

GBR 38: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 38	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, from 7 July 1840 to 26 April 1842.	<p>[This is the earliest volume of the minute books of the Berwick Board of Guardians; there are no records for the period 1834-June 1840.]</p> <p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union:</p> <p>Guardians 1840/41: John Archbold (Twisel); Adam Bell (Tweedmouth); Nicholas Bell (Horncliff) [Horncliffe]; Ebenezer Black (Grindon); Robert Carr (Felkington, farmer); William Cleghorn (Norham Mains, farmer); Robert Crossman (Berwick, brewer); John Dodds (Berwick); Nathaniel Dodds (Shoreswood, farmer); John Edmeston [John Edminson] (Tweedmouth); James Elliott; Joseph Fleming (Berwick, carrier); Alexander Gillie [Alexander John Gillie] (Berwick, farmer); William Heron; Robert Hogarth (Ancroft, farmer of Scremerston); James Innes [James Henry Innes] (Berwick); Robert Johnson (Felkington); Joseph Laidler (Cornhill); Alexander Laing (Duddo, farmer); James Laing (Tweedmouth); Thomas Nesbitt [Thomas Nesbit] (Tweedmouth, farmer of Spittal Hall); James Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson Thornton, farmer]; John Oswald (Ancroft, farmer); William Richardson (Lonend [Loanend]); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer of Galagate); Adam Tait (Berwick); George Wood; George Young (Berwick); William Young.</p> <p>Guardians 1841/2: Nicholas Bell (Horncliff) [Horncliffe]; Ebenezer Black (Grindon); James Black (Cornhill, farmer); John Bone (Twisel [Twizell]); Robert Carr (Felkington, farmer); Robert Crossman (Berwick, brewer); John Dodds (Berwick); Nathaniel Dodds (Shoreswood); William Dunbar (Holy Island); John Edmeston [John Edminson] (Tweedmouth); Joseph Fleming (Berwick); Charles Forsythe (Berwick); Alexander Gillie [Alexander John Gillie] (Berwick); William Heron (Tweedmouth); James Innes [James Henry Innes] (Berwick); Joseph Laidler (Cornhill); Alexander Laing (Duddo); James Laing (Tweedmouth); George MacGregor (Ancroft); Thomas Nesbitt [Thomas Nesbit] (Tweedmouth, farmer of Spittal Hall); James Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson] (Thornton, farmer); John Paxton (Longridge); William Richardson (Lonend [Loanend]); Alexander Robertson (Tweedmouth); Thomas Rodger (Kylloe); James Rutherford (Ancroft); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer of Galagate); Adam Tait (Berwick); George Young (Berwick); William Young (Berwick).</p> <p>Guardians 1842/3: Nicholas Bell (Horncliff) [Horncliffe]; Ebenezer Black (Grindon); James Black</p>	7 July 1840 - 26 April 1842

			<p>(Cornhill, farmer); John Burn (Tweedmouth, farmer); George Carr (Duddo, farmer); Thomas Chartres (Berwick); Alexander Christison (Berwick, grocer); Henry Clarke (Berwick, physician); John Dodds (Berwick; William Elliott (Longridge); Charles Forsythe (Berwick); Charles Gilchrist [Charles L Gilchrist] (Berwick, grocer); Robert Johnson (Felkington); James Laing (Tweedmouth); Alexander Robinson Lowrey (Berwick, farmer); Richard Makins (Twisel, farmer); John McLeod (Norham Mains); Thomas Nesbitt [Thomas Nesbit] (Tweedmouth, farmer of Spittal Hall) ; James Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson] (Thornton, farmer); William Richardson (Lonend [Loanend]); Alexander Robertson (Tweedmouth); Alexander Smith (Norham, farmer of Galagate); Thomas Smith senior(Holy Island); Thomas Tait (Berwick); Nathaniel Woods (Shoreswood); George Young (Berwick).</p> <p>Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson, (Berwick); Andrew Morrison [Andrew Morison] (Islandshire); Mungo Park, (Norhamshire)</p> <p>Relieving Officers: John Anderson (Islandshire); James Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] (Berwick); William Dods (Norhamshire).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse: Daniel Morrison (1840-1841); Murdoch Morison (1841); John Purdie (1841 -)</p> <p>Clerks to the Board of Guardians: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby]</p> <p>The Parishes which comprised the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union were: Ancroft; Berwick; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliff [Horncliffe]; Kyloe; Lonend [Loanend]; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twisel [Twisel].</p> <p>[The page numbering of this volume is unconventional. A number is assigned to each pair of facing pages and individual pages are designated as Left (L) or Right (R), e.g. 2L and 2R. The volume ends with page 136L; 46 leaves are missing from the end of the volume.]</p>	
Item	GBR 38/1R-4L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 July 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Hogarth; Adam Bell; Adam Tait; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; James Laing; Thomas Nesbitt; John Oswald; William Young; Nicholas Bell. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Morrison [Andrew Morison]; Andrew Henderson. Chairman: Robert Hogarth.</p>	7 July 1840

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods], were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J & G Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef); John Young (groceries); D. Morrison [Daniel Morrison, Master of the Workhouse] (milk, vegetables, clothing); George Smith (drapery); Peter Jaffrey (blacksmith); Thomas Cockburn (slater); J. B. Atkinson (teasing oakum).</p> <p>Notices of marriage were read for: Joseph Fleming Cockburn and Elizabeth Manners; Mark Rutherford and Ann Allan.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for: John Marshall, of Cornhill.</p> <p>A letter for Donald Sinclair, Auditor, was recorded with a note on the consumption of oatmeal.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: the Clerks, W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby]; the Auditor, Donald Sinclair; the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson, Anderson and Dods; the Medical Officers, Andrew Henderson, Andrew Morison and Mungo Park; the Master of the Workhouse, Daniel Morrison.</p> <p>Permission was given for John Fenton, a poor boy of Berwick, to be apprenticed to William Moffat, tailor of Wooler.</p> <p>In response to a letter from Alexander Murdoch, of Magdalen Fields House, on behalf of ministers officiating at the Workhouse on Sunday evenings, the Workhouse Committee was directed to discuss the admission of the aged and infirm of the locality to those services.</p> <p>Following an assertion by Mr. Gillie [Alexander Gillie] that several jurymen, from the coroner's inquest on Robert Wylie, could testify to evidence given by Thomas McEwen that Wylie had died after receiving no breakfast because he was unable to break stones, it was agreed that a special committee, of Adam Tait, James Innes and Thomas Nesbitt, should investigate the matter at a meeting with the jurymen on 8 July and that their findings should be published in the press.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/4L-7R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 July 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Robert Hogarth; Adam Bell; Adam Tait; James H Innes [James Henry Innes]; James Laing; Alexander Smith; William Young. Medical Officers: Andrew Morrison [Andrew Morison] Chairman: Robert Hogarth</p>	21 July 1840

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J & G Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef etc.); John Young (groceries); Daniel Morrison [Master of the Workhouse] (milk etc, vegetables, 2 night stools, wages); Robert Sanderson (coals); George Dick (barley); John Main (tailor); Atkinson (old rope, coffin for a Lowick pauper); Joseph Gibson (masonwork).</p> <p>Notice of Marriage was read for Mark Rutherford and Ann Allan.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Jane Logan (Tweedmouth).</p> <p>Payment was ordered for maintenance of James Younger of Ancroft, in the Blind Asylum in Edinburgh.</p> <p>It was resolved that admission to Sunday evening services at the Workhouse should be extended to residents of the neighbourhood, on the understanding that this was primarily to benefit the aged and infirm and was subject to the availability of space for the workhouse residents.</p> <p>A report was received from the special committee appointed to investigate an assertion of Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie] about evidence given by Thomas McEwan to the coroner's jury investigating the death of Robert Wylie. The jurors had denied that they heard evidence that Wylie had not received breakfast because he was unable to break stones. The jurors were Thomas Cockburn, David Purves, George Rutherford, Thomas W. Tait, John Hamilton, Thomas Marshall, Robert Thompson; Andrew McCall; [Robert Corre]; Robert Lumsden; John Fender; Robert Sanderson; James Hattle. A copy of the proceedings was sent to the two Berwick newspapers, but the editor of the Warder [Berwick and Kelso Warder] indicated that it could not be included. Letters were read from the Poor Law Board and Sir John Walsham concerning the mis-statement in the Berwick & Kelso Warder about the death of Robert Wylie.</p> <p>A letter was read from A.S. Smith, schoolteacher of the workhouse, in which he suggested that the morale and behaviour of the children in the workhouse would be improved if they were allowed more periods of freedom on weekday evenings, and that their attendance at Sunday church services should be achieved by incentives rather than compulsion. The School Committee were directed to consider the matter,</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of	Present at the meeting:	4 Aug.

	38/7R-9L	Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 August 1840	<p>Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Robert Johnson; William Young; Jas. H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; Robert Hogarth; Adam Tait; John Edmeston; Alexander Laing; Joseph Fleming; James Laing; William Cleghorn. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J and G Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef etc.) John Young (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); Daniel Morrison [Workhouse Master] (milk etc., vegetables, brooms, wages); John Main (tailor); John Paxton (drapery); George Smith (drapery). Funeral expenses were ordered for: John Bell of Berwick; Stephen Graham of Berwick; John McDonald of Tweedmouth; Alice Murray of Berwick; Ann Brown of Berwick. Permission was given for Alexander Liddle, a poor boy of Shoreswood, to be apprenticed to William Marshall, tanner of Berwick.</p> <p>The report of the School Committee (Guardians Dodds, Hogarth, Innes Johnson and Young) on the letter of A. S. Smith, Schoolmaster was presented. It accepted Smith's suggestion that children should have two hours freedom daily, and recommended that the boys should wear a yellow band in their caps. It opposed any change in how children went to and from church. The Committee further recommended that the school should be examined at 10.00a.m. the next week with the following ministers invited to attend: Barnes; Crichton; Grant [William Grant, Minister of Scotch Church, Tweedmouth]; Murdoch; Kirkwood; also Mr. Drummond.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Committee for the immediate whitewashing of the Workhouse were approved.</p>	1840
Item	GBR 38/9R-1R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 August 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; John Dodds; William Richardson; Robert Johnson; Joseph Laidler]; Robert Hogarth; John Oswald. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morrison [Andrew Morison]. Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p>	18 Aug. 1840

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; Anderson [John Anderson] and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J & G Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef etc); John Young (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); George Smith (clothing); Daniel Morrison, [Workhouse Master] (milk, vegetables, wages and whitening); J. B Atkinson (conveyance of runaways from Wooler and teasing oakum).</p> <p>Funeral expenses were paid for Margaret Baton of Berwick; Margaret Greshan, Berwick; John Crawford, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A very positive report on the examination by A. Kirkwood, Minister; William Grant, Minister of the Scotch Church, Tweedmouth; and R. Drummond, Teacher, of the parochial school under the superintendence of Mr. Smith was entered, and directed to be inserted in the Berwick newspapers.</p> <p>A letter from Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner], dated 31 July 1840 from Tynemouth was recorded. In it Walsham refers to his visit to Berwick the previous Monday, his conversation with Sinclair [Donald Sinclair, Auditor]; his satisfaction with the general management of the workhouse; his sole concern being the upbringing of the girls, the work of Mrs. Morrison [matron] and recommending the appointment of a schoolmistress to the workhouse establishment, and suggesting a possible salary of £10 to £15 per annum with rations. This letter and the Board's Standing Orders were referred to the Workhouse committee.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/11R- 15L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 September 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; Robert Johnson; Robert Hogarth; Robert Crossman; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Laing. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson]; Andrew Morison [Andrew Morrison] Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers, Messrs. Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; Anderson [John Anderson]; and Dods [William Dods], were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J. & G. Crosby (bread); George Darling</p>	1 Sept. 1840

			<p>(beef &c.); John Young (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk &c., vegetables; clothing wages; sand and sweeping chimneys); D.A. Lamb (plumberwork); John Drummond (smith work); Berwick Corporation (register office water sprig up to 25.3.1840); S Steven (wire frames); Dods (coffin for Agnes Clark of Ford).</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Jane Emery of Kyloe; William Anderson and Jane Shiel of Ancroft; Weston McConochie and Jane Brown's child of Berwick and Isabella Orkney of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The proposed Standing Orders prepared by the Workhouse Committee from examples provided by Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] were recorded.</p> <p>The Clerk [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] advised the Board that a new order regarding outdoor relief came into effect that day, and also read a letter from Walsham regarding Outrelief. The relieving officers were required to provide details at the next meeting of those paupers affected by the new order.</p> <p>A circular from the Poor Law Commission on the vaccination of pauper children was recorded.</p> <p>The lowest tenders for whitewashing the workhouse were accepted, being from James Thompson and John and James Brown.</p> <p>A paper on calculating new averages for the Union, prepared by the clerk on Walsham's instructions was approved.</p> <p>A letter from A.S.Smith [Workhouse schoolmaster] threatening to apply for a post at Lowick was received, and referred for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/15R- 17R	Minutes of Berwick Board of guardians meeting held on 15 September 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Johnson; Adam Tait; James Laing; George Wood; Alexander Smith; William Young; John Dodds; Robert Crossman; Thomas Nesbitt; Adam Bell; John Edmeston; William Heron. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison [Andrew Morrison] Chairman: Joseph Fleming</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; Anderson [John Anderson]; and Dods [William Dods] were presented and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were paid for Archbold Murray, James Thompson and Major Wilson all of Berwick.</p>	15 Sept. 1840

			<p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J. & G. Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef &c.); John Young (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); George Oswald (barley); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk &c., vegetables; clothing wages); John Main (tailor); W.R. Bustin (advertisements); Mrs. Richardson [Catherine Richardson, proprietor, Berwick Advertiser], (advertisements); John Paxton (scouring cloth).</p> <p>Lunatic maintenance accounts were paid for: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick; Jane Leith, Berwick; George Davidson, Tweedmouth; Edward Young, Norham; Robert Frizzle, Felkington.</p> <p>Maintenance was paid for John Swinhoe, a dumb boy of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Board considered the Schoolmaster's letter received at the previous meeting and resolved not to relieve him of the duty of escorting the children to church. A further letter had been received from Mr. Smith [A.S. Smith, schoolmaster] offering to provide a substitute –Smith to be informed that this to be considered at the meeting on 13th October.</p> <p>A letter from Donald Sinclair, Superintendent Registrar regarding the Registry Office was received. Guardians Fleming, Young and Dodds were appointed a committee to inspect and report on this.</p> <p>The medical officers were requested to state the payment required for vaccination contracts. The workhouse committee were required to obtain tenders for the next six months. The tender of Thompson and Brown for plastering the passage was accepted. The relieving officers made payments for the first week of the Christmas Quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/18L- 22L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians Meeting held on 29 September 1840	<p>Present at the Meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Joseph Fleming; John Dodds; Robert Johnson; Adam Tait; George Young. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park. Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs. Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods], were presented, and the payments as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded, including charges for the relief of 524 vagrants in the quarter, 343 to Berwick and 191 to Tweedmouth.</p>	29 Sept. 1840

		<p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: J & G Crosby (bread); George Darling (beef &c.); John Young (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); Daniel Morrison [Master of the Workhouse] (milk &c, vegetables, clothing wages); John Turner (hatter); George Smith (bonnet). Establishment payments were made to the following:</p> <p>A. S. Smith, teacher; Patrick Hogg, porter; John Home, barber; George Backseat Rent; Daniel Cameron, painting; Wilson & Co. books &c.; Ralph Thompson, joiner; Alexander Moor, ironmonger; John Pareton; Thompson & Brown, plasterers; and Thomas Atkinson, cooper. £12.10.0 was paid to Atkinson for the quarterly rent of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Notice of marriage was read for Joseph Augustus Chamberlain and Margaret Innes.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for: Alexander White, Norham.</p> <p>The Clerk [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] laid before the meeting the new averages for the various parishes sent by Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] and was instructed to apportion charges accordingly and make up the quarterly accounts and abstract.</p> <p>Tenders for goods were presented by the Workhouse Committee and approved by the Board with the proviso that the butcher [George Darling] and the baker [Anderson] should provide security for the due performance of their contracts:</p> <p>John Young - raw sugar @ 88/- per cwt.; tobacco & snuff @ 3/8 per lb; pepper @ 1/1 per lb; salt @ 3/- per cwt.; soap @ 53/6 per cwt; soda [no price given]</p> <p>Messrs. Weatherhead and Son – black tea @ 5/- per lb; coffee @ 1/10 per lb; candles moulds @ 7/6 per dozen lbs.; candles dips @ 6/6 per dozen lbs.; pins @ 1/6 per lb</p> <p>William Marshall – Leather Welt /shoulders @ ½ per lb;</p> <p>Leather Crop Batts 26 each; leather free from cuts @ 1/5¾ per lb ; black bellies @ 1/3 per lb.</p> <p>Stephen Scott – coals @ 7/9 per ton.</p> <p>James Balmer – wine and spirits;</p> <p>James Robertson – coffins 2 to 5 feet (Berwick) 5/6; coffins 5 feet and upwards (Berwick) 10/6; coffins 2 to 5 feet (Tweedmouth) 6/4; coffins 5 feet and upwards 11/4.</p> <p>Alexander Moor – long dusters No. 4 @ 2/6 each; shovel No. 6 @ 1/1 each; combs small teethed @ 2/9 per dozen; combs dressing @ 1/9 per dozen</p> <p>Messrs. Wilson & Co. - quills @ 1/8 per 100; post paper @ 11/- per ream; ink @ 6d. per quart</p> <p>James Jaffray – steel pens @ 6/- per gross</p> <p>John Paxton – white calico 7/8 @ 4d per yard; brown calico 9/8 @ 5½d per yard; brown calico 7/8 @ 4d per yard; blue flannel @ 1/5 per yard; white flannel @ 1/2 ½ per yard; tweeled flannel @ 1/3 per yard; tapes No. 13,17 & 25 @ 1/6, 1/10 and 2/6 per dozen; buttons shirtneck @ 4d per gross</p> <p>George Smith – blue druggat @ 1/1¾ per yard; canvas for aprons @ 6d per yard.</p> <p>John Main – Men's suit with short coat @ 24/-; Men's suit with round jacket @ 21/6; boys dress</p>	
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Item	GBR 38/22L- 26L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held 13	<p>Present at the meeting:</p> <p>Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner]</p> <p>Guardians: Thomas Nesbit; William Young; Robert Hogarth; William Richardson; John Edmeston; Adam Tait; James H Innes [James Henry Innes]; John Dodds; Nicholas Bell; Adam Bell; Robert</p>	13 Oct. 1840

		<p>October 1840</p>	<p>Crossman; William Heron. Medical Officer: Andrew Henderson Chairman: Joseph Fleming</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson]; Anderson [John Anderson]; and Dods [William Dods] were presented and payments ordered for out-relief and maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); Robert Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Daniel Morrison [Master of the Workhouse] (milk, fish, white bread, vegetables, clothing wages, sweep & chimneys); John Gilroy (potatoes); James Turnbull (oatmeal); Atkinson (old rope); W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby, Clerks] (Union postage); Andrew Reid (Register Office book); George Tompkins (Register Office book).</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for: Alexander Watson of Norham; Eleanor Ford of Berwick.</p> <p>A report from the Auditor, Donald Sinclair, noting that the Treasurer owed interest of £4.5.10, was recorded.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: W & E Willoby; Donald Sinclair; J B Atkinson; John Anderson; William Dods; Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park; Daniel Morrison.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded, including the registration accounts of Atkinson, Anderson and Dods.</p> <p>The payment of the third instalment of the Exchequer loan due 31 Oct., together with annual interest was ordered.</p> <p>In response to Mr Smith's[schoolmaster] letter, read at the previous meeting, the Board resolved to accept Mr. Smith's resignation, and to consider the filling of his post at the next meeting.</p> <p>Henderson reported to the Board that Rev. Mr. Smith, the Catholic Minister, when attending a casual pauper in the workhouse, had alleged (but later retracted) that the pauper had not received proper medical care. The Clerk was ordered to write to Rev. Smith requesting him to limit himself to his religious duties when visiting inmates of the workhouse.</p> <p>With reference to repairs to the Register Office, Sinclair was to obtain estimates and get the work done.</p> <p>The Poor Law Commissioners' order regarding guardians' election expenses was considered and as a result W & E Willoby were paid £10 for conducting the elections and an additional £9.5.10 for</p>	
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			<p>the contested election at Berwick. The clerks were instructed to circulate handbills for 40 bolls of potatoes. The overseers of Berwick were instructed to get filiation orders on the fathers of the children of Jane Heslop, Jane Greenwood and Grace Milne.</p> <p>The times and places at which the Medical Officers would conduct vaccinations were fixed: Henderson: his own residence in Berwick and the Workhouse Morrison: his own residence in Tweedmouth; Unthank Colliery; Cheswick New Inn; Lamb Inn; Fenwick; Holy Island. Park: his own residence in Norham; the Folly; Duddo; Twisel Toll Bar; Cornhill; Velvet Hall; Horncliffe.</p> <p>John Weatherly's tender of £1.1.10 ½ for printing the Standing Orders was accepted. The overseers of Tweedmouth were empowered to proceed against the authorities at Ayton parish for refusing to pass Jessie Wilson to her place of settlement.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/26L- 29L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 October 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Laing; Thomas Nesbit; John Oswald; Robert Hogarth; Adam Tait; George Young; William Young; James Laing. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Morison Chairman: Alexander Laing</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. A majority of guardians signed an order upon William Moor for the maintenance of his illegitimate child. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R. Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables; sand etc.); John Gilroy (potatoes); James Balmer (porter); John Main (clothing wages); Catherine Richardson (insurance); Thomas Allison (lamp rate etc, register office, workhouse road cess); W. R. Bustin (balance); William Smith & co. (old rope); J.B Atkinson (teas, oakum). The clerks were ordered to seek permission from the poor Law Commissioners to pay out relief to Isabella Tait, 4 years and Robert Dodds 14 months, illegitimate children whose mother is dead,</p>	27 Oct. 1840

			<p>now living with their grandmother out of the Union. The sole tender for potatoes from Mr. Mather Sanderson was accepted, and arrangements for delivery fixed.</p> <p>The Matron [Mrs. Morrison] reported violent conduct of the boys and the 2 oldest, McNally and Hopkins were punished with solitary confinement for 24 hours, to be repeated until they promised better behaviour.</p> <p>The terms of agreement between the Union and its Medical Officers were set out and agreed, and the clerks were required to send a copy to the Poor Law Commissioners requesting that it be used in all contracts made in the Berwick union, until further notice. A decision about the appointment of a schoolmaster to succeed Mr. Smith was deferred to the next meeting due to small numbers of guardians present.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/29R- 31L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 November 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; Thomas Nesbit; John Oswald; Adam Bell; John Edmeston; Alexander Laing; Robert Hogarth; Adam Tait; James Laing; Joseph Fleming. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison. Chairman: [Alexander Laing]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R. Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables; brooms & straw.); John Main (tailor); John Ramsey (painting Register Office); John Weatherly (printing). A notice of marriage was read for Thomas Harriot Tait and Margaret Lilley. A letter from Sir John Waltham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] gave permission for the payment of out relief to Isabella Tait and Robert Dodds .</p> <p>A weekly allowance of 2/6 was ordered from Berwick parish for Robert Gracie, a labourer, and his wife Isabella [Isabella Gracie] on receipt of a medical certificate from Andrew Henderson that Gracie was unable to work due to rheumatic fever.</p>	10 Nov. 1840

			<p>A letter from the Poor Law commissioners approved the form of contract under the Vaccination Act.</p> <p>The guardians considered the appointment of a successor to Mr. Smith, schoolmaster, and prepared the advertisement to be placed in the Berwick Advertiser, the Warder, the North British Advertiser and the Kelso Mail. The following were requested to examine the candidates on 21st December 1840: Rev. Mr. Murdoch [Alexander Murdoch]; Rev. Mr. Grant [William Grant, minister of Scotch Church, Tweedmouth]; Mr. Drummond, and the guardians would appoint their selection at the meeting on 22 December 1840.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/31L-33R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 November 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Adam Bell; Robert Hogarth; James R. Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Alexander Smith; William Richardson; Nicholas Bell; Adam Tait. Medical Officers: Andrew Morrison; Andrew Henderson Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R. Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott 9coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables; shoemaker's wages; schoolmistress); James Turnbull (oatmeal); Mather Sanderson (potatoes); James Balmer (porter); Miss Clark (bonnet); John Main (clothes); Alexander Moor (needles and thimbles, dusters and shovels,); George Smith (drugget); Robert Cairens (yarns); John Breton (drapery) David Gibson (rent of register office).</p> <p>Permission was given for William Wilson and John Murray, both of Berwick, to be apprenticed as tailors to Robert Richardson of Chatton and Robert Henry of Lowick respectively. Notices of marriage were read for: Thomas Harriot Tait and Margaret Lilley; Alexander Wilson and Jane Anderson; William Logan and Isabella Phillips. Funeral expenses were ordered for Hannah Curry of Ancroft and Elizabeth Fulton or Berwick. Medical certificates were recorded for the following, for whom relief was ordered: Mary Moffat, age 28, bondager at Linthaugh recovering from Typhus Fever by James Logan Linthaugh. Alice Allison of Holy Island recovering from an affection of the lungs, but too weak for employment, by Andrew Morrison;</p>	24 Nov. 1840

			<p>Grace Carr [parish omitted from record] suffering from an affection of her hands, by Andrew Morrison; John Ainslie, an outdoor patient of the Berwick Dispensary, by Andrew Henderson; William Taylor suffering from severe indisposition, by Dr. A. Cahill.</p> <p>The board saw and reprimanded several boys reported by the Matron [Mrs. Morrison] for misconduct in the workhouse and running away from the schoolmaster when going to chapel. McNelly and Hopkins were placed in solitary confinement for 24 hours and the matron was permitted to repeat the punishment after 12 hours if thought necessary.</p> <p>In response to a letter from the Poor Law Commissioners objecting to the use of Inns as vaccination stations and suggesting weekly rather than monthly attendances – the guardians declined to make any alterations to the contract.</p> <p>Mr. Kirton Junior appeared before the board and was given notice that he, his mother and family should vacate their house forthwith as it was intended for the schoolmaster. Kirton agreed to comply within a week.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/33R- 35L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 December 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Robert Hogarth; Alexander Smith; William Young; George Young; Thomas Nesbit; James Laing; George Wood; William Cleghorn; Adam Tait; Nicholas Bell. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Robert Hogarth</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); George Oswald (barley); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk, fish etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages, sweeping chimneys, schoolmistress), Wilson and Co.(books etc., books for Register Office); John Paxton (scouring flannel); George Redpath (repairs for Register Office safe etc.); Thomas Chartres (lock etc. for Register Office safe); Thomas Atkinson (old rope); Daniel Cameron (painting for school).</p>	8 Dec. 1840

			<p>Notices of marriage were read for: Alexander Wilson and Jane Anderson; William Logan and Isabella Phillips.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for William Taylor of Berwick; John Dawson of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Relieving Officers were ordered to pay accounts for the maintenance of lunatics: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick; Jane Leith, Berwick; George Davidson, Tweedmouth; Edward Young, Norham; Robert Frizzle, Felkington.</p> <p>A medical certificate from Mungo Park was recorded and relief ordered for Joseph Paxton of Horncliffe, age 65, unable to work due to incontinence of urine and general debility.</p> <p>The receipt of testimonials for the following candidates for the post of schoolmaster were recorded: G. B. Hepburn, Edinburgh; George Logan, Ayton; William Trotter, Eyemouth; David White, Paxton; Robert Donaldson, Holy island; James Sheriff, Unthank. Decided that all candidates should attend for examination at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 21 December. The Rev. James Barnes and Dr. Balmer [Robert Balmer] were requested to join the examination panel.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/35R-38L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 December 1840	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; James Laing; Robert Hogarth; William Heron; James Elliott; John Edmeston; William Richardson; Adam Bell; John Oswald; George Wood; Thomas Nesbit. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded, including that 306 vagrants had been relieved in the quarter, 169 chargeable to Tweedmouth and 137 to Berwick, which parishes were charged.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Mary Aitchison, Ancroft; a sailor, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); James Turnbull (oatmeal); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk, vegetables, shoemaker's wages etc. wages etc.); John Main (tailor); W. R. Bustin (advertising); Mrs. Richardson [Catherine Richardson, proprietor Berwick Advertiser] (advertising); James Jaffray (stationery); Alexander S. Smith (quarter salary); Patrick Hogg (porter); John Home (barber); George Back (seat rent); J.B. Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson, Relieving Officer Berwick] (¼ workhouse rent to Berwick parish); W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby, Clerks to the Union] (Union postages and</p>	22 Dec. 1840

			<p>official circulars); Wilson & co.(vaccination books etc). Ordered that the Clerks prepare the quarterly accounts and abstracts and charge the parishes with their share of the £1000 loan repayment to the Exchequer. The overseers of Tweedmouth ordered to obtain a filiation order for the father of Elizabeth Moffat's child.</p> <p>The examining committee, Robert Balmer; Alexander Murdoch; William Grant; G Gardiner; R Drummond reported that having examined the three candidates for the schoolmaster post, by a majority recommend the appointment of George Logan of Ayton, which recommendation was accepted and Logan appointed, to commence 4 January 1841.</p> <p>As Mrs. Kirton continued to occupy the Schoolmaster's house, she appeared before the Board and was told that the Board would rent a house for her until Whitsuntide 1842 provided she moved by the following Monday. Should she refuse, the School Committee were empowered to rent a house and to take steps to have Mrs. Kirton removed.</p> <p>In the case of the removal of John Downey from Preston Lancashire to Norham, the Board considered that the expenses claimed by the Preston overseers had been unnecessarily incurred and the question of payment should be referred to the Poor Law Commissioners; further that the petulant language in the letters of the general assistant overseer of the Preston Union, Mr. Dixon, should be referred to the Poor Law Commissioners.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were instructed to advertise and receive tenders for beef and bread for the next quarter, and also for 30 sacks of oatmeal. Payments were made to the relieving officers.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/38R- 40R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 January 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; Alexander Smith; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; James Laing; John Dodds; George Wood; Thomas Nesbit. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	5 Jan. 1841

			<p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Isabella Watson, John Drummond and Catharine Murray all of Berwick.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); James Turnbull (oatmeal); James Balmer (brandy etc.) Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages etc. sand, brooms etc.); John Main (clothing); Shaw & sons (vaccination bills).</p> <p>The report of the Auditor, Donald Sinclair, noting interest due from the treasurer, was recorded.</p> <p>Salary cheques were issued in respect of: W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby] Clerks; Donald Sinclair, Auditor; J. B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Relieving Officer; John Anderson, Relieving Officer; William Dods, Relieving Officer; Andrew Henderson, Medical Officer; Andrew Morison, Medical Officer; Mungo Park, Medical Officer; Daniel Morrison.</p> <p>A report of the Workhouse Committee held on 4 January 1841, attended by John Dodds and William Young, was tabled, recommending the acceptance of the tender of Miss Anderson (bread) and William Rutherford (oatmeal), but referring to the full board George Darling's tender (beef) as too dear. The Board accepted the recommendations, and empowered the Workhouse Committee to purchase beef at its discretion.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Commission was read in which they approved the vaccination contracts, but recommended that there should be a general daily attendance at Henderson's residence. The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Guardians considered existing provision adequate, but if not, would provide for daily attendance in the next contract.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/41L- 42R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 January 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Adam Tait; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Nesbit; Robert Hogarth; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; Adam Bell; William Young; John Oswald; William Heron. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park; Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	19 Jan. 1841

			<p>A notice of marriage was read for James Hand and Elizabeth Wilkinson. Funeral expenses were ordered for William Scott and George McKay both of Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages, schoolmistress's wages etc.); William H Rowland (plumber work); William Henderson (carpenter work); William Weatherstone (slate work); James Thompson & co. (colouring); David Hutton (repairs to Registrar's office). The relieving officers presented registration accounts for which they were paid. A medical certificate from Mungo Park was recorded for Joseph Park, Labourer of Norham, suffering from severe fever, and relief ordered.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write again to the Poor Law Commission regarding the Overseers of Norham's objection to paying expenses to the overseers of Preston in the case of John Downey and family.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/43L- 44R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 February 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Joseph Fleming; Adam Tait; James R Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Adam Bell; James Laing; George Young; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; James Elliott. Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Morison; Andrew Henderson. Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Notices of marriage were read for: James Hand and Elizabeth Wilkinson; and Thomas Bolton and Mary Ann Smith. Funeral expenses were ordered for : Elizabeth Richardson, Margaret Haggerston, Hamilton McLaughlan's child, and Ann Murray, all of Berwick; and Andrew Armstrong of Tweedmouth. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); William Rutherford (oatmeal); James Balmer (wine) Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages etc., schoolmistress's wages, 4 ticks chaff). A letter from the Poor Law Commission approving the vaccination contract for Mr. Henderson was</p>	2 Feb. 1841

			<p>recorded. The Clerk was instructed to inform Park, Henderson and Morison that the vaccination contracts ended at 25 March.</p> <p>The Workhouse Master required shoes for workhouse inmates, and the Workhouse Committee were instructed to examine the shoe stock, and purchase what was necessary.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/44R- 46L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 February 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Ebenezer Black; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; William Heron; John Dodds; Alexander Smith; William Richardson; John Edmeston; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; George Wood; Nicholas Bell; Alexander Laing; John Oswald. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. A notice of marriage was read for Thomas Bolton and Mary Ann Smith Funeral expenses were ordered for Robert Wallace of Kyoel and Margaret Strother of Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker etc. old rope etc., schoolmistress etc.); John Main (tailor); William Marshall (leather); D. A. Lamb (glazing etc.); James Jaffray (binding books etc.); John Drummond (smith work); Joseph Gibson (mason work).</p> <p>An order was made to pay maintenance for James Younger, pauper of Ancroft and inmate of the Blind Asylum Edinburgh, to be charged as outrelief.</p> <p>The overseers of Berwick were ordered to proceed against Joseph Brown to compel him to support his wife Jane Brown, presently an inmate of the workhouse.</p> <p>The relieving officers were appointed to assist the clerk with the election of Guardians for the next year.</p>	16 Feb. 1841
Item	GBR 38/46L-	Minutes of Berwick Board of	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander John Gillie; Adam Bell; James Laing; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Smith;</p>	2 March 1841

	48R	Guardians meeting held on 2 March 1841	<p>George Young; Joseph Fleming. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park; Andrew Morison. Chairman: Alexander Smith. Assistant Poor Law Commissioner: Sir John Walsham</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Notice of marriage was read for John Dixon and Catharine Bell. Funeral expenses were ordered for James Patterson Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); Mather Sanderson (potatoes) Stephen Scott (coals); James Balmer (porter); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages, sand whitening etc.); John Main (tailor); Grindlay Weir (4 pair shoes); J. B. Atkinson (coffin for Phillis Nicholson and a further coffin, 41 yards scouring cloth, poor rate workhouse, poor rate register officer); John Weatherly (printing coal tickets); Dr. Henderson (rupture bandage); William Dods (coffin for vagrant's child). The clerk reported that Medical Officers should be appointed at the next meeting, and that provision contracts would shortly expire. The workhouse committee were instructed to advertise for tenders, and with regard to meat, specifying that most suitable.</p> <p>The workhouse committee to consider whether the indoor poor should make straw ropes for Mr. Guthrie of the Helen Iron Works who would provide the straw.</p> <p>Sir John Walsham informed the Board that it was possible to apply for a reduction in the rate of interest payable to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, and the Clerk was instructed to apply for the necessary forms.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/48L-50R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 March 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; William Heron; Adam Tait; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; James R. Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Robert Hogarth; John Archbold; Alexander Laing; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; Ebenezer Black; James Elliott; Nicholas Bell; George Young; John Edmeston; John Dodds; Adam Bell; George Wood; Alexander Smith; James Laing; William Cleghorn; Robert Crossman; Joseph Fleming; Thomas Nesbit; John Oswald.</p>	16 March 1841

			<p>Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Morrison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Notices of marriage were read for John Dixon and Catharine Bell; William Chapman and Jane Bell. Funeral expenses were ordered for Charlotte Young, Ancroft; Elizabeth English's child, Ancroft; James Wallace, Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); George Oswald (barley); Daniel Morrison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker wages, brooms, schoolmistress 4 weeks wages); Alexander Meikle (4 pairs shoes); Alexander Melrose (4 pair shoes); John Main (wages); Blackett Atkinson (lettering board for register office); James Jaffray (books for school etc.); Thomas Wale (smith work); Corporation of Berwick (1 year rent workhouse); Alexander Moor (ironmongery); William Dods (coffin for Robert Rosebrough, Alnwick); Ralph Thompson (coal boxes etc.). Expenses were ordered for the maintenance of the following lunatics: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick; Jane Leith, Berwick; George Davidson, Tweedmouth; Edward Young, Norham; Robert Frizzle, Felkington. The following tenders were awarded: John Morton (beef, mutton); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (Sugar, Tea, Coffee, salt, Candles); Robert Weatherhead & Son (Tobacco, snuff, soap, soda); Robert Sanderson (coals); George Smith (muslin, calico, linen tape); John Paxton (calico, flannel, canvas); Charles Forsythe (drugget, buttons, combs); Robert Canens (Yarn); John Main (tailoring); James Jaffray (stationery); Francis Lough (Coffins), and Morton and Anderson were required to provide security. Four weeks sick relief was ordered for Thomas Elliott, pauper of Felkington on a medical certificate. The following medical officers were appointed: Andrew Henderson (Berwick district); Andrew Morison (Tweedmouth district); Mungo Park (Norhamshire District). Vaccination contract terms were to be considered at the next meeting of the board.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/51L-	Minutes of Berwick Board of	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Robert Crossman; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Smith; William Heron;	22 March 1841

	51R	Guardians Special meeting held on 22 March 1841	<p>William Cleghorn; John Dodds; James Laing; James H. Innes [James Henry Innes]; Joseph Fleming; William Young; George Young; Robert Hogarth Medical Officers: none Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds]</p> <p>Notices of marriage were read for: John Dixon and Catharine Bell; William Chapman and Jane Bell; Thomas Trotter and Isabella Skeene. Following the death of Morrison [Daniel Morrison] master of the workhouse, arrangements were made for appointing his successor at a salary of £50 per annum, and an advertisement prepared for insertion in newspapers. Candidates would be examined and a successor appointed on 13 April 1841. The guardians further resolved that the master and matron must be of the protestant religion.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/52L- 55L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 March 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Alexander Smith; William Young; James Henry Innes; Robert Crossman; John Dodds; Charles Forsythe; Robert Carr; Alexander Laing; James Laing; William Heron; Alexander Robertson; George McGregor; William Dunbar; Adam Tait; Nicholas Bell; John Edminson; John Paxton. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park. Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds was appointed chairman and Adam Tait Vice Chairman for the next year. The Clerk made the return of the guardians for the following year: Berwick: James Henry Innes; William Young; Adam Tait; George Young; Robert Crossman; John Dodds; Charles Forsythe; Alexander John Gillie; Joseph Fleming Tweedmouth: James Laing; Thomas Nesbit; John Edminson; William Heron; Alexander Robertson. Kyloe: Thomas Rodger. Ancroft: James Rutherford; George MacGregor. Holy Island: William Dunbar. Lonend: William Richardson. Horncliff: Nicholas Bell. Longridge: John Paxton. Thornton: James R. Richardson. Shoreswood: Nathaniel Dodds. Felkington: Robert Carr. Duddo: Alexander Laing. Norham: Alexander Smith. Grindon: Ebenezer Black. Twisel: John Bone. Cornhill: Joseph Laidler.</p> <p>The following were appointed to be the workhouse Committee and the finance committee for the following year: Innes; William Young; Tait; George Young; Crossman; Dodds; Forsythe; Gillie Fleming; Nesbit; Edminson; Robertson. The following were appointed the School Committee: Smith; Alexander Laing; James Laing; Heron; Innes.</p>	30 March 1841

		<p>The standing orders were read to the board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Porter's book showed 308 vagrants had been relieved, 189 chargeable to Berwick; 119 to Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for Thomas Trotter and Isabella Skeene.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were paid for Janet Wilson of Tweedmouth, and George Douglass and Elizabeth Douglass both of Berwick</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: George Darling (beef); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] & Son (groceries); Stephen Scott (coals); Mrs Morrison [Workhouse Matron] (Milk etc; vegetables; shoemakers wages; Schoolmistress' wages; sweeping chimneys); John Main (clothing); Wilson & Co. (paper); George Logan (¼ salary); Patrick Hogg (¼ porter salary); John Home (barber salary); George Back (¼ seat rent) J.B. Atkinson (rent of workhouse to Parish of Berwick); Charles Knight & Co (Official circulars); Donald Sinclair (coal and candles for register office).</p> <p>Terms were set with the medical officers for renewal of vaccination contracts at 1/6d for each successful vaccination.</p> <p>It was resolved that the Workhouse Committee meet on 7th April at 2pm to examine the testimonials of the candidates for Master and Matron of the workhouse, and on 13th April at 10am to examine the candidates and to report on both to Board meeting on 13 April.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Commissioners stated that the Board should apply to the Lords of the Treasury seeking a reduction in the interest on the exchequer loan, and the clerks were instructed to prepare the necessary memorial.</p> <p>Hours of Board meetings were fixed as follows – until 29 September to begin at 1.45pm, and for the remainder of the Board year 10.30am.</p> <p>The Overseers of Berwick were ordered to seek an affiliation order on the father of Mary Wilson's child.</p>	
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			<p>Statistics were given for the successful vaccinations carried out by Henderson, Morison and Park, and the parishes charged accordingly. Instructions were given for the Clerk to prepare the quarterly accounts and abstracts.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/55R- 59R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 April 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Adam Tait; George Young; Alexander Laing; George McGregor; William Dunbar; William Heron; James Laing; John Edminson; Thomas Nesbit; John Paxton; Alexander Robertson; Ebenezer Black; William Richardson; Robert Crossman; John Bone; Joseph Fleming. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park Assistant Poor Law Commissioner: Sir John Walsham Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Funeral expenses were recorded for William Taylor's child and James Crawford, both of Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & son (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); Mrs. Morrison [Workhouse Matron] (milk etc; vegetables; shoemakers wages; schoolmistress's wages etc.); Alexander Melrose (shoes for Margaret Douglass); [Grindley Weir] (shoes for Alice Titrington); Alexander Meikle (boots for Ann Kenny); John Weatherly (printing for guardians' election); James Jaffray (paper, copies etc.); John Anderson (coffin for Agnes Clark, below Ford, died Scremerston); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby, Clerks to the Board] (Union postage); Robert Marshall (insurance). The auditor, Donald Sinclair's quarterly report was read. It noted that the Treasurer owed £5.10.0 interest. Salaries were paid for the following officers: W & E Willoby; Donald Sinclair; J B Atkinson; John Anderson; William Dods; Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park and Mrs. Morrison. Vaccination fees were paid to the medical officers. The Berwick overseers were authorised to pay Mrs. Richardson [Catherine Richardson, proprietor of the Berwick Advertiser] for the printing of voting papers for their contested election. W & E Willoby were paid for conducting the election.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Poor Law Board, signed by Edwin Chadwick, following a complaint from the Reverend Edward Smith, catholic priest of Ravensdowne regarding the guardians'</p>	13 April 1841

			<p>resolution that no catholic was eligible for the posts of Master and Matron, and seeking the Board's observations. The Clerks were instructed to reply that a Special Meeting had resolved that the appointees must be of the protestant religion from the belief that only such could undertake the duties, and that no offence was intended. The Board accepted the report of the Workhouse Committee, chaired by Adam Tait, that from 13 applications, only 6 were considered suitable and of these only two had appeared for interview, and so they recommended a postponement of the appointment to allow further time to contact more distant candidates.</p> <p>The churchwardens and overseers of Kylloe, Thomas Scott, James Hogg and Thomas Smith Junior requested that the Board apply to the Poor Law Commissioners to appoint John Anderson, Relieving Officer, as Collector of Poor Rates for Kylloe, but the Board resolved to delay the application until the Poor Law Continuation Bill was passed by Parliament.</p> <p>The Memorial to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners for the reduction of in the interest on the loan was presented by the clerk and signed by members.</p> <p>Alexander Robertson and Nathaniel Dodds gave notice that at the next meeting they would present a motion to reduce the notice needed to rescind a resolution from two months to one, and that then they would propose rescinding the resolution requiring candidates for the post of Master and Matron to be of the protestant religion.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/59R-62L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 April 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; Thomas Nesbit; William Heron; Alexander Robertson; William Richardson; Ebenezer Black; Adam Tait; Robert Crossman; William Dunbar; James Henry Innes; George McGregor; John Dodds; John Paxton; Thomas Rodgers; James Laing; John Edminson; Alexander Smith; Robert Carr; Charles Forsythe. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison; Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson. Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Funeral expenses were recorded for James McFarline of Ancroft and Catherine Dagleish, James Bailey and Margaret Hush all of Berwick. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services:</p>	27 April 1841

			<p>Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & sons (groceries); R Sanderson (coals); Mrs. Morrison [Matron of the Workhouse] (milk etc., flour, vegetables, shoemaker's wages, schoolmistress etc.); John Main (clothing); Wilson & Co. (books); John Henderson (glazing); John Weatherly (printing); Mrs. Richardson [Catherine Richardson, proprietor of the Berwick Advertiser] (advertising); C Nesbit (board for notices of motion); W. A. Bustin (advertising).</p> <p>Registration accounts were presented for the parishes.</p> <p>The Tweedmouth overseers were directed to seek an affiliation order on the father of Jane Lee's child.</p> <p>The Workhouse committee, chaired by Adam Tait, reported to the Board recommending the appointment of Murdoch Morison and his wife as Master and Matron of the workhouse, which recommendation Alexander Robertson proposed, William Heron seconded and the Board unanimously accepted.</p> <p>Permission was given for John Ellison, a poor boy of Berwick, aged 13 years, to be apprenticed to Colville Smith, tailor of Berwick.</p> <p>The guardians sought the Poor Law Commissioners' sanction to pay relief to the Widow Robertson, currently in the Workhouse but who wished to move to Alnwick to earn a living.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the Board with a book sent to him by Sir John Walsham to record the quarterly visits of the relieving Officers to their paupers, which it was agreed would be considered at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/62L- 63L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 May 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; Alexander Smith; Alexander Robertson; Nicholas Bell;; George McGregor Medical Officers: Andrew Morison; Andrew Henderson; Chairman: Adam Tait</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for Thomas Steel and Margaret Carter Funeral expenses were ordered for Elizabeth Sanderson of Longridge and Alexander Johnston,</p>	11 May 1841

			<p>Elizabeth Moffat and Francis Allison all of Tweedmouth. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & sons (groceries); R Sanderson (coals); James Balmer (Whisky); Mrs. Morrison [Matron of the Workhouse] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker etc., schoolmistress's wages; teasing oakum;); John Main (clothing); Edward Wale (Rapper <i>[sic]</i> etc. for Register Office); James Blackett Atkinson (11 cwt. old rope).</p> <p>Permission was given to the Overseers of Berwick-upon-Tweed for William Riley, a poor boy of Berwick, aged 13 years, to be apprenticed for six years to John Brotherton, tailor of Berwick. Due to the small attendance it was decided to postpone consideration of the Relieving Officers' keeping of the Visiting Book until the next meeting, and the Clerk was instructed to give such notice to all Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/63R- 65R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 th May 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: James Henry Innes; Thomas Nesbit; George Young; Nicholas Bell; John Dodds; John Edminson; William Young; Alexander Robertson; William Dunbar; Joseph Fleming; James Laing. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park Chairman: James Henry Innes</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Notices of marriage were read for: Thomas Steel and Margaret Carter; William Dodds and Jessy Tait. Funeral expenses were paid for Eleanor Nesbit, Margaret Alexander, and Jane Blythe, all of Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead & sons (groceries); R Sanderson (coals); James Balmer (porter etc.); M Sanderson (potatoes); Mrs. Morrison [Matron of the Workhouse] (milk etc., vegetables, shoemaker's wages; sundries; teasing oakum); John Main (clothing); Robert Sanderson (sand). After consideration, the Board instructed the Relieving Officers to visit their respective paupers, where they were living in the spring and in the autumn and record the visits in the Visiting book.</p>	25 May 1841

At the next meeting the Board would consider increasing the salaries of the Relieving Offices. The Clerk was instructed to inform all Guardians.

A letter was received from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners that following on the Board of Guardians' application the rate of interest on the Exchequer loan had been reduced to 4 %.

A letter was received from the Poor Law Commissioners confirming the appointment of Murdoch Morison and his wife as master and Matron of the Workhouse.

An application by Mr. Morison (Murdoch Morison, Workhouse Master) for furniture for the rooms was to be considered at the next meeting.

The Workhouse Committee was deputed to consider the Drainage Bill currently before Parliament, and if they approved, to prepare a petition in its favour and a report on it before the next meeting.

A letter was received from the Poor Law Commissioners approving the vaccination contracts but recommending that there should be a daily rather than a weekly general attendance at the vaccinators' houses. The Board resolved that the current arrangements were sufficient and should not be changed without an increase in fee.

Following a complaint by the workhouse medical officer about the lack of baths at the workhouse, the workhouse committee were ordered to look into the available facilities and the probable cost of erecting two baths, to report at a future meeting.

The Master of the Workhouse [Murdoch Morison] presented a list of paupers in the workhouse who lacked clothing and the items required – this was referred to the workhouse committee to order what they considered necessary.

The schoolmaster presented a list of books etc. needed and the workhouse committee was empowered to purchase these.

The workhouse committee were empowered to remove the privy from the boys' yard and take other necessary steps to prevent the boys escaping over the wall.

The clerk was to apply to the Commissioners of Chelsea Hospital that the next quarter's pension of two shillings and 4½ d a day paid to James Kenny, an outpensioner, be paid to the Guardians, to reimburse them for the cost of maintenance of Kenny's wife Ann, currently in the workhouse.

Item	GBR 38/66L- 67R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 June 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; John Paxton; Thomas Nesbit; Robert Carr; Adam Tait; William Heron; James Laine; James Henry Innes; Joseph Fleming; Alexander Robertson; William Dunbar; James Robert Nicholson; George McGregor; Alexander Gillie; Thomas Rodgers. Ex -officio Guardian: John Strangeways Donaldson Selby Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>A notice of marriage was read for Alexander Henderson and Isabella Tassie. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.) John Young (groceries) Robert Weatherhead and son (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); George Oswald (1 sack barley) M. Morison [Murdoch Morison, Workhouse Master] (milk etc.; vegetables; shoemakers' wages; schoolmistress' wages; teasing oakum; water posts etc.); John Paxton (drapery); James Blackett Atkinson (for Margaret Hush's clothes in pawn; old rope; Mrs. Kirton's half year's rent); John Main (making Thomas McEwan's coat and vest); Thomas Hubback (making Thomas McEwan's coat and vest); David Gibson (half year's rent, Registrar's Office); Thomas Cockburn (repairs to workhouse); Patrick Hogg [Workhouse Porter].</p> <p>Payments of the maintenance of lunatics were made in respect of: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick; George Davidson, Tweedmouth; Edward Young, Norham; Jane Leith, Berwick. Alexander Robertson's motion to increase the salaries of the Relieving Officers received no seconder and so was lost. Murdoch Morison's application for furniture for two rooms was dismissed.</p>	8 June 1841
Item	GBR 38/67R-	Minutes of Berwick Board of	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; George Young; Robert Carr; John Edmeston; John Dodds;</p>	22 June 1841

70L	Guardians meeting held on 22 June 1841	<p>Ebenezer Black; Alexander Smith; Adam Tait; William young; Robert Crossman; James Henry Innes; William Richardson; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Laing. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Outrelief given to vagrants for the first quarter amounted to £4.2.9¼ . There were 498 vagrants of whom 275 were chargeable to Berwick and 223 to Tweedmouth, which parishes were debited accordingly.</p> <p>Notices of marriage were read for: Alexander Henderson and Isabella Tassie; Thomas Hogg and Margaret Fairgreive Thompson.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were paid for a body found at Hudshead, Ancroft.</p> <p>Successful vaccination cases were recorded and payments charged to the parishes: Henderson, Berwick, 28; Morison, Tweedmouth, 60; Kyle, 6; Ancroft, 23; Holy Island, 5; Park, Ancroft, 11; Lonend, 1; Horncliff 1; Longridge, 1; Thornton, 3; Norham Mains, 5; Shoreswood, 5; Felkington, 5; Duddo, 6; Norham, 10; Twisel, 4; Cornhill, 11. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); John Young (groceries); Robert Weatherhead & Son (groceries); James Balmer (wine etc.); Robert Sanderson (coals); M. Morison [Murdoch Morison, Workhouse Master] (milk etc., vegetables, schoolmistress' wages; teasing oakum); Robert Cairns (yarn), B. Clark [Barbara Clark, straw bonnet maker, Western Lane, Berwick] (bonnets); Charles Forsythe, (drapery); John Main (tailor); Patrick Hogg [workhouse porter] ¼ salary; John Home [hair dresser, Hide Hill] ¼ salary; George Logan ¼ salary; George Back [builder and stonemason, Church Street] (¼ seat rent); W & E Willoby (Advertising charges etc); Daniel Cameron [Printer, rag merchant and earthenware dealer, Boarding School Yard, Marygate] (printing list paupers); Mrs. Morrison [Workhouse Matron] ¼ salary; J.B. Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Union Postage.</p> <p>The quarter's rent due on the workhouse was paid to Atkinson. The Workhouse Committee reported that a deficiency in provisions was found on Mr. Morison</p>
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			<p>becoming master. It was their view that this was due to negligence rather than misappropriation and should be charged to the parishes with paupers in the Workhouse during the time in question rather than to Mrs. Morrison.</p> <p>Alexander Robertson had sent a letter requesting that his motion be postponed to the following meeting, which was agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk was to apply to the Poor Law Commissioners for permission to give non resident relief to Robert Matthison, pauper of Horncliff and Mary Weddle, and her three children who were chargeable to Kyloe since her husband had been imprisoned for debt.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the best and cheapest position for a bath would be the house currently used as a potato house, at a cost of £17. This was agreed and the committee instructed to seek tenders.</p> <p>It was resolved to consider at the next meeting the removal of the lunatic paupers in the Newcastle Asylum to the Morningside Lunatic Asylum, Edinburgh.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Poor Law Commissioners refusing outrelief for Isabella Robertson but granting it to Robert Carr.</p> <p>The Clerk was to make up the several accounts and prepare the quarterly abstract.</p> <p>Payments were given to the relieving officers for the first two weeks of the Michaelmas quarter.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/70L- 71R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 July 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Adam Tait; Nicholas Bell; Alexander J. Gillie [Alexander John Gillie], Joseph Fleming; Alexander Robertson; William Dunbar; Thomas Nesbit; James Laing; George McGregor; Robert Crossman; William Heron; James Henry Innes. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park; Andrew Morison. Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: John Morton (beef etc.); Miss Anderson (bread); John Young (groceries); Robert Weatherhead & son (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); James Balmer (whisky); Murdoch Morison (milk etc.; vegetables; sand etc., teasing oakum); John Main (2 suits clothes); John Gibson (mason work).</p>	6 July 1841

			<p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Jane Robison, Ancroft; William Cromarty, Holy Island; Isabella Kennedy, Berwick; an infant found.</p> <p>The Tweedmouth overseers were instructed to get a filiation order on James Turner of Presson, Northumberland, gentleman's servant, in respect of Margaret Marshall's illegitimate child.</p> <p>Alexander Robertson presented a motion that one rather than two months' notice be required for a motion rescinding a resolution of the Board. This was seconded by William Heron and adopted. Alexander Robertson moved that the resolution adopted at the meeting of 22 March 1841 be rescinded. An amendment that it be not rescinded was proposed by James Henry Innes and seconded by Robert Crossman. This was carried 11 to 2.</p> <p>The consideration of the removal of Lunatic Paupers to Morningfield Lunatic Asylum was postponed to the next meeting.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Poor Law Commissioners sanctioning payment of non resident relief to Robert Mathison and to Mary Weddle and her three children.</p> <p>The request of the schoolmaster to become resident until after the school vacation was agreed. The workhouse master (Murdoch Morison) reported that Thomas McEwen and his wife had been guilty of violent and improper conduct, and after enquiry the Guardians ordered that they be proceeded against by the magistrates.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/72L- 74L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 July 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Joseph Fleming; William Young; Adam Tait; Robert Carr; Alexander Robertson; John Edmeston; Alexander Gillie [Alexander John Gillie]; John Dodds; William Richardson. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park. Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Funeral expenses were ordered for Eleanor Gilroy, Kylee; Prideaux Elliott, Felkington; Mary Oliver, Tweedmouth; David Pitt, Tweedmouth.</p>	20 July 1841

			<p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); John Young (groceries); Robert Weatherhead (groceries); Robert Sanderson (coals); James Balmer(wine etc.); Murdoch Morison (milk etc., vegetables, wages etc.); John Paxton [linen and woollen draper, Marygate], calico, flannel etc.); George Smith [linen and woollen draper, Bridgegate] (linen, calico etc.); John Main, 2 suits clothes); James Gillie [Shoeing Smith, Boarding School Yard, Marygate], repairing hammers.</p> <p>The board received the Auditor's [Donald Sinclair] report dated 19 July 184; 1 stating that the treasurer owed interest £4.12.00.Payment of officers' salaries was ordered: W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby], Clerks, £22.10.0; Donald Sinclair, Auditor £4.10.0; J. B. Atkinson, Relieving Officer £22.10.0; John Anderson, Relieving Officer £17.10.0; William Dods, Relieving Officer £17.10.0; Andrew Henderson, Medical Officer £12.10.0; Andrew Morison, Medical Officer, £10.0.0; Mungo Park, Medical Officer £7.10.0; Murdoch Morison, Master of Workhouse, £7.14.0. Vaccination fees were ordered to be paid to the medical officers. Payment for the maintenance of James Younger, an inmate of the Asylum for the Blind, Edinburgh was ordered.</p> <p>The workhouse committee reported on the tenders received for the erection of a warm, cold and shower bath in the workhouse and the cheapest at £9.19.6, that of W.H. Rowland [plumber, glazier and tin-plate worker, Marygate] was accepted.</p> <p>A letter was received from Hamilton Russell Esq., Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh stating that Murdoch Morison was a material witness in a case to be tried there, and the Board granted Morison to attend the trial. The removal of pauper lunatics to the Edinburgh Lunatic Asylum was postponed to the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/74R-76L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 August 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Robertson; Adam Tait; George Young; Thomas Nesbit. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p>	5 Aug. 1841

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Funeral expenses were ordered for George Middlemiss and Mary Cameron, both of Berwick Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); John Young (groceries); R. Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] & Son (groceries); George Oswald (barley); James Balmer (whisky); Robert Sanderson (coals); M Morison [Murdoch Morison, workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, teasing oakum, schoolmistress's wages); Francis Lough (coffins for Dorothy Turner and John Garret).</p> <p>Permission was given for Charles McNally, a poor boy of Berwick, aged 14 years or upwards, to be apprenticed for 6 years to James Yule, cartwright of Berwick, with Yule to be paid £2.10.0 when the indenture is allowed by the Justices and a further £2.10.0 after three years.</p> <p>The issue of transferring pauper lunatics to Edinburgh to be deferred until the powers of the Guardians in this respect are clearly established, the Clerk to write to the Poor Law Commissioners regarding this. Payment was ordered of maintenance for John Swinhoe, a dumb boy of Tweedmouth, currently at an Edinburgh Asylum,, to be charged against Tweedmouth parish outrelief.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/76L- 77L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 August 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Alexander Laing; William Dunbar; James Henry Innes; Thomas Nesbit; John Dodds; John Edminson; Adam Tait; Charles Forsythe; William Young; George McGregor Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds}</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Funeral expenses were ordered for Catharine Reid, Kyloe; Margaret Clark, Tweedmouth</p>	17 Aug. 1841

			<p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] and Son (groceries); James Balmer (wine); Robert Sanderson (coals); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, Mrs. Kenny shoes etc., wages etc., teasing oakum.); Alexander Meikle (15pairs women's shoes); George Smith (60 yards calico)</p>	
Item	GBR 38/77R-79L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 August 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Joseph Fleming; Robert Carr; Charles Forsythe; Adam Tait; Alexander Robertson; James Henry Innes; James Robert Nicholson; George Young. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Joseph Fleming</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. A notice of marriage was read for George Nesbit and Mary Fraser Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] and Son (groceries); James Balmer (whisky etc.); Robert Sanderson (coals); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk, vegetables, wages, sand etc., teasing oakum.); John Main (clothing); Alexander Meikle (pair shoes for Alexander Robertson); B. Atkinson (painting and papering master's house, wire frames etc.); J. B. Atkinson (poor rate for workhouse and register office); James Jaffrey (stationery for school etc.). A letter was received from the schoolmaster, George Logan, asking if it was time to give the annual vacation as some of the children had left for the harvest; also that he hoped to visit Normal Schools in Edinburgh and Glasgow during the vacation so trusted he would not be required to take the children to church on Sundays during the holidays. In response, the guardians ordered that three weeks holiday should begin on Monday next; that the scholars be examined at 10.00a.m. on Friday next and that the workhouse master [Murdoch Morison] be informed by the Clerk that, in the absence of the schoolmaster, he is to conduct the children to church.</p> <p>A report from the workhouse committee was received regarding thefts from the workhouse by an</p>	31 Aug. 1841

			<p>inmate Mrs Kenny, who, according to witness Margaret Hall, left the workhouse on the evening of Tweedmouth feast with 1½ lbs soap and 2 oz tea, and returned drunk; that she had sold Emery's nightcap for 4d, Middlemiss's shoes for 2 shillings; and that she habitually gave George Fram tea and two cuts of bread for 2d. The Board ordered that Kenny be taken before the magistrates.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/79R-80R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 September 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians Adam Tait; Alexander Smith; John Dodds; Alexander Robertson: Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Morison Chairman: Adam Tait</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. A notice of marriage was read for George Nesbit and Mary Fraser. Funeral expenses were ordered for Isabella Crimer, Kyloe; Peter Scott, Berwick; Robert Hamilton Berwick. Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] and Son (groceries); James Balmer (wine); Robert Sanderson (coals); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, night cap for J. Hunter, wages, sand); John Main (dress for Jameson Scott); Charles Forsythe (drugget etc.); George Smith (thread, tape etc.) Accounts for the following lunatics were paid and charged as out relief: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick; George Davidson, Tweedmouth; Edward Young, Norham. Following the discovery of a discrepancy between the amount of bread shown in the provision book and the stock in hand, dating from the time of the previous master, the existing surplus to be debited to the invoice account and credited to the establishment.</p>	14 Sept. 1841
Item	GBR 38/81L-82R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 September 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Thomas Nesbit; William Young; Joseph Fleming; William Richardson Medical Officers: Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett</p>	28 Sept. 1841

			<p>Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Reported that vagrant outrelief for the past quarter was £4.4.4³/₄. 506 vagrants had been relieved, of which 309 were chargeable to Berwick and 197 to Tweedmouth, which parishes to be debited.</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for George Nesbit and Mary Fraser. Funeral expenses were ordered for Eleanor Gerard, Berwick</p> <p>Successful vaccinations by the Medical Officers were as follows: Henderson: Berwick 18; Morison: Tweedmouth 37, Kylee 19, Ancroft11, Holy Island 13. Park: Ancroft 8, Kylee 6, Lonend 1, Horncliff 6, Shoreswood 1, Felkington 11, Cornhill 14.</p> <p>A quarter rent for the workhouse of £12.10.0 was given to J B Atkinson.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] (groceries); James Balmer (porter); Robert Sanderson (coals); Richard Thompson (barley); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc., vegetables, wages etc.); George Logan ¼ salary; Patrick Hogg ¼ salary; John Home ¼ salary; George Back ¼ seat rent; [Sham & sons]; Thomas Atkinson (repairing tubs); W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] (union postage).</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to balance the accounts and prepare the quarterly abstract</p>	
Item	GBR 38/83L- 86L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 October 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; John Edminson; John Dodds; James Robert Nicholson; Alexander Robertson; Charles Forsythe; James Henry Innes Auditor: Donald Sinclair Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park Chairman: Adam Tait</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments</p>	12 Oct. 1841

			<p>ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Funeral expenses were ordered for John Swan, Twisel</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc); John Young (groceries); R Weatherhead [Robert Weatherhead] (groceries); James Balmer (wine etc.); Robert Sanderson (coals); Richard Thompson (barley); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc., potatoes; vegetables, teasing oakum); John Henderson (glazing etc.); James Blackett Atkinson (coffin).</p> <p>The auditor's [Donald Sinclair] report was received in which he reported that the Master of the workhouse [Murdoch Morison] must repay 7/3½ d for provisions improperly charged as consumed and that the Treasurer owed £5.4.6d. The guardians ordered that a copy be sent to the Poor Law Commissioners and that an extract be given to the workhouse master.</p> <p>The salaries of the union officials were ordered to be paid: W & E Willoby [William and Edward Willoby], Clerk; £22.10.0; Donald Sinclair, Auditor, £4.10.0; J.B. Atkinson, Relieving Officer, £22.10.0; John Anderson, Relieving Officer, £17.10.0; William Dods, Relieving Officer, £17.10.0; Andrew Henderson, medical officer, £12.10.0; Andrew Morison, medical officer, £10.0.0; Mungo Park, medical officer, £7.10.0; Murdoch Morison, Workhouse master £12.10.0</p> <p>A cheque for £100 being the fourth instalment of the Exchequer loan was paid as was a cheque for £28.0.0. being interest on the outstanding loan.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a draft of the Bond the Master and /matron should enter into, but said that the Master wished alterations, that the bond be not forfeit if their duties were done to the best of their ability. The board resolved that the Bond as drafted should be executed and sent to their proposed surety Mr. Adam, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/86L- 88L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 October 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; Nicholas Bell; Robert Carr; Ebenezer Black; William young; James Laing; William Dunbar; Alexander Robertson Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park Chairman: Adam Tait</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett</p>	26 Oct. 1841

			<p>Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for coffins for two seamen found drowned. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); R. Weatherhead (groceries); John Young (groceries); James Balmer (wine etc.); Robert Sanderson (coals); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc.; eggs; bonnet for John Dee; chaff, sand; teasing oakum); Robert Chrisp (5 suits clothes); W & E Willoby [William Willoby, Edward Willoby, Clerks to the Guardians] (insurance); Andrew Reid (stationery for the Register Office); W. H. Rowland (Baths as per contract); John Drummond (smith work);</p> <p>The workhouse committee reported that they wished to accept the tender of William Rutherford for oatmeal, and recommended the purchase of twenty sacks; they had only received 1 tender for potatoes of poor quality, and recommended that potatoes be purchased from neighbouring farmers – these recommendations were accepted.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that they had executed the Bond for the /master and Matron and had sent it to Mr. Todd, Writer to the Signet, Edinburgh, but that Mr Adam, their proposed surety, now refused to enter into the bond. After some correspondence. Mr. Malcolm Galbraith, writer to the signet, offered himself as a surety, and the Board agreed that Galbraith by substituted for Adam in the Bond.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to Murdoch Morison to instruct him to repay the 7 shillings and 3½ pence the auditor found owing, before the next board meeting.</p> <p>The Board approved a dietary revised by the workhouse committee, and ordered it to be sent to the Poor Law Commissioners for their sanction.</p> <p>As a bill had been paid twice to Mr. Charles Forsythe, ordered that the clothing account be credited with £5.9.4d</p>	
Item	GBR 38/88R-	Minutes of Berwick Board of	Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Richardson; George Young; James R. Nicholson [James	9 Nov. 1841

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Robert Nicholson]; Adam Tait; Ebenezer Black; Alexander Robertson; William Young; John Dodds; James Laing.
Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison
Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds

Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.

A notice of marriage was read for Henry Laws and Mary Thompson.
Funeral expenses were ordered for Margaret Laws of Felkington.

Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.

Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); R. Weatherhead (groceries); John Young (groceries); James Balmer (porter); Robert Sanderson (coals); Murdoch Morison [workhouse master] (milk etc.; vegetables; chaff, sand; teasing oakum); Robert Chrisp (clothing); Andrew Meikle (shoes); W & E Willoby [William Willoby, Edward Willoby, Clerks to the Guardians] (3 bolls potatoes); John Wilson (Union officers' books); Thomas Melrose (stationery as per contract); William Dods (Coffin for Mary Dunn); William Henderson (carpenter work; plasterer's work).

The Board received a report from the workhouse committee, signed by Adam Tait, relating to the conduct of the workhouse master and porter, viz, that the master left the workhouse when he should be carrying out his duties, that he frequented public houses and that he and the porter were seen together both drinking and in the street. The committee recommended that the Board should hold an enquiry. The master and porter [Patrick Hogg] were summoned to hear the report and they both denied the charges. The Board resolved to hold an enquiry at an adjourned meeting of the Board the following Monday; the porter and master to be given copies of the report, and that the board will both hear evidence and listen to any defence, and the Clerks to assemble witnesses to the charges.

The Board considered tenders for 40 bolls of potatoes and awarded it to Alexander Smith. The overseers of Berwick were granted leave to take Counsel's opinion on the settlement of Robert Wood, a pauper lately removed to the parish, and if so advised to appeal against the

			<p>removal. The schoolmaster[George Logan] reported the theft of several books and the workhouse committee were instructed to look into the matter.</p> <p>The Board nominated Robertson, young and Crossman to form a deputation to the Berwick Magistrates to ask them to instruct the Police Officer stationed at Spittal to prevent vagrants loitering in Tweedmouth and Spittal, as the number being maintained by Berwick and Tweedmouth are increasing.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/91L- 91R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 15 November 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Robertson; William Dunbar; John Bone; George McGregor; John Dodds; John Edmeston; John Paxton; Robert Carr; George Young; Adam Tait; Assistant Poor Law Commissioner: Sir John Walsham Auditor: Donald Sinclair Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>The meeting heard evidence from Mrs. Slater; Mrs Patterson; Mrs. Chape; Mr. Gilchrist and others, into the allegations against the Master [Murdoch Morison] and porter [Patrick Hogg]. After the witnesses had been questioned by Sir John Walsham the Board resolved that there was no evidence that the Master and Porter were 'pot companions', but that there was evidence that they were absent together from the workhouse and were both frequenters of public houses. It was agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting of the Board.</p>	15 Nov. 1841
Item	GBR 38/91R- 94R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 November 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; George Young; William Heron; William Richardson; Nicholas Bell; James Rutherford; Alexander Smith; Alexander Robertson; Thomas Nesbit; George McGregor; John Edminson; John Paxton; James Laing. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	23 Nov. 1841

Funeral expenses were ordered for J. Reid of Ancroft.
Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.

Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef); R Weatherhead & Son (groceries); John Young (groceries); James Balmer (wine etc.); Robert Sanderson (coals); William Rutherford (oatmeal); Mary Thompson (½ boll potatoes); Murdoch Morison (milk, vegetables, eggs, cloak and bonnet for Ellen Shanks; schoolmistress's wages 4 weeks, chaff etc.); Charles Knight & Co.(3 Relieving Officers' visiting books); George Todd, Edinburgh (for getting Mr. Morison's bond executed); Alexander Moor (needles etc.)

The Board continued consideration of Murdoch Morison's and Patrick Hogg's misconduct. They received letters of resignation from both officers which the Board resolved to accept. The guardians resolved to advertise for candidates for the posts of Master, Matron and Porter and to make the appointments at an adjourned meeting of the Board on 14 December 1841. They also resolved to increase the salary of the Master and Matron from £50 to £65. They agreed the wording of detailed advertisements for a Master and Matron and for a Porter to be inserted into the two Berwick newspapers and the Newcastle Courant and Chronicle.
The Clerk was instructed to notify the Poor Law Commissioners of the resignation of the Master and Porter, and of the arrangements to appoint successors, and to inform Morison and Hogg that their resignations were accepted.

The Overseers of Tweedmouth were to proceed against the son of James Dickson for the maintenance of the said James Dickson; also to apply for an order against George Elliott to reimburse the parish for the maintenance of Barbara Milburn's illegitimate child.
The Overseers of Lonend were to proceed against the 3 sons of Elizabeth Hand to repay the relief ordered for their mother.

Mr. Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] was authorised to obtain children's shoes from the stock in the workhouse, refunding the treasurer when he could obtain payment from the paupers concerned.

The Workhouse Committee were asked to consider whether, when the vagrants left the workhouse in the morning they should be accompanied by someone to ensure they left the town. The deputation appointed to meet with the magistrates regarding the police and the vagrants reported that they had done so the previous Friday and that the magistrates had instructed the

			<p>police as requested.</p> <p>Alexander Robertson and George Young were appointed a special committee to meet with John Nicholson, watchmaker regarding the treatment of lunatics in Newcastle Lunatic Asylum.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/94R- 97L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 December 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Young; Robert Carr; Nicholas Bell; Ebenezer Black; Thomas Nesbit; John Edminson; William Richardson; John Dodds; James H Innes [James Henry Innes]; Joseph Fleming; James R. Nicholson [James Robert Nicholson]; Adam Tait; James Laing; James Rutherford; Alexander Smith; Alexander Robertson; George McGregor; John Bone; Alexander J. Gillie; George Young; William Heron. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman:</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded. Funeral expenses were ordered for Richard L. Brown of Berwick and Jane Knox Tweedmouth. Payments were also ordered for workhouse supplies and services: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby, Clerk] (milk); Murdoch Morison (vegetables etc., sand, chaff etc., teasing oakum). Payments were made for the maintenance of the following lunatics: Thomas Bogue, Berwick; George Drummond, Berwick, George Davidson, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A letter was received from the Poor Law Commissioners sanctioning the acceptance of the resignations of the Master and Porter, and approving the increased salary for the Master and Matron. Ebenezer Black raised a motion, seconded by Joseph Fleming that the actions of the Board at the previous meeting in raising the salaries of the master and matron were irregular, but the motion was defeated and the Board proceeded to consider the 35 applications received for Master and Matron. They agreed that candidates should be between 25 and 45, and that applications must be in the handwriting of the Candidates. The following were shortlisted to attend for examination on 14 December 1841: George Wintripe and wife, Hawick; John Purdie and wife, Scotch Spittal; Alexander Aitkin and wife, Cheswick; James Ormiston and wife, Chirnside; Charles Drummons</p>	7 Dec. 1841

			<p>and sister, Berwick; William Burn and wife, Berwick; John Wilkinson & wife, Berwick; John Walkinshaw and wife, Berwick; James Davidson and wife, Tweedmouth; George Gibson and wife, Chatton.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to write to the following candidates to tell them they had been unsuccessful: William Cowan; Mrs. Morrison; John MacKay; William Young; William J Cummins; Bartholemew Hare; Robert Chrisp; John Walkinshaw; John Goldie; James Shiels; Robert Gregg; Alexander Forsythe; Robert Clark; John Back; Murdoch Morison; George Nesbit; I Wilcox; James Sinclair; Thomas Tindle.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were instructed to prepare examination questions, including some on arithmetic.</p> <p>Three applications had been received for the post of Porter: Patrick Hogg; Joseph Atkinson; Thomas Hush – as these were considered unsatisfactory, the application time was extended by a week.</p> <p>Proceedings were ordered against the following for the support of their illegitimate children who, with their mothers had been admitted to the workhouse that day: Joseph Tait (Elizabeth Gladstone's Child, Tweedmouth); John Hartell (Ann Marshall's child, Tweedmouth); Robert Spours (Eliza Scott's child, Berwick).</p> <p>The overseers of Tweedmouth were to proceed against Francis Dickson in respect of 1/6d maintenance for his mother.</p> <p>Nathaniel Dodds signed an order for Atkinson to receive the quarter's pension for James Kenny.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/97L- 97R	Minutes of adjourned Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 December 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; George Young; Joseph Fleming; John Edminson; Alexander J. Gillie; William Dunbar; George McGregor; Nathaniel Dodds; James Robert Nicholson; Robert Carr; William Young; Robert Crossman; Alexander Robertson; William Heron; Charles Forsythe; Thomas Nesbit; John Dodds; James Rutherford; Alexander Smith; John Paxton; Thomas Rodger. Chairman: Adam Tait.</p> <p>The Board proceeded to examine the candidates for the post of Master and Matron: George Wintripe and wife, Hawick; John Purdie and wife, Scotch Spittal; Alexander Aitkin and wife, Cheswick; James Ormiston and wife, Chirnside; Charles Drummons and sister, Berwick; William Burn and wife, Berwick; John Wilkinson & wife, Berwick; John Walkinshaw and wife, Berwick; James Davidson and wife, Tweedmouth. George Gibson and wife, Chatton did not appear.</p>	14 Dec. 1841

			<p>Alexander Robertson, seconded by Joseph Fleming proposed the appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Purdie; William Young, seconded by Robert Crossman proposed an amendment that Mr and Mrs Davison be appointed. On a vote Robertson's proposal was carried , and subject to the approval of the Poor Law commissioners, the Purdies were appointed to be Master and Matron of the Berwick Workhouse at a salary of £65 per annum with rations. The Purdies offered the Rev. William Compton Lundie of Spittal house as their surety which was accepted. The clerk to inform the Poor Law Commissioners and the unsuccessful candidate of the appointment.</p> <p>Under the terms of their appointment, Mr. & Mrs Purdie were to visit the Workhouses at Hexham, Newcastle and Gateshead, leaving 26 December 1841.</p> <p>The appointment of a porter was postponed until a future meeting; in the interim Robert Mason, an inmate of the workhouse was to be required to act as porter.</p>	
Item	GBR 38/98L- 101L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 December 1841	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; John Dodds; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Robertson; James Laing Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Outrelief from the workhouse to vagrants for past quarter was £2.11.2¼ d. According to the Porter's book 357 vagrants had been relieved of which 183 were chargeable to Berwick and 174 to Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were charged to the respective parishes for successful vaccinations viz. by Henderson: Berwick, 8 by Morison: Tweedmouth, 24; Kyloe, 1; Ancroft, 7; Holy Island, 4. by Park: Longridge, 1; Shorewood, 1; Felkington, 3 ; Duddo, 6; Norham, 5; Twisel, 1; Cornhill, 9; Ancroft, 1.</p> <p>Notices of marriage were read for William Bone and Margaret Cleghorn; George Bone and Jane Cleghorn; Alexander Boswell and Isabella Jane Smith.</p>	21 Dec. 1841

			<p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Maria Trainer of Berwick and Nicholas Taylor of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Miss Anderson (bread); John Morton (beef etc.); R. Weatherhead (groceries); John Young (groceries); James Balmer (wine etc); Richard Thompson (barley); Robert Sanderson (coals); Alexander Smith (potatoes); Murdoch Morison (milk, vegetables, chaff etc, teasing oakum, payment for Mrs. Buglass), Francis Lough (coffin for Isabella Messer); W & E Willoby (Mrs Kirton's Rent; Union Officers Postages); George Logan (¼ salary); Patrick Hogg (¼ salary); John Home (¼ salary); George Back (¼ seat rent); James Blackett Atkinson (Rent of Workhouse); Corporation of Berwick (Water sprig for Workhouse to 25 March 1841; Register Office Water to 25 March 1841); David Gibson (Register Office rent); George Smith (108 yards sheeting; calico etc); John Paxton (three pairs blanket and quilts; canvas etc); D A Lamb (cock for boiler); Charles Knight (official circulars); James Dunlop (flannel etc); Robert Chrisp (two suits clothing); Alexander Meikle (repairing shoes).</p> <p>The Board interviewed James Purves who had applied for the post of porter, but having established that he had a wife and daughter, it was decided that he did not satisfy the terms of the advertisement. However, due to the smallness of the meeting it was agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting when consideration should also be given to employing married couples without children, or providing a salary which would attract a single man.</p> <p>The Board received the report of guardians Robertson and Young [George Young] on the Gateshead Fell Lunatic Asylum. They had interviewed Mr. Nicholson, watchmaker Berwick upon Tweed who had been an inmate, and provided a detailed description of conditions there. He referred to other inmates, Waddell and Davidson, a pauper lunatic from Tweedmouth. It was resolved that Henderson M.O, James Blackett Atkinson and Robertson should visit Gateshead Fell Asylum and report back on its general management; its capability for classifying patients and its care for patients both dangerous and recovering; and to talk with all the patients there at the expense of the Union. They were also to seek further medical advice if they felt it necessary.</p> <p>Robertson gave notice that at the next meeting he would move the consideration of recompense to the Matron, Morison.</p> <p>The Clerk was to apportion the next Exchequer loan instalment amongst the various parishes. Payments were made to the Relieving Officers – Atkinson, Anderson and Dodds.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of	Present at the meeting:	4 Jan.

	38/101R-103L	Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 January 1842	<p>Guardians: Alexander Robertson; Charles Forsythe; William Heron; William Young; Alexander Smith and George McGregor Medical Officers: Mungo Park; Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Alexander Robertson</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Notices of marriage were read for: William Pone and Margaret Cleghorn, George Pone and Jane Cleghorn, and Alexander Boswell and Isabella Jane Smith.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for William Elliott of Ancroft and Hugh Tait of Holy Island.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Murdoch Morison (milk, vegetables, clothing for Jane McInnes; chaff etc; teasing oakum; 2 baptisms), Joseph Gibson (building); Francis Lough (coffin for Christian Rutherford).</p> <p>The report of the Auditor Donald Sinclair was read. The payment of salaries for the following were ordered: James Blackett Atkinson, Relieving Officer; John Anderson, Relieving Officer; William Dods, Relieving Officer; Andrew Henderson, Medical Officer; Andrew Morison, Medical Officer; Mungo Park, Medical Officer; Murdoch Morison, Master of the Workhouse. Payment of the vaccination accounts was also made to the medical officers.</p> <p>An affiliation order against William Fenwick of Pittington for the support of Ann Jordan's illegitimate child was signed and Atkinson was to be directed to serve it.</p>	1842
Item	GBR 38/103L-104R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians special meeting held on 11 January 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; George Young; Charles Forsythe; John Edminson; James Laing; Adam Tait; William Young; Alexander Smith; Alexander J Gillie; Thomas Rodger. Medical Officers: no medical officers attended Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p>	11 Jan. 1842

			<p>The Clerk [William Willoby or Edward Willoby] read the notice signed by George Young and Adam Tait convening the extraordinary meeting due to the Treasurer [John Rowland] failing to pay the cheques issued at the previous meeting. He also reported that he had written to Sir John Walsham [Assistant Commissioner of the Poor] whose reply he read to the meeting. This stated that the Treasurer and his sureties would be liable if the Bank had failed and that for the immediate relief of the poor the Guardians should issue immediate orders to the overseers for the funds needed and that the overseers should give relief in kind only in urgent cases. The Treasurer should be suspended and a temporary bank account opened.</p> <p>Special orders were issued to all the parishes for sums to be paid by 17 January 1842.</p> <p>Cheques on the Joint Stock Bank were issued to Atkinson and Anderson for out relief.</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for Robert Balmer and Margaret Chisholm.</p>	
GBR 38/104R- 107L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 January 1842		<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; Charles Forsythe; John Paxton; James Laing; Thomas Nesbit; George McGregor; Alexander J Gillie; William Heron; William Richardson; Joseph Fleming; Robert Carr; Ebenezer Black. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison; Andrew Henderson Chairman: Adam Tait</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>A notice of marriage was read for Robert Balmer and Margaret Chisholm. Funeral expenses were ordered for Mary Johnston, Berwick-upon-Tweed Payments were also ordered for supplies and services including Mrs. Buglass [Elizabeth Buglass, schoolmistress] 4 weeks wages; J Main tailor (repairing clothes); J Johnston (knitting stockings); Mr. Purdie [John Purdie, workhouse master] The Board received the report of Donald Sinclair, Auditor, stating that the Treasurer [John Rowland] owed interest which should be added to his debit.</p>	18 Jan. 1842

The payment of salaries for Messrs Willoby [Edward Willoby and William Willoby] and for Sinclair was ordered. As Rowland had failed to pay the salaries and vaccination accounts ordered at the previous meeting, these sums were to be debited to him and cheques given to the clerks.

A letter had been received from the former porter Patrick Hogg asking to be reappointed -it was agreed that this should be considered at the next meeting.

Alexander Robertson's motion regarding payment to the Morisons was considered. Gillie and Black proposed that they be paid £3; Fleming and Nesbit proposed an amendment that they receive £5. On a vote the motion was carried 10:3

A letter from Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] was laid before the meeting. This referred to the failure of the Tweed Bank where the Union's funds were deposited and gave the Poor Law Commission's view on the matter. The Guardians must enforce the bonds of the treasurer and his sureties. The Guardians agreed to consider this further at the next meeting.

The Guardians resolved to elect a new Treasurer at the next meeting provided the notice of dismissal for Rowland was received from the Poor Law Commission.

A new dietary had been received from the Poor Law Commission and this was ordered for use. The Board also specified maximum quantities of food for children under 11. The Master was also ordered to serve potatoes rather than bread with fish.

The Master was ordered to keep a ledger account showing the clothing supplied to individual inmates. He was also required to see that inmates and casual poor performed task work as fixed by the workhouse committee.

A letter had been received from the Poor Law Commission confirming the appointment of John and Jane Purdie as Master and Matron, and that they should now provide £100 bond.

A letter had been received from the Poor Law Commission enclosing a copy letter from Scott [George Scott] Relieving Officer of Belford Union complaining of the irregular removal of a vagrant by the Kyloe overseers. The clerk was to find out from Anderson the circumstances relating to this.

The overseers of Felkington were ordered to apply to the Justices for an order on the sons of George Purves to repay the maintenance of their parents.

GBR 38/108L- 110R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 February 1842	<p>Present at the meeting:108 Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Charles Forsythe; Nicholas Bell; James Laing; Thomas Rodger; William Richardson; Ebenezer Black; Alexander J. Gillie; Joseph Fleming; Adam Tait; William Young; William Heron; George McGregor; James Rutherford; John Edminson; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Robertson. Medical Officers: Andrew Morison Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for Robert Balmer and Margaret Chisholm. Funeral expenses were ordered for: John Baptist of Cornhill; Margaret Robertson of Kylloe; and James Haig of Berwick.</p> <p>Funds deposited by the parishes with the North of England Joint Stock Bank since the opening of the account were recorded.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: the Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie], milk, fish, vegetables, eggs, knitting stockings, mending clothes, canvas, sand, chaff &c, teasing oakum; James Dunlop, clothing; Alexander Meikle, shoes &c; J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], workhouse and register office poor rates.</p> <p>Accounts unpaid by Rowland [John Rowland, treasurer of the union] were ordered to be paid to James Dunlop and James Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had not received an order for Rowland's dismissal from the Poor Law Commissioners. As a result the election of a new treasurer was postponed to the next meeting. The Clerk reported that Rowland was withholding information about the accounts and so he could not provide information on the balance due from Rowland, A notice was issued to Rowland requiring him within three days to render account of the Union monies which he held, making clear the outstanding balance which should be paid to the Board or its Clerks within the same three days. He should also hand over all books, accounts, vouchers,</p>	1 Feb. 1842
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		<p>papers etc relating to the Union and the office of treasurer. This was signed by Dodds, Robertson and Fleming and copies sent to Rowland's sureties. The Clerks were required to implement the demands. The matter would b considered further at the next meeting.</p> <p>Patrick Hogg was elected porter at a salary of £8 per annum.</p> <p>Notices of application to the Justices were signed for orders against Thomas Shiel, John Hartell and Joseph Tait as the putative fathers of the illegitimate children of Isabella Dodds, Ann Marshall and Elizabeth Gladstone.</p> <p>An order was made for maintenance of James Younger, a pauper belonging to Ancroft at the Blind Asylum at Edinburgh.</p>	
GBR 38/111L- 117L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 February 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; Adam Tait; William Young; William Dunbar; William Heron; Robert Carr; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Smith; John Edminson; James Laing; Alexander Robertson. Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park. Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Funeral expenses were ordered for Mark Leith and Jane Calder both of Berwick; Jane Wilson of Spittal and Duncan McCallan's child.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Workhouse Master [John Purdie] milk, fish, vegetables, eggs, knitting two pairs stockings; John Main for repairing clothes, braces for the boys; Mrs Morrison [former matron of the Workhouse] for fire guard, sand, chaff, whitening &c, teasing oakum; Francis Lough [Francis Lough joiner Tweedmouth] coffins for Mable Ord and Elizabeth Nesbit; Murdoch Morison salary; Thomas Allison lamp rate for the Register Office; road cess for the workhouse; Thomas Wale repairs to Register Office; Warder [Kelso Warder newspaper] advertising &c; J Shaw & sons forms &c; Margaret Anderson bread.</p>	15 Feb. 1842

The Clerk reported that he had received from Rowland [John Rowland, Treasurer of the Union] an account of sums unpaid and the monies remaining at his credit. It was ordered that the balance should be demanded from him, but not the interest noted at the last Audit. The outstanding Union balance of £790 was also to be required of him within three days and a special letter of demand was signed by Dodds, Tait, Robertson, Smith, Laing, Nesbit, Heron, and Edminson. Believing that Rowland's sureties intended to deny their liability due to an alleged dismissal of Rowland in 1839, the clerk was ordered to lay a statement of the circumstances of this alleged dismissal before the Poor Law Commission and ask whether this absolved the sureties. An order for the dismissal of Rowland as Treasurer, and requiring the Board to appoint a successor and inform the Commissioners of the details of this appointment, had been received from the Poor Law Commissioners. The Guardians resolved to agree the Treasurer's salary at the next meeting and then appoint a new treasurer.

A report, dated 14 February 1842, of Robertson, Henderson and Atkinson on the conditions at Gateshead Fell Asylum was laid before the Board. This was very detailed. The asylum, belonging to Mr. Kent, had been visited on 7 February 1842. They praised the location, grounds and cleanliness of the interior. They were satisfied with the quality of the bread provided for the inmates, and the cleanliness, neatness and clothing of the inmates. They considered the proprietor lacked the qualifications and resources for the modern and better management of Lunatics. They also had concerns about the day and night wards, the airing courts and the difficulties in being able to maintain the classification of patients, so that different types of patient were mixed together. They found no regular employment or amusement for the patients, although some assisted the very limited number of attendants in the house or garden. They found the arrangements for the medical care of the patients unsatisfactory. They commented on the state of the three Union patients:

George Davidson, aged about 54, formerly a husbandman and a resident in the asylum since 1832 they found to be physically well and quite sane save for several trivial delusions. He was employed as a gardener, had not been ill treated and expressed a desire to return to Berwick. George Drummond, aged 38, had been in the asylum for seven years, seemed to be a congenital idiot and was cheerful, tractable and in good health.

George Bogue, aged 30, had been at the asylum since 1833, was less well, but would not move or take exercise and had been mute for several months past.

The report recommended that the paupers should be removed either to appropriate accommodation at the workhouse or to a public asylum where arrangements would be better. It also asked the Board to make representation to the Poor Law Commissioners on the

			<p>inappropriateness of private asylums for the care of pauper lunatics. The report ends by noting that the care of lunatics in private asylums is dearer than that in public institutions such as Morningside Edinburgh; that the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster [Lord Granville Somerset] was bringing forward a bill for the visiting of lunatic asylums which they considered an important reform.</p> <p>Following the report Robertson gave notice that at the next meeting he would submit a motion to call the attention of the Poor Law Commission to these matters with a view to their bringing the care of lunatics before Parliament.</p>	
GBR 38/117L- 120L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 March 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Adam Tait; William Heron; John Dodds; William Richardson; Alexander Robertson; Alexander Smith; James Laing; Nathaniel Dodds Medical Officers: Andrew Morison; Andrew Henderson Chairman: [Nathaniel Dodds]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie] milk &c, fish, vegetables, knitting stockings, teasing oakum, schoolmistress [Elizabeth Buglass] six weeks wages, clothing book, 1 load sand; Miss Anderson bread; John Morton beef &c; John Young groceries; R Weatherhead groceries; James Balmer wine &c; Robert Sanderson coals; Richard Thompson 1 sack barley; Alexander Smith potatoes; Robert Chrisp clothing, S H Winlaw stockings; Robert Cairns 18 lbs yarn; Robert Rutherford stockings; John Paxton druggist and flannel, coverlets and two pairs of blankets; George Smith drapery; Alexander Meikle repairing shoes; John Spowart 18 chairs for workhouse; William Dods coffin for a pauper belonging Ford; Owen Owens dusters; George Bogue rope; Thomas Wilson workhouse and register office; Thomas Cockburn repairs to workhouse; W H Rowland repairs; Thomas Melrose 6 dozen copies.</p> <p>The Board considered the salary to be paid to the new treasurer and agreed that it should be the interest on the monies he held. Heron moved that William Ainslie of Berwick be appointed treasurer and this was resolved. Ainslie was summoned to the meeting, agreed to accept the post of treasurer on these terms and gave as his sureties Adam Tait of Berwick, grocer, John</p>	1 March 1842	

McGregor of Bridge Mill, county of Durham, farmer and Edward Makins Thornton County of Durham farmer. These were accepted and the clerk instructed to get the usual bond executed by them and Ainslie. The Agent of the Joint Stock Bank was ordered to transfer the balance of funds being held.

Robertson moved his resolution that the Board considered Public Institutions were preferable to private ones for the care of the insane and in drawing the attention of the Poor Law Commission to this it asked whether it would be advisable for the Poor Law Commission to bring it to the attention of Parliament. The resolution was accepted and it was agreed that it, together with the Guardians' report on their visit to the Asylum should be sent both to the Poor Law Commission and to Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] with a request that he lay it before the commission and offer his own observations upon it.

The workhouse committee was asked to investigate how those paupers currently in the Asylum could be accommodated in the workhouse if it was believed that this could be done with safety.

It was resolved that at the next meeting the Poor Law Commissioners' circular of 6 March 1841 on the remuneration of medical officers be considered and the medical officers for the following year be elected.

It was resolved to examine the scholars of the workhouse school immediately after the next meeting, and that ratepayers who wished could attend.

The provisions contract would end on 31 March and the workhouse committee was told to advertise for fresh contracts and report back to the meeting.

The Poor Law Commission had sent an order laying down Rules for the government of workhouses together with an accompanying letter - the order to become operative on 18 March 1841. The Clerk was instructed to give copies of these to the workhouse master [John Purdie] and the schoolmaster [George Logan], and to procure 40 copies for the use of the Board.

Henderson and Atkinson presented expenses claims for their visit to Mr. Kent's Asylum. In Henderson's case the Board increased payment to take account of his loss of time and that payment be made.

It was resolved that the workhouse committee consider the expediency of taking a garden, and

			that they report at the next meeting.	
GBR 38/120L- 125R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 March 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Nathaniel Dodds; William Dunbar; George Young; James H. Innes; John Edminson; Alexander Smith; Joseph Fleming; James Laing; Alexander J. Gillie; John Dodds; Adam Tait; George McGregor; Alexander Robertson; William Heron; Charles Forsythe; John Paxton; Thomas Nesbit; Robert Carr; Thomas Rodger Medical Officers: Andrew Morison; Mungo Park Chairman: Nathaniel Dodds</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>Funeral expenses were ordered for Isabella Kidd of Berwick and Edward Childs of Tweedmouth. Lunatic Maintenance accounts for Thomas Bogue of Berwick; George Drummond of Berwick and George Davidson of Tweedmouth were ordered to be paid.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie] milk, fish, vegetables, John Main 6 days repairing, knitting stockings, flannel for petticoats for children, teasing oakum, whitening; Miss Anderson bread; John Morton beef; John Young groceries; R Weatherhead groceries; Robert Sanderson coals; Robert Johnson potatoes; William Rutherford 1 sack oatmeal; Thomas Charles knives, forks, spoons; Donald Sinclair coals and candles for register office; William Henderson carpenter work; John Henderson plumber work; James Yule hammer shanks &c; John Drummond smith work; Peter Jeffrey repairing and making hammers; John Young bags for salt &c; Robert Cairns 8 lbs yarn; Robert Rutherford stockings; John Paxton collar and gown for Mrs. Kenny got in April by order of committee; George Smith bonnets for boys.</p> <p>Medical Officers were elected for the ensuing year: Andrew Henderson – Berwick District; Andrew Morison -Tweedmouth; Mungo Park – Norhamshire. In addition to their previous duties the medical officers would be required to attend the fortnightly meetings of the Board, and Henderson, as medical officer for Berwick was also required to attend the fortnightly workhouse committee meetings which occurred on alternate Tuesdays to the Board meetings.</p>	15 March 1842	

The Board rejected Murdoch Morison's application to be paid the balance of his last quarter's salary as master of the workhouse.

A letter had been received from the Poor Law Commissioners relating to Anderson's statement regarding the alleged illegal removal of a pauper from Kyoeloe to Belford in which they gave their opinion that Anderson had acted illegally. The Board resolved to reply pointing out that the Commissions suggested course of action was not possible as the woman refused either to go to a lodging house or enter the workhouse as had been stated by Anderson.

A letter had been received from Sir John Walsham Assistant Poor Law Commissioner enclosing a copy of a letter from Edward Chadwick, Secretary to the Poor Law Commission, stating that he was being transferred to the District of Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, most of Essex and parts of Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire and that his successor in the North East would be Mr Hawley. Sir John expressed his thanks to the Board for their courtesy and good will during his time working with them and his continued interest in the welfare of the Berwick Union. It was resolved that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman and Robertson would visit Walsham the following day when he would be in Berwick to express the regret of the Board at his departure, to pass on their thanks for his unfailing intelligence zeal and courtesy in his dealings with them and the officers of the Union, and for the kind tenor of his letter.

The workhouse committee reported that in accordance with the resolution of the previous meeting, they had advertised contracts for the following year and recommended the acceptance of the following tenders subject to the approval of the Board: Alexander Smith junior beef, mutton; John Young raw sugar, tobacco, snuff, pepper; R Weatherhead & Son tea, salt, soap; Ralph Dodds coffee, soda, dip and mould candles; Robert Sanderson coals; James Balmer wine, whisky, porter, vinegar; Robert Chrisp for men, boys aged 12-16 and 7-12: jacket, trousers, vest, also men's coat; John Winter oatmeal; Francis Lough coffins, to include church dues – an additional 1 shilling payment if burial in Tweedmouth; Alexander Meikle – men's and women's shoes; Thomas Richardson boys shoes; R Rutherford & co jaconet muslin; white calico, good calico, striped cotton sheeting, check for aprons, good quality blue flannel, good quality white flannel, canvas, tape, grey yarn, black thread, whitey brown, dark drap; George Smith blue drugget, unbleached bed ticking, blue and green coverlets; James Dunlop drap jean. These recommendations were accepted. The workhouse committee further reported that they had only received one tender for bread but that Miss Anderson had requested a delay till this meeting to send in her tender and sample. On comparing the tenders and sample the contract was

			<p>awarded to Miss Anderson.</p> <p>The contractors for butcher meat and bread were required to find security for the performance of their contracts.</p> <p>The workhouse committee reported on the acquisition of a garden for the workhouse. There was a suitable one available at £4 per annum which would not add to the workhouse expenses. This would be of benefit to the workhouse by providing employment for the men and instruction for the boys and they recommended that the garden be taken, which recommendation was accepted.</p>	
GBR 38/125L- 128R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 March 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Robertson; Charles L Gilchrist; Thomas Chartres; Thomas W Tait; Alexander Christison; John Burn; Henry Clarke; Robert Johnson; Charles Forsythe; George Young; Alexander R Lowrey; John Dodds; William Heron; John McLeod; Thomas Chartres; William Elliott Auditor: Donald Sinclair Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison; Mungo Park</p> <p>It was resolved that Alexander Robertson be appointed Chairman for the following year and Alexander Smith be Vice Chairman.</p> <p>The Clerk made the return of the Election of Guardians: Berwick – Charles L Gilchrist, John Dodds, Alexander R Lowrey, George Young, Henry Clarke, Thomas Chartres, Thomas W. Tait, Charles Forsythe, Alexander Christison; Tweedmouth: Alexander Robertson, James Laing, William Heron, Thomas Nesbit, John Burn; Holy Island – Thomas Smith senior; Lonend: William Richardson; Horncliff: Nicholas Bell; Longridge: William Elliott; Thornton: James R Nicholson; Norham Mains: John McLeod; Shoreswood: Nathaniel Dodds; Felkington: Robert Johnson; Duddo: George Carr; Norham: Alexander Smith; Grindon: Ebenezer Black Twisel; Richard Makins; Cornhill: James Black; Turton: Hogg; Ancroft bracketed G Scott and U Smith.</p> <p>Guardian were appointed to the Visiting, Workhouse and Finance Committee: Gilchrist; John Dodds; Lowrey; Young; Clark [Clarke]; Chartres; Tait; Forsythe; Christison; Nesbit; and Johnson. Guardians were appointed to the school committee: Clarke; Johnson; Lowrey; Christison; and Gilchrist.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments</p>	29 March 1842	

ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.

Vagrants:428 Vagrants had been relieved of whom 266 were chargeable to Berwick and 162 to Tweedmouth.

Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.

Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie] milk, fish, vegetables, knitting; J Main [John Main] 6 days work, bill for Frances Suddis; teasing oakum, chaff, whitening and sweeping chimneys; John Morton beef &c; Miss Anderson Bread; John Young groceries; Weatherhead & Son groceries; James Balmer wine; Robert Sanderson coals; Robert Johnson potatoes; William Winter 20 sacks oatmeal; Alexander Meikle 7 pairs men's shoes; 16 pairs women's shoes; repairing shoes; Establishment costs: coffins for Christopher Strangeways and Christian Heron; George Loagan schoolteacher; Patrick Hogg porter; John Home barber; George Back seat rent.

Successful vaccinations had been carried out as follows: Morison 20 at Tweedmouth, 3 at Kyloe, 7 at Ancroft, 4 at Holy Island; Park 6 at Ancroft, 1 at Lonend, 6 at Norham Mains, 7 at Norham, 9 at Cornhill.

Funeral expenses were ordered for Catherine Stewart's child Berwick;; Mable Scott Tweedmouth. Permission was given to the overseers of Ancroft for John Haddon, a poor boy to be apprenticed to John Elliott, shoemaker of Wooler, Elliott to be paid £5 - £2.10.0 at the beginning of the indenture and a further £2.10.0 half way through the apprenticeship.

The Board had received a memorial from the Guardians of the Wisbech Union regarding the Bastardy laws – this was referred to the Workhouse committee for consideration.

The vaccination contracts were renewed on the same terms as previously.

The Clerk informed the Guardians that the new workhouse rules were now operational The Workhouse Committee were to see that they were implemented and the Committee were empowered to confer with Henderson with regard to the 11th Article.

An order was received from the Poor Law Commissioners regulating the appointment of medical officers.

The majority of Guardians signed notices of their intention to apply to the justices for maintenance orders against John Tait in relation to the illegitimate child of Allison Watson and against Thomas Davidson in relation to the illegitimate child of Elizabeth Dodds.

The Clerk was to apply to the Poor Law Commissioners for permission to pay out relief to Lilly Jeffrey, currently in Berwick, but wishing to move to Shields to stay with her son.

			Letters of acceptance of the medical officer appointments were received from Park for Norhamshire and Morrison [Morison] for Islandshire; Henderson in person accepted for Berwick district.	
GBR 38/129L- 131R	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 April 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Robertson; Robert Johnson; Alexander Christison; Richard Watkins; Alexander Lowrey; Alexander Smith; James Laing; Charles L. Gilchrist; Nicholas Bell; Dr. Clarke [Henry Clarke] Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Mungo Park, Andrew Morison Chairman: [Alexander Robertson]</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] 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>A notice of marriage was read for Joseph Haig and Rose McEllinder. Funeral expenses were ordered for William Short of Ancroft; Donald Bain of Berwick.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie] milk, fish, vegetables; Main tailor 6 days; knitting, marking ink, teasing oakum, sand &c; 2 baptisms; schoolmistress [Elizabeth Buglass] 2 weeks wages; The Auditor Donald Sinclair sent a report that he had audited and allowed the accounts of the Union. The payment of salaries to the Union officers was ordered: W & E Willoby [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] clerks; Sinclair auditor; Atkinson, Anderson and Dods Relieving Officers, Henderson, Morison and Park medical officers, and Purdie workhouse master. Vaccination fees were paid to Morison and Park. The Workhouse rent was paid.</p> <p>Permission was given to the church wardens overseers of Berwick for James Black, a poor boy to be apprenticed to Thomas Greive, tailor of Wooler, Greive to be paid £5 - £2.10.0 at the beginning of the indenture and a further £2.10.0 half way through the apprenticeship. The majority of Guardians present signed a notice of their intention to apply to the justices for maintenance orders against Alexander Mathison in relation to the illegitimate child of Ann Marshall.</p>	12 April 1842	

		<p>The Workhouse committee presented estimates for the whitening and colouring of the workhouse, and the lowest, from James Thompson was accepted.</p> <p>The Chairman and Dr. Clarke were deputed to meet with the Rev. Brown, curate of Berwick and the Rev. Leach, curate of Tweedmouth to see if they would take Sunday evening divine service for the inmates at the workhouse in rotation with the clergy of other denominations or otherwise during the week at a time convenient to them.</p> <p>The clerk reported that counsel having been consulted on the liability of the sureties of Mr. Rowland [John Rowland, former treasurer of the Union], it was counsel's opinion that they were not relieved of their liability. It was resolved to hold a special meeting on 21 April 1842 to hear the opinion and make such order as seemed fit for the recovery of the balance. Meanwhile the clerks were to require payment of the outstanding balance of £767 from the sureties.</p> <p>Applications were received from the church wardens and overseers of the parishes of Kyloe and Ancroft for permission to elect guardians as the original nominations had not been delivered in time. The clerk was instructed to seek the permission of the Poor Law Commissioners for this. The meeting was adjourned to 21 April 1842.</p>	
GBR 38/131R-132L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 21 April 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Robertson; Charles L. Gilchrist; Thomas Nesbit; Alexander Lowrey; Alexander Christison; James Black. Auditor: Donald Sinclair Chairman: Alexander Robertson</p> <p>A notice of marriage was read for John Haig and Rose McEllinder</p> <p>The Clerk read the opinion of Mr. Chitty [counsel] regarding the liability of Mr. Rowland [John Rowland, former Treasurer of the Union]'s sureties to make good the balance due from him, and also related letters of 14 January 1842 and 10 March 1842 from the Poor Law Commissioners. Although Chitty's opinion was that the sureties were not relieved at law, he could not give a decided opinion on whether a court of equity would restrain an action if one should be brought against the sureties. It was decided to seek the opinion of an equity barrister as to the probability of a court of equity granting any relief to the sureties, which opinion to be obtained by 10 May 1842 when the matter would be considered further.</p> <p>The Board ordered that the auditor be asked to audit Rowland's books and accounts and to</p>	21 April 1842

			present his report at the next meeting	
GBR 38/132L- 136L	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 April 1842	<p>Present at the meeting: Guardians: Alexander Robertson; Nathaniel Dodds; Henry Clarke; John Dodds; Robert Johnson; Alexander Christison; Alexander Smith; George Young Medical Officers: Andrew Henderson; Andrew Morison Chairman: Alexander Robertson</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and for the Relieving Officers, Messrs Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Anderson [John Anderson], and Dods [William Dods] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Funeral expenses were ordered for Isabella Berrington of Kyloe and Hugh Hart's child of Berwick. Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Payments were also ordered for supplies and services: Master of the Workhouse [John Purdie] milk, fish, vegetables; J Main [John Main] repairing clothes, carpet shoes for Isabella Thompson, sand; Brooms, whitening, teasing 52 stones oakum, basins, jars &c; Miss Anderson bread; Alexander Smith beef; John Young groceries; R. Weatherhead groceries; Ralph Dodds groceries; James Balmer wine &c; Robert Sanderson coals; S & I Richardson 13 pairs shoes; Dods coffin for a Lowick pauper; David Lamb; P Davidson for examining shoes; Union officers postages; Justice Clerks fees in respect of conviction &c of Middleton & Ann Kenny for stealing; Charles Knight books, forms &c, official circulars; James Jaffray slates, books &c; Atkinson stones & cartage, thermometer for baths; Thomas Chartres garden implements; Walter Thompson stationery, books &c; Thomas Melrose stationery, books &c; James Marshall insurance; John Anderson coffin for Mary McQueen.</p> <p>Payments were made to the clerks [William Willoby and Edward Willoby] for the work and expense of conducting the elections with an additional payment for the contested Berwick election.</p> <p>The Workhouse committee presented its report on the new workhouse rules, highlighting matters about which direction was needed: that the Poor Law Commission should be requested to modify Articles 4,5,and 6 so that the master could classify and cleanse the paupers on admission without the presence of the medical officer, provided the medical officer examined them on his first subsequent visit, since the medical</p>	26 April 1842	

officer was not resident at the workhouse and could not be expected to interrupt his rounds etc.

Article 8 – the porter should examine male paupers and the matron, or such female servant or assistant as she appoint, the female paupers.

Article 9 – the buildings do not allow the paupers to be classified other than in the current way, viz. Men and boys above 15, boys under 15, women and children above 15, women in the house with illegitimate children, girls below 15 and it is suggested that this classification continue – and permission sought from the Poor Law Commissioners at least until the new Assistant Commissioner has had an opportunity to inspect the house.

Article 10, 7thly – the Committee recommend that the vagrants receive the same dietary as the inmates, and that the vagrants be subject to the following rules: if the season and time of day permit men should break stones and women beat sand under supervision for two hours before being served supper. In the mornings they are to be called at the same time as the inmates and allowed to depart forthwith without breakfast. If they remain for breakfast they must do two further hours of work.

Article 13 – the committee proposed changes to the workhouse timetable given in the Rules and recommended that permission for these changes be sought from the Poor Law Commission.

Article 21 – the medical officer and the workhouse master should have a discretion to make an allowance of beer, wine or spirits to paupers employed as nurses or in household work. With respect to employment for inmates, the committee finds that it is almost impractical to enforce it on the mothers of illegitimate children in the house as currently constituted, but they recommend that the old and infirm women and the mothers of illegitimate children be moved from their current accommodation in the attic to the floor below – this would require some slight alteration to the room but the cost would be trifling.

Article 24: the master is the proper person to give leave of absence to inmates but in doing so should ensure the reasons given are valid and should report to the Board if he believes such permission has been abused. The committee specified the conditions for boys and girls – boys to be taken out in the charge of the schoolmaster for 2 hours 11 to 1, on Tuesdays and Fridays weekly or to work in the garden, also 4 boys daily to be sent by the master to work in the garden. Similarly, with the exception of the girls employed in household work in the kitchen, to be taken out or to work in the garden under the charge of the schoolmistress at the same hours.

Article 25 – the room to be used for interviews to be the receiving ward or if it is occupied the dining room.

Article 62 -the committee express concern about the strict enforcement of this rule in relation to appointments to vacant situations which they believe would give rise to confusion and delay and recommend that the Poor Law Commission be asked to modify it.

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