

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 1859-1861.

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

GBR 79/1-2	Letter acknowledging that of 29 December 1858, and approving the proposal to give non-resident relief to the infant Sarah Tully while she lives with her uncle in [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], her parents being both in lunatic asylums. 50702A/1858	5 Jan. 1859
GBR 79/3-4	Letter acknowledging that of 11 January 1859, and refusing to allow non-resident relief for Sarah Johnston while she lives with her daughters in London. They find it insufficiently justified, especially at so great a distant from the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed. 1350A/1859	19 Jan. 1859
GBR 79/5-6	Letter acknowledging that of 11 January 1859, and stating that the Guardians are entitled, under 11 & 12 Vict cap 110 sect 2, to pay the expenses of Dr Brodie for attending Margaret Todd during her confinement. 1354B/1859	20 Jan. 1859
GBR 79/7-8	Letter returning the annual list of chargeable lunatics, with the request that the cost of maintenance of 'pauper idiots' residing with relations and friends should also be inserted.	20 Jan. 1859
GBR 79/9-10	Letter acknowledging that 27 January 1859, and giving approval for non-resident for Elizabeth Gibson, a widow with six children residing at Wallsend in the Tynemouth Union. It should be administered according to Article 77 and 80 of the Consolidated General Order. 4025A/1859	2 Feb. 1859
GBR 79/11-12	Letter acknowledging that of 1 February 1859 concerning Monks House and the Fern Islands [Farne Islands]. 5030C/1859	15 Feb. 1859
GBR 79/13-14	Letter pointing out a discrepancy in the numbers of insane paupers entered in the Return of Pauper Lunatics (36) and the Return of Paupers (35), and requesting a correction.	24 Feb. 1859
GBR 79/15-16	Letter acknowledging that of 22 February 1859, and approving non-resident relief for a further 3 months for Ann Watson, living at Belford. 8001A/1859	28 Feb. 1859
GBR 79/17-18	Letter requesting the completion of the Annual Lunatic Return as requested on 20 January 1859. 2715A/1859	1 March 1859
GBR 79/19-20	Letter asking about the medical officers who will serve from 25 March 1859 for the districts of Northamshire East, Northamshire West, and Tweedmouth and Islandshire.	1 March 1859
GBR 79/21-22	Letter asking whether the conveyance of the Workhouse from the Corporation of Berwick-upon-Tweed to the Guardians has yet been executed. It expresses dissatisfaction at the great delay. 10081D/1859	7 March 1859
GBR 79/23-24	Letter enclosing a circular from the Privy Council stating the regulations for appointing medical practitioners to carry out vaccinations.	14 March 1859
GBR 79/25	Letter enclosing a form for reporting the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half-year ending Lady-day 1859.	29 March 1859
GBR 79/26-27	Letter acknowledging that of 23 March 1859, and approving the appointment of medical officers until 25 March 1860: Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison] for Tweedmouth District, £40 per annum; Mr Wilson [James Wilson] for Islandshire District, £25 per annum; Mr Paxton [John Paxton] for East Northamshire District, £33 per annum; Mr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] for West Northamshire District, £7 per annum.	2 April 1859

	12006B/1859	
GBR 79/28-29	Letter acknowledging those of 8 February 1859 and 23 March 1859, and stating an objection to the employment of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as cook in the Workhouse, as long as her children remain inmates. 6141/1859; 12016/1859	7 April 1859
GBR 79/30-31	Letter acknowledging that of 5 April 1859 concerning the refusal of Messrs Morison [Andrew Morison] and Paxton [John Paxton] to sign their contracts as medical officers of Tweedmouth and East Northhamshire. Neither of them holds all of the qualifications prescribed by law. 13573B/1859	15 April 1859
GBR 79/32-33	Letter acknowledging that of 10 March 1858, and asking whether the conveyance of the Workhouse buildings is yet ready for registration. 10504D/1859	21 April 1859
GBR 79/34-35	Letter acknowledging that of 23 April 1859, and refusing to authorise the acquisition of a piece of land for the Workhouse garden, until the conveyance of the Workhouse property has been settled. 16154D/1859	9 May 1859
GBR 79/36-37	Letter asking whether diphtheria is prevalent in the Union.	16 May 1859
GBR 79/38	Letter enclosing forms to report a list of the Guardians and paid officers of the Union for the current year.	18 May 1859
GBR 79/39-40	Letter acknowledging that of 3 May 1859, and rejecting the proposal that Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] should be employed as cook in the Workhouse, unless her children can be cared for outside the Workhouse. 17768B/1859.	18 May 1859
GBR 79/41-42	Letter enclosing forms for the Poor Rate Return 1858/59.	23 May 1859
GBR 79/43-44	Letter acknowledging that of 16 May 1859, about non-resident relief for Hannah Foreman, a widow living at Wooler in the Glendale Union. It asks for further information about her case. 20308A/1859	25 May 1859
GBR 79/45-46	Letter acknowledging that of 17 May 1859 about delay to the conveyance of Workhouse buildings to the Guardians. The Guardians must borrow the money required and charge it to the parishes. 20351D/1859	28 May 1859
GBR 79/47-48	Letter referring to that of 2 June 1859, about a loan of £950. A form of application to the Public Works Loan Board is enclosed. 23503D/1859	11 June 1859
GBR 79/49-50	Letter acknowledging that of 13 June 1858, and stating that the Board has approved the application for a loan of £950 and forwarded it to the Public Works Loan Board. 25533D/1859	17 June 1859
GBR 79/51	Letter explaining the requirements for completing the form of Return of Paupers in receipt of relief on 1 July 1859.	17 June 1859
GBR 79/52-53	Letter stating that Barbara MacLaren, a widow with children, is not entitled to relief from the Union since she is residing in Scotland. The Guardians must provide relief for the children if they become destitute while living in the Union. 25601A/1859	22 June 1859
GBR 79/54-55	Letter acknowledging that of 13 June 1859, and giving approval of non-resident relief for Hannah Foreman while living at Wooler. 25536A/1859	22 June 1859
GBR 79/56-57	Letter acknowledging that of 18 June 1859 about non-resident relief for Jane Halliburton, a widow, living with her daughter in Belford. The Board asks for	23 June 1859

	more information about her return to her parish of settlement. 26239A/1859	
GBR 79/58-59	Letter, referring to a previous letter of 18 May 1859, and asking whether the children of Mary Ann Tomkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] are now living out of the Workhouse. 17768B/1859	27 June 1859
GBR 79/60-61	Letter acknowledging that of 24 June 1859, and giving approval for non-resident for Jane Halliburton while living with her daughter at Belford. 27060A/1859	2 July 1859
GBR 79/62-63	Letter acknowledging that of 2 July 1859 regarding the land belonging to Grangeburn Mill, and asking whether the Deed should be forwarded to the Treasury. 28155D/1859	9 July 1859
GBR 79/64-65	Letter referring to that of 1 July 1859, and enclosing a form for completion to authorise the Guardians to hire from Mr Cowe [John Cowe] part of his garden adjacent to the Workhouse. 17 signatures are required from the 30 elected and 3 ex-officio Guardians. 28033D/1859	13 July 1859
GBR 79/66-67	Letter requesting the return of a form showing the number of children of outdoor paupers chargeable to the Union. A duplicate of the form is enclosed (uncompleted).	14 July 1859
GBR 79/68-69	Letter acknowledging that of 12 July 1859 concerning non-resident relief for Peter Gray, aged 75, living with his son-in-law, John Sadler, a baker in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The Board asks whether the Guardians will also be prepared to pay for any medical and burial expenses. 29576A/1859	19 July 1859
GBR 79/70-71	Letter acknowledging that of 26 July 1859, and giving approval for non-resident relief to Peter Gray while living in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 30945/1859	29 July 1859
GBR 79/72-73	Letter acknowledging that of 26 July 1859, and asking whether the Guardians propose to appoint a paid officer as cook in the Workhouse in place of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins]. 30944B/1859	5 Aug. 1859
GBR 79/74-75	Letter acknowledging that of 12 July 1859 concerning the proposed appointment of Mr Smith [John Smith] as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for Holy Island, and asking whether the previous appointment of John Anderson has now ceased and in what circumstances. 29579B/1859	6 Aug. 1859
GBR 79/76-77	Letter acknowledging that of 9 August 1859, and giving approval for the appointment of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as cook at the Workhouse for a probationary year. 32331B/1859	18 Aug 1859
GBR 79/78	Letter enclosing an order concerning the provision of religious instruction to orphans in the Workhouse. [Order not included.]	23 Aug. 1859
GBR 79/79-80	Letter acknowledging that of 16 August 1859 concerning non-resident relief for George Bell and his wife Mary Bell while living at Newsham in the Tynemouth Union. The Board asks about arrangements to monitor their condition. Annotated: By quarterly (or oftener) reports from the District Relieving Officer. 33074A/1859	24 Aug. 1859
GBR 79/81-82	Letter acknowledging that of 23 August 1859 concerning non-resident relief for Stephen King and his wife and six children while living at Chatton. The Board requests details of King's ailment and the ages of his children. 33838A/1859	26 Aug. 1859
GBR 79/83-84	Letter acknowledging that of 23 August 1859, and asking for details of the appointment of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as cook at the Workhouse.	27 Aug. 1859

	33842B/1859	
GBR 79/85-86	Letter enclosing a copy of a letter to the Treasurer of the Union authorising repayment of the salaries of the schoolmaster and schoolmistress and half of the salaries of the medical officers. The enclosed letter is addressed to J M Meggison.	1 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/87-88	Letter acknowledging that of 25 August 1859 concerning payment of expenses for rooms for district meetings for the examination of paupers. The Board asks why the payments were not reported earlier. 34100A/1859	2 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/89-90	Letter acknowledging that of 25 August 1859, and giving approval for non-resident relief to George King living at Newsham in the Tynemouth Union. 34066A/1859	2 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/91-92	Letter acknowledging that of 27 August 1859, and giving approval for non-resident relief to Stephen King living at Chatton in the Glendale Union. 34280A/1859	2 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/93-94	Letter acknowledging that of 30 August 1859, and giving approval for the appointment and salary of Mary Ann Thompkins as cook at the Workhouse. 34420B/1859	3 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/95-96	Letter referring to that of 16 August 1859, and returning the deed, sealed and registered, for the conveyance of parish property. 33018D/1859	3 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/97-98	Letter referring to those of 2 July 1859 and 12 July 1859, and returning the deed, sealed and registered and now executed by the Lords of the Treasury, for the conveyance of land belonging to Grangeburn Mill. 32023D/1859	3 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/99-100	Letter acknowledging that of 26 August 1859, and stating that in consequence of alterations to the Workhouse, the Board now establishes 212 as the maximum number of inmates to be accommodated, excepting the vagrant wards. The number of inmates in each ward is shown in the enclosed table [not included]. 34159A/1859	6 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/101	Letter enclosing a copy of the Act of Parliament concerning payment of debts by Boards of Guardians (22 & 23 Vict cap 49).	12 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/102-103	Letter acknowledging that of 6 September 1859 concerning non-resident relief for Ann Watson. The Board asks whether any of her children has employment and contributes to the family income. 35007A/1859	15 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/104-105	Letter acknowledging that of 6 September 1859 concerning non-resident relief for Elizabeth Dixon living at Cowpen near Blyth. The Board asks if she suffers from any ill-health, and observes that as she is only 59 she should be able to contribute to her maintenance. [35005A/1859]	15 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/106-107	Letter acknowledging that of 3 September 1859 concerning expenses for hiring rooms for district meetings. The Board asks who authorised them to be hired, and requests copies of the vouchers for payment. 34839C/1859	16 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/108-109	Letter acknowledging that of 1 September 1859 about expenses relating to the sale of the Burrs. The Board asks why the Guardians should pay the expenses of Robert Home, the Town Clerk, and those of Messrs Willoby, referring to the conditions set out in the order of sale. 34797D/1859	17 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/110	Letter enclosing a form to show the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half-year to Michaelmas 1859.	21 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/111-112	Letter acknowledging that of 20 September 1859 concerning sale expenses for the Burrs, and returning the bills of costs of Mr Home [Robert Home] and Messrs Willoby.	23 Sept. 1859

	36218D/1859	
GBR 79/113-114	Letter acknowledging that of 20 September 1859, and enclosing an order authorising the renting of garden ground [for the Workhouse]. Preparation of a draft lease is requested. 36226D/1859	28 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/115-116	Letter acknowledging that of 20 September 1859 concerning expenses for hiring rooms for district meetings, and stating that 22 & 23 Vict cap 49 determines the conditions under which expenses are legally chargeable to the Poor Rate. 36227C/1859	30 Sept. 1859
GBR 79/117-118	Letter acknowledging that of 18 August 1859. It rescinds the current authorisation for the appointment of John Smith as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for Holy Island, and requests the return of the enclosed form to enable a new authorisation according to 7 & 8 Vict cap 101 sect 62. 33299B/18599	1 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/119-120	Letter requesting completion of the enclosed form for a return of the number of people vaccinated by public vaccinators in the year to 29 September 1859.	1 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/121-122	Letter acknowledging that of 1 October 1859, and declining to approve non-resident relief for Elizabeth Dixon. It refers to the Prohibiting General Order. 37195A/1859	5 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/123-124	Letter acknowledging that of 22 September 1859, and stating that non-resident relief for Ann Watson is allowed under the second exception to Article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 36470A/1859	5 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/125-128	Letter enclosing a copy of the report by Dr Nairne [Robert Nairne], a Commissioner in Lunacy, on his visit to the Workhouse. The Board requests discontinuation of the 'objectionable arrangement' whereby George Drummond and Edward Young sleep in the same bed. The enclosed report also describes improvements to the 'Idiot Wards', and the condition of the four men and two women inmates, including Marjory Elder. 36970A/1859	6 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/129-130	Letter acknowledging that of 3 October 1859 about non-resident relief for Catherine Rork and her five children. The Board cannot agree to the condition stated by the Overseers of the parish of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne for payment of expenses of removal to Felkington if that again becomes necessary. 37353A/1859	7 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/131-132	Letter acknowledging that of 3 October 1859 about the proposal to send the boy James Finharty to the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at [Newcastle-upon-Tyne]. The Guardians are entitled to give non-resident relief under the second exception to Article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 37352A/1859	12 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/133	Letter from the Committee of Council on Education authorising annual payments to apprentices and teachers.	19 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/134-135	Letter enclosing a copy of an order authorising the appointment of a Collector for the parish of Holy Island, together with documents stipulating his duties [not included]. 37351D/1859	19 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/136-137	Letter referring to that of 18 October 1859, and approving the draft assignment from John Cowe of a portion of 'Greenses Garden', held under lease from Berwick Town Council. 38783D/1859	28 Oct. 1859
GBR 79/138	Letter requesting a Return of Male Occupiers, assessed to the Poor Rate for tenements with a rental and rateable value of £5 or above.	7 Nov. 1859

GBR 79/139	Letter acknowledging those of 1 October 1859 and 8 November 1859, concerning expenses incurred in the sale of the land called the 'Burrs'. The Board refuses to approve the agreement and states that it was not legal because the land offered in exchange did not belong to the Guardians. The Board says that the expenses of Mr Home [Robert Home] cannot be charged to the parish, and that those of Messrs Willoby, although unnecessarily incurred, should be met. Annotated, by R Home to [Edward Willoby]: notify the Board of the amount they refuse to pay; it is probably not worth disputing. 37194D/1859; 41877D/1859	11 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/141-144	Letter enclosing certificates awarded to the schoolmaster and schoolmistress of the Union workhouse. Two enclosed certificates show the reports, by T B Browne, Inspector of Parochial Schools, on the qualifications and recommended salaries of William Nesbit and Isabella Nesbit. 42042/1859; 42043/1859	15 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/145	Letter acknowledging that of 15 November 1859, and requesting details of the appointment of John T Smith as Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Holy Island. 43205B/1859	19 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/146-147	Letter acknowledging that of 15 November 1859, and returning the deed of assignment from John Cowe to the Guardians for the lease of a garden. 43201D/1859	23 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/148-149	Letter acknowledging that of 14 November 1859, and giving approval for non-resident relief to Thomas Middlemiss, aged 67, while living with his son-in-law in the parish of St Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 43237A/1859	23 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/150-151	Letter acknowledging that of 7 November 1859, and stating that relief given to Margaret Carson should not be charged to the township of Felkington. As a 'destitute wayfarer or wanderer', she was chargeable to the common fund when received in the Workhouse, according to 11&12 Vict c 110 sect 1. 41847C/1859	24 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/152	Letter requesting a supplemental Return of male occupiers of tenements who were rated as owners, if they were not included in the previous return of male occupiers.	29 Nov. 1859
GBR 79/153	Letter acknowledging that of 14 November 1859, and returning the deed of conveyance of premises from the Corporation of the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed to the Guardians. 43265D/1859	2 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/154-155	Letter acknowledging that of 26 November 1859, and asking whether the amount of the bond is sufficient in respect of John Todd Smith's appointment as Collector of Rates for the parish of Holy Island. 45236B/1859	3 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/156-157	Letter acknowledging that of 22 November 1859 about the proposed exchange of land between the Guardians and William Weatherhead, and enclosing a form for application to the Board. 44609D/1859	3 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/158-159	Letter referring to that of 8 November 1859, and authorising the Guardians to use the 'produce' from the sale of the Burrs as outlined. The amount should be transmitted to the Public Works Loan Board. 41877D/1859; 34797D/1859	13 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/160	Letter requesting an additional Return of Male Persons assessed to the Poor Rate in Berwick-upon-Tweed and Tweedmouth as occupiers of tenements with rental and rateable values of £8 and above.	13 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/161-162	Letter acknowledging that of 5 December 1859, and agreeing to the appointment of John T Smith as Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Holy Island. 49026B/1859	14 Dec. 1859

GBR 79/163-164	Letter enclosing regulations concerning vaccination contractors [not included].	19 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/165	Letter requesting a Return of Paupers in receipt of relief on 1 January 1860.	21 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/166-167	Letter acknowledging that 13 December 1859 concerning non-resident relief for Joanna Purvis [Joanna Purves] while living in the parish of All Saints in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. It asks why, since she was employed as a domestic servant, she and her child became destitute. 48037A/1859	22 Dec. 1859
GBR 79/168-169	Letter acknowledging that of 28 December 1859, and giving approval for non-resident relief for Joanna Purvis [Joanna Purves] for six months. 50375A/1859	3 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/170	Circular explaining an enclosed General Order allowing Medical Officers to hold qualifications from authorities outside England. A provisional list of authorities is given, including those in Scotland.	3 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/171-172	Letter acknowledging that of 29 December 1859 about the religious instruction of children in workhouses. 50514A/1859	3 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/173	Letter asking for an explanation of the discrepancy in numbers between the first Return of Male Occupiers and the second.	7 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/174-175	Letter referring to that of 13 December 1859, and approving an exchange of land with William Weatherhead. 48032D/1859	10 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/176-177	Letter acknowledging an application for books to be used in the Workhouse school. 2248/1860	18 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/178-179	Letter acknowledging that of 10 January 1860, and granting non-resident relief to Ann Watson for six months. 1207A/1860	19 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/180-181	Letter referring to that of 11 January 1860, and giving approval for the draft deed of exchange of land with William Weatherhead. 1595D/1860	21 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/182-183	Letter acknowledging that of 17 January 1860, and giving approval for non-resident relief for Hannah Lee, aged 67, while living at Broomhill near Acclington [Acklington]. 2251A/1860	25 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/184-185	Letter acknowledging that of 23 January 1860 with a memorial to the Lords Commissioners of HM Treasury requesting an extension of the period for repayment of a loan of £950. The Board has forwarded the memorial to the Treasury. 3143D/1860	30 Jan. 1860
GBR 79/186-187	Letter returning the annual Return of Lunatics, and requesting to know whether the idiots residing with friends are dangerous to themselves or to others.	2 Feb. 1860
GBR 79/188	Letter stating that arrangements are in hand for remunerating those who prepared the Return of Male Occupiers.	6 Feb. 1860
GBR 79/189	Letter including a copy of a letter from the Royal Commissioners for the Greenwich Hospital requesting information about seamen who have served in the Royal Navy, and who are now chargeable to the Union.	8 Feb. 1860
GBR 79/190-191	Letter referring to that of 6 February 1860, and returning the approved deed of exchange with William Weatherhead. 4779D/1860.	16 Feb. 1860
GBR 79/192	Letter requesting a return of information about the Workhouse school.	23 Feb. 1860
GBR 79/193-196	Letter stating the amount of remuneration for preparing the Return of Male Occupiers. Two receipts are enclosed for payments to George Dick and John	15 March 1860

	Thompson. 9277/1860	
GBR 79/197-198	Letter acknowledging that of 6 March 1860 about proposed alterations to the Workhouse infirmary. The Board agrees to the proposal, but recommends that a different arrangement should be adopted for the 'lying-in ward'. It also recommends air bricks in the water-closets and an Arnott Ventilator in each chimney breast of the infirmary wards. 7890/1860	20 March 1860
GBR 79/199-200	Letter enclosing forms for the half-yearly Return of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinators.	26 March 1860
GBR 79/201	Letter enclosing a form for reporting the half-yearly cost of in-maintenance and out-relief.	27 March 1860
GBR 79/202-203	Letter acknowledging that of 21 March 1860, and approving the appointment of medical officers and their salaries for one year: Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison] for Tweedmouth District @£40 per annum, Mr Wilson [James Wilson] for Islandshire District @£25 per annum, Mr Paxton [John Paxton] for East Northhamshire District @£33 per annum, and Mr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] for West Northhamshire District @£7 per annum. 9779B/1860	28 March 1860
GBR 79/204	Letter enclosing a copy of the Medical Relief Bill, introduced to the House of Commons by Mr Pigott.	12 April 1860
GBR 79/205-206	Letter acknowledging that of 7 April 1860, and declining to give an opinion about the nomination of [Ebenezer Black as] a Guardian, on the grounds that the Board may subsequently have to adjudicate in an appeal under 5&6 Vict c 57 sect 8. 11316C/1860	13 April 1860
GBR 79/207-208	Letter acknowledging that of 3 April 1860 about arrangements to discharge the duties of the medical officer in Tweedmouth during the ill-health of Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison]. 11006B/1860	13 April 1860
GBR 79/209	Letter requesting a Return of the number of poor persons removed to Ireland, under 8&9 Vict c 117. Annotated: Nil.	18 April 1860
GBR 79/210	Letter requesting a Return of the religious denominations of indoor paupers. Figures for Berwick are entered on the reverse.	20 April 1860
GBR 79/211-212	Letter acknowledging that 1 May 1860 reporting the leave of absence of Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison], Medical Officer for Tweedmouth, for a further month. 15120B/1860	8 May 1860
GBR 79/213-214	Letter enclosing forms for the annual Poor Rate Return [not included].	14 May 1860
GBR 79/215-216	Letter acknowledging that of 15 May 1860, and approving non-resident relief for Sarah Logan, a widow aged 66, living at Blyth. 17812A/1860	24 May 1860
GBR 79/217-222	Letter enclosing a copy of some correspondence with J Thompson [John Thompson], Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Holy Island, about a report of the District Auditor. Copies of three letters discuss Thompson's procedures for accounting for rate payments. 19189/1860; 17484/1860	1 June 1860
GBR 79/223-224	Letter acknowledging that of 29 May 1860 reporting the resignation of Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison] as Medical Officer for Tweedmouth District. The Board approves the temporary arrangements for the duties to be covered [by Dr James Wilson]. 20247B/1860	2 June 1860
GBR 79/225-230	Letter enclosing a copy of some correspondence with George Dick, Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Tweedmouth, about a report of the District Auditor. Copies of three letters discuss Dick's procedures for accounting for	5 June 1860

	rate payments. 19446E/1860; 17485E/1860	
GBR 79/231-232	Letter acknowledging that of 29 May 1860 reporting the death of the Guardian James Wilson and the disqualification of the Guardian William Gibson because of a change of address and of rateable assessment. 20250A/1860	6 June 1860
GBR 79/233	Letter requesting a list of the Guardians and paid officers of the Union.	6 June 1860
GBR 79/234-237	Letter enclosing a copy of some correspondence with Rose Phillips. In the enclosed letter Phillips, of Boots property, Shaws Lane, Berwick-upon-Tweed, states that, after a two-week absence while visiting her dying daughter, she was refused out-relief money by Mr Turner, and then by Mr Fleming and the Board of Guardians. 22590A/1860	15 June 1860
GBR 79/238-239	Letter acknowledging that of 12 June 1860, and approving the increase of salary for Mrs Jane Mitchell, Matron of the Workhouse, to £20 per annum. 22655B/1860	23 June 1860
GBR 79/240	Letter explaining a change in the Form of Return of the number of paupers in receipt of relief, and requesting a further return for 1 July 1860.	27 June 1860
GBR 79/241-242	Letter acknowledging that of 21 June 1860 about the removal to Ireland of a pauper who has refused to sign 'his examination taken before the Justices'. The Board states that it does not consider the signature to be necessary. 24096C/1860	30 June 1860
GBR 79/243-244	Letter acknowledging that of 10 July 1860 about the proposed emigration to Canada of the wife and family of James Bell. It states that the regulations do not permit expenditure from the Poor Rates to be used to assist the emigration of women who have been deserted by their husbands. 26587D/1860	12 July 1860
GBR 79/245-246	Letter acknowledging that of 10 July 1860, and approving a payment to Dr James Wilson for services while the office of Tweedmouth medical officer was vacant. 26582B/1860	14 July 1860
GBR 79/247-248	Letter acknowledging that of 27 June 1860, and giving approval for the appointment of James Wilson as Medical Officer for the combined districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire. 24860B/1860	17 July 1860
GBR 79/249-250	Letter acknowledging that of 24 July 1860, and approving the vaccination contract made with James Wilson for the Tweedmouth and Islandshire district. 27988/1860	26 July 1860
GBR 79/251-252	Letter acknowledging that of 24 July 1860, and giving approval for non-resident relief for 6 months to Ann Watson living in Belford. 28113A/1860	30 July 1860
GBR 79/253-254	Letter acknowledging that of 24 July 1860 about the proposal that the orphans Margaret and John Gilchrist should quit the Workhouse to live with their uncles, John Lowther of Dudley Colliery near [Newcastle-upon-Tyne] and Robert Wilson of East Holywell near Earsdon. The Board considers that the children would be better educated in the Workhouse. 28111A/1860	2 Aug. 1860
GBR 79/255	Letter requesting a Return of the number of paupers who have been inmates of the Workhouse for five years or more. The details listed on the reverse mention Robert Pringle, Matthew Weatherly, Thomas Dexter, Ralph Riddle, George Smith, John Patterson, Sarah Joy, Alice Brown, Sophia Johnson, Margaret Allan, Marjory Crystal, Margaret Crisp.	20 Aug. 1860
GBR 79/256-257	Letter acknowledging that of 4 July 1860, and approving the proposal that the maximum number of inmates to be accommodated in the Workhouse should be set at 223, excluding the vagrant wards. 25721A/1860	27 Aug. 1860

GBR 79/258-259	Letter acknowledging that of 8 August 1860, and giving approval of non-resident relief for the orphans Margaret and John Gilchrist while living with their uncles at Dudley Colliery near [Newcastle-upon-Tyne] and East Holywell near Earsdon. 39330A/1860	28 Aug. 1860
GBR 79/260-261	Letter acknowledging that of 21 August 1860 about non-resident relief for Dorothy Newton, a widow aged 65, living at Throrton near Hartlepool. The Board asks whether she is infirm and whether she has a son. 30494A/1860	29 Aug. 1860
GBR 79/262-263	Letter acknowledging that of 21 August 1860, and giving approval for non-resident relief for James Black while living at Easington Grange in the Belford Union. 30486A/1860	29 Aug. 1860
GBR 79/264-265	Letter stating that J M Meggison, Treasurer of the Union, may draw payment for the salaries of the schoolmaster and schoolmistress and half the salary of the medical officers for the year ended 31 March 1860.	1 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/266-267	Letter acknowledging that of 21 August 1860, and giving approval for the appointment of Mary Ann Thompkins as servant to the matron of the Workhouse at a salary of £16 per annum, with rations and allowances. 30495B/1860	3 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/268-269	Letter acknowledging that of 21 August 1860 about non-resident relief for Jane Wylie, aged 63, and residing in Scotland just beyond the limits of the Union. It states that the sanction of the Board is not required because her infirmity is covered by the 2nd exception to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 30493A/1860	6 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/270-271	Letter acknowledging that of 4 September 1860 about an increase of non-resident relief for Ann Watson because of ill-health. It states that the sanction of the Board is not required because her infirmity is covered by the 2nd exception to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 31338A/1860	7 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/272-273	Letter acknowledging that of 12 September 1860, and giving approval for non-resident relief to Dorothy Newton, living at Throrton near Hartlepool. 32094A/1860	17 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/274	Letter requesting the return of an enclosed form for the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for six months ending 29 September 1860.	25 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/275-276	Letter acknowledging that of 18 September 1860 about non-resident relief for four children named Atchison, living at Alnmouth. The Board thinks that, because of the ages of the three younger children, they would be best cared for in the Workhouse. 32731A/1860	29 Sept. 1860
GBR 79/277-278	Letter requesting return of an enclosed form for the number of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinators in the year ended 29 September 1860.	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 79/279-280	Letter acknowledging that of 4 September 1860, and stating that since Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Medical Officer for Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, is living outside his district, at Bridge Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed, his appointment cannot be made permanent. 31342B/1860	8 Oct. 1860
GBR 79/281-282	Letter explaining the responsibilities of Boards of Guardians in respect of the removal of nuisances and the prevention of diseases following recent legislation.	10 Oct. 1860
GBR 79/283-284	Letter reporting information provided by Mr Hurst, Poor Law Inspector, about the attendance of Workhouse children at religious services held by dissenting ministers. The Board wishes that, although adult paupers should not be prevented from attending these services, children of parents belonging to the Church of England should not be permitted to do so, but should be sent to the parish church instead.	13 Oct. 1860

	30409A/1860	
GBR 79/285-286	Letter, from the Committee of Council on Education, authorising payment of salary to Isabella Nesbit, pupil teacher.	20 Oct. 1860
GBR 79/287-288	Letter acknowledging that of 30 October 1860, and giving approval of non-resident relief for William Chirnside, aged 74, while living at Adderstone. 36776A/1860	6 Nov. 1860
GBR 79/289-292	Letter enclosing certificates of qualification for William Nesbit, Schoolmaster, and Isabella Nesbit, Schoolmistress, with allowances for their salaries, for the year ending 25 March 1861. These are based on reports by T B Browne. 39346/1860	26 Nov. 1860
GBR 79/293-294	Letter acknowledging that of 16 October 1860, and agreeing to the request that the annual value for qualification to be a Guardian of the Union should be reduced to £20 per annum because of the alleged decrease in property values in the parish. 34838A/1860	3 Dec. 1860
GBR 79/295-298	Letter enclosing a copy of a letter from Sarah McBride, and requesting comment from the Guardians. In the enclosed letter, McBride, a widow aged 74, states that her husband Patrick McBride had served in the Royal Artillery in Captain Lacy's Company, and then in the 50th Regiment (the 'Blind half hundred'), for which he had a pension of 9d per day. Her relief from Berwick-upon-Tweed was withdrawn after she visited a son and daughter in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Her contact address is care of Rose Crown, Chapel Street, Berwick-upon-Tweed. 43103A/1860	13 Dec. 1860
GBR 79/299	Letter enclosing a form of Return for paupers in receipt of relief on 1 January 1861.	21 Dec. 1860
GBR 79/300-301	Letter acknowledging that of 26 December 1860, and agreeing to non-resident relief for Joanna Purves while living at Gateshead until 25 March 1861. The Board thinks that relief should not continue after that. 45416A/1860	5 Jan. 1861
GBR 79/302-303	Letter acknowledging that of 26 December 1860 which reports that the provision of medical relief in the combined districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire has worked satisfactorily. 45427B/1860	12 Jan. 1861
GBR 79/304-305	Letter acknowledging that of 8 January 1861 which reports a decision by the Guardians to prosecute persons who have neglected to have their children vaccinated. The Board states that it has no jurisdiction in the matter but will forward it to the Privy Council. 2217C/1861	30 Jan. 1861
GBR 79/306-307	Letter acknowledging that of 28 January 1861, and agreeing to the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson. 4457A/1861	12 Feb. 1861
GBR 79/308-309	Letter acknowledging that of 18 February 1861 which requests that the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, should be made permanent since he now resides within his district. The Board refers to the procedure required under the regulations. 6590B/1861	22 Feb. 1861
GBR 79/310-311	Letter acknowledging that of 18 February 1861, and agreeing to the continuation of non-resident relief to Margaret and John Gilchrist, orphan children, while living with their uncles at Dudley and East Holywell. 6626A/1861	27 Feb. 1861
GBR 79/312-313	Letter acknowledging that of 6 March 1861, and asking about medical relief in the parish of Grindon which is now omitted from a list of those forming the East Northhamshire District. 8135B/1861	15 March 1861
GBR 79/314	Letter enclosing a form of Return for the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief	22 March 1861

	for the half-year ended 25 March 1861.	
GBR 79/315-316	Letter approving the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] as Medical Officer for Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, at a salary of £65 per annum. 9197B/1861	25 March 1861
GBR 79/317-318	Letter acknowledging that of 19 March 1861, and agreeing to the appointment of medical officers: John Paxton in East Norhamshire District @ £33 per annum, and Matthew James Turnbull in West Norhamshire District @ £8 per annum. Both are to serve until 25 March 1862. 9197B/1861	28 March 1861
GBR 79/319-320	Letter enclosing an instruction from the Registrar-General about procedures for counting the inmates of Workhouses and schools for pauper children in the forthcoming Census.	28 March 1861
GBR 79/321	Letter cautioning against confusion of voting papers for the election of Guardians with Census returns, since both collections fall on Monday 8 April 1861.	2 April 1861
GBR 79/322-323	Letter acknowledging that of 19 March 1861, and refusing to allow non-resident relief to Elizabeth Allan and her two children, following their removal from Gateshead. 9218A/1861	5 April 1861
GBR 79/324	Letter requesting information for Parliament about the chaplains who have held office in the Workhouse. Annotated: No Workhouse chaplain in the Union.	22 April 1861
GBR 79/325-326	Letter acknowledging that of 24 April 1861 which forwarded a request from the churchwardens and overseers of Tweedmouth for a new valuation of the parish. A form for return is enclosed. 12612A/1861	1 May 1861
GBR 79/327	Letter enclosing a form for the annual Poor Rate Return for the year ended at Lady Day 1861.	16 May 1861
GBR 79/328-329	Letter acknowledging that of 14 May 1861 about a new valuation of rateable property in Tweedmouth parish. The Board asks to see the draft of any contract which the Guardians propose to make. 16229A/1861	18 May 1861
GBR 79/330	Letter enclosing a form for reporting the list of Guardians and paid officers of the Union for the current year.	31 May 1861
GBR 79/331-332	Letter acknowledging that of 28 May 1861 about non-resident relief for Sarah Alder, a widow with two children. The Board asks whether there has been any discussion with Williton Union, in which she proposes to live. 18638A/1861	5 June 1861
GBR 79/333-334	Letter acknowledging that of 6 June 1861, and approving a draft contract with Thomas F Hedley for making a new valuation of Tweedmouth parish. 18638A/1861	12 June 1861
GBR 79/335-336	Letter acknowledging that of 11 June 1861 about non-resident relief for William Chirnside. Because of his blindness, the case is covered by the 2nd exception to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. 20894A/1861	15 June 1861
GBR 79/337-338	Letter acknowledging that of 11 June 1861, and approving non-resident relief for Catherine Metcalf, a widow aged 70, living at Cramlington. 20877/1861	15 June 1861
GBR 79/339	Letter requesting a Return of the number of young persons who have been in Workhouse schools and those who have returned to the Workhouse through misconduct or otherwise. Figures for Berwick are added to the form.	17 June 1861
GBR 79/340-341	Letter acknowledging that of 11 June 1861 about non-resident relief for Peter Dickinson. Because of his chronic bronchitis, his case within the 2nd exception to article 3 of the General Prohibitory Order. The Board asks about	20 June 1861

	his medical relief when he is living in Cramlington. 20847A/1861	
GBR 79/342	Letter enclosing a further form for a Return of the number of paupers receiving relief on 1 July 1861.	21 June 1861
GBR 79/343-344	Letter acknowledging that of 19 June 1861, and refusing non-resident relief for Sarah Alder because the Guardians of Williton Union decline to advance the relief. 22075½A/1861	22 June 1861
GBR 79/345	Circular, amended, enclosing a copy of the Irremovable Poor Act (1861) [previously sent].	6 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/346	Circular enclosing a copy of the Irremovable Poor Act (1861).	6 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/347	Letter giving notice of an inspection of the Workhouse school by T B Browne, Inspector of Union Schools.	14 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/348-349	Letter giving notice of an examination of the pupil teacher by T B Browne, Inspector of Union Schools.	14 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/350-351	Letter acknowledging that of 6 August 1861 about non-resident relief for Eleanor Anderson, a widow with two children, living at North Seaton near Blyth. The Board asks how long she has been a widow and whether her 12-year old son does anything to earn his living. 27697A/1861	15 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/352-353	Letter acknowledging that of 19 August 1861, and approving non-resident relief for Eleanor Anderson while living at North Seaton near Blyth. 28855A/1861	28 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/354-355	Letter acknowledging that of 19 August 1861, and agreeing that Mary Ann Thompkins may continue as servant to the matron of the Workhouse. 28856B/1861	28 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/356-357	Letter acknowledging that of 19 August 1861, and approving continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson while living at Belford. 28848A/1861	28 Aug. 1861
GBR 79/358-359	Letter stating that J M Meggison, Treasurer of the Union, has been authorised to draw payment for the salaries of the Workhouse schoolmaster and schoolmistress and for half of the salaries of the medical officers, for the year ended 31 March 1861.	2 Sept. 1861
GBR 79/360-361	Letter acknowledging that of 6 September 1861, and approving continuation of non-resident relief for the orphan children Margaret and John Gilchrist while living at Dudley [near Newcastle-upon-Tyne]. 30069A/1861	11 Sept. 1861
GBR 79/362	Letter enclosing a form for reporting the cost of in-maintenance and out-relief for the half-year ending 29 September 1861.	23 Sept. 1861
GBR 79/363-364	Letter enclosing forms for reporting the number of persons vaccinated by the public vaccinators during the year ended 29 September 1861.	1 Oct. 1861
GBR 79/365-366	Letter acknowledging that of 5 October 1861 about the appointment of Inspectors of Nuisances. Since the persons are not officers of the Union, the Board's consent is not required. 32252B/1861	10 Oct. 1861
GBR 79/367	Letter from the Committee of Council on Education stating that before deciding whether to continue the appointment of J Foreman, pupil teacher at the Workhouse school, they wish to receive a medical certificate for her. 8295/1861	26 Oct. 1861
GBR 79/368	Letter from the Committee of Council of Education enclosing Post Office orders for [William Nesbit, schoolmaster at the Workhouse].	30 Oct. 1861
GBR 79/369	Letter from the Committee of Council of Education agreeing to continuation of the appointment of [J Foreman as pupil teacher in the Workhouse school]. 8703/1861	5 Nov. 1861

GBR 79/370-371	Letter acknowledging that of 11 November 1861, and approving non-resident relief for James and Isabella McLeod while living at Toystone in the Alnwick Union. The Board comments that it is normally undesirable for persons of advanced age to be given relief to return to parishes from which they have been removed. 37304A/1861	20 Nov. 1861
GBR 79/372-375	Letter enclosing copies of the certificates awarded to the schoolmaster and schoolmistress of the Workhouse. The enclosed certificates relate to William Nesbit and Isabella Nesbit, showing the grading of their performance and the recommended allowance for their salaries. 38945/1861	25 Nov. 1861
GBR 79/376	Letter enclosing a form for reporting additional information about the number of paupers receiving relief on 1 January 1862.	20 Dec. 1861