to them they are willing to meet with the Committee at</p>	
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			<p>their next meeting on 12 December, so they can examine the officers of the Belford Union in the presence of Mr Manderston.</p> <p><u>Statement from Margaret Bugg, wife of the Inspector of the Belford Union Workhouse:</u> she had gone to the room where Manderston was in the morning of the 30th October. Manderston had asked for a fire and she had promised to mention it to the Master. She never told him to go away. The Master agreed to the fire, but when she went to Manderston's room he had left. He never asked her for water to wash his hands in. A good fire had been put on the night before and had lasted all night.</p> <p>It was ordered that copies of the whole correspondence be sent to the Poor Law Board and that Manderston should stay in the Workhouse till the directions of the Poor Law Board had been received.</p> <p>With regard to the Committee attending the next meeting of the Belford Guardians they see no point in doing so, and no benefit could result from it, but they consider it their duty to lay copies of the whole of the correspondence and statements before the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had submitted the plans of the proposed additions and alterations of the Workhouse together with the letter from the Poor Law Board containing suggestions for several alterations to Mr Grey.</p> <p>Mr Grey ordered to prepare specification and working plans.</p> <p>Letter from Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] applying for the position of Medical Officer of the Berwick District. He states that his qualifications are in conformity with the Regulations of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Unanimously resolved that Robert C Fluker be appointed Medical Officer for the Above position, and also Public Vaccinator for the same district. Ordered that R C Fluker name his deputy as Medical Officer at the next meeting and enter into contracts for both offices.</p>	
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Item	GBR43/372 -377	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 Dec. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; George Smith; George Winlaw; William Gibson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; Thomas Crewther; Robert Dickson. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]; Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Tait (oatmeal); William Cowe (groceries); John Winter (bread etc.); Alex Smith (beef etc.); Robert Johnston & Co (coals); John Moor (brushes); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); Robert Matthison (chicory).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight & Co. (books etc.).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: James Trainer, of Hatters Lane, for gastrodyma, prescribed necessaries, (2 identical entries); Elizabeth Scott, of Wallace Green, in childbed, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Lames Dailey, of Chapel Street, for neuralgia, prescribed necessaries; William Nesbit, of Greenses, for dropsy, prescribed beef; Margaret Boag, of Ravensdowne, for [prurigo], prescribed necessaries; William Nesbit, of Greenses, for dropsy, prescribed beef; James Dailey, of Chapel Street, for neuralgia, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. Ellen McAllister, of Tweedmouth, in childbed, nothing prescribed. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison].</p>	17 Dec. 1855.
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			<p>Cheque given to Mr Atkinson for the purpose of paying the out-relief.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the contracts for beef etc. would expire shortly. Referred to the Workhouse Committee to advertise for and receive fresh contracts.</p> <p>Mr Fluker names Dr Kirkwood as his deputy.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they agreed upon recommending that women in the Workhouse, when employed in washing, should be allowed 5 oz of bread. The Medical Officer of the Workhouse had also recommended that they should have 1 gill of porter each. Report adopted</p>	
Item	GBR43/378 -388	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 Dec. 1855.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; R Nicholson James Robert Nicholson]; John Embleton; James Gray; John Wilson; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; William Moor; G Smith [George Smith]; A Darling [Adam Darling]; J Morton [John Morton]; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); A Smith junior (beef); John Richardson (shoes); Robert Johnston & Co.(coals); William Cowe (groceries); T Cockburn & Son; Margaret Blakey; Robert Gibson; John Davidson; John Main; George Weatherhead; George Archbold; Thomas [Landreth].</p>	31 Dec. 1855.

			<p>Common charges: John Thompson (1/4 rent of Workhouse); Poor & District Water; James Marshall (insurance); Knight & Co. (books).</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Union and Parochial ledgers up to the end of the Christmas Quarter. Trial balance included in minutes.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [Catherine Hartell], 44, of Tweedmouth, for dislocation of foot, prescribed mutton (2 identical entries). Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. James Dailey, 22, of Chapel Street, for neuralgia, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries). Signed by Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that fresh contracts for purchase of provisions had been obtained and they were approved of by the Guardians.</p> <p>Dr Robert C Fluker attended the meeting to execute his contracts as Medical Officer and Vaccinator.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting a report from the Committee for the alteration and enlargement of the Workhouse. They refer to a meeting of the inhabitants of Berwick held in vestry, which had considered the plan. The Committee reported that they had set up a sub-committee to consider the question of the lanes surrounding the Workhouse. A copy of a resolution made at the vestry meeting was enclosed, stating that the new lane proposed were not necessary and would be an extra expense for the ratepayers. Mr Darling moved, seconded by Mr Crewther, that the report be adopted. Mr Fleming moved as an amendment, seconded by Mr W Grey, that the present lane along the proposed new lane be diverted.</p> <table> <tr> <td><u>For the report:</u></td> <td><u>For the amendment:</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Messrs</td> <td>Messrs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Embleton</td> <td>Fleming</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Crewther</td> <td>Gibson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Darling</td> <td>Grey</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Winlaw</td> <td>Dickson</td> </tr> </table>	<u>For the report:</u>	<u>For the amendment:</u>	Messrs	Messrs	Embleton	Fleming	Crewther	Gibson	Darling	Grey	Winlaw	Dickson	
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			<p>Morton Wilson Smith The report was adopted and sealed.</p> <p>Ordered that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Wilson [James Wilson] and Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] are requested to report to the next meeting regarding the case of Mary Brotherton, or any other case of paupers in which Mr Elliott, druggist, may have acted beyond his duties as a dispensing druggist.</p>	
Item	GBR43/ 389-395	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 Jan. 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; W Gibson [William Gibson]; R Dickson [Robert Dickson]; J Davidson [John Davidson]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; J Morton [John Morton]; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; G Smith [George Smith]; J Wilson [John Wilson]; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter (bread); A Smith junior (beef); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); L Landreth (milk).</p> <p>Common charges: Andrew Robson (printing etc.); John Rennison (stationery etc.); Robert Home (annual allowance for coals for the Register Office).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of a lunatic pauper in the Gateshead Fell Asylum presented and payment ordered: Cornhill, May Ann Semple.</p>	14 Jan. 1856.

			<p>Account for printing voting papers for the Parish of Berwick presented and payment ordered: Berwick, Andrew Robson.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], 5 cases of midwifery. Tweedmouth, Mr Morison [Andrew Morison], 1 midwifery case. Union Poor, Mr Morison, 2 fractures.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Berwick, Dr Kirkwood. Berwick, Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Tweedmouth, Mr Morison. Ancroft, Mr Morison. Ancroft, Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Holy Island, Dr Wilson. Kyloe, Dr Wilson. Cornhill, Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: [Catherine Hartill], 44, of Tweedmouth, for dislocation of foot, prescribed mutton. Signed by A Morison. Mary Smith, 26, of Chapel Street, in childbirth, prescribed meat and bread (husband a soldier in the Crimea) (2 identical entries); Rosmia Gallagher, 30, of Golden Square, for pain in bowels, prescribed necessaries; Mary Dawson, 25, of Hatters Lane, for catarrh, prescribed bread etc; Alexander Cran, 30, labourer, of Chapel Street, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Booth, 52, of Chapel Street, suffering from catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Richard Home's wife, of Hatters Lane, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries; James McCowan, 40, of Wallace Green, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Letter from Mr Weddell, Clerk to the Berwick Burial Board, stating that the Burial Board has agreed with the Corporation of Berwick to purchase five acres and one rood of the Inner Cow Close for a new burial ground, as burials in the Parish churchyard must finish on the 30 June 1856. They also suggest it would be preferable if an exchange of an equivalent portion of the Grangeburn Mill land could be effected, and he asks the Guardians to consider this proposal, and take the necessary steps if approved of.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended certain alterations to be made in the dietary for the inmates of the Workhouse, and the Clerk was directed to obtain</p>	
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			the sanction of the Poor Law Board for this.	
Item	GBR43/396 -404	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 Jan. 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; G Smith [George Smith]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; William Gibson; Robert Cairns; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; James Grey; Thomas Crewther; John Morton; John Davidson; John Wilson; Rev Mr Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Ross; John Winter; William Cowe; Ralph Thompson; Robert Gibson; Margaret Blakey; William Henderson; L Landreth; George Henderson; Robert Nicholson; John Davidson.</p> <p>Common charges: Margaret Rennison (stationery); L H Pattison (painting of Register Office); James Purves (oil cloth for Register Office); Thomas Wilson (repairs for Register Office); Drummond & Son (repairs for Register Office); J & W Nicholson (watchmakers); George Macaskie (advertising); Thomas Melrose (stationery).</p> <p>Accounts for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum were presented and payment ordered: Berwick, Thomas Allison; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamison. Tweedmouth, John Octon; Agnes Dalgleish; Ann Fox; Isabella Johnston; Isabella Lough. Norham, Mrs Maria Hall. Felkington, Hannah Rock, Extra.</p>	28 Jan. 1856.

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]. William Duff, 38, pitman, for inflammation of bowels, prescribed 3lbs 1/9. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Charles Wait, labourer, of Walkergate Lane, for catarrh, nothing prescribed .Signed by Robert Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p> <p>Letter from Mr Weddell, Clerk to the Berwick Burial Board, regarding buying a plot of land for a new burial ground. Resolved that a special committee be set up consisting of Messrs G Smith; R Cairns and J Davidson, and that the Clerk inform the Clerk of the Burial Board that they have no objection to the proposed exchange and that they will apply to the Poor Law Board for sanctioning of it.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of letter of 3rd inst, saying they see no reason for detaining Joseph Manderston in the Union Workhouse. The Board have received a report from Mr Hurst, Inspector, respecting the alleged improper treatment of Joseph Manderston while in the Belford Union Workhouse. In Mr Hurst's report is mentioned the meeting proposed by the Guardians of the Belford Union, and they want to know if it has taken place, and if it has, what the result of it was.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk inform the Poor Law Board that they had declined the proposed meeting.</p> <p>Letter laid before the meeting from Mr Weatherhead saying that he was informed by the committee that a lane would be made leading from Featherbed Lane to the Front Street of Castlegate adjoining his ground and replacing the present lane called Workhouse Lane, and that his ground would be enclosed by a wall that would belong to him. Mr Weatherhead has found out that this plan has been turned down by a Vestry Assembly and he now wants to know whether the Guardians intend to carry out their bargain with him.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to tell Mr Weatherhead that the lane mentioned by him did not form any part of the agreement between him and the Guardians. The Guardians did, however, plan to make the new lane, but after the decision of</p>	
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			<p>the Vestry Assembly it is not in their power to do so. The Guardians furthermore wish to know if Mr Weatherhead now declined to make the purposed exchange of ground.</p> <p>The Clerk laid before the meeting a circular from the Poor Law Board on the subject of providing education for children in receipt of out-door relief. The Relieving Officers were directed to produce a list of such children at the next meeting.</p> <p>Ordered that Mr Paxton [John Paxton], Vaccinator for the East Division of the Norhamshire District, be required to send in his vaccination register.</p> <p>Mr Anderson [John Anderson], Relieving Officer for the Islandshire District, was prevented by illness from performing his duties. Resolved that his son William Anderson is appointed temporary substitute till the end of the quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR43/405-412	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 Feb. 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; W Gibson [William Gibson]; J Embleton [John Embleton]; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; R Ramsey jn [Robert Ramsey junior]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; J Morton [John Morton]; T Friar [Thomas Friar]; J Wilson [John Wilson]; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Winter; William Ross; Johnson & Co.; John Main; William Cowe; John Davidson; Robert Matheson; Margaret</p>	11 Feb. 1856.

			<p>Blakey; Robert Gibson; Thomas Landreth; John Moor; George Weatherhead.</p> <p>Account for the maintenance of a pauper lunatic in the Crichton Royal Institution was presented and payment ordered: Tweedmouth, James Swinhoe.</p> <p>Registration fees for quarter ending Christmas last year ordered to be paid to: Berwick, Tweedmouth, James B Atkinson. Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe, John Anderson. Cornhill, Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend. Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Twizel, Joseph Scott.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees ordered to be paid to: Berwick, James B Atkinson, 50 cases. Tweedmouth, James B Atkinson, 40 cases.</p> <p>Cheque given to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] for the purpose of paying the in-door funerals.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Grey, 35, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys and debility, prescribed 6 bottles of porter; Leonard Short, 38, carpenter, of Tweedmouth, for a sore throat, prescribed necessaries.. The above signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Alex Main, 17, saddler, of Walkergate Lane, for dislocation of fibia, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Mole, fieldworker, of Castlegate, for nervousness, requires relief. Catherine Maugham, of Castlegate, for breast and head cough, comp. of destitution; Catherine Maugham, of Castlegate, for breast and head cough, prescribed necessaries; George McGall, 33, shoemaker, of Church Street, for a sprained ankle, prescribed necessaries; Ann Morison, 44, works in county, of Hatters Lane, for pain in breast, prescribed necessaries; Elizabeth Whitecross, washerwoman, of Golden Square, for fever, prescribed 2 lbs of bread, tea, sugar and 1 ½ lbs of beef, and she needs a person to look after her; William Burns, 37, labourer, of Ness, for inflammation of thigh, prescribed necessaries (2 identical entries); Thomas Rutledge, 46, of Chapel Street, for injury from fall, nothing prescribed; Ann Morison, 45, fieldworker, of Hatters Lane, for pain in chest, requires relief. The above signed by Robert Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker].</p>	
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			<p>Letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioning the appointment of William Anderson to act as temporary substitute for John Anderson, Relieving Officer for the Islandshire District, during that officer's illness.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers presented the meeting with a list of the children of the out-door poor being educated and they received instructions of what action to take to get the authority of the Board for the payment of the school fees.</p> <p>Letter presented from the Glendale Union saying that they had no objection to the binding of Samuel Gibson to Henry Tait.</p> <p>An amended dietary table for the paupers of the Union Workhouse to be submitted to the Poor Law Board for sanctioning was presented (table enclosed in the minutes). Special diet allowed for the aged and infirm, children under 9 to be dieted at discretion; above 9 and under 16 same quantity as women. The sick to be dieted as directed by the Medical Officer. Approved of by A Kirkwood, Medical Officer of the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR43/413-418	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 Feb. 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; G Winlaw [George Winlaw]; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Robert Dickson; William Cleghorn; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; Adam Darling; James Wilson; John Morton; Robert Cairns; John Wilson; George Smith; A Smith [Alexander Smith]; T Friar [Thomas Friar]; R Ramsey jr [Robert Ramsey junior]; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p>	25 Feb. 1856.

			<p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: William Ross; John Winter; George Henderson; Margaret Blakey; William Cowe; Michael Anderson; John Main; Robert Gibson; Thomas Landreth; John Moor.</p> <p>Common charges: Robert Home; Aldridge & Bromley.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Carr, 20, husband labourer, of Chapel Street, in childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Martha Wemyss, of Chapel Street, tramping with husband, for laryngitis, prescribed necessaries. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys. Signed by John Paxton. John Shell, 24, fisher, of Holy Island, for debility, expected to be able to do a little bit of work soon, prescribed porter worth 2s. Signed by James Wilson.</p> <p>Resolved that at the next meeting the terms for the appointment of the medical officers for the districts of Tweedmouth, Islandshire and East and West Norhamshire and the public vaccinators for the Union be taken into consideration.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to request Mr Paxton, Public Vaccinator for the East Division of the Norhamshire District, to inform the Guardians why only 3 children were vaccinated by him from September 1855 to February 1856.</p>	
Item	GBR43/419-435	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 March 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; J R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; William Gibson; R Makins [Richard Makins]; R Dickson [Robert Dickson]; William Moor; James Wilson; John Davidson; John Morton; Robert Cairns; J Grey [James Grey]; John Wilson; Rev Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and the Relieving Officers had</p>	10 March 1856.

			<p>been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officer James B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; John Anderson and Joseph Scott were presented and payment ordered.</p> <p>Accounts examined and passed by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were presented and payment ordered to: John Ross; Gas Company; William Ross; John Winter; R Johnston & Co.; William Cowe; J Richardson; John Davidson; Margaret Blakey; G Bell; R Gibson; J Landreth; J Trainer; John Main.</p> <p>Common charges: Anthony & Cuthbertson (removing paupers); Alexander Laidlaw (removing paupers); John Thompson (removing paupers); John Thompson (removing paupers).</p> <p>First half of the apprentice fees of Samuel Gibson, a poor boy belonging to the Parish of Berwick, ordered to be paid on him being bound to Henry Tait.</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that he had received from the Clerk of the Peace for Northumberland, a request for the precept required for each parish of the Union.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: John Shell, 24, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed porter (2 identical entries). Signed by James Wilson. John Grey, pitman, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by John Paxton. Margaret Clarke, of Spittal, in childbed, prescribed bread and tea. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]. Charles Ward, labourer, of Walkergate Lane, for pains and debility, prescribed 1 ½ lbs of meat (2 identical entries); Richard Gardener, of Chapel Street, for emphysema, prescribed 1 lb of beef (2 identical entries).; Catherine Carling, 40, in Workhouse with husband, in childbirth, nothing prescribed. The above signed by Robert C Fluker. Rachael Gillie is in childbed and requires relief. Berwick March 3rd, 1856. Signed by A Kirkwood, Deputy Medical Officer.</p>	
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