

**Berwick-upon-Tweed Poor Law Union**  
**Board of Guardians correspondence GBR 81 (Folios 1-1003)**

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GBR 81/1	Title-page: Letter book of E Willoby [Edward Willoby], clerk to the Guardians of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union.	
GBR 81/2-3	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 7 March 1859 (10081/1859), about the conveyance of the Workhouse buildings from the Corporation of Berwick to the Guardians. It has been delayed because Mr Home [Robert Home], Town Clerk, was not ready with the conveyance of the piece of land called The Burrs which needs to be executed at the same time. It is now ready for execution.	10 March 1859
GBR 81/4	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 1 March 1859, about the appointment of Medical Officers for the districts of Tweedmouth, Islandshire, East Norhamshire and West Norhamshire for the following year. It encloses an extract from the minutes of a recent meeting of the Guardians containing the terms of appointment [not included].	12 March 1859
GBR 81/5/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Knight & Co, solicitors of Fleet Street London, requesting them to send a postal order for 12/- , charged against the union, with a receipt, and also one quire of forms "Clerks Quarterly Statement of Nonsettled Poor".	21 March 1859
GBR 81/5/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Wilson [James Wilson] stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Islandshire District at a salary of £25 per annum for one year until 25 March 1860.	21 March 1859
GBR 81/6/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Norhamshire, West division, District at a salary of £7 per annum for one year until 25 March 1860. Instructions from the Privy Council are enclosed [not included], and he is requested to send his quarterly accounts.	21 March 1859
GBR 81/6/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District at a salary of £40 per annum for one year until 25 March 1860.	21 March 1859
GBR 81/7	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for Norhamshire, East division, District at a salary of £33 per annum for one year until 25 March 1860. His outstanding weekly returns are requested.	21 March 1859
GBR 81/8	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Dickson, Clerk to the Visitors, stating that a female pauper lunatic chargeable to Berwick is now in the workhouse. It asks whether such pauper lunatics will be admitted to the county asylum.	22 March 1859
GBR 81/9	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Denham, carpenter of Tweedmouth, informing him that the Board has adopted the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee to accept the tender of F Lough [Francis Lough] for the supply of coffins.	22 March 1859
GBR 81/10	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board,	23 March 1859

	about the appointment of Medical Officers, enclosing an extract from the minutes of the meeting of 21 March 1859 and requesting sanction for the resolution therein. It also states that none of those appointed is qualified according to article 168 of the General Consolidated Order, and the appointments are made for one year.	
GBR 81/11	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about the case of Mary Ann Thompkins, pauper, requesting a reply to his earlier letter.	23 March 1859
GBR 81/12	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, wine merchant of Bridge End, stating that his tenders have been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with porter (@ 3/6 per dozen), whiskey (@ 2/6 per bottle) and brandy (@ 4/8 per bottle).	23 March 1859
GBR 81/13	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Davidson, grocer of High Street, stating that his tenders have been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with a chest of tea (@ 3/6 per pound) and patent starch (@ 6d per pound).	23 March 1859
GBR 81/14	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, undertaker of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with coffins [at the rates defined by the sizes specified].	23 March 1859
GBR 81/15	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with rounds and flanks of beef (@ 7/6 per stone), houghs (@ 3/9 per stone) and legs of mutton (@ 8d per pound). Wood is asked to give the names of two sureties for a bond of £40.	23 March 1859
GBR 81/16	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with raw sugar (@ 46/6 per cwt), roll tobacco (@ 3/7 per lb), snuff (@ 3/5 per lb), pepper (@ 1/1 per lb), treacle (@ 2/- per stone), stove salt (@ 2/- per cwt), soap (@ 38/- per cwt), soda (@ 7/6 per cwt).	23 March 1859
GBR 81/17	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Young, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with coffee (@ 1/2 per lb).	23 March 1859
GBR 81/18	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston & Shoreswood Colliery stating that their tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston coals (@ 9/- per ton).	23 March 1859
GBR 81/19	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@ 4¾d per 4lb loaf), indoor coarse bread (@ 3¾d per 4lb loaf), outdoor coarse bread (@ 6d for 6lb 6oz loaf), outdoor oatmeal (@ 6d for 4lb 4oz). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	23 March 1859
GBR 81/20	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Gibson stating that the Guardians have appointed him and Mr Fleming [Joseph Fleming] as a subcommittee to confer with Mr Cowe about the terms on which he offers to let part of his garden.	24 March 1859
GBR 81/21	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Joseph Fleming reminding him that he and Mr Gibson [William Gibson] have been appointed by the Guardians as a subcommittee to confer with Mr Cowe about the terms on which he offers to let part of his garden.	24 March 1859
GBR 81/22/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Parker, Secretary to the Committee for Establishing Superannuation Funds, enclosing a postal order for £1/- as a subscription from the officers	25 March 1859

	of the Union for the work of the Committee.	
GBR 81/22/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae], of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, Morningside, Edinburgh, informing him that Agnes Pringle, a female pauper lunatic, will be sent for admission to the asylum on the following day.	25 March 1859
GBR 81/23	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Grant & Wallace, of 30 Drummond Place Edinburgh, enclosing papers for the admission of a pauper lunatic to Morningside Asylum. Mrs Mitchell, Matron of the Workhouse, will arrive by the mail train with the lunatic on the following morning. It notes that the new Lunacy Act for Scotland requires two medical certificates to be signed for admission, and asks whether in future both could be signed in Berwick rather than one of them in Edinburgh.	25 March 1859
GBR 81/24/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Treasurer of the Durham County Asylum, at Sedgfield, enclosing a bill at sight for £7/14/3, for the maintenance of the pauper lunatic William Bartrim.	29 March 1859
GBR 81/24/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the Police Rate.	4 April 1859
GBR 81/25/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Kent, of Gateshead Fell Asylum, enclosing a cheque for £9/2/- for maintenance of the pauper lunatic Mary Ann Temple.	5 April 1859
GBR 81/25/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £11/11/- for maintenance of pauper lunatics for the Union.	5 April 1859
GBR 81/26	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Grant & Wallace, of 30 Drummond Place Edinburgh, enclosing a postal order for £2/18/10 in payment of charges relating to Agnes Pringle.	5 April 1859
GBR 81/27	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board noting the refusal of two of the Medical Officers to sign their contracts of appointment. Messrs Wilson [James Wilson] and Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] shared their objections but signed their contracts (until 25 March 1860) because they were disqualified from permanent appointment through being non-resident in their districts.	5 April 1859
GBR 81/28	PAGE MISSING	
GBR 81/29	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to R Home [Robert Home], Town Clerk, informing him that the Guardians have decided to accept an offer from Mr Cowe to rent part of his garden, 1¾ acres lying on the east side of the Workhouse. Mr Cowe holds the land on a lease from the Corporation which prevents him from subletting, and the Corporation is requested to cancel this clause.	5 April 1859
GBR 81/30	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to P Beattie [Peter Beattie], Inspector of Poor, Barony Parish, Glasgow, acknowledging his letter of 4 April 1859 about Jessie Wallace. It states that the Union is not empowered to accept Scottish paupers without a warrant, nor to pay any part of the expenses of their removal.	7 April 1859
GBR 81/31/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians of Wooler Union, reporting that Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] has visited Thomas Beveridge and Jane Robson, two pauper lunatics residing in the Tweedmouth District. He is entitled to the usual fee.	9 April 1859
GBR 81/31/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Johnson, Clerk to the Guardians of Belford Union reporting that Dr Paxton [John	9 April 1859

	Paxton] of Norham has visited [John Redden], a pauper lunatic belonging to Belford Union. He is entitled to his fee of 2/6.	
GBR 81/32/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum near Gateshead, stating that Jessie Lilley, a pauper lunatic in that asylum, has been judged chargeable to the borough, and that accounts for her maintenance should be sent to A R Lowrey [Alexander Robinson Lowrey], Borough Treasurer.	15 April 1859
GBR 81/32/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [D J Moncrieff], Clerk to the Guardians, 17 Duke Street Edinburgh, enclosing a "bill on Edinburgh" for £62/15/6 for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	18 April 1859
GBR 81/33-34	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing an extract from the Guardians' minutes about the Workhouse garden. The Town Council have agreed that Mr Cowe may sublet his garden to the Guardians from February 1859 for the period of ten years remaining on his lease.	23 April 1859
GBR 81/35	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster [George Forster], Clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle, stating that Mary Temple, a pauper of the parish of St John's, Newcastle, had, while returning home from a visit to Tweedmouth, fractured her leg while crossing the railway line at Tweedmouth station. She was attended by the Medical Officer for Tweedmouth who has been paid £3, and the reimbursement of this sum is requested to J M Meggison [John M Meggison] of the Union Bank, Berwick-upon-Tweed.	23 April 1859
GBR 81/36	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Russell [James Russell], stonemason, informing him that his offer has been accepted to enclose the piece of waste ground at the corner of the stoneyard at the Workhouse, for the sum of £3/18/-. The work may now proceed.	3 May 1859
GBR 81/37	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary of H M Treasury enclosing a "memorial" asking for a reduction in the rate of interest payable on the loans borrowed from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	3 May 1859
GBR 81/38-40	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 7 April 1859 (6141/1859, 12016/1859) about the remuneration of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Tompkins] for working as Workhouse cook. They seek the agreement of the Board to appoint Tompkins as cook at a salary of £16 per annum with rations, and to allow her two children to live in the Workhouse with her; she would repay £8 annually for their rations. Tompkins and her children would thus cease to be paupers chargeable to the Union. A similar arrangement for children of Workhouse officers has previously been made in respect of the Matron, Nurse, Porter and Master without difficulties arising.	3 May 1859
GBR 81/41/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison, of Tweedmouth] enclosing a copy of the response from the Poor Law Board concerning his objection to signing his contract. He is requested to attend the next board meeting to sign his contract.	3 May 1859
GBR 81/41/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, enclosing a copy of the response from the Poor Law Board concerning his objection to signing his contract. He is requested to attend the next board meeting to sign his contract.	3 May 1859
GBR 81/42	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J C Weddell [James Call Weddell] enclosing the Deed of Conveyance for land belonging to	16 May 1859

	Grangeburn Mill, in exchange for a piece of land already conveyed to the parish of Berwick and converted into the cemetery. There is also a duplicate deed. The Burial Board is asked to execute it.	
GBR 81/43-45	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking agreement for non-resident relief for Hannah Foreman, a widow with three children, now chargeable to the parish of Kyle. She was previously chargeable to the parish of Carham in the Glendale Union. She is now living in Fenton, in the parish of Wooler, in the Glendale Union, and has found employment there as a cothouse bondager with a rent-free house. The Guardians will allow here relief of 2/- per week, payable to a nominated person in the Berwick Union since Glendale Union will not administer relief for the non-settled poor.	
GBR 81/46-51	<p>Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 21 April 1859 (10504/1859) about the conveyance of the Workhouse buildings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Deed: conveyance of the old Union Workhouse. Parties: *Corporation of Berwick-upon-Tweed; the Borough Treasurer; *the Lords Commissioners of H M Treasury; the Guardians [of Berwick-upon-Tweed Union].</li> <li>• Second Deed: conveyance of a piece of land called The Burrs, the property of the parish of Berwick. Parties: *the Guardians; the Union Treasurer; *the Churchwardens and Overseers; the Poor Law Board.</li> </ul> <p>* have executed the deed.</p> <p>Since completion of the transaction will require the Guardians to provide the sum of £950, two methods of obtaining this money are proposed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to borrow the sum from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, in the same way as previous loans.</li> <li>2. to subtract the sum from the amounts outstanding from the parishes of Berwick in respect of previous loans for Union buildings, and by adjusting the amounts due from other parishes accordingly.</li> </ol> <p>The sums are stated in detail. The opinion of the Poor Law Board is requested.</p>	17 May 1859
GBR 81/52/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 in payment of the County Rate.	30 May 1859
GBR 81/52/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office, due 12 May 1859.	30 May 1859
GBR 81/53/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Adamson, of Dumfries, enclosing a bill at sight for £7/10/- due for maintenance of James Swinhoe (no.263) in the Crichton Royal Institution.	31 May 1859
GBR 81/53/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street London, enclosing a postal order for 16/4 in payment of the accounts due.	31 May 1859
GBR 81/54-55	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council acknowledging their letters of 16 May 1859 concerning the prevalence of diphtheria in the Union. The Medical Officers report that they have seen no such cases, except for Dr Paxton [John Paxton], of the East Northamptonshire District. He reports no cases of pure diphtheria, but he has seen two cases of croup, and symptoms of scarlatina which may resemble diphtheria.	2 June 1859

GBR 81/56-57	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 28 May 1859, 20351/1859, concerning the conveyance of the Workhouse. The Guardians ask the Board to issue the necessary order for them to obtain a loan for £950.	2 June 1859
GBR 81/58-59	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Brown [Joseph Brown], surveyor, informing him that a problem with the surface drain from the premises opposite the Workhouse stone yard is causing an accumulation of water near the Workhouse gate. He is requested to consider the matter and to enforce the necessary improvements.	10 June 1859
GBR 81/60	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 11 June 1859, 23503/1859, about an application for a loan, and returning the application form to the Public Works Loan Board, signed by a majority of the Guardians.	13 June 1859
GBR 81/61-62	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 25 May 1859, 20308/1859, about non-resident relief for Hannah Foreman. It states that prior to her settlement in Kyloe being ascertained, Foreman had received relief as a Union pauper and in the parish of Tweedmouth; and after she found employment in the parish of Carham in the Glendale Union, she received relief there. The Guardians wish to continue relief for her and her children and have not set any limit to the period.	13 June 1859
GBR 81/63	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent of the County Asylum, Cottingwood near Morpeth, enclosing a list of pauper lunatics chargeable to the part of the Union within the county of Northumberland. It asks whether they have been received into the asylum or when they are expected.	14 June 1859
GBR 81/64-66	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board asking whether outdoor relief can be authorised for Barbara MacLaren. She is the widow of a soldier and has two children, Margaret Ann, aged 10, and Jane, illegitimate, aged 2, and she has been maintained with them in the Workhouse. She is now employed as a cook to a family in Scotland at a salary of £10 per annum. She has placed her children in care within the parish of Berwick at a charge of 5/- per week, which will exceed her wages. She therefore requires additional relief to maintain her children.	[no date]
GBR 81/67-68	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking permission for non-resident relief for Jane Halliburton, widow of Robert Halliburton of Tweedmouth. After receiving relief from the Union, she now wishes to go to live with her daughter and son-in-law, an agricultural servant, in the parish of Belford. The Guardians propose to grant her non-resident relief of 2/6 per week.	18 June 1859
GBR 81/69-70	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W J Gray [William Johnson Gray] stating that the Workhouse Committee has accepted the tender of Mr Sidey to fit a warm bath apparatus lined with tinned sheet copper, for £6, supervised by Mr Gray. The Committee also wishes to enlarge the Men's Day Room and requests his specifications for the alterations as indicated by the Master of the Workhouse. He is also asked to inspect the papering and painting that is needed in the Workhouse.	22 June 1859
GBR 81/71	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about non-resident relief for Jane Halliburton. Replying to their letter, 26239/1859, it states that Halliburton had returned voluntarily to her parish of settlement in Tweedmouth, and had not applied for relief while living in Belford.	24 June 1859
GBR 81/72	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Samuel Kent, of Gateshead Fell Asylum, enclosing a cheque for £7/10/- for the	27 June 1859

	maintenance of Mary Ann Temple.	
GBR 81/73	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Barnes & Bernard, of 2 Great Winchester Street London EC, acknowledging their letter of 20 June 1859 and the deed for securing £950. The has now been executed and is returned with the necessary declaration and order for delivery of the certificate.	29 June 1859
GBR 81/74	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@ 7/6 per stone), houghs (@ 3/6 per stone), and legs of mutton (@ [illegible] per lb). He is asked to give the names of two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 June 1859
GBR 81/75	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@ 6d per 4lb loaf), indoor coarse bread (@ 5d per 4lb loaf), outdoor coarse bread (@ 6d for 4lb 12oz), and oatmeal (@ 6d for 3lb 4oz). He is asked to give the names of two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 June 1859
GBR 81/76	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 27 June 1859, 17768/1859, about Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] and her children. It states that Tompkins has not yet been appointed cook because of the illness of one of her children, and her case will be reconsidered at the next meeting.	30 June 1859
GBR 81/77-78	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 9 May 1859, 16154/1859, in which they decline to approve the Guardians' proposal to hire a piece of land for the Workhouse garden until the conveyance of the present Workhouse property is settled. This conveyance will be completed when the money has been borrowed from the Public Works Loan Board and the charge on the Poor Rates has been executed. The loan cannot be obtained until after 27 July 1859, but the Guardians must give notice to quit their present garden before the end of the month to avoid retaining it for another year. They request the Board's agreement to the Guardians' immediate proposal.	1 July 1859
GBR 81/79-80/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about Grangeburn Mill Land. The deed of conveyance is being sent by book-post, in exchange for land already conveyed to the parish of Berwick by the Corporation of Berwick, and converted to a cemetery. The completion of the deed requires execution by the Poor Law Board and the Lords Commissioners of H M Treasury.	2 July 1859
GBR 81/80/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] has visited and reported the cases of Thomas Beveridge and Jane Robson, two pauper lunatics of Wooler residing in the Tweedmouth District, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	4 July 1859
GBR 81/81/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £7/3/-, due from the Union.	4 July 1859
GBR 81/81/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Richard Wilson, of the County Asylum, Cottingwood, near Morpeth, sending a bill at sight for £3/14/10, as the amount due from the Union, to be passed to the Treasurer of the Union.	5 July 1859
GBR 81/82	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [J W Barnes], Treasurer to the County Asylum, Durham, sending a bill at sight for £7/17/9, due for the maintenance of William Bartrim, a lunatic pauper.	5 July 1859

GBR 81/83	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Anderson, Inspector of Nuisances, seeking action on a complaint from Mr Home [Robert Home], Superintendent Registrar, who say that the health of himself and his clerks is suffering because of the smells coming from the yard behind the Register Office. This yard is occupied by a fish-curer, and the smells are caused by an accumulation of entrails and refuse of fish. The nuisance is aggravated by the same person keeping a horse in a wooden stall close by a window of the Register Office.	11 July 1859
GBR 81/84/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street Edinburgh, sending a bill at sight for £62/10/-, as the amount due for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	12 July 1859
GBR 81/84/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull, Medical Officer for Northhamshire, West division], of Coldstream, enclosing a postal order for £3/10/-, in payment of his salary for the past quarter.	12 July 1859
GBR 81/85-86	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, of Belford, asking him to take action over one of his tenants, a fish-curer who occupies a yard behind the Register Office. R Home [Robert Home], Superintendent Registrar, has complained that the health of himself and his clerks is suffering because of the smells coming from an accumulation of entrails and refuse of fish. The nuisance is aggravated by the same person keeping a horse in a wooden stall close by a window of the Register Office.	12 July 1859
GBR 81/87	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 9 July 1859, 28155/1859, about the Grangeburn Mill land. It asks that when they have executed the deed for the land, they will forward the deeds to the Treasury Office.	12 July 1859
GBR 81/88-89	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval to grant non-resident relief to Peter Gray, aged 75, who was removed to Berwick from Gateshead in December 1858. Since then he has resided in the Workhouse, but now wishes to live with a son-in-law called John Sadler, a baker in Friar Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The Guardians will allow non-resident relief of 2/6 per week.	12 July 1859
GBR 81/90	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking confirmation of the appointment of an assistant overseer for Holy Island, and enclosing copies of the proceedings of the Vestry Meeting of 16 June 1859 giving details of the appointment and remuneration [not included].	12 July 1859
GBR 81/91	[Leaf torn out.]	
GBR 81/92-93	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that John Morton, an elected Guardian for the parish of Berwick, has ceased to be rated to the annual value of £25, the established amount for the qualification of Guardians, following his relinquishment of a business and a shop. It asks whether he is now disqualified and whether a new election is necessary.	16 July 1859
GBR 81/94	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Crow, painter, of Bridge Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to paint and paper the Workhouse, for the sum of £44/15/6.	26 July 1859
GBR 81/95	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the Guardians have declined to appoint Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as Workhouse cook, because they were dissatisfied with her statement of means for maintaining her children out of the Workhouse.	26 July 1859



GBR 81/96	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 9 July 1859, 29576a/1859, about non-resident relief for Peter Gray. The Guardians agree to pay funeral expenses and any extra sickness relief required while he is resident in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	26 July 1859
GBR 81/97	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J B Brown, H M Inspector of Schools, acknowledging receipt of his circular of 30 July 1859 giving notice of his intention to visit the Union on 12 August 1859 to examine the pupils at Union schools and to inspect the schools.	1 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/98/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 for the police rate.	9 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/98/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to R Adamson [Robert Adamson], of Dumfries, sending a bill at sight for £7/10/- for maintenance of James Swinhoe (no.263) in the Crichton Royal Institution.	9 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/99-100/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 25 July 1859, 30944B/1859, about the appointment of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as Workhouse cook. It states that some friends of Tompkins have now offered to adopt and provide for her eldest child, enabling her to provide for her remaining child out of the Workhouse from her salary. Since this removes the previous objection to her appointment, the Guardians propose to proceed to appoint Tompkins at a salary of £16 per annum with rations.	9 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/100/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Chatton, Wooler, asking whether they will agree to the return of the pauper [Stephen King] with his wife and children if the Guardians undertake to give him relief while resident in the parish.	9 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/101-102	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief to be granted to George Bell, aged 67, and his wife Mary, aged 66. The parish of Tweedmouth is their place of settlement, but they are residing with a son at Newsham near South Blyth. The Guardians propose relief of 4/- per week, to be paid to a nephew in Tweedmouth.	16 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/103-104	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing drafts and engrossments of the conveyance of "The Burrs" from the Union's parish of Berwick to the Corporation of Berwick, so that the Board may execute it. The conveyance of the Workhouse buildings from the Corporation of Berwick to the Guardians has now been executed by all parties except the Lords Commissioners of H M Treasury to whom the Town Clerk has forwarded it.	16 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/105-107	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 6 August 1859, 29579B/1859, about the proposed appointment of John Todd Smith as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the parish of Holy Island. They refer to four orders of the Poor Law Commissioners in 1838 relating to the previous appointment of John Anderson (at a salary of £5 in addition to poundage) but the conditions of these orders are no longer felt to be applicable. Anderson died in 1856, since when the Overseers of Holy Island have carried out his duties. Since the proposed salary of John Todd Smith is £12 per annum and his work as a farmer prevents him from devoting his whole time to the appointment, the issuing of a new order by the Board is proposed.	18 Aug. 1859
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board	23 Aug. 1859

81/108-109	seeking approval of non-resident relief for Stephen King, his wife Isabella, and their six children. They have been removed from the parish of Chatton in the Glendale Union to Kyloe which is their parish of settlement. King has been ill and will be permanently disabled. They wish to return to Chatton to live with a son and daughter who are both agricultural servants, which arrangement will save the cost of renting a house and will provide opportunities of employment for the remaining children as they become old enough. The Overseers of Chatton agree to the arrangement and the Guardians propose relief of 6/- per week.	
GBR 81/110	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 18 August 1859, 32331B/1859, concerning the appointment of a Workhouse cook. An extract from the minutes of the Guardians' meeting is enclosed. The Board's approval is sought for the appointment and table of rations allowed, this being the same as for the Workhouse nurse.	23 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/111	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr George Wilson, of Lowick, reporting the payment of £3 due to him into his account at the Union Bank.	23 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/112	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 24 Aug. 1859, 33074A/1859, concerning non-resident relief for George Bell and his wife [Mary Bell]. It states that the Guardians will obtain reports of their situation, certified by the Relieving Officer of the district, at quarterly intervals or more often.	25 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/113	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary to H M Treasury, referring to an earlier letter of 3 May 1859, and requesting an answer to "the prayer of the memorial" concerning the Workhouse loan.	25 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/114-[115]	Letter from Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians of Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, to the Poor Law Board, enclosing an account of his expenses [not included] incurred in relation to the district meetings which the Guardians hold in the various relief districts for the purpose of examining all of the chargeable paupers.	25 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/116	[Text illegible.]	
GBR 81/117-119	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letter of 18 September 1858, 33505A/1858, in which the number of inmates to be accommodated in the Workhouse is set at 204. On the recommendation of N E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, alterations have been made to the area occupied by the old men, and some store rooms have been converted for use by married couples, with the agreement of the Medical Officer. It is requested that the number limited for accommodation should now be raised to 212. [Postscript illegible.]	26 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/120	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 26 August 1859, 33838A/1859, which enquires about the pauper Stephen King and his family. It says that King, aged 51, suffers from a diseased heart. His wife Isabella is 45; his children are Isabella, aged 15, Elizabeth, aged 12, Eleanor, aged 10, John, aged 8, James, aged 5, and George, aged 1 year.	27 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/121	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 27 August 1859, 33842B/1859, enclosing the completed form for the appointment of Mary Ann Tompkins [Mary Ann Thompkins] as cook at the Workhouse.	30 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/122-123	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street London, EC, acknowledging their letter of 27 August	30 Aug. 1859

	1859, stating that there is no intention to cease ordering books and forms from them. An order for various items is given.	
GBR 81/124/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae] of Morningside, stating that a lunatic named Ann Graham will be sent for admission to the asylum. If he cannot find room for her, he should notify by return of post.	30 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/124/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Grant & Wallace, of 30 Drummond Place, Edinburgh, enclosing the paper for admission of a lunatic to the Morningside asylum. Mr Turner, the Relieving Officer, will bring the lunatic by mail train.	30 Aug. 1859
GBR 81/125-[126B]	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting that the treasurer of the Union now holds £950 to the credit of the parish of Berwick, being proceeds of the sale of land called "The Burrs". It is proposed that this money should be used to pay off two loans and part of a third loan from the Exchequer Loan Commissioners. The expenses of Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians, are also to be paid. [Letter is on 3 leaves.]	1 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/127	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Lowther, of Dudley Colliery, Newcastle, referring to an earlier letter of 10 August 1859. It asks for a reply concerning Lowther's nephew and niece whom he proposed to take to live with him.	2 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/128	Letter from Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians of Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 2 September 1859, 34100A/1859, which requested information about his expenses at district meetings. He had not claimed for payments in 1857 because it was expected that the meetings would be discontinued, but their resumption in 1859 has induced him to do so.	3 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/129	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £147/16/-, in payment of the County Rate.	5 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/130-131	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief to be given to Elizabeth Dixon, a widow aged 59, who currently lives at Duddo and receives relief of 2/- per week. Her daughter and son-in-law, James Wilson, a coal-miner, are moving to Cowpen, near Blyth, and propose that Dixon should go to live with them. The Guardians are willing to continue her relief at the current rate.	6 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/132	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Dickson, Clerk to Visiting Justices, asking what weekly amount is fixed for maintaining in the County Asylum pauper lunatics who do not belong to the County but who might be sent from those parts of the Union which are not in the County.	6 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/133	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letter of 28 February 1859 which sanctioned non-resident relief for Ann Watson for three months while living at Belford. The relieving officer failed to notice the time-limit. Approval of the continuation of relief is requested since there has been no change of circumstances.	6 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/134-135	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G W Carr, Assistant Overseer, stating that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], after visiting the pauper lunatics confined in asylums, has reported that James Swinhoe, currently in the Crichton Royal Institution [Dumfries], though beyond recovery is now harmless and could be safely kept in the Workhouse. The Guardians have some objections and have referred the matter to the Workhouse	7 Sept. 1859

	Committee in consultation with Carr's overseers who are requested to attend the forthcoming meeting. Postscript: the deeds are returned from London complete, and will be passed on in a day or two.	
GBR 81/136/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of Duke Street Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/-, due in respect of Ann Graham.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/136/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Grant & Wallace, of 30 Drummond Place Edinburgh, enclosing a post office order for £1/-/4d in payment of charges for the pauper lunatic Ann Graham.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/137	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Pirie, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with patent starch at 5½d per lb for the next six months.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/138	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, spirit merchant of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with porter (@ 3/6 per dozen), whiskey (@2/6 per bottle), and brandy (@ 4/8 per bottle).	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/139	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@5d per 4lb), and coarse bread (@4d per 4lb) for the next three months. He is asked to name two sureties for his bond of £40.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/140	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston and Shoreswood colliery, stating that their tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston coals (@9/- per ton) for the next six months.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/141	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, carpenter of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins [prices by size including dues are specified].	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/142	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Weatherhead, grocer of Bridge Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with coffee (@ 1/2d per lb) and with 2 cwt of soap (@ 40/- per cwt).	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/143	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with roll tobacco (@ 3/6 per lb), snuff (@ 3/5 per lb), pepper (@ 1/1 per lb), treacle (@ 2/- per stone), salt (@ 2/- per cwt), 2 gross soap powder (@ 6/6/ per gross), soda (@ 7/- per cwt).	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/144	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Winter, baker of Eastern Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse with barley (@ 30/- per sack), and the outdoor poor with bread (@ 6d per 6lb) and oatmeal (@ 6d per 3lb 14oz).	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/145	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@ 7/5 per stone), houghs (@ 3/5 per stone), mutton (@ 7d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for his bond of £40.	19 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/146	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 13 July 1859, [28033/1859], and returning the form of order signed by a majority of the Guardians.	20 Sept. 1859

GBR 81/147-148	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 17 September 1859, 34797D/1859, concerning bills of expenses of parish property. Robert Home, Town Clerk, should be consulted before a reply can be given.	20 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/149-151/1	Letter from Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians of Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 16 September 1859, 34839D/1859, concerning his expenses at district meetings. He encloses copies of the resolutions of 1857 under which the meetings were held. He explains why meetings were held at the principal inns of Norham and Cornhill, and in Islandshire at the Halfway House and the Cat Inn. Payments were made through his private expenses.	20 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/151/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Richard Wilson, Superintendent of the County Asylum, requesting the forms of order of admission for a male pauper lunatic who is waiting for admission.	21 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/152-153	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 15 September 1859, 36007A/1859, about non-resident relief for Ann Watson, aged 40, and her five children: Jane, aged 15, James, aged 11, Robert, aged 6, Barbara, aged 8, and William, aged 4. Watson is partially disabled with liver disease and has limited ability to earn. Her eldest child is weak and suffers from diabetes.	22 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/154/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London EC, enclosing a postal order for £3/8/- against the Union account.	27 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/154/2-155	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Neill, of the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, describing the case of the 7-year old deaf-and-dumb son of an unemployed Irish labourer named Finnity. The Guardians ask if the child can be admitted to the institution.	28 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/156	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Parish of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, asking if they will allow [Catherine Rork] and her five children to return from the township of Felkington to live in the parish with her mother, Catherine Brady, a widow, of Jacksons Buildings [Ballast Hills].	29 Sept. 1859
GBR 81/157-158	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 23 September 1859, 36218D/1859, about the sale of parish property. It encloses a letter from Mr Home [Robert Home, Town Clerk] and the original agreement. Expenses were incurred in obtaining copies of the decrees. [Documents not included.]	1 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/159	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 15 September 1859, 35008A/1859, about non-resident relief for Elizabeth Dixon. The Medical Officer for her district reports that she is not fit for heavy labour but could follow employments where much exertion was not required.	1 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/160	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 1 October 1859, 33299B/1859, about the appointment of a collector of poor rates for the parish of Holy Island. It encloses the form of application duly signed.	3 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/161-163	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident for Catherine Rork, aged 30, and her five children: Mary Ann, aged 10, Peter, aged 7, Jane, aged 5, Hannah, aged 2, and Catharine, aged 9 months. She has been deserted by her husband who has enlisted in the Royal Marines, and she and her children are now in the Workhouse, having been	3 Oct. 1859

	removed from the parish of All Saints, Newcastle-upon-Tyne to the township of Felkington. She wishes to return to Newcastle where she would live with her mother and parents-in-law, and the Overseers of the parish of All Saints have proposed relief at 6/- per week, with other enclosed conditions [not included].	
GBR 81/164-165	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the proposal that James Finharty [James Finty], a deaf and dumb child aged 7, may be sent to the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, at an annual charge of £12. His father, an unemployed Irish labourer, is not able to pay for his care.	3 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/166	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Neill, of the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, acknowledging his letter of 28 September 1859. The Guardians will agree to the terms stated, subject to the agreement of the Poor Law Board.	3 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/167/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Home stating that the enclosed [illegible] should be perused by him.	13 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/167/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, Newcastle, enclosing a cheque for £13/19/7 for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the county asylum.	17 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/168/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, two lunatic paupers living in Tweedmouth, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6 each.	17 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/168/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £6/6/6 against the Union account.	17 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/169	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Dods, of [17 Diana Street] Newcastle, concerning his relatives Robert and Sarah Tully. The Guardians will require certificates from Mr Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], proprietor of Dunstin Lodge Asylum [Dunston Lodge Asylum] for Robert Tully, and from the Superintendent Medical Officer of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for Sarah Tully, stating that they are fit to be at liberty.	17 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/170	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 28 September 1859, 36226A/1859, about the lease of a garden. Enclosed are a draft assignment of the lease and a copy of the original lease.	18 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/171-172	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 6 October 1859, 36970A/1859, and the report of Dr Nairns, one of the Commissioners in Lunacy, about his last visit. Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer of the Workhouse, disagrees with Dr Nairns about his suggested additional diet. The iron bars have been removed from the windows of the insane wards, and the two idiots Drummond and Young sleep in separate beds since Dr Nairn's visit.	18 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/173/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [? W Barnes], of Durham Bank, Durham, enclosing a Post Office order for £3/3/4 for the maintenance of William Bartrim, a pauper lunatic in the Durham County Asylum.	18 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/173/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £164/11/1 for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	18 Oct. 1859

GBR 81/174/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £1/15/- in payment of his salary for the quarter ended Michaelmas.	18 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/174/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Brodie, of [Colinton Bank], by Edinburgh, asking whether his institution would accept a deaf and dumb boy named Finharty [James Finnity], aged 7.	27 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/175	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, parish of St Nicholas, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, asking if they will allow Thomas Middlemiss to return to live in the parish with his son-in-law William Jobling, of [Tuthill Stairs] Newcastle, with non-resident relief of 2/6 per week.	31 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/176	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the Police Rate (Local Expenditure).	31 Oct. 1859
GBR 81/177-180	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board asking whether Margaret Carsen, an unmarried woman, should be chargeable to the parish of Cornhill or the parish of Felkington. It describes her recent movements and employments between the Workhouse, Cornhill and Felkington, as well as Holy Island, Carham in the Glendale Union, Eyemouth, Norham, and Tweedmouth.	7 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/181	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about the proceeds of parish property. It refers to a previous letter of 1 October 1859 and asks for the order of application of proceeds to be issued, since the parochial officers of Berwick have complained of the length of time that money has remained with the Union treasurer.	8 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/182	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 in payment of the half-year's rent of the Register Office.	14 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/183	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the deed of conveyance of the workhouse from the Corporation of Berwick to the Guardians has been executed, and is now sent by book post to be registered by the Board.	14 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/184-185	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval of non-resident relief for Thomas Middlemiss, aged 67, who was recently removed from the parish of St Nicholas in Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Tweedmouth and is now in the workhouse. He wants to return to Newcastle to live with a son-in-law, William Jobling, a pudler [puddler] at an iron-works. The Guardians propose relief of 2/6 per week.	14 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/186	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 19 October 1859 about the appointment of a rate collector for the parish of Holy Island. An extract from the minutes of a Guardians' meeting is enclosed [not included].	15 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/187	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 28 October 1859, 38783D/1859, about the lease of garden ground. The deed is sent for execution along with drafts of the lease and the conveyance of the workhouse. [Not included.]	15 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/188-189	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 7 November 1859, and returning the completed forms of return of the ratepayers. Details of time spent in completing the return are given for Mr Willoby's clerk, for John Thompson, Rate Collector for Berwick, and for George Dick, Rate	16 Nov. 1859

	Collector for Tweedmouth.	
GBR 81/190	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae], of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, asking if he can admit a boy named Finharty [James Finnity], aged 7, the deaf and dumb son of Irish parents, who has been sent back from an institution in Newcastle on the grounds of idiocy. Dr Brodie of Colinton Bank has also been unable to admit him.	17 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/191-192	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a draft deed of exchange of two small pieces of land between the Guardians and William Weatherhead. Also enclosed is a plan of the ground exchanged, showing that the workhouse buildings do not occupy all of the land purchased. A new covenant defines the boundary.	22 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/193	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 19 November 1859, 43205B/1859, and enclosing particulars of John T Smith [John Todd Smith] as Collector for the parish of Holy Island.	26 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/194	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, of Newcastle, enclosing a cheque for £147/16/- in payment of the county rate.	28 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/195	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent of the Asylum for Idiots, Dundee, asking if he can admit a 7-year old deaf and dumb boy [named James Finharty or Finnity], the son of Irish parents. The boy has been rejected by another institution on grounds of idiocy.	28 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/196-197	Letter from [Henry John Williams], clerk to E Willoby, to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 29 November 1859 about the Return of male occupiers. He states that in the parish of Berwick only, owners are rated under the Small Tenements Act; but in the Return for the parish, male occupiers were included whose rents were £5 or above, though these were few in number; most of the poorer classes occupied one or two rooms at rents between 30/- and £3.	30 Nov. 1859
GBR 81/198	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 3 December 1859, 45236B/1859, about the appointment of J T Smith [John Todd Smith] as Rate Collector for the parish of Holy Island. Concerning the amount of the security required, the Workhouse Committee has agreed upon £200 and sureties have been accepted.	5 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/199	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W J Gray [William Johnson Gray], architect, stating that Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, has pointed out dampness in a wall of the old women's ward, and the Workhouse Committee proposes cementing the wall. Gray is asked to prepare specifications so that estimates may be obtained.	5 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/200/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [William Dickson], Clerk to the Visitors of the County Asylum, asking him to present to his Visitors' Committee the enclosed paper [not included] which was sent by Mr Wightman from whose union a lunatic was sent. The Guardians do not object to the application.	5 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/200/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to David Greig, M.D., of 140 Nethergate, Dundee, acknowledging his note of 2 December 1859, and enclosing a completed form concerning the boy Finharty [James Finnity], certified by one of the Union's Medical Officers.	6 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/201	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board	13 Dec. 1859



	referring to an earlier letter of 1 October 1859 about proceeds from the sale of property belonging to the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and requesting the necessary order before the next meeting of the Guardians.	
GBR 81/202	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 3 December 1859, 44609D/1859, and enclosing a completed form of application for the exchange of land with William Weatherhead [not included].	13 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/203-204	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Joanna Purvis, aged 25, and John Mather Purvis, her child aged 4 months, who have been removed to Berwick from the parish of All Saints in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Her husband James Purvis has deserted her to enlist in the Royal Artillery and is stationed at Woolwich. Joanna Purvis wishes to return to Newcastle where she works as a domestic servant but requires assistance to maintain her child. The Guardians propose relief of 2/- per week.	13 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/205-206/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, of 1 South Square, Gray's Inn [London], enclosing a "Bill in London at 10 days" for £180/7/6 to be paid to the Public Works Loan Office. Also enclosed is the certificate of payments. It states that a memorial from the Guardians was sent to the Lords of the Treasury on 3 May 1859 requesting a reduction of the interest on the workhouse loans to £4 per cent. A further letter on 25 August 1859 has brought no reply and further enquiries at the Loan Office are requested. The local Board of Health has successfully pursued the same course. [The letter starts on fol.206/2 and concludes on fol.205. No enclosure included.]	13 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/206/2-207	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, enclosing a bill at sight for £944/12/2 to be paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners as prescribed by the Poor Law Board, and requesting the usual proportionate reduction in the future annual instalments. Details of the outstanding loan are given.	14 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/208	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary to H M Treasury requesting a reply to the Guardians' memorial of 3 May 1859 and a further letter on 25 August concerning the workhouse loan.	15 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/209	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mrs Irwin, conveying the agreement of the Workhouse Committee to her request to use the Board Room to prepare the Christmas decorations for St Mary's Church.	19 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/210	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 14 December 1859, 47026B/1859, sanctioning the appointment of John Todd Smith as Rate Collector for Holy Island. A bond of security for £200 has been executed and his sureties are William Smith and Andrew Thompson.	19 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/211	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 13 December 1859, and enclosing completed forms of return of ratepayers. Details are also given of time expended on the return by the clerk and assistant overseers.	20 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/212-213/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Richard Wilson, M.D., Superintendent of the County Asylum, Cottingwood, near Morpeth, asking if he will admit James Finharty [James Finnity], aged 7, the deaf and dumb son of Irish parents. Because of his state of idiocy, he has been rejected by institutions in Newcastle and Dundee.	20 Dec. 1859
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge &	20 Dec. 1859

81/213/2	Bromley giving corrected details of the amount to be paid to the Public Works Loan Office on 28 December. The remaining amount is to be paid to the Union Bank of London to the account of the Union treasurer J M Meggison, manager of the Union Bank in Berwick-upon-Tweed.	
GBR 81/214	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Union for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@5d per 4lb loaf), indoor coarse bread (@4d per 4lb loaf), outdoor coarse bread (@6d for 6lb), and oatmeal (@6d for 3lb 14oz). He is asked to give names of two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/215	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@7/10½d per stone), houghs (@4/- per stone), and mutton (@7d per pound). He is asked to name sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/216	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Gray, of All Saints Parish, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about an application for non-resident relief for Joanna Purvis and her child. The Poor Law Board have asked how she came to be removed to Berwick while retaining her employment as a domestic servant.	24 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/217	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 22 December 1859, 48037A/1859, about non-resident relief for Joanna Purvis. It reports a reply from the Overseers of the parish of All Saints [Newcastle-upon-Tyne] that Purvis was not in service when she became a charge on the parish, but she began employment as a servant with a relation a few days before removal.	[Dec. 1859]
GBR 81/218	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing an extract from the minutes of the Guardians' meeting of 23 December 1859, which contains a report of the Workhouse Committee on the Board's Order of 23 August 1859 concerning the religious education of orphan children in the Workhouse. They ask that the order should be rescinded.	29 Dec. 1859
GBR 81/219/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Cornelius Garbutt, of Dunston Lodge Asylum, enclosing a cheque for £6/16/6 for maintenance of Robert Tulley.	9 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/219/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a postal order for £2/5/- in payment of his salary. Mr Scott says he can supply vaccination certificate books.	10 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/220	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson residing at Belford, which was previously sanctioned in their letter of 5 October 1859, 36470A/1859.	10 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/221	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, acknowledging receipt of his account for maintenance of lunatics at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. It questions an item of £1/12/- for Thomas Allison who has died. Dr Skae has not yet sent back a form of Annual Return.	10 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/222	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of their circular of 1860 about the return of male occupiers and the difference between the first and second return of ratepayers in the Borough of Berwick-upon-Tweed. No explanation can be given without the original documents.	11 Jan. 1860

GBR 81/223	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 10 January 1860, 48032D/1859, and an order authorizing the exchange of land with William Weatherhead. The requested draft deed of exchange was in fact sent with the letter of 22 November 1859.	11 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/224	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W Wightman stating that Mr Morrison [Andrew Morison] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics in his district, and he is entitled to the usual fees.	11 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/225	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London, requesting the addition of several items of stationery to an order for school books sent to the Poor Law Board.	17 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/226-227	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval of non-resident relief for Hannah Lee, a widow aged 67, now living in Tweedmouth. She wishes to go to live with her sister and her husband, Joseph Metcalf, a pitman, at Broomhill near Acclington in Northumberland. The Guardians propose continuing her relief at 2/6 per week.	17 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/228	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of the returns of male occupiers. These are now returned with corrections. Errors may be explained by multiple entries for the same person at different properties.	18 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/229/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £14/3/6 for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	18 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/229/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £64/2/- for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	23 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/230	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W J Gray asking him to meet Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] to discuss alterations to the workhouse hospital and to prepare specifications. He is also asked to send his account for the [illegible] work on the old women's ward.	23 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/231	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a memorial to the Lords Commissioners of H M Treasury requesting an extension from ten to twenty years for repayment of the last workhouse loan.	23 Jan. 1860
GBR 81/232	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging receipt of their letter of 2 February 1860 and the annual lunatic return which is now sent back. The column that was not previously completed implied that idiots residing with their friends were harmless; otherwise they would immediately be sent to an asylum.	4 Feb. 1859
GBR 81/233	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting that the draft deed of exchange of land between the Union and William Weatherhead, returned with their letter of 21 January 1860, 1595D/1860, has been sent back along with the engrossment of the draft. These are to be registered and sealed.	6 Feb. 1860
GBR 81/234/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £9 for books supplied.	6 Feb. 1860
GBR 81/234/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the police rate.	6 Feb. 1860
GBR 81/235	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretaries of the	7 Feb. 1860

	West London Union acknowledging their circular of 27 January 1860, and regretting that the Guardians will be unable to send a deputation to the planned meeting. They enclose a copy of the Workhouse Committee's report which has been sent to the Poor Law Board with the request that "the obnoxious order may be rescinded".	
GBR 81/236/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £147/16/- in payment of the County rate.	20 Feb. 1860
GBR 81/236/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, of 1 South Square, Gray's Inn, enclosing a bill in London at 14 days for £139/10/8, to be paid to the Public Works Loan Commissioners.	21 Feb. 1860
GBR 81/237	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams to [P Douglas] reporting that at the Board meeting certificates were signed but were retained by the chairman Mr Fleming until Mr Willoby [Edward Willoby] could advise on the legality of granting them.	5 March 1860
GBR 81/238	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to the Poor Law Board enclosing extracts from the minutes of a Board of Guardians meeting about proposed alterations to the Workhouse, and requesting approval.	6 March 1860
GBR 81/240	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Commanding Officer, 78 <sup>th</sup> Regiment, Edinburgh, asking if his regiment includes a private named Thomas Beattie, whose wife and family are in Berwick.	6 March 1860
GBR 81/241	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Archibald White, at Mr Mason, shoemaker of Foulton, stating that the Guardians will not decide on his case until they hear from Mr Weatherburn [Peter Weatherburn] the reasons why White had left him.	6 March 1860
GBR 81/242	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Peter Weatherburn, shoemaker of Lowick, asking why he had discharged his apprentice Archibald White.	6 March 1860
GBR 81/243	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Colonel Ewart, Commanding Officer of 78 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders, acknowledging his letter of 6 March 1860, about Thomas Beattie, Private no.116 in his regiment. His wife Eleanor Beattie and their two children have been receiving relief in Berwick for a long time, and the Guardians want Beattie to assume his obligations.	19 March 1860
GBR 81/244	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon of Norham, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Northumberland, East Division, District at a salary of £33 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year as he is not fully qualified to practise both medicine and surgery.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/245	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the Guardians proposal to limit the appointment of Medical Officers to one year, in respect of Drs Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Wilson [James Wilson], who are not resident in their respective districts, and Messrs Paxton [John Paxton] and Morrison [Andrew Morrison], who are qualified practice surgery but not medicine.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/246	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to A Morrison [Andrew Morrison], surgeon of Tweedmouth, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Tweedmouth District at a salary of £40 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year as he is not fully qualified to practice both medicine and surgery.	21 March 1860

GBR 81/247	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for Northamshire, West Division, District, at a salary of £7 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year as he is not resident in his district. His request for an increase of salary to cover the tolls was too late for inclusion, but if the costs are reported they may be allowed as postage.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/248	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Wilson [James Wilson] stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for the Islandshire District at a salary of £25 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year as he is not resident in his district.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/249	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with bottled porter (@3/6 per dozen).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/250	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Blakey, grocer of Western Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with patent starch (@5½d per lb).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/251	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Shiels, grocer of Bridge Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with black pepper (@1/1 per lb), treacle (@2/- per stone), stove salt (@2/4 per cwt), and soda (@6/6 per cwt).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/252	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, carpenter of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union with coffins (including Church dues) for still born (@5/6 each), at 3 feet long (@11/6 each), at 3 to 5 feet long (@13/6 each), at 5 feet upwards (@17/6 each).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/253	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with roll tobacco (@3/5 per lb), and snuff (@3/5 per lb). [THIS FOLIO IS FILED AFTER GBR 81/254.]	21 March 1860
GBR 81/254	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with no.2 barley (@32/6 per sack), indoor fine bread (@5d per 4lbs), indoor coarse bread (@4d per 4lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@6d for 6lbs), and oatmeal (@6d for 3lb 12oz). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/255	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston and Shoreswood Colliery, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston coals (@9/- per ton).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/256	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Young, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 6 months with 7cwt of raw sugar (@47/6 per cwt), coffee (@1/2 per lb), and one chest of tea (@3/8 per lb).	21 March 1860
GBR 81/257	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@8/6 per stone), houghs (@4/- per stone), and legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	21 March 1860
GBR 81/258	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J C Weddell [James Call Weddell] stating that the Guardians have now considered his letter of 19 March 1860. The assistant master and an inmate [of the Workhouse] reported that a quantity of gooseberry bushes in the	26 March 1860

	garden were "neither ornamental nor useful". The Guardians propose restocking the garden with new bushes, to be planted by a person named by Mr Steel.	
GBR 81/259	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing an application for the employment of Medical Officers.	3 April 1860
GBR 81/260-262	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board concerning the election of Guardians for the township of Grindon where the only rateable inhabitants are Ebenezer Black and James R Black, father and son. Details for the rates in previous years are given. Advice is requested on the eligibility of the individuals to nominate and to serve as Guardians.	7 April 1860
GBR 81/263/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to Newcastle Union stating that A Morrison [Andrew Morison], surgeon of Tweedmouth, has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic, and is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	16 April 1860
GBR 81/263/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £24 for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	16 April 1860
GBR 81/264/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque £6/16/6 for maintenance of Robert Tully.	16 April 1860
GBR 81/264/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £6/1/7 against the Union account.	16 April 1860
GBR 81/265/1	Letter William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in Tweedmouth, and is entitled to the usual fees. John Redden is no longer chargeable to the Berwick Union, but probably to the Belford Union.	16 April 1860
GBR 81/265/2-266	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Barston, Clerk to the Guardians, Halifax, concerning non-settled relief for Isabella Harrison. She travelled to the death-bed of her mother-in-law and was absent for six weeks, during which time her relief was stopped. Her three children however remained in the care of a friend, and the Board strongly recommends that the Halifax Guardians should pay her the relief due in her absence. [The letter begins on folio 266 and is completed on folio 265/2.]	17 April 1860
GBR 81/267/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £63 for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	17 April 1860
GBR 81/267/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a post office order for £3/12/6 in payment of his salary.	17 April 1860
GBR 81/268	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Felkington, about Catharine Rork who has been found ineligible for outdoor relief but has refused to go into the workhouse. The Guardians fear that she may become insane, and think that her husband should be looked for immediately. They express dissatisfaction with the Overseers' delay.	17 April 1860
GBR 81/269	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Dods, of 17 Diana Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, about Robert Tully. The discharge of Tully by Mr Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt, of Dunston Lodge Asylum] would require an application from Dods, or the presentation of a certificate of his state of health to the Guardians.	1 May 1860

GBR 81/270	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Captain Gordon MP asking him to present to the House of Commons the enclosed petition about the Poor Law Medical Relief Bill, introduced by Mr Pigott. Copies of the petition are also sent to Mr Marjoribanks [Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks] and the members for the Northern Division of Northumberland.	1 May 1860
GBR 81/271	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D C Marjoribanks [Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks] enclosing a petition on the Poor Law Medical Relief Bill, introduced by Mr Pigott, which is to be presented to the House of Commons by Captain Gordon.	1 May 1860
GBR 81/272	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the Guardians' decision to extend leave of absence for Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison, Medical Officer for Tweedmouth District] for one month.	1 May 1860
GBR 81/273/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, merchant of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 due for the Register Office in Berwick.	14 May 1860
GBR 81/273/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [W F Blackett], County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the police rate.	14 May 1860
GBR 81/274	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt, of Dunston Lodge Asylum near Gateshead] acknowledging his letter of 8 May 1860 proposing a trial leave of absence for Robert Tulley. In lieu of the present 2/- per week paid for maintenance of his child Sarah Tulley, they propose paying 8/- per week for maintenance of Tulley, his wife and child for one month, and enclose a cheque for £1/12/-.	14 May 1860
GBR 81/275-276	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for Sarah Logan, a widow aged 66, chargeable to the township of Duddo, and residing with her unmarried daughter, a dressmaker, at West Allerdean in the parish of Ancroft. She wishes to go with her daughter to live at Blyth where she has other daughters married to pitmen. The Guardians propose continuing her relief of 2/- per week.	15 May 1860
GBR 81/277-279	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Tweedmouth, pointing out the shortfall of £300 in the money submitted from the current rate. It points out the irregularity and potential illegality of making a retrospective rate. It proposes the method of rectifying the deficit, and threatens the alternative of "distraint upon your goods and chattels for the amount due". [Folio 278 is filed after folio 279 and does not form part of this letter.]	29 May 1860
GBR 81/278	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the death of James Wilson, Guardian for Tweedmouth. William Gibson, postmaster and Guardian for Berwick is changing residence and will no longer be rated at the required level of £25 for qualification as a Guardian. [This folio is filed after folio 279.]	29 May 1860
GBR 81/280	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] acknowledging his letter of 25 May 1860 resigning [as Medical Officer for Tweedmouth District]. Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has been appointed as temporary Medical Officer, and he should receive the vaccination and medical books.	29 May 1860
GBR 81/281	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the resignation of Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] as Medical Officer for Tweedmouth District, and the steps taken for appointing his successor.	29 May 1860

GBR 81/282-283	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Berwick, pointing out the shortfall of over £300 in the money submitted from the current rate. It points out the irregularity and potential illegality of making a retrospective rate. It proposes how the deficit should be rectified, and threatens the alternative of "distraining upon your goods and chattels for the amount due".	29 May 1860
GBR 81/284/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 in payment of the county rate. Because of a shortage in the Treasurer's funds, a delay in cashing the cheque is requested.	4 June 1860
GBR 81/284/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [John Caughie], of Dunmore Villa, by Stirling, acknowledging his letter of 5 June 1860, and stating that his qualifications seem to comply with the Poor Law Board's requirements [for a post of Medical Officer]. A statement of the additional medical fees is enclosed, along with the prospects of obtaining a private practice.	7 June 1860
GBR 81/285	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for an increase in salary to £20 per annum for Jane Mitchell, Matron of the Workhouse. She had received this amount before her marriage to the Master of the Workhouse.	12 June 1860
GBR 81/286	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Wilson, Assistant Overseer, [Stannix] near Carlisle, acknowledging his letter of 19 May 1860 to J Thompson, and stating that the Guardians are willing to accept the chargeability of Ann Young, a pauper lunatic. Mr Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt] of Dunston Lodge should be informed.	12 June 1860
GBR 81/287-288	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking advice on the case of an Irishman and his wife who were taken before the Justices to obtain a warrant for their removal to Ireland. The necessary evidence was obtained and put in writing according to the schedule to the Act 8&9 Vict cap 117, but the pauper refused to sign it. It asks whether the warrant can be legally executed without the signature.	21 June 1860
GBR 81/289	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London, making an order for various books and forms.	23 June 1860
GBR 81/290	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d per 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@6d for 4 lbs), and oatmeal (@6d for 2 lb 12oz). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40	25 June 1860
GBR 81/291	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@10/2 per stone), houghs (@4/8 per stone), & legs of mutton (@9d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	25 June 1860
GBR 81/292	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, of 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill at sight for £82/17/10 to be paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	25 June 1860
GBR 81/293/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt, of Dunston Lodge Asylum], acknowledging his letters of 20 and 21 June 1860 about Robert Tulley. The Guardians have authorised Tulley's discharge from the asylum.	27 June 1860



GBR 81/293/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley enclosing the Exchequer Loan Certificate which was omitted from the previous letter.	27 June 1860
GBR 81/294-295	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the appointment of James Wilson as Medical Officer and public vaccinator for Tweedmouth District. As he is already Medical Officer for Islandshire, agreement is sought for the combining of the two districts into one.	27 June 1860
GBR 81/296	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Boak, Assistant Overseer, Duddo, stating that Robert Tulley has been discharged from Dunston Lodge Asylum. Details of the Guardians' expenditure on his maintenance and on outdoor relief for his family are supplied by Mr Scott. His address is: care of George Dods, 17 Diana Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.	27 June 1860
GBR 81/297-299	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 15 June 1860, 22590A/1860, enclosing a letter from a pauper named Rose Phillips. She has received relief from the Union for a long time, but when she went to live in Scotland her relief was stopped. She has now returned and was offered the Workhouse, but now receives weekly outdoor relief. [Folio 298 is missing.]	27 June 1860
GBR 81/300	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Samuel Wing, Clerk to the Guardians, Bedford, acknowledging his letter of 26 June 1860 about Prudence Armstrong, who is an inmate of the Workhouse of the Bedford Union. Her husband is a labourer in Tweedmouth but not chargeable to the Berwick Union. Armstrong is thought to have a sister married to a printer named Alder and living in Bedford.	27 June 1860
GBR 81/301-302	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting alterations to the Workhouse infirmary and giving details of the numbers and sizes of the new wards. The total accommodation of the infirmary is thereby increased from 24 to 35 persons, and the total limit for the Workhouse is increased from 212 to 223 persons.	4 July 1860
GBR 81/303	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk of the Carlisle Union concerning Ann Young, a lunatic now chargeable to Berwick who has been sent to Dunston Lodge Asylum. The Guardians, being dissatisfied with the forwarded account, ask that the Carlisle Union should examine and pay it and then request reimbursement from them.	4 July 1860
GBR 81/304	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £10/19/- for maintenance of lunatics.	9 July 1860
GBR 81/305	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for payment of £3/6/8 to Dr James Wilson for his services as Medical Officer for Tweedmouth District in place of Dr Morrison [Andrew Morison] prior to his permanent appointment.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/306-308	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting agreement for a payment for the emigration of Margaret Bell, aged 29, and her four children, Thomas, aged 8, Isabella, aged 5, Robert, aged 3, and John, aged 2. Her husband James Bell, now living at Belleville in Canada, has obtained a job as schoolmaster and has sent £20 to enable his family to join him. The Guardians wish to pay an additional £5 to cover their expenses, and to relieve the parish of the future cost of out-relief. A steam ship leaves Glasgow for Canada on 4 August.	10 July 1860
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew	10 July 1860

81/309/1	James Turnbull] enclosing a postal order for £1/15/- in payment of one quarter's salary due at Midsummer.	
GBR 81/309/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs J & J Gray, of 8 Melbourne Place, Edinburgh, enclosing a postal order for 16/3.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/310	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T H Mitchell, Master of the Workhouse, reporting that the Guardians have thanked the "Dissenting Ministers for their gratuitous services in the Workhouse on Sunday evenings", which they request them to continue. The children of the Workhouse should attend them as before.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/311-312	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Relieving Officer, reporting some minutes from the Board of Guardians' meeting. The motion of A Darling that relieving officers should no longer keep a Pauper Attendance Book was not taken to a division. Mr Turner should produce his Visitors Book at the next and subsequent meetings. On the motion of R Ramsey Junior, George Carr, Assistant Overseer for the parish of Tweedmouth was requested to attend the next meeting, and Mr Turner should provide a list of all paupers now chargeable to the parish who are removable therefrom, together with the date when notice of chargeability was given to Mr Carr.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/313	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Carr, Assistant Overseer of the parish of Tweedmouth, asking him to attend the next meeting of Guardians, where Mr Turner [George Turner], Relieving Officer, will provide a list of all paupers now chargeable to his parish who are removable therefrom, together with the date when notice of chargeability was given to him by Mr Turner.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/314	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Rev J A Miller, of Tweedmouth] acknowledging his letter of 22 June 1860. It reports a resolution of the Guardians asking the Dissenting Ministers to continue services in the Workhouse on Sunday evening, which children of the Workhouse should also now attend.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/315	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Luke, of Castlegate, asking him to attend the next meeting of the Guardians to explain the sum of £3/4/- which he had received from James Barclay, and which had belonged to his sister Jane Luke who recently died in Berwick Workhouse.	10 July 1860
GBR 81/316	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics residing in Tweedmouth, and is entitled to the usual fees.	11 July 1860
GBR 81/317	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic residing in Tweedmouth, and is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	11 July 1860
GBR 81/318	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 17 July 1860, 24860B/1860, and reporting that medical and vaccination contracts have now been made with Dr Wilson [James Wilson].	24 July 1860
GBR 81/319/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £63 for maintenance of lunatics in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	24 July 1860
GBR 81/319/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing postal stamps to the value of 17/6, the amount of vaccination fees and allowance for tolls.	24 July 1860

GBR 81/320-321	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Margaret Ann Gilchrist, aged 10, and John Gilchrist, aged 9, both orphans and inmates of the Workhouse. Their uncles, John Lowther of Dudley Colliery, near [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], and Robert Wilson, of East Holywell near Earsdon, Northumberland, both pitmen, wish to take them under their care "thereby to save them from the contaminating influence of the Workhouse". The Guardians are willing to pay relief of 1/6 each until they reach the age of 13.	24 July 1860
GBR 81/322	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 19 January 1860, 1207A/1860, sanctioning non-resident relief for Ann Watson living in Belford. Since one child has now gone into service and another is working, the Guardians propose to reduce relief from 6/- to 4/- per week.	24 July 1860
GBR 81/323	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Lowther, pitman of Dudley Colliery near Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that the Poor Law Board is unwilling to grant relief to his nephew and niece on the ground that the children would be better educated in the Workhouse. He is asked to say what provision was intended by him and Mr Wilson [Robert Wilson] for their schooling.	3 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/324	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Barston, Clerk to the Guardians, Halifax, reporting a mistake in the amount of a postal order received. The amount authorised for relief of their paupers was £2/11/-.	3 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/325-327	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 2 August 1860, 28111A/1860, declining non-resident relief for Margaret Ann Gilchrist and John Gilchrist. It states that the orphans had been removed from the Workhouse on 24 July 1860 by their uncles, John Lowther and Robert Wilson, who have given evidence, enclosed, of their plans for school education. The Guardians ask the Board to reconsider the case.	8 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/328/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T B Browne, Inspector of Schools, acknowledging receipt of notice of his visit to the Workhouse school on 30 August 1860 to examine the school and the pupil teacher.	20 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/328/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing cheques for £27/6/- and £73/17/6 in payment of the lunatic account and the police rate respectively.	20 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/329-330	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for a decision of the Guardians concerning the employment of Mary Ann Thompkins as Workhouse cook, now with some additional household duties. Thompkins' eldest daughter died a week previously, leaving her with two children resident out of the Workhouse.	21 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/331-332	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Dorothy Newton, a widow aged 65, living at Dock Street, Throston, near Hartlepool. The Overseers of the parish of Kyoeloe have accepted her chargeability and the Guardians propose to continue her relief of 2/- per week. She has three married children living near her in Throston, and earns 1/6 per week with her mangle.	21 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/333-334	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Jane Wylie, aged 63, living at Coldstream in Scotland. She has been receiving relief from	21 Aug. 1860

	the parish of Cornhill for about 30 years, being entirely confined to her bed, and she was looked after by a sister who has now died. Because of the need to employ a nurse, the Guardians wish to increase her relief from 3/6 to 6/- per week, notwithstanding her residence in Scotland.	
GBR 81/335-336	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for James Black, aged 68, formerly a groom and now unable to work, and his wife Mary, aged 66, both now chargeable to the parish of Norham. They live at Easington Grange, in the Belford Union, with their daughter, an agricultural worker with a rent-free cottage. The Guardians wish to continue relief of 3/- per week.	21 Aug. 1860
GBR 81/337	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £12/6/- in payment of their account.	3 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/338	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 30 July 1860, 28113B/1860, sanctioning non-resident relief for Ann Watson living at Belford. The Guardians wish to increase the relief to 6/- per week as she is currently unable to work through ill-health.	4 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/339-341	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about the place of residence of Dr Wilson [James Wilson], Medical Officer for Tweedmouth and Islandshire District. It gives reasons why he wishes to be allowed to reside in Bridge Street, Berwick. The Guardians ask whether this would affect his right to a permanent rather than an annual appointment, and they note that a previous Medical Officer for Tweedmouth, Dr Manners [John Manners], was permitted to reside in Berwick.	4 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/342	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum, stating that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] has found the patient Ann Young to be almost recovered. The Guardians ask if she is fit to be discharged.	4 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/343-344	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Wilson, of the County Asylum, stating the Guardians' wish to remove 9 lunatics, 2 male and 7 female, from the Royal Edinburgh Asylum to the County Asylum. They also state that Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] has reported great improvement in the condition of William Bartrim, and they ask for the Visiting Committee's authority for his discharge.	4 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/345	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 29 August 1860, 30494A/1860, about non-resident relief for Dorothy Newton. It states that she is infirm and unable to earn her living. Her son, a stone-mason, has a family to support but helps his mother to pay the rent.	12 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/346	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae], of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, acknowledging his circular of 28 August 1860 about increased charges for patients. The Guardians have arranged for their patients to be removed to the Northumberland County Asylum, at Cotingwood near Morpeth. It discusses arrangements for attendants to accompany the removal.	14 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/347	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £147/16/- for the county rate.	17 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/348-350	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Isabella Atchison, aged 19, George Atchison, aged 7, John Atchison, aged 4, and Ralph Atchison, aged 1, all orphans recently removed from Alnmouth to	18 Sept. 1860

	the parish of Ancroft. After the death of both parents Isabella left her place in service to care for the children in the township of Lesbury near Alnmouth; two other brothers are in an institution at Bamburgh, and another sister has been adopted. Isabella wishes to return to Alnmouth where the family had lived for 16 years, and the Guardians are willing to allow relief at 8/- per week.	
GBR 81/351	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae], of Morningside, acknowledging his letter of 15 September 1860. The Guardians agree that Miss Jamieson [Hannah Jamieson] will remain at the [Royal Edinburgh Asylum] and the other eight lunatics will be transferred to the [County Asylum] at Morpeth. Arrangements for transfer are outlined; the Guardians criticise the high charge for female attendants.	19 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/352	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the [County Asylum], Morpeth, acknowledging letter of 18 September 1860 with orders of transfer for nine patients from Morningside Asylum [Royal Edinburgh Asylum]. Miss Jamieson [Hannah Jamieson] will remain there because of "peculiar circumstances". Dr Skae [David Skae] will give notice of the date for the removal the remaining eight patients.	19 Sept. 1860
GBR 81/353/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing postage stamps to the value of 5/- in payment of the enclosed account.	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/353/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £6/16/6 for maintenance of Ann Young.	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/354	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (8/7½ per stone), houghs (@4/- per stone), and legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/355	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, carpenter of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins (including church dues): for stillborn @5/6; 3 feet long @11/6; 3 to 5 feet long @13/6; 5 feet upwards @ 17/6.	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/356	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with no.2 barley (@35/- per sack), and indoor fine bread (@7d per 4lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d per 4lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@6d per 4lbs), and outdoor oatmeal (@6d per 3lbs).	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/357	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs R Johnson & Co, Palace, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston coal (@9/- per ton).	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/358	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with brandy (@4/2 per bottle).	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/359	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Cockburn & Son [Thomas Cockburn], of Hide Hill, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with porter (@3/6 per dozen); also 4 dozen port wine (@46/- per dozen), and 4 dozen sherry (@38/- per dozen).	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/360	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the	1 Oct. 1860

	Workhouse for 6 months with roll tobacco (@3/5 per lb), snuff (@3/4 per lb), black pepper (@1/1 per lb), treacle (@2/2 per stone), stove salt (@2/- per stone), 3cwt of soap (@37/- per cwt), 3 gross Harper Twelvetreves washing powder (@5/9 per gross), patent starch (@5½d per lb).	
GBR 81/361	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Davidson, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 6cwt raw sugar (@47/- per cwt), chicory (@4½d per lb), coffee (@1/4 per lb), chest of tea (@3/8 per lb), sage (@3d per lb).	1 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/362	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	8 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/363	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and is entitled to the usual fee.	8 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/364	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the County Asylum stating that orders and certificates have been obtained for the admission of the Union's lunatics, and Dr Jobling's account has been received. The Guardians are advised to pay only the normal amount of the fees, and the extra charges of Dr Jobling and Mr Turner are forwarded for payment by the County Asylum.	9 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/365/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £32/6/6 for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum.	15 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/365/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2/2/6 in payment of his account and quarterly allowance for tolls. He is asked in future to submit an account for quarterly visits to lunatics.	15 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/366	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge, reporting the authorisation of Ann Young's discharge. An attendant should accompany her to Carlisle where her husband is presumed to be.	15 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/367/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £21/10/- for the enclosed account and for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson.	16 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/367/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [John Donald], of 10 Bristo Place, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £7/12/3 in payment of account.	16 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/368	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a memorial requesting a reduction in the amount of annual rental required to qualify as Guardian of the Union.	16 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/369-370	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting vacancies in the number of Guardian. James Wilson died on 23 May 1860 and John Wilson died on 12 October 1860. William Gibson has changed residence and is now rated for premises at an annual value of £18 and rateable value of £17.	16 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/371	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Forster, Secretary to the Commissioners in Lunacy, referring to his letter of 15 October 1860 to Dr Wilson concerning Ann Weir, a pauper lunatic. She has	20 Oct. 1860

	been removed to Northumberland County Asylum.	
GBR 81/372	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary, Committee of the Council on Education, asking him to correct the name of Isabella Nesbit which was incorrectly written in a letter of advice to the Postmaster.	23 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/373-374	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for William Chirnside, aged 74, who was recently removed from Adderston in the Belford Union to Twizel. He wishes to return to Adderston to live with his single daughter, an agricultural worker who has a rent-free house together with potatoes and coals. The Guardians propose giving relief of 2/6 per week until next May when father and daughter will return to Berwick.	30 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/375	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to N E Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, in reply to his letter of 30 October 1860. It states that 57 persons in Berwick occupy houses with rents between £15 and £25 per annum. These include 13 innkeepers, 11 grocers, 6 bakers, 1 retired tradesman, 1 clergyman, 1 solicitor, and a number of small tradesmen.	30 Oct. 1860
GBR 81/376	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the police rate.	12 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/377	[Folio missing]	
GBR 81/378	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T Meacham, Clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood near Morpeth, referring to the earlier letter of 9 October 1860 about expenses for the admission of lunatics. It requests a remittance for the accounts of Mr Turner and Dr Jobling, and asks about developments in the case of William Bartrim.	14 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/379	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T Meacham, Clerk to the County Asylum, acknowledging receipt of his Post Office order for Mr Turner's account. He is asked to establish whether Dr Jobling will accept £4/4/- for examining the lunatics, since the Guardians have never paid more than 10/6 for a medical certificate.	23 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/380/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Miss Elliott, of Ravensdowne, acknowledging her note of 24 November 1860, and stating that they are legally prohibited from paying the rent of the tenement lately occupied by Mrs Kenny.	26 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/380/2-381	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office. The Guardians think that the rent should be reduced since property values are now much lower. There is also a nuisance of "noxious vapour" coming from adjoining premises. The Guardian intend to quit the place if no reduction is obtained.	26 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/382-383	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, of Belford, acknowledging his letter of 27 November 1860, and asking for a definite proposal concerning the rent of the Register Office. It discusses the powers of the County Court and the justices in Berwick in relation to a notice to quit. E Willoby declines to act for Gibson and advises him to employ another solicitor.	29 Nov. 1860
GBR 81/384/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 in payment of the County Rate.	10 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/384/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Jobling, doctor of Morpeth, enclosing a Post Office order for £4/4/- in payment of his	10 Dec. 1860

	account.	
GBR 81/385/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, of 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a draft in London for £96/15/-, for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, together with a certificate of payments.	17 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/385/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mrs Irwin conveying the agreement of the Workhouse Committee that she should use the Board Room to prepare Christmas decorations for St Mary's Church.	18 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/386	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Guardians of Rugby Union, stating that the overseers of Kylloe have acknowledged chargeability of Mary Mather, a pauper lunatic maintained in an asylum by the Rugby Guardians. A repayment will be made to the Rugby Union by the Berwick Guardians, to whom future accounts should be sent.	17 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/387	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Guardians of Rugby Union, enclosing a cheque for £23/12/11, a repayment in the case of Mary Mather, a pauper lunatic whose chargeability was transferred from [Thornaby] to Kylloe.	21 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/388	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T Darling [Thomas Darling], butcher of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@7/11 per stone), houghs (@4/- per stone), and legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/389	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d per 4lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d per 4lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@6d per 4lbs), and outdoor oatmeal (@6d per 3lbs 4oz). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/390	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 17 July 1860, 24860B/1860, and reporting that the arrangement of uniting the medical districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire has worked entirely satisfactorily.	26 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/391	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 13 December 1860, 43103A/1860, with a letter from Sarah McBride, a widow living in Berwick. The Guardians have previously offered her admission to the Workhouse, and see no reason to alter their decision.	26 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/392-393/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for Joanna Purves, aged 26, the wife of a soldier who has deserted her with a child aged 1½ years. Details of the case were previously outlined in letters of 13 and 28 December 1859, and the Board's response on 3 January 1860, 50375A/1859. The Guardians wish to pay her relief of 1/6 per week until March while she is living with her mother in Gateshead and trying to earn her living by taking in washing.	26 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/393/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Guardians of Rugby Union referring to the previous letter and cheque sent on 21 December 1860, and noting that his Treasurer's receipt has not been received.	29 Dec. 1860
GBR 81/394/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C Garbutt [Cornelius Garbutt], of Dunston Lodge Asylum, near Gateshead, enclosing a cheque for £3/19/-.	8 Jan. 1861



GBR 81/394/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £3/2/6 for salary and vaccination fees. It includes an "extra salary for Tolls".	8 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/395	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing postage stamps to the value of 4/-, in payment of the enclosed account.	8 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/396	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board concerning the Vaccination Act, and reporting a resolution of the Guardians made on the previous day. Reference is made to earlier correspondence with Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, and Mr Lumley [William Golden Lumley] in November and December 1860.	8 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/397/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	10 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/397/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, Clerk to the Guardians, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	10 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/398/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson at the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	22 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/398/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to E Greaves, banker, of Warwick, enclosing a Post Office order for £4/4/-, due to Warwick County Asylum for maintenance of Mary Mather.	22 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/399-400	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson, at the increased rate of 6/- per week. She is partially disabled by a carbuncle on her back and one child is ill. The Board's previous letter was on 30 July 1860, 28113A/1860.	28 Jan. 1861
GBR 81/401/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a Post Office order for £3/11/6 for the enclosed account.	4 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/401/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £169/8/6 for the police rate and the lunatic asylum account.	4 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/402	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, stating that the Workhouse Committee calls his attention to the continued chargeability of Edward Howard and child, and the need for immediate steps for his removal.	11 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/403/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £147/16/- in payment of the county rate.	18 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/403/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Colville Brown, of Tweedmouth, stating that his letter of 15 February has been put before a meeting of the Guardians.	18 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/404-405	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 28 August 1860, 39330A/1860, approving non-resident relief for two orphan children, Margaret and John Gilchrist, while living with their uncles at Dudley and East Holywell.	18 Feb. 1861

	Following satisfactory reports of them, the Guardians propose continuing relief to them at the higher rate of 2/- per week.	
GBR 81/406-407	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 8 October 1860, 31342B/1860, concerning the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] as Medical Officer for the districts of Tweedmouth and Islandshire. Since Dr Wilson is now resident in Tweedmouth, the Guardians wish to make his appointment permanent. The terms of appointment of the Medical Officers for East and West Norhamshire will be considered at their next meeting.	18 Feb. 1861
GBR 81/408	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, of 1 South Square, Grays Inn, [London], enclosing a bill at sight for £133/15/9 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, together with the certificate of payments.	5 March 1861
GBR 81/409	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 22 February 1861, 6590B/1861, about the appointment of Dr Wilson [James Wilson], enclosing extracts from the minutes of a Guardians' meeting referring to this and to the terms of appointment of the Medical Officers for East and West Norhamshire.	6 March 1861
GBR 81/410	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Barney McCann, drainer, of Canno' Gate [Canongate] Jedburgh, stating that his son, Patrick McCann, has again become an inmate of the workhouse. He is requested to send, in postage stamps (2s10d), the cost of the railway fare from Berwick to Jedburgh, to send his son back; otherwise a warrant for his arrest will be sought on a charge of wilfully allowing his son to become chargeable.	12 March 1861
GBR 81/411	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 15 March 1861, 8135B/1861, and apologising for the omission of Grindon from the communication about the district of East Norhamshire, to which it still belongs.	16 March 1861
GBR 81/412	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing extracts from the minutes of a Guardians' meeting about the appointment of Medical Officers. The appointment of Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] is limited to one year because he is not resident in his district, and that of Dr Paxton [John Paxton] likewise because he is qualified to practise surgery only.	19 March 1861
GBR 81/413-414	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Elizabeth Allan, aged 35, and her two children, Elizabeth, aged 3, and Ellen, aged 10 months, recently removed from Gateshead. She was abandoned by her husband who is now believed to be in America after having "pecuniary difficulties". She wishes to return to Gateshead, where she has offers of employment in sewing and washing, and a furnished room. Relief is proposed at 3/- per week.	19 March 1861
GBR 81/415/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D C Marjoribanks [Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks], Member of Parliament, thanking him for assistance concerning Poor Law Bills now before Parliament.	19 March 1861
GBR 81/415/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Sir M W Ridley [Sir Matthew White Ridley], Member of Parliament, thanking him for assistance concerning Poor Law Bills now before Parliament.	19 March 1861
GBR 81/416	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon, of Norham, stating that he has been appointed Medical Officer for East Norhamshire District at a salary of £33 per annum. The appointment is for one year only as he is not qualified to practise both medicine and surgery. His failure to send in Weekly	19 March 1861

	Medical Returns is regretted.	
GBR 81/417	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for West Northhamshire District, at a salary of £8 per annum. The appointment is for one year only as he is not resident in his district.	21 March 1861
GBR 81/418	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston Colliery, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Berwick Hill coals @8/3 per ton.	2 April 1861
GBR 81/419	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T Cockburn & Son, spirit merchants, of Hide Hill, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with porter @3/6 per dozen.	2 April 1861
GBR 81/420	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, spirit merchant, of Bridge End, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with whiskey (@2/8 per bottle) and brandy (@4/2 per bottle).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/421	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Weatherhead, grocer, of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with rice (@19/- per cwt), sago (@3d per lb), and soda (@5/6 per cwt).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/422	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Price, grocer, of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with black snuff (@3/- per lb), 2 gross H T Washing Powder [Harper Twelvvetrees washing powder] (@5/6 per gross), and 1 gross blacking cakes (@3/6 per gross).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/423	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Winter, of Eastern Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with barley (@37/6 per sack).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/424	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer, of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 6 cwt raw sugar (@44/6 per cwt), coffee (@1/4 per lb), chicory (@3½d per lb), roll tobacco (@3/5 per lb), black pepper (@1/1 per lb), treacle (@2/2 per stone), stove salt (@2/- per cwt), and 4 cwt soap (@37/- per cwt).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/425	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, undertaker, of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins (including church dues): for stillborn (@5/6), 3 feet long (@12/-), 3 to 5 feet (@14/-), and 5 feet upwards (@17/6).	2 April 1861
GBR 81/426	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@7/10 per stone), houghs of beef (@3/11 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	2 April 1861
GBR 81/427	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d per 4lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d per 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@4 lbs for 6d), and oatmeal (@3 lbs for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	2 April 1861
GBR 81/428/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Captain Gordon [Charles William Gordon], Member of Parliament, of 26 Pall Mall, London, asking him to present to the House of Commons the enclosed petition.	5 April 1861

GBR 81/428/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Berwick, has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, two pauper lunatics living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	13 April 1861
GBR 81/429/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Berwick, has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he entitled to his fee of 2/6.	13 April 1861
GBR 81/429/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2, one quarter of his salary.	15 April 1861
GBR 81/430-431	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a request from the parish officers of Tweedmouth that the Guardians should appoint a proper person to make a parish valuation. The Ordnance Map will be sufficient for the purpose.	24 April 1861
GBR 81/432/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Inspector of Poor, Bathgate, stating that as the parish Berwick is within England there is no such position as Inspector of Poor. The pauper referred to in fact belongs to Preston, near Tynemouth, and most of her statements to them are false.	26 April 1861
GBR 81/432/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	30 April 1861
GBR 81/433/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £102/3/- for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	29 April 1861
GBR 81/433/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Edward Greaves, banker of Warwick, enclosing a cheque for £16/18/9 for maintenance of Mary Mather, a pauper lunatic in Warwick County Asylum.	29 April 1861
GBR 81/434	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 1 May 1861, 12812A/1861, and returning the completed enclosure with the Guardians' official seal.	14 May 1861
GBR 81/435-436	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Sarah Alder, aged 36, and her two children, aged 3 and 2 years, who have become chargeable to the township of Norham. Her husband recently died, having previously worked in a steel factory in Sheffield. Sarah Alder wishes to return to her native Somerset to live with her parents and she hopes to find work as a domestic servant. The Guardians propose relief of 3/- per week.	28 May 1861
GBR 81/437	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Cramlington, asking if they agree to the return of Peter Dickinson and family to live in their parish, with non-resident relief.	28 May 1861
GBR 81/438	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to David Gibson, merchant of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office.	28 May 1861
GBR 81/439	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a bill at sight for £173/17/6, being £73/17/6 for the Police rate and £100 on account for the County Rate. Because one parish is about to have a revaluation, the full amount of the County Rate cannot yet be sent.	3 June 1861
GBR 81/440	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board	6 June 1861

	acknowledging their letter of 18 May 1861, 16229A/1861, and enclosing the draft of the proposed contract for the valuation of Tweedmouth parish, already agreed by the parish overseers.	
GBR 81/441	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to H White, clerk to the Guardians, Williton, Taunton [Somerset], asking if they will allow Sarah Alder and her two children to live with her parents in the parish of [St Egerman], with non-resident relief.	6 June 1861
GBR 81/442	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, of 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £7/14.- for the enclosed account.	10 June 1861
GBR 81/443	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of Berwick enclosing an order for the amount required in the next quarter. In addition they are asked to pay the arrears of £344/1/2 owed by the parish. Delay in the revaluation of Tweedmouth parish makes payment by Berwick a matter of urgency.	10 June 1861
GBR 81/444	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of Tweedmouth enclosing an order for the amount required in the next quarter. Arrears of £125/11/7 make a total sum of £755/11/7. Because a new rate cannot be raised until the new valuation is completed, a voluntary rate is suggested in order to raise £200 immediately, the amount of the Union's current arrears for the County Rate.	10 June 1861
GBR 81/445-446/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Catherine Metcalf, a widow aged 70, living in Unthank Square in Berwick and receiving outdoor relief from the township of Thornton. She wishes to go to live in Cramlington in the Tynemouth Union with her daughter and husband, a pitman, and their four children. The Guardians propose relief of 2/6 per week.	11 June 1861
GBR 81/446/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, [London], enclosing a banker's draft for £82/10/5, together with the certificate for entry of payment.	11 June 1861
GBR 81/447	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 6 November 1861, 36776A/1860, and seeking approval for the continuation of non-resident relief for William Chirnside. He still lives at Adderstone with his daughter, and agricultural servant, and he is now blind. Relief of 2/6 per week is proposed.	11 June 1861
GBR 81/448-449	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-residential relief for Peter Dickinson, aged 55, who is permanently disabled with chronic bronchitis, and is now in the Workhouse. He was removed from the parochial chapelry of Cramlington to Tweedmouth with his wife [Thomasan], aged 54, and their youngest child James, aged 7. Dickinson wishes to rejoin his family which includes two sons working in a colliery and a daughter who is an agricultural servant. Relief of 3/- per week is proposed.	11 June 1861
GBR 81/450	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Henry White, Clerk to the Guardians, Williton, near Taunton, Somerset, acknowledging receipt of his letter of 10 June 1860 about Sarah Alder. She is the daughter of William Lewis, a farm servant at Doniford in the parish of [St Egerman] where he has lived for 40 years. Sarah was in service with a family with whom she came to Newcastle where she married her late husband Charles Alder.	15 June 1861
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County	17 June 1861

81/451/1	Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a banker's draft for £195/12/7, the outstanding amount of the county rate.	
GBR 81/451/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Thompson, Assistant Overseer, stating that the Workhouse Committee thinks that the rate of [£13] for the Register Office is too high. It consist of only two apartments and the rent is £12. The Committee expects the amount to be reduced at the next rate.	17 June 1861
GBR 81/452	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 5 June 1861, 18638A/1861, about non-resident relief for Sarah Alder. The Guardians of Williton Union will not agree to advance the relief.	19 June 1861
GBR 81/453	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Brummell, Clerk to the Guardians, Morpeth, acknowledging his letter of 19 June 1861. It states that the Master and Matron of the Workhouse, a married couple, earn £65 and £20 respectively, as well as rations allowed according to the enclosed table. Their young daughter lives with them for a payment of £6 per annum. Their apartments are described.	22 June 1861
GBR 81/454	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted for supplying the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d for 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d for 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@4 lbs for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@3 lbs for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 June 1861
GBR 81/455	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@8/1 per stone), houghs (@3/11 per stone), mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	24 June 1861
GBR 81/456	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 20 June 1861, 30847A/1861, about non-resident relief for Peter Dickinson. It states that he has not been receiving constant medical attendance and he will pay for his future requirements himself.	26 June 1861
GBR 81/457	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Asylum, Morpeth, returning his account for correction. Nicholas Bell is not known to be the responsibility of Berwick Union. Margaret Hay, of Loanend parish, should be included, having been transferred from Belford Union.	2 July 1861
GBR 81/458/1	Letter Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £3/17/6 for salary and accounts due.	8 July 1861
GBR 81/458/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, [County Treasurer], Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £116/9/6 for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum. The delay was due to a shortage of Treasurer's funds.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/459/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/459/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Edward Graves, banker, of Warwick, enclosing a banker's draft for £7/0/3 for maintenance of Mary Mather in the Warwick County Asylum.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/460	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood, asking that Mary Mather, a pauper lunatic currently maintained in the Warwick County Asylum and chargeable	23 July 1861

	to the parish of Kyloe, should be transferred to the County Asylum.	
GBR 81/461	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Rev Dr Dakyns, Curate, of Holy Island, enclosing a copy of a minute from a Guardians' meeting to the inhabitants of Holy Island who signed the memorial referred to.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/462	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Dickson, Clerk of [Police], concerning the appointment of police officers as Inspectors of Nuisances, enclosing the Guardians' minute on the matter.  In the matter of Reg v Stanley (Criminal Justice Act), depositions, conviction, and certificate of costs, together with 10/- in postage stamps as fee, are enclosed.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/463/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and is entitled to the usual fee.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/463/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, Clerk to the Guardians, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	23 July 1861
GBR 81/464	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to T F Hedley, Assistant Overseer, Sunderland, about the valuation of Tweedmouth parish. He is asked to expedite his information since the lack of a new rate is causing a deficiency in Union funds.	6 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/465-466	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Eleanor Anderson, a disabled widow aged 49, with two children, Christian, aged 12, and James, aged 10. She resides at Scremerston and receives relief from the parish of Tweedmouth. She wishes to move with another son, a coalminer, to North Seaton, near Blyth. The Guardians propose to continue relief at 3/- per week.	6 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/467	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [C H Reed] stating that relief has been stopped for Mary Hunt after she reported the birth of an illegitimate child.	17 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/468	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, enclosing an order adjudging the chargeability of John Forsythe, a lunatic, to the parish of Branxton. If the overseers do not plan to appeal, the expenses for repayment to Berwick Union should be sent.	19 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/469	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 15 August 1861, 27697A/1861, about non-resident relief for Eleanor Anderson. She has been a widow for about two years, and her 12-year old child is a girl, unemployed.	19 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/470	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about the appointment of Mary Ann Thompkins as workhouse cook and servant to the matron. As her appointment may be terminated next year because of the limited number of inmates, the end date is 12 May, the principal local term-day.	19 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/471	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 12 February 1861, 4457A/1861, about temporary non-resident relief for Ann Watson. The Guardians wish to continue her relief at the reduced rate of 5/- per week, since one	19 Aug. 1861

	child, James, aged 12, is now employed at 6d per day.	
GBR 81/472/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Kent, Clerk to the Asylum, Cottingwood, stating that John Forsythe, recently sent to the asylum, has been adjudged chargeable to the parish of Braxton in the Glendale Union.	24 Aug. 1861
GBR 81/472/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the police rate.	3 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/473	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letter of 27 February 1861, 6626A/1861, and seeking approval for continuation of non-resident relief for two orphan children, Margaret Gilchrist and John Gilchrist.	6 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/474/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Major Browne, Chief Constable, Alnwick, reporting the appointment of the police constables as Inspectors of Nuisances.	6 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/474/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Dickson, Clerk of Police, Alnwick, reporting the appointment of the police constables as Inspectors of Nuisances.	6 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/475	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, of Norham, listing the arrears due from parishes (Ancroft, Kyloe, Norham, Shoreswood, Twizel) from the call of 29 June. As he is a paid collector for three parishes, the Guardians express dissatisfaction with his performance and set a deadline for the collection of arrears.	16 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/476	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Major Browne, Chief Constable, County Police Office, Alnwick, acknowledging his letter of 11 September 1861 naming the officers and constables to be appointed as Inspectors of Nuisances. Information is requested about which townships they will serve. Lowick, where the Superintendant resides, is outside the district.	17 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/477-478	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Dick, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth, notifying the arrears of rates for Tweedmouth, and requesting him to make an urgent collection of them. From those ratepayers intending to appeal against the sums assessed, he should obtain an amount on account.	17 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/479	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 for the county rate.	21 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/480	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, noting that the time for appeal has expired in the case of John Forsythe, a pauper lunatic now in the County Asylum. He is asked to write to the Clerk to the Asylum giving consent for the maintenance costs to be transferred [to the Glendale Union].	25 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/481	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Kent, Clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood, Morpeth, stating that the enclosed bill was rejected by the Finance Committee on the grounds that it was not itemised, and it should be made out against them.	27 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/482	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Blakey, grocer, of Western Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with patent starch (@5½d).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/483	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Tweed Brewery Co., Palace, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with best XX ale (@45/- per barrel).	30 Sept. 1861



GBR 81/484	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, spirit merchant, of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 2 dozen sherry (@33/- per dozen), brandy (@27/- per gallon), whiskey (@17/- per gallon).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/485	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston and Shoreswood Collieries stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coals (@8/3 per ton).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/486	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Davidson, grocer, of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffee (@1/4 per lb) and chicory (@5d per lb).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/487-488	[Missing]	
GBR 81/489	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer, of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 6cwt raw sugar (@43/- per cwt), roll tobacco (@3/7 per lb), black pepper (@1/1 per lb), treacle (@2/4 per stone), stove salt (@ 2/- per cwt), 3 cwt soap (@36/2 per cwt), 1 gross blacking cakes (@3/9 per gross), 3 gross soap powder (@5/1½ per gross), and sago (@3d per lb).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/490	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@8/- per stone), houghs (@3/11 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/491	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d for 4lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d for 4lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@4lb for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@3lb 6oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/492	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, undertaker, of College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins, including church dues: stillborn (@5/6 each), 3 feet long (@12/- each), 3 to 5 feet long (@14/- each), 5 feet upwards (17/6 each).	30 Sept. 1861
GBR 81/493	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of the appointment of Inspectors of Nuisances for the Union within Northumberland. The remainder of the union is within the jurisdiction of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Local Board of Health.	5 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/494	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Major Browne, Chief Constable, County Police Office, Alnwick, asking him to communicate the decisions and instructions of the Guardians to his officers. The constable stationed at Cornhill has been omitted from his list.	5 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/495	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas F Hedley, Assistant Overseer, Sunderland, reminding him that he was contracted to deliver his written valuation of Tweedmouth parish within two months of 24 June 1861. Several appeals against the new rate are to be heard at Special Sessions, and the appeals by the Gas Company will go to the Quarter Sessions.	5 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/496/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, [Wooler], stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson]	8 Oct. 1861

	has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	
GBR 81/496/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, Clerk to the Guardians, {Newcastle-upon-Tyne}, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic, residing in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fee of 2/6.	8 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/497	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Norham, noting his illness, and reporting that Dr Paxton [John Paxton] received his cheque for out-relief (£60). A cheque for £30 is enclosed.	14 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/498/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mrs M A Smith, of the County Asylum, Morpeth, enclosing a cheque for £7/6/6 for the account due.	14 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/498/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Edward Greaves, banker, of Warwick, enclosing a cheque for £5/14/- for maintenance of Mary Mather in the Warwick County Asylum.	14 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/499/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £131/5/6 for the quarterly account to the County Lunatic Asylum.	14 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/499/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2 for one quarter's salary due at Michaelmas. The lunacy account will stand over.	14 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/500/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, of 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	15 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/500/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 for the police rate.	28 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/501	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] asking him to provide a medical certificate of the health of Jane Foreman, pupil teacher at the Workhouse school.	28 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/502	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Toystone, near Warkworth, asking permission for James McLeod and his wife, Isabella McLeod, to return to live with their daughter in Toystone if they receive non-resident relief.	30 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/503	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary of the Committee of the Council on Education, Council Office, Downing Street, London, enclosing the requested medical certificate for Jane Foreman, pupil teacher of Berwick-upon-Tweed Parochial Union School.	30 Oct. 1861
GBR 81/504/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Asylum, Cottingwood, near Morpeth, stating that Elizabeth Brown, a pauper lunatic, will be sent by train on Wednesday from the Workhouse to the Asylum.	4 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/504/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [John Stokie], Clerk to the Guardians, Hexham, replying to his note of 4 November 1861, and stating that the Medical Officer of the Workhouse visits and reports once a year on the lunatics in the County Asylum and other institutions.	7 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/505-506	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for James McLeod, aged 65,	11 Nov. 1861

	and his wife Isabella, aged 62, recently removed from Toystone in the Alnwick Union. They want to return there to live with a married daughter (deserted with one child) who is an agricultural labourer having a free house. The Guardians propose relief of 5/- per week.	
GBR 81/507	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, ordering supplies of indelible ink, vaccination fees accounts, relieving officers' books, school fees accounts, inspectors' returns, and letter paper.	23 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/508	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to David Gibson, merchant of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office.	25 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/509	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, calling him to a meeting with the Committee on the matter referred to in the enclosed minutes. He should bring the rate books, rate receipt books, the collecting and deposit book, the receipt and payment book, and collector's monthly statement book.	28 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/510	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Norham, inviting them to a committee meeting to investigate the accounts of Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, and the large balance said to be due from Norham. The matter was initiated by the District Auditor.	28 Nov. 1861
GBR 81/511/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Relieving Officer, calling him to a meeting with the Workhouse Committee concerning Police Officer Carr's account for conveying James Bell, a lunatic, to Morpeth Asylum.	7 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/511/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 for the county rate.	9 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/512/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Smith, Galagate House, enclosing a copy of the report of the committee investigating the accounts of Mr Davidson [Alexander Davidson] for Norham township.	11 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/512/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, enclosing a copy of the report of the committee which investigated his accounts. He is urged to follow their recommendations carefully since "such gross irregularities" will not be passed over in future.	11 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/513	[MISSING]	
GBR 81/514	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Home, Town Clerk, enclosing a copy of a special report by the Workhouse Committee. He is asked to refer it to the Watch Committee so that Police Constable Carr's conduct in the matter may be considered by them.	11 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/515	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Usher, of Newcastle, reporting that the Guardians have considered the balance of £101 due from the township of Norham to the overseers, as he requested. The report of the special committee to investigate the matter is enclosed.	11 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/516	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians [Wooler], reporting the complaint of Dr Wilson [James Wilson] that he has not been paid for reporting on two lunatic paupers in October. It also notes that Wightman has not yet paid £3/13/6, according to the Justices' order, for expenses of the lunatic John Forsythe in the asylum.	12 Dec. 1861

GBR 81/517	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick, stating that the Workhouse Committee will consider the application of the overseers regarding the proposed letting of Grangeburn Mill. The overseers are called to a meeting on the matter.	13 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/518	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Usher, of Newcastle, acknowledging his note of 12 December 1861, and enclosing the balance sheets for Norham for the last two half-years. It remarks on an error of £10 detected by the committee.	14 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/519	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7½d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6½d per 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@3 lbs for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@3 lbs 8oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/520	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@7/11 per stone), houghs (@3/11 per stone), and legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	24 Dec. 1861
GBR 81/521/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a Post Office order for £4/7/- for the account due. It requests return of the Union Contribution Book.	8 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/521/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Foster, Clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	8 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/522/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, requesting payment of Dr Wilson's [James Wilson] fees for visiting Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics.	8 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/522/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James C Weddell [James Call Weddell, solicitor] enclosing minutes of a meeting about the letting of Grangeburn Mill, to be submitted to the overseers.	8 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/523	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board about the appointment of an assistant overseer for the parish of Tweedmouth. The ratepayers have elected George Turner, Relieving Officer for Berwick District, to the office in the room of George Carr, resigned. They ask to dispense with the conditions in Article 4 of the General Consolidated Order.	8 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/524	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Relieving Officer, enclosing a condensed report on the admission of vagrants to the Workhouse. He is reminded of the resolution that in future he should pay relief at the houses of sick paupers who cannot attend personally at the pay stations.	10 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/525/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [illegible name] enclosing a document which should have been sent with other papers. Very little was allowed to be read at the last meeting.	10 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/525/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a Post Office order for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	20 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/526/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £4/10/-.	20 Jan. 1862

GBR 81/526/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing postage stamps to the value of 10/- for the enclosed account.	20 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/527	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to A Robertson, chairman of the Vestry Meeting lately held in Tweedmouth to elect an assistant overseer. The enclosed letter from the Poor Law Board refuses consent for Mr Turner [George Turner] to hold the office.	20 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/528	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Tweedmouth, pointing out the arrears from the Union Call, now in total £859/19/9. Another call will be made in March 1862, and a rate should be made immediately. The Union Treasurer is deficient in funds.	22 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/529	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W J Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £219/13/6, being £145/16/- for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum, and £73/17/6 for the Police Rate.	25 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/530	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Relieving Officer, stating that the Committee [Workhouse Committee], after receiving his note of 25 January 1862, decided that the insane wards in the Workhouse should be used for outdoor insane poor, and have so instructed the Master of the Workhouse. The paupers Mrs Bennett, Mrs Dalgleish and Mrs Fox did not attend the meeting and should be asked to attend the next meeting. Mrs Lyons should have a pair of shoes for her child Mary. A warrant will be sought at the Petty Sessions for removal of May Ann Burns and family to Ireland, but she should see E Willoby first.	27 Jan. 1862
GBR 81/531/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the publisher of the Newcastle Daily Journal enclosing an advertisement for inclusion.	4 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/531/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the publisher of the Northern Daily Express, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing an advertisement for inclusion.	4 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/532	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board notifying the resignation of George Turner as relieving officer for the Berwick-upon-Tweed District of the Union. The post is being advertised.	5 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/533-534	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that R C Fluker [Robert Carr Fluker] has claimed from the Guardians 10/6 for payment for attending a pauper resident in the [Tweedmouth and Islandshire District]. Since Dr Wilson [James Wilson] is the Medical Officer appointed to attend all paupers in the district, the Poor Law Board is asked whether it is Dr Wilson or the Guardians who should be liable for payment. The decision is likely to create a precedent.	5 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/535-536	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 11 February 1862, 4409B/1862, stating that George Turner gave no reason for his resignation as Relieving Officer of the Berwick-upon-Tweed District. It is believed that it was to enable him to become assistant overseer in Tweedmouth, previously disallowed while he was a relieving officer. He was also dissatisfied with the requirement for him to pay relief to sick paupers at their respective residences.	12 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/537	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Dick stating that the Guardians will consider his application for an increase in salary. They ask for a copy of the Resolution of Vestry that he refers to.	17 Feb. 1862
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge &	18 Feb. 1862

81/538/1	Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill in London for £130/3/5 for payment to the Public Works Loan Office.	
GBR 81/538/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James C Weddell [solicitor] stating that his letter and enclosures will be considered by the Guardians.	18 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/539	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a resolution for approval about the employment of Mary Ann Thompkins as cook at the Workhouse. They wish to give her sufficient notice to find other employment if her services are no longer required.	18 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/540	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood, near Morpeth, noting that a new statute (24 & 25 Vict c 55) requires the cost of pauper lunatics to be charged to the Common Fund of the Union instead of to the parishes. The quarterly account is requested as soon as possible so as to be included in the current half-year accounts.	19 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/541/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cranston, station master, Widdrington, asking him to attend as a candidate for the vacant post of Relieving Officer. Expenses cannot be guaranteed.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/541/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to A Boyd, Post Office, asking him to attend as a candidate for the vacant post of Relieving Officer.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/542/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Short, police officer, asking him to attend as a candidate for the vacant post of Relieving Officer.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/542/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Manners, collector of taxes, asking him to attend as a candidate for the vacant post of Relieving Officer.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/543	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Relieving Officer, accepting his offer to continue to act for one week while initiating the newly appointed person into his duties. Any outstanding balance of his funds should be paid to the Treasurer.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/544/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Treasurer's Office, asking him to attend as a candidate for the vacant post of Relieving Officer.	24 Feb. 1862
GBR 81/544/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas F Hedley, Assistant Overseer, Sunderland, enclosing a cheque for £85/17/2 in payment for his work on the Tweedmouth valuation.	3 March 1862
GBR 81/545	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the Guardians had deferred the requested consideration of the Parochial Assessments Bill. They request more copies of the Bill for distribution to the 32 Guardians.	4 March 1862
GBR 81/546	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing the terms of appointment of Medical Officers for East and West Norhamshire.	4 March 1862
GBR 81/547	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a copy of the application by George Dick, collector of poor rates for the parish of Tweedmouth, for an increase in salary. He was appointed according to the Board's special order of 2 February 1857, and their agreement to the alteration is requested.	4 March 1862
GBR 81/548	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 11 February 1862, 4409B/1862, and reporting the appointment as Relieving Officer of Thomas Cairns, out of 13 candidates and by 21 out of 26 Guardians. The Board is	4 March 1862

	asked to approve his appointment and also the payment of one week's salary for Mr Turner [George Turner] for assisting with the appointment and initiating Mr Cairns into his duties.	
GBR 81/549	Letter James C Weddell, solicitor, acknowledging his letter of 1 March 1862 about Grangeburn Mill. The Guardians' approval is set out in the enclosed extract from the minutes.	4 March 1862
GBR 81/550/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Sir M W Ridley [Matthew White Ridley], Member of Parliament, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London, requesting two copies of the Parochial Assessments Bill for the Guardians to consider.	7 March 1862
GBR 81/550/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Lord Lovaine [Algernon George Percy, 6 <sup>th</sup> Duke of Northumberland], Member of Parliament, 8 Portman Square, London, requesting two copies of the Parochial Assessments Bill for the Guardians to consider.	7 March 1862
GBR 81/551/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Captain C W Gordon [Charles William Gordon], Member of Parliament, 26 Pall Mall, London, requesting two copies of the Parochial Assessments Bill for the Guardians to consider.	7 March 1862
GBR 81/551/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D C Marjoribanks [Dudley Coutts Marjoribanks], Member of Parliament, 29 Upper Brook Street, London, requesting two copies of the Parochial Assessments Bill for the Guardians to consider.	7 March 1862
GBR 81/552	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, of Church Street, informing him of a vote of thanks, proposed by E Black [Ebenezer Black] and seconded by [R Cairns], for his six years of service as Relieving Officer.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/553	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon of Norham, reporting that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for East Northhamshire District at a salary of £33 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year because he is not fully qualified to practise both medicine and surgery.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/554	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for West Northhamshire District, at a salary of £8 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year because he is not resident in the district.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/555	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, reporting the outcome of the Guardians' discussion of the Parochial Assessments Bill.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/556	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, seeking approval for appointments of Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] and Mr Paxton [John Paxton] as Medical Officers. The appointment are limited to one year because the former is not resident in his district and latter is qualified to practise surgery only.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/557	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing papers in connection with the proposal to re-let Grangeburn Mill and land.	19 March 1862
GBR 81/558-559	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the findings of a special committee on the classification of young families in the Workhouse. They propose to classify with the aged females those young females who have returned to the Workhouse after a period in service. When placed in the young females ward, they were 'induced to lead a disreputable life by females of bad character'.	19 March 1862

GBR 81/560/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £443/8/7 in payment of the county rate.	24 March 1862
GBR 81/560/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to E Black [Ebenezer Black], of Grindon, Norham, returning a nomination paper because it does not include the name of the township for which it is made.	24 March 1862
GBR 81/561	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Davidson, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with treacle (@2/4 per stone), and 2 gross washing powder (@5/6 per gross).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/562	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker of Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with no.2 barley (@30/- per sack), indoor fine bread (@7d for 4 lbs), and indoor coarse bread (@6d for 4 lbs). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	31 March 1862
GBR 81/563	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Alder, spirit merchant of Bridge End, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with whiskey (@17/- per gallon).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/564	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Gregg, carpenter of Chapel Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins (including church dues); still-born @5/6 each, 3 feet long @11/6 each, 3 to 5 feet long @13/6 each, 5 feet upwards @17/6 each.	31 March 1862
GBR 81/565	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Winlaw, of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Guardians for 6 months with shoes for the indoor poor: men's (@9/-), women's (@5/9), girls' (@3/-; and for the outdoor poor: men's (@9/-), women's (@5/9, girls' size 6-9 (@ 3/3), girls' size 10-1 (@4/6), girls' size 2-3 (@5/-).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/566	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Tweed Brewery Company, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Ale XX (@46/- per barrel).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/567	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston & Shoreswood Colliery stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston best coal (@8/9 per ton), or Berwick Hill best coal (@8/3 per ton).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/568	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Guardians for 6 months with 4 cwt raw sugar (@44/9 per cwt), unground coffee (@1/4 per lb), chicory (@3/2 per lb), roll tobacco (@3/8 per lb), snuff (@3/5 per lb), black pepper [ @ ?], stove salt (@2/- per cwt), rice (@ 23/- per cwt), sago (@3d per lb), 1 gross blacking cakes (@ 3/9 per gross), 4 cwt soap (@33/- per cwt), ½ chest tea (@3/8 per lb). He should supply the outdoor poor with tea and sugar according to the Relieving Officers' orders.	31 March 1862
GBR 81/569	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Winter, baker, of Eastern Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the outdoor poor for 3 months with bread, as sample, (@4 lbs for 6d), and oatmeal (@3 lbs for 6d).	31 March 1862
GBR 81/570	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Wood, butcher of High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@7/3 per stone), houghs of beef (@3/6 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per	31 March 1862



	lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	
GBR 81/571	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, informing him of the results of the tenders accepted in regard to the outdoor poor. It lists the commodities and prices to be supplied by William Cowe, grocer, George Winlaw, shoemaker, George Gregg, carpenter, and Robert Wood, meat contractor.	31 March 1862
GBR 81/572/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £143/11/- for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	7 April 1862
GBR 81/572/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	15 April 1862
GBR 81/573/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in [Tweedmouth and Islandshire District], and he is entitled to the usual fees.	15 April 1862
GBR 81/573/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] enclosing a Post Office order for £2/12/6 in payment of his salary and fees.	15 April 1862
GBR 81/574/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic residing in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	15 April 1862
GBR 81/574/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James C Weddell, solicitor, enclosing a letter from the Poor Law Board about Grangeburn Mill, and he is asked to bring it to the attention of the Overseers of Berwick Parish.	15 April 1862
GBR 81/575	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [George Turner], Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth, replying to his letter of 12 April 1862, and asking for further particulars of [Ann Ditchburn] and the other eight non-resident paupers: how long have they been non-resident and why are they considered irremovable? It also asks for the places of residence of Elizabeth Todd and the others whose relief he wishes discontinued.	24 April 1862
GBR 81/576	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Ford, asking if they will allow Mary Ross, aged 63, to live with her illegitimate daughter, married to a pitman in [Stainsfield]. The Guardians propose to allow her relief of 1/6.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/577	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 11 September 1861, 30069A/1861, and seeking approval for the continuation of non-resident relief for the orphans Margaret Gilchrist and John Gilchrist, at 2/- per week each. Relief for Margaret will be given only until she is 14 years old.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/578	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 28 April 1861, 28848A/1861, and seeking approval for the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson, living at Belford. The rate is reduced to 4/- per week since one child, James, aged 13, is now in employment.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/579	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for a temporary alteration to the Workhouse dietary. This is required only occasionally and for short periods.	29 April 1862

GBR 81/580	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick, stating that the Guardians have appointed a special committee to consider the chargeability of those paupers who are affected by the new Irremovable Poor Act. He is asked to provide a list of paupers chargeable to the parish, whose status he will apply to have changed.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/581	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Norham, asking him to attend the first meeting of the special committee to consider the chargeability of paupers affected by the Irremovable Poor Act. He is asked to report on cases on the lists of Mr Turner and Mr Thompson, as well as any in the country parishes. The names of any paupers residing in Berwick should be supplied so that Mr Cairns may investigate.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/582	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, asking him to attend the meeting of the special committee on the chargeability of paupers, to explain his application for relief to certain paupers to be discontinued.	29 April 1862
GBR 81/583-584	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, seeking approval for non-resident relief for Mary Ross, aged 63, who has been receiving relief from the township of Thornton. She wishes to go with her illegitimate daughter and her pitman husband to live in Ford in the Glendale Union, where the overseers have agreed to her residence. Relief of 1/6 per week is proposed.	3 May 1863
GBR 81/585-588	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting on the chargeability of irremovable poor with regard to 24 & 25 Vict cap 55. They have identified three types of case: 1. Those similar to Elizabeth Cooper, aged 82, receiving relief from her settlement parish of Tweedmouth, but whose residence in various places in the Union warrants transfer of her relief to the Common Fund. 2. Those similar to Isabella Graham, aged 70, also receiving relief from her settlement parish of Tweedmouth, but whose places of residence do not qualify her for transfer to the Common Fund, according 11 & 12 Vict cap 110 sect 3. 3. Cases such as [Ann Spowart], a widow aged 40, residing in Duddo but receiving relief from her settlement parish of Tweedmouth. Her periods of residence in different places do not meet the precise requirements for chargeability to the Common Fund. [Folio 586 is missing.]	6 May 1862
GBR 81/589	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, reporting the decision of the Guardians to suspend him until further notice from his duties as Collector and Assistant Overseer for Ancroft, Kyoie, and Norham Mains, and to recommend the same action in respect of his office of Assistant Overseer for Norham.	12 May 1862
GBR 81/590	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Tweedmouth, requesting payment of the parish's arrears of £242/4/11 in the poor rate.	12 May 1862
GBR 81/591	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers for the Poor, Berwick, requesting payment of the parish's arrears of £400/15/6 in the poor rate.	12 May 1862
GBR 81/592	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 1 April 1862, 9039D/1862, about the rebuilding of Grangeburn Mill and its re-letting with land belonging to the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed. It encloses an extract from	13 May 1862

	the minutes of a Guardians' meeting on the subject and a copy of a letter from James C Weddell, solicitor, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick.	
GBR 81/593	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Shaw & Sons, 137 Fetter Lane, London, enclosing postage stamps to the value of 6/- in payment of their account.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/594-595/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the suspension of the rate collector Alexander Davidson. He was appointed collector for Norham Mains, Ancroft and Kyloe under the General Order, but was also appointed as assistant overseer for Norham since 1844, under 59 Geo III cap 12. The suspension is for no fixed period, pending the directions of the Poor Law Board.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/595/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Norham Mains, reporting the suspension of Alexander Davidson following the recent audit and examination of his accounts. It suggests that they should join the Overseers of Norham at a meeting with his clerk Mr Williams [Henry John Williams] at Galagate House, as proposed by Mr Usher, to ascertain the state of their account books with regard to Davidson.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/596	Letter from Henry John Williams, clerk to E Willoby, to Alexander Davidson, requesting his presence at a meeting at Galagate House with the Overseers of Norham and of Norham Mains to examine the state of their accounts.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/597-598	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Ancroft, reporting the suspension from duty of Alexander Davidson of Norham. They are asked to obtain from him all their books and papers and to ascertain the current state of his accounts. The parish is in arrears by £225/13/4, and the overseers should take steps to pay this immediately.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/599	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Kyloe, reporting the suspension from duty of Alexander Davidson of Norham. Further steps regarding their accounts will be explained at their forthcoming meeting.	13 May 1862
GBR 81/600	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Thomas Thompson, an orphan aged 5, now receiving relief from the parish of Tweedmouth. He is in the care of his grandmother who is about to move to Blyth, and the Guardians propose relief for him of 2- per week.	14 May 1862
GBR 81/601	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, of Castlegate, reporting the opinion of the Poor Law Board on the new Irremovable Poor Act: paupers no longer resident in their parish of settlement but who have resided in the Union for 3 years without relief should be charged to the Common Fund. He is asked to provide details of his cases for a forthcoming meeting.	16 May 1862
GBR 81/603	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Norham, reporting the opinion of the Poor Law Board on the New Irremovable Poor Act: paupers no longer resident in their parish of settlement but who have resided in the Union for 3 years without relief should be charged to the Common Fund. He is asked to provide details of his cases for a forthcoming meeting.	16 May 1862
GBR 81/604	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr James Wilson, of Tweedmouth, enclosing an extract from the minutes of a Guardians' meeting for his consideration.	21 May 1862

GBR 81/605	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, North Sunderland, stating that their pauper Dorothy Burn had applied for relief and that the Master of the Workhouse had simultaneously received an order for her removal to the parish of Kyloe. Relief was declined on the grounds that the pauper was improperly and illegally removed.	26 May 1862
GBR 81/606/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to David Gibson, merchant of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half year's rent of the Register Office.	26 May 1862
GBR 81/606/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 in payment of the County and Police Rates.	26 May 1862
GBR 81/607	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £6/7/- for their account.	26 May 1862
GBR 81/608	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing extracts from meetings of the Guardians about the nomination of a deputy by Dr Wilson [James Wilson] , Medical Officer for Tweedmouth & Islandshire District. The guidance of the Board is requested.	27 May 1862
GBR 81/609	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr D F S Cahill [David Francis Sitwell Cahill], The Parade, acknowledging his letter about the conduct of Mr Cairns [Thomas Cairns], Relieving Officer, in the case of a woman named Bullock. The views of the Guardians are in the enclosed minute.	27 May 1862
GBR 81/610-611	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Church Street, reporting the opinion of the Poor Law Board about the new Irremovable Poor Act and the chargeability of paupers no longer resident in their parish of settlement. The Guardians have directed the transfer of cases in his parish where the facts were satisfactorily demonstrated.	27 May 1862
GBR 81/612	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill on London at 14 days for £80/8/2 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	9 June 1862
GBR 81/613	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 16 May 1862, 16592E/1862, about the suspension of Alexander Davidson, Collector of Poor Rates for Norham, Norham Mains, Kyloe and Ancroft. It states that after an examination of the books of parishes for which Davidson acts all monies appear to be accounted for.	10 June 1862
GBR 81/614	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of a decision of the Guardians to reduce the expenses of the Workhouse School by transferring the pupil teacher to the Berwick National School. Extracts from the minutes have been sent to the Committee of Council for Education.	10 June 1862
GBR 81/615	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary, Committee of Council on Education, seeking approval of a decision of the Guardians to reduce the expenses of the Workhouse School by transferring the pupil teacher to the Berwick National School. Extracts from the minutes have been sent to the Poor Law Board.	10 June 1862
GBR 81/616	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Inspector of the Poor, Kelso, about John Ward and his wife, now living in Berwick. As they have previously received relief for about 18 years from Kelso parish, and have recently lived in Newcastle for about 1½ years,	10 June 1862

	they are not entitled to relief from Berwick. The Guardians hope that Kelso will accept responsibility for these paupers without need for a warrant of removal, and that they will repay the 3/- per week which the Guardians are currently granting them.	
GBR 81/617	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 11 June 1862 about Alexander Davidson, Collector of Poor Rates. It states that his books were carefully examined, and the balance of £28/19/3½ due from him was paid. The overseers are satisfied that Davidson has not improperly retained any monies collected.	16 June 1862
GBR 81/618	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, reporting that the Guardians have accepted the tender of Mr Crosby [John Crosby] to supply the outdoor poor for 3 months with bread (4 lbs @6d) and oatmeal (4 lbs @6d).	23 June 1862
GBR 81/619	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher of Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@7/6 per stone), houghs (@3/6 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	23 June 1862
GBR 81/620	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for a temporary alteration to the Workhouse dietary.	23 June 1862
GBR 81/621	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth, noting the letter from the Poor Law Board to him on 18 June 1862 referring to 7 & 8 Vict cap 101 sect 61. He is requested to provide a bond of £50 and to name two sureties.	25 June 1862
GBR 81/622/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Church Street, acknowledging his letter of 1 July 1862 and sending him the bonds given to him in 1856 and 1858.	2 July 1862
GBR 81/622/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Church Street, noting that according a memorandum provided by Mr Cairns [Thomas Cairns], Turner is authorised by a relative of Margaret Dryden to contribute £1 per month to the cost of her maintenance in the County Asylum. An account is enclosed for the amount due in the last quarter.	3 July 1862
GBR 81/623	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 28 June 1862, 21806A/1862, about the proposed transfer of the pupil teacher from the Workhouse School to the Berwick National School. She would not continue to receive rations and lodging in the workhouse after transfer. The average number of indoor children attending the Workhouse School in the last year was 11: boys 5.8 and girls 5.2.	4 July 1862
GBR 81/624	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 12 June 1862, 16749/1862, which required a parochial meeting to be held in Berwick-upon-Tweed about the proposed letting of certain parish property. The notice of meeting and certificate are enclosed, and the issue of the usual order is requested.	4 July 1862
GBR 81/625	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Smith, Surveyor of Highways, Norham, enclosing a report of the Inspector of Nuisances for Norham, and requesting the urgent removal of the nuisance complained of. Fever is already common in the village.	8 July 1862
GBR 81/626-628	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval of outdoor relief for Elizabeth Tindle, aged 54,	8 July 1862

	of weak mind and now living with an unmarried sister at Coldstream in Scotland, their residence being only 100 yards from the nearest point of the relief district. The Guardians propose relief of 3/- per week. Tindle's settlement is in Twizel, and relief would be paid to her sister at the pay station at Cornhill. [Folio 627 is not present.]	
GBR 81/629	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill on Edinburgh for £6/5/- for the maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	8 July 1862
GBR 81/630	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, giving the opinion that George Hays was irremovable, having lived in the Union for 3 years prior to receiving relief in 1857. His relief should therefore be discontinued from the parish and charged to the union poor.	11 July 1862
GBR 81/631-632/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, about Martha Rutherford, aged 67, resident in Spittal for 33 years, and in receipt of relief for 36 years from the parish of Lowick, whither she had been removed by Thomas Makins, overseer of Ancroft. Her relief was recently stopped and she is now destitute. Her case does not appear to be within the new Irremovable Poor Act.	11 July 1862
GBR 81/632/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £143/6/6 for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	14 July 1862
GBR 81/633/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] for Tweedmouth has visited Jane Robson, a pauper living in his district, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	16 July 1862
GBR 81/633/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in his district, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	16 July 1862
GBR 81/634	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Reverend G H Hamilton reporting that the Guardians have ordered the transfer of the pupil teacher, and that the School Committee would consider the employment of a monitor. A postscript reports a rumour that Mr Nesbit was applying for the post of parish schoolmaster at Yetholm.	22 July 1862
GBR 81/635/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Shaw & Sons, Fetter Lane, London, enclosing a Post Office order for £1/1/6 in payment of their account.	22 July 1862
GBR 81/635/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] of Coldstream enclosing a Post Office order for £3/7/6 in payment of his quarterly salary and accounts due.	22 July 1862
GBR 81/636	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, stating that the Guardians, on the proposal of Alexander Smith, seconded by Andrew Thompson, have removed the suspension placed on him on 12 May 1862. Two Treasurer's receipts are enclosed, and more money is requested to make up a £100 deficit. A receipt for 12/- paid for Kyloe parish should be reimbursed to Mr Scott.	22 July 1862
GBR 81/637/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Mr Craig is satisfied that the pauper Martha Rutherford was removed by an order of 1826, and the continuation of her relief is therefore assumed.	28 July 1862
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90	4 Aug. 1862

81/637/2	Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £8/6/- for the enclosed account.	
GBR 81/638-639	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Catherine Mansell, a widow aged 70, who belongs to the parish Berwick. She wishes to live at Choppington Gate Post, near Morpeth, with a married daughter whose husband is a labourer at a coal pit. The Guardians propose relief of 2/6 per week.	4 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/640	[This folio is bound out of order following folio 81/641.] Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [the Poor Law Board] acknowledging their letter of [24 July 1862], 16196B/1862, stating that George Turner, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth, and his two sureties have now executed the required bond.	9 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/641	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer for Tweedmouth parish, stating that the Guardians have approved his named sureties, and the bond is awaiting signature and then execution.	5 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/642	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Norham, stating that Mr Marshall, Superintendent of Police, and Inspector of Nuisances, has been asked to inspect the houses in Norham where deaths from fever have recently occurred. Scott and Dr Paxton [John Paxton] are requested to accompany him.	11 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/643	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Paxton [John Paxton], Medical Officer, Norham, stating that Mr Marshall, Superintendent of Police and Inspector of Nuisances, has been asked to inspect the houses in Norham where deaths from fever have recently occurred. Paxton and Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] are requested to accompany him.	11 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/644-645	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mr Marshall, Superintendent of Police, Lowick, asking him to inspect the houses in Norham where deaths from fever have recently occurred to determine whether any local nuisances are prejudicial to public health. It is desirable that he should be accompanied by Dr Paxton [John Paxton], Medical Officer, and Mr Scott [Joseph Scott], Relieving Officer.	11 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/646-647	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [the Poor Law Board] reporting that [Mr Marshall], the Superintendent of Police and Inspector of Nuisances, has found many problems with the sanitary conditions in Norham where there have recently been deaths from fever. Marshall recommends the construction of a leading drain or common sewer through the main street of the village and that drains from the houses should be connected to it, in place of the open gutter where inhabitants currently throw waste water. The Guardians ask whether the Nuisances Removal Act empowers them to construct such drains.	19 Aug. 1862
GBR 81/648	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Mason, Pallinsburn, Coldstream, ... [the first part of the letter is illegible] and expressing the hope that Mr [illegible] will see the need for "prompt measures to remedy the evils so justly complained of".	Aug. 1862
GBR 81/649	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 in payment of the police rate.	1 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/650	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 27 May 1862, 16841A/1862, and reporting that the requested separation of adult females has been in operation satisfactorily for three months. No [in]convenience has	3 Sept. 1862

	been caused by the occupation of Male and Female Insane Wards by women in the new Class 5B.	
GBR 81/651	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williamson, to J K Welch, clerk to the Justices, Poole, replying to his note of 3 September 1862, and stating that the Justices of the county of Berwick have considered themselves to be ex-officio Guardians, and that two have acted as Chairman of the Board.	8 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/652/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 in payment of the county rate.	15 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/652/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Skae [David Skae], Royal Edinburgh Asylum, asking for a report on the condition of the pauper Hannah Jamieson.	15 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/653	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letters of 25 July 1862, 25494D/1862, and 1 April 1862, 9039D/1862, about the letting of certain parish property. A draft lease prepared by Mr Weddell [James C Weddell], solicitor, is enclosed.	17 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/654	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, stating that the County Asylum has been informed that he will remove Ann Gallagher and Jane Good on the following day.	18 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/655	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, ordering various books and forms, under the Union Assessment Committee Act 1862.	18 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/656	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Kent, Clerk & Steward, North County Asylum, East Cottingwood, Morpeth, stating that Mr Cairns [Thomas Cairns], Relieving Officer, will come to remove Ann Gallagher, and also Jane Good, reported by Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] to be well enough for maintenance in the Workhouse.	18 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/657	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Francis Lough, carpenter, College Place, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffins, including church dues: still born @4/6, 3 feet long @11/-, 5 feet upwards @16/-.	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/658	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston & Shoreswood Collieries, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with Scremerston coal (@8/9 per ton) and Berwick Hill coal (@8/3 per ton).	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/659	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Tweed Brewery Co., Palace, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with XX Ale (@£2/8/- per barrel).	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/660	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 6cwt raw sugar (@42/- per cwt), chicory (@4d per lb), coffee (@1/4 per lb), roll tobacco (@3/8 per lb), black snuff (@3/5 per lb), black pepper (@1/- per lb), treacle (@2/2 per stone), stove salt (@2/- per cwt), 3 cwt soap (@33/- per cwt), 1 gross blacking cakes (@3/9 per gross), sago (@3d per lb).	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/661	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Blakey, grocer, Western Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with one chest of tea (@3/8 per lb), and patent starch (@5½d per lb).	30 Sept. 1862



GBR 81/662	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@8/6 per stone), houghs (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/663	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with no.2 barley (@35/- per sack for 3 months), indoor fine bread (@7½d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6½d per 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@3 lbs 12 oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@3 lbs for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/664	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cockburn & Sons, wine & spirit merchants, Hide Hill, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with 4 dozen sherry (@36/- per dozen), brandy (@4/6 per bottle), whiskey (@2/6 per bottle).	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/665	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, informing him of the tenders which have been accepted from T Cockburn [Thomas Cockburn], Francis Lough, and John Crosby, with details of prices. William Cowe has the contract for sugar and may continue to supply outdoor groceries.	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/666	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 15 July 1862, 25493A/1862, and seeking approval for the appointment of a monitor in the Workhouse school. Jane Dagleish is not resident in the Workhouse nor currently in receipt of relief; her salary is fixed for 12 months only. Most children in the Workhouse school are those of the outdoor poor.	30 Sept. 1862
GBR 81/667	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 22 September 1862, 33030D/1862, about the draft lease of parish property. One inapplicable clause was inadvertently inserted, and the amended draft is now sent for approval.	6 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/668/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth has visited the pauper lunatic Jane Robson, and he should be paid the usual fee.	11 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/668/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited the pauper lunatic John Mahon, and he should be paid the usual fee.	11 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/669/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £140/8/- for maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	13 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/669/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £8/15/- and postage stamps for 2/- for the enclosed account.	13 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/670/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	13 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/671	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, stating that the Guardians will not pay his quarterly salary until he has provided his vaccination returns and accounts for the last three quarters and his weekly medical returns.	13 Oct. 1862

GBR 81/672	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 10 October 1862, 34500D/1862, about the lease of parish property. The executed lease is now sent to receive the seal and registration.	18 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/673	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 17 October 1862, 34018B/1862, about the appointment of Jane Dagleish as assistant in the Workhouse school. Apart from her proposed salary of £6/10/- per annum, she will not receive rations or allowances, and she lives with her mother, a widow resident in Berwick.	18 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/674/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing postage stamps for 2/6 for his fee for visiting Elizabeth Tindle, a pauper lunatic residing in the Glendale Union.	27 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/674/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £73/7/6 for the police rate.	27 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/675/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, stating that the Guardians were dissatisfied with his letter because he failed to give reasons for not vaccinating any children in the Ladyday and Midsummer quarters. His salary is withheld until he explains this.	27 Oct. 1862
GBR 81/675/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing weekly medical returns and postage stamps for 2/6.	10 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/676	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Paxton, surgeon, Norham, stating that the Guardians have ordered payment of his salary and medical fees, while another amount is referred to the Finance Committee. They state that in future a vaccination form will be required from him for each quarter.	10 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/677	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, about Grangeburn Mill. The Overseers are authorised to carry out repairs and cleaning.	10 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/678-679	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Johnston, Inspector of Poor, Coldingham, acknowledging his letter about the removal of Janet Robertson. It refers to 25 & 26 Vict cap 113 sect 2 for the conditions under which paupers may be removed to Scotland. English justices are not required or able to enquire into the settlement law of another country: "The Scotch law, like French or any other foreign law, is not cognizable by them...".	12 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/680/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D Gibson, merchant of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6, as half-year's rent of the Register Office.	24 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/680/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon, of Norham, stating that £3/3/- has now been paid into his account at Woods & Co's bank.	25 Nov. 1862
GBR 81/681/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T Cairns [Thomas Cairns], stating that a tender been accepted from John Richardson to supply the outdoor poor with boots and shoes: men's @8/- per pair, women's @5/- per pair, children's @1/- upwards. Mrs Rankin, having failed to appear before the Committee, will not get shoes until she does.	1 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/681/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Richardson, Bridge Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the outdoor poor with shoes until 25 March 1863.	1 Dec. 1862

GBR 81/682	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 5 December 1862, 24133A/1862, about the temporary change in the Workhouse dietary. The ordinary diet was resumed as soon as the potato crop in the Workhouse garden was available.	6 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/683	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mr Gray [John Gray], mason, of Tweed Street, requesting him to make a valuation of certain properties in Berwick for the purposes of the Poor Rate. Mr Thompson [John Thompson], Assistant Overseer, will provide the details.	8 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/684-685	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick, stating that the application has been accepted from the Churchwardens and Overseers for a new valuation of certain properties in the parish. Mr Gray [John Gray], mason, of Tweed Street, will be employed, and should be given a list of public houses. The valuation lists should be completed by 1 January 1863.	8 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/686	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letter of 8 May 1862, 13967A/1862, seeking approval for the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Watson living in Belford.	8 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/687-688	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for Robert Brewis, aged 74, and his wife Elizabeth, aged 69, for whom an order for removal from Newcastle-upon-Tyne to Grindon has been made. The Guardians propose relief of 4/- per week to allow them to remain in Newcastle with an unmarried son; other children live nearby.	8 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/689/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £221/13/6 for the county rate.	8 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/689/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill on London for £91/13/2 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Board.	9 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/690	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mrs Irwin agreeing to her request to use a room in the Workhouse to prepare the Christmas decorations for St Mary's Church.	15 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/691	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@7/9 per stone), houghs of beef (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	22 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/692	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@7d per 4 lbs), indoor coarse bread (@6d per 4 lbs), outdoor coarse bread (@ 4 lbs for 6d) and outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lbs 12 oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	22 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/693	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, stating that the Assessment Committee has not given any instructions about the valuation of empty properties. It is suggested that "empties" should be included only in the "Gross estimated Rental" until they are let.	22 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/694/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Thornton, reminding them that their valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the	23 Dec. 1862

81/694/2	Poor, Felkington, reminding them that their valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	
GBR 81/695/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Grindon, reminding them that their valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/695/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, reminding him that his valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/696/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, reminding him that his valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/696/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J T Smith [John Todd Smith], Goswick, reminding him that his valuation lists were due on 16 December and should be sent forthwith.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/697	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon, of Norham, informing him that the Guardians will not renew his appointment as Medical Officer at 25 March 1863, unless he regularly sends in his weekly returns for each Board-day. Mr Hurst [Edward Hurst], Poor Law Inspector, supported the resolution.	23 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/698/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Richard Wilson, Superintendent of Northumberland County Asylum, asking for details for the chargeable lunatics for the annual return.	27 Dec. 1862
GBR 81/698/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Gray, mason, urging him to complete his valuation of property without delay.	[5 Jan. 1863]
GBR 81/699	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, with an order for various items of stationery.	5 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/700	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting a temporary alteration to the Workhouse dietary. Since the emergency is always likely to occur at certain periods, it is requested that the alteration may be sanctioned indefinitely to avoid the need for repeated applications.	6 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/701/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Good, 47 Gurney Street, Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough], Yorkshire, reminding him that payment is due for maintenance of his wife in the County Asylum for the past 27 weeks, @ 8/- per week, total £10/16/-.	6 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/701/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Tweedmouth, has visited the pauper lunatic John Mahon, and he should be paid the usual fee.	12 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/702/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Tweedmouth, has visited the pauper lunatic Jane Robson, and he should be paid the usual fee.	12 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/702/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to R Home, Clerk of the Peace, enclosing the annual lunatic return, in accordance with the Lunacy Act.	14 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/703/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Dickson, Clerk of the Peace, Alnwick, enclosing two copies of the annual lunatic return (the second copy for him as Clerk to the Visiting Justices of the Asylum), in accordance with the Lunacy Act.	14 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/703/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a cheque for £13/19/- for the enclosed account.	19 Jan. 1863

GBR 81/704/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Good, 47 Gurney Street, Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough, Yorkshire], seeking an immediate response to the note of 6 January 1863; otherwise proceedings will be taken to enforce his undertaking.	19 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/704/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a Post Office order for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	19 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/705/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing £119/14/- for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum.	19 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/705/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2/12/6 for his quarterly salary and fees.	19 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/706/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Fair, stating that the Guardians have agreed to employ him as hairdresser to the Workhouse at an annual salary of £6.	19 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/706/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, acknowledging the letter from the Overseers about the valuation by Mr Gray [John Gray] and a new valuation by Mr Healey, who will determine his charges after consultation with Thompson.	20 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/707-709	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking advice on the application of the Union Assessment Committee Act. John Gray, a mason, had made a new valuation of properties in Berwick but shortly after presenting his report he had died. The Guardians found his valuation unsatisfactory and, along with the Churchwardens and Overseers, proposed a new valuation from Mr Hedley [Thomas F Hedley], Assistant Overseer for Sunderland, who had previously completed a valuation for Tweedmouth. This would delay completion of valuation lists for the whole union until after 25 March 1863.	20 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/710	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Kent, clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood, asking that the Committee of Visitors should reconsider the case of the pauper lunatic Jane Good, whom Dr Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood], Medical Officer for the Workhouse, had previously reported to be capable of removal to the Workhouse even though she was blind and infirm. The Superintendent's quarterly report confirmed her good health. Her husband, a mariner, resident in Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough] may be able to contribute the whole cost of her maintenance in the Workhouse.	20 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/711	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas F Hedley, Sunderland Parish Offices, 5 Church Street, Sunderland, replying to his circular of 14 January 1863 and stating that the Assessment Committee has not yet fixed the rate of deductions from gross rental to arrive at rateable value. For land with buildings, 5 per cent seems generally adopted, and for house property Hedley is already familiar with rates in Tweedmouth. Hedley is also asked whether he will prepare valuation lists for Berwick parish. John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, will provide any information to enable him to determine his charges.	20 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/712	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for the employment of Robert Fair as barber and hairdresser at the Workhouse at a salary of £6 per annum.	20 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/713	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Carr, clerk to the Guardians, Dewsbury Union, about his request to discontinue non-	21 Jan. 1863

	resident relief for Margaret Fell. The Berwick Guardians request a reconsideration because the Medical Officer reports that the two children of Fell are weakly and unfit for field work or domestic service. There are no mills or factories offering employment for children. If the Dewsbury Guardians still insist on ending relief, they should send an order for the removal of Fell to their Workhouse.	
GBR 81/714/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to R Barclay, 29 Bucklersbury, London, in reply to his letter of 22 Jan. 1863 requesting the colliery lease to be sent for stamping with progressive duty. Details of the amounts are explained.	23 Jan. 1863
GBR 81/714/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £73/17/6 for the police rate.	2 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/715/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to T F Hedley [Thomas F Hedley], Assistant Overseer, Sunderland, stating that the Guardians have rejected the application of the Berwick Overseers for a new valuation of the parish. It was opposed by a petition and by the Assessment Committee. "So the Overseers will have to make the best job they can of it."	2 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/715/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, asking whether he has yet determined the rates of deduction for the assessment lists in Rothbury, Haltwhistle, and Hexham Unions.	2 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/716	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, informing him of the Guardians' decision about the application for a valuation of property in Berwick parish. Mr Hedley [Thomas F Hedley] had offered to conduct the valuation for £115. 131 ratepayers signed a petition to reject the application. The resolution of the Assessment Committee was supported by the Guardians.	2 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/717	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Johnson, Sea House, Scremerston, in reply to his note of 6 Feb. 1863. The Assessment Committee will examine the Overseers' lists and the error which he has pointed out will be brought to their attention.	7 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/718	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [G A Grey], Milfield Hill, Wooler, requesting on behalf of the Assessment Committee information about property in the parish of Ancroft belonging to Lord Grey, specifically the rents of the farms and tithe rent charges.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/719	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, reminding him of the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and requesting payment of funds.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/720	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Ian Boak, Assistant Overseer, Duddo, informing him of the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and requesting production of his rate book and returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/721	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Grindon, reminding them of the need to send in their assessment list in time for the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee. Failure to do so will result in a summons before the Justices, under section 40 of the new Assessment Act; this has already occurred in an adjoining union.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/722	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Loanend, asking them to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring their rate book and recent	11 Feb. 1863

	returns from ratepayers.	
GBR 81/723	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Longridge, asking them to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring their rate book and recent returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/724	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Paxton, Assistant Overseer, Horncliffe, asking him to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring his rate book and recent returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/725	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Thornton, asking them to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring their rate book and recent returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/726	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [John Todd Smith], Assistant Overseer, Holy Island, asking him to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring his rate book and recent returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/727	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Felkington, asking them to attend the forthcoming meeting of the Assessment Committee, and to bring their rate book and recent returns from ratepayers.	11 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/728/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J H Crean, Clerk of the Guardians, North Dublin Union, enclosing a Post Office order for £3/10/- to pay for the expenses of removal of [Jane Nary], as per Commissioners' Certificate.	16 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/728/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill on London for £126/11/1 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	16 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/729	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Strother, cabinet maker, Hide Hill, stating that his tender has been accepted to provide coffins until 26 September 1863, including church dues: still-born @ 5/6 each; 3 feet long @ 11/3 each; 3 to 5 feet long @ @ 13/6 each; 5 feet & upwards @ 17/3 each.	16 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/730	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Winship], Morpeth, requesting details of the rent of Grindon Farm, occupied by E Black [Ebenezer Black], the amount of tithes or other payments made by the landlord, and the amount of drainage interest paid by the tenant.	19 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/731	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Moor, Overseer of the Poor, Longridge, asking to know the length of the railway in his township, so that his completed list may be put before the Assessment Committee.	19 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/732	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Younger, Overseer of the Poor, Loanend, reporting that the Treasurer's error in crediting £15 to Berwick parish instead of Loanend has been corrected. Younger is asked to supply for the Assessment Committee details of the rents, drainage interest, and tithes on properties, and also the length of the railway in the township.	19 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/733	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Ian Boak, Assistant Overseer, Duddo, requesting details of rents paid, drainage interest paid by the tenant, and tithes paid by the landlord in the case of Messrs White, Carr, and Scremerston Coal Co.	19 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/734	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, asking him to attend the forthcoming	26 Feb. 1863

	meeting of the Assessment Committee and to bring his rate books, the valuation schedule prepared by Mr Hedley [Thomas F Hedley], and recent returns from ratepayers.	
GBR 81/735/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Winship], Morpeth, requesting for the Assessment Committee a reply to the letter of 19 February 1863.	26 Feb. 1863
GBR 81/735/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne enclosing a cheque for £147/16/- for the county rate.	2 March 1863
GBR 81/736	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing the terms for the proposed appointment of Medical Officers for East and West Northhamshire Districts.	4 March 1863
GBR 81/737	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, asking him to attend the forthcoming Assessment Committee for the examination of his assessment list.	9 March 1863
GBR 81/738	Letter from Henry John Williams, to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Northam, stating that he had sent Fanny Sutherland to [Miss Hunter's], where she was hired from week to week. A list of payments for Cornhill is given.	9 March 1863
GBR 81/739	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Shaw & Sons, 137 Fetter Lane, London, enclosing postage stamps for 6/6 for the enclosed account.	16 March 1863
GBR 81/740	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing details of the proposed appointments of Medical Officers. They will be limited to one year for Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull] because he is not resident in his district, and for Mr Paxton [John Paxton] who is qualified to practise surgery only.	16 March 1863
GBR 81/741	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], surgeon, Northam, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for East Northhamshire District, at a salary of £33 per annum, until 25 March 1864 only since he is not fully qualified to practise both medicine and surgery.	16 March 1863
GBR 81/742	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for West Northhamshire District, at a salary of £8 per annum, until 25 March 1864 only since he is not resident in his district.	16 March 1863
GBR 81/743/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Paxton, Horncliffe, in reply to his note, stating that he should base his new rate on the old list since the new assessment has not been legally deposited.	25 March 1863
GBR 81/743/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, asking him to attend the forthcoming Assessment Committee with his rate book and any recent returns from ratepayers.	26 March 1863
GBR 81/744	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Purves, grocer, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with no.2 barley (@35/- per sack), treacle (@ 1/11 per stone), rice (@ 16/- per cwt), sago (@ 3d per lb).	31 March 1863
GBR 81/745	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Johnson & Co, brewers, Palace, stating that their tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with XX Ale (@ 48/- per barrel).	31 March 1863
GBR 81/746	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer, informing him that outdoor contracts for 3 months	31 March 1863



	have been made with John Crosby for bread and oatmeal, with John Blakey for tea and sugar, and with George Winlaw for shoes. He is also reminded of the forthcoming School Committee.	
GBR 81/747	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@ 6d for 4 lbs), indoor seconds bread (@ 5d for 4 lbs), outdoor seconds bread (@ 4 lb 12oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lb 14oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	31 March 1863
GBR 81/748	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the owners of Scremerston etc Collieries, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coals.	31 March 1863
GBR 81/749	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@ 8/9 per stone), houghs (@ 3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@ 8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	31 March 1863
GBR 81/750	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Cowe, grocer, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with coffee (@ 1/4 per lb), chicory (@ 4½d per lb), roll tobacco (@ 3/10 per lb), snuff (@ 3/5 per lb), pepper (@ 1/- per lb), stove salt (@ 2/- per cwt), 4cwt soap (@ 33/- per cwt).	31 March 1863
GBR 81/751/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Publisher, Northern Daily Express, requesting the insertion of the enclosed advertisement.	31 March 1863
GBR 81/751/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Publisher, Northern Daily Journal, requesting the insertion of the enclosed advertisement.	31 March 1863
GBR 81/752	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting that Thomas Cairns, Relieving Officer of Berwick-upon-Tweed District has resigned, and that an advertisement for the vacant post has been ordered.	6 April 1863
GBR 81/753/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	13 April 1863
GBR 81/753/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth has visited the pauper lunatic Jane Robson and is entitled to the usual fee.	14 April 1863
GBR 81/754/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth has visited the pauper lunatic John Mahon and is entitled to the usual fee.	14 April 1863
GBR 81/754/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £113/5/3 for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum.	14 April 1863
GBR 81/755/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2 for salary due at Ladyday.	14 April 1863
GBR 81/755/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W C Probert, 35 Napier Street, Shieldfield, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], stating that he is on "the reduced list of candidates", but that his personal attendance on "the day of election" is not required because he lives at a distance and is well-known in the district.	22 April 1863

GBR 81/756/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Blakey, Western Lane, requesting his attendance on appointment day as a candidate for the post of Relieving Officer.	22 April 1863
GBR 81/756/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, Church Street, requesting his attendance on appointment day as a candidate for the post of Relieving Officer.	22 April 1863
GBR 81/757/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Ellison, High Street, requesting his attendance on appointment day as a candidate for the post of Relieving Officer.	22 April 1863
GBR 81/757/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [John Martin Todd], Ravensdowne, requesting his attendance on appointment day as a candidate for the post of Relieving Officer.	22 April 1863
GBR 81/758	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Pringle, schoolmaster, Bowsden,, Beal, requesting his attendance on appointment day as a candidate for the post of Relieving Officer.	22 April 1863
GBR 81/759	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 30 August 1862, 14033A/1862, concerning non-resident relief to the orphans Margaret and John Gilchrist. Relief to Margaret Gilchrist has been discontinued, but the Guardians wish to continue relief for John Gilchrist.	27 April 1863
GBR 81/760	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board returning the completed form sent with their letter of 9 April 1863, 11208B/1863. John Crosby was appointed [as Relieving Officer] out of 16 candidates. Permission is sought for one week's salary for Thomas Cairns while he initiates Crosby into his new duties.	27 April 1863
GBR 81/761	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Cairns, Golden Square, stating that sanction for a further week's salary has been sought from the Poor Law Board, and asking him to initiate Mr Crosby [John Crosby] into his new duties [as Relieving Officer].	27 April 1863
GBR 81/762	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Winter, Eastern Lane, stating that they have accepted his offer to take up the remainder of the John Crosby's contract to supply the Workhouse until 20 June with indoor fine bread (@6d for 4 lbs), indoor seconds bread (@ 5d per 4 lbs), outdoor seconds bread (@ 4 lb 12oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lb 14 oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	27 April 1863
GBR 81/763/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Clark, Relieving Officer, Chatburn, acknowledging his note and stating that it will be presented to the Guardians for an answer.	5 May 1863
GBR 81/763/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J A Wilson, solicitor, Alnwick, acknowledging his note of 2 May 1863, and enclosing a list of percentages of deductions adopted by the Assessment Committee to ascertain the rateable value of properties.	5 May 1863
GBR 81/764/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Aitchison, tailor, Belford, stating that the Belford Guardians have agreed that Michael Boland may be apprenticed to him. After the indentures are executed, he will be paid "the first moiety of the premium".	2 May 1863
GBR 81/764/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Clark, Relieving Officer, Chatburn, in reply to his note of 5 May 1863, stating that the Guardians refuse to pay non-settled relief for Jessie Wilkinson, and cannot agree to the pauper's return to Berwick Union.	11 May 1863
GBR 81/765	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to N E Hurst in reply to his letter of 5 May 1863, and stating that the number of Irish poor being relieved at present is 7 in	8 May 1863

	the Workhouse and 40 outdoor (heads of families). Many do not apply for regular relief until they have completed the necessary residence to render them irremovable.	
GBR 81/766-767	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 9 May 1863, 14806B/1863, approving the appointment of John Crosby as Relieving Officer. The Guardians propose to pay to Mr Cairns [Thomas Cairns] an amount equal to one week of his salary. A similar arrangement was approved when Cairns was appointed, by the Board's letter of 14 March 1862, 7180B/1862.	13 May 1863
GBR 81/768	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, Assistant Overseer, Norham, asking him to attend a meeting of the Guardians at which matters concerning the audit of accounts for his parishes will be considered.	19 May 1863
GBR 81/769/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, [County Treasurer], Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £369/10/1, being £295/12/7 for the county rate, and £73/17/6 for the police rate.	25 May 1863
GBR 81/769/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Carr, Gomersal, Leeds, about the pauper Margaret Fell residing in the Berwick Union. As she now has only one dependent child, the Guardians propose reducing her relief from 2/6 to 1/- per week.	25 May 1863
GBR 81/770/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson enclosing a cheque for £19/9/9 for poundage due to him.	25 May 1863
GBR 81/770/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to David Gibson, merchant, Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office.	25 May 1863
GBR 81/771	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [the Poor Law Board] acknowledging their letter of 19 May 1863, 17485/1863, about the district auditor's report of A Davidson [Alexander Davidson], rate collector, and enclosing a report of the Guardians' meeting on the matter. It also points out an error whereby the headings for Ancroft parish and Kyloe parish have been transposed.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/772	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mary Ann Thompkins stating that she is engaged as cook and servant to the matron of the Workhouse until 11 November 1863 for the sum of £8, after which her appointment will cease.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/773	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Twizel, noting their failure to pay to the treasurer any of the last call of £65, and requesting immediate payment. It also states that Mr Davidson [Alexander Davidson] "has again so misconducted himself" that he is suspended from his parochial offices.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/774	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Winter, carpenter, Norham, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/775	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John McLeod, Emerick, Norham, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/776	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Chisholm, Elwick, Beal, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for	26 May 1863

	misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	
GBR 81/777	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [George Smith], Ancroft, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/778	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Adam Darling, merchant, Palace, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/779	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Davidson, chemist, High Street, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/780	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Alexander Smith], Galagate House, Norham, informing him, as one of the sureties for Alexander Davidson, that the auditor has again reported Davidson for misconduct. The Guardians have suspended Davidson from parochial duties until the Poor Law Board's decision is received.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/781	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the reengagement of Mary Ann Thompkins as cook and servant to the matron of the Workhouse until 11 November 1863, for £8 with rations and lodging.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/782-783	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Norham, stating that the Poor Law Auditor had again complained about Alexander Davidson [Relieving Officer], of Norham. Among other deficiencies, Davidson had attended the audit "under the effects of liquor", and the accounts for Kylloe and Ancroft had not been properly and promptly completed. Davidson was suspended from his parochial offices pending the final decision of the Poor Law Board. A postscript notes that £65/13/7 of the last parish call for £75 has not been paid.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/784-785	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Ancroft, stating that the Poor Law Auditor had again complained about Alexander Davidson [Relieving Officer], of Norham. Among other deficiencies, Davidson had attended the audit "under the effects of liquor", and the accounts for Kylloe and Ancroft had not been properly and promptly completed. Davidson was suspended from his parochial offices pending the final decision of the Poor Law Board.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/786-787	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Kylloe, stating that the Poor Law Auditor had again complained about Alexander Davidson [Relieving Officer], of Norham. Among other deficiencies, Davidson had attended the audit "under the effects of liquor", and the accounts for Kylloe and Ancroft had not been properly and promptly completed. Davidson was suspended from his parochial offices pending the final decision of the Poor Law Board.	26 May 1863
GBR 81/788	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the Overseers of the Poor of Kylloe parish acknowledge the letter of 19 May 1863, 17485/1863 & 17486/1863, with an extract from the report of the District Auditor. They no longer have confidence in Mr Davidson [Alexander Davidson], and they think	29 May 1863

	that he should be dismissed.	
GBR 81/789	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Brown, Grays Inn, enclosing a bill on London for £78/5/10 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	8 June 1863
GBR 81/790	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-residential relief for Christian Wallace, an orphan aged 12, recently removed from Bedlington to Berwick. The Guardians wish to allow her to live with an aunt, wife of a pitman, in Bedlington, and propose relief of 2/- per week.	8 June 1863
GBR 81/791	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-residential relief for James McCall, aged 67, a widower recently removed Gateshead, Durham, to Tweedmouth. He wants to return to live with his daughter who is married to an engine-fitter in Gateshead, and the Guardians propose relief of 2/6 per week.	8 June 1863
GBR 81/792	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing details of the parochial offices held by A Davidson [Alexander Davidson].	8 June 1863
GBR 81/793	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Mary Bell, a widow aged 71, just removed from Cowpen to Tweedmouth. She wishes to return to Cowpen to live with a daughter, a dressmaker aged 19, and the Guardians propose relief of 2/- per week.	8 June 1863
GBR 81/794	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, in reply to their enquiry of 13 June 1863, 22671A/1863, about non-resident relief for Mary Bell. Bell's husband died at Blyth in Tynemouth Union about 18 months previously, and she was living with him at the time.	16 June 1863
GBR 81/795	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Winter, baker, Eastern Lane, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@6d per 4 lb loaf), indoor seconds bread (@5d per 4 lb loaf), outdoor seconds bread (4 lb 10oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lb 10oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	22 June 1863
GBR 81/796	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with rounds & flanks of beef (@8/9 per stone), houghs (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	22 June 1863
GBR 81/797	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk, County Asylum, Cottingwood, Morpeth, stating that the Guardians wanted William Clark to be removed to the Workhouse if the Medical Superintendent agreed. Clark was sent to the Asylum on 17 June 1863.	23 June 1863
GBR 81/798	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 16 June 1863, 22673B/1863, and enclosing a report of the Guardians' meeting about Alexander Davidson.	23 June 1863
GBR 81/799-800	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Ancroft, reporting that Alexander Davidson has resigned as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer. Instructions are given to prepare for the appointment of his successor by calling a vestry meeting; notices should be posted on the church door of Ancroft and Scremerston.	24 June 1863
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the	24 June 1863

81/801-802	Poor, Kyloe, reporting that Alexander Davidson has resigned as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer. Instructions are given to prepare for the appointment of his successor by calling a vestry meeting; notices should be posted on the door of the parish church. The Overseers are also reminded that £60/4/6 is still owed from the last call of the rates.	
GBR 81/803	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson informing him that the Guardians have accepted his resignation as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer for Ancroft, Kyloe, Norham and Norham Mains. He is asked to hand over to the overseers any books, papers and monies, while retaining his bonds until the next audit.	24 June 1863
GBR 81/804-805	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Norham Mains, reporting that Alexander Davidson has resigned as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer. Instructions are given to prepare for the appointment of his successor by calling a meeting for the township.	24 June 1863
GBR 81/806-808	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Norham, reporting that Alexander Davidson has resigned as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer. Instructions are given to prepare for the appointment of his successor by calling a vestry meeting. Remuneration in Ancroft, Kyloe, and elsewhere, is based on a certain poundage, and the same plan should be followed by Norham unless a special order is obtained from the Poor Law Board. The Overseers are reminded that £65/13/7 is still owed from the last rate call.	24 June 1863
GBR 81/809	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [William Crawford], Inspector of Poor, Dunse [Duns], replying to his letter of 29 June 1863, about Isabella Chadwick, or Isabella Sedgewick. Being able-bodied, she was not entitled to outdoor relief, and refused the offer of the Workhouse in Berwick. With regard to her place of settlement, English law differs from Scottish law in that it is to the birth parish that Scottish paupers may be removed.	3 July 1863
GBR 81/810	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 19 June 1863, 22672A/1863, about non-resident relief for James McCall. He became chargeable to Gateshead after an attack of rheumatics and cannot pursue his occupation of moulder. He has no dependent children, and his son-in-law is eager to assist him.	4 July 1863
GBR 81/811	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 19 June 1863, 22670A/1863, about non-resident relief for Christian Wallace. She was receiving relief in Berwick until May when she removed with her aunt to Bedlington. Assisting her aunt with her 5 children would give her better employment prospects than remaining in the Workhouse. There is no employment for such a child, of only moderate size, in the town or neighbourhood.	4 July 1863
GBR 81/812/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	6 July 1863
GBR 81/812/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Proprietor, Northern Daily Express, 12 Clayton Street, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing postage stamps for 14/- for the enclosed account.	6 July 1863
GBR 81/813	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Ancroft, stating that they have been authorized to take proceedings against Edward Wall, coalminer, for deserting his wife.	6 July 1863

	She has become an inmate of the workhouse chargeable to the parish.	
GBR 81/814	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for James Hermiston, aged 64, infirm and unable to work. He wishes to reside with a married daughter at Lucker, and the Guardians propose relief of 2/- per week.	7 July 1863
GBR 81/815	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for Ann Mossman, a widow aged 47, with one child aged 10, until recently resident in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and receiving relief of 1/6 per week. She has now moved to Great Ayton in Yorkshire, and the Guardians propose continuing relief at the same rate.	7 July 1863
GBR 81/816	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board referring to their letter of 22 December 1862, 44178A/1862, which approved non-resident relief for Ann Watson, She has now moved from Belford to Bamburgh, and the Guardians propose continuing relief of 4/- per week.	7 July 1863
GBR 81/817	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £123/9/3 for the maintenance of pauper lunatics in the County Asylum.	8 July 1863
GBR 81/818	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 4 July 1863, 25034B/1863, about the appointment of successors to Alexander Davidson. It seeks approval for the appointment of Henry John Williams as Collector of Rates for Kyloe parish.	10 July 1863
GBR 81/819-820	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board asking that the two children of Mary Ann Thompkins, cook and servant to the matron of the Workhouse, should be admitted to the Workhouse, because they were ill-cared for by the person in charge of them. Their mother would be asked to contribute to the cost of their maintenance, and since her present employment would end on 11 November, it would be only a temporary arrangement.	11 July 1863
GBR 81/821/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Good, mariner, 47 Gurney Street, Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough], asking him for payment of charges for the maintenance of his wife in the [County Asylum]: £11/4/-.	17 July 1863
GBR 81/821/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Tweedmouth, has visited the pauper lunatics Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	17 July 1863
GBR 81/822	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson], of Tweedmouth, has visited the pauper lunatic John Mahon, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	17 July 1863
GBR 81/823	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 14 July 1863, 27235B/1863, and sending details of the appointment of Henry John Williams as Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Kyloe. No qualified person is known to reside in Kyloe, and the rates are collected in Berwick Corn Market.	20 July 1863
GBR 81/824	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Gilchrist, Norham Castle, Norham, informing him that he has been appointed Collector of Rates for the township of Norham; details are given of his remuneration by a poundage on sums collected. He is asked to	21 July 1863

	name two sureties for a bond of £100. From his predecessor Alexander Davidson he should obtain and read Griffith's Instructions to Collectors, etc, as recommended by Mr Usher, auditor for the Union.	
GBR 81/825/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2/10/- for his salary and fees.	21 July 1863
GBR 81/825/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr George Wilson, Lowick, enclosing a Post Office order for 10/- as per enclosed account.	21 July 1863
GBR 81/826	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the appointment of John Gilchrist as Collector of Rates for the township of Norham.	22 July 1863
GBR 81/827	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Abraham Trousdale, Relieving Officer, Stokesley, Yorkshire, asking if there is any objection to Ann Mossman, a widow with one child, living with her father at Great Ayton while receiving non-resident relief.	25 July 1863
GBR 81/828	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Young Hattle, Grangeburn Mill, asking for payment of the overdue rent for Grangeburn Mill land. The insurance policy must be produced for the satisfaction of the Guardians.	28 July 1863
GBR 81/829-830	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 27 July 1863, 27050A/1863, with copies of two letters received from the Assistant Overseer of Tweedmouth parish [George Turner] concerning non-resident relief for Mary Bell. Details of the pauper's circumstances were given in letters of 8 and 16 June and their replies of 13 June, 22671A/1863, and 25 June, 23729A/1863. The Overseers of Tweedmouth had recommended against granting non-resident relief without giving reasons, but the Guardians, believing that there were personal differences between Turner and the pauper, had agreed to the request for relief.	30 July 1863
GBR 81/831	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 21 July 1863, 26884A/1863, about non-resident relief for Ann Mossman. The Guardians of the Stokesley Union have agreed to her residence in their union.	3 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/832	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 21 July 1863, 27353B/1863, about the admission to the Workhouse of the children of Mary Ann Thompkins, cook and assistant to the matron. Thompkins's elder child, a girl, is now in employment, and so only her son, aged 10, seeks admission to the Workhouse, for which she will pay 3/- per week.	3 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/833-834	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of non-resident relief for Ellen McAdam, a widow aged 78, infirm and subject to attacks of palsy. She has been living in Tweedmouth, her parish of settlement, with a married granddaughter who has now moved to Newcastle. She wishes to go to live with a daughter married to a quarryman in Alston, Cumberland, and the Guardians propose continuing relief of 2/6 per week.	3 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/835	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W F Blackett, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £80/6/5 for the police rate.	3 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/836	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board	6 Aug. 1863



	acknowledging their letter of 31 July 1863, 28614B/1863, and returning particulars of the appointment of John Gilchrist as Collector of Rates for the township of Norham.	
GBR 81/837	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Gilchrist, Assistant Overseer, Norham, stating that his appointment as Collector of Rates has now been confirmed by the Poor Law Board, and asking him to name the sureties for his bond.	18 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/838	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth, acknowledging the letter of 10 August 1863 about the pauper Charles Hunter McDonald. According to the Workhouse Medical Officer's report on his condition, Hunter was rightly admitted to and detained in the Workhouse.	18 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/839	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the [Reverend James Anderson], of Norham, stating that the requisition to the Overseers of Norham, signed by him and other ratepayers, concerning the nomination of a Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer, has been passed to the Guardians. Since the appointment of John Gilchrist is now fully confirmed by the Poor Law Board, further proceedings are useless.	18 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/840	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr A Kirkwood [Alexander Kirkwood] stating that he has been appointed with Mr Fleming and the Vicar as a committee to report on the Union's lunatics in the Northumberland County Asylum. The named inmates are: Mary Ann Temple, William Bartrim, James Finharty, George Todd, James Swinhoe, John Howe, Martha Forster, Isabella Mace, Agnes Pringle, Ann Graham, John Octon, Isabella Lough, Maria Hale, Ann Weir, Margaret Dryden, Jane Good, Mary Mather, Ann Robertson, John Marshall.	18 Aug. 1863
GBR 81/841-842	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting on the sum of money which has accumulated in the possession of the Overseers of Berwick parish in respect of Grangeburn Mill and land, whose lease was detailed in correspondence between February and April 1862. £300 was handed to the lessee who has now restored the mill to full working order. £250 remains with the Overseers to be dispersed for benefit of the parish.	1 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/843	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the County Asylum, Cottingwood, enclosing extracts from the report of the [Union's] committee appointed to visit the asylum, and requesting that approval for its proposals should be sought from the asylum's Visiting Committee.	15 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/844-845	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Neill, Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, concerning James Finharty, a deaf and dumb boy who was briefly admitted to the institution in October 1859 (at the age of 7), but on showing signs of insanity he was sent to the Northumberland County Asylum. A committee of Guardians with a Medical Officer have reported that he is now 'more quiet, orderly and tractable'. They request that he should again be admitted to the institution, for a payment of £12 per annum.	15 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/846-847	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary, Public Works Loan Commissioners, South Sea House, stating, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick parish, that they wish to repay the sum of £258/14/10, the balance of its proportion of the fourth Building Loan of £950 (no.1499). The Poor Law Board	16 Sept. 1863

	cannot order, but does not object to, the use of accumulated rents from parish property for this purpose. The consent of the Commissioners' Board is requested.	
GBR 81/848	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the Assessment Committee had resolved that the salary of [Edward Willoby] as clerk to the committee should be set at £50 per annum for two years. The Board's approval is sought in accordance with the Union Assessment Committee Act 1862 section 10.	22 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/849	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick parish, acknowledging his letter of 31 August 1863 about the use of money from the rent of Grangeburn Mill to pay the balance of the Overseers' share of the Building Loan. The Poor Law Board and the Loan Commissioners have agreed to this proposal, and the money should be transferred to their account with the Union treasurer.	22 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/850/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge and Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill at sight for £258/14/10 for payment to the Public Works Loan Commissioners, and requesting a proportionate reduction in future annual instalments.	28 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/850/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Good, 47 Gurney Street, Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough], stating that his wife Jane Good has been removed from the County Lunatic Asylum to the Workhouse in Berwick; she is much improved mentally but totally blind and unable to move without assistance. His contribution for her maintenance will be reduced from 8/- to 5/- per week.	28 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/851	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Purves, grocer, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 6 months with roll tobacco (@3/9 per lb), black snuff (@3/2 per lb), treacle (@1/11 per stone), sago (@2½d per lb).	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/852	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [illegible] stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with no.2 barley (@30/- per sack).	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/853	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Scremerston etc Coal Company stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 6 months with coals: Scremerston (@8/6) and Berwick Hill (@8/3) [quantity not stated].	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/854	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Elias Pearson, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with indoor bread (@5½d per 4 lbs), outdoor bread (@ 4 lbs 12oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lbs 14oz for 6d). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/855	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby, [Relieving Officer], informing him of the contracts agreed for the next 3 and 6 months: John Blakey (tea and sugar for the first 3 months). William Cowe (tea and sugar for the second 3 months). Elias Pearson (outdoor bread and oatmeal), John Richardson (shoes). T Cockburn and Son (port wine and spirits). George Brown (coffins).  Crosby's school accounts are requested.	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/856	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher,	29 Sept. 1863

	High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@8/5 per stone), houghs of beef (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	
GBR 81/857	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Brown, carpenter, Tweedmouth, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 6 months with coffins, including church dues: still-born @5/2 each; up to 3 feet @10/9 each; 3 to 5 feet @12/6 each; 5 to 7 feet @16/- each.	29 Sept. 1863
GBR 81/858	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [George Henry List], Head Constable for Berwickshire, about an illegal marriage made between [James Sommerville] and [Mary Beveridge], residents of Spittal in England. The ceremony was conducted by William Thompson, resident in Lamberton Toll, in the presence of Matthew Beveridge, the woman's father, and William Hardy. The Guardians request that legal action should be taken against Thompson if possible.	6 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/859/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a cheque for £2/15/-.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/859/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/860/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Elias Pearson, Church Street, referring to his note of 6 October 1863, and asking for information about his two proposed sureties who are unknown to the Workhouse Committee.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/860/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, enclosing a cheque for £8/5/- in payment of salary, and requesting his account for vaccination fees.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/861/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing an order on the Union Treasurer for £124/17/7 for maintenance of lunatics in the county asylum.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/861/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fee of 2/6.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/862	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson and Thomas Beveridge, pauper lunatics living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the usual fees.	12 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/863	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 3 October 1863, 35166B/1863, about the salary of [Edward Willoby] as clerk to the Assessment Committee. The valuation lists of parishes are now complete and the Board's approval for the proposed salary is requested.	13 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/864	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, of Norham, requesting his attention to the enclosed application form.	13 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/865	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, of Norham, asking him to attend the Poor Law Audit to answer any questions about the account of the parishes for which he was responsible. He is also requested to hand over the Monthly Statement Book for the parish of Ancroft.	19 Oct. 1863

GBR 81/866	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £80/6/5 for the police rate, and requesting a stamped receipt for this and a previous amount of £124/17/7.	26 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/867	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the appointment of Henry John Williams as Collector of Rates for Ancroft.	27 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/868	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the proposed increase of salary for the monitor in the Workhouse school.	27 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/869	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Davidson, of Norham, asking him to comply with the demand of the Guardians, and stating that otherwise proceedings will be taken against him.	27 Oct. 1863
GBR 81/870	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 3 November 1863, 39011/1863, and returning a completed appointment form for Henry John Williams as Collector of Poor Rates for Ancroft. Williams is at present Collector of Rates for the adjoining parish of Kyloe, whose rates are mainly collected at Berwick Corn Market.	4 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/871	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Rees Evans, of Castlegate, stating that his request to use the Workhouse school for a night school has been rejected following objections from the Poor Law Board.	9 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/872	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Gilchrist stating that his request to use the Workhouse school for a Sunday school has been rejected following objections from the Poor Law Board.	9 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/873-874	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [George Henry List], Chief Constable of Berwickshire, Dunse [Duns], about a recent increase in the problem of vagrancy and attendant crime, and the need for effective means to make a vagrant leave the town after receiving proper relief. He is asked to describe the system which has been successfully adopted in Berwickshire and Lothian.	[Nov. 1863]
GBR 81/875/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the clerk to the Justices, Leeds, asking for a copy of the depositions taken in the case of Jane Forster, a pauper lunatic, when the order concerning her chargeability to [Berwick Union] was made on 5 November.	24 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/875/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Gibson, merchant, of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for a half-year's rent of the Register Office.	23 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/876	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Gilchrist, Norham Castle, informing him of his appointment as Collector of Rates for the township of Norham Mains. He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £100. A postscript asks him to attend the next Petty Sessions to obtain his appointment as Assistant Overseer.	24 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/877	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval of the appointment of John Gilchrist as Collector of Rates for the township of Norham Mains.	24 Nov. 1863
GBR 81/878/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, asking him for the now overdue valuation list. Otherwise it will occasion a complaint to the Assessment Committee. Church door notices can be supplied if required.	3 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/878/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [Mary Ann Thompkins] stating that Mr Mitchell has conveyed [her] note of 26 November 1863. As [she] has not accepted the agreed terms of engagement,	27 Nov. 1863

	[she] cannot commence the duties of cook and servant to the matron [of the Workhouse], pending further instructions from the Guardians.	
GBR 81/879/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Barr, clerk to the Justices, Leeds, acknowledging receipt of depositions in the case of Jane Forster, a lunatic, and enclosing 7/6 in postage stamps for charges. It asks for the date of the next Quarter Sessions for the borough.	3 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/879/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, Assistant Overseer, Berwick, asking him for the now overdue valuation list. Otherwise it will occasion a complaint to the Assessment Committee. Church door notices can be supplied if required.	3 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/880/881	Letter, from the clerk to the Assessment Committee, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, to the Secretary, Electric and International Telegraph Company, Telegraph Street, London, acknowledging their letter of 20 November 1863 concerning the rating of the telegraph in certain townships on the North Eastern Railway included in the parish of Holy Island. The rate was properly set by the Overseers for whom Mr Smith [John Todd Smith] acts and was approved by the Assessment Committee. An appeal can be made at an adjourned special session of Justices on 6 January or at the next Quarter Sessions. A prior agreement of the new rate with Mr Smith is recommended.	3 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/882/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J A Woods [John A Woods], County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £160/13/5 in payment of the county rate.	7 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/882/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the clerk, Blackburn Union, stating that Margaret Gibson, a girl previously in their Workhouse, is now in [Berwick Workhouse]. She is subject to fits and is destitute, and an order is requested for her admission to Blackburn Union Workhouse.	7 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/883	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Brumell, clerk to the Guardians, Morpeth, noting that they had refused to pay for brandy granted by a medical certificate to a pauper named Cumberland. They should either provide the relief necessary to him in Berwick or remove him to their own Union.	7 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/884	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Foster [John Forster], 8 Mitchell Court, Fleece Lane, Leeds, stating that his wife has been judged chargeable to Berwick Union while confined in an asylum. He is asked what contribution he will make to her maintenance. He is also asked to say how she became insane and whether he can judge if the attack is likely to be temporary or permanent.	8 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/885	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge and Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, London, enclosing a bill on London for £89/2/2 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	8 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/886	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent, West Riding Lunatic Asylum, [Stanley-cum-Wrenthorpe], near Leeds, stating that Jane Forster, a pauper lunatic in the asylum, is chargeable to Berwick Union. It asks for an account of her condition and whether it is likely to be permanent or temporary.	15 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/887	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letters of 20 November 1863 and 15 December 1863, 30145B/1863, about the child of Mary Ann Thompkins, the	17 Dec. 1863

	cook at the Workhouse. Following a division of opinion among the Guardians about her re-appointment, she and her child left the workhouse on 11 November 1863, and her position remains under consideration.	
GBR 81/888	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the clerk to the Board of Guardians and Overseers, Leeds, enclosing a cheque for £1/15/-, directed by the Justices for repayment to them.	21 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/889	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Guardians for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@8/- per stone), houghs of beef (@4/- per stone), and legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	21 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/890	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Elias Pearson, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Guardians for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@5½d per 4 lbs), indoor seconds bread (@5d per 4 lbs), outdoor seconds bread (@4 lb 14 oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 3 lb 14 oz for 6d). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	21 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/891	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 23 November 1863 and the copy of the Officers' Superannuation Bill. They express their approval of it.	21 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/892	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that the Guardians have decided not to re-appoint Mary Ann Thompkins as cook at the Workhouse. It also asks whether any decisions about the appointment of officers under the General Consolidated Order, article 155, have been made since those referred to in Official Circular 55 (no.8) page 61.	26 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/893	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Nicoll, merchant of Dundee, in reply to his letter of 16 December 1863, and stating that it is too late to alter the amount of his assessment in the parish of Holy Island. However he should contact the Overseers of Holy Island who are preparing a 'Supplemental Valuation List' which may allow his rating to be reduced in a future rate.	29 Dec. 1863
GBR 81/894	[Content of letter is illegible.]	[Dec. 1863/Jan. 1864]
GBR 81/895	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 22 July 1863, and seeking approval to continue non-resident relief for Ann Watson at the rate of 4/- per week.	5 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/896	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, referring to their letter of 8 August 1863, 30001A/1863, and seeking approval of the continuation of non-resident relief for Ann Mossman at 1/- per week.	5 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/897-898	[Pages blank or illegible.]	
GBR 81/899/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner reminding him that three months of contributions are due from the friend of Mrs Dryden, towards the cost of her maintenance in an asylum.	6 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/899/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Good, 47 Gurney Street, Middlesboro' [Middlesbrough], enclosing an account for £8/9/- which is now due from him.	6 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/900/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic residing in the	9 Jan. 1864

	Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	
GBR 81/900/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, clerk to the Guardians, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited Jane Robson, a pauper lunatic residing in the Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	9 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/901	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [N E Hurst], Richmond, Yorkshire, stating that there have been two cases of arson in the neighbourhood in the last year. [In one case, the offenders had stayed the night in the Workhouse but left in the morning without carrying out labour. The other case had not been in the Workhouse and did not make any application to the Relieving Officer.]	9 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/902/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Forster, 8 Mitchell's Court, Fleece Lane, Leeds, accepting the offer, in his note of 12 January 1864, to pay 5/- per week towards the cost of his wife's maintenance [in an asylum]; the full cost is 14/- per week.	15 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/902/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £4/12/6.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/903	[Page is unused.]	
GBR 81/904/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, [County Treasurer], Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £114/10/9 for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/904/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/905	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mr Mitchell [James Mitchell], steward to David Crowe, Scremerston, asking what amount he proposes to contribute towards the maintenance of his son James in the County Lunatic Asylum.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/906	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a Post Office order for 15/- for the enclosed account.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/907	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 12 January 1864, [549A/1864], concerning non-resident relief for Ann Watson. The Guardians intend to discontinue relief on 12 May after which time she must do without or come to live within the Union. Meanwhile the relief should continue, and it is paid to the pauper's sister-in-law.	18 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/908	Letter from from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to [W G Marshall], Superintendent of Police, Lowick, reporting that the back lanes of the village of Norham 'are in a most filthy state', and that there is a considerable amount of sickness in the village. As Inspector of Nuisances, he is requested to attend to the matter.	20 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/909/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [James Mitchell], steward to D Crowe [David Crowe], Scremerston, accepting his offer to pay 4/- per week towards the maintenance of his son in the County Asylum.	25 Jan. 1864
GBR 81/909/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Paxton, of Norham, enclosing a cheque for £17/16/6 for salary and fees. The delay in sending the cheque was due to a shortage of the Treasurer's funds.	26 Jan. 1864
GBR	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr E A Leatham,	1 Feb. 1864

81/910/1	Treasurer of the Asylum, Wakefield, enclosing a cheque for £7 for maintenance of Jane Foster [Jane Forster] in the West Riding Lunatic Asylum.	
GBR 81/910/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to W G Marshall, [Superintendent of Police], Lowick, acknowledging his report on nuisances at Norham. He is asked to provide particulars of the offenders so that proceedings may be taken against them.	1 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/911	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Clerk to the Asylum, Cottingwood, asking for the permission of the Visiting Committee to remove Isabella Mace and Ann Robertson, either to the Workhouse or to the custody of friends, since they are much improved in mind and health.	2 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/912	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing for consideration a proposed amendment to the Union Assessment Committee Act 1862.	2 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/913/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Skelly, butcher, Church Street, asking, on behalf of the Overseers of Berwick Parish, that he should hand over £53 belonging to John McLain, an inmate of the Workhouse, for use towards his maintenance.	2 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/913/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to C A Cohen, General Register Office, London, asking for three copies of 'Gazeteer of Census 1861', part 4, and enclosing a Post Office order for 8/9.	2 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/914/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing the Guardians' order for £89/6/5 for the police rate.	5 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/914/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £160/13/5 in payment of the county rate.	15 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/915	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board enclosing a statement concerning the chargeability of Jane Tait, under 11 & 12 Vict cap 110 sect 4.	15 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/916	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking agreement to the transfer of 'certain monies invested on Mortgage Security', from the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed to the Guardians.	16 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/917/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Young Hattle, acknowledging his application for repairs and drainage at Grangeburn Mill.	16 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/917/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Paxton, Norham, noting that his appointment as Medical Officer is about to expire, and asking whether he now has a permanent qualification.	16 Feb. 1864
GBR 81/918-919	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Young Hattle about drainage and repairs at Grangeburn Mill. He is authorized to get further land drained, to employ John Brown, mason of Paxton, to rebuild a wall, and to repair the roof of the house.	1 March 1864
GBR 81/920	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [the Churchwardens and Overseers] of Berwick concerning Cowle's legacy, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Poor Law Board replying to the Guardians' application to have the mortgage security transferred to them. The Guardians cannot intervene further in the matter.	1 March 1864
GBR 81/922	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Younger, Overseer of the Poor, Loanend, enclosing his valuation lists signed by the Assessment Committee. The entry in the supplemental list for Mr Dunbar's farm has been erased as being improperly entered.	2 March 1864



	It also asks why the tenant William Pratt who occupies property of Dunbar is not assessed in the list.	
GBR 81/923	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, [London], enclosing a bill at sight for £122/18/10 for payment to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners.	7 March 1864
GBR 81/924	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, notifying him of the meeting to appoint a Medical Officer in his district. Since he is now qualified and entitled to a permanent appointment, he should attend in person with his diplomas.	9 March 1864
GBR 81/925	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the [Director], Charity Commission, London, on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick, enclosing a copy of correspondence between the Guardians and the Poor Law Board concerning a legacy to the parish from [Richard Cowle]. [Remainder of letter is unclear.]	10 March 1864
GBR 81/926	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, signed by Henry John Williams, to the Poor Law Board, seeking approval of the appointments of Medical Officers for the districts of East and West Northamptonshire.	15 March 1864
GBR 81/927	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, stating that he has been appointed as Medical Officer for West Northamptonshire District at a salary of £8 per annum. The appointment is limited to one year since he is not resident in his district. He is asked to name his deputy.	15 March 1864
GBR 81/928	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, in reply to his letter of 15 March 1864 requesting that his appointment [as Medical Officer] should be made permanent. It proposes raising the issue at the next renewal, since Dr Paxton [John Paxton] has now obtained a permanent appointment.	17 March 1864
GBR 81/929	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J T Smith [John Todd Smith], of Goswick, stating that his supplemental list will be submitted to the next meeting of the Assessment Committee. He must send in the original valuation list and explain the corrections.	17 March 1864
GBR 81/930	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Norham, enclosing the medical contracts of Dr Paxton [John Paxton] and Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], together with his new bond for execution. He is asked to supply the accounts for the next meeting of the School Committee, and to tick the Indoor Relief List.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/931	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J T Smith [John Todd Smith], of Goswick, stating that the Holy Island valuation lists have been sent by rail. The publican whose rate has been increased can appeal to the Justices if necessary. Arrangements for Smith's resignation as Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer, and for the nomination of his successor, are outlined.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/932	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Crosby listing the Union contractors relevant to him with their agreed prices: Thomas Darling (beef and mutton), Elias Pearson (bread and oatmeal), William Cowe (tea and sugar), John Richardson (shoes), George Brown (coffins). It also asks him to provide his accounts for the School Committee, and to tick the Indoor Relief List.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/933	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Blakey, grocer, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Workhouse for 6 months with pepper (@1/0½d per lb), and starch	29 March 1864

	(@6d per lb).	
GBR 81/934	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Thomas Darling, butcher, Woolmarket, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@7/11 per stone), houghs (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton (@8d per lb). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/935	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Brown, carpenter, Tweedmouth, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Guardians for 6 months with coffins, including church dues: still-born @5/2 each, up to 3 feet @10/9 each, 3 to 5 feet @12/6 each, 5 to 7 feet @ 16/- each.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/936	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Elias Pearson, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@5½d per 4 lbs), indoor seconds bread (@5d per 4 lbs), outdoor seconds bread (@4 lb 12oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@4 lb 12oz for 6d). He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £40.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/937/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing an order for £7/8/- and postage stamps for 2/- in settlement of the enclosed account.	29 March 1864
GBR 81/937/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to [name illegible], Newcastle, enclosing a cheque for £11/4/11. 'the amount of your account against the Belford Highway Board'. [Annotated in pencil: copied by mistake.]	30 March 1864
GBR 81/938	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board reporting the resignation of John Todd Smith as Collector of Rates for the parish of Holy Island. Smith has been appointed Surveyor of Roads to the Belford Highway Board. The Guardians will appoint his successor when the parochial authorities have nominated a suitable candidate.	30 March 1864
GBR 81/939/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J A Wilson, clerk to the Guardians, Alnwick, in reply to his letter of 30 March 1864, referring to the Assessment Act. Edward Willoby states that the committee proposed to pay him £50 per annum for the first two years, but the Poor Law Board approved the first year only.	1 April 1864
GBR 81/939/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited the pauper lunatic John Mahon residing in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	9 April 1864
GBR 81/940/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2 in payment of his salary.	12 April 1864
GBR 81/940/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to J Paxton [John Paxton], of Norham, enclosing a cheque for £10/15/- in payment of his salary.	12 April 1864
GBR 81/941/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, 17 Duke Street, Edinburgh, enclosing a banker's draft for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	12 April 1864
GBR 81/941/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £120/11/2 for maintenance of lunatics in the county asylum.	13 April 1864
GBR 81/942	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John R Legge, Houghton le Spring, stating that the Assessment Committee have paid	23 April 1864

	Edward Willoby one year's salary of £50, determined by estimating the amount of work performed.	
GBR 81/943	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Elswith, fruiterer, Burns Entry, Market Place, Hull, requesting payment of £1/2/8 expenses incurred during the illness and death of his late wife. This is itemised as: brandy and medicine @ 3/-, coals and other necessities @ 5/6, cotton for shroud @ 2/6, nurse for 14 days and nights @ 11/8.	25 April 1864
GBR 81/944	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Brown, mason, of Paxton, referring to his tender for rebuilding the wall at Grangeburn Mill. It states that since he offered to do this for 10d per yard lineal, Mr Hattle [Young Hattle] was not authorised to pay more than this on the authority of the parish [of Berwick-upon-Tweed].	25 April 1864
GBR 81/945	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Holy Island, referring to the nomination of Mr Gardner as Collector of Rates in succession to J T Smith [John Todd Smith]. Gardner requested an increase of £3 in the salary to cover the additional duties imposed by the new Highway Act, and the Overseers should call a vestry meeting to ascertain the opinion of the ratepayers.	26 April 1864
GBR 81/946-947	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, seeking approval of non-resident relief for Mary Thompson, aged 70, a widow resident in Tweedmouth for nine years with her married daughter and her coalminer husband. She now wishes to go to live with them at Broomhill Colliery near Acklington in the Morpeth Union. The Guardians wish to continue relief to her at 2/6 per week.	28 April 1864
GBR 81/948-949	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board requesting approval for the proposal to increase the salary of the Collector of Rates and Assistant Overseer of the parish of Cornhill.	28 April 1864
GBR 81/950/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Brown, mason, of Paxton, in reply to his note of 2 May 1864, stating that the Guardians cannot legally pay him more than the amount of his tender for the Grangeburn Mill wall; if he should 'interfere with the wall to reduce it', he will do so at his peril.	9 May 1864
GBR 81/950/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr E A Leatham, Treasurer, West Riding Lunatic Asylum, enclosing a cheque for £4/7/- for the maintenance of Jane Forster in the asylum.	9 May 1864
GBR 81/951/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £80/6/5 in payment of the police rate.	9 May 1864
GBR 81/951/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing postage stamps for 2/6 for the fee due in the case of Elizabeth Tindle.	9 May 1864
GBR 81/952	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary at War, War Office, Whitehall, [London], seeking approval of a proposal concerning the chargeability of an 'out pensioner' named James Purvis. The pension was granted on 28 March 1821 on the pauper's discharge from the '7 <sup>th</sup> Vet <sup>n</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> ' commanded by Colonel Muir.	10 May 1864
GBR 81/953	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Edinburgh, asking if he will admit, and upon what terms, William Purvis, aged 9, deaf and dumb (reputedly from scarlet fever at 14 months). He is the second youngest of seven children of William Purvis, a carter.	10 May 1864

GBR 81/954	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent, Deaf and Dumb Institution, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], asking if he will admit, and upon what terms, William Purvis, aged 9, deaf and dumb (reputedly from scarlet fever at 14 months). He is the second youngest of seven children of William Purvis, a carter.	10 May 1864
GBR 81/955-956	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the admission to an institution for the deaf and dumb of William Purvis, aged 9, the second youngest of seven children of William Purvis, a labourer living in Tweedmouth, who is now ill and unable to work and is supported by three sons working at Tweed Iron Works. The Edinburgh Institute for the Deaf and Dumb would charge £10 per annum, and the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at [Newcastle-upon-Tyne] would charge £12/10/- per annum. A preference is expressed Edinburgh where another pupil is already maintained.	12 May 1864
GBR 81/957-958	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Alexander Wilson, Holy Island, referring to his note of 12 May 1864, and stating that a proper resolution must be certified by the chairman of the ratepayers' meeting so that it can be put before the Guardians. He is reminded that nothing has been paid to the Union Treasurer for the outstanding call of £115, and a further call is soon due.	14 May 1864
GBR 81/959	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Kent, clerk to Northumberland County Asylum, concerning Jane Smith, a pauper lunatic in the asylum. The Guardians' application for an order of maintenance against her alleged husband William Smith was dismissed on the grounds that a former husband named Robertson was still living. Her name therefore appears to be Jane Robertson.	16 May 1864
GBR 81/960/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a cheque for £241/-/4 in payment of the County Rate.	23 May 1864
GBR 81/960/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Gibson, of Belford, enclosing a cheque for £6 for the rent of the Register Office.	23 May 1864
GBR 81/961/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Dr E A Leatham, Treasurer to the West Riding Lunatic Asylum, asking for the receipt for payment made on 9 May 1864.	26 May 1864
GBR 81/961/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Thompson, of Castlegate, stating that the Poor Law Board have objected to one of his sureties, James Sanderson. He is asked to nominate another to join [Andrew Thompson] as surety for a united bond of £300 instead of two bonds of £200 each.	7 June 1864
GBR 81/962	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for non-resident relief for Jane Clark, a widow aged 67, who wishes to go to live with her son, an engine fitter at West Hartlepool [County Durham]. The Guardians propose relief of 2/- per week.	7 June 1864
GBR 81/963	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Superintendent of the Yorkshire Institution for Deaf and Dumb, Doncaster, asking if he can admit, and on what terms, William Purvis, aged 9 and deaf and dumb (said to be from scarlet fever at 14 months old). He is the second youngest of seven children of William Purvis, a carter.	7 June 1864
GBR 81/964	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Neill, Deaf and Dumb Institution, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that the Poor Law Board have refused to allow the Guardians to pay the sum required for the admission of William Purvis.	10 June 1864

GBR 81/965	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to George Turner, Assistant Overseer, Tweedmouth, asking him to attend a meeting of the Assessment Committee for the examination of the Supplemental List for his parish.	16 June 1864
GBR 81/966	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Elias Pearson, baker, Church Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with indoor fine bread (@5½d per 4 lbs), indoor seconds bread (@5d per 4 lbs), outdoor seconds bread (@ 4 lb 12oz for 6d), outdoor oatmeal (@ 4 lb 12oz for 6d). He is asked to name 2 sureties for a bond of £40.	21 June 1864
GBR 81/967	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Neill, Superintendent of Deaf and Dumb Institution, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Poor Law Board about 'the boy Purves' [William Purvis], and suggesting that his institution would benefit from being certified by the Poor Law Board for the admission of pauper children.	21 June 1864
GBR 81/968	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Carr, Printing Court Buildings, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Captain John Gay, late master of the Toronto, is now a lunatic confined in the Northumberland County Asylum, and maintained at the expense of Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. It requests that the money due to him should be handed over, to assist in his maintenance.	21 June 1864
GBR 81/969	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to James Smith, butcher, High Street, stating that his tender has been accepted to supply the Union for 3 months with rounds and flanks of beef (@8/5 per stone), houghs (@3/9 per stone), legs of mutton and suet (@8d per lb).	21 June 1864
GBR 81/970	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Holy Island, sending back for their consideration the appointment of a Collector of Rates, and suggesting a discussion with their Guardian Mr Embleton. It adds that the amended Highway Bill, now before Parliament, would, for Holy Island, place the duty of collecting highway rates on the Waywarden and not on the Overseers or their Collector.	21 June 1864
GBR 81/971	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to R B Weatherhead [Robert Bontein Weatherhead], of Ravensdowne, stating that he has been named as solicitor in the case of larceny, Regina v Robert Bates, at the next Quarter Sessions. It lists the fees payable for the depositions in this and two other cases: Regina v Terence Daley - £1/9/- Regina v Maxwell - £2/11/4 Regina v Bates - £1/5/8	22 June 1864
GBR 81/972	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Secretary of State for War, War Office, Whitehall, London, asking for permission to use the Government Hospital in Berwick-upon-Tweed to receive people with smallpox which is now prevalent in the town.	22 June 1864
GBR 81/973-974	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board stating that smallpox is now prevalent in the town especially among outdoor paupers. Some have been admitted to the Workhouse hospital but lack of space makes another place of treatment desirable to control the spread of the disease. An application has been made to the Secretary at War for temporary use of the Government Hospital attached to the Barracks, which is now used only for the Militia who have completed their training. A Committee of Guardians and the Local Board of Health are urging the vaccination of children and the cleansing and ventilation of houses of infected persons. Further advice is sought from the Board.	22 June 1864

GBR 81/975	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letters of 6 April 1864 and 22 June 1864, 10768B/1864, stating that the Guardians are not yet satisfied about the nomination for, and salary of, a Collector of Poor Rates for Holy Island.	23 June 1864
GBR 81/976	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Aldridge & Bromley, 1 South Square, Grays Inn, [London], enclosing a banker's draft for £50/14/-, for payment to the Public Works Loan Commissioners.	24 June 1864
GBR 81/977	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 1 July 1864, and stating that the Guardians believe that the Overseers of the Poor for the parish of Holy Island are collecting the poor rates.	5 July 1864
GBR 81/978	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Holy Island, enclosing the Supplemental List as amended by the Assessment Committee so that the ratepayers have the opportunity to object to the alteration.	5 July 1864
GBR 81/979	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Ingledew & Daggett, solicitors, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in reply to their letter of 6 July 1864, concerning the lunatic [John Gay]. It states that the Guardians applied to Mr Carr [John Carr] because under 12 & 13 Vict cap 103 sect 16 they were entitled to recover money due to a pauper chargeable to their Union. Such money would be used for Gay's expenses, and in the unlikely event of his recovery any balance would be handed over to him.	7 July 1864
GBR 81/980/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to G Forster, clerk to the Guardians, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, stating that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] has visited John Mahon, a pauper lunatic living in Tweedmouth and Islandshire District, and he is entitled to the fee of 2/6.	14 July 1864
GBR 81/980/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to M J Turnbull [Matthew James Turnbull], of Coldstream, enclosing a Post Office order for £2/10/- in payment of his salary and fees.	18 July 1864
GBR 81/981/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mr Lamb, innkeeper, High Street, returning the accounts which he submitted to the Finance Committee, who say that they have no funds which can be used for payment.	18 July 1864
GBR 81/981/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to D J Moncrieff, Edinburgh, enclosing a bill at sight for £6/5/- for maintenance of Hannah Jamieson in the Royal Edinburgh Asylum.	18 July 1864
GBR 81/982	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to William Wightman, Wooler, reporting that Dr Wilson [James Wilson] of Tweedmouth has visited Jane Robson, a pauper lunatic, and he is entitled to the usual fee.	18 July 1864
GBR 81/983-984	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board seeking approval for the payment of £5 to convey a pauper and her family to Glasgow from where they propose to sail to Canada on 12 August 1864. Sarah Scott, a widow aged 43, and her children Andrew, aged 6, and Mary, aged 4, currently chargeable to the Common Fund, wish to join her brother, a farmer in Canada West, who has offered to pay for their passage.	19 July 1864
GBR 81/985	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Ingledew & Daggett, solicitors, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in reply to their letter of 8 July 1864, and enclosing an account of expenses incurred in relation to Gay [John Gay], a lunatic. The total of £2/16/- is made up	

	of amounts paid to John Crosby, Relieving Officer, and to the Treasurer of the County Asylum for Lunatics. [Folio 985 is bound after Folio 986.]	
GBR 81/986/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Robson, writer, Kelso, enclosing a copy of a document ('an authority') relating to the deeds of some property in Kirk Yetholm which are said to be in his possession. It asks whether he is willing to hand over the deeds.	19 July 1864
GBR 81/986/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for £129/12.6 for maintenance of lunatics in the County Asylum.	19 July 1864
GBR 81/987/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Williamson, Inspector of Poor, Greenlaw, by Dunse [Duns], in reply to his letter of 19 July 1864 concerning the pauper Ralph Colthart. It says that the Guardians are 'not empowered to accept Scotch paupers', and that the law provides for those who are removable to England.	21 July 1864
GBR 81/987/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Robson, writer, Kelso, acknowledging his letter of 20 July 1864 about the title deeds of Falla's property. It asks for a statement of the advances made by Mr Brooks to Falla.	21 July 1864
GBR 81/988	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 26 July 1864, [29654D/1864], concerning the proposed emigration to Canada of Sarah Scott, a widow, and her two children. The sum proposed to be paid is to cover clothing, bedding and conveyance to Glasgow. If they are not ready to sail on 12 August, the passage money already paid by their Canadian friends will be forfeited.	1 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/989	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Charles Blyth [senior], Kirk Yetholm, further to the note delivered by Mr Mitchell. Since Mr Brook's estate claims a large amount in respect of the property, payment should be made to Mr Robson in Kelso, and any balance will be received on behalf of Falla's widow.	8 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/990-992	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board, acknowledging their letter of 8 August 1864, 30919/1864, concerning the emigration of Sarah Scott and her two children. It questions the conditions imposed for the payment of money for travel to Glasgow, and explains that the money has now been paid, because of the urgency of the situation and 'to avoid an act of cruelty'. [Folio 991 is missing.]	9 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/993	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Williamson, Inspector of Poor, Greenlaw, by Dunse [Duns], acknowledging his letter of 5 August 1864 concerning the pauper Ralph Coltherd [Ralph Colthart] and his wife. It states that the Guardians are not able to give outdoor relief to paupers resident in Scotland.	13 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/994/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Overseers of the Poor, Holy Island, stating that Robert Stamp has been appointed Collector of Poor Rates for the parish at a salary of £15 per annum.	15 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/995-996	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Robert Stamp, Holy Island, stating that he has been appointed Collector of Poor Rates for Holy Island at a salary of £15 per annum. He is asked to name two sureties for a bond of £100. The appointment excludes collection of Highway Rates, which under the Highway Act becomes the duty of the Waywardens. He should obtain his appointment as Assistant Overseer from the Justices in Petty Sessions.	16 Aug. 1864
GBR 81/998	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board	29 Aug. 1864

	acknowledging their letter of 23 May 1864, 17226B/1864, concerning the sureties for John Thompson, Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed. It is now proposed that the sole surety for a bond of £400 should be Andrew Thompson, who is currently the Mayor of Berwick-upon-Tweed.	
GBR 81/999	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John Wood, carter, asking why he removed Edward McFagan from Ladykirk [Berwickshire] where he had been ill for a week. He is now chargeable to the Union, and is in the Workhouse with a contagious fever that is dangerous to the other inmates.	6 Sept. 1864
GBR 81/1000	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 3 September 1864, 33674B/1864, concerning John Thompson, Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick-upon-Tweed. He has now named Thomas Cockburn, wine and spirit merchant, as his surety in place of James Sanderson.	12 Sept. 1864
GBR 81/1001	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to the Poor Law Board acknowledging their letter of 17 September 1864, 34887B/1864, stating that the bond of security has been executed for John Thompson, Collector of Poor Rates.	22 Sept. 1864
GBR 81/1002	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Mr Marshall, Superintendent of Police, Lowick, stating that because of an alarming increase of smallpox on Holy Island a Committee of Guardians intends to inspect the island for 'nuisances'. Marshall, as Inspector of Nuisances, is asked to join them, and not to give anyone prior notice of the visit.	26 Sept. 1864
GBR 81/1003/1	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to John A Woods, County Treasurer, [Newcastle-upon-Tyne], enclosing a cheque for [£241/0/4] in payment of the county rate.	26 Sept. 1864
GBR 81/1003/2	Letter from Berwick-upon-Tweed Union to Messrs Knight & Co, 90 Fleet Street, London, enclosing a Post Office order for £2/13/- in payment of enclosed accounts.	26 Sept. 1864