

**GBR 44: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.**

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 44	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 24 March 1856 to 4 April 1859.	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following people served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union. Guardians were elected each year in April; Medical Officers were appointed annually from 25 March. The dates indicate the commencement of the annual appointment.</p> <p>The first form of name listed (normally forename and surname) is the standardised form which will also appear in item entries for this volume in addition to any specific variants in the item text. In this volume level entry, alternative and fuller forms of a person's name are shown in square brackets.</p> <p>Guardians (with parish represented, profession, place of residence if known, and years elected):            James Allan (Tweedmouth, wood merchant, Tweed Saw Mills; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Nicholas Bell (Horncliffe, merchant; 1856; 1857);            Ebenezer Black (Grindon, farmer; 1858);            James Black [James Richardson Black] (Felkington, farmer, Grindon; 1858);            John Brown (Horncliffe, farmer; 1858);            John Burn (Tweedmouth, farmer, Middle Ord; 1857; 1858);            Robert Cairns (Berwick, hosier, Marygate; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Andrew Carr (Cornhill, farmer, Saint Cuthbert's; 1858);            William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer, Norham East Mains; 1856; 1857; 1858);            David Cockburn (Berwick, farmer, New West Farm; 1858);            Thomas Crewther (Ancroft, mineralist, Spittal; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Adam Darling (Shoreswood, timber merchant, Palace, Berwick; 1856; 1857; 1858);            John Davidson (Berwick, druggist, Marygate; 1856; 1857);            John Embleton (Holy Island, farmer, Broomhouse; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Joseph Fleming (Berwick, currier, Marygate / Castlegate; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Thomas Friar (Duddo, gentleman, Grindon Bridge; 1856; 1857);            William Gibson (Berwick, postmaster, Hide Hill; 1856; 1857; 1858);            Charles Gilchrist [Charles L Gilchrist] (Berwick, grocer, Marygate; 1856);            James Grey (Berwick, brewer, Silver Street; 1856; 1857; 1858);            John Grey (Berwick, draper, Marygate; 1857);</p>	24 March 1856 - 4 April 1859

		<p>Richard Makins (Tweedmouth, farmer, Murton; 1856; 1857; 1858);  James Marshall (Berwick, grocer, Bridge Street; 1857);  John McDonald [John Charles McDonald; John Charles Macdonald] (Kylloe, farmer, Berrington; 1856; 1857; 1858);  George McGregor [George Macgregor] (Ancroft, farmer, Wind Mill Hill; 1856; 1857; 1858);  Andrew Mitchell (Berwick, farmer, Letham Shanks; 1857; 1858);  James Mitchell (Twizel, farmer, Tindal House; 1858);  William Moor (Longridge, farmer; 1856; 1857; 1858);  John Morton (Berwick, butcher, Marygate; 1856; 1857; 1858);  John Nevins (Cornhill, farmer, Marldown; 1856; 1857);  James Nicholson (James Robert Nicholson) (Thornton, farmer; 1856; 1857; 1858);  Robert Ramsey junior (Tweedmouth, ironfounder, Kiln Hill; 1856; 1857; 1858);  James Sanderson (Berwick, grocer, Church Street; 1858);  Ninian Sanderson (Berwick, farmer, 4 Horse Close, Conundrum; 1856; 1857);  Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer, Gallagate House; 1856; 1857; 1858);  George Smith (Loanend, farmer, Ancroft; 1856; 1857; 1858);  Andrew Thompson (Berwick, ironmonger, Marygate; 1858);  Robert Thompson (Berwick, draper, Marygate; 1857);  George White (Duddo, farmer; 1858);  James Wilson (Tweedmouth, gentleman, Springhill; 1856; 1857; 1858);  John Wilson (Tweedmouth, ironmonger, Bay View; 1856);  George Winlaw (Berwick, shoemaker, Marygate; 1856; 1857).</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardians:  Dr Henry Clarke [Henry George Charles Clarke] (1856; 1857).  Matthew T Culley (December 1857);  Ralph Forster (October and November 1858);  Reverend George Hans Hamilton (1856; 1857; 1858).</p> <p>Medical Officers (with District and years appointed):  Robert Fluker [Robert C Fluker] (Berwick; 1856; 1857; 1858);  Alexander Kirkwood (Berwick &amp; Workhouse; 1856; 1857; 1858);  Andrew Morison [Andrew Morrison] (Tweedmouth; 1856; 1857; 1858);  John Paxton (Norhamshire East; 1856; 1857; 1858);</p>	
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			<p>Matthew Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] (Norhamshire West; 1856; 1857; 1858); James Wilson (Islandshire; 1856; 1857; 1858).</p> <p>Relieving Officers (with District and years appointed):  John Anderson [John W Anderson] (Islandshire; 1856);  James Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson, J B Atkinson] (Berwick, 1856);  Joseph Scott (Norhamshire [&amp; Islandshire]; 1856; 1857; 1858);  George Turner (Berwick; 1856; 1857; 1858).</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; Horncliffe [Horncliff]; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel [Twisel].</p> <p>In the catalogue entries for the minutes of individual meetings, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union is referred to as Berwick Union.</p> <p>1 volume</p>	
Item	GBR 44/1-10	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 March 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Mr Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; J Morton [John Morton]; G Smith [George Smith]; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; R Dickson [Robert Dickson, Tweedmouth]; J Embleton [John Embleton]; J Brown [John Brown, Horncliffe]; J Davidson [John Davidson]; Mr Winlaw [George Winlaw]; J Wilson [John Wilson]; R Ramsey [Robert Ramsey]; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; E Black [Ebenezer Black]; A Darling [Adam Darling].  Ex-officio: Rev G Hans Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clark [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Mr Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], J W Anderson [John Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were</p>	24 March 1856

		<p>presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: John Winter; William Ross; Robert Johnston &amp; Co; John Richardson; Margaret Blakey; William Cowe; John Moor; John Cockburn; Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son; William G Carr; John Davidson; Robert Gibson; John Main; Hector Fairbairn; Thomas Landreth; George Henderson; Michael Anderson; George Weatherhead; and for common charges to: John Thompson (rent of Workhouse); Knight &amp; Co (stationers); William Nesbit (salary); Isabella Nesbit (salary); Thomas Harle (salary); E Willoby (postage etc); J B Atkinson (postage); John Anderson (postage); Joseph Scott (postage); Anthony Cuthbertson; Alexander Davidson.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that tenders for contracts to supply the Workhouse with provisions had been advertised.</p> <p>A letter from Andrew Morrison [Andrew Morison] and James Wilson [Medical Officers] was presented, requesting a change in the rate of pay for vaccinations prior to the implementation of the Vaccination Act in January 1857. They refer to their previous letter of 10 February and point out that they currently pay for 'the stations at which the children are vaccinated'. The Board resolved to uphold its previous decision.</p> <p>The following appointments of Medical Officers were made:  Andrew Morrison, for Tweedmouth District;  James Wilson, for Islandshire District;  John Paxton, for Norhamshire East Division;  Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], for Norhamshire West Division.</p> <p>In response to resolutions of the inhabitants in Vestry assembled at Horncliffe, Norham Mains and Duddo, the following were appointed as Assistant Overseers with specified salaries:  James Paxton, for Horncliffe; Alexander Davidson, for Norham Mains; Mr Boak for Duddo.</p> <p>In response to a resolution of the inhabitants in Vestry assembled at Ancroft, Alexander Davidson was appointed as Collector of Rates, in succession to the late John Anderson.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/11-19	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 April 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Smith; Robert Ramsey junior; John Wilson; George Winlaw; William Gibson; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]; James Wilson; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; John McDonald; Robert Makins; William Cleghorn; William Elliott; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Morton; William Sanderson; Adam Darling.  Medical Officers: Messrs Morrison [Andrew Morison], Paxton [John Paxton], Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], J W Anderson [John Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for common charges to: Mary Harle (remainder of salary).</p> <p>Vaccination fees:  Dr Wilson, for Holy Island, Kyoel, Ancroft;</p>	7 April 1856

			<p>Robert Fluker, for Berwick; Andrew Morrison, for Tweedmouth and Ancroft. Medical fees: Robert E Fluker: Berwick, 6 midwifery cases. Andrew Morrison: Tweedmouth, 1 midwifery case.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>A report was received from the select committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the rearrangement of the districts of the Relieving Officers. It recommended that the number of districts should be reduced from three to two; that the village of Spittal should be added to the district of Berwick instead of Islandshire; that J B Atkinson, Relieving Officer for Berwick, should have an assistant, at a salary of £50 per annum, in recognition of the increased duties; that the remainder of the Union should form the second district, with a Relieving Officer resident in the centre of the area; that Joseph Scott, currently Relieving Officer for Norhamshire, should be appointed to the new district, with an increase of salary. The Board decided to consider the report at the meeting of 5 May.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that Mrs Purdie, Matron of the Workhouse, had applied for an increase of salary. The recommended that consideration should be deferred until the meeting of 5 May when the new Board would have taken office.</p> <p>The School Committee reported that the appointment of a pupil teacher was necessary to assist the schoolmaster, Mr Nesbit [William Nesbit], and they recommended that a boy should be taken on trial in the position for two months. They also recommended that the Relieving Officers should make quarterly returns of the number of children in their districts, with details of the schools they attended and their attendance record. No payment should be made for any child whose weekly attendance was less than four days.</p> <p>The Special Committee, appointed on 28 January to consider the application from the clerk of the Burial Board for the exchange of land of Grangeburn Mill owned by the parish of Berwick for land granted by the Corporation of Berwick for a burial ground, had asked William Lowrey and Thomas Mason to value the land. A letter from Lowrey</p>	
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			<p>and Mason to J C Weddell gave a valuation of the areas of land required, with recommendations about fences. The Poor Law Board was to be asked to order a meeting of the inhabitants of the parish of Berwick to agree to the exchange.</p> <p>In view of the illness of Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer for Berwick, John Thompson, Assistant Overseer for the parish of Berwick, was appointed for one month as his temporary substitute.</p> <p>The Chairman [Joseph Fleming] was thanked for his efficient service during the last year.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/20-29	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 April 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Ninian Sanderson; James Grey; Robert Cairns; William Gibson; John Morton; John Nevins; Thomas Friar; William Moor; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Richard Makins; William Cleghorn; Alexander Smith; Thomas Crewther; George McGregor; John Davidson; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; John Embleton; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; George Smith; Robert Ramsey junior; James Wilson; James Allan; John Wilson.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Messrs Fluker [Robert Fluker] and Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: Joseph Fleming, temporarily.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the results of elections for Guardians, as follows:  Ancroft: Thomas Crewther (mineralist, of Spittal); George McGregor (farmer, of Wind Mill Hill).  Berwick: Joseph Fleming (currier, of Marygate); George Winlaw (shoemaker, of Marygate); Robert Cairns (hosier, of Marygate); John Morton (butcher, of Marygate); William Sanderson (farmer, of 4 Horse Close); William Gibson (postmaster, of Hide Hill); James Grey (brewer, of Silver Street); John Davidson (druggist, of Marygate); Charles L Gilchrist (grocer, of Marygate). The following were nominated for Berwick but not elected: John Wilson (ironmonger, of Bay View); Alexander Christison (grocer, of Bridge Street); Colville Smith (clothier, of Hide Hill); David Logan (corn merchant, of Hide Hill).  Cornhill: John Nevins (farmer, of Marldown).  Duddo: Thomas Friar (gentleman, of Grindon Ridge).</p>	21 April 1856

			<p>Holy Island: John Embleton (farmer, of Broomhouse).  Horncliffe: Nicholas Bell (merchant).  Kylloe: John C McDonald (farmer, of Berrington).  Loanend: George Smith (farmer, of Ancroft).  Longridge: William Moor (farmer).  Norham: Alexander Smith (farmer, of Gallagat House).  Norham Mains: William Cleghorn (farmer, of Norham East Mains).  Shoreswood: Adam Darling (timber merchant, of Palace, Berwick).  Thornton: James R Nicholson (farmer).  Tweedmouth: James Wilson (gentleman, of Springhill); Robert Ramsey junior (ironfounder, of Kiln Hill); Richard Makins (farmer, of Murton); John Wilson (ironmonger, of Bay View); James Allan (wood merchant, of Tweed Saw Mills).  Thomas Nesbit (farmer, of Springhill) was nominated for Tweedmouth but not elected.</p> <p>For Felkington, Grindon, and Twizel, no elections were made since the persons nominating or being nominated were disqualified because the poor rates made in those townships were not legal rates.</p> <p>Mr Fleming and George Smith were proposed as chairman for the following year, and after a vote Smith was elected.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the Workhouse &amp; Finance Committee: Joseph Fleming; William Sanderson; George Winlaw; James Grey; Robert Cairns; William Gibson; John Davidson; John Morton; Charles Gilchrist; Robert Ramsey jr; Richard Makins; James Wilson; James Allan; John Wilson.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the School Committee: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke; Mr Davidson; Mr Gilchrist.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the Special Committee for carrying out proposed alterations and enlargement of the Workhouse: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Alexander Smith; John C McDonald; Thomas Crewther; William Gibson; John Davidson; Charles L Gilchrist; Richard Makins; James Allan; Joseph Fleming; Ninian Sanderson; George Winlaw; James Grey; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Robert Ramsey jr; James Wilson; John Wilson.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/30-38	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 May 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; William Gibson; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; Alexander Smith; George McGregor; Nicholas Bell; William Cleghorn; John Davidson; Richard Makins; James Grey; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; William Moor; Robert Ramsey jr; John Wilson.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardian: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	5 May 1856

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, James B Atkinson [James Atkinson], W G Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. A cheque was paid to John Thompson, Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Crosby (bread); James Smith (butcher meat); William Cowe; Robert Gibson; John Winter; Margaret Blakey; William Alder; John Main; Thomas Landreth; John Young. Common charges to: David Gibson (rent of Register Office); Isaac Steel (garden rent); Margaret Rennison (stationery); Alexander Laidlaw.</p> <p>Registration accounts were presented by Joseph Scott and James B Atkinson for parishes within their districts.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of Ann Boag in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Margaret Boag, of Ravensdowne, for cutaneous disease, prescribed bread, tea and sugar; Margaret Moran, of Chapel Street, for miscarriage, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morison: Jane Knox, of Spittal, for rheumatism, prescribed mutton, bread, 2s 6d. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]; John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for kidney disease, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.</p> <p>The death of J B Atkinson, Relieving Officer, was reported. John Thompson was appointed as Interim Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths for Berwick.</p> <p>The meeting received a report from the Committee on the Re-arrangement of the Relieving Officers (revised during the meeting by Reverend G H Hamilton, Joseph Fleming, Robert Ramsey jr, John Wilson, and George Winlaw). It proposed that there should in future be two districts instead of three and that Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer for Norhamshire, should be appointed to District 2 at an increased salary of £110 per annum. The report was unanimously adopted and referred to the Poor Law Board.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they did not support the application of Mrs Purdie, Matron of the Workhouse, for an increase of salary.</p> <p>A dietary table proposed by the Poor Law Board for children in the Workhouse was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Changes to the standing orders, proposed by Mr Fleming, were agreed concerning meetings of the Workhouse and Finance Committee and visits to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Changes to the order of business of the Board were postponed until the rearrangement of Relieving Officers' districts was agreed.</p> <p>Reverend Hamilton gave notice of a proposed change concerning the reading of Notices of Marriages in the meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/39-43	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 May 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Thomas Crewther; Alexander Smith; Ninian Sanderson; John Morton.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William G Anderson, Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (bread); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coals); George Archbold (plumber); William Alder; William Patterson; James Smail; G &amp; J Young; Robert Rutherford; Robert Gibson; Margaret Blakey; William Cowe; John Young; John Winter; John Moor; Robert Davidson; John Main.</p> <p>Vaccination fees:  Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], for Cornhill, 7 cases.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.  Payment was ordered to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Workhouse Master, for</p>	19 May 1856

			<p>indoor funerals.  Payment was ordered for maintenance of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth, in the Crichton Royal Institution.  Registration accounts were presented on behalf of the late J B Atkinson and by William George Anderson for parishes within their districts.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]: Jane Robison, of Walkergate Lane, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Morgan, needlewoman of Wallace's Green, for dyspepsia, prescribed 1½ lb of mutton.  Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]: Robert Grant, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed mutton etc.; Elizabeth Robertson, of Tweedmouth, for indigestion, prescribed mutton etc.</p> <p>Reverend Hamilton's intended motion to the Board was not put because of the provisions about notices of marriage in the dissenters' Marriages Bill currently before Parliament.  The inhabitants in vestry assembled of the parish of Kyloe made application that A Davidson [Alexander Davidson] should be appointed as Collector of Taxes for the parish.</p> <p>It was reported that at the Quarter Sessions for Berwick the order was confirmed for shutting the lane which divides the Workhouse from the Tithe Barn and Poundfold. Mr Grey was requested to prepare specifications for the new works, and tenders should be obtained.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/44-51	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 June 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Robert Ramsey junior; George Winlaw; Thomas Crewther; Ninian Sanderson; John Embleton; James Wilson; George McGregor; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; John Davidson.  Also present: N E Hurst [Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector].  Medical Officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been</p>	2 June 1856

			<p>inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William G Anderson, Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Graham (oatmeal); John Richardson (shoes); John Crosby (bread); James Smith (butcher meat); William Cowe (groceries); Alexander Jeffrey (repairs); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson; John Main (repairs); Phillis McKenzie; Charles Knight &amp; Co (books).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for vaccination registration fees for Joseph Scott: Cornhill, 16 cases; Duddo, 2 cases; Grindon, 4 cases; Loanend, 4 cases; Norham, 15 cases; Thornton, 2 cases; Twizel, 7 cases.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by James Wilson: William Shell, fisher of Holy Island, for consumption, prescribed porter, 2s 0d; Margaret White, 23, basket-maker of Berrington, for childbirth, prescribed ¼ beef. Signed by A Morison: Catherine Cumberlandy, 35, of Tweedmouth, for fever etc; Richard Allan, of Cheswick Nab., for rheumatism. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Mary Ann Huntley, 12, of Greens, Berwick, for fever, prescribed ½ pint sherry wine; Jane Robison, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; James McGorlick, of Hatter's Lane, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>It was resolved that Alexander Davidson should be appointed Collector of Rates for Kyle.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented a report about the quality of the bread supplied by Mr Crosby to the Workhouse. Dr Kirkwood had analyzed substances found in the bread and concluded that they were sulphate of lime. Mr Crosby, being interviewed, stated that the substance must have been in the salt purchased from Mr Beveridge.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/52-58	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 June 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; John Wilson; George Winlaw; William Cleghorn; James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; Ninian Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; John Charles McDonald [John McDonald]; Nicholas Bell; John Embleton; Alexander Smith; Thomas Crewther; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Morton; William Gibson.  Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]; Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William G Anderson, Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coals); James Smith (meat); John Crosby (bread); William Alder; Margaret Blakey; Robert Gibson; John Young; William Cowe; John Main; Thomas Spaven; William Weatherhead (garden rent); John Rennison (stationer).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	16 June 1856

			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by James Wilson:  John Shell, 28, of Holy Island, for consumption, prescribed porter, 2s 0d.  Signed by A Morison:  Isabella Thwaites, 50, of Tweedmouth, for leg ulcer, prescribed mutton;  John Burke, 28, of Tweedmouth, for cough;  Richard Allan, labourer of Nab, Ancroft, for injured leg;  John Baker, labourer, of The Square, Ancroft, for injured arm.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.  Signed by Robert C Fluker [Robert Fluker]:  Eleanor Beattie's child, of Western Lane, [Berwick], for bronchitis, prescribed bread, oatmeal, and a half-pint of sherry wine;  Mary Ann Huntley, of Greens, [Berwick], for fever, prescribed 1½ lbs mutton;  Alice Williams, 12, of The Parade, [Berwick], for fever, prescribed 1½ lbs mutton;  James Connolly, 12, of Chapel Street [Berwick], for fever, prescribed oatmeal, 1 lb mutton;  Ann Comboy, 18, of Walkergate Lane [Berwick], for childbirth, prescribed bread, oatmeal, sugar, etc.  Arthur Flannagan, 43, of Hatter's Land [Berwick], for nervous debility, prescribed bread and oatmeal.</p> <p>The Board received a letter from Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer for Norham, in which he reported that he had tested the time needed to visit the payment stations [of Norham and Islandshire] and that he believed their combination to be feasible. The Board ordered a copy of the letter to be sent to Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector], noting a comparison with Glendale Union, and confirming their opinion that the two districts could be combined.</p> <p>It was decided that the appointment of a Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths for Berwick District should be made on 14 July and that advertisements should be placed in the three Berwick newspapers.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/58-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	30 June 1856

	63	Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 June 1856.	<p>Guardians: George Smith; Robert Ramsey junior; James Allan; Joseph Fleming; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Thomas Crewther; William Cleghorn; Charles L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; John Embleton; Alexander Smith; John Morton; George McGregor.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William G Anderson [William Anderson], Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: James Smith (meat); John Crosby (bread); R Johnson &amp; Co (coals); William Alder; Gas Company; Margaret Blakey; Robert Gibson; William Cowe; John Young; John Main; James Evans; John Winter; Mrs Brown; P McKenzie; Thomas Cockburn &amp; Son; John Thompson (removing paupers).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics:  In Gateshead Fell Asylum: Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill.  In Dunston Lodge Asylum: Ann Fox, of Tweedmouth.  In Royal Edinburgh Asylum: John How, of Berwick.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary Ann Huntley, of Greens [Berwick], for fever, prescribed 1½ lbs mutton;  Margaret Lilburne, 43, of Wallace's Green [Berwick], for childbirth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.  Signed by A Morison:  Richard Allan, labourer, of Nab, Ancroft, for injured leg, prescribed 2¼ lbs mutton.</p>	
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			The Board resolved to appoint the Relieving Officer and Registrar of Births and Deaths for Islandshire District in place of the late J Anderson [John Anderson] on 14th inst [i.e. 14 July].	
Item	GBR 44/64-70	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 July 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Alexander Smith; James Wilson; Thomas Friar; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey junior; John Nevins; William Cleghorn; George McGregor; John Wilson; William Gibson; Richard Makins; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; John Embleton; Nicholas Bell; James Allan; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; Robert Cairens; William Moor; James Grey; John Davidson; Adam Darling.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George H Hamilton.  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William George Anderson [William Anderson], Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered to: John Crosby (bread); James Smith (meat); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); George Henderson &amp; Co (guano); George Brown (rent of a room); John Thompson (removing paupers).  Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum:  From Berwick: Thomas Allison; John How; Ann Bogue; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamieson.  From Tweedmouth: John Octon; Isabella Johnson; Isabella Lough.  From Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: for R C Fluker (Robert Fluker); Andrew Morison (Tweedmouth and Ancroft); Dr Wilson [James Wilson] (Holy Island and Kyloe).  Extra Medical fees: for R C Fluker (Berwick), 7 midwifery cases, 1 fracture of arm; Dr Wilson (Kyloe), 1 midwifery case.</p>	14 July 1856

			<p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: W &amp; E Willoby (Clerks); Executrix of the late J B Atkinson [James Atkinson]; John Thompson (temporary Relieving Officer); William George Anderson and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John M Meggison [John Meggison] (treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morison, James Wilson, John Paxton, Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (Medical Officers); Alexander Laidlaw (Workhouse Master); Jane Purdie (Matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Jane Robinson, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Crammond, of Bank Hill, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; James Manuel, of Low Greens, Berwick, prescribed sugar, tea, bread. Signed by A Morison: Richard Allan, of Ancroft, prescribed mutton. Signed by J Paxton: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.</p> <p>The Guardians considered applications for the post of Relieving Officer for Berwick, from: William Smith, of Eyemouth, Inspector of Poor, aged 48; George Turner, of Berwick, newspaper reporter and editor, aged 26; George Grey, of Holy Island, draper, aged 43 (withdrawn); Alexander Finlayson, of Fogo, Inspector of Poor, aged 41; William Pattison, of Berwick, gentleman, aged 55; George Carr, of Berwick, writing clerk, aged 27; Alexander Laidlaw, of Berwick, Master of the Workhouse, aged 40. The Guardians decided that nobody above the age of 45 should be considered. Motions were proposed in favour of George Turner and George Carr, and following a vote Turner was appointed to the post, and also as Registrar of Births and Deaths. A bond with two sureties was required from him.</p> <p>Since the Poor Law Board had not replied concerning the proposed rearrangement of Norham and Islandshire Districts, the appointment of Mr Scott was postponed.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/71-78	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 July 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; William Gibson; Thomas Friar; Richard Makins; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Wilson; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; John Embleton; Thomas Crewther; George McGregor; N Sanderson; John Morton.  Medical Officers: Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, John Thompson, William George Anderson [William Anderson], Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: William Cowe (groceries); A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); M Blakey (milk); R Gibson (milk); John Winter (bread); John Main (tailor); J P McKenzie (groceries); J &amp; J Grey (advertising in <i>N B Advertiser</i>); John Hernaman (advertising in <i>Newcastle Journal</i>).</p> <p>Extra Medical fees: for Mr Paxton [John Paxton], at Norham, for certifying lunatics, 1 leg fracture, 1 compound fracture.  Payment was ordered for school fees for the education of pauper children, to: A Hume; R Forsythe; George Davidson; William Barratt; R Wybergh; H Duncan; William Stephenson; H Wale; J Melrose; J Gibb; H Boak; J Moody.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]:  Richard Allan, of Ancroft, prescribed mutton.  Signed by J Paxton:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.  Signed by R C Fluker:  James Manuel, of Low Greens, Berwick, for pleurodyne, prescribed sugar, tea, bread, oatmeal and coals, etc;  Jane Robinson, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for inf. of breast, prescribed</p>	28 July 1856
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			<p>necessaries; Margaret Crammond, of Bank Hill, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>A letter was presented from the Registrar General, signed by G Lowrey, stating that he is not empowered to alter the registration districts, under 6 &amp; 7 Will 4 c 86 s 7.</p> <p>A letter was presented from the Poor Law Board requesting more information about how the revision of relief Districts would work in practice. The Guardians replied that such information was given in letters previously sent to Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst, Poor Law Inspector], and they repeated their opinion about the payment of paupers in their own homes.</p> <p>The Special Committee for the additions and alterations to the Workhouse reported that Mr Grey, architect, had drawn up plans for additions, which would not affect any parts of the 'Old House', and that the lowest tenders had been received from: Russell &amp; Fairbairn (mason work); Robert Sidey (plumber &amp; glazier); Joseph Weatherston (slater &amp; plasterer); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenter &amp; joiner). The contracts were awarded, and Mr Grey was appointed Inspector of the Works, at 5% commission.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that Mr Turner [George Turner, Relieving Officer for Berwick] had named as his sureties Richard Atkinson, painter, of Berwick, and William Davidson, grocer, of Berwick.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/79-84	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 August 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; William Gibson; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Morton; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairns; James Wilson; George McGregor; John Davidson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	11 Aug. 1856

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, William George Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); William Cowe (groceries); William Alder (porter); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Young (groceries); John Main (tailor); P McKenzie (groceries). Payment was ordered for maintenance in the Royal Crichton Institution of the pauper lunatic James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morison: Elizabeth Bolton, of Tweedmouth, for rose; Arth. McGowan, of Tweedmouth, for childbed, prescribed necessaries; Richard Allan, of Spittal, for hurt leg, prescribed mutton; Mary Chisholm, of Spittal, for hernia, prescribed mutton; Jane Richardson, of Tweedmouth, for childbed, prescribed mutton; Heriot Baker, of Tweedmouth, for childbed, prescribed mutton. Signed by John Wilson [i.e. James Wilson]: John Baker, of Unthank, for rheumatism, prescribed oatmeal; W Shell, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic mytiritis, prescribed porter. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Margaret Morgan, of Wallace's Green, Berwick, for gastralgia; Ann Huntley, of Castlegate, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Spellman, of Golden Square, Berwick, for disease of liver, prescribed necessaries; Adam Gunlock, of High Street, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries; Robert Denwood, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>In reply to a letter from the Poor Law Board requesting more details about payment arrangements in the proposed new relief Districts, the Guardians replied that there</p>	
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			<p>would be 2 pay stations in Berwick District and 23 pay stations in Northhamshire and Islandshire, and that the greatest distance that any pauper would travel is about 1½ miles.</p> <p>In reply to a letter from the Poor Law Board about an amended dietary table for inmates of the Workhouse, the Guardians replied that the Medical Officer and the Master of the Workhouse found it to be satisfactory.</p> <p>The names of sureties for the following Workhouse contractors were proposed:  for Russell &amp; Fairbairn: John Winter, baker, of Berwick, and Samuel Fisackerly, carpenter, of Berwick;  for Cuthbertson &amp; Co: Thomas Douglas and James Gilchrist, both brewers, of Tweedmouth;  for Robert Sidey: Edward Paxton, draper, of Berwick, and John Duncan, shoemaker, of Tweedmouth.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/85-89	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 August 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; A Darling [Adam Darling]; James Wilson; George Winlaw; John Davidson; George McGregor; C L Gilchrist [Charles Gilchrist]; Joseph Fleming; N Sanderson [William Sanderson]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; John Morton; William Gibson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Messrs Fluker [Robert Fluker] and Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, William George Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Crosby (bread); A Smith (beef); William Alder (wine); Robert Johnston &amp; Co (coal); William Cowe (groceries); John Winter (bread); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); P McKenzie (groceries).</p>	25 Aug. 1856

			<p>Common charges: John Thompson (poor rate, district rate, rent of Workhouse).  Vaccination registration fees:  John Thompson, Berwick, 83 cases; Tweedmouth, 56 cases.  Vaccination fees: to John Paxton and M James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], for parishes within their districts.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter;  George Clough, of Norham, for fracture of leg;  Violet Dodds, of Greenlawalls, for eruption of head and body.  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Robert Denwood, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries;  John Cox, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for chronic asthma, prescribed necessaries;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for epistaxis [epistaxis], prescribed necessaries;  Mary Spellman, of Golden Square, Berwick, for disease of liver, prescribed wine.  Signed by A Morison:  Elizah Bolton, of Tweedmouth, for disease of legs, prescribed necessaries;  Richard Allan, of Nab, for hurt leg, prescribed mutton;  John Crystal, of Spittal, for palsy, prescribed mutton.  Signed by James Wilson:  William Shell, of Holy Island, for consumption (no hope), prescribed mutton.</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] was asked to visit the lunatic asylums in which paupers from the Union were confined.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board was presented, agreeing to the use of the dietary currently used in the Workhouse for a further 6 months.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/90-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 September 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Joseph Fleming; John Davidson; George McGregor; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Wilson; John Embleton; Thomas Crewther; George Winlaw; John Morton.</p>	8 Sept. 1856

		<p>Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Messrs Fluker [Robert Fluker] &amp; Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, William George Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Crosby (bread); Alexander Smith (beef); William Cowe (groceries); William Alder (wine); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); Alison Brown (beer); Thomas Spaven (brushes); John Young (groceries); John Winter (bread); James Smail (clothing); Hannah Wight (earthenware); John Main (tailor); Simon Trainer (potatoes); P McKenzie (groceries); J Cockburn &amp; Son (vinegar); Andrew Johnson (advertising in <i>Kelso Chronicle</i>).</p> <p>Registration accounts were presented by Joseph Scott and William George Anderson for parishes within their districts.</p> <p>Vaccination fees were paid to John Paxton for parishes within his district.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles porter;  George Clough, of Norham, for fractured leg.  Signed by J Wilson [James Wilson]:  M A Tibbit, of Kyloe Cottage, unfit for outdoor work;  Ann Atkinson, of Fenwick, unfit for outdoor work;  John Shell, of Holy Island, for consumption, prescribed beef;  Ann Brown, of Kyloe, for a fall.  Signed by A Morison:  M Johnson, of Spittal, prescribed necessaries;  Richard Allan, of Cheswick, Nab, hurt, prescribed mutton;  Elizabeth Bolton, of Tweedmouth, for leg disease, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by R C Fluker:</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/100-105	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 September 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; John Wilson; Robert Cairens; John  Morton.  Ex-officio Guardian: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Drs Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] and Wilson [James Wilson];  Messrs Fluker [Robert Fluker] and Morison [Andrew Morison].</p>	22 Sept. 1856

		<p>Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, William George Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); M Blakey (milk); S Trainer (potatoes); John Winter (bread); John Main (tailor); John Young (groceries).</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books); Alexander Elliot (advertising in the <i>Kelso Mail</i>); William George Anderson (postage); Frank Lough (coffin).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the accounts of school fees for pauper children of Cornhill and Felkington in the Norhamshire district.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of Ann Fox, of Tweedmouth, in Dunston Lodge Asylum.</p> <p>Payment was ordered to Messrs Russell &amp; Fairbairn for alterations and enlargement of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morison: Elizabeth Bolton, of Tweedmouth, for sore leg, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by Robert C Fluker: Henry Irving, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries; Jane Scott, of Wallace's Green, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Travers, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Widow Cox, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Following a reading of the Poor Law Board's approval of the rearrangement of relief districts, Joseph Scott was appointed as Relieving Officer of Norhamshire &amp; Islandshire District, and George Turner was appointed as Relieving Officer for Berwick District, now including the parish of Tweedmouth. The services of William Anderson as Relieving Officer of Islandshire District were dispensed with.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/106-111	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 September 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw; John Morton; William Gibson. Medical Officers: Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Winlaw.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, William George Anderson [William Anderson], and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Alexander Smith (beef); John Richardson (shoes); R Johnson &amp; Co (coals); John Crosby (bread); William Alder (wine); William Cowe (groceries); Simon Trainer (potatoes); Ralph Holmes (herrings); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); John Winter (bread); George Weatherhead (groceries); P McKenzie (groceries); John Young (groceries).</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (rent of Workhouse); W &amp; E Willoby (postage, commission on bills); William George Anderson (postage); George Turner (postage).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit; Isabella Nesbit; Thomas Harle; Mary Harle; James Trainer.</p> <p>Payment was made to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] for indoor funeral charges and</p>	29 Sept. 1856

			<p>Workhouse common charges.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.  The Clerk was ordered to make up the half-yearly accounts.  Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in Gateshead Fell Asylum: Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, and Alexander White, of Norham.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/111-114	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 October 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; John Morton; John Embleton; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; George McGregor; R Makins [Richard Makins].  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Mr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Mr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payment of salaries was ordered for: A Kirkwood; R C Fluker; A Morison; James Wilson; John Paxton; M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull].</p> <p>Vaccination fees and/or Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker; A Morison; James Wilson; A Kirkwood.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton:  John Gray, of Greenlawalls, prescribed porter.  Signed by A Morison:  Elizabeth Bolton, of Tweedmouth, for sore leg, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by [not stated]:  Jameson Lambert, of Church Street, Berwick, for mania;  Henry Irving, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for debility from fever, prescribed beef;  Thomas Blundan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh;</p>	6 Oct. 1856

			<p>Catherine Travers, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed beef.  Following receipt of a letter from the Registrar General approving the application from Joseph Grahame, or any well-qualified person, to be Registrar of Islandshire, and receipts of an application for the same post from Henry Ford, schoolmaster of Cheswick, the Guardians unanimously appointed Joseph Grahame to the post.</p> <p>The Guardians accepted a tender from Messrs Clay &amp; Son to supply the Workhouse with 15 sacks @49s 6d.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/115-220	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 October 1856.	<p>[NOTE: page 119 of this volume is followed by page 220 etc].  Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; James Grey; John Davidson; Charles Gilchrist; John Wilson; James Wilson; John Morton; A Smith [Alexander Smith].  Ex-officio Guardian: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: John Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: William Cowe (groceries); John Davidson (groceries); James Marshall (groceries); Robert Rutherford (shoes); A Smith (beef); James Smail (clothing); Thomas Grahame (meal); John Crosby (bread); George and John Young (draperies); T and R Thompson (draperies); J Keenan (draperies); S Trainer (potatoes); Robert Gibson (milk); M Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: W &amp; E Willoby (Clerks); George Turner, William George Anderson and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John M Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Laidlaw (Workhouse Master); Jane Purdie (Matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster).</p>	20 Oct. 1856

			<p>Common charges: Captain Sample old rope [sic]; W &amp; E Willoby (justice clerk's fees). Payment was made to Russell and Fairbairn, builders, for a part of their work on the alteration and enlargement of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum:</p> <p>From Berwick: Thomas Allison; John Howe; Ann Bogue; Hannah Jamieson; Martha Forster; Jamieson Lambert.</p> <p>From Tweedmouth: John Octon; Isabella Johnson; Isabella Lough.</p> <p>From Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p> <p>Signed by J Paxton:</p> <p>John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.</p> <p>Signed by A Morison:</p> <p>Jane Stevens, of Tweedmouth, for leg ulcer, prescribed mutton;</p> <p>Ellen Cunningham, of Tweedmouth, for childbirth, prescribed mutton;</p> <p>James Reid, of Tweedmouth, for throat disease, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>Signed by Robert C Fluker:</p> <p>John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton;</p> <p>Thomas Routledge, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for old injury of arm, prescribed necessaries;</p> <p>Margaret Morgan, of Wallace's Green, Berwick, for dyspepsia.</p> <p>An application was received from the inhabitants of Tweedmouth to appoint George Carr, writing clerk, as Assistant Overseer. The Guardians referred the request to the Poor Law Board, with their opinion that the appointment was not expedient.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/221-226	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 November 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; William Gibson; A Darling [Adam Darling]; James Wilson; William Cleghorn; Richard Makins; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; John Davidson; Robert Cairens; William Moor; Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr</p>	3 Nov. 1856

		<p>Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); William Alder (wine); S Trainer (potatoes); Robert Gibson (milk); M Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); James Marshall (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Thompson (salary for 4 weeks as Relieving Officer); Knight &amp; Co (books); Joseph Scott (postage). Payment of salaries was ordered for Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill). Registration accounts were presented by George Turner and Joseph Scott for parishes within their districts. Vaccination fees: Dr Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Cornhill. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payment was ordered for Messrs Grant and Wallace for their services in the removal of H Rork, of Felkington, and J Lambert, of Berwick.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morison: Ellen Cunningham, of Tweedmouth, for childbed, prescribed mutton; Mary Ann Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for diarrhoea, prescribed wine. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Patrick Kealty, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for sore hand, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton; Richard Gardner, of Church Street, Berwick; Margaret Carr, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, dangerously ill, prescribed brandy and arrowroot;</p>	
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			<p>Robert Thompson, of Church Street, Berwick, for typhus fever, prescribed mutton. Signed by John Wilson [i.e. James Wilson]: Ann Atkinson, of Fenwick, for palpitation of heart, unfit for outdoor work. Signed by J Paxton: Thomas Elliott, of Shoreswood, for heart disease; George Anderson, of Horncliffe, for asthma, prescribed porter and mutton; Jane Wood, of Horncliffe, for incurable paralysis, prescribed mutton; John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p> <p>Mr Gibson proposed that the conduct of the Assistant Overseer of Berwick in collecting and accounting for relief loans should be considered at a meeting of the Overseers of Berwick and the Workhouse and Finance Committee.</p> <p>A letter was presented from the Poor Law Board, agreeing to the appointment of George Turner as Relieving Officer for Berwick at a salary of £90 per annum.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/227-233	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 November 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Robert Ramsey; George Winlaw; Thomas Crewther; Robert Cairens; George McGregor; N Sanderson; James Wilson; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke] and Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: John Clay and Son (oatmeal); A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); James Smail (draper); Tweedmouth Gas Corporation; S Trainer (potatoes); Robert Gibson (milk); M Blakey (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); William Cowe (groceries); John</p>	17 Nov. 1856



		<p>Main (tailor); John Davidson (groceries).  Payment was ordered for school fees to: Alexander Home, of Tweedmouth; Adam Bell, of Tweedmouth; James Kirton, of Tweedmouth; Joseph Grahame, of Ancroft; John Pringle (Union Poor).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for half of the apprentice fee of Thomas Downie, of Berwick, who was being bound to John Gilbraith.  Payment was ordered for the maintenance of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth, in the Crichton Institution (lunatic asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: for George Turner, 57 cases in Berwick, 40 cases in Tweedmouth.  Registration accounts: William George Anderson.  Vaccination fees: John Paxton, for his parishes.  Extra medical fees: John Paxton, one midwifery case in Norham.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by A Morison:  Isabella Jones, of Tweedmouth, for childbed, prescribed mutton;  Richard Allan, of Cheswick Nab, for hurt leg, prescribed mutton.  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  William Burns, of Ness Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries;  Thomas Routledge, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for rheumatism;  Robert Thompson, of Church Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed mutton;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>The Guardians adopted a report from the School Committee on the education of pauper children. It specified the procedure for recording the attendance of children at school, and it listed the following schools in the Union which were approved for the purpose, with the names of their schoolteachers and fees :  Thornton: (private) George Davidson;  Norham: (Presbyterian Church in England) Hugh Duncan;  Norham: (national school) Hannah Wale;  Norham: (endowed or free) Richard Forsythe;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/234-239	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 December 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:          Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; Robert Makins; [J McGregor]; Thomas Crewther; Adam Bell; N Sanderson; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; John Wilson; Joseph Fleming; John Davidson; William Gibson; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Morton; James Allan.          Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].          Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.          Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	1 Dec. 1856

			<p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); Johnson and Co (coals); William Alder (wine); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Winter (barley); John Main (tailor); Thomas Spaven (brushes); John Cockburn (joiner); John Davidson (groceries); Mrs White (earthenware); Mrs McKenzie (candles); James Marshall (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries).</p> <p>The Clerk reported a precept from the county of Northumberland for the County Rate (at the rate of three farthings in the pound) and its apportionment by parish. Common charges: Knight and Co (books, papers). Payments were made to Russell and Fairbairn, builders, and to Cuthbertson and Co, carpenters, for alterations and enlargement of the Workhouse. Payment was made to William J Grey, Inspector of the Works. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]: Catherine Cumberledge, of Tweedmouth, for debility, prescribed mutton; James Reed, of Tweedmouth, for throat disease, prescribed porter. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, prescribed porter. Signed by R C Fluker: John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton; Robert Thompson, of Church Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed mutton; Susan Feeneey, of Parade, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; M A McWilliams, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for debility, prescribed wine.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board was presented in reply to a request to appoint an Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth because the present Collector was not qualified for the office. It explained the regulations which prevent their agreement and suggested another course of action.</p> <p>It was ordered that the lists of paupers should be reprinted by Mr Remison, stationer.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	15 Dec. 1856

	44/240-245	Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 December 1856.	<p>Guardians: George Smith; Alexander Smith; George Winlaw; James Grey; James Wilson; John Embleton; John Wilson; John Morton; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; N Bell; John Davidson; Richard Makins; George McGregor; William Nicholson; Robert Cairns; Joseph Fleming.  Ex officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for:  A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); Robert Gibson (milk); M Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Winter (barley); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Davidson (treacle); John Evans (cooper); Thomas Spaven (combs); James Marshall (groceries); A White (earthenware).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by A Morison:  Catherine Cumberledge, of Tweedmouth, for debility, prescribed mutton.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter;  George Anderson, of Horncliffe, for necrosis of rib, prescribed beef and porter;  James Scott, of Horncliffe, for bronchitis.  Signed by R C Fluker:  Christian Howe, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, for phthisis, prescribed bread;  Catherine Booth, for ulcer, prescribed 2 weeks relief;  William Nesbit, of Greens, Berwick, for dropsy, prescribed beef;  Margaret Spence, of Hyde Hill [Hide Hill], Berwick, for rheumatism, prescribed mutton.  Bridget McMillan, for debility, prescribed wine;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/246-254	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 December 1856.	<p>Present at the meeting:          Guardians: George Smith; John Wilson; Robert Ramsey; John Morton; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Davidson; A Smith [Alexander Smith]; J R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; N Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; James Grey; William Gibson.          Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].          Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison].          Chairman: [George Smith]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	29 Dec. 1856

		<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner, and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  A Smith (beef); John Richardson (shoes); Thomas Crosby and Sons (potatoes); Johnston and Co (coals); John Crosby (bread); William Currie (blankets); William Alder (wine); S Trainer (potatoes); D A Lamb (plumber); P McKenzie (candles); T Spaven (ironmonger); James Marshall (salt); Robert Gibson (milk); Alison Brown (beer); M Blakey (milk); John Winter (barley); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Davidson (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries).  Vaccination registration fees: to William George Anderson, for Ancroft (55 cases), Kyoeloe (20 cases), Holy Island (15 cases), Tweedmouth (2 cases).  Payment was ordered for maintenance of Ann Fox, of Tweedmouth, in Dunstan Lodge Asylum.  Common charges: Phoenix Fire Office [sic], for insurance of Workhouse; George Brown, for rent of the Potatoe House.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Rosanna Brown, of Cornhill, for kidney disease;  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.  Signed by A Morison:  Isabella Patterson, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed mutton.  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Bridget McIllian, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed wine;  Ann Chambers, of Coxons Lane, Berwick, for hysteria, prescribed mutton;  William Nesbit, of Greens, Berwick, for dropsy, prescribed beef;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton;  Michael Donoghane, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries;  Catherine Gardner, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries;  Rachael Gardener, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to side, prescribed necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>Mary Clark, of Woolmarket, Berwick, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>A letter from George Dick was presented in which he resigned as Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth, and expressed the hope of reappointment in accordance with the suggestion of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented its report upon the children's dietary, with copies of the dietary, which were referred to the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Tenders to supply the Workhouse with bread and beef were accepted from John Crosby and William Ross.</p> <p>Application was made to the Poor Law Board for a loan from the Exchequer of Loan Commissioners for £1500 (the cost of new building at the Workhouse) and £930 (the value of interest of the parish of Berwick in the lease of the Workhouse).</p> <p>A letter was presented from Jessie Atkinson asking about an enquiry into the collection of some money from her by Mr Thompson, Overseer for Berwick, and the implication that her statements were disbelieved. The matter was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/255-266	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 January 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Wilson; George Winlaw; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; N Bell [Nicholas Bell]; John Morton; Thomas Friar; William Gibson; A Smith [Alexander Smith]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; John Embleton; N Sanderson; T Crewther [Thomas Crewther]; George McGregor; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; John Davidson. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and</p>	12 Jan. 1857

		<p>in-maintenance.  Payments were made to Joseph Weatherston, slater and plasterer, for work at the Workhouse.  Payment was ordered for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple in Gateshead Fell Asylum.  Vaccination fees: for Robert C Fluker, James Wilson, A Morison.  Extra medical fees: Robert C Fluker (4 midwifery cases, Berwick); A Morison (3 midwifery cases, Tweedmouth).  Vaccination registration fees: George Turner, for Berwick and Tweedmouth.  Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books); E Willoby (postage, parcels, bank bills, Post Office offers); George Turner (postage).  Payment was made to Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] for an indoor funeral.  Payment of salaries was ordered for: E Willoby (Clerk); George Turner, Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John M Meggison (Treasurer); A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], R C Fluker, A Morison, John Wilson {i.e. James Wilson}, John Paxton, M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (Medical Officers); A Laidlaw (Workhouse Master); Jane Purdie (Matron); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber); William George Anderson (ex-Relieving Officer).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by A Morison:  Isabella Grahame, of Unthank Square, for disease of head, prescribed mutton.  Signed by J Paxton:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Alexander Wade, of Prospect Place, Berwick, for phthisis, prescribed wine;  Peter Lower, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for abscess in groin, prescribed necessaries;  Janet Soffet, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Michael Donoghue, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries;  William Nesbit, of Greens, Berwick, for dropsy, prescribed beef;  Catherine Gardner, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to side, prescribed necessaries;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/267-275	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Wilson; Robert Ramsey; Alexander Smith; George	26 Jan. 1857

		<p>meeting held on 26 January 1857.</p>	<p>McGregor; Robert Cairens; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Embleton; William Cleghorn; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; J C Gilchrist [<i>sic</i>]; N Sanderson; Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; James Grey; John Davidson.  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: William Ross (beef); D Lamb (plumber); John Crosby (bread); M Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor); John Davidson (groceries); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Matheson (cooper); James Marshall (groceries).  Common charges: John Rennison (printing bills, circulars); Drummond &amp; Son (Smith &amp; Bell hanger); H Fairbairn (joining new water); John Latimer (advertising in <i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>); Robert Totherick (medicine during cholera); Messrs Nicholson (repairing clock).  Payments were approved for Russell and Fairbairn (builders), Cuthbertson and Co (carpenters), and Robert Sidey (plumber) for their work on alteration and enlargement of the Workhouse.  Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum: Thomas Allison (Berwick); John Howe (Berwick); Ann Bogue (Berwick); Hannah Jamieson (Berwick); Martha Forster (Berwick); Jameson Lambert (Berwick); James Emery (Berwick); John Octon (Tweedmouth); Isabella Johnston (Tweedmouth); Isabella Lough (Tweedmouth); Maria Hall (Norham).  Funeral expenses were ordered for: Ann Fox, pauper of Tweedmouth, in Dunston Lodge Asylum.  Payment was ordered for the removal of James Emery to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.  Extra medical fees: Dr Kirkwood, Berwick, 3 midwifery cases.</p>	
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			<p>request, and allowed similar assistance to Mr Thompson during their investigation at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Guardians appointed a committee of John Wilson, Davidson, Darling, Gilchrist and Grey to consider the matter of applying to the Poor Law Board for new averages to the struck.</p> <p>The Guardians decided unanimously to elect Edward Willoby as Clerk to the Board at a salary of £130 per annum. Willoby declined the appointment because the salary did not compensate for the interference with his professional duties. The Guardians formed a committee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs Fleming, A Smith, Davidson and Gilchrist to enquire into the duties and salary of other Union clerks.</p> <p>An application form was presented from the Poor Law Board for the proposed loan to be paid off in 10 years. The Guardians proposed that they should be allowed 20 years to pay off the loan and requested that the form should be altered accordingly.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/276-284	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 February 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; A Smith [Alexander Smith]; George Winlaw; James Grey; John McDonald; William Gibson; William Cleghorn; James Wilson; Thomas Crewther; George McGregor; N Sanderson; R Makins [Richard Makins]; James Nicholson; John Nevens; John Wilson; John Embleton; Robert Ramsey; Thomas Friar; Robert Cairns; John Morton; N Bell [Nicholas Bell]; Joseph Fleming; C L Gilchrist; John Davidson; A Darling [Adam Darling]. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	9 Feb. 1857

			<p>Payments were ordered for: George Weatherhead (sugar); William Ross (beef); John Crosby (bread); William Alder (wine); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Cowe (groceries); M Blakey (milk); John Winter (barley); John Main (tailor); Robert Gibson (milk); John Davidson (treacle); Thomas Spaven (brushes).</p> <p>Common charges: A Henderson (stationery, books); A Robson (Advertising in <i>Berwick Advertiser</i>); George Macaskie (advertising in <i>Berwick Warder</i>, printing bills, circulars); Mrs Remison (stationery); Thomas Wilson (repairing water closet Register Office).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the maintenance of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth, in Crichton Royal Institution (lunatic asylum).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph Grahame.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Joseph Grahame (Ancroft, Kylee, Holy Island).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: M J Turnbull {Matthew Turnbull} (Cornhill).</p> <p>Extra medical fees: John Paxton (Norham).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]: Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Susan Fairbairn, of Church Street, Berwick,, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Routledge, of Church Street, Berwick, for rheumatic pains, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Trainer, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for pregnancy, prescribed necessaries; Winifred Queenan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Liddy, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Eliza Love, of High Street, Berwick, for rheumatic fever, prescribed beef and bread; Michael Donogha, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries; Peter Silverstone, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for abscess in groin, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>A report on the duties of the Clerk to the Board was presented from a committee comprising George Smith, Joseph Fleming, Alexander Smith, C L Gilchrist. It stated</p>	
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			<p>that it could not recommend an increase of salary for Mr Willoby [Edward Willoby] and his clerk, but hoped that he would accept the appointment as previously offered. Mr Willoby agreed to this.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented a report about the alleged payment of money by Miss J Atkinson [Jessie Atkinson] to Mr Thompson [John Thompson], Collector of Rates for Berwick. After hearing a statement by Miss Atkinson, the Guardians decided to accept the report.</p> <p>A report was presented from the committee appointed to consider whether to seek new averages for the Union. It recommended that a decision should be deferred until further figures were available, and the Guardians accepted the report.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved a proposal to apply to the Public Works Loan Board to extend the repayment period for a loan to 20 years.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the appointment of a paid Collector for the parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Guardians of Berwick and Tweedmouth were appointed to a committee to assist the Relieving Officer in Investigating cases of extreme destitution in the district and the need for increased relief in the current inclement weather. For the same purpose, the Relieving Officer of Norham and Islandshire was asked to visit the paupers of his district, accompanied by the Guardians of those parishes.</p> <p>Mr Turner, Relieving Officer for Berwick, was asked to prepare a return of the number of women and children receiving relief who had been married at the Border Tolls.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/285-286	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 February 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Davidson; Robert Cairns; James Wilson; George Winlaw; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; John Wilson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Winlaw.</p>	13 Feb. 1857

			<p>The adjourned meeting of 9 February 1857 was resumed.</p> <p>George Turner, Relieving Officer for Berwick, reported on his investigation into cases of extreme destitution. Having visited 80 houses and spoken to nearly 300 individuals, he had not been asked for extra relief, other than the applications which he now presented.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/287	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 February 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; George McGregor; James Wilson. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer for Norham and Islandshire, reported on cases requiring extra relief, and was asked to bring his report to the next meeting of the Board.</p>	14 Feb. 1857
Item	GBR 44/288-293	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 February 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Friar; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; Richard Makins; John Embleton; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; George McGregor; N Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; Robert Ramsey; John Morton; Robert Cairns; William Moor; William Gibson. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]; Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: Thomas Graham (oatmeal); William Cowe (tea); William Ross (beef); Crosby and Son (potatoes); John Crosby (bread); William Alder (wine); P Clay and Son (oatmeal); M Blakey (milk); John Main (tailor); John Davidson</p>	23 Feb. 1857

		<p>(treacle); Robert Gibson (milk); James Marshall (salt); George Weatherhead (coffee). Payment was granted to William J Gray, Inspector of the additions and enlargement to the Workhouse, for the second instalment of his salary.  Common charges: Robert Home (coals for Register Office).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by R C Fluker:  Adam Gowenlock, of High Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries;  Susan Fairbairn, of Church Street, Berwick, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries;  Henry Wilson, of Spittal, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries;  Winifred Queenan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for menorrhagia, prescribed necessaries;  Eliza Love, of High Street, Berwick for rheumatic fever, prescribed bread, beef, etc.  Michael Donoghae, of Church Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick for neuralgia, prescribed wine, mutton;  Peter T Silverstone, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for abscess in groin, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board consented to an application to the Public Works Loan Commissioners in respect of alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board asked whether the dietary approved for six months on 23 August 1856 has been continued and was satisfactory, and the matter was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>Further to a letter from the Poor Law Board, the Guardians decided to consider at the next meeting the terms of appointment of medical officers for Tweedmouth, Islandshire and East and West Norhamshire.</p> <p>The Guardians decided to appoint George Dick as Collector for the parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Further to a letter from the Poor Law Board concerning the appointment of Clerk,</p>	
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			particulars were completed and the Clerk was asked to find security of £200; his proposal for a policy with the British Guarantee Association was accepted.	
Item	GBR 44/294-303	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 March 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Wilson; Robert Ramsey; John Morton; Robert Cairns; A Darling [Adam Darling]; William Gibson; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; George McGregor; William Cleghorn; William Moor; James Wilson; John Davidson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: James Smail (clothing); John White (gas); John Crosby (bread); William Ross (beef); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (barley); John Main (tailor); John Davidson (treacle); John Marshall (salt). Common charges: John Thompson (rates, expenses to Ayton removing M Nesbit); David Gibson (rent of Register Office); William Davidson (advertising in <i>Berwick Journal</i>). Payment of salaries was ordered for: Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates for Duddo, and James Paxton, collector for Horncliffe.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate (at a halfpenny in the pound) and its apportionment by parish. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by J Paxton: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p>	8 March 1857

			<p>Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Patrick McEwen, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries;  David Short, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for disease of tonsils, prescribed necessaries;  Winifred Queenan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for menorrhagia, prescribed necessaries;  Eliza Love, of High Street, Berwick, for rheumatic fever, prescribed bread and beef;  P T Silverstone, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for abscess in groin, prescribed bread and beef;  John Dumble, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>The Guardians decided that medical appointments should be made for four districts of the Union (in addition to that of Berwick), as follows:  No.1. Tweedmouth, including Ancroft, except for Haggerston: 13252 acres; 6550 population; salary £40 per annum.  No.2. Islandshire, including Holy Island, Kyoie, and Haggerston: 12189 acres; 2038 population; salary £25 per annum.  No.3. Norhamshire, East Division, including Loanend, Longridge, Norham Mains, Horncliffe, Duddo, Thornton, Shoreswood, Felkington, Norham, Grindon,, and Twizel. 14380 acres; 3316 population; salary £33 per annum.  No.4. Norhamshire, West Division, including Cornhill: 4430 acres; 973 population; salary £7 per annum.  The terms for appointment of Public Vaccinators were agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the dietary now in use in the Workhouse was found satisfactory and should be continued.</p> <p>A letter from Dr Kirkwood set out his case for an increase of salary as Medical Officer and Surgeon for the Workhouse, giving figures for the number of visits, the number of patients, and the cost of medicines. The Guardians agreed to take this into consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>A deed received from the Exchequer Loan Commissioner securing a loan of £2450 for alterations to the Workhouse etc. was executed by the Guardians.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/304-310	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 March 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Robert Ramsey; Thomas Friar; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; Richard Makins; John Embleton; George McGregor; James Wilson; Thomas Crewther; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; William Cleghorn; George Winlaw; John Morton; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Wilson; Robert Cairns; James Grey; Joseph Fleming. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]; Reverend George H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: William Ross (beef); John Crosby (bread); Robert Johnson and Co (coals); William Alder (wine); Thomas Spaven (ironmonger); James Smail (draper); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Davidson (groceries); John Winter (barley); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Marshall (salt).</p> <p>A precept was received from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate (at one halfpenny in the pound) and its apportionment by parish was given. Payment was ordered for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, in Gateshead Fell Asylum. Payment was ordered for the second half of the apprentice fee for William Fairnell, of Berwick. Payment was ordered for Messrs Grant and Wallace, for the admission of James</p>	23 March 1857

			<p>Emery to Morningside Asylum (Edinburgh).  Common charges: John Thompson (half-year's rent of the Workhouse); Messrs Barnes and Bernard (procuring loan from Public Works Loan Commissioners).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.  Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  P McEwen, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries;  Mary Connor, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for general debility, prescribed bread etc.;  Margaret Mundry, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for ulcer on leg, prescribed necessaries;  Jessie Deans, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>The following were appointed as Medical Officers and Public Vaccinators:  Andrew Morison, for Tweedmouth District;  James Wilson, for Islandshire District;  John Paxton, for East Norhamshire District;  Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], for West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>The Guardians decided to reject Dr Kirkwood's request for an increase of salary as Medical Officer for the Workhouse.</p> <p>A return by Mr Turner showed that the cost of relief for women married at the Border Tolls and then abandoned by their husbands was about £68 per annum. A vote of thanks was recorded for Reverend George Hans Hamilton for his efforts in having these marriages declared invalid and illegal. Mr Darling, seconded by Mr Embleton, asked for a similar return of paupers married at the church.</p> <p>Tenders were accepted to supply the Workhouse for the next three months from John Crosby (bread), Alexander Smith (beef), and Peter Wilson (shoes).  The meeting was adjourned to the following week for confirming payments of the Relieving Officers.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/311-315	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; Robert Cairns. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.	30 March 1857

		March 1857.	<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Johnstone and Co (coals); John Crosby (bread); William Ross (beef); John Richardson (shoes); A Smith (beef); James Smail (clothing); M Blakey (milk); S Trainer (potatoes); William Cowe (groceries); George Weatherhead (groceries); Allison Brown (beef); Thomas Gibb (druggist); John Davidson (groceries); John Main (tailor); John Winter (barley); Robert Gibson (milk); Carr and Co (ale); James Marshall (salt); John Elliott (soda water); John Moor (ironmonger).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Thomas Harle (porter); Mary Harle (nurse); James Trainer (barber); Mrs Purdie (matron).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the education of pauper children in the country districts to: Alexander Hume (Tweedmouth); James Kirton (Tweedmouth); Mrs Dick (Tweedmouth); Alexander Dewar (Tweedmouth); [Mrs Gibb] (Horncliffe); M Mood (Horncliffe); William Jindle (Horncliffe).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Common charges: E Willoby (postage, carriage of parcels, commissions on bills, justice clerk's fee); George Turner (postage); Joseph Scott (Post Office orders, postage).</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to balance the accounts for the half-year.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/316-319	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 April 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Richard Makins; James Grey; Thomas Crewther; Thomas Friar; John Morton; George Winlaw; A Darling [Adam Darling]; George McGregor; Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; James Wilson; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; John Wilson; John Davidson; William Moor.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr</p>	6 April 1857

			<p>Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for : E Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); A Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, A Morison, James Wilson, John Paxton , and M J Turnbull (Medical Officers); A Laidlaw (Master of the Workhouse); Joseph Scott (as Assistant Overseer for Cornhill).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: John Bank, of High Street, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Bell, of Golden Square, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morison: Jane Knowles, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed wine.</p> <p>The new arrangement of the Relief Districts in operation for the past six months was deemed satisfactory, and the Poor Law Board was so informed.</p> <p>The tender was accepted from Mr Gibson to supply the Workhouse with 10 bolls of potatoes (@21s 0d per boll).</p> <p>The Clerk [Edward Willoby] noted that the payment of his salary for the period prior to his reappointment required the sanction of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>George Smith was thanked for his work as Chairman of the Board of Guardians in the past year.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	20 April 1857

	44/320-326	Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 April 1857.	<p>Guardians: George Smith; George Winlaw; A Darling [Adam Darling]; Robert Ramsey; Robert Cairens; Thomas Friar; Alexander Smith; William Moor; James Wilson; J R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; A Mitchell [Andrew Mitchell]; John Morton; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; William Gibson; Richard Makins; Ninian Sanderson; John Davidson; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; George McGregor; John Burn; N Bell [Nicholas Bell]; William Cleghorn.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison].</p> <p>Chairman: J C McDonald was appointed as temporary chairman.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the results of the election of Guardians:</p> <p>Ancroft: Thomas Crewther, mineralist, of Spittal; George McGregor, farmer, of Windmill Hill.</p> <p>Berwick: Joseph Fleming, currier, of Castlegate; George Winlaw, shoemaker, of Marygate; Robert Cairens, hosier, of Marygate; Ninian Sanderson, farmer, of Conundrum; John Morton, butcher, of Marygate; Robert Thompson, draper, of Marygate; James Marshall, grocer, of Bridge Street; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, of Letham Shanks; John Grey, draper, of Marygate; William Gibson, postmaster, of Hide Hill; John Davidson, druggist, of Marygate.</p> <p>Cornhill: John Nevins, farmer, of Marldown.</p> <p>Duddo: Thomas Friar, gentleman, of Grindon Ridge.</p> <p>Holy Island: John Embleton, farmer, of Broomhouse.</p> <p>Horncliffe: Nicholas Bell, merchant.</p> <p>Kyloe: John Charles McDonald, farmer, of Berrington.</p> <p>Loanend: George Smith, farmer, of Ancroft.</p> <p>Longridge: William Moor, farmer.</p> <p>Norham: Alexander Smith, farmer, of Gallagate House.</p> <p>Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer, of Norham East Mains.</p> <p>Shoreswood: Adam Darling, merchant, of Palace, Berwick.</p> <p>Thornton: James Robert Nicholson, farmer.</p> <p>Tweedmouth: James Wilson, gentleman, of Spring Hill; Robert Ramsey jr., ironfounder, of Kiln Hill; Richard Makins, farmer, of Murton; James Allan, wood merchant, of Tweed Saw Mills; John Burn, farmer, of Middle Ord.</p>	
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			<p>Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary McDermott, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessities;  Thomas Crook, of Church Street, Berwick, for abscess in armpit, prescribed necessities;  Joseph Banks, of High Street, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessities;  Thomas Routledge's wife, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessities.</p> <p>Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease in kidneys, prescribed necessities.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board sanctioned the appointment of George Dick as Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth.</p> <p>In reply to a query from the Poor Law Board, the Guardians stated that there were no duly qualified medical men residing in any of the country districts of the Union.</p> <p>Messrs Fleming, McDonald, Gibson, Wilson, Ramsey, and Winlaw were appointed to a committee to investigate the lists of paupers at present chargeable to the Common Fund.</p> <p>Mr McDonald gave notice that at the next meeting he would propose that the Guardians would recommend to the Poor Law Board that new averages should be struck for the Union.</p> <p>Members entering the Board Room should henceforth write their names in a book provided.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/327-333	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 May 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; Joseph Fleming; James Wilson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; JC McDonald [John McDonald]; William Moor; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Morton; George Winlaw; George McGregor; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell.  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke].  Medical Officers: Messrs Fluker [Robert Fluker] and Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p>	4 May 1857

		<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Rutherford (draper); Alexander Smith (beef); Peter Wilson (shoes); John Crosby (bread); Robert Gibson (potatoes); James Smail (draper); P McKenzie (groceries); Johnston &amp; Co (coals); E &amp; W Paxton (drapers); George Weatherhead (groceries); William Alder (wine); Margaret Blakey (milk); Simon Trainer (potatoes); John Main (tailor); William Cowe (groceries); John Winter (barley).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of Isabella Mace in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p> <p>Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books); John Thompson (removing pauper).  Vaccination registration fees: George Turner (Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth).  Vaccination and Extra Medical fees: Robert C Fluker (Berwick); James Wilson (Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for school accounts for the education of pauper children in country districts: Joseph Graham (Ancroft); Thomas Archbold (Ancroft); Andrew Craig (Berwick); William Barratt (Cornhill); James Tocher (Horncliffe); Mrs Gibb (Horncliffe); M Mood (Horncliffe); John Pringle (Kyloe); William Stokes (Loanend); National [school] (Loanend); James Hay (Norham); Miss C Smith (Norham); Richard Forsythe (Norham); Richard Urgbergh (Shoreswood); George Davidson (Thornton); Robert Knill (Twizel).</p> <p>Payment was ordered to Mr Willoby for conducting the election of Guardians.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p>	
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			<p>Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary McDermott, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries;  Thomas Crook, of Church Street, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries;  John Banks, of High Street, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>In response to a request from the Poor Law Board, the Guardians submitted a dietary table for the aged and infirm inmates of the Workhouse.</p> <p>An application was made to the Poor Law Board for new averages for the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/334-340	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 May 1857,	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; A Mitchell [Andrew Mitchell]; Robert Cairns; James Wilson; George Smith; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; George McGregor; William Moor; John Embleton; John Burn; John Morton.  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); Robert Gibson (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (barley); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Vaccination and Extra Medical fees: A Morison (Ancroft, Tweedmouth).  Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph Graham.  Payment was ordered for school fees for the education of pauper children in the country districts: James Kirton (Tweedmouth); William Tindle (Tweedmouth).</p>	18 May 1857

			<p>The deed of assignment of the Workhouse lease was executed by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of Berwick, and payment was ordered for the interest in the lease to the credit of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Property account.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed porter. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Robert Shaw, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Mullen, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for colic, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the appointment of medical officers for one year.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board, concerning the rejected nominations for Guardians for Twizel, Felkington, and Grindon, outlined the procedures for making an objection to this action.</p> <p>The Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick and the Guardians considered that the disposal of the sum received for the interest in the Workhouse lease should be spread over the 37 years that the lease still had to run.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/341-346	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 June 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Robert Ramsey; Thomas Crewther; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; John Morton. N E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	1 June 1857

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner And Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); William Alder (wine); Margaret Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries) Robert Gibson (milk); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of James Swinhoe in Crichton Royal Institution (lunatic asylum).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for George Twiner and Robert C Fluker for removal of Isabella Main to Morningside Asylum [Edinburgh].</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the County Rate, at one halfpenny in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for William Weatherhead for part of his garden in Castlegate, now wanted for proposed additions to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Esther Fish, of Norham, for debility, prescribed mutton;  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.  Signed by A Morison:  Thomas Marle, of Spittal, for disease of head, prescribed mutton;  Isabella Swinhoe, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed wine;  William Wood, of Spittal, for sore hand, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Margaret Williams, of Golden Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton;  John Marshall, of Church Street, Berwick, for chronic bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;  Mary McDermott, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for erysipilas [erysipelas], prescribed necessaries;  Andrew Armstrong, of Castlegate, Berwick, for hippochondriasis [hypochondriasis],</p>	
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			<p>prescribed necessaries; Thomas Johnston, of Castlegate, for fever, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>A letter was presented from Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] in which he resigned from his position as Master of the Workhouse, because he had accepted another appointment. Mr Nesbit, schoolmaster, and Mrs Purdie [matron] were asked to perform his duties until a new Master was appointed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to consider the suggestion of Mr Hurst that contracts should be made for tea and sugar supplied to the outdoor poor.</p> <p>The Medical Officers were asked in future to send in their Medical Returns to every Board meeting.</p> <p>The Churchwardens and Overseers of St John's Parish, Newcastle, were asked to explain why the removal of the pauper Andrew Wedderburn had been so delayed, and to say whether they would allow him to return to their parish with an allowance from Berwick Union.</p> <p>Relieving Officers were ordered to visit their paupers at least once a quarter and to keep a diary of their daily duties.</p> <p>Mr Turner was asked to report to the next meeting on the number of paupers in his district who do not receive their own relief.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to consider the terms of appointment for the new Master of the Workhouse, and to report to the adjourned meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/347-349	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 June 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; John Embleton; Alexander Smith; J C McDonald [John McDonald]. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>A report from the Workhouse Committee was presented (and approved) concerning</p>	8 June 1857

			<p>the vacancy of Master of the Workhouse. Since Mrs Purdie was unwilling to resign from her position as Matron, the Board must advertise for a Master only; adverts to be placed in the <i>Berwick Warder</i>, <i>Berwick Advertiser</i>, <i>North British Advertiser</i>, and <i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>. The Committee recommended that Mrs Purdie should be given immediate notice for her children to leave the Workhouse. The terms of the advertisement were set out.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/350-355	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 June 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Ramsey; John Burn; Alexander Smith; A Mitchell [Andrew Mitchell]; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; John Davidson; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw. Ex-officio Guardian; Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Winlaw.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: A Smith (beef etc); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coals); John Crosby (bread); William Cowe (groceries); William Wilson &amp; Sons (ironmongers); Margaret Blakey (milk); Thomas Wilson (plumber); Robert Gibson (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (barley); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Mr Turner, for removing Thomas Elliot, a pauper lunatic of Tweedmouth, to Dunstan Lodge Asylum. Payment was ordered for Messrs Grant &amp; Wallace, for medical attendance in procuring the admission of Isabella Mace, a pauper lunatic of Berwick, to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. Payment was ordered, on the approval of William John Grey, architect and inspector,</p>	15 June 1857

			<p>to the following contractors for alterations to the Workhouse: Russell &amp; Fairbairn (builders); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenters); Joseph Weatherston (slater &amp; plasterer); Robert Sidey (plumber). Also to William John Grey for his work as inspector. Also to William Weatherhead, for removing stones, levelling ground and rebuilding wall.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: John Dumble, of Church Street, Berwick, for neuralgia, prescribed mutton; Catherine Fees, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for debility, prescribed wine, etc.; Michael Clynes, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Johnstone, of Castlegate, Berwick, for fever, prescribed mutton; Margaret Williams, of Golden Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morison: Isabella Jackson, of Unthank Square, for cold, prescribed mutton; Thomas Meek, of Spittal, for disease of head, prescribed mutton; William Wood, of Spittal, for disease of thumb, prescribed necessaries. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p> <p>A letter was presented from the Assistant Overseer of St John's parish, Newcastle, concerning the removal of a pauper named Wedderburn, of Ancroft. There would no objection arrangements for his return to St John's.</p> <p>An application from Mrs Purdie, Matron of the Workhouse, to have her youngest son maintained in the Workhouse until he was old enough to be apprenticed, was not pursued.</p> <p>A report was presented from Dr Robert Nairne, Commissioner in Lunacy, on the dietary and sanitary habits of 'the Idiots at present in the Workhouse'. He reported on Isabella Westle, Jane Moor, and Margaret Chrisp. He also found two men sleeping in the same bed in a room that was used for beating sand, and recommended that a separate sleeping room should be found and adult lunatics should have separate beds.</p> <p>The following tenders were accepted for supplies to the Workhouse: John Crosby</p>	
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			<p>(bread); Thomas Rutherford (beef, mutton, and houghs); Mr Grahame (20 sacks of oatmeal @ 45s 6d per sack); John Young (4 cwt of sugar @ 65s 4d per cwt); George Weatherhead (chest of tea @ 3s 6d per lb).</p> <p>Medical Returns of Messrs Fluker and Morison were presented for inspection.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/356-362	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 June 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: R Makins [Richard Makins]; William Gibson; John Embleton; George Winlaw; John C McDonald; Thomas Crewther; George McGregor; A Mitchell [Andrew Mitchell]; Joseph Fleming; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; James Wilson; John Morton; A Darling [Adam Darling]; John Davidson. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Grahame (oatmeal); A Smith (beef); John Crosby (bread); Gas company; William Alder (wine); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); John Winter (barley); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor); James Smail (draper); P McKenzie (groceries).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the maintenance of the following pauper lunatics: Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, in Gateshead Fell Asylum; Thomas Elliott, of Tweedmouth, in Dunstan Lodge Asylum.</p> <p>Common charges: Messrs HJ Gray (advertisement in <i>North Berwick Advertiser</i>); John Thompson (removing paupers to Ayton and to Hutton); J Hernaman (advertisement in <i>Newcastle Chronicle</i>); Messrs Knight &amp; Co (books).</p>	29 June 1857

			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Margaret Trainer, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Meek, of Spittal, for disease of head, prescribed mutton.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton];  Esther Fish, of Norham, for debility, prescribed mutton;  John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported on the recommendations of Dr Nairne, Commissioner in Lunacy. They state that the diet of Margaret Chrisp should remain under the orders of Dr Kirkwood, and that when the alterations to the Workhouse were completed separate beds away from work areas could be provided for 'two of the male idiots'.</p> <p>Applications for the post of Master of the Workhouse were received from:  David Scotland, of Edinburgh; Robert Swanston, of Edinburgh; John Sinclair, of Edinburgh; Henry Morton, of Glasgow; Alexander Forsythe, of East Whitburne; D Shine, of Roscommon; R Guthrie, of North Sunderland; Daniel Gibson, of Liverpool; G Christie, of Grants House; J Graham, of Shoreswood; Thomas Hood Mitchell, of Coldstream.  The Board selected for interview Messrs Swanston, Morton, Guthrie, Gibson, and Mitchell.</p> <p>After consulting with Mr Grey, architect, about work to complete the alterations to the Workhouse, the Guardians decided to advertise for tenders in the <i>Berwick Advertiser</i>, <i>Berwick &amp; Kelso Warder</i>, <i>Kelso Mail</i>, and <i>Newcastle Courant</i>.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board signified agreement to continuation of the present relief districts.</p> <p>On advice from the Poor Law Board, the Guardians decided to pay a gratuity to Mr Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians, for his services between December and February</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/363-367	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 July 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; John Morton; James Wilson; John C McDonald; John Davidson; John Embleton; William Moor; A Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; William Gibson; George Smith; Andrew Mitchell. Ex-officio Guardians: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]; Reverend Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Chairman: [Joseph Fleming]</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: George Weatherhead (groceries); John Young (groceries); John Crosby (bread); Robert Johnston &amp; Co (coals); Thomas Rutherford (draper); A Smith (beef); William Cowe (groceries); M Blakey (milk); John Winter (barley); Robert Gibson (milk); Robert Herriot (beer); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>Vaccination and Extra Medical fees: Andrew Morrison; James Wilson; Robert C Fluker; M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; John Paxton; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Vaccination Registration fees: George Turner.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Dr Kirkwood for certificates of lunacy for Jameson Lambert, of Berwick, and Thomas Elliott and Peter Farrell, of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payment was granted to Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates for Duddo, for his salary.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Mr Turner for expenses in removing Peter Farrell, of Tweedmouth, to Dunstan Lodge Asylum.</p> <p>Common charges: George Turner (postage); E Willoby (postage, bills at sight, Post Office orders, etc).</p> <p>The candidates for the post of Master of the Workhouse who attended for interview (and a test in arithmetic) were Messrs Swanston [Robert Swanston], Gibson [Daniel Gibson], and Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell]. Mr Mitchell was elected on a casting vote of the Chairman.</p>	6 July 1857

Item	GBR 44/368-373	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 July 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith; George McGregor; John Burn; Adam Darling; Richard Makins; John C McDonald; John Morton; William Gibson; James Wilson. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); A Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (Medical Officers); Alexander Laidlaw (Master of the Workhouse); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Margaret Trainer, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Healy, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Thomas Meek, of Spittal, for disease of head, prescribed mutton. Signed by J Paxton: John Grey, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p> <p>In respect of alterations to the Workhouse, the Guardians accepted tenders from Mr Kelly (mason work), Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenter and joiner), J Weatherston (slater and plasterer), and R Sidey (plumber). Requirements for sureties were specified.</p>	13 July 1857
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			<p>Insurance for the new Workhouse buildings was ordered with the Phoenix Fire Insurance Office.</p> <p>The Clerk presented Union and Parochial accounts to the end of the Midsummer Quarter.</p> <p>A letter from Mr Browne, Inspector of Schools, gave notice of his visit to the Workhouse School on 23 July.</p> <p>Dr Clarke gave notice that he would discuss the defective ventilation of the new Board Room at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/374-383	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 July 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; George McGregor; Ninian Sanderson; John Davidson; John Morton; John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardians; George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Rutherford (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine); Margaret Blakey (milk); Robert Gibson (milk); George Weatherhead (groceries); John Winter (baker); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate, at one farthing in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p>	27 July 1857

		<p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum:  From Berwick: Thomas Allison; James Emery; [John Howe]; Jameson Lambert; Ann Bogue; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamieson; Isabella Mace.  From Tweedmouth: John Octon; Isabella Johnston; Isabella Lough.  From Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Alexander Laidlaw (Master of the Workhouse); William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Purdie (Matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (barber).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for school fees for education of pauper children in the country districts to: Alexander Home (Tweedmouth); James Kirton (Tweedmouth); Mrs Dick (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph Graham.  Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph Graham.  Common charges: John Cockburn (joiner); Isaac Steel (rent of Workhouse garden); D A Lamb (plumber); John Brown (slater); Margaret Blakey (sand); Simon Trainer (vegetables); Joseph Brown (mason); Thomas Spaven; Drummond &amp; Son; Newcastle Courant (advertisement).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary Jane Raftray, of Church Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed wine;  Bridget Irwin, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Arthur Flannigan, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for insanity, prescribed necessaries;  William Woods, of Spittal, for whitton, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Kirkwood:  Mary Ann Young, of Black Bull Yard, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Meek, of Tweedmouth, for disease of head, prescribed mutton;  Mary Reay, of Ord, for diarrhoea, prescribed wine.  Signed by J Paxton:</p>	
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			<p>M Patterson, of Greenlawalls, for debility, prescribed wine;  Dorothy Gray, of Greenlawalls, for dysentery, prescribed wine;  John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to the proposal by Mr Mitchell of a policy of guarantee for £100 with the British Guarantee Association for his performance as Master of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Guardians fixed the dates for their annual District Meetings for Norhamshire (at Norham &amp; Cornhill), Islandshire (at Halfway House and the Cat Inn), Berwick and Tweedmouth (in the Board Room).</p> <p>Reverend Hamilton and Dr Clarke requested that Mr Grey should give attention to the defective ventilation in the Board Room.</p> <p>The report of Mr Brown, Inspector of Schools, expressed satisfaction with the state of the school, following his visit on 23 July.</p> <p>Contractors for alterations to the Workhouse named the following sureties:  for Mr Kelly, Edward Ray, engineer of Allerdean, and Walter Dodds, enginewright of Shoreswood;  for Messrs Cuthbertson &amp; Co, Thomas Douglas, brewer of Tweedmouth, and James Gilchrist, brewer of Tweedmouth;  for Mr Weatherston, Thomas Gibson, watchmaker of Berwick, and John Dodds, saddler of Berwick;  for Mr Sidey, Edward Paxton, draper of Berwick, and John Duncan, shoemaker of Berwick.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented a revised dietary table showing the amounts of provisions allowed for officers of the Workhouse each week, for meat, bread, potatoes, flour, oatmeal, tea, sugar, butter, milk, and coffee.</p> <p>A circular from the Poor Law Board, giving revised dietary tables for inmates of the Workhouse, was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The Clerk, Edward Willoby, presented a letter written to him by Ebenezer Black of Grindon, in which Black apologised for and retracted the charges he had made</p>	
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			against the Clerk in a pamphlet published in March.	
Item	GBR 44/384-389	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 August 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Robert Ramsey junior; Richard Mains; Robert Cairens; George McGregor; Joseph Fleming; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Davidson; Adam Darling; James Wilson. Ex-officio Guardian: Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Crosby (baker); Thomas Rutherford (butcher); William Alder (wine); John Winter (barley); Margaret Blakie (milk); Millar &amp; Wilkie (sacks); Robert Gibson (milk); William Cowe (groceries); John Main (tailor). Payment was ordered for the maintenance of James Swinhoe, pauper lunatic, in the Crichton Royal Institution. Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (forms). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Margaret Edgar, aged 67, of Bishops Entry, for hernia, required truss; Bridget Irwin, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Jane McDowell, of Woolmarket, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; John Main, aged 71, tailor, of Walkergate, Berwick, for cough and debility, prescribed three bottles of porter; Arthur Flannigan, aged 43, labourer, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for insanity, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Kirkwood:</p>	10 Aug. 1857



			<p>Mary Ann Young, of Black Bull Yard, for childbirth, prescribed beef, bread, and oatmeal. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Gray, aged 33 years, coal miner of Old Greenlawalls, for disease of kidneys, prescribed porter.</p> <p>Contracts for alterations to the Workhouse were signed. The Guardians received a policy from the British Guarantee Association for Mr Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse. Mr Gray, architect, advised the Guardians to test the ventilation of the Board Room for a month before taking further action. Tenders were accepted from Andrew Thompson for supply of window and fire guards for the insane wards.</p> <p>Dr Kirkwood was asked to visit and report on the lunatic asylums in which chargeable paupers were confined. A letter from Dr Shaw of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum recommended the discharge of James Emery into the care of his wife. The Guardians agreed to his discharge.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/390-393	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 August 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Richard Makins; George Winlaw; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Crosby (baker); Thomas Rutherford (butcher);</p>	24 Aug. 1857

			<p>William Alder (wine); John Winter (barley); M Blakey (milk); William Cowe (groceries); R Gibson (milk).</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by R C Fluker [Robert Fluker]: June McDowell, of Woolmarket, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; William Dobbins, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for back injury after fall, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Mary Reay, of Ord, for debility, prescribed wine. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.</p> <p>Relieving Officers were asked to provide statements to the next meeting about increases and decreases to paupers recommended by District Meetings. A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the appointment of Mr Mitchell as Master of the Workhouse, at a salary of £70 per annum.</p> <p>[Two pages at the end of this report are glued together, unnumbered. This appears to be a first attempt at the next report made in error; two visible pages are copied again at the end of the meeting of 7 September.]</p>	
Item	GBR 44/394-402	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 September 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Winlaw; Thomas Crewther; Adam Darling; John Morton; Robert Cairns; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton] Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Winlaw.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	7 Sept. 1857

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Rutherford (butcher); George Weatherhead (grocer); John Crosby (baker); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Alder (wine); M Blakey (milk); R Gibson (milk); W Cowe (grocer); John Winter (baker); John Elliott (chemist).</p> <p>The Clerk presented a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Rate (at a halfpenny in the pound) and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Messrs Wilson &amp; Son, for grates for the Workhouse.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (removing pauper to Dundee); Andrew Robson, and George Macaskie (advertising).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by A Morrison: Oswald Davidson, of Tweedmouth, for inflammation of face, prescribed necessaries. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed porter.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers presented statistics on the increases and decreases in outrelief recommended by the District Committee, and on the number of paupers receiving relief in sample weeks of 1856 and 1857. The Guardians asked the Relieving Officer for Berwick District to record the visits he made to outdoor paupers in the diary recommended by Mr Hurst, Poor Law Inspector.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended certain alteration to the dietary tables recently received from the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to the appointment of Henry Crow [Henry Crowe], as assistant to the Schoolmaster, with lodging and rations.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to advertise for tenders to supply provisions, clothing, etc.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed that William Crossroot, a boy in the Workhouse, could be apprenticed to John Thompson, tailor of Oxendean Burn, for five years at a premium of £5.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	21 Sept. 1857

	44/403-411	Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 September 1857.	<p>Guardians: R Makins [Richard Makins]; Joseph Fleming; James Wilson; John Morton; George Smith; John Davidson; Thomas Crewther.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Rutherford (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Johnston &amp; Co (coals); M Blakey (milk); John Winter (barley); R Gibson (milk); William Alder (wine); S Trainer (vegetables); Hannah White (earthenware); William Cowe (groceries); P Wilson (shoe repairs).  Payment was ordered to Mr Turner for removal of Isabella Johnston from the Royal Edinburgh Asylum to Flodden.  Payment was ordered to A Davidson, Collector of Rates for Norham Mains, Kyloe, and Ancroft, for poundage due.  Common charges: Alexander Davidson (conveying paupers to Coldstream and to Inverness); Knight &amp; Co (books); John Rennison (printing stationery).  Mr Grey, architect and inspector of additions and alterations to the Workhouse, certified accounts for: Russell &amp; Fairbairn; Robert Sidey (including water closets and spouting); Cuthbertson &amp; Co; Mr Weatherston; Mr Gilchrist.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  John Gray, of Greenlawalls, for chronic nephritis, prescribed 6 bottles of porter.</p> <p>The Guardians confirmed tenders for supply of provisions and clothing to the Workhouse, and bread and oatmeal for the outdoor poor.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/412-419	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 September 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; George Winlaw; John Davidson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Sample (mariner); John Crosby (baker); Peter Wilson (shoemaker); Thomas Rutherford (butcher); James Smith (butcher); Thomas Wilson (tinsmith); William Alder (wine); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); Johnson &amp; Co</p>	28 Sept. 1857

			<p>(coal merchant); William Wilson &amp; Son (ironmongers); Margaret Blakey (farmer); S Fisackerly (carpenter); R Gibson (farmer); John Young (grocer); R Herriott (publican); William Cowe (grocer); R Mathison (cooper); John Johnston (tailor); George Weatherhead (grocer); Robert Davidson (rope-maker); P McKenzie (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker; A Morrison [Andrew Morison]; James Wilson.  Extra Medical fees: A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Robert C Fluker; A Morrison.  Payment was ordered for maintenance of pauper lunatics in Dunstan Lodge Asylum: Peter Farrell and Thomas Elliott, both of Tweedmouth.  Also for Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, in Gateshead Fell Asylum.  Payment was ordered for school fees for pauper children in county districts:  James Kirton (Tweedmouth); Douglas (Tweedmouth); Andrew Craig (Tweedmouth); Samuel Boak (Tweedmouth); Thomas Archbold (Ancroft); James Hay (Ancroft); Thomas H Mitchell (Cornhill); Thomas Moody (Cornhill); Samuel Boak (Duddo); Andrew Craig (Felkington); Matthew Mood (Horncliffe); Mrs Gibb (Horncliffe); J H Graham (Kyløe); R Forsyth (Norham); James Hay (Norham Mains); R Wybergh (Shoreswood); J H Graham, James Tocher, Samuel Boak, John Pringle, Thomas Moody, R C Forsyth, and Thomas Archbold (all for Union Poor).  Common charges: A Kirkwood (visiting lunatic asylums); Phoenix Insurance (Workhouse buildings); George Turner, E Willoby, Joseph Scott (postage); John Thompson (removing Scotch pauper to Kilmarnock etc.).  Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Purdie (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser).  The Clerk was ordered to make up accounts for the half-year.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/420-423	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 October 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: John Davidson; Nicholas Bell; Richard Makins; John Morton; Andrew Mitchell; John Burns; George McGregor.  Ex-officio Guardian; Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: John Davidson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been</p>	5 Oct. 1857

			<p>inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  [John Kirrnan], of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  George Spowart, labourer of Spittal, for hurt leg, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>The Guardians approved the new averages for the Union.  The Medical Officers were reminded of the need to submit their weekly medical returns.  A letter from the Committee of Council on Education said that, following the last inspection of the Workhouse School, a Certificate of Competency 1st Division was awarded to the Schoolmaster, with allowance of £45 per annum, and a Certificate of Probation 1st Division was awarded to the Schoolmistress, with allowance of £23 16s per annum.  The Guardians suspended Henry Crowe from his post of Pupil Teacher for one month for his improper conduct during the school holidays.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/424-431	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 October 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: Alexander Smith; Richard Makins; Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairns; John Davidson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; John Morton.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]  Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and</p>	19 Oct. 1857

		<p>in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: John Young (grocer); P McKenzie (groceries); John Davidson (groceries); James Smith (butcher); Robert Rutherford (draper); E &amp; H Paxton (draper); John Crosby (baker); George Weatherhead (grocer); S Trainer (greengrocer); William Cowe (grocer); M Blakey (farmer); R Gibson (farmer); William Alder (wine merchant).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and Matthew James Turnbull (Medical Officers); Thomas Hood Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the Police rate (at one farthing in the pound) and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Vaccination and Extra Medical fees: John Paxton.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following paupers in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum: Thomas Allison, John Hoare, Lambert Jamieson, Ann Bogue, Martha Forster, Hannah Jamieson, Isabella Mace (all of Berwick); John Octon, Isabella Lough (of Tweedmouth); Maria Hall (of Norham).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for school fees for the education of pauper children in county districts, as follows:  Duddo: Samuel Boak; Felkington: J White and Andrew Craig; Loanend: Robert Moor and William Stokes; Norham: Mrs Smith and George Davidson; Tweedmouth: William Tindle and Alexander Home; Union Poor: Alexander Home, R G Lowe, Elizabeth Dick, Samuel Boak, and Mrs Smith.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the first half of the apprenticeship fee for William Crossroot who was being bound to John Thompson.</p> <p>Common charges: Andrew Thompson (guards to insane wards); Knight &amp; Co (forms).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by A Morrison:  Isabella Hume, of Ancroft, for dropsy, prescribed mutton.  Signed by A Kirkwood:  Elizabeth Dent, of Tweed Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed 1 pint wine, arrowroot.</p>	
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			<p>Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>A letter from Mr Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, with suggestions about the ventilation of the new buildings, was referred to the Buildings Committee. The issue of a further loan for their completion was also referred.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board agreed to payment for William Weatherhead for a piece of ground.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/432-438	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 November 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Andrew Mitchell; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Embleton; George McGregor; James Wilson; William Gibson; John Davidson; Thomas Crewther; William Cleghorn; Robert Cairns; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Dr Clarke [Henry Clarke]. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smail (draper); James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Johnston &amp; Co (coal); William Alder (wine); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); G &amp; J Young (drapers); M Blakey (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Johnston (tailor); William Cowe (grocer); George Weatherhead (grocer). Registration fees: George Turner, Joseph Scott, Joseph H Graham. Vaccination registration fees: George Turner; Joseph H Graham. Payment was granted for John Kelly, builder, for alterations to the Workhouse and also to: Robert Sidey (plumber and glazier); Russell &amp; Fairbairn (masons); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenters); Joseph Weatherston (plasterer). Common charges: George Gilchrist (painting). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Elizabeth Dent, of Tweed Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed 2 lbs of beef;</p>	2 Nov. 1857

			<p>Elizabeth Inglis, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed bread &amp; oatmeal. Signed by A Morrison: Margaret Fade, of Richardson Stead, for cholera, prescribed wine and mutton. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Emery, of Shoreswood New Winning, for phthisis pulmonalis, prescribed 1 pint cod liver oil. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Poor Law Board was to be asked whether it had any directions about precautionary measures against the threatened outbreak of cholera. The Poor Law Board was asked to approve an annual subscription to the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb. An application was recommended to the Poor Law Board for a loan of £1800 from the Exchequer of Loan Commissioners, to pay for completion of alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>The continued employment of Henry Crowe as pupil teacher was referred to the School Committee. A tender was accepted from Robert Brown, of Sanson Seal, to supply the Workhouse with 20 bolls of red potatoes (@ 21s 0d per boll).</p>	
Item	GBR 44/439-444	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 November 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; William Gibson; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; George Winlaw; Nicholas Bell; John Morton; Joseph Fleming. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and</p>	16 Nov. 1857

			<p>in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); William Cowe (grocer); M Blakey (farmer); R Gibson (farmer); John Winter (meal seller); John Johnson (tailor);. Payment was ordered for the maintenance of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth, in the Crichton Royal Institution.  Common charges: John Kelly (stove for schoolroom); George Turner (removing Scotch pauper).  Payment was received from the County of Northumberland for maintenance of pauper lunatic Peter Farrel, formerly chargeable to the parish of Tweedmouth. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary Teague, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for inflammation of knee joint, prescribed necessaries;  Jane Derry, of Golden Square, for childbirth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, etc.;  Bridget O'Donnoll, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, etc.</p> <p>The School Committee, further to a communication from the Committee of the Council on Education on 29 September 1857, reported that Henry Crow [Henry Crowe], the pupil teacher, had been suspended from his office for one month for being an accessory to the stealing and selling of pieces of timber belonging to the Union, and that he subsequently absconded from the Workhouse with another boy on 7 November. The committee believed that additional assistance for the Schoolmaster was required but that the indoor pauper children did not generally show the necessary qualities to be pupil teachers.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the amended dietary table for officers of the Workhouse.  A document from the Poor Law Board was signed for a loan for completion of alterations to the Workhouse.  A letter from the Poor Law Board stated that the General Board of Health was unable to issue regulation for the prevention cholera, since Statute 18 &amp; 19 Vict cap 116 had</p>	
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			not been brought into operation.	
Item	GBR 44/445-450	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 November 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; Richard Makins; George McGregor; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: Robert Brown (farmer); James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); M Blakey (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); R Gibson (farmer); George Weatherhead (grocer); S Trainer (greengrocer); John Johnson (tailor); P McKenzie (grocer). Common charges: David Gibson (rent of Register Office); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; Alexander Laidlaw (rent of house); Kelso Mail (advertising).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate (at three farthings in the pound), and their apportionment by parish. The Poor Law Board approved the Guardians' subscription of £5 p.a. to the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Jane Derry, of Golden Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Teague, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for inflammation of knee joint, prescribed necessaries;</p>	30 Nov. 1857

			<p>Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries;  Bridget O'Donnell, of Narrow Lane, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Christian Park, of Norham, for convalescence from fever, prescribed 2 lbs beef, 1 lb sago.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>Permission was granted to the Committee for the building of St Mary's Church to make a sewer to join that of the Union Workhouse.  A letter from the Committee of the Council on Education withdrew the appointment of Henry Crow [Henry Crowe] as pupil teacher and asked that reasons should be publicised in the school.  The Guardians agreed to an application from John Hardy, shoemaker of Brankston [Branxton], to have Henry Cunningham, now in the Workhouse, bound to him as apprentice for five years.  A tender was accepted from Thomas Grahame to supply the Workhouse with 10 sacks of oatmeal (@ 37s 0d per sack).</p>	
Item	GBR 44/451-456	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 December 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Andrew Mitchell; Richard Makins; John Charles Macdonald [John McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; John Burn; Nicholas Bell; George Winlaw; John Morton; Adam Darling.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: James Smail (draper); James Smith (butcher); Robert Rutherford (draper); Johnson &amp; Co (coal); John Crosby (baker); James Purves (cabinet maker); William Alder (wine merchant); W Wilson &amp; Son (ironmongers);</p>	18 Dec. 1857

			<p>William Cowe (grocer); M Blakey (farmer); R Gibson (farmer); F Lough (undertaker).  Common charges: John Thompson (removing Irish pauper).  Payment was ordered to the following for alterations to the Workhouse approved by W J Gray, architect: John Kelly (mason); Josh Weatherston (slater and plasterer); Robert Sidey (plumber and glazier). Also to W J Gray.  Payment was ordered to the administrators for William Lough, deceased, for goods supplied to the Workhouse, taking into account relief provided by the parish of Berwick.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  John Marshall, of Church Street, Berwick, for chronic bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Wright, of Church Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Meek, labourer of Spittal, for eye disease, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Christian Park, of Norham, for fever, prescribed bottle of wine, 2lbs of beef, 1 lb sago.</p> <p>An application was made to the Public Works Loan Board for an advance of £1850 for completion of alterations to the Workhouse.  The Workhouse Committee was asked to obtain tenders for supply of beef, bread and oatmeal.  The Guardians accepted a proposal by Dr Kirkwood that female inmates of the Workhouse employed as washerwomen should be allowed one gill of porter each day.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/457-458	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 December 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: William Gibson; John Morton; Joseph Fleming.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>Tenders were accepted to supply the Workhouse from:  James Smith, for beef (@ 7s 10d per stone), houghs (@ 4s 0d per stone), mutton (@</p>	21 Dec. 1857

			<p>7d per lb);  John Crosby, for indoor fine bread (@ 5¾d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@ 4¾d per 4 lbs), outdoor bread (@ 5 lbs for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 4 lbs per 6d).</p> <p>It was ordered that on the following Friday, being Christmas Day, the inmates should have beef, plum pudding, and beer, instead of the usual diet.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/459-466	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 December 1857.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; James Wilson; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; John Morton; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; George McGregor; Andrew Mitchell; Joseph Fleming; William Gibson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Matthew T Culley.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: Thomas Graham (meal seller); James Smith (butcher); R Johnson &amp; Co (coals); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer); H Robison (farmer); R Gibson (farmer); George Weatherhead (grocer); H White (china dealer); John Wilson (plumber); W Wilson &amp; Son (ironmonger); John Johnson (tailor); P McKenzie (grocer).  Common charges: E Willoby and George Turner (postage).  The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate (at one farthing in the pound) and its apportionment by parish.  Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Purdie (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser).  The Poor Law Board ordered the appropriation of £950 in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Parish Property accounts towards an outstanding loan of £2450.</p>	28 Dec. 1857

			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Michael Burns, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for fits, prescribed mutton, bread, sugar, tea; C Fee's child, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for tabes mesenterica [tuberculosis], prescribed sherry, sago; Bridget Cochrane, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed bread, tea, sugar. Signed by A Morrison: Thomas Mark, labourer of Spittal, for eye disease, prescribed necessaries; William Wood, pitman of Spittal, for thumb disease, prescribed necessaries. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Christian Park, of Norham, for fever, prescribed beef, sago. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>A deed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners for a loan to complete alterations to the Workhouse was sealed and executed.</p> <p>A letter was presented from R B Weatherhead, ratepayer of Berwick, noting the serious increase of expenditure on the poor over the last six years, and in particular on the irremovable who have become chargeable to the parish after five years residence. He refers to the statutes 35 Geo 3 c 101 s 5 and 5 Geo 4 c 83 s 20, under which those convicted of theft, vagrancy and other general offences may be removed. He urges the Guardians to seek the assistance of the police in obtaining more convictions of people within the first five years of residence, thus enabling more to be removed. The matter was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/467-475	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 January 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; James Wilson; Thomas Friar; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Crewther; William Gibson; John Embleton; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr</p>	11 Jan. 1858



			<p>Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Johnson &amp; Co (coal); John Crosby (baker); Peter Wilson (book &amp; shoemaker); William Cowe (grocer); James Purves (cabinet maker); Thomas Gibb (chemist); H Robison (farmer); S Trainer (greengrocer); John Winter (meal seller); Robert Gibson (farmer); George Weatherhead (grocer).</p> <p>Payments were ordered from the Lunatic Asylum account to: Samuel Kent (maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill); Grant &amp; Wallace (charges for admission of Rachel Gray, of Berwick, to Morningside Asylum); Jane Purdie (expenses for conveying Rachel Gray to Morningside Asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison; James Wilson. Extra Medical fees: Robert C Fluker.</p> <p>Payment was granted to Cuthbertson &amp; Renton, carpenters, for alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for school fees to: Peter Hay (Loanend); Alexander Home, William Tindle, and John Kirton (Tweedmouth); Alexander Home and John Kirton (Union Poor).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and Matthew J Turnbull (Medical Officers); Thomas Hood Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payment was received in respect of a pauper lunatic, Thomas Elliott, formerly chargeable to Tweedmouth and now to Berwick.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by John Paxton: Christian Park, of Norham, for fever, prescribed beef and sugar; Edward Imrie, of Shoreswood, for phthisis pulmonalis, prescribed 1 pint cod liver oil. Signed by Robert C Fluker: Catherine Kelly, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for fever, prescribed quarter white loaf of bread, pint sherry wine; Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Fee's children, twins, of Chapel street, Berwick, for wasting cough, marasmus, prescribed half-pint port wine, sago; John Jones, of Parade, Berwick, for fits and diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; William Crumlish, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Thomas Witters, of Spittal, for fistula, prescribed necessaries. Weekly Medical Returns were presented .</p> <p>The Guardians decided that the Overseers of the Poor should conduct removals of persons who became chargeable in the manner described in the letter from Mr Weatherhead, and that the Clerk to Justices for Berwick, Norham, and Islandshire should inform the Overseers of relevant convictions. The Clerk presented quarterly accounts.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/476-484	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 January 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Joseph Fleming; John Burn; Andrew Mitchell; John Davidson; George McGregor; James Wilson; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; William Gibson; John Embleton; Robert Cairens; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and</p>	25 Jan. 1858

		<p>Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); J &amp; A Robertson &amp; Co (ironfounders); William Alder; William Cowe (grocer); Francis Lough (undertaker); John Winter (mealseller); H Robison (farmer); James Smail (draper); P McKenzie (grocer); R Gibson (farmer).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the maintenance of the following pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum:</p> <p>From Berwick: Thomas Allison; John Howe; Lambert Jamieson; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamieson; Isabella Mace; Rachel Gray.</p> <p>From Tweedmouth: John Octon; Isabella Lough.</p> <p>From Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Payment was ordered to Dr Kirkwood for a certificate of lunacy for Rachel Gray.</p> <p>Registration fees and Vaccination Registration fees: George Turner.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Matthew Turnbull.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for William Davidson, for printing voting papers.</p> <p>Common charges: Messrs Barnes &amp; Bernard (charges on procuring loan from Public Works Loan Commissioners); George Carr (removal of an Irish pauper and family); Robert Home (coals for Register Office); Melrose and Plenderleith (books and stationery); E Willoby (Justice Clerk's fees); George Macaskie (advertising in <i>Berwick &amp; Kelso Warder</i>); George Lauder (binding Commissioners' letters); William Patterson (repairs at Workhouse); J &amp; W Nicholson (cleaning Workhouse clock).</p> <p>It was reported that the sum of money for the assignment of the lease of the Workhouse to the parish of Berwick had been paid to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, for reduction of the building loan; and that the loan for additions and alterations to the Workhouse had been received.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Fee's children, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed sago; Margaret Sprott, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed bread tea, sugar, oatmeal, coals, and candles;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/485-491	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 February 1858	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; William Cleghorn; J C McDonald [John McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; William Gibson; John Embleton; Nicholas Bell; George McGregor.  Ex-officio Guardian: George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison</p>	8 Feb. 1858

		<p>[Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Cowe (grocer); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); George Weatherhead (grocer); H Robison (farmer); Alexander Kirkwood (Medical Officer); R Gibson (farmer). Registration fees: Joseph Scott; Joseph H Graham. Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph H Graham. Vaccination fees: John Paxton. Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books &amp; stationery); A Henderson (stationery); George Brown (property tax for Workhouse). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Sarah Chambers, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh and debility, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Watson, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for general debility, prescribed port wine, bread, tea, sugar; Margaret Sprott, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; John Brooks, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for catarrhal asthma, prescribed necessaries; Fee's children, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed sago; John Whitehead, of Wallace's Green, Berwick, for ophthalmia, prescribed necessaries; Robert Liddle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison:</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/492-500	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 February 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; John C McDonald [John McDonald]; Adam Darling; Joseph Fleming; Robert Cairens; John Morton; William Moor; Andrew Mitchell; James Wilson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p>	22 Feb. 1858

		<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer); H Robison (farmer); John Wilson (mealseller); R Gibson (farmer); John Lumsden (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: payment for maintenance of James Swinhoe in Crichton Royal Institution.</p> <p>Common charges: John Thompson (rent of Workhouse); William Davidson (printing and advertising); Isaac Steel (rent of Workhouse garden); Knight &amp; Co (apprenticeship forms); Andrew Robson (advertising for tenders).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates for Duddo, for poundage.</p> <p>Payment was granted to Joseph Weatherston, slater and plasterer, for alterations and additions to the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate, at one farthing in the pound, and its apportionment by parish. Payment was granted for an instalment of the loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for debility, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Fee, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed ½ pint port wine, and sago; Mary Crumlish, for catarrh and debility, prescribed mutton; John Brooks, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for catarrhal asthma, prescribed necessaries; Sarah Chambers, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries; Eleanor Beattie, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary McKeernan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries; [Martin Tuin], of High Street, Berwick, for diarrhoea and debility, prescribed mutton,</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/501-510	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 March 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; John C Macdonald [John McDonald]; John Embleton; N Sanderson [Ninian Sanderson]; Joseph Fleming; James Wilson; Robert Cairns; Andrew Mitchell; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; John Burn; William Gibson; William Moor; John Morton; Adam Darling.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p>	8 March 1858



			<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); H Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Francis Lough (undertaker); George Weatherhead (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Johnson (tailor); William Wilson &amp; Son (ironmongers).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate (at one halfpenny in the pound) and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for Alexander Davidson, Collector of Rates for Ancroft, Kyleo and Norham Mains.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for half of the apprentice fee for Henry Cunningham, of Berwick, on his being bound to John Hardy.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Patrick Fee, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed ½ pint port wine, 1½ lb of sago; Sarah Chambers, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries; Julia Young, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Bridget Healty, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for childbirth and inflammation of breast, prescribed necessaries; Bernard Connolley, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to thumb, prescribed necessaries; John Brooks, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for catarrhal asthma, prescribed necessaries; Eleanor Beattie, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Ian McCormack, of Church Street, Berwick, for bilious vomiting, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed A Morrison:</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/511-517	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: Guardians: J R Nicholson [John Nicholson]; Richard Makins; George Smith; William	22 March 1858

		<p>meeting held on 22 March 1858.</p>	<p>Gibson; William Moor; John Moor; Robert Cairens; William Cleghorn; Thomas Crewther; Nicholas Bell; John C Macdonald [John McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; John Burn; Adam Darling.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Thomas Grahame (meal-seller); James Smith (butcher); John Crosby (baker); John Davidson (grocer); William Alder (wine merchant); William Cowe (grocer); Francis Lough (undertaker); H Robison (farmer); John Winter (mealseller); Robert Gibson (farmer); P McKenzie (grocer); John Johnson (tailor); Alexander Marshall (soda water manufacturer).  Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books and forms); E Willoby (expenses); George Lauder (binding official circulars).  Payment was ordered to Cuthbertson &amp; Co, for alterations to the Workhouse, and to W J Gray, architect and Inspector of the Works.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Julia Young, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Elizabeth Morrison, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries;  Patrick Fee, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus etc, prescribed port wine, sago.  James Smith, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dysentery, prescribed necessaries;  Bridget Kealty, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Sarah Chambers, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries;  Eleanor Beattie, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>oatmeal. The meeting was adjourned until the following week.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/518-525	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 March 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; John Morton; Andrew Mitchell; Joseph Fleming; George Winlaw. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: James Smith (butcher ); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal); W Wilson &amp; Son (ironmonger); John Crosby (baker); Thomas Wilson (plumber); Robert Wood (butcher); P Wilson (shoemaker); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); John Winter (baker); William Cowe (grocer); John Richardson (shoemaker); S Fizackerly (carpenter); H Robison ( farmer); William Alder (wine merchant); P McKenzie (grocer); A Bruce (farmer); F Lough (undertaker); R Gibson (farmer); George Weatherhead (grocer); Thomas Gibb (chemist). Vaccination registration fees: Joseph Scott. Extra Medical fees: Dr Kirkwood. Lunatic Asylum account: Samuel Kent, for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, in Gateshead Fell Asylum; George Turner, for removal of James Anderson, of Tweedmouth, to Dunstan Lodge Asylum; Dr Kirkwood, for certificate of lunacy for James Anderson. Common charges: John Rennison (printing and stationery); E Willoby, Joseph Scott, George Turner (postage); Gas company. Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser). Payment was ordered for school fees:</p>	29 March 1858

			<p>Ancroft: James Hay.          Cornhill: Thomas Moody; William Barratt.          Felkington: Andrew Craig; James Melrose.          Horncliffe: Mrs Gibb; Matthew Mood.          Kylee: Isaac Reed; J H Graham.          Loanend: R Moore.          Norham: Richard Forsyth; C Smith.          Norham Mains: James Hay.          Shoreswood: Richard Wybergh.          Tweedmouth: Samuel Boak; William Tindle; Alexander Home; Alexander Douglas;          Thomas Archbold; James Kirton.          Twizel: Samuel Boak.          Union Poor: Alexander Home; James Tocher; Samuel Boak; Thomas Moody; Henry Tait; Richard Forsyth; Thomas Archbold; William Barratt; James Kirton; J H Graham; C Smith.          Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to make up the half-yearly accounts as well as amounts to be paid by parishes to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/526-532	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 April 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:          Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Mitchell; John Morton; Thomas Friar; John Burn; George McGregor; James Wilson; John Charles Macdonald [John McDonald]; Robert Cairns; Richard Makins; Joseph Fleming.          Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.          Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull].          Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.          Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	5 April 1858

		<p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum:  From Berwick: Thomas Allison; John Howe; Jamieson Lambert; Martha Forster; Hannah Jamieson; Isabella Mace; Rachel Gray.  From Tweedmouth: John Octon; Isabella Lough.  From Norham: Maria Hall.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  John Marshall, of Church Street, Berwick, for chronic bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;  Patrick Fee, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed sago;  Isabel Cockburn, of Castlegate, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Agnes Howe, of High Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, coal, candles;  Mary Watson, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Sarah Chambers, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for palpitation of heart, prescribed necessaries;  Eleanor Beattie, of Church Street, Berwick, for milk abscess, prescribed necessaries.  Signed A Morrison:  Thomas Wilkie, of Spittal, Tweedmouth, for disease of chest, prescribed necessaries.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers presented statistics on the number of non-resident paupers receiving relief, and the Guardians decided that relief should be provided to paupers of the Halifax and Plomesgate Unions on a reciprocal basis.</p> <p>The Guardians decided to give an additional sum of £10 per annum to Dr Kirkwood, as Medical Officer of the Workhouse, to cover treatment and provision of medicines for special cases admitted to the Workhouse.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board stated that it was not necessary to reappoint the Master and Matron of the Workhouse following their marriage. The Guardians voted to give them a salary £80 per annum, having rejected an amendment which proposed a salary of £75 per annum.</p>	
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			<p>The Guardians recorded for the Poor Law Board their opinion that they had been unable to appoint Medical Officers who were qualified according to the regulations.</p> <p>The Guardians ordered the Common Seal to be attached to the Vaccination and Medical contracts.</p> <p>The Guardians approved the nominated deputies of Medical Officers.</p> <p>Figures for the number of relief days charged to the Union Poor account were reduced to take account of the fact that many vagrants received only one meal.</p> <p>Thanks were recorded for George Smith for acting as Chairman of the Board of Guardians in the past year.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/533-541	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 April 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Morton; Adam Darling; Robert Ramsey junior; George McGregor; James Sanderson; J R Black [James Black]; James Mitchell; Andrew Mitchell; John Brown; William Moor; William Gibson; James Wilson; Thomas Crewther; George White; Alexander Smith; James Grey; Robert Cairens; John Burn; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; Richard Makins; Joseph Fleming. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].</p> <p>Alexander Smith was declared to be temporary Chairman of the meeting.</p> <p>E Willoby, the Clerk, presented the results of the election of Guardians for the following year: Ancroft: Thomas Crewther, mineralist; George McGregor, of Windmill Hill, farmer. Berwick: Joseph Fleming, of Castlegate, currier; William Gibson, of Hide Hill, postmaster; Robert Cairens, of Marygate, hosier; Andrew Mitchell, of Letham Shank, farmer; John Morton, of Marygate, butcher; David Cockburn, of New West Farm, farmer; James Grey, of Silver Street, brewer; Andrew Thompson, of Marygate, ironmonger; James Sanderson, of Church Street, grocer. Cornhill: Andrew Carr, of Saint Cuthbert's, farmer.</p>	18 April 1858



		<p>Duddo: George White, farmer.  Felkington: James Richardson Black, of Grindon, farmer.  Grindon: Ebenezer Black, farmer.  Holy Island: John Embleton, of Broomhouse, farmer and auctioneer.  Kylloe: John Charles Macdonald [John McDonald], of Berrington, farmer.  Loanend: George Smith, of Ancroft, farmer.  Longridge: William Moor, farmer.  Norham: Alexander Smith, of Gallagate House, farmer.  Norham Mains: William Cleghorn, farmer.  Shoreswood: Adam Darling, of Palace, Berwick, merchant.  Thornton: James Robert Nicholson [James Nicholson], farmer.  Tweedmouth (qualified to serve but not elected): James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; Richard Makins; James Allan; John Burn.  Twizel: James Mitchell, of Tindal House, farmer.</p> <p>George Smith was elected chairman for the year.  William Gibson and John Charles Macdonald were appointed as vice-chairmen.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the Workhouse &amp; Finance Committee: Joseph Fleming; William Gibson; Robert Cairens; Andrew Mitchell; John Morton; David Cockburn; James Grey; Andrew Thompson; James Sanderson; James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; Richard Makins; James Allan; John Burn; Adam Darling.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the School Committee: Joseph Fleming; James Grey; Robert Ramsey junior; Reverend George Hans Hamilton.</p> <p>The following were appointed to the special committee for the proposed alterations and enlargement of the Workhouse: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; Andrew Thompson; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith; James Grey; Joseph Fleming.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/542-550	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 May 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; John Charles Macdonald [John McDonald]; Thomas Crewther; James Allan; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Robert Cairens; William Cleghorn; Richard Makins; Robert Ramsey junior; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; George McGregor; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Winter (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal); E &amp; W Paxton (drapers); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); Henry Robison</p>	3 May 1858

		<p>(farmer); F Lough (undertaker); C L Gilchrist (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); William Wilson (plumber); Robert Gibson (farmer); G Weatherhead (grocer); Phillis McKenzie (grocer).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination registration fees: Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Dr Morrison.</p> <p>Extra Medical fees: Dr Morrison.</p> <p>Payments for alterations to the Workhouse, certified by W J Gray, architect, were ordered for: John Kelly (mason); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenters); Joseph Weatherston (slater and plasterer).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of two precepts from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate (at one farthing in the pound) and its apportionment by parish. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: John McDonald, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Anne Gardener, of Greens, Berwick, for whitlow, prescribed necessaries; Jane Derry, of Golden Square, Berwick, for scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Arthur Flannigan, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for insanity, prescribed necessaries; Mary Parker, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Howe, of High Street, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries; Mary McDowan, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for gum boils, prescribed necessaries; Ann Knox, of Greens, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries Mary Watson, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries Jane Dixon, of Greens, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by A Morrison: William Wood, of Spittal, for disease of thumb and hand, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Wilkie, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Trotter, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Robert Grant, of Tweedmouth, for disease of right hand, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/551-556	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 May 1858	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; James Wilson; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Thomas Crewther; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; Joseph Fleming; James Grey; Adam Darling. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chair: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Winter (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); Henry Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Johnson (tailor); P McKenzie (grocer); George Weatherhead (grocer); John Moor (ironmonger); James Evans (cooper). Common charges: John Thompson (poor rate etc); John Anderson (rent of schoolmaster's house); D Gibson (rent of Register Office); Thomas H Mitchell (kitchen cupboard); George Turner and George Carr (expenses for obtaining an order of maintenance).</p>	17 May 1858

			<p>Payment was ordered for Robert Sidey, plumber and glazier, for alteration to the Workhouse. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Jane Derry, of Golden Square, Berwick, for scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Jane Dixon, of Greens, Berwick, for childbirth,, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Sinclair Guthrie, of Western Lane, Berwick, for disease of hip joint, requires assistance; Henry Milholland, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for pain in hip joint, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Home, of High Street, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Francis Knox, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Thomas Trotter, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; ; Robert Grant, of Tweedmouth, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries; Eleanor Clark, of South Ord, for disease of chest, prescribed wine; Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed beef and mutton. Signed by J Paxton: Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton. Signed by James Wilson: [Bartholomew Stevenson], of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed ½ pint porter per day. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians fixed the days for Annual District Meetings for the examination of outdoor paupers in Norhamshire (at Norham and Cornhill) and Islandshire (at Halfway House and the Cat Inn).</p>	
Item	GBR 44/557-564	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 May 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Robert Cairens; David Cockburn; Richard Makins; James Wilson; John Morton; William Gibson; George McGregor; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; James Allan; Thomas Crewther; James Sanderson; Alexander Smith; George White; Andrew Thompson; John Burn; James Grey.</p>	31 May 1858

		<p>Ex-officio: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Winter (baker); George Winlaw junior (shoemaker); S Trainer (greengrocer); Henry Robison (farmer); C L Gilchrist (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); P McKenzie (grocer); William Cowe (grocer).  Lunatic Asylum account: maintenance of James Swinhoe in Crichton Royal Institution.  Payment was ordered for Alexander Davidson, collector of rates for Ancroft, Kyoie, and Norham Mains, for poundage.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate (at three farthings in the pound) and its apportionment by parish.  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Mary Anne McIllian, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  William Whitlaw, of Golden Square, Berwick, for phthisis, prescribed 1½ lbs of mutton;  Mary Ann Gardener, of Greens, Berwick, for whitlow, prescribed necessaries;  McDonald, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for childbirth and destitution, prescribed necessaries;  Jane Derry, of Golden Square, Berwick, for scalded feet, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Wright, of Church Street, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>Mary Connor's child, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for destitution, prescribed necessaries;</p> <p>Thomas Harty, of Church Street, Berwick, for injury to breast, prescribed necessaries;</p> <p>Cicely Murphy, of Golden Square, Berwick, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries;</p> <p>James Wilson, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by A Morrison:</p> <p>Thomas Wilkie, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed necessaries;</p> <p>Eleanor Clark, of Scremerston Hill, for disease of chest, prescribed wine and 3s 0d;</p> <p>Thomas W Thomson, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by James Wilson:</p> <p>Isabella Stevenson, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of wine, 1 lb of sago.</p> <p>Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the salaries for Mr Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], Master of the Workhouse, and Mrs Mitchell [Jane Mitchell], Matron.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to a request from the husband of Rachel Gray, and supported by Dr Skae, that she should be discharged from the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.</p> <p>The recommendation of the Workhouse Committee that G Richardson should supply 12 suits of boys' clothing was accepted.</p> <p>A committee of William Gibson, A Thompson, James Grey, A Darling, James Sanderson and Reverend G H Hamilton was appointed to discuss plans (prepared by the architect Mr Grey) for the renovation of Grangeburn Mill.</p> <p>A report of the School Committee on the examination of children in the Workhouse School concluded that pauperism was decreasing, as indicated by the number of children receiving relief. The children absent from school were: Cecily Murphy's child; James Thompson; Eliza Thompson; Charles, Samuel, Agnes and Margaret Curry; John and Adam Beattie; Margaret Knox.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/565-570	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 June 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; James Mitchell; David Cockburn; John Embleton; Richard Makins; James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; William Gibson; Andrew Mitchell; George White; William Cleghorn; George Macgregor [George</p>	14 June 1858



		<p>McGregor]; John Morton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); John Winter (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); Francis Lough (undertaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Moor (ironmonger); H Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); P Burgon (fishdealer); John Renwick (chinadealer).  Payment was ordered for Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates for Duddo.  Payment was order for William Jobson, of Chatton, for the second half of the apprenticeship of Sibbitt Gatty, of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Susan Bradford, of Castlegate, Berwick, for hydrops ovarii, prescribed mutton, beef;  Jane Derry, of Golden Square, Berwick, for scalded feet, prescribed necessaries;  Jane Buglass, of Featherbed Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Janet Swan, of Church Street, Berwick, for paralysis, prescribed bread, tea, sugar, ½ pint port wine;  Robert Liddle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand, prescribed necessaries;  Mary McIllian, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Cicely Murphy, of Golden Square, Berwick, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Green, of Tweed Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed beef;  Thomas Mark, of Spittal, for disease of eye, prescribed necessaries;  Agnes Moor, of Tweedmouth, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p>	
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			<p>Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>Signed by James Wilson: Joseph Cook, of Goswick, for sickness.</p> <p>Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse, proposed that, instead of his policy with the Guarantee Association, he should give as his sureties George Winlaw and John Embleton. The Guardians accepted.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to obtain tenders for beef, bread, and oatmeal.</p> <p>The Clerk presented correspondence between the Poor Law Board and George Dick, Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth, about irregularities in the latter's accounts.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/571-576	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 June 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Andrew Carr; Andrew Thompson; John Embleton; George McGregor; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Robert Cairens; James Mitchell; Thomas Crewther; George White; Richard Makins; James Wilson; John Morton; John Brown.</p> <p>Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].</p> <p>Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Winter (baker); Simon Trainer (greengrocer); H Robison (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); Charles Gilchrist (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); P Burgon (fishdealer); H Burgon (fishdealer).</p> <p>Common charges: Messrs Cuthbertson &amp; Renton (carpenters), for linen posts; T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], for Workhouse tables.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit</p>	28 June 1858

			<p>(schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (Matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Jane Buglass, of Featherbed Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Christian Jackson, of Waugh Lane, Berwick, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Fee, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for abscess, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Eleanor Clark, of Scremerston Hill, for disease of chest, prescribed wine; Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed beef. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of tenders from: Robert Wood, for beef (@7s 9d per stone), houghs (@3s 9d per stone), mutton (@7d per lb); John Crosby, for indoor fine bread (@5d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@4d per 4 lbs), outdoor bread (@6 lbs for 6d), oatmeal (@3½ lbs for 6d); John Winter, for 10 sacks of oatmeal (@39s 3d per sack).</p> <p>The Building Committee report on the water supply for the Workhouse was presented. It recommended that: (1) the Local Board of Health should be asked to provide a daily and more ample supply of water; (2) that Mr Mitchell be authorised to obtain additional water as necessary; (3) that Mr Gray should prepare a plan and estimate for an underground tank to collect rainwater.</p> <p>Dates for the annual examination of paupers in Berwick and Tweedmouth were set. The meeting was adjourned until 6 July.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	6 July 1858

	44/577-580	Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 July 1858.	<p>Guardians: William Gibson; Andrew Thompson; Alexander Smith; John Morton; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: George Richardson (tailor); Robert Wood (butcher); S Trainer (greengrocer); William Alder (wine merchant); John Winter (baker); Robert Gibson (farmer); H Robison (farmer); William Bogue (ropemaker); James Evans (cooper); William Cowe (grocer); Thomas Hettle (fishdealer); H Burgon (fishdealer). Lunatic Asylum account: payment to Samuel Kent, for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill. Common charges: J A Robertson &amp; Co (ironfounders); Edward Willoby (postage); George Turner (postage).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for school fees: Shoreswood: William Tindle. Tweedmouth: Alexander Home; William Tindle; James Kirton. Union Poor: Alexander Home; James Kirton. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>A date was set for the examination of paupers in Tweedmouth. It was ordered that application be made to the Town Council to enclose a piece of waste ground at the end of the stone yard [of the Workhouse].</p>	
Item	GBR 44/581-588	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 July 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George McGregor; Robert Cairns; David Cockburn; John Embleton; James Grey; Joseph Fleming; John Burn; James Wilson; Adam Darling; John Morton. Ex-officio: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: George McGregor.</p>	12 July 1858

			<p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (Medical Officers); Thomas Hood Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (Collector of Rates for Berwick); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill); George Dick (Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Maintenance in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum of: Thomas Allison, John Howe, Martha Forster and Hannah Jamieson (all of Berwick); John Octon and Isabella Lough (of Tweedmouth); Maria Hall (of Norham).</p> <p>Vaccination fees and Extra Medical fees to: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison; James Wilson; M J Turnbull.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees to: George Turner.</p> <p>Common charges: George Carr (for removing Scottish pauper); Knight &amp; Co (order check books); Gas company.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:</p> <p>Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Christian Jackson, of Waugh Square, Berwick, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries;  Catherine Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Grieve, of Tweed Street, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Rae, of Scremerston Colliery, for disease of chest;  Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed beef.</p> <p>Signed by J Paxton:  Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>Signed by James Wilson:</p>	
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			<p>Isabella Stevenson, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed 1 bottle of wine. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>It was reported that district meetings for the examination of paupers had been held at: Halfway House, Kylee (37 paupers) before 6 Guardians; Cat Inn, Ancroft (45 paupers) before 6 Guardians; Norham (86 paupers) before 4 Guardians and Reverend King, Vicar of Norham; Cornhill (31 paupers) before 5 Guardians and Reverend Tyler, Vicar of Cornhill.</p> <p>A letter from the Local Board of Health, in response to the Workhouse Committee's complaint about water supply stated that the Surveyor had been directed to distribute water as equally and plentifully as possible.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of accounts to the end of the Midsummer quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/589-596	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 July 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; George White; John Morton; R Makins [Richard Makins]; James Wilson; Alexander Smith; David Cockburn; William Gibson; Robert Cairns. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>In the absence of the Clerk, E Willoby, H J Williams was appointed as his substitute.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: John Winter (mealseller); Robert Wood (butcher); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchant); John Crosby (baker); H Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Sidey (plumber); Robert Gibson (farmer); C L Gilchrist (grocer); P McKenzie (grocer).</p>	26 July 1858

		<p>Common charges: George Turner (removing pauper to Scotland).  School fees: Horncliffe: Miss A Catts, Gateshead.  The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate (at one farthing in the pound) and its apportionment by parish. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Christian Jackson, of Waugh Square, Berwick, for smallpox, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Wright, of Church Street, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries;  John Marshall, of Church Street, Berwick, for chronic bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;  Maria and Ann Brachan, of Church Street, for measles, prescribed bread, tea, sugar and oatmeal.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine;  Margaret Robertson, of Spittal, for disease of chest, prescribed wine;  Elizabeth Clark, of Tweedmouth, for disease of skin, prescribed necessaries, bread, tea;  Mary Ann Johnston, of Spittal, for cold, prescribed necessaries;  Richard Johnston, of Tweedmouth, for hurt foot, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Edward Imery, of Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed cod liver oil, mutton.  Signed by James Wilson:  Isabella Stevenson, of Holy Island, prescribed bottle of port wine.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.  Dr Kirkwood was asked to report on lunatic asylums in which paupers were confined.</p> <p>District meetings for the examination of paupers were reported:  Berwick (in the Board room): 329 paupers, before 5 Guardians;  Tweedmouth: 121 paupers, before 2 Guardians;  Spittal: 67 paupers, before 4 Guardians.</p> <p>It was reported that T B Browne, Inspector of Schools, would examine the Workhouse School on 5 August.</p>	
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			<p>A letter from Robert Home, Superintendent Registrar, reported on an inspection of the Register Office Safe and books by Mr Thornhill, an inspector under the Registrar General. Two proposals were made:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. that gas should be introduced to the safe and burnt day and night in order to expel damp and to promote ventilation;</li> <li>2. that tin boxes should be provided to hold and preserve the Register books deposited in the safe, to protect them from the dust and damp from which they suffered when laid on the stone shelves of the safe.</li> </ol> <p>The Guardians decided to consider the matter at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/597-602	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 August 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; George White; James Mitchell; Adam Darling; David Cockburn; Robert Cairens; William Gibson; George McGregor; James Wilson; Andrew Mitchell; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Fluker [Robert C Fluker]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Robert Gibson (farmer); Henry Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Thomas Strother (cabinet maker); John Winter (mealseller); C L Gilchrist (grocer). Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph H Graham. Vaccination fees: John Paxton. Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph H Graham. Lunatic Asylum account: for maintenance in the Crichton Royal Institution of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	7 Aug. 1858



			<p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Mary and Ann Brachan, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for measles, prescribed necessaries; Christian Jackson, of Waugh Square, Berwick, for debility from smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Agnes S Guthrie, of Western Lane, for bad leg. Signed by A Morrison: Richard Johnston, of Tweedmouth, for hurt leg, prescribed bread, tea, etc.; John Clark, of Tweedmouth, for measles, prescribed sago, etc.; Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine; Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed beef. Signed by James Wilson: Isabella Stevenson, of Holy Island, for sickness, prescribed porter; Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The letter from R Home, Superintendent Registrar, about proposed alterations was referred to the Building Committee. Following an inspection of the Workhouse School by T B Browne, Inspector of Schools, the Guardians agreed to the proposal to appoint Jane Foreman as pupil teacher. She would receive lodging, rations, and clothing.</p> <p>Dr Fluker was asked to report whether Ann Clarke, a pauper of Berwick, was able to attend the Board Room for her weekly allowance. Mr Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse] was authorised to employ people to complete the work to supply spring water by means of a well sunk in the Wash House yard.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/603-607	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 August 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Smith; Thomas Crewther; James Wilson; John Morton; Adam Darling; R Ramsey junior [Robert Ramsey]; James Mitchell; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.</p>	23 Aug. 1858

		<p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Alexander Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); John Drummond (whitesmith); John Winter (mealseller); Henry Robison (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); C L Gilchrist (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); John Moor (ironmonger). Lunatic Asylum account: to George Turner, for expenses removing Robert Fender to Dunstan Lodge Asylum; to Dr Fluker for certificate of lunacy and attendances. Common charges: James Mills, for advertising. Payment was ordered for Samuel Boak, Collector of Rates for Duddo, for poundage. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Mary Sloy, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for effects of lead poisoning, ordered Workhouse; William Watson Dawson, of Chapel street, Berwick, for destitution and diarrhoea, prescribed port wine; Christian Jackson, of Waugh Square, Berwick, for debility from smallpox, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison [Andrew Morison]: Jane Todd, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed mutton; Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine; Matthew Beverige, of Spittal, for rheumatism, prescribed bread, tea, Workhouse; Margaret White, of Ord, for disease of spine. Signed by Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]: Elizabeth Thompson, prescribed mutton.</p>	
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			<p>Signed by James Wilson: J Cooke, of Goswick, prescribed port wine. Signed by J N Meggison: Edward Imery, of Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed beef. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians received a report from Dr Kirkwood about the chargeable lunatics currently in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, the Crichton at Dumfries, and the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum. He found no improvement in any of the inmates, but reported that they now numbered only 9 in total, compared with previous numbers between 12 and 18.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/608-614	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 September 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; Adam Darling; Robert Cairens; James Grey; James Sanderson; James Wilson; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal); William Alder (wine merchant); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Cowe (greengrocer); Henry Robison (farmer); William Wilson (plumber); Thomas Hogg (carter). Common charges: George Brown (property tax on Workhouse). The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate, at one halfpenny in the pound, and its apportionment by parish. Mr Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell] was reimbursed for payment to Messrs Patterson &amp;</p>	6 Sept. 1858

		<p>Inglis, for boring and setting the well in the washhouse yard. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: William Watson, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentitis and diarrhoea, prescribed arrowroot, port wine; John Johnson, a tramp, in Toal's lodgings, Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for diarrhoea and cramps, prescribed sago, bread, tea, sugar; Mary Dawson's child, of Chapel Street, Berwick, prescribed necessaries; Christian Jackson, of Waugh Square, Berwick, for debility from smallpox, prescribed necessaries; Isabel Cockburn, of Golden Square, Berwick, for want of food, prescribed mutton, bread, tea, sugar, oatmeal; Jemima McDowall, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentition and diarrhoea, prescribed arrowroot, port wine; Agnes How, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, for pain in head, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morrison: Isabella Sanderson, of Cheswick, for disease of bowels, prescribed mutton; Jane Tod, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed mutton; Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine. Signed by J Wilson: Joseph Cooke, of Goswick, for sickness, prescribed brandy. Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of New Winning, Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed beef. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians accepted a report from the Workhouse Committee (Joseph Fleming, chairman; W Gibson; James Sanderson) about the water supply for the Workhouse. A well had been sunk in the washhouse yard, mostly by the work of the male inmates but completed by two pitmen. A pump and piping was purchased from William Wilson, plumber. The well was nearly ready for use.</p> <p>Calculations for the Contribution Orders were referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee was asked to obtain tenders for contracts for provisions and clothing.</p> <p>The Guardians postponed consideration of a form of petition to Parliament adopted by the Guardians of Neath to seek an amendment to the Compulsory Vaccination Act.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to A Darling for use of his boring irons to bore the well at the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/615-620	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 September 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Andrew Thompson; Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; David Cockburn; Joseph Fleming; John Morton; John Embleton; James R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; George White; James Allan; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; James Mitchell; James Sanderson. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); William Wilson (plumber); John Crosby (baker); Henry Robison (farmer) Robert Gibson (farmer); Robert Cowe (greengrocer); Francis Lough (undertaker); John Winter (mealseller); William Cowe (grocer); P McKenzie (grocer); John Renwick (china dealer). Common charges: Knight &amp; Co (books); John Anderson (removing paupers to Scotland); Edward Dawson (carter's work); LT &amp; J Fleming (bricks for well). Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Joseph Ralph McIllian, of Church Street, Berwick, for diarrhoea and dentition, prescribed arrowroot and port wine;</p>	20 Sept. 1858

			<p>Mary Watson, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentition etc, prescribed arrowroot and port wine;  Jemima McDowall, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentition etc, prescribed arrowroot and port wine;  Mary Dawson, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentition etc, prescribed arrowroot and port wine;  Mary Robison, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Agnes Howe, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, for pain in head, prescribed necessaries;  Mary Unthank, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for abscess (injury to hand from a herringbone while working), prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Jane Todd, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed mutton;  Matthew Beveridge, of Spittal, for rheumatism, prescribed bread, tea;  Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for injury to leg, prescribed bread, tea;  Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Edward Imery, of New Winning Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians decided not to petition Parliament concerning an amendment of the Compulsory Vaccination Act.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board fixed the maximum number of inmates to be housed in the Workhouse and the number allocated to each ward. The Master was empowered to have the numbers painted on the door of the respective wards.</p> <p>The tenders obtained by the Workhouse Committee for the supply of provisions and clothing, and bread for the outdoor poor, were accepted.  Mr Patterson, gas manager, had been asked to provide specifications for laying pipes to bring gas into the Workhouse. The Workhouse Committee was empowered to obtain tenders for the necessary work.  Contribution orders for the next half-year were signed.  The meeting was adjourned until the next week.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting:	27 Sept. 1858

	44/621-627	Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 September 1858.	<p>Guardians: William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Moor (ironmonger); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); William Alder (wine merchants); William Wilson (plumber); Thomas Strothers (carpenter); T &amp; W Weatherston (plasterer); Peter Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); John Drummond (blacksmith); Robert Cowe (greengrocer); John Richardson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); Henry Robison (farmer); John Kelly (mason); George Winlaw junior (boot &amp; shoemaker); Charles L Gilchrist (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); P McKenzie (grocer); J Davidson (grocer).  Lunatic Asylum account: Samuel Kent, for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill; Messrs Grant &amp; Wallace, for charges relating to Rachael Gray,  Common charges: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] (lunatic charges); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); George Macaskie (printer); R Johnson &amp; Co (bricks for well); Melrose &amp; Plenderleith (stationery); Robert Home (books for Register Office); E Willoby and George Turner (postage); James Russell (flags for well); John Main (cleaning at Spittal pay station); Gilbert Taylor (wood merchant).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser).  Payment was ordered for school fees:  Ancroft: James Hay; Thomas Archbold.  Berwick: Mr Moore.  Cornhill: Thomas Moody; William Barratt.  Horncliffe: Miss Catts; Miss Gibb.  Kylloe: J Reed; J H Graham; J Anderson.</p>	
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			<p>Loanend: Mr Moore.  Norham: Mr Forsyth.  Norham Mains: James Hay.  Shoreswood: Wilson.  Tweedmouth: Samuel Boak; Thomas Archbold; James Kirton; Alexander Home;  Janet Gordale.  Twizel : Samuel Boak.  Union: Richard Forsyth; William Barratt; J H Grahame; Mr Tait; Thomas Archbold;  James Kirton; Alexander Home.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.  The Clerk was asked to make up the accounts for the last half-year.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/628-635	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 October 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: William Gibson; George McGregor; Andrew Mitchell; James Wilson;  James Mitchell; John Merton; John Burn; Thomas Crewther; William Moor; James Grey; William Cleghorn; James Sanderson; Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison].  Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>A report from the Building Committee was presented which listed the works completed on the Workhouse and proposed making specifications for introducing gas into the Iron Safe at the Register Office, as recommended by the inspector Mr Thornhill. Payment was ordered for John Kelly (mason); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenter); J Weatherston (slater and plasterer); W J Sidey (plumber and glazier); W J Gray (architect).</p>	4 Oct. 1858



			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Mary Robison, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Dawson, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed port wine; Mary Teague, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Joseph Ralph McIllian, of Church Street, Berwick, for debility, prescribed necessaries; Arthur Flannigan, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for anasarca, prescribed necessaries; Agnes Howe, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, for pain in head, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Dagleish, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Mary Unthank, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for injury to hand and abscess, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Booth, of Coxon's Lane, Berwick, for catarrh, and pains in shoulder and arms, prescribed necessaries.</p> <p>Signed by A Morrison: Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for fracture of leg, prescribed bread, tea; Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine; John Clark, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed bread, sago; Jane Todd, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed mutton; William Dagleish, of Tweedmouth, for disease of head and debility, prescribed bread, tea.</p> <p>Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of New Winning Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton.</p> <p>Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>It was noted that the number of days chargeable to the Union Poor for the half-year was 2798, including 677 days for vagrants. Since vagrants often received only one meal and no clothing, the number for them was reduced to 169.</p> <p>A memorandum was received from Drs Andrew Morison and James Wilson, Medical Officers, in which they proposed an adjustment to the areas covered by their respective districts, as follows: Tweedmouth to comprise the parish of Tweedmouth and the townships of</p>	
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			<p>Scremerston, Ancroft, and Berrington; Islandshire to comprise the parish of Holy Island, the township of Haggerston and the parish of Kyloe (except Berrington) and township of Cheswick.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was authorised to proceed with work for gas fittings in the Workhouse. The Guardians resolved that the Board Room should have a mantelpiece bracket in place of the specified pendant. A letter from the Committee of Council on Education accepted the appointment of Jane Foreman as pupil teacher. The Guardians specified the rations to be granted to the pupil teacher.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/636-644	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 October 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; James Sanderson; A Darling [Adam Darling]; Robert Cairens; James Wilson. Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; Ralph Forster. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Phillis McKenzie (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); David Logan (wine merchant); James Smail (draper); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Henry Robison (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Robert Cowe (greengrocer); W M Euen (grocer). Lunatic Asylum account: Payment to Royal Edinburgh Asylum for maintenance of: Thomas Allison, John Howe, Martha Forster, and Hannah Jamieson (all of Berwick); and John Octon and Isabella Lough (of Tweedmouth); payment to Cornelius Garbutt, for maintenance of Robert Fender (of Berwick) in Dunstan Lodge Asylum.</p>	18 Oct. 1858

		<p>Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison; James Wilson; John Paxton.  Extra Medical fees: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison.  Vaccination Registration fees: George Turner.  Common charges: Robert Sidey (plumber &amp; glazier); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenter); Thomas Strother (carpenter); Gray &amp; Lyall (masons).  School fees:  Felkington: J White;  Horncliffe: Matthew Wood;  Union Poor: James Tocher.  Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and Matthew James Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull] (Medical Officers); Thomas Hood Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (Collector of Rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer, Cornhill); George Dick (Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Catherine Drummond, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Mary Moran, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  James Roger's child, of Church Street, Berwick, for diarrhoea, prescribed port wine, arrowroot, sago, bread;  Frances Sutherland, of Tweed Street Berwick, for diarrhoea, prescribed tea and sugar;  Mary Teague, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries;  Sarah Allan, of High Street, Berwick, for dyspepsia and debility from diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for diarrhoea, prescribed bread, tea;  Ailsie Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for disease of bowels, prescribed wine, brandy;  Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for leg fracture, prescribed bread, tea;  Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/645-651	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 November 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; James Wilson; John C Macdonald [John McDonald]; David Cockburn; Adam Darling; Robert Cairns; Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Alexander Smith; Andrew Mitchell; James Grey; Thomas Crewther; James Sanderson.  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend George Hans Hamilton; R Forster [Ralph Forster].  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].</p>	1 Nov. 1858

		<p>Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); E &amp; W Paxton (drapers); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); John Crosby (baker); J &amp; J Keenan (drapers); W M Euen (grocer); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Robert Cowe (greengrocer); Henry Robison (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Alder (wine merchant).</p> <p>Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph H Graham.</p> <p>Common charges: Thomas Strother (carpenter); George Gilchrist (painter); Thomas H Mitchell (forms etc).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate, at one farthing in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>School fees: Andrew Craig (Felkington).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Alice Liddell, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for scalded feet, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick for diarrhoea, etc, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Nichol and daughter, of Church Street, Berwick, for fever and diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; Jane Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries; Mary Brannan, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries and clothing for the child; Susan McNanill, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Peter McAllister, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for destitution and measles, prescribed necessaries and bread, tea, sugar;</p>	
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			<p>Mary Moran, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Mary Teague, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries;  Sarah Allan, of High Street, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine;  Ailsa Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for diarrhoea, prescribed brandy etc.;  Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for fracture of leg, prescribed bread and tea;  Mary Foreman, of Tweedmouth, for debility, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by J Paxton [John Paxton]:  Edward Imery, of New Winning Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton and a bottle of cod liver oil.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>Robert Cairns reported that Robert Fender junior, of Manchester, was willing to pay for the maintenance of his father Robert Fender in Dunstan Lodge Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/652-657	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 November 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: William Gibson; Richard Makins; Robert Ramsey junior; Andrew Mitchell; Adam Darling; John Morton; George Smith; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; James Mitchell; Andrew Thompson; James Allan.  Ex-officio Guardians: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]; R Forster [Ralph Forster].  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Rutherford (draper); John Cowe (greengrocer); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine); Henry Robison (farmer); John Moor (ironmonger); Robert Gibson (farmer); David Logan (wine);</p>	15 Nov. 1858

			<p>Francis Lough (undertaker); Phillis McKenzie (grocer); William Cowe (grocer). Common charges: George Carr (removing Scotch paupers to Burntisland and to Leith). A letter from the Poor Law Board approved a transfer of additional expenditure from the Building account to Common Charges.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Thomas Harty, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for gravel, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Ingram, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for fever, prescribed port wine, mutton; Jane Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries; Mary Teague, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for ulcer, prescribed necessaries; Richard Foreman, of Walkergate Lane, for infantile fever, prescribed mutton. Signed by A Morrison: Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for leg fracture, prescribed bread, tea; Ann Wakinshaw, of Tweedmouth, prescribed bread, tea; Thomas Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for diarrhoea and debility, prescribed bread, tea; Alice Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for debility, prescribed brandy, soda water; Thomas Rae, of Scremerston, for disease of chest, prescribed wine. Signed by J N Meggison for J Paxton [John Paxton]: Edward Imery, of New Winning Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed mutton. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians agreed to a request from Dewsbury Union, Yorkshire, to administer non-settled relief for one of their paupers, Margaret Fell, who was living in Berwick. The Guardians received a letter from the Board of Supervision, Scotland, enclosing a minute of the Parochial Board of Eyemouth embodying a statement by the Inspector of the Poor regarding the case of George Brooks.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/658-664	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 November 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; A Darling [Adam Darling]; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; John Burn; John Embleton; R Ramsey junior [Robert Ramsey]; Andrew Carr; James Wilson; John Morton; A Thompson [Andrew Thompson]; William</p>	29 Nov. 1858

		<p>Gibson.  Medical Officers: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison];  Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Francis Lough (undertaker); Robert Rutherford (draper); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Henry Robison (farmer); P McKenzie (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); W M Euen (grocer).  Lunatic Asylum account: Crichton Royal Institution, for maintenance of James Swinhoe,, of Tweedmouth.  Common charges: John Thompson (Poor rate, Special District rate); D Gibson (rent of Register Office); J Weatherston (slater and plasterer); T H Mitchell (purchase of benches).  Payment was ordered to Alexander Davidson, Collector of Rates for Ancroft, Kyloe, and Norham Mains, for poundage.  Payment was ordered for the second moiety of the Police Rate.  The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General County Rate, at one halfpenny in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Margaret Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Ingram, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for fever, prescribed port wine, mutton;  Elizabeth Johnston, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Jane Nanheny, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries;</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/665-671	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 December 1858.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Thomas Crewther; James Mitchell; George White; John Embleton; James Wilson; Robert Ramsey junior; Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; William Gibson; Alexander Smith; John Morton; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; Andrew Thompson.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and</p>	13 Dec. 1858

		<p>Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); Thomas Strother (carpenter); John Crosby (baker); John Kelly (stonemason); John Moor (ironmonger); Henry Robison (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Alder (wine); William Cowe (grocer); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account:  Royal Edinburgh Asylum, for maintenance of Isabella Mace, of Berwick, and Sarah Tully, of Duddo;  Joseph Scott, for expenses of conveying Robert Tully, of Duddo, to Dunstan Lodge Asylum;  George Turner, for expenses of conveying Isabella Mace to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum;  T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], for expenses of Mrs Mitchell [Jane Mitchell] in conveying Sarah Tully to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum;  Grant Wallace, for charges re: Isabella Mace and Sarah Tully;  Dr Paxton [John Paxton], for certificate of lunacy for Robert Tully;  Dr Fluker, for certificate of lunacy for Isabella Mace;  Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], for certificate of lunacy for Sarah Tully.</p> <p>Payment was ordered for the first instalment on the loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Elizabeth Johnston, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Thomas Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed port wine;  Jane Nankeny, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morison:  Robert Armstrong, of Tweedmouth, for fracture of leg, prescribed bread, tea, etc.;</p>	
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			<p>Catherine McGowan, of Spittal, for fever, prescribed bread, tea, etc.;  Ailsie Brayson, of Heathery Tops, for debility, prescribed brandy, etc.  Signed by J Wilson:  Dryden Fenwick, of Kylloe, prescribed 2 bottles of port wine;  Catherine Allan, of Berrington, prescribed bottle of cod liver oil.  Signed by J Paxton:  Edward Imery, of Shoreswood, for phthisis, prescribed 2 lbs of mutton.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians resolved that on the forthcoming Christmas Day, the inmates of the Workhouse should have beef, plum pudding, beer, and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to obtain tenders for the supply of beef, bread, and outdoor oatmeal.  Application was made to the Poor Law Board to extend the present scale for the number of vagrants to be admitted to the Workhouse, since the current scale was too limited.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board agreed that the daughter of Mr Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse, could reside with him in the Workhouse.  A letter from the Poor Law Board agreed to the proposed changes to the Medical Districts of Dr Morrison and Dr Wilson.  A letter from the Poor Law Board enclosed copies of correspondence with George Dick, Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth Parish.</p> <p>A circular was presented from the Metropolitan and County Association for the Equalization of the poor Rates.  A notification to the Local Board of Health pointed out the bad state of the Gully Hole near the Workhouse gate.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/672-680	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1858.	Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; J R Nicholson [James Nicholson]; Thomas Crewther; Andrew Mitchell; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; William Cleghorn; John Morton; James Mitchell; A Darling [Adam Darling]; Joseph Fleming; R Makins [Richard	27 Dec. 1858

			<p>Makins]; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; R Ramsey junior [Robert Ramsey]; John Burn; George McGregor; George White; John Brown; William Gibson; Andrew Carr; James Sanderson.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton].  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker {Robert Fluker}; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.  Payments were ordered for: Thomas Graham (mealseller); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Thomas Strother (carpenter); William Alder (wine); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); H Robison (farmer); John Davidson (grocer).  Common charges: William Wilson (plumber, laying gas pipes to Workhouse); James Patterson (specifications for gas fittings); Knight &amp; Co (printing).  Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Thomas Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for scarlatina, prescribed port;  Phillis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed port wine;  Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries;  Alice Liddle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed necessaries;  Elizabeth Johnstone's child, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for debility, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for inflammation of breast, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Ingram, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for debility from fever, prescribed port</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/681-689	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 January 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; J C Macdonald [John McDonald]; William Moor; George McGregor; William Gibson; James Sanderson; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; James Wilson; Robert Cairens; Joseph Fleming; Andrew Thompson. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend G H Hamilton [George Hans Hamilton]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: C &amp; J Young (drapers); Robert Wood (butcher); William Wilson (plumber); John Crosby (baker); Francis Lough (undertaker); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); H Robison [farmer]; R Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); P McKenzie (grocer); Cuthbertson &amp; Co (carpenters); W M Euen (grocer). Lunatic Asylum account: to Samuel Kent at Gateshead Fell Asylum, for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill; to C Garbutt at Dunstan Lodge Asylum, for maintenance of Robert Tully, of Duddo. Vaccination fees: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison; James Wilson; M J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]. Extra Medical fees: Robert C Fluker; Andrew Morrison; James Wilson. Vaccination Registration fees: George Turner. Common charges: R Home (coals at Register Office); E Willoby and George Turner (postage etc); William Thomson (repairing gas meter). Payment was ordered for maintenance of the following in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum: Thomas Allison, John Howe, M Forster, H Jamieson, and Isabella Mace (all of Berwick); John Octon and Isabella Lough (of Tweedmouth); Maria Hall (of Norham); Sarah Tully (of Duddo). Payment was ordered for school fees for: Shoreswood: William Tindle; Tweedmouth: William Tindle, James Kirton, and Alexander Home; Union Poor: Alexander Home</p>	10 Jan. 1859
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			<p>and James Kirton.  Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); John Mill Meggison (Treasurer); Alexander Kirkwood, Robert C Fluker, Andrew Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton, and M J Turnbull (Medical Officers); Thomas Hood Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (Collector of Rates for Berwick); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer for Cornhill); George Dick (Collector of Rates for Tweedmouth).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  James Rowley, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;  Phillis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed port wine and mutton;  Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries;  Mary Ann Liddle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for milk abscess, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  Jane Dickson, of Spittal, for cancer of breast, prescribed necessaries.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians deferred consideration of a new arrangement of medical relief until the opinions of all the Medical Officers were received.  On a proposal of J Fleming, a Return was ordered of the number of paupers relieved in and out of the Workhouse, the cost of the relief, and of the prices of the principal provisions, for 1856, 1857, and 1858.  The Clerk presented quarterly balances to the end of the Christmas quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/690-696	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 January 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: J C McDonald [John McDonald]; Richard Makins; George White; John Embleton; Andrew Mitchell; John Morton; James Sanderson; R Ramsey junior [Robert Ramsey]; George McGregor; John Brown; James Wilson; Alexander Smith; Robert Cairns.  Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.</p>	24 Jan. 1859

			<p>Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]; Dr Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]. Chairman: J C McDonald</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Cowe (grocer); William Alder (wine merchant); Robert Gibson (farmer); Henry Robison (farmer); John Moor (ironmonger); Allan Brothers (wood merchants); John Davidson (grocer).</p> <p>School fees: Loanend: J Armstrong; Kyloe: Peter Haig; Union Poor: Peter Haig.</p> <p>Common charges: John Kelly (repairs at Workhouse); Knight &amp; Co (books and forms); Andrew Robson (advertisements in <i>Berwick Advertiser</i>); James Mills (advertisements in <i>Berwick Journal</i>); Drummond &amp; Son, blacksmiths (repairs at Register Office).</p> <p>Payment was ordered to Glendale Union, relating to maintenance of William Bartrim, now ascertained to be of Norham, in Durham County Asylum at Sedgefield.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries; Phillis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick,, for fever, prescribed mutton; Bridget Cox, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries; Ellen Macguire's 2 children, of Narrow Lane, Berwick, for abscess and diarrhoea, prescribed necessaries; Barney Connolly, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; James Rowley, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Nichol, of Church Street, Berwick, for abscess of breast, prescribed necessaries; James Henderby, of Low Greens, Berwick, for pain in head and catarrh, prescribed</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/697-703	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 February 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; William Gibson; Richard Makins; George McGregor; John Brown; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; James Wilson; James Mitchell; Robert Cairns; John Morton. Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); Gilbert Taylor (wood merchant); John Crosby (baker); James Smail (draper); Thomas Strother (carpenter); Henry Robison (farmer); John Kelly (mason); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Miss [sic] Wilson (plumber); John Davison (grocer); James Purves (cabinet maker); W M Euen (grocer).</p> <p>Vaccination fees: Dr Paxton. Extra Medical fees: Dr Brodie (Duddo). Registration fees: George Turner; Joseph Scott; J H Graham. Vaccination Registration fees: Joseph Scott; J H Graham. Common charges: James C Weddell; George Brown. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: John Jones, of Parade, Berwick, for fits and severe debility, prescribed mutton and necessaries; John Smith, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for hydrocephalus, prescribed necessaries; James Rowley, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries;</p>	7 Feb. 1859

			<p>Hardy, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Thomas Manuel, of Greens, Berwick, for injury to hand and arm, prescribed mutton and necessaries;  Jane Robison, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for catarrh, prescribed necessaries;  Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for catarrh and debility, prescribed mutton and necessaries;  Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries;  Phillis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed mutton;  Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries;  Christie Waldie, of Castlegate, for vertigo, prescribed necessaries.  Signed by A Morrison:  James Callom, of Tweedmouth, for fever, prescribed mutton, bread etc.;  Ann Lough, of Ord, for disease of chest, prescribed sago, bread, etc.  Signed by Matthew James Turnbull:  Isabella Smith, of Old Heaton, for sickness.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Clerk presented calculations for the Contribution Orders for the next half-year, which were referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee.  The Workhouse Committee was asked to consider whether to obtain by contract a supply of cod liver oil for paupers.  The Workhouse Committee was asked to obtain tenders for supplying the Workhouse with 20 bolls of red potatoes.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/704-711	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 February 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting:  Guardians: George Smith; Joseph Fleming; Richard Makins; Thomas Crewther; John Embleton; David Cockburn; Robert Cairns; William Gibson; Robert Ramsey junior; Andrew Mitchell; William Cleghorn; James Wilson; John Morton.  Medical Officers: Dr Wilson.  Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.  Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and</p>	21 Feb. 1859

		<p>Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); William Alder (wine merchant); Francis Lough (undertaker); Robert Gibson (farmer); Henry Robison (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); William Cowe (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Crichton Royal Institution, for maintenance of James Swinhoe, of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Extra Medical fees: Dr Paxton [John Paxton].</p> <p>Common charges: Isaac Steel (rent of Workhouse garden); John Thompson (removing Scotch paupers).</p> <p>A second instalment on the loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners was authorised for payment.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for General County Rate, at one halfpenny in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: James Rowley, of Weatherly Square , Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; John Jones, of Parade, Berwick, for debility from fits, prescribed necessaries; Peter Kyle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for cold, prescribed necessaries; James Taylor, of Crawford's Alley, Berwick, for pain in head, prescribed necessaries; Edward Moran, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for cough and debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Cochrane, of Hatter's Lane, Berwick, for pleurisy, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Booth, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh and debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; Philis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for debility from fever, prescribed mutton; Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries. Signed by A Morison [Andrew Morison]:</p>	
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Item	GBR 44/712-718	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 March 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Ramsey junior; James R Nicholson; James Wilson; Robert Cairns; John Morton; Richard Makins; A Darling [Adam Darling]; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Smith. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: Robert Ramsey junior.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); John Drummond (blacksmith); William Cowe (grocer); T Weatherston (plasterer); Henry Robison (farmer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John</p>	7 March 1859

		<p>Davidson (grocer); S Trainer (greengrocer); John Moor (ironmonger); W M Euen (grocer).</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate, at one farthing in the pound, and its apportionment by parish. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Signed by Robert C Fluker: James Rowley, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for bronchitis, prescribed necessaries; Ann Conlyn, of Castlegate, Berwick,, in labour, prescribed port wine; John Carabine, of Connolly's Lodging, Walkergate Lane, for erysipelas, prescribed necessaries; Mary Ann McCollom, of Connolly's Lodging, Walkergate Lane, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries; Patrick Casy, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for rheumatic pains, prescribed necessaries; Edward Moran and wife, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for cough and general debility, prescribed necessaries; John Taylor, of Crawford's Alley, Berwick, for vertigo, prescribed necessaries; Peter Kyle, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for catarrh and debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Fairnell, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; Catherine Booth, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for catarrh and debility, prescribed necessaries; Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for dyspepsia, prescribed necessaries; Philis Givens, of Chapel Street, Berwick, for fever, prescribed mutton; Margaret Boig, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for pain in leg, prescribed necessaries. Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the terms of appointment for Medical Officers and decided that there should be four districts in addition to that of Berwick: 1. Tweedmouth District, including Tweedmouth, Ancroft, Scremerston, and Berrington (in the parish of Kyoie); area: 11270 acres; population: 6326. M.O.</p>	
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			<p>salary: £40 per annum.</p> <p>2. Islandshire District, including Holy Island, Kylloe (except Berrington), Cheswick, and Haggerston (in the parish of Ancroft); area: 12804 acres; population: 1945; M.O. salary: £25 per annum.</p> <p>3. Norhamshire District, East Division, including Duddo, Felkington, Grindon, Horncliffe, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Thornton and Twisel [Twizel]; area: 14380 acres; population: 3316; M.O. salary: £33 per annum..</p> <p>4. Norhamshire District, West Division, containing Cornhill; area: 4430 acres; population: 973; M.O. salary: £7 per annum.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee was asked to obtain tenders for provisions and clothing. A statement was presented from the Inspector of Poor, Dunse, concerning the case of Susan McNamee.</p> <p>A proposal by Mr Cowe to let the garden to the south of the Workhouse to the Guardians for 10 years was referred to the Workhouse Committee.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/719-725	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 March 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: George Smith; Robert Ramsey junior; George McGregor; John Brown; William Gibson; William Moor; Robert Cairns; James Sanderson; Thomas Crewther; Richard Makins; Andrew Mitchell; David Cockburn; James Wilson; Joseph Fleming; A Darling [Adam Darling]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker {Robert Fluker}; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson]. Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Young Hattle (farmer); Robert Wood (butcher); R Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); John Crosby (baker); John Moor (ironmonger); William Alder (wine merchant); Robert Gibson (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Henry Robison (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); W M Euen (grocer).</p>	21 March 1859

			<p>Lunatic Asylum account: Dr Fluker, for removal of Jessie Lilley, of Berwick, to Dunstan Lodge Asylum and certificate of lunacy.  Common charges: Gas company; E Willoby (instalments of Exchequer loan); John Kelly (stonemason); Knight &amp; Co (stationers).  Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  Henry Simpson, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for marasmus, prescribed ½ pint port wine and ¼ lb arrowroot;  Catherine Macginley, of Church Street, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Joseph Beattie, of Golden Square, Berwick, for dentition, prescribed necessaries;  Patrick Casy, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for rheumatism, prescribed necessaries.  Weekly Medical Reports were presented.</p> <p>The following Medical Officers were appointed:  Andrew Morrison, for Tweedmouth District;  James Wilson, for Islandshire District;  John Paxton, for East Norhamshire District;  Matthew James Turnbull, for West Norhamshire District.  The Poor Law Board was to be informed that there were no medical gentlemen qualified according to the prescribed rules resident in the country districts of the Union.</p> <p>A letter from William Dickson stated that the Pauper County Lunatic Asylum at Cottingwood near Morpeth was open for patients.  A letter from Merthyr Tydfil Union, with a copy of a petition about county finance, requested the Guardians to present a similar petition. Consideration was deferred.  The tenders for provision and clothing for the Workhouse recommended by the Workhouse Committee were accepted.  The Guardians accepted the tender from the owners of Scremerston Colliery to supply Scremerston coals @ 9s 0d per ton.  A letter from William Denham of Tweedmouth complained that the Workhouse Committee had rejected his tender for the supply of coffins, even though his prices</p>	
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			were lower than the tender accepted. On a vote, the Guardians were equally divided, and the Chairman gave his casting vote to accept the tender of Francis Lough. The meeting was adjourned to the following week.	
Item	GBR 44/726-732	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 March 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: William Gibson; J Fleming [Joseph Fleming]; James Sanderson; A Thompson [Andrew Thompson]; R Cairns [Robert Cairns]. Ex-officio Guardian: George Hans Hamilton. Chairman: William Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected. Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Payments were ordered for: Robert Wood (butcher); John Crosby (baker); Robert Johnson &amp; Co (coal merchants); Peter Wilson (boot and shoemaker); John Richardson (boot and shoemaker); Henry Robison (farmer); William Cowe (grocer); Robert Gibson (farmer); John Davidson (grocer); John Young (grocer); W M Euen (grocer).</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: Durham County Asylum, for maintenance of William Bartrim, of Norham. Common charges: George Macaskie (printing and advertising); Thomas Melrose (stationery); E Willoby (postage); Joseph Scott and George Turner (postage); John Wilson (bookseller). Payment of salaries was ordered for: William Nesbit (schoolmaster); Isabella Nesbit (schoolmistress); Jane Mitchell (matron); Mary Harle (nurse); Thomas Harle (porter); James Trainer (hairdresser).</p> <p>School fees: Ancroft: Thomas Archbold. Berwick: R Moore; J White. Cornhill: T Moody; W Barratt. Felkington: J White.</p>	28 March 1859.

			<p>Horncliffe: Mrs Gibb; M Moor.          Kylee: J Reid; G A Turnbull.          Loanend: R Moore.          Norham: R Forsyth; C Smith.          Norham Mains: J Hay.          Shoreswood: J Wilson; W Tindle.          Tweedmouth: J Goodall; J Kirton; A Home; W Tindle; S Boak.          Union Poor: J Tocher; A Home; J Reed; Tait; W Barratt; T Archbold; J Kirton; G Davidson; R Forsyth; G A Turnbull.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.          Various quarterly and half-yearly accounts were presented.</p>	
Item	GBR 44/733-742	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 April 1859.	<p>Present at the meeting:          Guardians: George Smith; John Brown; William Gibson; Joseph Fleming; J Sanderson [James Sanderson]; R Cairens [Robert Cairens]; R Makins [Richard Makins]; John Burn; A Thompson [Andrew Thompson]; R Ramsey junior [Robert Ramsey]; A Mitchell [Andrew Mitchell]; D Cockburn [David Cockburn]; J Wilson [James Wilson].          Ex-officio Guardian: Reverend George Hans Hamilton.          Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert C Fluker]; Dr Paxton [John Paxton]; Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Dr Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull]; Dr Wilson [James Wilson].          Chairman: George Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the books of the Master and Relieving Officers had been inspected.          Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, George Turner and Joseph Scott, were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: C Garbutt, for maintenance of Jessie Lilley, of Berwick, in Dunstan Lodge Asylum; Samuel Kent, for maintenance of Mary Ann Temple, of Cornhill, in Gateshead Fell Asylum; T H Mitchell [Thomas Mitchell], for expenses of Mrs Mitchell [Jane Mitchell] in conveying Agnes Pringle to the asylum; Dr Kirkwood, for certificate of lunacy for Agnes Pringle.</p>	4 April 1859

		<p>Vaccination fees: R C Fluker; A Morrison; James Wilson.  Extra Medical fees: Dr Kirkwood; R C Fluker; A Morrison; J Paxton.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt of a precept from the County of Northumberland for the General Police Rate, at one farthing in the pound, and its apportionment by parish.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby (Clerk); George Turner and Joseph Scott (Relieving Officers); J M Meggison (Treasurer); A Kirkwood, R C Fluker, A Morrison, James Wilson, John Paxton and M J Turnbull (Medical Officers); T H Mitchell (Master of the Workhouse); John Thompson (Collector of Rates, Berwick); Joseph Scott (Assistant Overseer, Cornhill); George Dick (Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered:  Signed by Robert C Fluker:  William Burns, of Walis [sic] Lodgings, Chapel Street, Berwick, for dentition and cough, prescribed ½ pint port wine and ¼ lb arrowroot;  Mary Mullany, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for childbirth, prescribed necessaries;  Catherine Mohan, of Weatherly Square, Berwick, for injury to foot, prescribed necessaries;  Patrick Cannon, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for debility, prescribed necessaries;  Henry Simpson, of Hatters Lane, Berwick, for emaciation, prescribed ¼ lb arrowroot and ½ pint port wine;  Patrick Casy, of Ravensdowne, Berwick, for rheumatic pains, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Sommerville, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for debility, prescribed necessaries;  Margaret Fairnell, of Walkergate Lane, Berwick, for cough, prescribed necessaries.  Weekly Medical Returns were presented.</p> <p>The Guardians decided to prepare a petition on the subject of county finance, similar to the one circulated by Merthyr Tydfil Union.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that the Guardians should rent from Mr Cowe a garden lying to the east of the Workhouse, @ £9 per acre p.a., in place of the</p>	
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			<p>existing smaller garden which is more distant and costs c.£20 per acre p.a. The new garden would be sufficient to give employment to the inmates, especially the boys, and to produce potatoes and other vegetables for the Workhouse. Consent from the Town Council and the Poor Law Board was sought.</p> <p>A letter from William Dickson, Clerk to the Visitors of the new Lunatic Asylum at Cottingwood, stated that only pauper lunatics chargeable to the part of the Union lying within the county of Northumberland could be accommodated there at present.</p> <p>According to the Master's Indoor Relief List, the number of days chargeable to Union Poor for the last half-year was 2248, including a charge for vagrants of 469 days. Since many vagrants receive only one meal and no clothing, the number of days charged for them was reduced by three-quarters to 118 days.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Board approved the appointments of Messrs Morrison, Wilson, Paxton and Turnbull as Medical Officers until March 1860. The contracts were executed for Messrs Wilson and Turnbull, but Messrs Morrison and Paxton declined to sign their contracts on the ground that as possessors of Scotch degrees and diplomas they were entitled under the Medical Officers Act of 1858 to be considered as being permanently appointed for their districts. The opinion of the Poor Law Board was solicited The Medical Officers named their deputies.</p> <p>George Smith was thanked for his chairmanship of the Board during the past year.</p> <p>END OF VOLUME.</p>	