

Berwick-upon-Tweed Poor Law Union. Board of Guardians correspondence book

Volume of incoming correspondence from the Poor Law Board to the Berwick-upon-Tweed Poor Law Union 1852-1855.

The Poor Law Board reference numbers, when included, are shown at the end of each entry.

GBR 77/1-2	Letter referring to their letter of 4 June last respecting the site of the Berwick Workhouse. They request an early reply to the letter. 937/1852	7 Jan. 1852
GBR 77/3-4	Witness expenses. Copy of an order authorising the Guardians to pay certain expenses to the witnesses summoned before Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst] at the enquiry held by him on 29 October last into charges against Mr Watson, Medical Officer. It is pointed out that the amount paid is not to be seen as remuneration to the witnesses for actual loss of time. 52087/1851	13 Jan. 1852
GBR 77/5-6	The case of Sarah Wedderburn, of Morpeth, a widow with four children dependent on her, and five orphans of the name Atkinson, of Seaton Delaval. The Guardians propose to allow non-resident relief. The Board want to know the amount paid to the widow, who appears able-bodied and in employment. They sanction the Guardians' proposal if the 2 unions involved assent. 976/1852	23 Jan. 1852
GBR 77/7-8	Letter in reply to that of 13 January 1852 applying for the Board's sanction of a payment of £3 14s 10d to Mr Wilson [James Wilson] for medical services rendered previous to the date of his appointment. 1870/1852	24 Jan. 1852
GBR 77/9-10	Letter acknowledging receipt of copy of the contract for vaccination proposed by the Guardians with James Wilson. The Board return the contract with the comment that it is somewhat indefinite in its terms. 4487/1852	9 Feb. 1852
GBR 77/11-12	Letter in reply to that of 4 February 1852 stating the weekly earnings of Sarah Wedderburn to whom the Guardians propose to grant non-resident relief. Reference also to the case of Jane Forster, a widow with 3 young children, residing at Rothbury, and who keeps a small shop. The Guardians have applied to grant her non-resident relief. Also mentioned is the case of George and Ann Lyall, 2 orphan children living with their grandfather and uncle at Sacker in the Belford Union, and to whom the Guardians wish to grant non-resident relief. The Guardians have not replied to the question as to whether the Guardians of the unions in which Sarah Wedderburn and the orphan children reside consent to the proposed allowance of non-resident relief to them. The Board point out that non-resident relief is, as a general rule, open to great objection and abuse, and can only be sanctioned in extreme cases. The Board sanction the allowance of non-resident relief to George Lyall and Ann Lyall. The Board cannot sanction relief to Jane Forster who is apparently able to maintain herself. Also stated that non-resident relief cannot be given to people residing in Scotland. 4360/1852	14 Feb. 1852
GBR 77/13-14	Letter sanctioning payment of £3 14s 10d to Mr James Wilson, Medical Officer, for services rendered previous to the date of his appointment as Medical Officer of the Islandshire District. 5775/1852	25 Feb. 1852
GBR 77/15-16	Inquiry if the Guardians have restored the Schedule A in Mr Wilson's [James Wilson] contract for vaccination. Request to forward a copy of the contract in accordance with Vict 3 & 4 c 29 sect 4.. 4487/1852	19 March 1852
GBR 77/17-18	The Board sanction the allowance of non-resident relief to Jane Forster of 3s a month until 12 May when the case has to be reported to the Board again. Also sanction of the allowance of non-resident relief in the case of Sarah Wedderburn and her orphan children. Non-resident relief also granted to Eleanor Elliott and Jane Weddell if consent of the Glendale Union in the	3 March 1852

	former case, and of the Guardians of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union in the latter case is first obtained. Future applications for non-resident relief should be submitted in separate letters. 5334/1852	
GBR 77/19-20	Letter acknowledging that of 6 March 1852, and stating that the Board do not object to the continuation of the existing contract for vaccination for the Islandshire District of the Berwick Union until 25 instant. Copy of contract requested. 7424/1852	9 March 1852
GBR 77/21-22	Letter in reply to letter of 20 February 1852 respecting the title of the Guardians of the Berwick Union Workhouse. Proper proceedings should be taken either to produce an assignment of the property for the remainder of the term or an under-lease from the Parish Officers of Berwick. 5971/1852	9 March 1852
GBR 77/23-24	Letter acknowledging that of 4 March 1852 reporting the resignation of George Trotter, Collector of Poor Rates for the District of Berwick. The Board request to be informed of the reason for the resignation, if known. 7286/1852	10 March 1852
GBR 77/25-26	Letter acknowledging that of 8 March 1852 relating to the case of Jane Forster. The Board point out an error in their letter of 3 March 1852. 3s per month should have been 3s per week. 7347/1852	10 March 1852
GBR 77/27-29	Request to fill in form with number of paupers of all classes, including children, relieved in the sixth week of the quarter ending Lady Day, 1852. Enclosed letter dated 12 March 1852 requesting, from the House of Lords, to furnish the Board with a return of the number of paupers relieved, both in-door and out-door in the sixth week of the present quarter in the enclosed form, also a request for a return of fall in-door and out-door paupers relieved in the Berwick Union in the first week of February of each year from 1846 to 1852. Also letter expressing doubts as to the correctness of the mode adopted by some of the union in the classification of the out-door poor. The Board point out how it should be done and enclose a sample form as an example	17 March 1852
GBR 77/30	Letter instructing the Guardians, as soon as possible, to transmit in the enclosed form [not enclosed] the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half year ended Lady Day 1852.	19 March 1852
GBR 77/31-32	Letter acknowledging that of 13 February 1852. In reply to the question contained in it the Board state that a gentleman who is rated to the poor rate in respect of property in a parish of the Berwick Union, exceeding the annual value of £25, is so far eligible for the office of guardian even though he may reside out of the Union. Residence in the Union forms no part of the legal qualifications for a guardian of the poor. 8317/1852	19 March 1852
GBR 77/33-34	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1852, reporting the resignation of George Trotter as Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick, in which the Guardians enquire if they are justified in returning Mr Trotter's bond on receiving a written assurance from the Parish Officers stating that they are satisfied with the correctness of his accounts up to 25 instant. 8606/1852	20 March 1852
GBR 77/35-36	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1852 and requesting particulars of the appointment of John M D Patterson to the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick. 8606/1852	20 March 1852
GBR 77/37	Letter altering the Form of Notice required to be given to the Guardians upon their election according to the General Consolidated Order.	22 March 1852
GBR 77/38-39	Letter stating non-receipt of the weekly return of the number of paupers in receipt of relief in the Berwick Union on the last day of the twelfth week of the present quarter.	25 March 1852
GBR 77/40-	Letter acknowledging that of 25 March 1852. The Board are unable to	1 April 1852

41	sanction the appointment of Dr Dunbar as Medical Officer of the Berwick District and the Union Workhouse as he does not possess the legal qualifications prescribed in article 168 of the General Regulations. The Board also point out problems in connection with the Guardians proposal to combine the Northhamshire East and West Districts into one district, and they also state that in view of the difficulties of obtaining legally qualified medical officers the proposed reduction of salaries proposed by the Guardians should not be adhered to. 9652/1852	
GBR 77/42-43	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1852. The Board send the form of an order authorising the Guardians to hire the Workhouse for the remainder of the term; it is held by the Churchwardens and Overseers of the Parish of Berwick. The form to be signed by 23 Guardians and returned to the Poor Law Board. [Letter incomplete as p 43 is torn out].	8 April 1852
GBR 77/44	Duplicate for the relief of the poor, in-maintenance and out-door relief, for the half year ended Lady Day 1852.	8 April 1852
GBR 77/45	Forms of Poor Rate Returns for the year ended Lady Day last. To be returned to the Poor Law Board with as little delay as possible.	14 April 1852
GBR 77/46	[Identical to GBR 77/45].	14 April 1852
GBR 77/47-48	[TORN OUT].	
GBR 77/49-50	Letter acknowledging that of 15 April 1852 reporting that John Patterson, recently elected as Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick, has declined to enter upon the duties of his office. The Board request to be informed of the election of his replacement as soon as it has taken place. 11976/1852	19 April 1852
GBR 77/51-52	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1852. The Board sanction payment of £3 to Dr Dunbar for services performed as Medical Officer for the Berwick District and Union Workhouse, they also sanction the temporary engagements made by the Guardians for medical attendance of the poor in the Workhouse and the Berwick, East Northhamshire and the Tweedmouth Districts for Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Mr Paxton [John Paxton] and Mr Morrison [Andrew Morrison]. The Board wish the Guardians would come to a permanent solution as regards election of medical officers, and they refer the Guardians to the General Regulations of July 1847. 11978/1852	23 April 1852
GBR 77/53-54	Letter acknowledging that of 15 March 1852 in which the Guardians applied for the sanction of paying 10s for the use of a room at Norham for the purpose stated. The Board request to be informed of the nature of the committee referred to, which duties they perform, and under what authority they are acting. 11977/1852	26 April 1852
GBR 77/55-56	Letter acknowledging that of 19 April 1852 respecting the election of guardians for the Parish of Ancroft. As John McGregor cannot legally continue to act as Guardian for the parish, the Board are willing to issue an order to enable the parish to elect a guardian in place of the late John Oswald. 12472/1852	30 April 1852
GBR 77/57	A request in compliance with an order of the House of Commons to furnish the Poor Law Board with a return of the total rateable value of property assessed to the poor rate during the year ended Lady Day 1852. A copy of the order referred to enclosed.	1 May 1852
GBR 77/58-59	Letter acknowledging that of 27 April 1852 stating that the Board have no objection to the temporary arrangement proposed for the performance of the duties of John Anderson, Relieving Officer. 13958/1852	4 May 1852
GBR 77/60-61	Letter acknowledging that of 27 April 1852 relating to the salaries of the medical officers of the Berwick District, the Workhouse, the Tweedmouth District and the East Division of the Northhamshire District. They request to be	4 May 1852

	informed of the results of elections for these districts and the Workhouse. 13597/1853 1852]	
GBR 77/62-63	Letter acknowledging that of 27 ultimo regarding payment to Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of £16 4s 1d for attendance and medicine supplied by him to the sick poor in the Tweedmouth District. As the Guardians do not have an agreement with Dr Wilson about remuneration, they are obliged to pay him. 13959/1852	5 May 1852
GBR 77/64-65	Letter acknowledging that of 1 May 1852 regarding the question of name of initials of a voter being written in the voting paper by another person. The Board think this would not be considered a fraudulent act within the meaning of 14 & 15 Vict c 105 p 3.. 14622/1852	8 May 1852
GBR 77/66-67	Letter acknowledging that of 28 April 1852. The Board request to be informed whether the committee referred to is a committee of inquiry appointed by the Guardians under article 40 of the General Consolidated Order, or whether they administer relief to the poor. 16061/1852	10 May 1852
GBR 77/68-69	Letter acknowledging that of 6 March and the reply of 9 March. The Board wish to know if the Guardians have yet entered into a fresh contract for vaccination with Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Medical Officer for the Islandshire District. 7424/1852	12 May 1852
GBR 77/70-71	Letter acknowledging that of 12 May 1852. The Board request particulars of appointment of John Thompson to the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick in the enclosed form. 16558/1852	15 May 1852
GBR 77/72	Order of the House of Commons made on the motion of Mr Moffat, to furnish the Poor Law Board with a return relating to workhouse loans.	15 May 1852
GBR 77/73-74	Letter acknowledging that of 12 May 1852 applying for an extension of non-resident relief of 3s per week to Jane Forster, widow. Extension granted until Michaelmas 1852. 16821/1852	19 May 1852
GBR 77/75-76	Letter acknowledging that of 8 May 1852 respecting non-resident relief to Eleanor Elliott, at Sunderland. The Board wish to know how the relief will be paid. 15867/1852	19 May 1852
GBR 77/77-78	Letter acknowledging that of 11 May 1852, and sanctioning the appointment of medical officers until 25 March 1853: Dr Alexander Kirkwood for the Union Workhouse, salary £30 per annum; Dr Alexander Kirkwood for the Berwick District, £35 per annum; Mr Andrew Morrison for the Tweedmouth District, £40 per annum; Mr John Paxton for the East Division of the Northhamshire District £20 per annum; Mr Donaldson [William Donaldson] for the West Division of the Northhamshire District £15 per annum; Mr James Wilson for the Islandshire District, £20 per annum. 16543/1852	21 May 1852
GBR 77/79	Request to fill in and transmit list of guardians and paid officers for the current year.	21 May 1852
GBR 77/80-81	Letter acknowledging that of 7 May 1852 applying for sanction of non-resident relief to Eleanor Smith, widow, with two children living at Bowsden. The Board can only justify the relief for a short period of time, after which she and the children will have to go into the Workhouse if more relief is required. 15931/1852	22 May 1852
GBR 77/82-83	Letter acknowledging that of 20 May 1852 regarding non-resident relief to Eleanor Elliott at Sunderland. The Board cannot sanction the way the Guardians have proposed to pay the relief. 10357/1852	22 May 1852
GBR 77/84-	Letter acknowledging that of 26 May 1852 sanctioning the contract for	28 May 1852

85	vaccination with Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] for the Berwick District. The Board request to be informed why the contract is limited to one year. Contracts for the other districts to be forwarded to the Board for their approval. 19157/1852	
GBR 77/86-87	Letter acknowledging that of 26 May 1852 regarding proposed increases of the salary of Mr William Donaldson, Medical Officer of the West Division of the Northhamshire District, from £15 to £20 per annum. The Board wish to know the reason for the increase. 19086/1852	29 May 1852
GBR 77/88-89	Letter acknowledging that of 26 May 1852 in which the Guardian informed the Board that Eleanor Smith and her children now reside within the Berwick Union, and the Guardians propose to continue her allowance under the authority of the 5 th exception to article 1 of the General Prohibitory Order. 19087/1852	29 May 1852
GBR 77/90-91	Letter acknowledging that of 25 May 1852, sanctioning the appointment of Mr John Thompson as Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Berwick, salary £30 per annum. 19193/1852	4 June 1852
GBR 77/92	Request to furnish the Board, by 12 July, with a return of the numbers of the several classes of paupers in the Union on 1 of that month. Form enclosed.	24 June 1852
GBR 77/93-94	Letter acknowledging that of 22 June 1852 informing the Board of the Guardians' reason for limiting the contract for vaccination with Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] to one year. The Board wish the contract to be extended to an unlimited period from next year. They also request vaccination contracts from the other districts. 24465/1852	25 June 1852
GBR 77/95-96	Letter acknowledging that of 22 June 1852 regarding Mary Elliott, an aged person residing in the Glendale Union and the Guardians' proposed non-resident relief to her. The Board request to be informed if the Glendale Union objects to the continued residence of the pauper in their union. 24459/1852	26 June 1852
GBR 77/97-98	Letter acknowledging that of 22 June 1852 regarding the pauper Eleanor Elliott. The Board are satisfied that the relief can be given to her brother, if the Guardians are satisfied of his integrity. 24463/1852	26 June 1852
GBR 77/99-100	Letter acknowledging that of 22 June 1852 regarding sending lunatic paupers belonging to the Berwick Union to asylums in Scotland and maintained at the cost of the Poor Rate of this Union. The Board state that they do not see how the Guardians can obtain legal orders for the removal of English lunatic paupers to Scotland. They refer to the provisions of the 8 & 9 Vict c 126, whose application applies specially to England and Wales. 24509/1852	3 July 1852
GBR 77/101-102	Sanction of increase of the salary of Mr William Donaldson, Medical Officer of the West Division of the Northhamshire District from £15 to £20 per annum. 24458/1852	3 July 1852
GBR 77/103-104	Letter acknowledging that of 30 June 1852 sanctioning non-relief of 2s 6d per week to Mary Elliott. 25907/1852	3 July 1852
GBR 77/105-106	Letter acknowledging that of 22 June 1852. The Board sanction the Guardians' proposal of granting non-residence relief of 2s per week to Jane Waite, an aged widow, residing in East Boldon, near Sunderland.	3 July 1852
GBR 77/107-108	Request to be furnished with a return of the number of children in the workhouses of the several unions and parishes in England and Wales. Return for the Berwick Union enclosed.	20 July 1852
GBR 77/109-110	Letter acknowledging that of 12 July 1852 sanctioning the allowance of 3s per week non-resident relief to Eleanor Humphries.	22 July 1852

	27918/1852	
GBR 77/111	Request to the Guardians to consider their observations of letter received from Mr Usher [Robert Usher], District Auditor, relating to the appointments of assistant overseers in certain townships. Order in existence from the Poor Law Commissioners directing the Guardians to appoint collectors of poor rates for such townships. 29023/1852	27 July 1852
GBR 77/112-114	Copy of letter from Northumberland Audit District, Berwick Union relating to an order for the appointment of collectors issued by the Poor Law Commissioners 22 July 1837 and the Guardians' non-observance of the correct procedure regarding this.	20 July 1852
GBR 77/1115- 116	Letter regarding audit for the half year ended at Lady Day last showing that the bonds of Mr J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Relieving Officer, Workhouse Master, and Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth, were defective as one of his sureties has left the county. Also that the bond of Mr John Anderson, Assistant Overseer of Holy Island, is imperfect, as he is appointed under 59 Geo. III, c 12, sec. 7 and not under an order of the Poor Law Commissioners dated 23 July 1838. No surety produced at the audit from Assistant Overseers of Shoreswood and Cornhill. 28959/1852	28 July 1852
GBR 77/117-118	Letter acknowledging that of 15 April last and subsequent correspondence respecting payment for the hire of the room in Norham for the District meeting for examination of the paupers of the parishes in Norhamshire. The Board make no objection to the proposed payment. 16822/1852	28 July 1852
GBR 77/119	Workhouse School inspection Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. The Guardians, the Chaplain and the teachers to be informed.	7 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/120-121	Examination of pupil teachers on 16 Aug. Form enclosed and extracts from minutes of August and December 1846 regarding the qualifications to be required of candidates of pupil teachers in each year of their 5 year apprenticeship.	7 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/122-123	Letter acknowledging that of 7 Aug. 1852 forwarding copy of letter from Edward Henderson, of Lowick, in the case of Jane Forster receiving non-resident relief from the Guardians of the Berwick Union. The Board have no objection to the proposed increase in her relief. 31222/1852	10 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/124-125	Letter acknowledging that of 6 Aug. 1852 and forwarding copies of contracts entered into by the Guardians with Messrs Morrison [Andrew Morrison], Wilson [James Wilson], Donaldson [William Donaldson] and Paxton [John Paxton] for vaccination of persons resident in their respective districts until 25 March next. The Board have no objection to this arrangement, but trust that after 25 March next permanent contracts for vaccination will be entered into. 31297/1852	10 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/126-127	Letter acknowledging that of 5 Aug. 1852, and requesting sanction to payment of amounts charged by Drs Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Morison [Andrew Morrison], Paxton [John Paxton] and [William Donaldson] for attending upon and supplying medicine to the sick paupers of the Berwick, Tweedmouth, and the East and West Divisions of the Norhamshire District. The Board state that the Guardians are obliged to pay the amounts claimed by the medical gentlemen. 31040/1852	13 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/128-130	Letter acknowledging that of 7 Aug. 1852 re proposed emigration of a pauper boy named Johnson [John Johnson], chargeable to the Parish of Tweedmouth. Procedures according to resolution under the 12 & 13 Vict. c 103, sect 20 to be followed. Resolution signed by a majority of the Guardians for the Parish of Tweedmouth accompanied by a description of the proposed emigrant to be forwarded to the Board. The emigrant's consent should be obtained before 2 Justices at the Petty Session.	13 Aug. 1852

GBR 77/131-132	Letter acknowledging that of 6 Aug. 1852 relating to the duties of Miss Atkinson [Margaret Atkinson] which are to be limited to only acting as a sewing mistress, and the education of the children now under her charge to be transferred to Mr Tait, Schoolmaster, and his assistant. The Board are unable to assent to the proposal. 31199/1852	14 Aug. 1852
GBR 77/133-134	Letter acknowledging that of 28 July 1852, and referring to the Auditor's report on the bonds of the officers of the Berwick Union. The Board request the Guardians' observations on this. 28959/1852	7 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/135-136	Letter regarding repayment of the salaries of the schoolmaster and Schoolmistress, and half of the salaries of the Medical Officers, for the year ended 31 March 1852. Form enclosed.	8 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/137-138	Letter acknowledging that of 31 Aug. 1852 regarding the resignation of Mr Tait, Schoolmaster of the Union Workhouse. The Board request to be informed when a new schoolmaster has been elected. 33056/1852	9 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/139-140	Letter calling attention to letter of 27 July 1852 desiring the Guardians to submit observations on Mr Usher's, District Auditor, report relating to the appointment of assistant overseers in certain townships in the Union. 29023/1852	9 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/141-142	Letter acknowledging that of 10 Sept. 1852 regarding payment of £15 per annum to the Schoolmaster of the Union Workhouse in lieu of rations. 34799/1852	17 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/143-144	Letter acknowledging that of 8 Sept. 1852 regarding the proposed emigration of John Johnson from the Parish of Tweedmouth to Australia. A contract for the conveyance of the emigrant to be entered into, even though he is going with his uncle Mr W Thompson and his family. 34461/1852	18 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/145-146	Letter acknowledging that of 21 Sept. 1852 regarding the proposed emigration of John Johnson from the Parish of Tweedmouth to Australia. Arrangements made with the Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners for his conveyance with his uncle and family. The contract for his conveyance is no longer needed. 35799/1852	23 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/147	Request to transmit to the Poor Law Board the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half year ended at Michaelmas 1852.	24 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/148	Direction by the Poor Law Board to the statute passed in the last session of Parliament – the 15 & 16 Vict. c 14 – regarding relief of certain poor persons made upon the Common Fund. This statute has been extended to 30 Sept. 1853.	24 Sept. 1852
GBR 77/149-150	Letter acknowledging that of 21 Sept. 1852 regarding the Guardians proposal to pay the Schoolmaster of the Workhouse £15 in lieu of rations. The Board cannot sanction this as the Schoolmaster is already receiving a very high salary of £60 per annum. 35918/1852	1 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/151-152	Forms from the Poor Law Board for a return of the number of persons vaccinated by the Public Vaccinators during the year ended 29 Sept. 1852.	1 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/153-154	Letter acknowledging that of 29 September reporting the resignation of Miss Margaret Atkinson, Schoolmistress of the Union Workhouse School. The Board wish to know the cause of the resignation, if known, as well as the result of the next election of a schoolmistress to replace Miss Atkinson. 36621/1852	4 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/155-156	Letter acknowledging that of 12 Oct. 1852 and requiring particulars of the appointments of Mr and Mrs Nesbit [William Nesbit and Isabella Nesbit] to the offices of Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress at the Union Workhouse to be communicated to them.	15 Oct. 1852

	37963/1852	
GBR 77/157-158	Letter referring to letters addressed to the Guardians on 28 July 1852 and 7 Sept. 1852 seeking information about securities of certain officers in the Union. 28959/1852	19 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/159-160	The Board referring to their letter of 8 April 1852 respecting the hiring of the Union Workhouse by the Guardians of the Union. They request the forms and documents referred to be forwarded to them. 8499/1852	20 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/161-162	Letter referring to the Guardians' letter of 10 September 1852. The Board request to be informed about the report made by the committee appointed to consider the report of Mr Usher, District Auditor, regarding appointment of assistant overseers. 34779/1852	23 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/163-164	Letter acknowledging that of 12 October 1852 forwarding copy of resolutions of the Guardians' opinion on the subject of intended alterations in the Workhouse. The Board request the plan referred to in the report to be transmitted to them. 38059/1852	27 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/165-166	Letter acknowledging that of 21 October 1852. The Board sanction the appointments of Mr William Nesbit and Mrs Isabella Nesbit as Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress at the Union Workhouse for a 6 months' trial period at a salary of £45 and £20 per annum respectively and an allowance of £15 in lieu of rations. The Board request the Guardians' opinion at the expiration of the trial period. 38985/1852	27 Oct. 1852
GBR 77/167-168	Letter acknowledging that of 28 October 1852 forwarding plans for building idiot wards and a new school room at the Union Workhouse. The Board request to be furnished with a sketch ground plan of the Workhouse premises showing the lay-out of the building. 40356/1852	5 Nov. 1852
GBR 77/169-170	Letter acknowledging that of 4 November 1852 containing a return of the numbers of persons vaccinated by the Public Vaccinators of the Union during the year ended 29 September 1852. The Board comment on the high mortality rate due to smallpox during the last year, and encourage the Public Vaccinators to ensure that as many children as possible are vaccinated. 41204/1852	5 Nov. 1852
GBR 77/171-172	Letter acknowledging that of 26 October 1852 regarding appointments of Assistant Overseers for Ancroft, Kylee, Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Shoreswood, Cornhill, Tweedmouth and Berwick. Enclosed copy of report of a committee of Guardians who have considered the subject. The Board refer to a recent decision made by the Court of Queen's Bench – the Queen vs Greens (law formal reports vol 21 N.S.M c 137) which raised the points important for the points raised by the Auditor as to the validity of the appointments made by the vestries of the several parishes. The Board send a copy of the report for consideration of the Guardians and wish to be informed whether their opinion of the learned counsel Mr Power, referred to in the report of the committee, was given before or subsequent to the decision in Queen vs Green. 39817/1852	8 Nov. 1852
GBR 77/173-174	Letter acknowledging that of 11 November 1852 regarding a demand made by Mr Fluker [Alexander Fluker], medical practitioner in Berwick, upon the Guardians for the payment of a fee of 10s. The Board desire to point out that the second section of the 11 and 12 Vict c 110 applies expressly to cases where medical assistance has been rendered to a poor person, though not actually chargeable, and the decision whether to pay Mr Fluker or not is up to the Guardians. 42731/1852	20 Nov. 1852
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 3 November 1852 stating inability to produce the	26 Nov. 1852

77/175-176	lease of the Workhouse or the assignment of the lease to the Parish Officers of Berwick, which the Board find unsatisfactory and they wish to know who granted the lease to Mr Cockburn, and who has possession of the counterpart of the lease. 41147/1852	
GBR 77/177	Letter to Margaret Atkinson, Mistress of the Berwick Parochial Union School, from the Committee of Council on Education, Council Office, Downing Street, stating that as she has declined to be examined by H M Inspector, T B Browne, Inspector of Parochial Union Schools, they are unable to award her any certificate. 4669/1852	4 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/178-179	Letter enclosing copy of letter from the Committee of Council on Education, sent to the Mistress of the Union Workhouse School, regarding her declining to be examined by the School Inspector and their refusal to award her any certificate. The Guardians will therefore not be entitled to receive any allowance from the Parliamentary Grant in respect of her salary for the year ending 26 March 1853. 46691/1852	13 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/180-181	Letter enclosing copy of certificate awarded by the Committee of Council on Education to the Master of the Union Workhouse School, specifying the sum which will be allowed to the Guardians from the Parliamentary Grant towards his salary for the year ending 25 March 1853, as well as rules for payment after that date. 46690/1852	14 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/182-183	Letter calling attention to a letter of 5 Nov. 1851 regarding the proposed alteration of the Berwick Union Workhouse. The Board request a plan of the premises for which application has been made, to be forwarded to them. 40356/1852	14 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/184	Letter to Thomas Herriot Tait from the Committee of Council on Education, Council Office, Downing Street, regarding his examination by T B Browne, H M Inspector of Parochial Union Schools. They have awarded him a certificate of competency, First Division, and allowing a sum of £35 from the Parliamentary Grant for the parochial year ending Lady Day 1853.	4 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/185	Request to be furnished by 12 Jan. 1853 with a return of the numbers of the several classes of paupers relieved within the Union on first of that month.	22 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/186	Letter referring to letter from Sir William G H Jolliffe, dated 18 Dec. 1852, regarding request for the use of the House of Commons, for a return of parishes through any portion of which any public railway passes.	30 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/187	List of parishes through any portion of which any public railway passes sent from the Berwick Union. [NB should have been in out-going correspondence]	14 Jan. 1853
GBR 77/188-189	Request for a return of the total number of paupers who have become chargeable to the Berwick Union under the Poor Removal Act of 1846, and subsequent acts for the last three years, as well as the amount of money expended for the in-maintenance and out-door relief of such.	30 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/190	Request for a return as to relief out of the poor rate being out of work, or in aid of wages. Stating numbers and amount of such relief.	30 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/191	Return of the above request signed by J B Atkinson [John Blackett Atkinson], Relieving Officer [NB Should have been in out-going correspondence].	27 Jan. 1853
GBR 77/192	Return of the above request signed by Jno Anderson [John Anderson], Relieving Officer.	10 Jan. 1853
GBR 77/193	Return of the above request signed by Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer.	No date
GBR 77/194-195	Two returns not filled in.	No date
GBR 77/196	Return of the above request signed by W Willoby [William Willoby].	27 Jan. 1853

GBR 77/197-198	Request to be furnished with a return of employment in industrial pursuits of workhouse inmates.	30 Dec. 1852
GBR 77/199	From the General Board of Health. Request to transmit the accompanying copies of their newly issued official circulars to the Chairman, Vice-chairman and Medical Officers of the Union.	Jan. 1853
GBR 77/200-201	Letter acknowledging that of 21 December 1852 containing plan of the Union Workhouse, and the Board's comments to the proposed alterations. 49222/1852	12 Jan. 1853
GBR 77/202-203	Letter acknowledging that of 4 January 1853 containing proposal by the Guardians of new rations for the officers and servants of the Workhouse. 613/1853	17 Jan. 1853
GBR 77/204-205	Letter acknowledging that of 19 January 1853 and approving appointment of Mr Adam Swan as Barber at the Berwick Union Workhouse. Remuneration £4 17s 6d per annum. 2644/1853	5 Feb. 1853
GBR 77/206-207	Letter acknowledging that of 19 January 1853 forwarding the Guardians' proposal of rations to the Officers resident in the Berwick Union Workhouse. The Board approve of the proposed rations if thought sufficient and appropriate by the Officers. 2633/1853	5 Feb. 1853
GBR 77/208-209	Letter acknowledging that of 4 February 1853 regarding the proposed alterations of the Union Workhouse. The Board think that the present lease should not be extended, and that it would be preferable to purchase land beyond the limits of the town for the purpose of building an entire new workhouse. 4021/1853	12 Feb. 1853
GBR 77/210-211	Letter acknowledging that of 15 February 1853 and sanctioning non-resident relief at Embleton of 4s per week to Euphemia Dick, as proposed by the Guardians. 5912/1853	24 Feb. 1853
GBR 77/212-213	Letter acknowledging that of 15 February 1853 and referring to the case of Mary Leitholm reported in the letter. The Board wish to know in which way the proposed non-resident relief is to be paid to her, and if her three children are legitimate. 6003/1853	25 Feb. 1853
GBR 77/214-215	Letter acknowledging that of 1 March 1853 in reply to theirs of 25 Feb. 1853. As Mary Leitholm shall receive the relief herself, and all her children are legitimate, the Board sanction the allowance of 5s weekly non-resident relief to be paid to her. 7447/1853	5 March 1853
GBR 77/216-217	Letter acknowledging that of 3 March 1853 regarding the medical arrangements of the Berwick Union. The Board wish to be informed of the reason for the proposed increase in the salary of the Office of Medical Officer for the Islandshire District from £20 per annum to £25 per annum. 7711/1853	10 March 1853
GBR 77/218-219	Attention drawn to letter of 26 November 1852 regarding the title of the Workhouse of the Berwick Union. The Board request a reply. 41147/1852	17 March 1853
GBR 77/220	Request to transmit the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half year ended at Lady Day 1853.	21 March 1853
GBR221- 222	Letter acknowledging that of 4 March 1853 relating arrangements proposed by the Guardians for medical relief to the sick poor of the Berwick Union. Also request for the name of the medical officer appointed for the Union Workhouse, and at what salary. 8772/1853	23 March 1853
GBR 77/2223-	Letter acknowledging that of 24 March 1853 and sanctioning appointments of medical officers of the Berwick Union for the year ending 25 March 1854: Dr	4 April 1853

224	Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Berwick District, £35 per annum. Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Union Workhouse, £30 per annum. Mr Morrison [Andrew Morrison], Tweedmouth District, £40 per annum. Mr Paxton [John Paxton], Norhamshire East Division, £20 per annum. Mr Donaldson [William Donaldson], Norhamshire West Division, £20 per annum. Dr Wilson [John Wilson], Islandshire District, £25 per annum. 9734/1853	
GBR 77/225-226	Letter acknowledging that of 2 April 1853 and sanctioning expenditure not exceeding £5 for the purchase of books from the Religious Tract Society for the use of the inmates of the Workhouse. 10570/1853	6 April 1853
GBR 77/227-228	Letter acknowledging that of 21 March 1853 and sanctioning payment of £15 per annum to Mr George Dick, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Tweedmouth. 9459/1853	6 April 1853
GBR 77/229-230	Letter acknowledging that of 2 April 1853 regarding the subject under which the Guardians occupy the Union Workhouse, and requesting that the Guardians obtain a copy of the counterpart of the lease to Mr Cockburn and send it to them. 10596/1853	12 April 1853
GBR 77/231-232	Letter acknowledging that of 12 April 1853 requesting permission that Mr Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer for the Norhamshire District, may also hold the office of collector of poor rates, and assistant overseer for the parish of Cornhill. The Board wish to know if Mr Ralph Grey is no longer assistant overseer for the parish of Cornhill. 11842/1853	23 April 1853
GBR 77/233-234	Letter referring to that of 27 October 1852, and stating that the Board wish to be furnished with a report from the Guardians on how Mr and Mrs Nesbit, Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress of the Workhouse School, have discharged their duties during the period they have held those offices. 39923/1852	27 April 1853
GBR 77/235	Request to be furnished with the returns of: 1. The number of married couples above 60 who were inmates of the Workhouse and living together on 1 January 1853. 2. The number of married couples above 60 and inmates of the Workhouse, living separately. 3. The number of Workhouse inmates committed to prison during 1852 for offences committed as inmates.	28 April 1853
GBR 77/236	Request to be furnished with a return of the quantity of land purchased or hired by the Guardians for the industrial training of pauper children.	28 April 1853
GBR 77/237-238	Letter acknowledging that of 27 April 1853 stating that Mr Ralph Grey no longer is the assistant overseer of the parish of Cornhill. The Board state that if Mr Joseph Scott is duly elected by the Guardians for that office they will give the subject further consideration. 14238/1853	4 May 1853
GBR 77/239-240	Reference to letter of 25 April forwarding lease of the premises used by the Workhouse of the Berwick Union from the Corporation of Berwick to Mr Cockburn. The Board state it desirable that the title of the Parish of Berwick to the property should be cleared up. Also, if there were any assignment of the lease to the Parish Officer, the deed should be produced. It appears from the copy of endorsement on the lease that a piece of land was obtained by the Parish in 1813 without conveyance from the Corporation. 13851/1853	11 May 1853
GBR 77/241-242	Report received by the Board from Mr Usher, District Auditor, stating that one of the sureties of Mr Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer of the Norhamshire District, is dead. The Board wish to be kept informed of steps taken to the completion of the security of that office. 15853/1853	11 May 1853
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 3 May 1853 relating to a claim made upon the	12 May 1853

77/243-244	Guardians by Mr Donaldson [William Donaldson], Medical Officer of the West Division of the Northhamshire District for a midwifery fee of 10s.	
GBR 77/245	Request for annual poor rate return 1852-1853, covering in-maintenance, out-relief, workhouse loans repaid and interest thereon, salaries and rations of officers, other expenses of or immediately connected with relief.	19 May 1853
GBR 77/246	[Identical to GBR 77/245]	19 May 1853
GBR 77/247-248	Regarding proposed change to reduce the number of forms submitted by the clerks to the guardians in their weekly reports.	20 May 1853
GBR 77/249	Request to fill in forms of lists of Guardians and paid officers for the current year.	21 May 1853
GBR 77/250-251	Letter acknowledging that of 20 May 1853 and requiring particulars of the appointment of Mr Joseph Scott as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer of the Parish of Cornhill. 19413/1853	28 May 1853
GBR 77/252-253	Letter acknowledging that of 31 May 1853 and sanctioning, for six months on further trial, the appointment of Mr and Mrs Nesbit as Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress at the Union Workhouse School. At the expiration they are to undergo an examination by an inspector of schools before a final decision is made. 20227/1853	4 June 1853
GBR 77/254-255	Letter acknowledging that of 31 May 1853 informing of the proceedings of the Guardians' meeting on the subject of the proposed erection of a new workhouse. The Board wish to have a copy of the report from the special committee appointed by the Guardians. 20232/1853	4 June 1853
GBR 77/256	Request to be furnished with a return of the number of persons to whom voting papers were delivered in the last March election of guardians in England and Wales, and the number who voted.	18 June 1853
GBR 77/257	Return of filled-in form of the above-mentioned. (Should have been in out-going correspondence).	25 June 1853
GBR 77/258	Request to be furnished with the number of children between three and 15 years of age chargeable to the poor rates of England and Wales.	18 June 1853
GBR 77/259	Form filled in regarding the above-mentioned. (Should have been in out-going correspondence).	20 June 1853
GBR 77/260-261	Request to return completed form of the particulars of the appointment of Mr Joseph Scott as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill.	29 June 1853
GBR 77/262-263	Letter acknowledging that of 23 June 1853 reporting the resignation of Mr William Donaldson as Medical Officer of the Northhamshire District. The Board wish to be informed of the election of his replacement. 24225/1853	29 June 1853
GBR 77/264-265	Letter acknowledging that of 25 June 1853 and sanctioning non-resident relief of 2s per week to Jane Briggs residing with her son in the Parish of Kirknewton in the Glendale Union. 24263/1853	30 June 1853
GBR 77/266-267	Letter acknowledging that of 25 June 1853 and sanctioning non-resident relief of 2s per week to Thomas Frizzle and his wife residing at Ford in the Glendale Union. 24226/1853	30 June 1853
GBR 77/268	Request for a return of paupers relieved on 1 July 1853.	24 June 1853
GBR 77/269-270	Letter acknowledging that of 4 July 1853 regarding the appointment of Mr Joseph Scott to the Office of Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Cornhill and the way in which he is going to be remunerated.	14 July 1853

	26282/1853	
GBR 77/271	Request for a return of number of pauper children not being in a workhouse or in any school for pauper children, and who were attending day schools on 1 July 1853 at the cost of other parties than their parents or relatives. Also request for a return of the number of children between 3 years and 15 years of age chargeable to the poor rates but not inmates of workhouses or any school for pauper children on 1 July 1853.	18 July 1853
GBR 77/272	Amended return of the above. (Should have been in out-going correspondence).	NO DATE
GBR 77/273-274	Letter acknowledging that of 8 July 1853 regarding the Guardians' proposal to transfer the townships of Norham, Grindon and Twizel from the West Norhamshire to the East Norhamshire medical district, and making the Parish of Cornhill a separate medical district and appointing Mr Paxton [John Paxton], Medical Officer of the former and Dr James Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] Medical Officer of the latter. As Dr Turnbull is already a medical officer in another union the Board wish to know if the Guardians could not appoint one residing in the district. 26479/1853	22 July 1853
GBR 77/275-276	Letter acknowledging that of 21 July 1853 regarding remuneration to be given to Mr Joseph Scott, Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill. The Board point out that under the order of 22 April 1837 the collector must be remunerated by means of the poundage prescribed. The Board wish to know why the Guardians wish to change this. 28259/1853	28 July 1853
GBR 77/277-278	Letter acknowledging that of 19 July 1853 with a report of the Building Committee regarding the proposed alterations of the Union Workhouse. The Board list a number of objections and repeat that the solution ought to be buying land outside of town for the erection of a new workhouse. 28175/1853 (annotated in the margin).	28 July 1853
GBR 77/279-280	Letter acknowledging that of 26 July 1853 requesting sanction of non-resident relief to George Tait and his wife, two aged paupers residing at Bowsden in the Glendale Union. The Board ask for further clarification of the case. 28829/1853	3 Aug. 1853
GBR 77/281-282	Letter acknowledging that of 26 July 1853 regarding non-resident relief to Rice and Margaret Forsythe, two aged paupers residing with relatives at [Fleethams] in the Belford Union. The Board ask for further clarification.	4 Aug. 1853
GBR 77/283-284	Letter acknowledging that of 13 August 1853 and sanctioning the allowance of 4s weekly non-resident relief to Rice and Margaret Forsythe. 30926/1853	19 Aug. 1853
GBR 77/285-286	Letter acknowledging that of 13 August 1853 and sanctioning the allowance of 4s weekly non-resident relief to George Tait and his wife. 30928/1853	19 Aug. 1853
GBR 77/287-288	Copy of letter addressed by the Guardians to the Treasurer of the Union respecting repayment of the salaries of the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress and half the salaries of the Medical Officers for the year ended 31 March 1853.	6 Sept. 1853
GBR 77/289-290	Letter stating the rules for compulsory vaccination of the poor according to the Act of the 16 and 17 Vict c 100, entitled An act to extend and make compulsory the practice of vaccination.	6 Sept. 1853
GBR 77/291-292	Letter acknowledging that of 31 August 1853 regarding the appointment of Mr Paxton [John Paxton] to the Office of Medical Officer of the district comprising the townships of Norham, Grindon and Twizel and the appointment of Dr James Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] to the Office of Medical Officer of the district consisting of the Parish of Cornhill. The Board require particulars regarding the appointments in the enclosed form, (not included). 32307/1853	8 Sept. 1853
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 31 August 1853 and sanctioning the proposed	8 Sept. 1853

77/293-294	allowance of rations for the Workhouse. 32432/1853	
GBR 77/295-296	Letter sanctioning appointments of medical officers of the Union for the year ending 25 March 1854. They are: John Paxton, Northhamshire District, salary £33 per annum; Matthew James Turnbull, Cornhill District, £7 per annum. Contracts for vaccinations in their respective districts to be forwarded to them. 33628/1853	22 Sept. 1853
GBR 77/297	Request for cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half year ended at Michaelmas 1853.	23 Sept. 1853
GBR 77/298-299	Form forwarded with request for a return of the number of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinator during the year ended 28 September 1853.	1 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/300-301	Letter acknowledging that of 28 September 1853 regarding the cost of re-building Grangeburn Mill, belonging to the Parish of Berwick and recently destroyed by fire. The Board wish to have particulars respecting this building, especially the title of the Parish and that the counterpart of the lease granted by the Parish be forwarded to them. 34928/1853	8 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/302-303	Letter acknowledging receipt of an application for books for the Workhouse School. The books are to be included in an order sent to the publisher in a few days. 35866/1853	12 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/304-305	Letter acknowledging that of 6 October 1853 and sanctioning a temporary change in the dietary for the inmates of the Workhouse. 35815/1853	12 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/306-307	Communication of new provision contained in the Act 16 and 17 Vict c 97 sec 66, regarding the quarterly visitation of pauper lunatics by medical officers.	19 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/308-309	Copy of letter addressed to every medical officer in the Union on the subject of his duty under the new Act relating to lunatic asylums.	20 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/310-311	Letter acknowledging that of 11 October 1853 and transmitting contracts for vaccination to be entered into by the Guardians. The Board have considered rescinding the order issued by the Poor Law Commissioners in 1840 and issue another form modified to suit the provisions of the new act.	21 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/312-313	Letter acknowledging that of 21 October 1853 regarding the Guardians' proposed increase in the salary of the Workhouse nurse from £4 to £8 per annum. The Board request particulars of the nurse's appointment before deciding. 37547/1853	26 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/314-315	Letter stating that the Board have received communication from the Registrar General with reference to the formation of districts for vaccination by boards of guardians under the recent Act 16 and 17 Vict 100.	29 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/316-319	Letter acknowledging that of 14 October 1853 forwarding the lease executed in 1851 and a statement of the title of the parish to the property called Grangeburn Mill. The present lease to a Mr Brown, issued by the Churchwarden and Overseers of the Parish of Berwick is deemed void and steps should be taken to let the property in the prescribed manner. The property has recently been destroyed by fire and the Churchwardens and Overseers have obtained £300 from the insurance company towards the restoration of the property, but they have no legal authority to raise more money towards the restoration. The Board therefore suggest that the property be leased to a person who will undertake to rebuild the property and who will receive the £300 towards this. 36575/1853	29 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/320-321	Letter regarding formation of districts for vaccination by boards of guardians under the recent Act 16 and 17 Vict c 100.	29 Oct. 1853
GBR 77/322-323	Letter acknowledging that of 31 October 1853 and inquiring about Mary Harle, Nurse at the Workhouse, and the circumstance of her husband and children since her appointment in November 1847.	4 Nov. 1853

	38897/1853	
GBR 77/324-325	Letter acknowledging that of 27 October 1853 informing the Guardians that the Board consent to under article 166 of the General Regulation to dispense with so much of article 164 as is necessary to enable Joseph Scott to hold the offices of Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill in addition to that of Relieving Officer for the Northhamshire District. 38644/1853	5 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/326-327	Letter acknowledging that of 2 November 1853 and sanctioning allowance of 2s 6d weekly non-resident relief to Thomas Arnott, an aged pauper, to enable him to reside with his son at Whittingham in the Rothbury Union. 39379/1853	9 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/328-329	Letter acknowledging that of 31 October 1853 with plans of proposed alteration of the Workhouse. The Board repeat their unwillingness to sanction the proposed alterations, and repeat their previously stated comment that a new workhouse should be built outside of town. 39288/1853	17 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/330-333	Letter acknowledging that of 14 November 1853 relating to the appointment of Mary Harle to the office of Nurse at the Berwick Workhouse. The Board question the Guardians' suggestion that her three children, two born before her marriage to Thomas Harle, Porter at the Workhouse, one after the marriage, should reside with the parents in the Workhouse. 41464/1853	24 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/334-335	Letter acknowledging that of 22 November 1853 and requesting information of how long Agnes Clark has been a widow, and if she was residing out of the Union with her husband at the time of his death. 43120/1853	28 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/326	Changes to Acts 16 & 17 Vict c 100 regarding vaccination contracts. New contracts to be completed in compliance with 3 & 4 Vict c 29 p 4.	30 Nov. 1853
GBR 77/337	Letter recommending the Guardians to enter into vaccination contracts to suit the provisions of the Act 16 & 17 Vict c 100. 36140/1853	7 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/338-339	Attention called to letter of 4 June 1853 requiring information of the manner in which Mr and Mrs Nesbit have performed their duties as Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress at the Union Workhouse. 20227/1853	10 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/340-343	Letter enclosing copy of a letter from Mr John Turnbull, Inspector of the Poor at Whitsome, Scotland, asking for the Guardians' comments on the subject raised in it. The case concerns a boy from Whitsome Parish, Scotland, now residing in the Parish of Ancroft, Berwick Union, and who has a fractured leg. Mr Turnbull wants the Poor Law Board to ascertain who is responsible for paying for the medical treatment of the boy. [Letter dated 6 Dec. 1853]. 45531/1853	14 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/344-347	Copy of letter from A McDermott, a Catholic clergyman, to the Poor Law Board., complaining about the Relieving Officer of the District, accusing him of gross neglect of duty. He can provide sworn testimonies to this. He wants a tribunal to decide in the case. 46761/1853	15 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/348-349	Letter enclosing copy of Rev A McDermott's complaints against the conduct of Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer, asking for the Guardians' comments and observations. 46762/1853	17 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/350-351	Letter acknowledging that of 3 December 1853 respecting the re-erection of Grangeburn Mill. Regarding the Churchwardens and Overseers being allowed to compensate Mr Brown the sum of £47 15s 0d as compensation for loss of trade, the Poor Law Board say that they cannot sanction this. 44974/1853	17 Dec. 1853
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 20 December 1853 and enquiring if the pauper	23 Dec. 1853

77/352-353	referred to in that letter was attended to by the medical officer. 47630/1853	
GBR 77/354-355	Letter acknowledging that of 19 December 1853 relating to complaint by Rev McDermott against Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer, and requesting a copy of Mr Atkinson's explanation of the complaint. 47647/1853	23 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/356-357	Letter acknowledging that of 19 December 1853 and sanctioning the appointments of Mr William Nesbit as Schoolmaster of the Berwick Union Workhouse, salary £45 per annum plus allowance of £15 per annum in lieu of rations, and his wife Isabella Nesbit as Schoolmistress of the same, salary £20 per annum plus £15 allowance in lieu of rations. 47627/1853	27 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/358-359	Letter acknowledging that of 20 December 1853 and sanctioning the allowance of non-resident relief to Agnes Clark of 1s weekly until 12 May 1854. 47629/1853	30 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/360	Request for a return of the numbers of the several classes of paupers relieved in the Union on 1 January 1854.	22 Dec. 1853
GBR 77/361-362	Letter acknowledging that of 21 December 1853 and sanctioning allowance of non-resident relief to Alison Brotherson of 2s 6d weekly until 12 May 1854. 48155/1853	NO DATE
GBR 77/363-364	Communication from the Commissioners of Lunacy regarding the reporting of pauper lunatics who are inmates of the Workhouse which should be done according to the 16 & 17 Vict c 97 sec 66.	3 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/365-366	Regarding exceptions from stamp duty of guardians' order on their treasurers.	4 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/367-368	Regarding preparation of vaccination contracts and specification of payment and the vaccination obligations with regard to who should be vaccinated by him.	6 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/369-370	Letter acknowledging that of 23 December 1853 regarding the complaint made by Rev McDermott against Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer. The Board request immediate communication on the subject and a copy of the Relieving Officer's explanation if such exists. 48719/1853	7 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/371-373	Regarding Teachers' Certificates as to the size of sums allowed to the guardians from the Parliamentary Grant towards payment of the teachers of the workhouse schools based on inspection carried out by T B Browne, Inspector of Parochial Union Schools on 25 August 1853. Reports on William Nesbit, Schoolmaster of the Workhouse School and Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress of the same enclosed. 47998 & 9/1853	11 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/374-375	Regarding Workhouse title. [Most of the page torn out]. 65807/1853	11 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/376-377	Letter acknowledging that of 19 December 1853 regarding Grangeburn Mill and the proposed compensation to be paid to Mr Brown for loss of income due to the recent fire. Compensation to be taken from rents due between the present time and 12 May 1854, when Mr Brown will leave the farm. The Board recommend that immediate steps should be taken to place the matter in a legal and satisfactory state. 47628/1853	11 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/378-379	Letter acknowledging that of 17 January 1854 and sanctioning the vaccination contracts entered into by the Guardians and John Paxton and Matthew James Turnbull, Medical Officers of the Union, 202273/1854	20 Jan. 1854
GBR 77/380-381	Letter acknowledging that of 17 January 1854 and stating that the Board have instructed their Inspector, Mr Hurst, to hold an enquiry into Rev McDermott's complaint made against Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer.	28 Jan. 1854

	3276/1854	
GBR 77/382-383	Letter acknowledging that of 31 January 1854 regarding new vaccination contracts made with Messrs Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Wilson [James Wilson] and Morrison entitling them to a fee of 2s 6d for vaccinations performed beyond two miles from their places of residence. The new contracts to be sent to them for approval in accordance with the Act Vict 3 & 4 sect 4 c 29. 40218/1854	3 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/384-385	Reference made to entry made in the Visitors' Book of the Workhouse by the Inspector Mr Hurst on 25 January 1854. Have the Guardians been made aware of this and have any action been taken? 4113/2854	3 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/386-387	Letter acknowledging that of 30 January 1854 regarding the case of Eleanor Smith, widow, to whom the Guardians propose to grant non-resident relief. The Board enquire whether she is now living in the same parish as she did when her husband died. 4022/1854	4 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/388-389	Letter acknowledging that of 30 January 1854 regarding the case of Fanny Green, widow, to whom the Guardians propose to grant non-resident relief. The Board enquire whether she is now living in the same parish as she did when her husband died. 4031/1854	4 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/390-391	Letter acknowledging that of 30 January 1854 regarding the case of Maria Browne widow, to whom the Guardians propose to grant non-resident relief. The Board enquire whether she is now living in the same parish as she did when her husband died. 4029/1854	4 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/392-393	Letter acknowledging that of 31 January 1854 and stating that the Board cannot accept the continuance of the Porter's and Nurse's children living in the Workhouse. If the Board had known about Mary Harle's two illegitimate children they would not have sanctioned her appointment. 4010/1854	7 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/394-395	Letter acknowledging that of 31 January 1854 and sanctioning remuneration to Joseph Scott as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the Parish of Cornhill between 23 May and 5 November. 4007/1854	9 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/396-397	Letter acknowledging that of 6 February 1854 and sanctioning non-resident relief to Fanny Green, widow, according to 7 & 8 Vict c 101 sect 26, provided she has had no illegitimate children after becoming a widow. 5009/1854	15 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/398-399	Letter acknowledging that of 6 February 1854 and sanctioning non-resident relief to Eleanor Smith, widow. 5008/1854	15 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/400-401	Letter acknowledging that of 6 February 1854 and sanctioning non-resident relief to Maria Brown, widow, according to 7 & 8 Vict c 101 sect 26, provided she has had no illegitimate children after becoming a widow. 5010/1854	15 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/402-403	Letter acknowledging that of 2 February 1854 regarding application made by the ratepayers of the Parish of Holy Island for consent to pay Mr John Anderson for his services as Assistant Overseer of that parish. The Board state that no addition to the poundage authorised by the order of 23 July 1838 can at present be paid. If further payment is to take place a further order authorising this will have to be made. 4557/1854	16 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/404	The Guardians' attention is directed towards Article 6 of the General Consolidated Order of July 1847 regarding election of guardians.	18 Feb. 1854
GBR	Letter acknowledging receipt of the Annual Lunatic Return for the Berwick	21 Feb. 1854

77/405-406	Union, and also enquiring whether the idiot Edward Pirran, dangerous to himself and others, has been removed from the Workhouse to a lunatic asylum.	
GBR 77/407-408	Letter acknowledging that of 20 February 1854 and forwarding vaccination contracts with Messrs Kirkwood, Wilson and Morrison, medical officers and sanctioning these, but state their objection to inns and public houses being used as stations for vaccination. 6717/1854	23 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/409-410	Letter acknowledging that of 20 February 1854 and sanctioning payment to Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Medical Officer of the Cornhill District, £1 for attending to Bryan Swift. 6660/1854	25 Feb. 1854
GBR 77/411-412	Copy of order for convening a parochial meeting in the Parish of Berwick to consent to the proposed letting of certain properties belonging to the Parish. 5401/1854	6 March 1854
GBR 77/413-414	Letter acknowledging that of 27 February 1854 and sanctioning payment of £5 a year to Mr John Anderson, Collector of Poor Rates for the Parish of Holy Island, for performing his duties as Assistant Overseer for that parish. New order to be issued. 7652/1854	7 March 1854
GBR 77/415-416	Circular accompanying General Order relating to the receipts for poor rates which require a stamp.	16 March 1854
GBR 77/417-418	Copy of General Order issued in reference to the making and collecting of poor rates.	16 March 1854
GBR 77/419-424	Copy of letter from Rev A M McDermott to the President of the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of communication sent him from the Poor Law Board of 8 March 1854 (7999/1854) regarding the charges against a relieving officer of this Union. Three cases were mentioned in the communication. These three cases are used to make charges against Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer, for neglect. Mr Atkinson has been made aware of these charges, except the last one. 9713/1854	18 March 1854
GBR 77/425-426	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1854 forwarding copy of resolution passed by the Guardians of the Berwick Union regarding appointment of public vaccinators for the ensuing year. Contracts to be sent to the Board for approval in accordance with the Act Vict 3 & 4 c 29 sect 4. 9418/1854	23 March 1854
GBR 77/427	Exemption from stamp duty of receipts given by treasurers to overseers on payment of contributions.	24 March 1854
GBR 77/428	Identical to GBR 77/427.	24 March 1854
GBR 77/429-430	Letter acknowledging that of 16 March 1854 and approving the medical districts set up by the Guardians as well as the payment to the medical officers. The Board wish to be informed of the appointments of medical officers for the districts and the Workhouse as soon as they have taken place. 9418/1854	25 March 1854
GBR 77/431-432	Letter with copy of Rev McDermott's complaints against Mr Atkinson, Relieving Officer, and asking for the Guardians' consideration of it. Mr Hurst, Inspector, has been instructed to hold an inquiry into the complaints. 9713/1854	28 March 1854
GBR 77/433-434	Letter acknowledging that of 28 March 1854 reporting the death of Adam Swan, late Barber of the Workhouse. Successor to be elected at the next meeting. 10805/1854	14 April 1854
GBR 77/435-436	Letter acknowledging that of 29 March 1854 and sanctioning the appointment of medical officers and their salaries. They are: Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Berwick District, £35; Dr Kirkwood, for the Workhouse, £30; Mr	7 April 1854

	Morrison [William Morrison], for the Tweedmouth District, £40; Dr Wilson [James Wilson], for the Islandshire District, £25; Mr Paxton [John Paxton], for the Northhamshire East District, £33; Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] for the Northhamshire West District, £7. 10806/1854	
GBR 77/437	Request for poor rates forms for 1853-1854 to be filled in.	12 April 1854
GBR 77/438-439	Letter regarding the suggested alteration of the Workhouse. Their Board refer to their letters of 20 July and 17 November 1853 stating their objections to the alterations and that a new site should be found. They ask the Guardians to consider the letters again in the interest of both the inmates and the ratepayers. 2321/6055/9276/1854	21 April 1854
GBR 77/440-441	Letter acknowledging that of 19 April 1854 and requesting particulars of the appointment of James Trainer as Barber at the Workhouse. 13345/1854	22 April 1854
GBR 77/442-443	Letter acknowledging that of 28 April forwarding vaccination contracts between the Guardians and Drs Morison, Kirkwood, Wilson, Paxton and Turnbull, medical officers. The Board sanction these. 14707/1854	2 May 1854
GBR 77/444-445	Letter acknowledging that of 27 April 1854 and sanctioning the appointment of James Trainer as Barber of the Workhouse at a salary of £6 per annum. 14031/1854	3 May 1854
GBR 77/446-447	Letter acknowledging that of 27 April 1854 and sanctioning under article 172 of the General Regulations the payment to Drs Kirkwood, Wilson, Morrison, Paxton and Turnbull the sums of £19 10s 0d; £1; 15s; £6 7s 6d; £1 13s 0, respectively for services rendered by them during the prevalence of diarrhoea and cholera in the Union. As Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] is not as officer under their regulations sanction of any payment to him is not required by the Board. 14438/1854	3 May 1854
GBR 77/448-449	Letter acknowledging that of 29 April 1854, wrongly dated 27 May, in which the Guardians requested the proposal plans for alteration of the Workhouse to be returned to them for further consideration. The Board inform them that the plans were returned to the Guardians on 17 November 1853. 14469/1854	5 May 1854
GBR 77/450	Inconvenience caused to the Board by incomplete statistical and financial forms 16 & 17 being returned to them.	26 May 1854
GBR 77/451-454	Letter to J B Atkinson from the Poor Law Board into the charges laid against him by Rev McDermott. The cases against him are gone through and the Guardians' conclusion is that Mr Atkinson should be more careful and diligent in the performance of his duties and more guarded in his use of language. 9713/1854	3 June 1854
GBR 77/455-456	Copy of letter regarding the charges against J B Atkinson made by Rev McDermott. 9713/1854	5 June 1854
GBR 77/457-458	Letter acknowledging that of 17 May 1854 with enclosure. The Board need further information about the proposed purchase of land adjoining the Workhouse, its possible use, and the amount to be expended, before expressing an opinion. 77738/1854	3 June 1854
GBR 77/459-460	Letter acknowledging that of 6 June 1854 and expressing no objection to £5 being spent on books for the use of inmates of the Workhouse. 21285/1854	13 June 1854
GBR 77/461-462	Copy of letter sent to Joseph Scott, Assistant Overseer of Cornhill, stating that the Poor Law Board have received a statement from the District Auditor saying that no bond of security has been produced to him as required under 7	24 June 1854

	& 8 Vict c 101 sect 61. The Board wish to know whether Mr Scott is prepared to enter a bond immediately in accordance with the stature referred to. 23392/1854	
GBR 77/463-464	Letter enclosing copy of the above-mentioned letter to Joseph Scott. 23392/1854	24 June 1854
GBR 77/465-466	Letter informing the Guardians that they have received report from Mr Usher, District Auditor, that Mr Thomas Paxton, one of the sureties to the bond of James Paxton, Assistant Overseer of Horncliffe, has gone to Australia. Has another surety been provided? 23392/1854	24 June 1854
GBR 77/467	Request for return of paupers relieved on 1 July 1854, by 12 July.	27 June 1854
GBR 77/468	Request to fill in and transmit the list of guardians and paid officers for the current year.	1 July 1854
GBR 77/469-470	Letter acknowledging that of 26 June 1854 reporting the resignation of James Blackett Atkinson as Master of the Berwick Workhouse. Due to the expediency of the office of master and matron being held by a married couple and as Mrs Atkinson has not resigned her job as Matron, the Guardians are not competent to elect another Matron while Mrs Atkinson continues in her office. 24034/1854	3 July 1854
GBR 77/471-472	Letter acknowledging that of 8 July 1854 stating that as Mrs Purdie has not resigned the office of Matron of the Workhouse, the Guardians can only appoint a master of the Workhouse. 26048/1854	12 July 1854
GBR 77/473-474	Request to furnish particulars stating the number of persons removed, the nature of alleged settlement and the amount of expenses incurred in the removal, travelling expenses of the pauper removed, but not the cost of relief before removal, during the year ended 25 March 1854.	20 July 1854
GBR 77/475-476	Reference to Poor Law Board's letter of 7 February 1854 requesting to be informed if the Porter's and Nurse's children have now been removed from the Workhouse. 4010/1854	25 July 1854
GBR 77/477-484	Letter acknowledging that of 8 July 1854 forwarding a ground plan and a copy of the architect's explanatory letter of the addition and alteration proposed to be made by the Guardians at the Workhouse. The Board have decided to sanction the Guardians' plan with a list of comments for changes in the plan. The Board desire to be sent the new plan with modifications suggested by them for their inspection. 26082/1854	27 July 1854
GBR 77/485-487	Notice of Workhouse School inspection on 18 August at 10 a.m. Also notice of visit for the annual examination of pupil teachers of Union Schools, also extracts from minutes of August and December 1846 listing qualifications to be required of candidates each year of their five year apprenticeship.	9 Aug. 1854
GBR 77/488-489	Letter acknowledging that of 2 August and sanctioning the payment of £8 per annum to Mrs Harle, Nurse at the Workhouse, in pursuance of provisions contained in article 172 of the General Order of 24 July 1847. Also sanction of Mrs Harle being provided with rations and the other allowances assigned to her by the Guardians. 29185/1854	15 Aug. 1854
GBR 77/490-491	Reminder of what to do in consequence of the recurrence of cholera, with special reference to the workhouse.	21 Aug. 1854
GBR 77/492-493	Letter acknowledging that of 15 August 1854 and referring to the appointment of a master of the Workhouse. The Board state that the management of the Workhouse would be improved if the services of the matron could be dispensed with, and they wish to be informed of the age and fitness of the present matron, as well as the Guardians' opinion. The Guardians should	25 Aug. 1854

	therefore advertise for a master with the information that none of his family would be permitted to reside in the Workhouse. 30555/1854	
GBR 77/494-495	Letter acknowledging that of 19 August 1854 referring to the Guardians' proposal of non-resident relief to Isabella Wilson and her two children residing in Newcastle. The case comes within exception 5 to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order, and her removal into the Parish of Newcastle would not deprive her of the benefit secured to her by the 7 & 8 Vict c 101 sect 26 and by the above-mentioned exception, and non-resident relief can be granted by the Guardians. 30857/1854	26 Aug. 1854
GBR 77/496-497	Regarding repayment of the salaries of the Schoolmaster and Schoolmistress, and half the salary of the Medical Officers for the year ended 31 March 1854.	1 Sept. 1854
GBR 77/498-499	Letter acknowledging that of 30 August 1854 regarding the case of Thomas Murdie and his wife, two aged paupers, living with their daughter in the Parish of Belford. The Guardians desire to give 3s of non-resident relief per week. The Board wish to know how the money will be paid. 32109/1854	4 Sept. 1854
GBR 77/500-501	Letter drawing attention to letter of 27 July 1854 requiring information as to what has been done regarding the proposed addition and alteration to the Workhouse by the Guardians. 26082/1854	22 Sept. 1854
GBR 77/502-503	Letter acknowledging that of 11 September 1854 and sanctioning the allowance of 3s weekly non-resident relief proposed by the Guardians to Thomas Murdie and his wife living with their daughter in the Parish of Belford. 33074/1854	23 Sept. 1854
GBR 77/504-505	Letter acknowledging that of 16 September 1854 and stating that the overseers of the places referred to cannot repay the superintending constable out of the poor rate for purchasing a quantity of constables' staves and hand-cuffs . 33419/1854	23 Sept. 1854
GBR 77/506-507	Request to fill in forms for a return of the number of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinator during the year ended 29 September 1854.	2 Oct. 1854
GBR 77/508-509	Letter acknowledging those of 21 September 1854 and 2 October 1854 with requests to be informed of the result of the Guardians' consideration on the subject of the proposed increase of the salary of the Master of the Workhouse. 32063/34710/1854	6 Oct. 1854
GBR 77/510-511	Letter acknowledging that of 20 October 1854 and application for books for the Workhouse School. The books will be included in the next order made by the Board. 36244/1854	21 Oct. 1854
GBR 77/512	Copy of Inspection of Parochial Union Schools form No XXII. Master certificate of teachers sent to Mr W Nesbit [William Nesbit] Master of the Berwick Parochial Union School.	6 Nov. 1854
GBR 77/513	Copy of Inspection of Parochial Union Schools form No XXII Mistress certificate of teachers sent to Mrs I Nesbit [Isabella Nesbit] Mistress of Berwick Parochial Union School.	6 Nov. 1854
GBR 77/514-515	Letter acknowledging that of 24 October 1854 and sanctioning the proposed increase of the Master of the Union's Workhouse salary from £50 to £70 per annum. 36790/1854	7 Nov. 1854
GBR 77/516-517	Transmission of copies of certificates awarded by the Committee of Council on Education to the Master and Mistress of the Union Workhouse School considering salaries for the year ending 25 March 1855. 38590/38591/1854	8 Nov. 1854
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 26 September forwarding an extract from the	8 Nov. 1854

77/518-519	minutes of the Guardians regarding the proposed alterations and addition to the Union Workhouse. The Board wish to know if any further steps have been taken. 34296/1854	
GBR 77/520-521	Letter enclosing the poor rate return of the Berwick Union for the year ended at Lady Day last. Attention is drawn to columns 4 © of the return 'as expenses immediately connected with relief viz. £2,529 9s, up from £785 15s. The Board request an explanation of the difference as soon as possible.	13 Nov. 1854
GBR 77/522-523	Letter acknowledging that of 13 November 1854 and requesting particulars of the appointment of Mr Alexander Laidlaw to the office of Master of the Workhouse be communicated to the Board. 40403/1854	20 Nov. 1854
GBR 77/524-525	Letter acknowledging that of 18 November 1854 requesting the Board's opinion whether the Guardians can grant relief by way of loan to the Burgesses of the town of Berwick, or their widows, under the details stated in the letter. Relief cannot be advanced by way of loan on sureties of land. In cases of destitution they may in cases provided by the law, grant relief as a loan. In the cases of widows, in cases of destitution, loans may also be granted and repaid when the widows receive their rent. 41200/1854	5 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/526-527	Letter acknowledging that of 4 December 1854 with enclosures relating to the proposed purchase of ground adjacent to the Workhouse. The Board state that this should be done through a loan by the Guardians and the sum borrowed charged upon the poor rate of the whole Union, and not through a mortgage. 43949/1854	16 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/528-529	The Board have received a report from Mr Hurst which states the prevalence of smallpox in Berwick introduced into the Workhouse by the children of out-door paupers attending the Workhouse School. The Board suggest ways of dealing with the problem. INSERTED Letter from Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] [Medical Officer of the Workhouse], dated 9 January 1855, refuting the allegations presented in the letter from the Board. 45243/1854	19 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/530-531	Letter acknowledging that of 14 December 1854 and sanctioning the appointment of Alexander Laidlaw as Master of the Berwick Workhouse as well as the salary and rations. 45152/1854	21 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/532	Request to furnish the Board with a return of the numbers of the several classes of paupers relieved in the Union on 1 January 1855.	21 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/533-534	Letter acknowledging that of 15 December 1854 and sanctioning payment to John Moor, the late Assistant Master of the Workhouse, for assisting Mr Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw] to keep his books and accounts. 45130/1854	22 Dec. 1854
GBR 77/535-536	Mr Hurst, Inspector, has drawn the Board's attention to the fact that the children of out-door paupers are allowed to attend the Workhouse School. The Board find this inexpedient for the following reasons: forbidden articles can easily be brought into the Workhouse, as well as infectious diseases. As the Guardians are under no obligation to provide education for these children the Board request that this practice be discontinued. 45242/1854	3 Jan. 1855
GBR 77/537-538	Letter acknowledging that of 19 December 1854 relating to proposed purchase from the Corporation of Berwick for extending the Workhouse. The Board wish to be informed of the nature of the arrangement in respect to the property belonging to the Parish called the "Burrs" which the Corporation wish to acquire. 45956/1854	3 Jan. 1855
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 4 January 1855 forwarding a copy of report by Dr	9 Jan. 1855

77/539-540	Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] respecting the prevalence of smallpox in the Berwick District and Workhouse. 669/1855	
GBR 77/541-542	Letter acknowledging that of 4 January 1855 respecting the proposed purchase by the Guardians of the Workhouse site and buildings on it, and the sale of a piece of land called the "Burrs". Such purchase and sale can be made <i>pari passu</i> but cannot be dependent upon one another. 678/1855	10 Jan. 1855
GBR 77/543-544	Letter acknowledging that of 16 January 1855 and sanctioning payment by the Guardians of the following sums to the Medical Officers for extra services rendered during the prevalence of cholera in the Union,: Mr Paxton [John Paxton], £4 10s 0d; Dr Wilson [James Wilson], £10 12 0d; Mr Andrew Morrison, £12 11s 0d; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], £69 0s 0d. 2291/1855	25 Jan. 1855
GBR 77/545-546	Request for printed form [not included] regarding the proposed sale to the Corporation of a piece of land belonging to the Parish of Berwick, consisting of 12 acres called the "Burrs" to be filled in. If any deeds relating to the title are in the Parish Officer's possession, the declaration will not be required, but original deeds, not copies, should be forwarded to the Board. Also enclosed printed set of forms [not included], with reference to the proposed sale to the Guardians of the pieces of land called the Tithe Barn Yard and Pound Fold held by the Parish Officers under a lease granted by the Corporation. 678/1855	2 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/547-548	Letter acknowledging that of 1 February 1855 and returning the bills which accompanied letter of 16 January 1855. 3983/1855	2 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/549-550	Letter acknowledging that of 30 January 1855 and sanctioning pay to the Guardians of £20 for extraordinary services rendered during the prevalence of cholera, and also £10 to Mr J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] for similar services. 3776/1855	3 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/551-552	Letter acknowledging that of 4 January 1855 and the Board's reply of 10 January 1855 and transmitting the form of an order for the purpose of authorising the Guardians to purchase the present Workhouse from the Corporation and for the Parish Officers to purchase the pieces of ground adjacent thereto, and to make the requisite alterations and additions at the Workhouse. Signatures of a majority of the Guardians to be attached to the form of consent. 678/1855	6 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/553	Letter acknowledging that of 5 February 1855 and sanctioning payment to the Guardians of the sum of £20 for extra services rendered during the prevalence of cholera as well as the sum of £10 to Mr Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Relieving Officer, for extra services rendered during similar circumstances. 4524/1855	15 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/554	TORN OUT	
GBR 77/555-556	Circular accompanying General Order regarding appointment of medical officers. Medical officers appointed after 25 March 1855 should continue in office until he may die, resign or become legally disqualified, to hold such office, or be removed therefrom by the Poor Law Board.	15 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/557	Attention is called to the proviso in article 6 of the General Consolidated Order of July 1847 regarding election of guardians.	28 Feb. 1855
GBR 77/558	Request to submit the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half year ended Lady Day 1855.	22 March 1855
GBR 77/559-560	Letter acknowledging that of 13 March 1855 regarding the proposal to allow non-resident relief to three orphan children called Catherine, Elizabeth and James Patrick, while residing with their grandparents at Shields. The Board	23 March 1855

	wish to know how the relief is proposed to be conveyed, and if promises have been made for a report from time to time as to the condition of the children. 8560/1855	
GBR 77/561-562	The Board have considered the report of the Guardians enclosed in letter of 19 February 1855 and copy of evidence taken by the committee regarding the admission of the children of out-door paupers to the Workhouse School. The report rebuts the accusation that disease has been introduced by these children. The issue is being looked at by the legislation and until a decision has been taken the out-door relief children can continue to frequent the Workhouse School. 5879/1855	24 March 1855
GBR 77/563-564	Letter acknowledging that of 13 March 1855 relating to the site of the present Workhouse. The Board find the proposed arrangements inconvenient and legally difficult as the Guardians would be the owner of the fee simple, and being in the position of being 'tenants' to their own 'tenants'. The Guardians are asked to reconsider. 8444/1855	26 March 1855
GBR 77/565-566	Letter acknowledging that of 13 March 1855 forwarding a statement of the districts and salaries which the Guardians are desirous of assigning to the Medical Officers of the Berwick Union. Subject to observations in the statement the Board sanction the salaries and districts reported in letter of 13 March 1855. 8585/1855	24 March 1855
GBR 77/567	Request for a return of existing annual salary, compensation and allowance to the clerk to each poor law union in England and Wales.	28 March 1855
GBR 77/568-569	Request to be furnished with a return of the numbers of wives of militiamen and the number of their children in each union in England and Wales in receipt of out-door relief, with the amount of that relief in the week ending 24 March 1855. Form filled in enclosed, dated 18 April 1855.	9 April 1855
GBR 77/570-571	Request to be furnished with a return of the population according to the last census, of every union and every parish in a union in England showing the amount of workhouse accommodation in each for the year ending 31 December 1854. Filled in from dated 25 April 1855 enclosed.	9 April 1855
GBR 77/572-573	Letter acknowledging that of 13 March 1855 enclosing application for their consent to proposed sale of the "Burrs". The Board wish to see a copy of the decree which the Master of the Rolls made upon the information filed against the Corporation of Berwick. 8448/1855	13 April 1855
GBR 77/574-575	Letter acknowledging that of 11 April 1855 regarding election of Guardians involving Mr Wilson. Reference made to article 24 of the General Consolidated Order Form C (see 4 & 5 Wm 4 c 7b sect 38, last proviso), and Mr Smith who has declined to act as elected guardian for Felkington. As no nomination has been made for Loanend the 5 & 6 Vict c 57 sect 10 comes into operation, which means that the guardian selected in 1854 can continue to serve for another year. 11938/1855	16 April 1855
GBR 77/576-577	Letter acknowledging that of 13 April 1855 reporting appointments of Medical Officers for the districts of the Berwick Union and the Workhouse. The Board wish to know the date of each appointment. 12034/1855	18 April 1855
GBR 77/578-579	Letter acknowledging that of 13 April 1855 reporting the death of Mr Andrew Mallock, Treasurer of the Berwick Union. The Board request to be informed of the appointment of a replacement as soon as it has taken place. 12074/1855	19 April 1855
GBR 77/580-581	Letter acknowledging that of 13 April 1855 in which the Guardians applied for the Board's sanction of payment of £5 to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer of the Union Workhouse, for performing an amputation of James Proudfoot's thigh. The Board wish to be informed of whether Dr	19 April 1855

	Kirkwood obtained any advice before operation as well as if James Proudfoot survived the operation for more than 36 hours and if he received any medical attendance after the operation. 12032/1855	
GBR 77/582-583	Letter acknowledging that of 10 April 1855 informing the Board of the Guardians' proposal to acquire the interest of the Parish of Berwick in the lease of the site of the present Workhouse. The Board wish to be furnished with further details and a description of the property. 11667/1855	26 April 1855
GBR 77/584-585	Letter acknowledging that of 25 April 1855 reporting the election of Mr J M Meggison as Treasurer to the Berwick Union, salary £20 per annum. The Board wish to know the amount of Mr Meggison's security. 14455/1855	28 April 1855
GBR 77/586-587	Letter acknowledging that of 24 April 1855 and requesting particulars of medical officers for the Berwick Union to be supplied in enclosed form [form not included]. 14428/1855	28 April 1855
GBR 77/588	Request for annual poor rate return – 1854-1855 – for the year ended Lady Day last.	28 April 1855
GBR 77/589-590	Letter acknowledging that of 26 April 1855 and requesting information of the next appointment of a nurse at the Union Workhouse in place of Mary Harle who has given notice of her intention to resign in a month. The Board also wish to know what salary they intend to pay the future nurse. 14767/1855	3 May 1855
GBR 77/591-594	Letter enclosing a copy of letter sent by the Board to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer of the Workhouse, in which they refer to a report from Mr Usher, District Auditor, and his observations on incorrect entries in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. 15852/1855	5 May 1855
GBR 77/595-596	Letter acknowledging that of 21 May 1855 regarding the attendance of the aged and infirm inhabitants of Castlegate at religious services performed on Sunday evenings by the dissenting clergymen of Berwick and Tweedmouth. The Board point out to the Guardians that they have not been informed of the practice, and wish to know how long it has existed. 20207/1855	26 May 1855
GBR 77/597-598	TORN OUT	
GBR 77/599-601	Request for returns showing the number of children between 3 and 15 years of age who shall be chargeable to the poor rates of the Union, but who are not inmates of workhouses or any schools for pauper children on 25 March 1854 and 1855. Completed forms enclosed dated 9 October 1855 and 3 November 1855 respectively.	1 June 1855
GBR 77/602	(Same as above – second form written in hand).	1 June 1855
GBR 77/603-604	Letter acknowledging that of 28 May 1855 and sanctioning the permanent appointment of Mr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. Also sanctioning appointments of the following medical officers: Alexander Kirkwood, Berwick District, £35; Alexander Kirkwood, Berwick Workhouse, £30; Andrew Morison, Tweedmouth District, £40, appointment for one year only as he does not reside in the district; James Wilson, Islandshire District, £25, appointment for one year only as he does not reside in the district and is not fully qualified; John Paxton, Eastern Division of the Norhamshire District, £33, not resident and not fully qualified; M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Western Division of the Norhamshire District, £7, not resident and not fully qualified. One year appointments according to article 2 of the General Medical Order of 15 February 1855. 21370/1855	1 June 1855
GBR	Letter acknowledging that of 29 May 1855 and sanctioning non-resident relief	2 June 1855

77/605-606	of three orphan children, Catherine, Elizabeth and James Patrick, of 1s 10d per week while they reside with their grandparents in South Shields. 21541/1855	
GBR 77/607-608	Letter acknowledging that of 30 April and sanctioning the appointment of Mr J M Meggison as Treasurer of the Union and his salary. [608 TORN OUT].	5 May 1855
GBR 77/609	Copy of letter from Alexander Kirkwood, Medical Officer of Berwick Union Workhouse, in reply to letter of 5 May 1855 (15852/1855) from the Poor Law Board enclosing copy of observations made by Mr Usher [Robert Usher], Auditor of the Union, regarding alleged erroneous entries in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. 17266/1855	7 May 1855
GBR 77/610	Letter to Robert Usher [Auditor of the Union], informing him of Dr Kirkwood's letter to them in reply to the alleged erroneous entries. 17266/1855	14 May 1855
GBR 77/610-611	Copy of letter from Robert Usher, District Auditor, to the Poor Law Board acknowledging letter of 14 May 1855 (17266/1855) and enclosing letter received by the Poor Law Board from Dr Kirkwood on the subject of imperfections noticed by Mr Usher in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. He claims that quantities entered in the book were less than the quantities allowed by the dietary, allegedly from directions from the Medical Officer. 19050/1855	16 May 1855
GBR 77/611	Copy of letter to Dr Kirkwood enclosing copy of letter received from Robert Usher, District Auditor, regarding alleged imperfections in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. 19050/1855	25 May 1855
GBR 77/612	Copy of letter from Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] to the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of letter of 25 May (19050/1855) enclosing copy of letter from Robert Usher, District Auditor, dealing with the dietary table in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. Dr Kirkwood encloses a letter received from Mr Laidlaw, Master of the Workhouse, in which he refutes the allegations made by Mr Usher. 22989/1855	4 June 1855
GBR 77/612	Copy of letter from A Laidlaw [Master of the Workhouse], in which he acknowledges receipt of Mr Usher's letter to the Poor Law Board dated 16 May (19050/1855) relating to a discrepancy between the dietary table in the Medical Relief Book. Mr Laidlaw states that the reason for the smaller quantities that they were begun before his appointment and no complaints had been received. The quantities have now been changed. 22989/1855	1 June 1855
GBR 77/613	Copy of order to the Overseers of the Parish of Berwick, issued for the purpose of convening a parochial meeting in the Parish of Berwick to consent to the proposed sale of certain property belonging to the Parish. Forms to be signed to be able to proceed to a sale of property. 14765/1855	11 May 1855
GBR 77/614	Copy of order to the Guardians (otherwise similar to GBR 77/613). 14765/1855	11 May 1855
GBR 77/615-616	Letter acknowledging that of 13 March 1855 and saying the Board have no objection to the Workhouse school room being used for a Sunday school on Sunday afternoons. 8563/1855	12 May 1855
GBR 77/617-618	Letter acknowledging that of 10 March 1855 regarding religious services in the school room of the Union Workhouse by dissenting clergymen allowing the aged inhabitants residing in Castlegate to be permitted. The Board find this practice very unusual and want to have further information about it, and to know if it has given rise to any problems in running the Workhouse. 8562/1855	12 May 1855
GBR 77/619-620	Letter acknowledging that of 9 May 1855 and sanctioning payment to Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer of the Union Workhouse, of	18 May 1855

	£5 for performing the operation of amputation of the thigh of James Proudfoot. 17535/1855	
GBR 77/621-622	Letter acknowledging that of 8 May 1855 and sanctioning increase of salary of the Nurse of the Workhouse from £8 to £15 per annum. 17299/1855	19 May 1855
GBR 77/623	Request to fill in form with a list of the guardians and paid officers of the Union for the current year.	21 May 1855
GBR 77/624-625	Request to be informed of steps having been taken with reference to the letting of the property belonging to the Parish of Berwick. 19983/1855	21 May 1855
GBR 77/626-627	Letter acknowledging that of 19 May 1855 relating to appointment of medical officers. The Board wish to know if it is in the power of the Guardians to appoint fully qualified medical officers as the present officers Messrs Wilson [James Wilson], Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Paxton [John Paxton], and Morrison [Andrew Morrison] do not possess the legal qualifications prescribed by the General Regulation, and furthermore Messrs Wilson and Turnbull do not reside in their respective districts. 19818/1855	26 May 1855
GBR 77/628-629	Reference to letter of 27 July 1854 regarding proposed addition to the Workhouse. The Board request to be informed whether the alterations suggested by them have been made, and if they have, for the plan to be sent to them to receive their seal. 26082/1854	5 June 1855
GBR 77/630-631	Letter acknowledging that of 25 May 1855 with copy of resolution passed at a parochial meeting in the Parish of Berwick consenting to the sale of land belonging to the Parish of Berwick called the "Burrs". Order issued authorising the sale of the property and enabling the Guardians to sell it to the Corporation of Berwick. 20864/1855	9 June 1855
GBR 77/632-633	Transmission of copy of list of a correspondence between Mr Usher, District Auditor; Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer and the Board on the subject of the imperfection in the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. (List not enclosed). 22989/1855	12 June 1855
GBR 77/634-635	Letter acknowledging that of 7 June 1855 and requesting particulars of the appointment of Mary Harle as Nurse of the Union Workhouse to be communicated to them. 23596/1855	13 June 1855
GBR 77/636-637	Letter acknowledging that of 7 June 1855 and approving the Guardians granting a month's leave of absence to Mr J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Relieving Officer of the Berwick District, and the appointment of Mr John Thompson to act as his substitute. 23615/1855	13 June 1855
GBR 77/638-639	Letter acknowledging that of 7 June 1855 and correcting mistakes regarding medical officers in letter of 1 June 1855 about qualifications and residency. 23624/1855	15 June 1855
GBR 77/640-646	TORN OUT.	NO DATES
GBR 77/647-648	Letter acknowledging that of 15 August 1855 and sanctioning non-resident relief to be given to Isabella Patison while residing at Hedden-on-the-Wall near Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 32509/1855	21 Aug. 1855
GBR 77/649-650	Letter acknowledging that of 15 August 1855 requesting the Board to state whether the Guardians have the power of opening letters written by the inmates of the Workhouse. The General Consolidated Order article 119 state that "the Master is not empowered to examine letters written by paupers in the Workhouse, and that such letters should be sent to the post".	22 Aug. 1855

	32379/1855	
GBR 77/651-652	Letter acknowledging that of 15 August 1855 and stating that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], can resign his office of the Berwick District and retain that of Medical Officer of the Workhouse. 32367/1855	22 Aug. 1855
GBR 77/653-654	Letter acknowledging that of 15 August 1855 and previous letter of 13 March 1855 on the subject of the admission of residents in Berwick to the religious services performed on Sundays in the Workhouse. The Board are unable to sanction this practice and the religious services should be restricted only to the inmates of the Workhouse and those connected with it, 32360/1855	24 Aug. 1855
GBR 77/655-656	Circular regarding the relief of Lascars and other natives of the territories under the government of the East India Company.	31 Aug. 1855
GBR 77/657-658	Letter forwarding copy of letter addressed to the Treasurer regarding payment of the salaries of the schoolmaster and schoolmistress and half the salaries of the medical officers for the year ended 31 March 1855.	1 Sept. 1855
GBR 77/659-662	Letter enclosing letter received from Mr A Laidlaw [Alexander Laidlaw], Master of the Workhouse, respecting the frequent discharge and re-admittance of some of the inmates. Then Board wish to be furnished with the Guardians' observations on the subject of Mr Laidlaw's letter. Copy of Mr Laidlaw's letter enclosed in which he raises the problem mentioned. The problem especially of able-bodied females leaving the Workhouse in the morning and present themselves for re-admittance the same or the following day, spending the day in prostitution and drunkenness. 33929/1855	5 Sept. 1855
GBR 77/663-664	Inquiry whether the plans for the proposed additions to the Workhouse have been prepared, and if they have to forward them for inspection. 31624/1855	14 Sept. 1855
GBR 77/665-666	Letter acknowledging that of 10 September 1855. The Board request particulars as to the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] as Medical Officer for the Berwick District. As Dr Wilson is not fully qualified to serve the Board support the other candidate Dr Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker], who is to be appointed. 34596/1855	14 Sept. 1855
GBR 77/667	TORN OUT	NO DATE
GBR 77/668-669	Request to fill in forms for a return of the numbers of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinator during the year ended 29 September 1855.	2 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/670-671	Letter acknowledging that of 26 September 1855 regarding appointment of a medical officer for the Berwick District to replace Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood]. 36074/1855	3 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/672-673	Letter acknowledging that of 27 September 1855 regarding appointment of an inspector of nuisances for the Union. According to the Statute "An act to consolidate and amend the Nuisances Removal and Disease Prevention Acts 1848 and 1849" (18 & 19 Vict c 121) the Guardians no longer hold the power to appoint these, but only the Local Authority can do so. 36110/1855	5 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/674-675	A reply to enquiries from the Guardians regarding the new law for appointing inspector of nuisances.	5 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/676-677	Letter acknowledging that of 9 October 1855 regarding the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] as Medical Officer for the Berwick District. The Board cannot sanction this appointment as Dr Wilson is not fully qualified and the request that the Guardians proceed to a new election. 36944/1855	17 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/678-679	Letter acknowledging that of 11 October 1855 asking for sanction of non-resident relief to Frances Clarke, widow, and her three children. The Board	18 Oct. 1855

	wish to be furnished with further information of the case before deciding. 37153/1855	
GBR 77/680-681	Letter acknowledging that of 9 October 1855 regarding the frequent discharge and re-admittance to the Workhouse of able-bodied female paupers. The Board suggest that a strict observance of the regulations of articles 88 to 96 of the General Consolidated Order enable the Guardians to find suitable tasks for the women which might prevent them from discharging themselves from the Workhouse. 36942/1855	19 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/682-683	Letter acknowledging that of 23 October 1855 with an application for books for the Workhouse School. The books will be included in the next quarterly order made by the Board. 38302/1855	24 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/684-685	Letter acknowledging that of 22 October 1855 regarding non-resident relief to Frances Clarke at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 38595/1855	25 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/686-687	Reference made to the Board's letter of 21 May 1855 respecting letting of certain property belonging to the Parish of Berwick. The Board wish to know what steps have been taken in the matter. 19983/1855	26 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/688	Certificate for workhouse schoolmaster regarding the Parliamentary Grant towards his salary for the year ending 25 March 1856. 38544/1855	30 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/689-695	Letter enclosing copy of certificates awarded by the Committee of Council on Education to Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress of the Workhouse School, and William Nesbit, Schoolmaster of the Workhouse School, for the year ending Lady Day 1856. The Parliamentary Grant is conditional on the improvements mentioned in Mr Browne's report being carried out. Also enclosed a circular letter dated 31 March 1848 regarding re-payment to the Union from the Parliamentary Grant of the amount specified in the certificates awarded. 38545/1855	29 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/696-697	Request to be informed of what steps have been taken regarding the sale of the Parish property called the "Burrs". 20864/1855	29 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/698-699	Letter acknowledging those of 22 and 29 October 1855 with plans of the additions proposed to be made to the Union Workhouse. [Plans not included]. 39708/1855	31 Oct. 1855
GBR 77/700-701	Letter acknowledging that of 22 October 1855 and sanctioning payment of £5 5s to Mr John Thompson for services as Relieving Officer of the Berwick District performed during the illness and absence of Mr James Blackett Atkinson. 38718/1855	1 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/702-703	Letter acknowledging that of 22 October 1855 regarding appointment of a medical officer for the Berwick District and explaining why the Board cannot sanction the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] as he is not fully qualified. 38445/1855	1 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/704-705	Letter acknowledging that of 3 November 1855 and requesting that particulars of the appointment of Mr R C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] to the Officer of Medical Officer of the Berwick District be communicated to them. 46040/1855	6 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/706	TORN OUT	NO DATE
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GBR 77/708-711	Letter acknowledging that of 6 November 1855 and stating why the Board cannot sanction the appointment of Dr Wilson to the Office of Medical Officer	13 Nov. 1855

	for the Berwick District. 41201/1855	
GBR 77/712-715	Letter acknowledging that of 31 October 1855 regarding the plans for the additions proposed for the Union Workhouse. The Board have affixed their seal on the plan following a number of observations and suggestions, and the plan is approved of and returned to the Guardians. 39708/1855	14 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/716-717	Letter acknowledging that of 14 November 1855 and sanctioning non-resident relief of 4s per week to Frances Clarke, widow with three children and residing in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 42541/1855	21 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/718-719	Letter acknowledging that of 21 November 1855 saying that the Guardians will elect medical officers for the Berwick Union at their next meeting, 43956/1855	26 Nov. 1855
GBR 77/720	Letter acknowledging that of 8 December 1855 informing the Board that Margaret Tully was living with her husband at Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the time of his death. 46693/1855	15 Dec. 1855
GBR 77/721	TORN OUT	NO DATE
GBR 77/722-723	Letter acknowledging that of 10 December 1855 containing particulars of the appointment of Mr Robert Carr Fluker as Medical Officer of the Berwick Union. The Board sanction the appointment and the salary. Contract for vaccination of his district requested to be sent to the Board. 46696/1855	17 Dec. 1855
GBR 77/724-725	Letter acknowledging that of 17 December 1855 and sanctioning non-resident relief to Margaret Tully as the case comes within the terms of exception 5 to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 48093/1855	22 Dec. 1855
GBR 77/726	TORN OUT	NO DATE
GBR 77/727	TORN OUT. 44068/1855	NO DATE
GBR 77/728	TORN OUT.	NO DATE
GBR 77/729	Letter acknowledging that of 21 December 1855 and requesting particulars of Mr James Paxton, Mr Alexander Davidson and William Boak as the Collectors of Poor Rates for the townships of Horncliffe, Norham Mains and Duddo. The Board also wish to know if these gentlemen are acting as assistant overseers of these townships. 44068/1855	22 Dec. 1855
GBR 77/730	TORN OUT.	NO DATE