

## GBF 10: Board of Guardians Minutes, Belford Poor Law Union

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Volume	GBF 10	Belford Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Belford Union, and correspondence (annexed letters) inserted after each Board meeting.	<p>The Belford Union consisted of the following parishes and townships: Adderstone; Bamburgh; Beadnell; Belford (2 Guardians elected); Bradford; Budle; Burton; Chathill; Detchant; Easington; Easington Grange; Elford; Ellingham; Elwick; Fleetham; Glororum; Hoppen; Lucker; Middleton; Monk's House; Mousen; Newham; Newstead; Ouchester; Preston; Ratchwood; Ross; Shoston or Shoreston; Spindleston; Sunderland; Swinhoe; Tughall; Warenford; Warenton.</p> <p>During the period covered by this volume, the following people served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union. Guardians were elected each year in April. Guardians (with profession, place of residence if known, parish represented and years elected):</p> <p>Robert Atkinson, farmer, Birchwood Hall, Ratchwood, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.            John Edward Bowey, farmer, West Hall, Belford, 1886;            James Brewis, farmer, Chathill, Chathill, 1883; 1884; 1885.            James Brown, farmer, Spindleton, Spindleton, 1884;1885;1886.            Henry Burn, farmer, Glororum, Glororum, 1883; 1884.            William Carr, farmer, Hen Hill, Chathill, Newham, 1887; 1888.            Albert Chirnside, farmer, Newstead, 1882; 1883;1884; 1885.            James Chirnside, farmer, Newham Hall, Newham, 1882; 1883; 1884.            Thomas Cowle, farmer, Newham Buildings, Newham, 1888.            William Clark, farmer, Mousen, Mousen, 1883; 1884.            George Edward Coxen, farmer, Outchester, Outchester, 1883; 1884.            George Dryden, farmer, Tughall Grange, Tughall, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.            John Fletcher Dryden, Tughall Grange, Tughall, 1886; 1887.            James Ewing, merchant, North Sunderland, Sunderland, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.            Thomas Ferguson, farmer, Middleton Farm, Middleton, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.            Andrew Forster, Swinhoe Farm, Detchant, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.            George Gibson, banker, Belford, Belford, 1882; 1883; 1884.            William Graham, farmer, Tughall, Tughall, 1888.            Matthew Robert Gray, farmer, Ellington, 1887; 1888.            James Hall, gentleman, Belford, Preston, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.</p>	18 Oct. 1882-31 May 1888

		<p>Alexander Macfarlan Hardie, farmer, Ross, Ross, 1883; 1884; 1885.  John Harnie, farmer, Ducksfield, Budle, 1887; 1888.  John Hunter, farmer, Easington Grange, Middleton, 1887; 1888.  Thomas Hutchinson, farmer, Manor Hall, Bamburgh, 1886; 1887; 1888.  John Robson Johnson, gentleman, Northumberland, Elford, 1887; 1888.  Robert Kirkup, farmer, Ellingham, Ellingham, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.  James Laing, farmer, Burton; 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886; 1887; 1888.  William Nangreave, farmer, Preston, Preston, 1888.  Anthony Marshall, captain, Annstead, Chathill, Beadnell, 1883; 1884; 1885.  James Maule, farmer, Warenford, Warenford, 1884; 1885; 1886.  Arthur Octavius Medd, vicar, Bamburgh, Spindleton, 1883; 1884; 1885.  Robert Millican, farmer, East Fleetham, Fleetham, 1882; 1883; 1884.  William Millican, farmer, Easington, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886.  William Milliken, farmer, Swinhoe, Swinhoe, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.  Anthony Frederick Nichol, farmer, Bradford, Bradford, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886;  1887; 1888.  Richard Redpath, farmer, Easington Demesne, Easington, 1883; 1884.  Adam Robertson, farmer, Mousen, Mousen, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885; 1886; 1887;  1888.  George Robertson, farmer, Belford Moor, Belford, 1883; 1884.  James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson, farmer, Budle House, Budle, 1882;  1883; 1884; 1885.  James Scott, farmer, Chesters, Easington Grange, 1882; 1883; 1884.  Robert John Graham Simmonds, gentleman, Harelaw, Ellingham, Ellingham, 1888.  Robert Stevenson, farmer, Elwick, Elwick, 1882; 1883; 1884.  Simon Stobbs, farmer, Outchester Manor, Outchester, 1885; 1886.  Alfred John Joseph Thompson, farmer, New Shoston, Shoston, 1882; 1883; 1884;  1885.  Hugh Thompson, farmer, West Field, North Sunderland, Monk's House, 1882; 1883;  1884; 1885.  Robert Thompson, farmer, Warenton, Warenton, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.  George Turnbull, farmer, Lucker Hall Belford, Lucker, 1882; 1883; 1884; 1885.  Ralph Turnbull, farmer, Warenford, Warenford, 1883; 1884.  William Turnbull, farmer, Adderstone Mains, Adderstone, 1883; 1884.  William Wilson, Ellingham Vicarage, Ellingham, 1886; 1887; 1888.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/1-3	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 October 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: Henry Burn (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; A Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; J Dryden; R William; J Scott [James Scott]; A Robinson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics in the County Asylum from 1 July to 30 September 1882: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Nichol; Mary Beal.</p> <p>Cheque to T C Garfit for out-relief to Isabella Wilson.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board stating that the Master had paid the account for old railway sleepers [letter not annexed]</p> <p>The Clerk produced a letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman, Medical Officer] to Margaret Anderson asking for the consideration of the letter to be deferred until the</p>	18 Oct. 1882

			next meeting [letter not annexed].	
Item	GBF 10/4-9	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 November 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; Robert Kirkup; James Hall; A Chirnside [Albert Chirnside]; Hugh Thompson; William Millican; Robert Atkinson; Capt Winchester; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; George Gibson; William Milliken; Robert Thompson; Thomas Ferguson; James Scott; Adam Robinson; James Ewing; Andrew Forster; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; R B S Sanderson; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Newstead: cheque signed to T Oliver for school fees for E Rutherford.</p> <p>Cheque signed to Robert Spence, Treasurer of the Gateshead Union, for out-relief to Whittle's children.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Treasurer of the West Derby Union for out-relief to Thomas and John Whittle.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding the case of Margaret Anderson and asking the Guardians for a meeting to explain himself. The Guardians decided this would serve no purpose and turned it down.</p> <p>Out-relief: the Clerk read letter from Mr Hunter, Auditor, regarding a change in paying relief from weekly to fortnightly [letter not annexed].</p> <p>Auditor's report was read [not annexed]</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter dated 13 October, 1882 from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] to the Guardians in reply to their letter of 9 October 1882 regarding accusations against him for improper behaviour against Margaret Anderson.  See page 8.</p>	1 Nov. 1882

Item	GBF 10/10-12	Minutes of Belford Guardians meeting held on 15 November 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: Henry Burn (in the chair); George D A Clark; William Millican; Adam Robinson; James Hall; George Dryden; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental expenses.</p> <p>Cheques for county and police rates were signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods]. Common fund account: cheque signed to D Miller for rent of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: Cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] to pay the following school fees: John Richard Allen; C Douglas; W Spears; S Allen; S Spears.</p> <p>School Attendance Officer: In consequence of the salary of Mr Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] not having been sanctioned by the Local Government Board for his salary after Christmas 1881 Mr Hunter had disallowed the sum of £30 15s for salary due at Lady Day last. The School Attendance Committee had passed the following resolution: resolved that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board the sum of £3 15s be paid to Robert Guthrie for extra services performed by him as School Attendance Officer from Christmas 1881 to Lady Day 1882 and a further sum of £7 10s for extra services as School Attendance Officer during the half year ended at Michaelmas last, also that he be appointed School Attendance Officer until Christmas next at £15 per annum.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk endeavour to obtain certificates of the birth of the several apprentices whose dates of birth are not known, and write to their masters requiring them to pay the sum due to each under the indentures.</p>	15 Nov. 1882
Item	GBF 10/13-15	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 November 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; Robert Kirkup; James Hall; William Milliken; Adam Robinson; James Ewing; John Winchester; A T Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; Robert Stevenson; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Robert Millican; William Millican; G D A Clark.; J A H Burdon [Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; Capt Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; Andrew Forster; George Gibson.</p>	29 Nov. 1882

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to write to the Overseers of the townships who have not yet paid the contribution orders due on 18 October last, and say that if the sums are not paid before the next meeting proceedings will be taken to enforce the payments.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had obtained the certificates of birth of all the apprentices bound by the Guardians. The Clerk directed to write to Ralph Bolton and say that if it is inconvenient to pay the whole amount now due to John Blackhall the Guardians think he could pay part of it to reduce the amount.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/16-19	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 December 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Hall; George Turnbull; Hugh Thompson; George Gibson; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's book.</p> <p>The following tenders accepted from 25 December 1882 for three months: Walker Scott, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Mr Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; J S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding ale and tobacco be given to the inmates of the Workhouse on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Resolved that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son, aged 13, be allowed to reside with him in the Workhouse for a period not exceeding one month, from 22 December and Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] paying 4s per week for his maintenance.</p> <p>John Blackhall apprenticed with Ralph Bolton, shoemaker, Lucker, appeared before the Guardians and stated that he was perfectly comfortable with Mr Bolton, who treated him well and fulfilled the conditions of his indenture of apprenticeship.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 30 November 1882, regarding workhouse children receiving their education outside. Suggestion mentioned in letter accepted by the Guardians and the Clerk was instructed to obtain</p>	13 Dec. 1882

			<p>a supply of the cards referred to.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding collection of poor rates for the township of Belford, dated 11 December (No. 116074). The Clerk instructed to write to the Local Government Board that the copy of correspondence referred to in the letter was not enclosed.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter dated 30 November 1882 from J R Morley, Inspector of Poor Law Schools, Local Government Board, with a suggestion that children from the workhouse who receive their education outside, and who pass successfully in the 3Rs should receive card as proof of their success.  See page 19.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 11 December 1882 with enclosed copy of correspondence between the Guardians and Mr T Short [Thomas Short], Collector of Poor Rates fro the town ship of Belford on the subject of a report made to them by the District Auditor after his audit of the officers' accounts for the half year ended at Lady Day last.  See page 19.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/20-24	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1882.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; William Milliken; James Ewing; George Dryden; James Hall; R Burdon Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had inspected the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Henry Burn gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, John Harker, Belford, Superintendent of Police, be appointed Assistant Relieving Officer for the Belford Union for one year from Christmas 1882.</p> <p>Application from George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] to give a treat to the inmates of the Workhouse on New Year's Day. Acceded to.</p>	27 Dec. 1882

			<p>Resolved that the sum of 3s 6d per week be paid to the manager of the home named in letter towards maintenance of Catherine Rutherford provided she succeeds in getting admission to it.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 106567C, dated 15 December 1882, to H S Jonson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Guardians, regarding Mr Hunter's, District Auditor, report.  See page 23.  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 118973, dated 23 December 1882, regarding Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son, granting permission for his son to reside in the Workhouse for a period not exceeding one month.  See page 23.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 119572, dated 23 December 1882, approving the appointment of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer for the Belford Union, to act as School Attendance Officer.  See page 23.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 119290, dated 23 December 1882, transmitting enclosed [not enclosed] copy of correspondence which was omitted to be forwarded in letter of 11 December 1882.  See page 23.</p> <p>Register of securities from the Local Government Board. Two copies forwarded of an order issued under section 14 of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act 1882.  See page 24.</p> <p>Circular from the Local Government Board regarding Casual Poor Act, 1882.  See page 24.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 106558, dated 14 December, 1882, regarding the Auditor's observations regarding medical officers' recommendation for extras without an order being given by the Relieving Officer. The Guardians are</p>	
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			<p>aware of the problem and situation but point out the difficulties that there in a district like this of getting the order in all cases signed by the Relieving Officer. See page 24.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 121148A, dated 26 December 1882, in reply to letter of 23 December 1882, regarding Catherine Rutherford, aged 50, and suffering from chronic rheumatism while she is an inmate of the Border Counties Home for Incurables. The Board wish to know where the home is situated. If it is in Scotland they cannot legally grant her relief. See page 24.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/25-28	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 January 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; Capt. Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; William Milliken; James Hall; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheques signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for one quarter's salary as School Attendant Officer and for vaccination fees and papers, and to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for 31 successful vaccinations plus expenses at outside station, and to Dr Macaskie [James G Macaskie] for 43 cases of successful vaccinations plus expenses at outside station.</p> <p>Lunatic account. Cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics from 1 October to 31 December 1882: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Nichol; Mary Beal.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Treasurer of the West Derby Union for relief to John Whittle.</p> <p>Cheque signed to E Starr for school fees for Peter Gibb.</p> <p>Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, John Harkes, Belford, Superintendent of Police, be appointed Assistant Relieving Officer for the Belford Union for one year from Christmas 1882 to Christmas 1883.</p>	10 Jan. 1883

			<p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Berwick Union. Resolved to accede to the request and pay relief on their behalf.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Berwick Union, dated 2 January 1883, asking the Guardians of the Belford Union to administer non-settled relief to paupers belonging to the Berwick Union while residing in the Belford Union.  See page 27.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 122959A, dated 9 January 1883, acknowledging receipt of letter 28 December 1882, respecting non-resident relief proposed by the Belford Union to grant to Catherine Rutherford. Due to her bodily infirmity the Guardians can grant her relief without the sanction of the Local Government Board according to the General Prohibitory Order.  See page 28.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board approving the appointment of Robert Guthrie to act as School Attendance Officer until Christmas 1883.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 12298B, dated 8 January 1883, acknowledging communication of 27 December and informing of their approval of the appointment of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer for the Belford District of the Belford Union, to act within his relief district as School Attendance Officer. Also approval of his salary.  See page 28.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/29-31	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 January 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Henry Burn; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; James Hall; A Robinson; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheques signed to Robert Spence, Treasure of the Gateshead Union, for relief to S and J Whittle for eight weeks.</p>	24 Jan. 1883

			<p>Cheques to S C Garfit,, Treasurer of the Louth Union, for relief to Isabella Wilson for 13 weeks.</p> <p>Cheques signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], for county rated and police rates.</p> <p>Town ship of Newstead: cheque signed to Miss S Chalker for school fees for Margaret and Mary Gibb for 12 weeks.</p> <p>Cheque signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] to pay D Thompson and J Kennedy.</p> <p>20 births at 2s 6d, and 19 births at 1s, and 19 deaths at 1s plus clergyman registered.</p> <p>Auditor's report/medical extras: annexed letter from the Local Government Board was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, O 67G, dated 22 January 1883, acknowledging receipt of letter of 30 December 1882 respecting report made by the District Auditor relative to his audit of the accounts of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer of the Belford Union for the half year ended 25 March 1882 regarding recommendation made by the Medical Officers for the supply of relief to sick paupers being sent directly to the tradesmen without order being given by the Relieving Officer or the Guardians. This practice is unauthorised. See page 31.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/32-33.	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 February 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Common fund cheque signed to C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], for a truss to Elizabeth Strong.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board approving of the appointment of</p>	7 Feb. 1883

			<p>John Harker as Assistant Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Annexed letter from W R Price, Police Barracks, Launceston, Tasmania, requesting copy of the vote of thanks given to Mrs Smith, late Matron of the Workhouse, in 1868.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 4186B, dated 24 January 1883, and acknowledging letter of 12 January 183, and approving the appointment until 25 December 1883, of Police Superintendent John Harker to act as Assistant Relieving Officer for the relief of vagrants in the Belford Union. Salary 1s 6d per week. See page 33.</p> <p>Letter dated 3 December, 1882, from W R Piece, Police Barracks, Launceston, Tasmania requesting copy of vote of thanks given to Mr Smith [Henry Smith] and Mrs Smith [Jane Smith] Master and Matron of the Workhouse in 1868. It was signed by Rev Shafts. It is needed by Mrs Smith for her to be confirmed in a very responsible situation under Government. See page 33.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/34-35	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 February 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Ewing; Henry Burn; Adam Robinson; J Winchester [John Winchester] William Milliken; Robert Milliken; George Turnbull; R Burdon Sanderson [Robert Burdon Sanderson]; J A H B Sanderson James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheques signed to E J Starr for school fees for the following children: John Allen; R Allen; C Douglas; W Spears; R Spears.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Morpeth Union regarding Mary Ann Fawkus. The Clerk has written to the Guardians of the Tynemouth Union on the subject.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Morpeth Union dated 12 February 1883 stating they think Mary Ann</p>	21 Feb. 1883

			Fawkus is in the Tynemouth Union. See page 35.	
Item	GBF 10/36-37	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 March 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; Hugh Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: Cheque signed to [Miss S Chalters] for the following non-pauper children's school fees: J Spears; S Allen.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding Margaret Cook. The Clerk directed to see Mr Thompson [Thomas Thompson, watchmaker, Belford] and apply to him to repay the Guardians the expenses incurred by them.</p> <p>Annexed statement of in-door and out-door relief from Mr Culley [William George Culley] was considered.</p> <p>Annexed letter from John Kennedy was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: List/account of furniture and things in the late Margaret Cook's house, Bamburgh, before Mr Thompson [Thomas Thompson] took them away. See page 37.</p> <p>Statement from Mr Culley [George Culley] of in-door and out-door relief. See page 37.</p> <p>Letter from John Kennedy, dated 28 February 1883, stating that he is removing to the country and wishes to try to keep the orphan John Whittle and is therefore giving the parish relief. See page 37.</p> <p>Letter from Robert Scott to H J Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] regarding Margaret Cook and saying he had received a note from [Mrs Swinhoe] saying she was entitled to £5 at death which sum was paid to Mr Thompson [Thomas Thompson] who</p>	7 March 1883

			produced a certificate of death and was expected to be entitled to the money, and is therefore thought to be the person to pay the money back to the Guardians. See page 37.	
Item	GBF 10/38-40	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 March 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Hall; Hugh Thompson; Adam Robinson; William Milliken; Thomas Ferguson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Statement of amount of salary due to D H Proctor, late Master of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Tenders accepted from: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; the representatives of Sarah Macdonald, grocers; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; J S Finnie [John Scott Finnie].</p> <p>Thomas Thompson attended the meeting and was informed that he was expected to repay the amount of relief paid to Margaret Cook given to her during the last year of her life, as he had taken possession of her furniture and effects. Account annexed.</p> <p>Resolved that the dal of the Board be affixed to the petition to Parliament in favour of the Sunday closing Bill. To be forwarded to Earl Percy, M. P. for presentation.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Account/list of furniture. See page 40.</p>	21 March 1883
Item	GBF 10/41-48	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 April 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; George Turnbull; George Dryden; William Milliken; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; J Hall [James Hall]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Robert Millican; James Scott; George Gibson; Hugh Thompson; James Chirnside; Capt. Marshall; S A W B Sanderson; R Burdon Sanderson; Robert Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p>	4 April 1883

			<p>Salaries account: Cheques signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] [Relieving, Vaccination and Inquiry Officer], and C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson, Clerk to the Guardians]; H D Treble [Henry D Treble, Master of the Workhouse].</p> <p>Cheque signed to Thomas Short, Collector of Poor Rates.</p> <p>Common fund: Cheques signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] to pay T Short [Thomas Short] rates and postages; H H Blair, stationery; R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] postages; John Shaw &amp; Sons, stationery.</p> <p>Lunatic asylum account: Cheque signed to C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for a visit to Elizabeth Orange, a lunatic.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheques signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for vaccination fees and papers.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to Robert Spence, Treasurer of Gateshead Union, for relief to Whittle's children.</p> <p>Tradesmen's account: cheques signed to the following contractors:  Provisions: John Gordon; S Macdonald; Walter Scott; J S Finnie [John Scott Finnie]; Charles Auckland; Richard Dunn.  Furniture and Property: David Young.  Necessaries: S Macdonald; J B Scott.  Clothing: John Hope; W T Dixon.  Repairs: J B Muckle; C Wright; David Young.</p> <p>Re Margaret Cook. The Clerk reported that Mr Thompson had paid £7 2s 6d, the amount expended by the Guardians in relieving her the last twelve months of her life.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Culley [George Culley], dated 27 March 1883, to Henry Smart Johnson, regarding complaints from the Master of the Workhouse regarding relief to vagrants. Mr Culley [George Culley] hopes that the Guardians will see to that the new vagrant order is strictly carried out.  The Clerk directed to reply that the Guardians have given order that the Casual Paupers Relief Order be carried out as far as practicable.</p>	
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			Annexed list of Belford Union Election of Guardians of the Poor, Alnwick this 5 <sup>th</sup> day of April 1883. Henry S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Returning Officer.	
Item	GBF 10/49-53	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 April 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: Henry Burn (in the chair); James Laing; G Turnbull [George Turnbull]; James Ewing; George Dryden; Brewis [ James Brewis]; James Hall; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; R Redpath [Richard Redpath]; W Clark [William Clark]; T Thompson; T Ferguson[Thomas Ferguson]; William Milliken; A Chirnside [Albert Chirnside]; J B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; R B Sanderson,. [ex-officio officer?]</p> <p>Resolved that James Laing be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year and that H Burn [Henry Burn] and George Turnbull be appointed Vice-chairmen.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Registration of 20 births @ 2s 6d, and 9 births @ 1s, as well as 21 deaths and 1s paid to clergyman.</p> <p>Common fund: Cheque signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for conducting election of Guardians for the year 1883.</p> <p>Our-relief: cheque signed to Treasurer, West Derby Union, relief for John Whittle, and to T C Garfit for relief to Isa Wilson.</p> <p>Cheque signed to J Oliver – school fees for E Rutherford in the township of Newstead.</p> <p>Cheque signed to S Chalker for school fees for [My Gibb and Mgt Gibb].</p> <p>Lunatic asylum account: cheque signed to J A Woods [John Anthony Woods]. for care and maintenance of lunatics in the asylum.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble, Master of the Workhouse] for incidental expenses.</p>	18 April 1883



			<p>Union Assessment Committee – 12 members – four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were:  Ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; Rev E Antrobas; J T Leather.; R B Sanderson.  Elected Guardians: H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; W Milliken [William Milliken; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; James Hall; H Burn [Henry Burn]; J Laing [James Laing]; G Turnbull [George Turnbull]; William Clark.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee – 12 members – four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: Ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; Rev E Antrobas; J T Leather.; R B Sanderson.  Elected Guardians: J Laing [James Laing]; H Burn [Henry Burn]; G Turnbull [George Turnbull]; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson; W Milliken [William Milliken; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; G Gibson [George Gibson]; James Ewing.</p> <p>Workhouse and Financial Committee: six members. Appointed were: George Gibson; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; Robert Thompson; Robert Stevenson; William Clark.</p> <p>Auditor's report: annexed letters from the Local Government Board and extracts from the Auditor's report was read. The Clerk directed to reply and say the matters raised will be attended to, but that the Guardians fail to see what good can arise from the paupers residing in Belford being paid weekly instead of fortnightly.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Extract from the Auditor's report pointing out incorrect entrances by the Relieving Officer in the 'Application and Report Book'. Also pointed out that the practice of recommendation by the Medical Officer still being sent direct to the tradesmen and afterwards a duplicate order is given by the Relieving Officer. This practice is not allowed. Also a suggestion to change the payment to paupers living in Belford from fortnightly to weekly.  See page 53.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 28891G, dated 7 April 1883, transmitting to the Guardians extract from a report made by the District Auditor regarding his audit of the accounts of R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer for</p>	
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			the half year ended 29 September 1882. The Board wish to be furnished with the observations of the Guardians thereon. See page 53.	
Item	GBF 10/54	Minutes of Belford Board of guardians meeting held on 2 May 1883.	Present at the meeting: George Culley, Esq; Local Government Board Inspector; James Laing (in the chair); George Gibson; James Hall.  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.  Financial transaction accounted for.	2 May 1883
Item	GBF 10/55-57	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 May 1883.	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Ewing; James Hall; William Milliken; Hugh Thompson; William Clark; J R B Sanderson; Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd].  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.  County rates: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for rates.  Police rate: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for police rate.  Town ship of Sunderland: cheque signed to E J Starr for the tuition of the following boys: John Allen; Peter Gibb; Richard Allen; C Buglass; W Spears; R Spears.  Common fund: cheque signed to D P Miller for a half year's rent of the Workhouse and garden and to Messrs Knight & Co for stationery.  Non-resident relief: annexed letter read.  John Strong having completed the term of his apprenticeship, the Clerk was directed to hand over his indenture.	16 May 1883

			<p>Resolved to allow Mary Elliott 3s per week non-resident relief at [Bar Min Mill]. The Clerk directed to request the Guardians of the Glendale Union to pay the sum on account of the union.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 31738A, dated 18 April 183, regarding non-resident relief and irregularities pointed out in the District Auditor's report. It is pointed out that non-resident relief should be paid through the Guardians of the union in which the pauper resides.  See page 57.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/58-59	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 May 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; William Milliken; James Hall; George Gibson; George Turnbull.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Resolved to grant 3s per week non-resident relief to Sarah Harvey, pauper, Alnwick, Broom House, provided the Alnwick Board will pay the relief for this Union through their Relieving Officer.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to write to the District Medical Officer and point out that recommendation for medical extras must be sent to the Relieving Officer and not direct to the tradesman, except in urgent cases.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to insert an advertisement in the Alnwick Mercury and Berwick Advertiser saying that there is a lad in the Workhouse who wishes to be apprenticed to a joiner or tailor..</p>	30 May 1883
Item	GBF 10/60	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 June 1883.	<p>Extraordinary Meeting.  Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Ewing; William Milliken; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; George Dryden; I Thompson; R Redpath [Richard Redpath; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; William Clark; Captain Winchester [John Winchester]; J Scott [James Scott].</p>	7 June 1883

			<p>The out-door relief lists for the whole of the townships in the Union were examined. The following cases with recommendations to be brought before the next ordinary meeting: Isabella Wilson, Gateshead; Elizabeth Markwell; Sarah Cockburn, Tynemouth West Moor; Elizabeth Smith, Alnwick; Jane Rutherford, Outchester; Isabella Wilson, Lowick.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter dated 30 May 1883 from James Laing and Henry Burn to the Clerk of the Guardians of the Belford Union requesting an extraordinary meeting of Guardians to review the out-door relief book. See page 60.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/61-63 (NB includes pp 61a and 61b)	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 June 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Ewing; James Hall; R Millican [Robert Millican]; J J B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to Miss S J Chalker for the tuition of the following girls: S Allen; Mary Gibb; Margaret Gibb.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions etc.: resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 24 June 1883 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Mrs W O Short &amp; Son, flour, oatmeal and barley; Mrs Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; J S Finnie [John Scott Finnie], milk.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for relief to M A Fawers and to D R Harrison, Hon. Sec. of the Border Home for Incurables, for the relief to Catherine Rutherford.</p> <p>Common fund: cheque signed to T G Turner, Agent of Berwick Advertiser, for advertising for situation for apprentice.</p> <p>Union Assessment Committee: resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, £20 to be allowed and paid to H S Johnson [Henry Smart</p>	13 June 1883

			<p>Johnson], for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee for the year ended 25 March 1883.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to write and request the Local Government Board's sanction of Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] youngest son, aged 14, residing with him for a period not exceeding five weeks from 26 June 1883.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clerk Burman] was read. Resolved that the Guardians approve of Joseph Henry Surtees Summer to act as his temporary substitute.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter dated 12 June 1883 to the Guardians d from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman] asking their permission for Joseph Henry Surtees Summer to act as his temporary substitute as he has been obliged to suspend his services due to indisposition.  See page 63.</p> <p>[NB. This section includes pages 61a and 61b.]</p>	
Item	GBF 10/64-68	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 June 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; William Milliken; Hugh Thompson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Tradesmen's account: cheques signed to the following contractors for their accounts due midsummer 1883.  Provisions: representatives of Sarah Macdonald; John Gordon; John S Finnie [John Scott Finnie]; Alexander Graham; Sarah Dunn; Charles Auckland.  Necessaries: Representatives of Sarah Macdonald; J B Scott; W T Dickson [William Thomas Dickson].  Clothing: W T Dickson [William Thomas Dickson]; John Hope.  Repairs: David Young; Mark Robinson.  Furniture and property: David Young.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to the following officers for salaries due</p>	27 June 1883

			<p>Midsummer 1883: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and Inquiry Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] [Medical Officer]. J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie] [Medical Officer]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] [Clerk to the Guardians]; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] [Master of the Workhouse].</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to Thomas Short for salary as Collector of Poor Rates.</p> <p>Common fund: cheques signed to Thomas Short for rates, and to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for postages.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheque signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for remuneration as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee for the year ending Lady Day.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheque signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], as per certificate, for R Guthrie's [Robert Guthrie] salary and himself for remuneration as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee for the year ending Lady Day 1883.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for 29 cases of successful vaccination.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, £20 to be paid to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for his services as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee for the year ended 20 March 1883.</p> <p>Whittles children: resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, non-resident relief to be continued to Whittles children at Gateshead for 12 months longer.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son.</p>	
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			<p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman].</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Alnwick Union was read regarding Mary Johnson and Elizabeth Smith.</p> <p>The Clerk had applied to Mr Drysdale of Rothbury, the master of James Pringle, for the remuneration due to him since he became 17 years of age on 6 January 1883, and the reply received to the annexed letter [NOT ANNEXED] after which he was directed to write to the Superintendent Dobson and try to find out where James Pringle is now.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to write to the Local Government Board and request their sanction of the alterations to the dietary table.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter dated 18 June 1883 from Alnwick Union. George Edward Watson saying that their Relieving Officers will pay relief to Mary Johnson and Elizabeth Smith.  See page 67.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 58130B, dated 22 June 1883, in reply to letter of 15 June approving of H A Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] Master of the Workhouse, youngest son to reside there for a period not exceeding five weeks from 26 June on condition that he pays the Guardians 4s a week for maintenance.  See page 67.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 56129B, dated 23 June 1883, in reply to letter of 15 June 1883 informing them of the temporary arrangements made by the Guardians for the discharge of the duties of the offices of Medical Officer for the Workhouse and the West District due to Dr Burman's [Charles Clark Burman] illness.  See page 67.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/69-72	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Ewing; R B Sanderson; William Milliken; George Gibson; James Hall; George Dryden; Richard Redpath; James Scott; William Clark; Robert Millican; Hugh Thompson; J B	11 July 1883

		July 1883.	<p>Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Common fund: cheques signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for stamps and ½ audit, and to Thomas Short for rate and E Baskerville for insurance.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for visit to Elizabeth Orange, a lunatic. Also cheque signed to the Treasurer of Northumberland County Asylum for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics from 1 April to 30 June 1883: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Beal.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Cashier of the Bank of England to pay the tenth instalment of the Workhouse loan of £850.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Treasurer of the Gateshead Union for relief to Whittles' children, as well as one signed to the Treasurer of the Glendale Union for relief to Mary Elliott.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Superintendent Dobson. The Clerk directed to write and require Mr Drysdale to produce James Pringle at the next board meeting on 25 July. In the meantime he should ascertain what James Pringle is doing.</p> <p>Annexed letter from North Eastern Counties School and advertisement was read.</p> <p>Report as to the condition of patients in the Lunatic Asylum belonging to this Union was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board was read. The Clerk directed to write and give the explanation asked for.</p> <p>Letter [not annexed] from Mr Hunton was read. Resolved unanimously that Robert Guthrie, Vaccination Officer, Belford, be paid a salary of £11 15s per annum instead of £10 in lieu of the fee of 3d per case formerly paid to him, subject to the Approval of</p>	
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			<p>the Local Government Board. Also resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, that the sum of 18s 9d be paid to Robert Guthrie for extra services as Vaccination Officer during the quarter ended at Midsummer last.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Thomas Dobson, Superintendent, County Police Office, Rothbury, dated 2 July 1883, in answer to letter of 29 June regarding James Pringle, saying that he did not know until yesterday where James Pringle was living. He is at Linden, near Longhorsly via Morpeth. William Drysdale turned him away after he went into the blacksmith's shop in spite of being told not to.  See page 71.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Dods, Eilan's Gate, Hexham, Northeastern Counties School, dated 28 June 1883, enclosing notice regarding this school, and asking the Guardians to tell people about the school so that the ones interested may at once apply to Professor Pearce.  See page 72.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 62531a, dated 10 July 1883, and acknowledging receipt of letter of 28 June requesting sanction of payment of non-resident relief to two children named Whittle, now living in the Gateshead Union. Reference made to letter of 26 June 1882 saying that James and Robert Whittle reside in the Gateshead Union, but the report now enclosed relates to Robert and Thomas Whittle, the latter of whom resides with relatives at Liverpool. Explanation requested.  See page 72.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/73-75	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 July 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; George Turnbull; R B Sanderson; Capt. Winchester [John Winchester]; James Hall; Robert Millican; R Redpath [Robert Redpath]; James Scott; Thomas Ferguson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Registration account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for registering 20 births, and 19 births, 25 deaths and fees paid to clergymen</p>	25 July 1883

			<p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Dr J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie] for 30 cases of successful vaccination and expenses at Belford Station.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to Messrs John Shaw &amp; Sons, stationery, and John Hanks, cleaning after vagrants, and Messrs Knight &amp; Co.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for county and police rates.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding dietary table.</p> <p>Letters [not annexed] from Mr Drysdale and Police Constable Moffitt were read. Resolved that the Clerk carry out proceedings against Mr Drysdale for not carrying out the covenant of James Pringle's indenture of apprenticeship.</p> <p>Annexes letter from the Local Government Board regarding Whittle's children was read.</p> <p>Henry Burn moved, seconded by R Redpath [Richard Redpath] that the Clerk make a return of the bonds given by all the officers connected with this Union, stating the names of the sureties and the amount of security given by each officer.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 62929A, dated 20 July 1883, and acknowledging that of 29 June informing them that the District Auditor has objected to the dietary sanctioned by the Guardians as it is not sufficiently definite as regards the supper to be given to the children. Dietary sent by the Guardians returned with corrections.  See page 75.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 67637a, dated 18 July 1883, and acknowledging that of 14 July 1883 sanctioning non-resident relief, for a period of 12 months, to Robert and Thomas Whittle, aged 10 and 7, while living with their uncle in the Gateshead Union.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/76-77	Minutes of Glendale Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 August 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Hall; William Milliken; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental expenses.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to the following : H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] paid to Pringle apprentice and C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for extra medical fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the Guardians agree to relieve the paupers named by Mr Middlemas' letter on behalf of the Glendale Union.</p>	8 Aug. 1883
Item	GBF 10/78-80	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 August 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; William Milliken; R B Sanderson; J T leather; R Redpath [Robert Redpath].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to G H Knight for copying of deposition in the case of Elizabeth White's removal.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board submitted to the School Attendance Committee and referred to the Guardians for their consent to make the salary permanent. Resolved: subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the salary of Henry Smart Johnson, Clerk to the Committee, be fixed at £20 per annum.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Glendale Union read regarding Francis Dougal and Martha Wear. The Relieving Officer directed to make further enquiry into their settlement.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Culley [George Culley] was read.</p>	22 Aug. 1883

			<p>Resolved that the Guardians are satisfied with the security given by the several officers.</p> <p>The return of vaccinations for the period July to December 1882 was produced.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an order of removal obtained by the Guardians of the Medway Union directing the removal of Elizabeth White to this Union, together with a copy of the deposition on which the said order was made. The Clerk directed to enquire into the settlement, as she has no legal settlement in this Union, and serve the Guardians of the Medway Union with an appeal.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board , No 62530B, 1883, dated 5 July 1883, and acknowledging that of 28 June 1883, and sanctioning the payment of £20 to Henry Smart Johnson for services as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee.  See page 79.</p> <p>Letter from the Glendale Union, dated 18 August 1883 enquiring about the settlement of Francis Dougal and his father as well as enquiring about particulars regarding the residence of Martha Wear.  See page 79.</p> <p>George Culley's report, dated 13 August 1883, containing expenditure by boards of guardians for the year ended Michaelmas 1882 for the North-Eastern District.  See page 79.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/81-83	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 September 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: Henry Burn (in the chair); James Hall; William Milliken; R B Sanderson [School Attendance Committee, ex-officio]; Capt. Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officers books.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for extra services as</p>	5 Sept. 1883

			<p>Vaccination Officer during the quarter ended Midsummer 1883.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had obtained a certificate of birth of Elizabeth White who was born at Lowick. The Clerk directed to write the clerk of the Medway Union and ask him to abandon the order. If not abandoned Messrs Tate and Percy of Alnwick, solicitors, be engaged to contest the appeal.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government, No 67631B, dated 27 August 1883, was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 81064B, dated 3 September 1883, was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 67631B, dated 27 August 1883 acknowledging receipt of that of 14 July 1883, and assenting to the proposal to increase the salary of Robert Guthrie, Vaccination Officer, to £11 15s per annum, and to the payment of 16s 9d for services rendered by him during the quarter ended at Midsummer 1883.  See pages 82/83.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 81064B, dated 3 September 1883, and acknowledging that of 24 August 1883 to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Guardians, and sanctioning payment to him of £20 per annum for his services as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee.  See pages 82/83.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/84-87	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 September 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; William Milliken; George Dryden; J Sanderson; R B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental expenses.</p>	19 Sept. 1883

			<p>Annexed circular from the Bradford Union was read. The Clerk directed to state that the Guardians will join that Union in an application to the Local Government Board urging the proposed alteration in the law.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Gateshead Union was read.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that James Pringle had appeared before the Justices at Rothbury. Suggested that the indenture be cancelled by consent on Mr Drysdale paying £1 7s 6d. Resolved that the sum be paid to the Treasurer to meet the expenses incurred by the Guardians.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding last cheque issued to Sarah Dunn on 4 October 1882 for provision supplied to the Workhouse. Resolved that another cheque be issued.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques issued to C E Moore, printing, Knight &amp; Co, books and H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for expenses re Drysdale and Pringle.</p> <p>Tenders for provision etc. resolved. Tenders accepter from 1 October 1883 for three months: Walter Scott, bread; Mrs Harriet Macdonald, tea, raw sugar, soap, soda, candle dips, cheese, roasted coffee, black pepper, treacle; John Gordon, meat; J B Scott, Shilbottle, coals for the Workhouse; J S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Mrs Sarah Dunn, Blue Bell Hotel, Belford, regarding last cheque for 12s, dated 19 September 1883, and asking for the amount to be paid to her. See page 86.</p> <p>Letter dated 5 September 1883 from the Union Officer, Gateshead re Jane Saunders, and acknowledging that of 4 September 1883. Letter forwarded to their Relieving Officer, Mr Anderson, to pay her. See page 85.</p> <p>Letter from Bradford Union Poor Law Office, 12 Manor Row, Bradford, dated 31 July 1883 and forwarding resolution adopted by them regarding unmarried pregnant women who become inmates in the workhouse. They suggest that when the paternity</p>	
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			<p>of such illegitimate children has been obtained the cost of maintaining the mother in the workhouse should be recovered from the father. They wish for the Guardians to support the resolution. See page 85.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/88-93	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 October 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to Thomas Short, Collector of Poor Rates for Belford township.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to the following officers for salaries: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Enquiry Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] Clerk; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the School Attendance Committee from Lady Day 1883 to 29 September 1883.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for cost in the case of [? Marshall], vagrant, convicted of damage, and to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for postage.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for vaccination fees and papers.</p> <p>Provisions: Harriet Macdonald; John Gordon; H O Short; Sarah Dunn; Charles Auckland; Alex Graham; John S Finnie; George Hall; John Broadway.</p> <p>Necessaries: Harriet Macdonald; W J Dickson; John B Scott.</p> <p>Clothing: John Hope; W T Dickson.</p> <p>Furniture and Property: C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]; David Young; C Wright.</p>	3 Oct. 1883

			<p>Repairs: Thomas Bennet [cabinet maker and upholsterer]; David Young.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to R Spence, Treasurer of the Gateshead Union for relief to Whittle's children and to Elizabeth Pringle and relief to Jane Saunders. Cheque also signed to R J Grey, Treasurer of the Alnwick Union for relief to Mary Johnston; Sarah Harvey and E Smith.</p> <p>Notice forwarded from the Medway Union for the order for the removal of Elizabeth White</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Circular letter of the Local Government Board was read and the annexed order, dated 17 September 1883, was produced, dated 19 September 1883 from the Local Government Board regarding the Poor Law Conference Act, 1883, passed during the late parliamentary session. Details regarding the law explained. See pages 92 and 93.</p> <p>Copy, dated 17 September 1883, to the Guardians of the Poor, containing Section 2 of the Poor Law Conference Act 1883, with enactment. See page 92 and 93.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/94-98	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 October 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Hall.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to William Douglas, Treasurer of the Glendale Union, for out-relief to Mary Elliott and Margaret Melvin.</p> <p>Township of Swinhoe: cheque signed to D Sutherland for school fees for T Thompson and R Thompson.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheque signed to H S Johnson[Henry Smart Johnson] for expenses incurred by the Committee.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to J A Woods [John Anthony Woods],</p>	17 Oct. 1883



			<p>Treasurer of the Northumberland County Asylum, for care and maintenance of the following lunatics from 1 July to 30 September 1883: John Moore; Robert Short; Alex Cockburn; Elspeth Burns; Mary Beal.</p> <p>Registration account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for registering 20 births @ 2s 6d; 7 births @ 1s; 27 deaths and fees paid to clergymen.</p> <p>Common account: cheque signed to John Harker for cleaning after vagrants for quarter ending 29 September 1883 and [lightning].</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Cully and copy of resolution passed by the Guardians of the Berwick Union, and a letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] to Mr Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], stating that no man called Alexander Sample was relieved in Belford Workhouse on 29 September.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an account of expenses incurred by the Guardians in the case of Elizabeth White. The Clerk directed to apply to the Medway Union for the amount.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk prepare and produce a return showing the amounts paid by the Guardians for county and police rates during the last year.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble, Master of the Workhouse] to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], dated 10 October 1883, and acknowledging that of 10 October, stating that the only man admitted to the Belford vagrant ward on 29 September gave the name of William Lee, joiner, aged 30. He was discharged on Tuesday October 2 at 7:30 a.m. According to the Berwick Advertiser a man by the name of Alexander Sample had got a ticket for the Workhouse at the police station, but this seemed not to be true. Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] had written the Berwick Advertiser and contradicted their statement.  See page 98.</p> <p>Copy of minute of the Berwick Union on weekly return form A passed by the Guardians on 10 October 183. Ordered that the Local Government Inspector be informed of the statement of a casual pauper named Alexander Sample to the effect</p>	
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			<p>that he was admitted to the casual ward of the Belford Workhouse on Saturday 29 September 1883 and discharged the following day. See page 98.</p> <p>Letter dated 9 October 1883 from Mr Cully to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] referring to the above case and wishing to know why Alexander Sample was discharged from the Belford Workhouse on the day after his admission. See page 98.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/99-100	Minute of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 October 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: Henry Born (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; R Millican [Robert Millican].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for relief to [M A Falens] and Sarah Cockburn, also to T C Garfit, Treasurer of Louth Union for relief to Isabella Wilson.</p> <p>Letters from Mr Cully; Mr Willoby and Mr Treble in the case of Alexander Sample were read. Mr Willoby's letter stated that the Berwick Union did not feel justified in causing any further trouble in the matter.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk go to Lowick and see Mr Pearson about the money due to John Blackhall, apprentice.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of James Ewing, seconded by Robert Millican, that when the Relieving Officer is applied to provide for the burial of any person dying in his district, he should enquire into the circumstances.</p>	31 Oct. 1883
Item	GBF 10/101-102	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 November 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Millican; James Hall; Henry Burn; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] J. P.; Thomas Ferguson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p>	14 Nov. 1883

			Common fund account: cheques signed to D P Miller for rent of the Workhouse, and to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for half audit stamp.	
Item	GBF 10/103-105	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 November 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Ewing; James Hall; R Millican [Robert Millican; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark], J. P.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>County rate: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for county rates.</p> <p>Police rate: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for police rates.</p> <p>Common fund: cheques signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for elastic bandage for Frances McDougle, and to T Short [Thomas Short] for rates.</p> <p>Resolved that in consequence of Mr Hunter, District Auditor's objection to the present system, John Harker of Belford be appointed Assistant Relieving Officer for the relief of vagrants, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the overseers who have not paid the orders due on 14 October, and in the case of no payment before the next meeting of the Guardians proceedings will be taken to recover the amounts.</p>	28 Nov. 1883
Item	GBF 10/106-108	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 December 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Henry Burn; James Hall; Captain Winchester; Hugh Thompson; William Milliken; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, ale and tobacco be given to the inmates of the Workhouse at Christmas</p> <p>. Letter re the proposed apprenticeship of George Johnson was read. No objection to</p>	12 Dec. 1883

			<p>the proposed binding.</p> <p>Annexed letter approving the appointment of John Harker as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants</p> <p>Resolved that Robert Guthrie be re-appointed School Attendance Officer until Christmas 1884, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Notice of apprenticeship before binding, dated 28 November 1883, regarding George Johnson, aged 15, to be apprenticed to Donald Cormack, Seahouses, blacksmith, for six years.  See page 108.</p> <p>Letter No 133362, dated 10 December 1883, from the Local Government Board and acknowledging that of 30 November 1883 and consenting to the appointment of Police Superintendent John Harker to act as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants.  See page 108.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/109-113	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 December 1883.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); J Hall [James Hall]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; W Milliken [William Milliken]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; Captain Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; R B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheque signed to D R Harrison for the maintenance of C Rutherford [Catherine Rutherford] in the Border Home for Incurables from 8 June to 8 December 1883.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to pay the following: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for postages; Knight &amp; Co for stationery; J A H Tate for stationery; Mark Smith, for stationery.</p> <p>Lunatic asylum account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for</p>	26 Dec. 1883

			<p>two visits to E Orange, a lunatic.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for 21 cases of successful vaccination.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental expenses.</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to T Short [Thomas Short] for salary as Collector of Belford township.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to Robert Guthrie for Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Enquiry Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union, School Attendance Committee; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] [Medical Officer]; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie] [Medical Officer]; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse; John Harker [not stated for what].</p> <p>Following tenders accepted from 1 January 1884 for three months from: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, oatmeal, best second flour, best pot barley; Harriet Macdonald, tea, raw sugar, soup, soda, salt, candles, cheese, roasted coffee, black pepper and treacle; John Gordon, butcher meat; John Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of James Laing, seconded by Thomas Ferguson, that Robert Guthrie be re-appointed School Attendant Officer for one year from Christmas 1883, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Annexed certificate accepting Andrew Gibson and family, paupers, received from the Berwick Union, was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Certificate from the Board of Guardians of the Berwick Union accepting to receive Andrew Gibson and family, paupers without an order of removal. See page 113.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/114-117	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 January 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; William Milliken; George Gibson; Captain J Winchester [John Winchester]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Tradesmen's accounts:  Provisions: Harriet Macdonald; Alexander Graham; John S Finnie; John Gordon; Charles Auckland; John Broadway; Robert Dunn; George Wright.  Necessaries: Harriet Macdonald; John B Scott; W T Dickson.  Clothing: W T Dickson; John Hope.  Repairs to buildings: David Young; Thomas Bennett; Christopher Wright.  Furniture and Property: Thomas Bennett; Christopher Wright; David Young.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheques signed to Dr J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie] for 32 cases of successful vaccinations, and to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for vaccination fees.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to R Spence, Treasurer of the Gateshead Union for non-resident relief to Jane Saunders and Whittle's children, and to W Douglas for non-resident relief to Margaret Melln.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for expenses (his salary) incurred by the Committee.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to J A Woods [John Anthony Woods] Treasurer of the Northumberland County Asylum for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics from 1 October to 31 December 1883: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Beal.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for postage during the quarter ended December 1883.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Ralph Bolton was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:</p>	9 Jan. 1884
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			Letter dated 8 January 1884 to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], from Ralph Bolton, Lucker, regarding payment to the Guardians. See page 117.	
Item	GBF 10/118-120	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 January 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] (in the chair); William Milliken; James Hall; R Millican [Robert Millican]; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; James Laing.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to R T Grey, Treasurer of the Alnwick Union, for non-resident relief to: Sarah Harvey; Elizabeth Smith; Mary Johnson, and to T C Garfit, Louth Union, for non-resident relief to T Wilson, and to R Spence, Treasurer of Gateshead Union, for non-resident relief to Elizabeth Pringle.</p> <p>Cheques signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for police and county rates.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to H H Blair for binding etc., and to Thomas Short for poor rates.</p> <p>Registration account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for registering 20 births @2s 6d; 13 births @ 1s, 20 deaths and fees paid to clergymen.</p> <p>School Attendance Officer: Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 16 January 1884, No 3154B, approving the re-appointment of Robert Guthrie till next Christmas.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Glendale Union regarding Francis W Dougle was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Medway Union was read. The Clerk of this Union has received a cheque for the costs and expenses incurred in the case.</p> <p>School fees account: William Chisham's bill. Resolved to ratify an account submitted by William Chisham for school fees for the quarter ended on 14 December 1883.</p>	23 Jan. 1884

			<p>Application to be made to the Local Government Board to extend the time within which the same may be paid.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board to the Belford Union, No 3154B, dated 16 January 1884, and acknowledging that of 8 January 1884, and informing them of their approval of the re-appointment, until 25 December 1884, of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer.  See page 120.</p> <p>Two letters from the Glendale Union dated 17 January 1884, regarding Francis McDougal, and agreeing to accept the pauper without an order of removal.  See page 120.</p> <p>Letter from the Medway Union, dated 16 January 1884, forwarding cheque for £4 2s, and asking them to make out a bill with the items and receipt for the auditor.  See page 120.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/121	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 February 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; George Gibson; James Scott.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for relief to M A Fawcus and S Cockburn.</p>	6 Feb. 1884
Item	GBF 10/122-123	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 February 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken; George Culley, Inspector; Robert Thompson; J Hall[James Hall]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; J Ewing [James Ewing]; J Scott [James Scott]; Captain Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; J H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental</p>	20 Feb. 1884



			<p>expenses.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to W Chisam for school fees to the following children: J Allan; R Allan; W Spears; R Spears.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to W Chisam for school for the following children: J Allan; R Allan; W Spears; R Spears.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for expenses of conveying Elizabeth Miller to the Asylum, and to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for justice clerk fees in the case of Ellen Johnson, and to Knight &amp; Co for stationery.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: North-Eastern District, George Culley, Inspector. In-door and out-door relief in first week of January 1883 and 1884. [NB not mentioned in minutes].</p>	
Item	GBF 10/124-125	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 March 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); J Hall [James Hall]; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to W Chisam for school fees for the following children: James Allan; Richard Allan and William Spears.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for E Lisle, fracture of leg, and Joseph Paxton, abdominal bandage.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding the case of Joseph Paxton was read. To be considered at the next meeting.</p>	5 March 1884
Item	GBF 10/126-129	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Hugh Thompson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Ewing; Richard Redpath; Robert Millican;</p>	19 March 1884

		meeting held on 19 March 1884.	<p>George Gibson; A Hardie; William Milliken; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson; Captain Winchester [John Winchester]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; James Chirnside.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to D R Harrison, Secretary to the Border Home for Incurables, for the maintenance of Catherine Rutherford.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to S Chalker for school fees for S Allan.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions: resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 26 March 1884 for three months from: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk; and tender for one year: M T Dickson, clothing.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was read. Resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, that the sum of £3 3s be allowed. [letter not annexed, but possibly referring to letter mentioned in minutes from 5 March 1884 regarding Joseph Paxton].</p>	
Item	GBF 10/130	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians extraordinary meeting held on 19 March 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: The same as at the ordinary meeting held on the same day.</p> <p>Days of meeting: resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the days for holding the meetings of the Board of Guardians be altered from Wednesday to Thursday and that such meetings be held every alternate on and after the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April next.</p> <p>Hugh Thompson moved an amendment, seconded by William Milliken, that the hour of meeting remains the same viz. 11:30 a.m. The amendment was carried.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence::</p> <p>Letter dated 8 March 1884 from James Laing and James Hall to the Clerk of the Guardians of the Belford Union requesting an extraordinary meeting of the Guardians on Wednesday 19 March 1884 to consider whether the meetings of the Guardians should continue to be held on Wednesday. [NB not mentioned in the minutes].</p>	19 March 1884

			Letter to H S Johnson, Clerk to the Guardians, from A Burdon Sanderson, dated 18 March 1884, regarding the above. See page 130.	
Item	GBF 10/131-134	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 April 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Turnbull; William Milliken; James Hall; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; G Gibson [George Gibson]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Mark Smith for stationery – [prop's? proprietor?] A and C Gazette, printing, H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for postage, Robert Guthrie for postage.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for salary as School Attendance Officer.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Robert Guthrie for vaccination fees.</p> <p>Township of Swinhoe: cheque signed to Miss A Sutherland for school fees for non-pauper children : Robert Thompson; T Thompson.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for a visit to Elizabeth Orange.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Attendance Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; James G Macaskie, Medical Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Guardians and Clerk to the School Attendance Committee; Henry A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Tradesmen's account: cheques signed to the following contractors:</p>	2 April 1884

			<p>Provisions: Alexander Graham; H Macdonald [Harriet Macdonald]; John S Finnie; John Gordon; Sarah Dunn; Charles Auckland.  Necessaries: H Macdonald [Harriet Macdonald]; J B Scott; W T Dickson.  Clothing: W T Dickson; John Hope; Thomas Humble.  Furniture and Property: David Young.</p> <p>Resolved not to present any petition to Parliament in favour of the Sunday Closing Bill this year.</p> <p>Mr Culley's [George Culley] annual report was read and considered.</p> <p>Resolved that, if approved by the Local Government Board, future meetings of the Guardians to be held on Thursdays on and after the 10 April 1884. A postcard to be sent to each Guardian to inform them of the change.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/135-140	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 April 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); James Ewing; James Hall; William Turnbull; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: Cheques signed to R T Grey, Treasurer to the Alnwick Union for non-resident relief to Mary Johnson; Sarah Harvey; E Smith and to R Spence., Treasurer of the Gateshead Union for non-resident relief to Jane Saunders, and to William Douglas,, Treasurer of the Glendale Union for non-resident relief to Margaret Melvin.</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to Thomas Short for salary as Collector to Belford township due 25 March 1884.</p> <p>Registration account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for registering 20 births @ 2s 6d, 2 births @ 1s, 24 deaths and payment to clergymen for certified copies.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to J A Woods [John Anthony Woods],.</p>	10 April 1884

			<p>Treasurer of the Northumberland County Asylum for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Beal; Isabella Miller.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Messrs Haddon, Best &amp; Co for stationery.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 307421, 1884 A, sanctioning the meeting of the Guardians being held on Thursday instead of Wednesday in every alternate week at 11:30 commencing this day.</p> <p>Annexed letter stating that the Guardians accept Mary Robinson, a pauper, without an order of Justices.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 30742, 1884, A, dated 4 April 1884, and acknowledging that of 20 March, and stating their assent to the proposal of the Guardians to alter their day of meeting from Wednesday to Thursday. See page 138.</p> <p>Letter from George Edward Watson, Clerk to the Alnwick Union, dated 5 April 1884, enquiring if they will accept Mary Robinson, a widow aged 84. She recently moved to their union from the Belford Union. See page 138.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/141-144	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 April 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Hall; Robert Kirkup; Simon Stobbs; George Turnbull; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; Captain Winchester [John Winchester]; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; William Milliken.</p> <p>James Laing appointed Chairman and William Milliken and George Turnbull Vice-chairmen for the ensuing year.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p>	24 April 1884

			<p>Cheques signed to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for non-resident relief to M A Fawcus and S Cockburn, and to the Treasurer of Louth Union for non-resident relief to Isabella Wilson.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] as remuneration for conducting the election of Guardians for the year 1884, and to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for extra medical fees in the case of Joseph Paxton.</p> <p>Election to: Union Assessment Committee: elected: ex-officio: L Orde; J T Leather; R B Sanderson.; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Guardians: W Milliken [William Milliken]; George Turnbull; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; James Hall; James Laing; J B Sanderson; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: Ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; J T Leather.; R B Sanderson.; G D A Clark. [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Guardians: James :Laing; George Turnbull; William Milliken; James Hall; Rev W Rudge; H T Thompson; Simon Stobbs; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>Workhouse and finance Committee: Guardians: A Robinson; George Gibson; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the masters of the workhouses of Berwick, Alnwick, Wooler, Morpeth and Rothbury to enquire whether there are any female paupers who could assist the Matron to attend to the sick etc.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/145-146	Minutes of the Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 May 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; G D A Clark . [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; W Milliken [William Milliken]; A Robinson; James Ewing; W Millican [William Millican]; Robert Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Rev W Rudge [William Rudge]; James Maule; J B Sanderson; George Turnbull; R B Sanderson.; James Brown.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p>	8 May 1884

			Resolved that the Clerk advertise in the Newcastle Daily Journal; Courant; Berwick Advertiser and Alnwick and County Gazette for a middle-aged woman to act as a general servant in the Workhouse and to assist in the infirmary. Wages £16 per annum plus board and lodging.	
Item	GBF 10/147-149	Minutes of the Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 May 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Turnbull; William Milliken; James Maule; A Chirnside [Albert Chirnside]; A Robinson; J Brown [James Brown]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Robert Atkinson; A Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; W Millican [William Millican]; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>County and Police rates: cheques signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods]</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to D P Miller for rent of Workhouse for half year ending 12 May 1884, and to Thomas Short for rates and to Robert Guthrie for conveyance of John Miller, a lunatic, to the Asylum.</p> <p>Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] sons, George William and Henry Arthur, aged 19 and 14 respectively, be allowed to reside with him for about one month during their holidays in June. Mr Treble to pay 7s per week for each of them.</p>	22 May 1884
Item	GBF 10/150-152	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 June 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Turnbull; George Dryden; James Hall; Robert Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; George Gibson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to Mr [W Chisam] for school fees for non-</p>	5 June 1884

			<p>pauper children viz: J Allen; R Allen; W Spears; R Spears.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to Robert Spence., Treasurer of Gateshead Union for non-resident relief to Whittle's children and E Pringle.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Robert Guthrie for conveyance of Ann Ord, a lunatic, to the Asylum.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board approving of Mr Treble's two sons residing with him in the Workhouse in accordance with resolution passed at the last meeting.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 52959B, 1884, dated 4 June 1884, and acknowledging that of 26 May 1884, and approving of Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] two sons residing with him in the Workhouse for a period not exceeding one month. See page 152.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/153-154	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians extraordinary meeting held on 12 June 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Ewing; James Hall; James Brown; Hugh Thompson; William Milliken; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; Robert Atkinson; George Turnbull.</p> <p>The out-door relief lists for the whole of the townships in the Union was examined and the Relieving Officer directed to bring the following cases before the next ordinary meeting with the recommendations written after each name : Elizabeth Markwell; Thomas Richardson; Isabella Allen, Sunderland; Whittle's children, Gateshead.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Culley [George Culley] was read. Resolved that the Clerk write and congratulate Mr Culley on the appointment as Commissioner of Woods and Forests, and thanking him for his services to the Union as Inspector.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from James Laing and George Turnbull, dated 5 June 1884, Guardians of the</p>	12 June 1884



			<p>Union, requesting an extraordinary meeting of the Guardians on 12 June 1884, to revise the out-door relief lists of the whole of the townships in the Union. See page 153.</p> <p>Letter from George Culley, Local Government Inspector, dated 9 June 1884, to Henry S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Guardians, and announcing leaving the service of the Local Government Board, and thanking the Guardians for the courtesy always extended to him by them. See pages 153/154.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/155-158	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 June 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books</p> <p>Out-relief: cheque signed to Border Home for Incurables for maintenance of Catherine Rutherford.</p> <p>Common fund Account: cheques signed to Mr M Smith for stationery, and to C E Moore for stationery, printing and advertising.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to Miss Sarah Chalker for school fees for Sarah Allen.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheque signed to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee for the year ending Lady Day 1884.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions etc: The following tenders accepted from 25 June for three months from: Alexander Graham, bread; John Ross, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss Harriet MacDonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Union Assessment Committee: resolved that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the sum of £20 be paid to H S Johnson [[Henry Smart Johnson] for his services to the Union Assessment Committee as Clerk for the year ending 25</p>	19 June 1884

			March 1884.	
Item	GBF 10/159-162	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 July 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Turnbull; William Milliken; Albert Chirside; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd]; George Atkinson; Hugh Thompson; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Attendance Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee; Henry A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse; John Harkes.</p> <p>Tradesmen's account: Provisions: John Gordon; H MacDonald; Alexander Graham; John S Finnie; Charles Auckland; Sarah Dunn. Necessaries: H MacDonald; J B Scott; W T Dickson. Clothing: John Hope; W T Dickson. Furniture and Property: Thomas Bennett; David Young.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to pay the following: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], postage; Hadden, Best &amp; Co, stationery; Robert Guthrie, removing J Miller from Asylum and postage; E Baskerville, insurance.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for vaccination fees and papers.</p> <p>Township of Swinhoe: cheque signed to J H Hirst for school fees for non-pauper children viz.: Thomas Thompson and Robert Thompson.</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to Thomas Short for salary as Collector to Belford township.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]</p>	3 July 1884

			<p>for a visit to Elizabeth Orange, a lunatic.</p> <p>Whittle's children: annexed letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning payment of 2s 6d per week each for non-resident relief to Robert and Thomas Whittle until 18 July was read</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 61422B, 1884, dated 30 June 1884, sanctioning the payment to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee during the past year.  See page 156.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 61432A, 1884, dated 27 June, and acknowledging that of 20 June, and assenting to the Guardians granting for a period of 12 months non-resident relief of 2s 6d per week to each of the two boys named Robert and Thomas Whittle.  See page 162.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/163-166	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 July 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; George Dryden; James Hall; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; R B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to T C Garfit, for non-resident relief to Isabella Wilson, and to Robert Spence, for non-resident relief to Jane Sanders and to R J Grey for non-resident relief to Mary Johnson; S Harvey and E Smith, and to William Douglas., for non-resident relief to Margaret Melvin.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: cheque signed to John A Wood [John Anthony Wood]., Treasurer of the Northumberland County Asylum, for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics from 31 March to 30 April 1884: John Moore; Robert Short ; Alexander Cockburn; John Miller; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Beal; Isabella Miller; Ann Elizabeth Ord.</p> <p>Registration account: cheque signed to R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] for registering 20</p>	17 July 1884

			<p>births @ 2s 6d; 11 births @ 1s; 22 deaths and payment to clergymen for certified copies.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for 16 successful vaccinations.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Cashier of the Bank of England to pay the 11<sup>th</sup> instalment of the Workhouse loan of £850.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheque signed to Mary Flanery, salary for 36 days.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to pay the following: T G Turner, "Advertiser"; R Redpath, "Journal"; and "Courant"; C E Moore, binding.</p> <p>Request from the Berwick Advertiser to be allowed to attend meetings of the Guardians. Resolved not to admit reporters during the meetings, but to empower the Clerk to give such notes of the proceedings to persons applying for them at the end of the meetings as he deems of public interest.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/167-168	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 July 1884	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; James Hall; William Millican; Simon Stobbs.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheque signed to Robert Guthrie, salary as School Attendance Officer.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to Robert Spence, Treasurer of Gateshead Union, for non-resident relief to the following paupers: Whittle's children and Elizabeth Pringle, and to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for non-resident relief from M A Fawcus &amp; S Cockburn.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Thomas Short for rates.</p>	31 July 1884

Item	GBF 10/169	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians held on 14 August 1884.	Present at the meeting: James Laing. Note from the Clerk saying that he was at the Belford Board room for an hour after the appointed time for the meeting, and James Laing was the only Guardian there.	14 Aug. 1884
Item	GBF 10/170-172	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 August 1884.	Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; James Hall.  As the only Guardian who attended the last meeting (14 Aug), the following transactions were considered part of the business at this meeting:  Out-relief: cheques signed to Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, and to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidental expenses.  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.  Cheques signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods] for police and county rates.  Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] read. Resolved that 14 days leave to be granted to the Matron.  Annexed correspondence: Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master of the Workhouse, applying for 14 days leave for the Matron. Their daughter, Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack] would perform the Matron's duties during the absence. See page 172.	28 Aug. 1884
Item	GBF 10/173-174	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 September 1884.	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; Robert Atkinson; James Hall; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; Simon Stobbs.  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books.  Common fund account: cheque signed to John Shaw & Son for books and stationery.	11 Sept. 1884

			<p>Letter from Mr Knollys [Edward Knollys], Local Government Inspector, saying that he had taken up his residence at Richmond, Yorkshire</p> <p>.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from George Bolton, Darlington, dated 6 September, 1884, informing the Guardians that William Edward Knollys, Local Government Board Inspector of the North Eastern District, has taken up his residence at Richmond, Yorkshire.  See page 174.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/175-177	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 September 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Turnbull; William Milliken; J Maule [James Maule]; R Kirkup [Robert Kirkup]; James Hall; R Millican [Robert Millican]; W Millican [William Millican]; Simon Stobbs.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given according to the direction of the Guardians.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheque signed to Mrs Mary Flanery for one quarter salary.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions: resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 29 September 1884 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; John S Finnie, milk.</p>	25 Sept. 1884
Item	GBF 10/178-186	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 October 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Hall; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief has been given according to the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Salaries account: cheques signed to Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Enquiry Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to Union and School Attendance Committee [James G Macaskie]; C C Burman [Charles</p>	9 Oct. 1884

			<p>Clark Burman]; J G Macaskie , Medical Officer and H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: cheques signed to Robert Guthrie, salary as School Attendance Officer and to Mr H H Blair for stationery.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: cheque signed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for quarterly visit to Elizabeth Orange, a lunatic.</p> <p>Vaccination account: cheque signed to Robert Guthrie for vaccination fees and papers.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to R T Grey, Treasurer of the Alnwick Union, for non-resident relief to the following paupers: Sarah Harvey; Elizabeth Smith; Mary Johnston and to R W Harrison, Treasurer of the Border Counties Home for Incurables, for relief to Catherine Rutherford.</p> <p>Township of Belford: cheque signed to Thomas Short for salary as Collector to Belford township.</p> <p>Tradesmen's account: cheques signed to the following contractors: John Gordon, provisions; Harriet Macdonald, provisions; Harriet Macdonald, necessaries; Alexander Graham, baker products. Provisions: John S Finnie; Charles Auckland; John Broadway; Sarah Dunn; George Hall Necessaries: J B Scott; W T Dickson. Clothing: W T Dickson; John Hope. Furniture: David Young; Christopher Wright.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques signed to the following: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], postages; C E Moore, stationery; H A Blair, stationery; Robert Guthrie, postages.</p> <p>Orders signed in conformity regarding contribution orders passed 11 September 1884.</p>	
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			<p>Vote of condolences on the death of George Turnbull, Lucker, Guardian and Vice-chairman of the Board of Guardians</p> <p>Report from the Relieving Officer regarding the recent audit by Mr Hunton at which he was directed to get the Chairman to initial each case in his Application and Report Book at the beginning of each half-year. Moved by George Dixon Atkinson Clark, seconded by William Milliken, and carried that no change be made in the present mode of dealing with the Application and Report Book</p> <p>Treasurer's account: annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 83769G, dated 29 September 1884, together with enclosures, were read. Resolved that the Clerk write the Local Government Board and explain the system now in force as to the payment of contributions orders.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 83769G, dated 29 September 1884, with enclosed letter from J Broadway [John Broadway], regarding the accounts of the Rural Sanitary Authority, and certain practices recommended by Mr Hunton, District Auditor. Also enclosed copy of explanation received by Mr Hunton. The Local Government Board request to be furnished with the observations of the Guardians on the matter. Also copy of letter, dated 27 August 1884, to the Local Government Board from J Broadway [John Broadway], Treasurer of the Rural Sanitary Authority, and drawing their attention to the fact that the account of the Belford Sanitary Authority has been overdrawn owing to changes recommended by the Auditor. Also copy of letter from H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] to John Broadway, Treasurer of the Belford Rural Sanitary Authority, dated 5 August 1884, regarding the consequences of the changed system of payment. Also copy of minutes by Mr Hunton regarding the above-mentioned situation.  See page 185.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/187-190	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 October 1884.	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; R Millican [Robert Millican]; James Ewing; Robert Thompson; G Drysdale; J Hall [James Hall]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; R B Sanderson; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Rev W Rudge; W Millican [William Millican]; J H B Sanderson [James Haldane Burdon]	23 Oct. 1884



			<p>Sanderson]; James Brown; J Scott [James Scott]; Capt Winchester [John Winchester].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer' books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Out-relief: cheques signed to William Douglas, Treasurer of the Glendale Union, for non-resident relief to Margaret Melville, and to the Treasurer of Tynemouth Union for non-resident relief to Mary Ann Fawers, and to Robert Spence, Treasurer of the Gateshead Union, for non-resident relief to Jane Saunders, and to J C Garfit, Treasurer of the South Louth Union, for non-resident relief to Isabella Wilson.</p> <p>Lunatic asylum account: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], Treasurer of the Northumberland County Asylum for the care and maintenance of the following lunatics: John Moore; Robert Short; Alexander Cockburn; John Miller; funeral expenses for John Miller; Elspeth Oliver; Catherine Burns; Mary Beal; Elizabeth Ann Ord.</p> <p>Clerk's account: annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 94662G, dated 21 October 1884, was read regarding accounts required to be kept by the Clerk, H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] and his neglect to comply with the regulations.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mrs George Turnbull was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 94662G, dated 21 October 1884, regarding letter received from the District Auditor and the Clerk's neglect to comply with the regulations prescribed by article 27 of the General Order fro Accounts of 14 January 1867. The Board express their trust that the Auditor will not have occasion in future to report on similar failure on his part. See page 189.</p> <p>Letter from Mrs George Turnbull on the death of her husband. See page 189/190.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/191-193	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 November 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George D A Clark. [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Milliken; Hugh Thompson; James Brown; Robert Millican; Adam Robinson; William Millican; James Maule; George Gibson; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheque signed to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] for incidentals.</p> <p>Cheque signed to C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], for attending Elizabeth Clifton in the Workhouse during child-birth.</p> <p>Non-resident relief: cheque signed to Robert Spence, Treasurer of the Gateshead Union, for non-resident relief paid to Whittle's children and Elizabeth Pringle.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: cheque signed to William Chisam for school fees to: William Spears; R Allan.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk see Mr Watson and' if necessary, make enquiries into the settlement of Jane Black.</p>	6 Nov. 1884
Item	GBF 10/193-195	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 November 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); W Millican [William Millican]; James Ewing; James Hall; James Brown; Adam Robinson; Simon Stobbs; George Gibson; Robert Millican; Rev William Rudge; Hugh Thompson; A F Nichols [Anthony Frederick Nichol].</p> <p>The Clerk reporter that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books, and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Master's account: cheque signed to John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], for</p>	20 Nov. 1884

			<p>incidental expenses, and for county and police rates.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheques drawn to pay the following: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] ½ audit stamp; Thomas Short, poor rate; William Rose, rent of the Workhouse garden.</p> <p>Subject to the consent of the Guardians and the Local Government Board, the School Attendance Committee have re-appointed Robert Guthrie as School Attendance Officer until Christmas 1885 at a salary of £15.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 95427, regarding Treasurer's bond, was read. [not annexed].</p>	
Item	GBF 10/196-198	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 December 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing 9in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Common fund account: cheque signed to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for medicine (quinine tincture).</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, ale and tobacco be given to the inmates of the Workhouse on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Resolved that Mr Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] be allowed to give the inmates a tea as usual on New Year's Day.</p> <p>Resolved that the money in the hands of Mr Broadway [John Broadway], the Treasurer for Union and sanitary purposes, be kept in one account by him as Treasurer of the Union. Also resolved that he be required to enter into a bond as such Treasurer with two sureties of £1,000, and that the present sureties be accepted.</p> <p>Resolved that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the sum of £5</p>	4 Dec. 1884

			<p>5s be allowed to Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Workhouse Medical Officer, to provide a fully qualified medical gentleman (Dr Archbold) from 11 to 26 November 1884 inclusive to attend a infectious case of [?] disease, as there is another case of child-birth in the Workhouse at the time.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the overseers who have not paid the last order made upon them. If not paid before the next meeting, proceedings will be taken against them.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/199-203	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 December 1884.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; William Millican; Robert Thompson; James Hall; Adam Robinson; R Millican [Robert Millican]; A M Hardie [ Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Rev W Rudge; James Scott; Simon Stobbs; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; G D A Clark. [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to C E Moore for advertising; and to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], justice clerk fees re John Robinson.</p> <p>Master's account: Henry Arthur Treble, incidentals.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders for provisions etc be accepted from 25 December 1884 for three months from: Alexander Graham, bread; Messrs H O Short &amp; Son, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss H Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of Hugh Thompson, seconded by Simon Stobbs, that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Robert Guthrie is hereby re-appointed School Attendance Officer for one year – Christmas 1884 to Christmas 1885 at a salary of £15.</p> <p>Treasurer's account: Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 99112G,</p>	18 Dec. 1884

			<p>dated 15 December 1884, was considered. The Clerk directed to state in reply that it is not the intention of the Guardians to use the money contributed for poor law to pay for expenses incurred by them as the Rural Sanitary Authority. The object of the Guardians is to make one bond as Treasurer of the Union sufficient security for all monies in Mr Broadway's [John Broadway] hands belonging to the Guardians for both union and sanitary purposes.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] Master of the Workhouse, was read. Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mrs Mary Ann Tyzack, aged 34, daughter of Mr Treble, be allowed to reside in the Workhouse with him during the Christmas holidays, from 25 December until 3 January 1885, on condition that Mr Treble pays the rate of 7s per week.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was again considered. The Clerk directed to write and say that the Relieving Officer is bound to give orders for the Workhouse when application is made to him by destitute persons.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk make enquiries into the circumstances of William Hutchinson with a view to obtain an order upon him to re-pay the relief given to his son's wife and children.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 99112G, dated 15 December 1884, and acknowledging that of 13 October 1884 regarding the circumstances under which the account of the Rural Sanitary Authority of the Belford Union under their Treasurer J Broadway [John Broadway] has been overdrawn. The Board refer to its circular letter of 16 September 1872 which states that the receipt from the Union and the Sanitary Authority should be kept separate. The arrangement described in the Belford Union letter is open to objection as it allows the use of either the sanitary or the poor law fund to provide for the deficiencies in the other. They also refer to the regulations of Article 2 of the General Order of 26 February 1866.  See page 202.</p> <p>Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] Master of the Workhouse, dated 16 December 1884 asking the Guardians' permission to allow their daughter to remain</p>	
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			<p>with them in the Workhouse during the Christmas period- 25 December to 3 January. See page 202.</p> <p>Letter from Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 2 December 1884 and enclosing account of expenses incurred for the exclusive purpose of attending Elizabeth Clark, recently discharged from the Workhouse, and explaining why he did not make use of his deputy. See page 202.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/204-206	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 January 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Hugh Thompson; G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; J Hall [James Hall]; Simon Stobbs; Rev W Rudge.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], postages (common fund); salary (School Attendance Committee); fees and papers (vaccination account).</p> <p>Salaries account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman]; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie]; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Union and School Attendance account and H S Johnson, postages, expenses re Jane Black's case. H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse; John Harker, Assistant Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Township of Belford: Thomas Short, Collector of Rates.</p> <p>Common find account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical fees.</p> <p>Vaccination account: C C Burman, vaccinations as per account; J Macaskie [James G Macaskie], vaccinations as per account.</p> <p>Out-relief: R Spence [Robert Spence], Gateshead Union.</p>	1 Jan. 1885

			<p>Common fund account: J Davidson, printing.</p> <p>Invoice account: H Macdonald, provisions and necessaries.</p> <p>Provisions: C Auckland; J Gordon; A Graham; J S Finnie; S Dunn; G Hall; J Forster; G Wright.</p> <p>Necessaries: J B Scott.</p> <p>Furniture and Property: G Robinson; T Bennett; D Young.</p> <p>Clothing: J Hope.</p> <p>Necessaries: W T Dickson.</p> <p>William Hutchinson attended the meeting and explained his circumstances. The Guardians thought he should pay 1s 6d per week for six months, which he refused to do. Resolved that the Clerk should take proceedings before the Justices with a view to getting an order on him.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was read. Resolved to sanction Dr Archbold as Dr Burman's substitute.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Dr C C Burman asking for Dr Archbold to be approved as his temporary substitute. See page 206.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/207-209	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 January 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Hall; Simon Stobbs; G Gibson [George Gibson]; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Rev W Rudge; Hugh Thompson; W Milliken [William Milliken]; Capt. Winchester [John Winchester]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; James Ewing; A Chirside [Albert Chirside]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; W Millican [William Millican]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; R B Sanderson.; J Brewis [James Brewis]; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with instructions</p>	15 Jan. 1885

			<p>given by the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: T G Turner, advertising (common fund; Treasurer Border Home for Incurables, (out-relief); R J Grey, Alnwick Union (out-relief; R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie; John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], lunatic asylum.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was read. The Clerk directed to write and say that the woman appeared to be destitute when she applied to Mr Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] who confirms that that was the case and he was therefore bound to give the order he did as the Relieving Officer is responsible in such cases. No further steps to be taken in the matter.</p> <p>School Attendance Officer. Annexed letter dated 6 January 1885, No 120720B, approving of the re-appointment of Mr Guthrie [Robert Guthrie].</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 6 January 1885, No 121253, regarding Mrs Tyzach [Mary Ann Tyzack] was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board stating that £72 had been paid to the Treasurer was read.</p> <p>8s 5d has been paid to the Guardians for the expense of maintaining James Steel, pauper, in the Workhouse.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 28 December 1884, saying that the Relieving Officer should consult him before giving an order to a recently confined woman, except in urgent cases, which he says the case referred to was not. This should be avoided in future in order to avoid setting a precedence. See page 209.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 120720B, dated 6 January 1885, and acknowledging that of 20 December 1884, and approving of the re-appointment of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer of the Belford District of Belford Union, as School</p>	
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			<p>Attendance Officer under the provisions of the Elementary Education Act 1876, and the General Order of 14 April 1877 and 4 June 1877. See page 209.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, NO 121253B, dated 6 January 1885 and acknowledging that of 22 December 1884 giving permission for Mrs Tycack [Mary Ann Tycack], the daughter of the Master of the Workhouse to stay with him in the Workhouse during the Christmas holiday from 25 December to 3 January. The Master to pay 7s a week for her maintenance. See page 209.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 10 January 1885 and informing the Guardians that they have paid Mr Broadway [John Broadway], Treasurer of the Union, £72 for the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics in borough asylums and licences houses. See page 209.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/210-211	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 January 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Rev W Rudge; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; William Turnbull; James Hall; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; J Brown [James Brown]; J Scott [James Scott]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], out-relief; Treasurer of Tynemouth Union, out-relief; the Treasurer of Gateshead Union, out-relief; the Treasurer of Louth Union, out-relief; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 121262G, dated 21 January 1885. The Clerk directed to proceed with the bond.</p>	29 Jan. 1885

			<p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 121262G, dated 21 January 1885, and acknowledging that of 22 December 1884 regarding J Broadway [John Broadway], as Treasurer of the Guardians of the Union, and how to keep the accounts of the poor law and the Rural Sanitary Authority apart.  See page 211.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/212-213	Minutes of Belford Board of guardians meeting held on 12 February 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); George Gibson; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; J Hall [James Hall]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; W Milliken [William Milliken]; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson]; Lames Ewing; William Millican; Robert Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; A Chirnside [Albert Chirnside]; R Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books, and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], out-relief; Hadden &amp; Co, stationery; Shaw &amp; Sons, stationery; Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical fees and medicine.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: W Chisom, school fees.</p>	12 Feb. 1885
Item	GBF 10/214	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 February 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: G D A Clark. [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] (in the chair); W Milliken [William Milliken]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; J Hall [James Hall]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; J Brown [James Brown].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instruction of the Guardians.</p>	26 Feb. 1885

			Cheques were signed to pay Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer.	
Item	GBF 10/215-216	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 March 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Hall; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; James Maule; Robert Millican; J Brown [James Brown]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; G D A Clark, [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that he relief had been given in accordance with the instruction of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], out-relief; Hadden &amp; Co, stationery; Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], visit to Elizabeth Orange, and medicine for her and extra medical fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from E Knollys [Edward Knollys] was read and the Clerk reported that he had replied to it.</p> <p>Annexed schedule of in-door and out-door relief in first week of January 1884 and 1885, North-Eastern District, was examined.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from William E Knollys, [William Edward Knollys] dated 7 March 1885, enquiring about the number of persons suffering from smallpox or scarlet fever in the Belford Union, and what hospital accommodation, apart from the Workhouse, there exists in the Union for the treatment of infectious diseases. See page 216.</p> <p>Schedule of in-door and out-door relief in the first week of January 1884 and 1885 from William E Knollys, Inspector. See page 216.</p>	12 March 1885
Item	GBF 10/217-	Minutes of Belford	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; J Scott [James	26 March 1885

	218	Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 March 1885.	<p>Scott]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Hugh Thompson; George Dryden.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to Robert Guthrie for salary for out-relief, Relieving Officer, School Enquiry Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Attendance Officer; and salaries to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union, School Attendance Committee and postage; to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; Dr Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master of the Workhouse and his wife, Matron of the Workhouse; John Harker, Assistant Relieving Officer; Thomas Short , Collector of Poor Rates.</p> <p>Common fund account: C E Moore, printing stationery.</p> <p>Seal of the Board of Guardians affixed to a petition to Parliament in favour of closing public houses all day on Sundays.</p> <p>INSERTER BETWEEN PAGE 217 AND 218: Tenders for provisions etc.: resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 30 March 1885 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/219-223	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 April 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: W Milliken [William Milliken]; James Ewing; Rev W Rudge; W Millican [ William Millican]; J Brown [James Brown]; Simon Stobbs; R Millican [Robert Millican]; J Hall [James Hall]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instruction of the Guardians.</p>	9 April 1885

			<p>Cheques signed to: H Macdonald, provisions and necessaries; John Gordon, John S Finnie, Alexander Graham, Sarah Dunn, Charles Auckland, W J Dickson, J B Scott, necessaries; David Young, furniture and property.</p> <p>Cheque to Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer for out-relief and vaccination account, common fund and postages.</p> <p>Cheque for out-relief to D R Harrison, Treasurer of the Border Home for Incurables; W Douglas, Glendale Union and R T Grey, Alnwick Union.</p> <p>Common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for conduction election of Guardians.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], Treasurer of County Asylum.</p> <p>Annexed: Belford Union, election of Guardians of the Poor list of Guardians nominated April 1885.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/224-227	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 April 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Scott; Adam Robinson; James Hall; Simon Stobbs; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Rev William Rudge; Robert Millican; William Millican; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>Resolved that James Laing is appointed Chairman for the ensuing year. Vice-chairmen: William Milliken and Simon Stobbs. Mr Milliken takes the precedence.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, for out-relief.</p> <p>Registration account: Robert Guthrie for 20 births, £2 10s 0d, and 15 births, 15s, 22</p>	23 April 1885

		<p>deaths, £1 2s 0d, 8 marriages, 4s.</p> <p>Out-relief: J C Garfit, Louth Union and R Spence, Gateshead Union</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum Account: C C Burman [ Charles Clark Burman] for visit to pauper.</p> <p>Common Fund: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for medicine.</p> <p>Union Assessment Committee: resolved that the Committee consist of twelve members, four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: Ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; J T Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Elected Guardians: William Milliken; Hugh Thompson; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; J Hall [James Hall]; J Laing [James Laing]; J B Sanderson; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs].</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: resolved that the Committee consist of twelve members, four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; J T Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Elected Guardians: James Laing; William Milliken; James Hall; Rev William Rudge; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Rev W Wilson[William Wilson].</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee: resolved that the Committee consist of six members. Appointed were: A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Scott.</p> <p>Annexed letter from James Blackhall was read. The Clerk reported that he had replied to it.</p> <p>Resolved that subject to the approval of the Local Government Board the Guardians will pay H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] £20 for his services as Clerk to the Committee for the year ended 25 March 1885.</p> <p>Resolved that Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son George, subject to the approval</p>	
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			<p>of the Local Government Board, be allowed to reside in the Workhouse from 5 to 19 May. Mr Treble to pay 7s per week for his maintenance.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from James Blackhall, tailor, Lowick, to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] dated 9 April 1885, enquiring about when and where he can get his money, as he is done with Pearson eight weeks from the date of the letter. Does he have to go to Alnwick or can the money be sent?  See page 227.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/228-231	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 May 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; J B Sanderson; James Maule; W Milliken [William Milliken]; James Hall; J Scott [James Scott]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J Brown [James Brown]; W Millican [William Millican]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; A F Nichol [Anthony Fredrick Nichol]; Rev W Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; common fund account: W Rose, rent of Workhouse; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman, medical fees; W Chissam, non-pauper school fees, Sunderland.</p> <p>Annexed letter from The Local Government Board regarding Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 42950B, 1885, dated 12 May 1885 and acknowledging that of 25 April 1885, and assenting to the proposal that the Master's son reside in the Workhouse from 5 to 19 May on condition that Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] pays 7s per week for his maintenance.  See page 231.</p>	7 May 1885

Item	GBF 10/232-233	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 June 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; James Hall; Robert Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books, and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instruction of the Guardians.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read. Resolved that for one month the hours for the admission of vagrants into the casual ward be from six to eight p.m. Notice to be put on the Workhouse door regarding this.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the overseers who have not yet paid the orders due on 23 April. If not paid before the next meeting proceedings will be taken to recover the amounts.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 1 June 1885 asking the Guardians to fix an hour for the admission of vagrants into the Workhouse at night in accordance with according to [Glen article 99, note b?] as seems to be the custom in most unions. Mrs Wardheugh has given over [leading stones?] and Mr Jeffrey of Belford has been engaged to lead stones to the Workhouse on the same conditions as Mrs Wardheugh, subject to the approval of the Guardians. He recommends that a strong iron grating be fixed in the wall of the vagrant stone yard to screen stones after they are broken, as seems to be a common thing in workhouses. See page 223.</p>	4 June 1885
Item	GBF 10/234	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians extraordinary meeting held on 11 June 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); James Brown; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; Rev William Wilson; James Maule; Alexander Macfarlan Hardie; Robert Millican; William Millican; Hugh Thompson.</p> <p>The list of out-door relief was examined, but no changes could be made.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from James Laing and William Milliken, dated 14 June requesting an extraordinary meeting of the Guardians to review the out-door relief list of the whole</p>	11 June 1885



			of the townships in this Union.	
Item	GBF 10/235-237	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 June 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Hall; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief. Common fund account: M Smith, stationery.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions Etc. Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 29 June 1885 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk.</p>	18 June 1885
Item	GBF 10/238-240	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 July 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Ewing; R Millican [Robert Millican]; W Millican [William Millican]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Rev W Rudge; Capt Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instruction of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed upon the Treasurer to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief and salaries for School Enquiry Committee, Vaccination and School Attendance Committee and postages (common fund) and fees and papers (vaccination account); Salaries to H S Johnson Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union, Clerk to the School Committee and postage (common fund); C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer and vaccinations; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer, and vaccination; and to H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master of the Workhouse; and to John Harker, Assistant Relieving Officer and to T</p>	2 July 1885

			<p>Short [Thomas Short], Collector.</p> <p>Out-relief: D R Harrison, Border Home for Incurables; R Spence, Gateshead Union.</p> <p>Common fund: E Baskerville, insurance.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/241-242	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 June 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Rev W Rudge; Rev W Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following officers: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], out-relief and registration (registration account); common fund: T Short [Thomas Short], rates; C E Moore, stationery; Haden &amp; Co, stationery.</p> <p>Out-relief: Treasurers of Alnwick Union, Newcastle Union, Louth Union and Glendale Union.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], maintenance of six lunatics.</p> <p>Township of Sunderland: W Chissam, school fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the hour for admitting vagrants to the Workhouse for the present time to 29 September next be ten o'clock p.m.</p>	16 June 1885
Item	GBF 10/243-244	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting 30 July 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; J Scott [James Scott].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the</p>	30 July 1885

			<p>instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Cheques signed to Robert Guthrie as Relieving Officer, £20.</p> <p>Common fund account: the apportionment to the common fund upon the township of Budle being upon £1314 rateable value instead of £1296 as amended.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Alnwick Union was read. Resolved to offer Elizabeth Reary the Workhouse.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Newcastle Union was read regarding Sarah Jane and James Ridgeway. Resolved that the Guardians agree to pay the money as proposed. The Clerk to write the Newcastle Guardians and ask them if they have obtained the sanction of the Local Government to the payment.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Alnwick Union, dated 23 July 1885, regarding Elizabeth Reary, 84 years of age. She moved from Preston [Belford Union] to Craster Farm [Alnwick Union] on 12 May 1885. She resided at Preston from May 1881 to May 1885 and only received relief for one month in 1881. Will Belford Union accept her?  See page 244.</p> <p>Letter from John W Gibson, Clerk to the Newcastle Union, dated 20 July 1885, regarding Sarah Jane and James Ridgeway requesting that the Guardians will pay, on behalf of the Newcastle Union, 1s 6d per week to the two children for 26 weeks.  See page 244.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/245	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 August 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); W Millican [William Millican]; Simon Stobbs; Capt. Winchester [John Winchester]; J Maule [James Maule]; Rev W Rudge.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p>	13 Aug. 1885

Item	GBF 10/246-247	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 August 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); W Milliken [William Milliken]; W Millican [William Millican]; Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd]; Simon Stobbs; Hugh Thompson; Capt. Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books and ascertained that the relief had been given in accordance with the instructions of the Guardians.</p> <p>Royal Agricultural Societies show 1887. Resolved, on the motion of Hugh Thompson, seconded by William Milliken, that the Guardians concur in the application of the Newcastle Corporation to hold the show in Newcastle.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Town Clerk's office, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 18 August 1885, regarding the Newcastle Corporation's decision to hold the Royal Agricultural show for 1887 in Newcastle and asking for the Guardians' support in this.  See page 247.  Also annexed letter from the Town Clerk's Office in Newcastle regarding the above and pointing out that supporting this decision will not involve any expenses for the Guardians. Dated 18 August 1885.  See page 247.</p> <p>Letter from Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, dated 21 August 1885, and enclosing copied of their last report and a circular sent to the boards of guardians who have pupils in the institution and which has led to many boards having become subscribers. Even though the Belford Union have no pupils in the institution at the moment they want to point out the availability of the existence of the institution.  See page 247.</p>	27 Aug. 1885
Item	GBF 10/248-249	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Hall [James Hall]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; W E Knolly [William Edward Knollys]	10 Sept. 1885

		meeting held on 10 September 1885.	<p>[Local Government Board Inspector]; J B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account, Hadden &amp; Co, stationery; out-relief, Treasurer of Tyne mouth Union; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates. Common fund account: Robert Guthrie, conveying lunatic to asylum; Lunatic Asylum account, Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], visit to Elizabeth Orange, a lunatic, and medicine.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding Whittle's children was read.</p> <p>Mr Knollys [William Edward Knollys] brought out several matters connected with the Workhouse. The Clerk directed to make a note of them and bring them before the next meeting.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 81938A, 1885, dated 2 September 1885, and acknowledging that of 22 August, and sanctioning for a further period of 12 months the departure from the regulations in the General Out-door Relief Prohibitory Order, proposed in the case of two boys named Robert and Thomas Whittle while residing with their uncle in the Gateshead Union. See page 249.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/250-252	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 September 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; William Millican; Simon Stobbs; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; Capt A Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving</p>	24 Sept. 1885

			<p>Officer, out-relief; common fund account H Blair, stationery; Knight &amp; Co, stationery.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions. Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 5 October for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved that the Master carry out the recommendations of Mr Knollys' [William Edward Knollys] to provide the vagrants with night shirts and that the partition in the stone yard be altered and that an extra bath be obtained for the use of the inmates.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/253-255	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 October 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: W Milliken [William Milliken]; A Robertson [Adam Robertson]; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; J Hall [James Hall]; J Brown [James Brown].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; salaries account: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Attendance Officer, School Enquiry Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union, School Attendance Clerk.</p> <p>Salaries account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; J G Macaskie, [James G Macaskie] Medical Officer; J Harkes , Assistant Relieving Officer; T Short [Thomas Short], Collector for Belford township; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Common fund account: Knight &amp; Co, books; out-relief D R Harrison, Border Home for Incurables; James Forster, Alnwick Union; W Douglas, Glendale Union; C Scott, Tynemouth Union; R Spence, Gateshead Union.</p> <p>Lunatic Asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], maintenance of lunatics.</p> <p>Collection of gas rates at Belford. Annexed letter from the Local Government Board and copy of letters from Mr Short [Thomas Short] and Overseers of Belford were</p>	8 Oct. 1885

			<p>read. Messrs Clark and Dickson, Overseers of Belford, attended and contended that it was Mr Short's duty to collect the gas rates according to 3 &amp; 4 Wil. 4 cap. 90. The Clerk drew the Guardians' attention to the opinion given by [Mr Glen...?] in the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of his Poor Law Order paper 493, stating that collecting gas rates formed no part of the collector's duty. The Clerk directed to write to the Local Government Board on the subject.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 85073B, 1885, dated 25 September 1885, and transmitting to the Guardians copy of a communication they have received from Michael Clark, Overseer of the township of Belford, with reference to the collection of the lighting rates. See page 255.</p> <p>Copy of letter, dated 2 September, from Michael Clark, Overseer, saying that this year Thomas Short, Collector, has refused to collect gas rates, even though he has been doing it for several years. Additional pay, according to Poor Law Act 1879 ( 42 &amp; 43, Vic, cap 54, section 17,. Mr Short's reply enclosed. The Local Government Board are asked to take action in the matter. See page 255.</p> <p>Letter from Thomas Short, Collector of poor rates, dated 2 September 1885, to Mr W T Dickson and Mr Michael Clark, Overseers of the Belford township, and stating that he considers it no part of his duties to collect the gas rates for the lighting of the streets in Belford. See page 255.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/256-261	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 October 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing; William Milliken; James Ewing; Robert Millican; Simon Stobbs; James Hall; James Maule; William Millican; James Brewis; William Turnbull; Adam Robinson; Rev W Rudge; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's and the Relieving Officer's books.</p>	22 Oct. 1885

			<p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; Robert Guthrie, registration account; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], audit stamp, common fund; T C Garfit, Louth Union, out-relief; Master's account, H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], incidentals.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had written the Local Government Board regarding collection of gas rates at Belford as directed, but had received no reply. Opinions of the Guardians differed. Resolved to advise Mr Short [Thomas Short], to collect the gas rates under protest and wait for the opinion of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Alnwick Union was read. Resolved to offer Elizabeth Reary, a pauper, the Workhouse.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Alnwick Union was read. The Clerk directed to say that the Guardians see no objection to the proposed binding of a boy named [W Kenzie], at present in the Workhouse, as an apprentice to Mr R Muckle, shoemaker, Lucker.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Kennedy was read regarding the use of the Guardians' board room for an enquiry regarding Shoston and Lucker and the Divided Parishes Act</p> <p>Annexed correspondence.  Letter from George Edward Watson, Clerk to the Alnwick Union, dated 29 September 1885, and asking the Guardians to grant non-settled relief to Elizabeth Reary, a pauper, belonging to Belford Union and residing at Craster West Farm in the Alnwick Union.  See page 261.</p> <p>Letter from George Edward Watson, Clerk to the Alnwick Union, dated 20 October 1885, and enquiring if the Guardians have any objection to a boy name d [William Kenzie], at present in the Workhouse, being bound as an apprentice to Mr R Muckle, shoemaker, Lucker.  See page 261.</p> <p>Letter from H G Kennedy, one of the Local Government Board's inspectors, enquiring</p>	
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			of the possibility of using the board room for an enquiry regarding Shoston and Lucker Divided Parishes Act inquiry. See page 261.	
Item	GBF 10/262-263	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 November 1885.	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; James Hall; Adam Robinson; Th Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; William Milliken; J B Sanderson; R B Sanderson; James Brown; William Millican; Rev William Rudge; Robert Millican.  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as other relevant books.  Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], audit stamp, common fund account.	5 Nov. 1885
Item	GBF 10/264-266	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 November 1885.	Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Rev William Wilson; James Ewing; [Major?] Marshall [Anthony Marshall?]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; William Turnbull; James Maule; Rev William Rudge; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].  The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as other relevant books.  Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, common fund; D A C Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark], rent of Workhouse; Thomas Short, rates; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], bandaged for James Curry.  Lunatic Asylum account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman, visit to E Orange [Elizabeth Orange].  Annexed letter from Rev J C Dunn regarding the case of Elizabeth Fawcus, was read.  Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding Belford gas rates was	19 Nov. 1885

			<p>read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Rev J C Dunn, Beadnell Vicarage, dated 10 November 1885, saying that he will present the Guardians letter to the Committee [Beadnell Fishing Boat Disaster Fund] at their annual meeting in December. The last paragraph of the letter needs revising before it is submitted.  See page 265.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 96405C, 1885, dated 16 November 1885, and acknowledging that of 12 November 1885 regarding Thomas Short, Collector of Poor Rates, and his refusal to collect the lighting rate in the township. They state that Mr Short is obliged to do it under section 17 of the 42 and 43 Vic, c 54 if required by the overseers.  See page 265.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/267-268	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 December 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); W Millican [William Millican]; J Hall [James Hall]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by the Master, as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates; master's account: H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], incidentals; common fund account: T Short [Thomas Short], gas rates township of Sunderland; W Chissam, school fees.</p>	3 Dec. 1885
Item	GBF 10/269-272	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 December 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; J Ewing [James Ewing]; W Millican [William Millican]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; J Brown [James Brown]; Capt Winchester [John Winchester]; William Milliken; also present Dr Broadbent.</p>	17 Dec. 1885

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by the Master, as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], regarding James Oliver, a pauper was read. The Clerk directed to write and say that it appears to the Guardians that Mr Guthrie [Robert Guthrie] acted within his duty in doing what he did.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions: resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 28 December for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; J S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, ale and tobacco be given to the inmates of the Workhouse on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 16 December 1885, out-lining how the case of James Oliver had been handled and his dissatisfaction with this. See page 271.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/273-275	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 December 1885.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Hall; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by the Master, as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; salaries account: Robert Guthrie, Vaccination Officer, School Attendance Officer, School Inquiry Officer; common fund account: Robert Guthrie, postages.</p> <p>Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk, Clerk to School Attendance Committee; common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], postages, justice clerk fees in three cases.</p> <p>Salaries account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; common</p>	31 Dec. 1885

			<p>fund: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], medicines; lunatic asylum account: visit to Elizabeth Orange; vaccination account: 28 vaccination cases and expenses.</p> <p>Salaries account: J G Macaskie, [James G Macaskie] Medical Officer; vaccination account: fees and expenses.</p> <p>Salaries account: J S Harker, Assistant Relieving Officer, Belford township; Thomas Short, collector's salary; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Common fund account: J Davidson, printing; Knight &amp; Co, printing.</p> <p>Resolved that Charles Auckland's tender to supply flour, oatmeal and barley be accepted until Lady Day.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/276-278	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 January 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; William Millican; James Scott; Simon Stobbs; James Hall; R Millican [Robert Millican]; James Brown; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and the books kept by the Master, as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the printed statement of receipts and payments issued by the Clerk of the Peace in respect of the county and police.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Berwick Union accepting James Oliver, a lunatic, without an order of justice.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read, and the Guardians approved a further leave to the Matron until her son can be left on his own.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Berwick Union accepting the chargeability of James Oliver, a lunatic, dated 5 January 1885 [sic].</p>	14 Jan. 1886

			<p>See page 278</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 13 January 1886, applying for further leave for the Matron [his wife], as her son is dangerously ill with rheumatic purpura. As the Middleton School is closed during the Christmas holiday, her daughter, Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack], is at liberty to perform her mother's duty. See page 278.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/279-281	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 January 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; W Millican [William Millican; W Milliken [William Milliken]; S Forster [Andrew Forster]; Rev W Rudge.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book, as well as that of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: common fund account: C C Moore, printing; Thomas Short, poor rates, county and police rates; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], out-relief; R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee have re-appointed Robert Guthrie as School Attendance Officer until Christmas 1886 subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read. Resolved that Henry Arthur Treble, aged 16, son of the Master and Matron, and who recently passed through a severe illness in London, be allowed to live with his parents in the Workhouse, not exceeding six weeks from 29 January. Mr Treble to pay 7s per week for his maintenance. Resolution subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Rev J C Dunn was read and considered. The Clerk directed to write and say that the Guardians do not feel justified in communicating the names of the Guardian or Guardians who mentioned the alleged replacing of lost nets to the Committee.</p>	28 Jan. 1886

			<p>Annexed correspondence:</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 26 January 1886, and informing them that the Matron has not yet been able to return from London due to their son's prolonged illness caused by the doctor prescribing him the wrong medicine – he had two patients by the name of Treble – causing severe ulceration of his bowels, and asking for permission for their son to stay with them in the Workhouse for one month from 29 January 1886. His maintenance will be paid for by Mr Treble. See page 281.</p> <p>Letter from J C Dunn, Beadnell Vicarage, Chathill, Secretary and Treasurer of the Beadnell Fishing Boat Disaster Fund, dated 14 January 1886, and replying to the Guardians regarding Elizabeth and Mary A Fawcus that the Committee do not see their way to increase the grant to Elizabeth Fawcus and her children as they might have to make provisions for them for many years yet. The Committee request the Guardians to communicate to them the names of the Guardians or Guardians who brought the charge against the Committee mentioned in the Clerk's letter to the Treasurer of the fund. See page 281.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/282-284	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 February 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; R Millican [Robert Millican]; A Robertson [Adam Robertson]; James Hall; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; W Millican [William Millican]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; J Scott [James Scott]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; J Ewing [James Ewing]; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Capt Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; J B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; common fund account: Hadden, Best &amp; Co, stationery.</p>	11 Feb. 1886
Item	GBF 10/282-286	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); W Milliken [William Milliken]; G Dryden [George Dryden]; J Hall [James Hall]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson]	25 Feb. 1886

		<p>meeting held on 25 February 1886.</p>	<p>Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book, as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; common fund account, Shaw &amp; Son, stationery; township of Sunderland, W Chissam, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble] son was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter approving the re-appointment of Robert Guthrie as School Attendance Officer was read.</p> <p>Resolved that J T Leather be appointed as ex-officio member of the School Attendance Committee in room of his father [John F Leather] deceased.</p> <p>Resolved that J T Leather be appointed as ex-officio member of the Union Assessment Committee in room of his father [John F Leather].</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 10471B 1886, dated 15 February 1886, and acknowledging that of 1 February 1886, and assenting o the proposal of the Guardians to allow the son of Henry Arthur Treble, Master of the Workhouse, to reside in the Workhouse for six weeks on condition that he repays to the Guardians seven shillings a week for maintenance.  See page 285.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 10552B 1886, dated 15 February 1886, and acknowledging that of 1 February 1886 and approving the re-appointment, until 25 December 1886, of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, to act within the relief district as School Attendance Officer, under the provision of the Elementary Education Act 1876, and of the General Order of the 14 April 1877 and 4 June 1877. Mr Guthrie's salary of £15 per annum approved.</p>	
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			See page 285.	
Item	GBF 10/287-288	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 March 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing in the chair); S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; William Milliken; G Dryden [George Dryden]; J Hall [James Hall]; W Millican [William Milican]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J Ewing [James Ewing]; Capt Winchester [John Winchester]; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; J Brown [James Brown].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer; common fund: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], bandages for Isabella Martin.</p>	11 March 1886
Item	GBF 10/289-293	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 March 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken; and afterwards James Laing (in the chair) [sic]; James Ewing; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; A Robinson [Adam Robinson]; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Capt Winchester [John Winchester]; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Rev A O Medd; J T Leather.; G Dryden [George Dryden]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J Brown [James Brown]; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; William Millican; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; J Scott [James Scott]; A F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; salaries account: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, School Inquiry Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Attendance Officer; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee; Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; Dr Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of the Workhouse; John</p>	25 March 1886



			<p>Harkes, Assistant Relieving Officer; township of Belford, Thomas Short, Collector of Poor Rates; common fund account: J A H Tate, binding; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], postages; lunatic asylum account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], visit to pauper.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board regarding pauperism and distress was read.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions etc. Resolved that the following tenders be accepted for three months from 29m March 1886: Charles Auckland, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Gordon, butcher meat and milk; John B Scott, coals; John Johnson, coffins.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 15 March 1886, regarding pauperism and distress laying out ideas of how to deal with the increasing number of people in distress and risking pauperism due to, to some degree, the long continued severity of the weather. See page 293.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/294-301	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 April 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; George Dryden; James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; J Brown [James Brown]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; William Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Rev William Rudge; Rev A O Medd; James Ewing.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the books of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, non-settled poor; vaccination account and common fund account, postage.</p> <p>Out-relief: D R Harrison [Border Homed of Incurables], maintenance of C Rutherford [Catherine Rutherford], from 2 January to 8 March; Joseph Forster, Alnwick Union; William Douglas, Glendale Union.</p> <p>Common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], conducting election of</p>	8 April 1886

			<p>Guardians.</p> <p>Tenders for provision: resolved that the following tenders be accepted for three months from 29 March 1886: Miss Harriet Macdonald, groceries.</p> <p>Vote of thanks: resolved, on the motion of Simon Stobbs, that a cordial thanks be given to James Laing for his services as Chairman during the past years. Mr Laing [James Laing] thanked the Guardians and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vice-chairman William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that the election of Guardians was complete, there being no contests and placed the nomination paper on the table.</p> <p>Resolved that the board room walls be painted as high as the hat pegs.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/302-306	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 April 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; T Hutchinson [Thomas Hutchinson]; J Brown [James Brown]; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; G Dryden [George Dryden]; William Turnbull; James Maule; Rev W Rudge; Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd].</p> <p>Resolved that James Laing be appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and William Milliken and Simon Stobbs be approved Vice-chairmen for the ensuing year, and that William Milliken takes precedence.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as those of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: out-relief: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer and non-settled poor and registration; out-relief: R Spence, Gateshead Union; T C Garfit, Louth Union; master's account: H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], incidentals; lunatic asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods]; common fund account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], midwifery fees; C E Moore, stationery.</p> <p>Union Assessment Committee: 12 members – four ex-officio and eight elected</p>	22 April 1886

			<p>Guardians. Ex-officio: Rev L S Ord; T J Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Elected Guardians: William Milliken; James Laing; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; J Hall [James Hall]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Thomas Hutchinson; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J Brown [James Brown].</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: 12 members – four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Ex-officio: Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd]; J T Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson]. Elected Guardians: James Laing; William Milliken; Rev W Rudge; J Hall [James Hall]; A M Hardie [ Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; T Hutchinson [Thomas Hutchinson]; James Brown.</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee: six members: James Hall; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; James Scott; R Stevenson [Robert Stevenson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Maule.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding divided parishes in Lucker, Hoppen and Warenford townships. Order of the Local Government Board of 6 April 1886, No 19986, was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding divided parishes in Shoston and Bamburgh townships. Order of the Local Government Board of 6 April 1886, No 19985, was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding the Union Assessment Committee. Resolved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the Guardians consent to the Committee's proposal to pay H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] £20 for his services as Clerk to the Committee for the year ended 25 March 1886.</p> <p>Signing of the rates. The Clerk drew the Guardian's attention to the delay which at present occurs in getting rates signed according to the justices.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board , No 19986, dated 6 April 1886, regarding the divided townships of Hoppen, Lucker and Warenford and the change made to them.</p>	
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			<p>See page 305.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 19985, dated 6 April 1886, regarding the divided townships of Bamburgh and Shoston and the changes made to them. See page 305.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 40820B, dated 11 May 1886, and acknowledging that of 24 April and sanctioning £20 to be paid to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for his services as Clerk to the Union Assessment Committee. See page 305.</p> <p>Also annexed: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 8293E, dated 8 April 1886, regarding inquiry held on 21 December 1885 regarding divided parishes affecting certain townships in the Belford Union.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/307-308	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 May 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; J T Leather; Rev W Wilson; James Hall; James Ewing; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books held by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief. Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] Clerk to the Union and Assessment Committee.</p>	6 May 1886
Item	GBF 10/309-310	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 May 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; Rev W Rudge.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected other books held by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure</p>	20 May 1886

			<p>book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account: S Short, poor rates; W Rose, rent of Workhouse. County and police rate account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/311-312	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 June 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; G Dryden [George Dryden]; James Hall; T Hutchinson [Thomas Hutchinson]; J Maule [James Maule]; Robert Millican; John E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; James Brown; William Millican; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; James Ewing; J B Sanderson; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected other books held by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], audit stamps; Hadden, Best &amp; Co, books; township of Sunderland, William Chissam, school fees; Newham, John Croyle, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mrs Curry [Mary Curry] regarding relief. The Clerk directed to write to her son William Curry and state that if he does not pay her mother some money the Guardians will be obliged to get an order upon him to repay what they allow.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Mary Curry, North Sunderland, dated 25 May 1886, regarding her son's lack of payment towards her maintenance and requesting the Guardians to get her something at their next meeting. She has not been able to appear in person due to bad health. See page 312.</p>	3 June 1886

Item	GBF 10/313-316	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 June 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; J E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; James Hall; James Brown; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from the 25 June 1886 for three months: Charles Auckland, bread; Messrs H O Short &amp; Son, flour, oatmeal and barley; Miss Harriet Macdonald, groceries; Messrs J Scott &amp; Son, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John F Finnie, milk.</p> <p>District, W E Knollys., Inspector. Expenditure by boards of guardians for the year ended Michaelmas 1885 and North-Eastern District. W E Knollys, Inspector, in-door and out-door relief in first week of January 1885 and 1886.</p>	17 June 1886
Item	GBF 10/317-320	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 July 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; J Hall [James Hall]; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson]; T Hutchinson [Thomas Hutchinson]; James Brown; James Maule; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; Rev A O Medd [Arthur Octavius Medd]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; James Ewing; R Thompson [Robert Thompson]; George Dryden; J F Dryden [John Fletcher Dryden]; G Atkinson [George Atkinson]; J E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J J H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and had inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; salaries account: salaries to Robert Guthrie as Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Enquiry Officer. Common fund account: postages. Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to Union and School Attendance Committee. C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer. Vaccination account: C C Burman, vaccinations. Lunatic account, visit to Elizabeth Orange. Salaries account: J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie],</p>	1 July 1886

			<p>Medical Officer, vaccination account, vaccinations. Salaries account: H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron; John Hawkes, Assistant Relieving Officer; township of Belford: T Short [Thomas Short], Collector. Invoice account for provisions and necessaries. Out-relief: F W Chance, Border Home for Incurables.</p> <p>Auditor's certificate as to officers' bonds. The Clerk produced the annexed certificate as to the officers' bonds.</p> <p>Collector of poor rates: annexed order of the Local Government Board dated 17 June 1886.</p> <p>Dr Cunningham. Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, NO 56307B, dated 22 June 1886, was read.</p> <p>Annexed announcement of poor law conference at Gilsland was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Statement in reference to officers' securities required to be produced at the audit next after the 25 March 1886 in the Belford Union. See page 320.</p> <p>Circular. Collectors of poor rates and assistant overseers, dated 19 June 1886, regarding appointment, tenure of office and remuneration of collectors of poor rates and assistant overseers. See page 320.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 56307B 18886, dated 22 June 1886, regarding the appointment of John Cunningham as medical officer for the sixth district of the Morpeth Union. As John Cunningham previously held the office of medical officer in the Belford Union the Board require to be informed whether he discharged his duties to the satisfaction of the Belford Guardians. See page 320.</p> <p>Announcement of poor law conference at Gilsland. See page 320.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/321-323	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 July 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: J Laing [James Laing] (in the chair); James Ewing; William Millican; George Dryden; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson]; James Brown; Robert Millican; Robert Thompson; J E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; William Milliken; William Clarke; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Lunatic Asylum account: Robert Guthrie, removing Thomas W Johnson. Exchequer Loan account, cashier, Bank of England. Lunatic Asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], Treasurer. Non-settled relief account: John Forster; William Douglas; T C Garfit; Robert Spence. Common fund account: Knight &amp; Co, stationery; E Baskerville, insurance. Master account, H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble].</p> <p>Northumberland Audit District appointment of John Hunt Lilly as District Auditor. The Clerk read the annexed order of the Local Government Board dated 3 July 1886, No 20420, published in the London Gazette of 6 July 1886.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter, No 20420, dated 3 July 1886, announcing the appointment of John Hunt Lilly, of No 27 Michael's Grove, South Kensington, Middlesex, as District Auditor for the Northumberland Audit District according to the District Audit Act 1879. Published in the London Gazette, 6 July 1886. See page 323.</p>	15 July 1886
Item	GBF 10/324-326	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 July 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Thomas Ferguson; James Ewing; Thomas Hutchinson; William Millican; James Brown; James Maule; Robert Atkinson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books</p>	29 July 1886



			<p>required to be kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Resolved on the motion of Thomas Hutchinson that 12 new chairs be bought for the board room. Thomas Hutchinson; James Ewing and the Clerk were appointed to deal with this and report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a return from the Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum containing the names, ages, whether dangerous, and showing the habits of the inmates belonging to this Union on 30 June 1886.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the report of the Vaccination Officer for the period July to December 1885. Copy forwarded to the Local Government Board.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/327-328	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 August 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); J T Leather; James Hall; William Millican; Rev W Rudge.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and had inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates; R Guthrie [Robert Guthrie], Relieving Officer, out-relief; John Croyle, school fees; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical fees and medicine.</p> <p>Resolved that James Hall and the Clerk be appointed to get one dozen chairs from Mr Bennett, Belford, at 5s.</p>	12 Aug. 1886
ITEM	GBF 10/329-330	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 August 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: J Laing [James Laing], (in the chair); W Milliken [William Milliken]; J Hall [James Hall]. T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; R Millican [Robert Millican]; E George Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; James Brown; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson]; D Craig.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and had inspected</p>	26 Aug. 1886

			<p>the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Resolved that Joseph Archer be appointed Deputy Clerk for the business of this meeting.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; Thomas Short, poor rates; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], elastic bandage.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to those overseers whose townships are in arrears.</p> <p>Resolved that Ellen Dunn be hired as Nurse at the Workhouse, subject to a month's notice on either side before end of service.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/331-332	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 September 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken; A Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; R Stephenson [Robert Stephenson]; R Atkinson [Robert Atkinson]; J T Leather.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Resolved that Joseph Archer be appointed clerk for the business of this week.</p> <p>Resolved that the relief to Whittle's children be continued for another three months subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, until 27 December 1886, and to William Hume 5s for the next two weeks to be continued as well.</p>	9 Sept. 1886
Item	GBF 10/333-337	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 September 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); J T Leather; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; James Brown; Simon Stobbs; William Milliken; James Ewing.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p>	23 Sept. 1886

			<p>Resolved that Joseph Archer be appointed Deputy Clerk for the business of this week.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; Master's account, H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble]; common fund account, Knight &amp; Co and C E Moore.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the overseers of the townships in arrears urging immediate payment.</p> <p>Dr Macaskie's [James G Macaskie] letter re Hamilton was read. Resolved that the matter stand over until further information be brought before the Guardians.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 4 October next for three months: Alexander Graham, bread; Charles Auckland, flour, oatmeal and barley; Harriet Macdonald, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John Finnie, milk.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/338-341	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 October 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Brown; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: salaries account: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Enquiry Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer; John Hattle, Assistant Relieving Officer; township Belford, Thomas Short, Collector of Rates; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron.</p> <p>Non-resident relief account: Mr Douglas; Joseph Forster; out-relief: F W Chance, Border Counties Home for incurables; salaries account: Ellen Dunn, alary for eight</p>	7 Oct.1886

			<p>weeks; vaccination account: Robert Guthrie; lunatic asylum account, J A Woods [John Anthony Woods]; Sunderland township, school fees, William Chisam.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 25 September 1886, No 84642A, and sanctioning the relief at Gateshead to Whittle's children for 12 months was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 84642A 1886, dated 25 September 1886, and acknowledging that of 15 September, and stating that they sanction departure from the regulations contained in the General Outdoor Relief Prohibitory Order in the case of the two boys, Thomas and John Whittle, residing in the Gateshead Union. Confusion about the names of the boys, Robert and Thomas or Thomas and John. See page 341.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/342-346	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 October 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; George Dryden; James Brown; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Robert Millican.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; non-settled relief account: Treasurer Gateshead Union and T C Garfit.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that subject to the consent of the Local Government Board, the School Attendance Committee have re-appointed Robert Guthrie School Attendance Officer for one year from Christmas 1886 to Christmas 1887. Simon Stobbs gave notice that at a meeting on 18 November he would move that the Guardians consent to the above re-appointment.</p>	21 Oct. 1886
Item	GBF 10/347-	Minutes of Belford	Present at the meeting: William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Brown; Thomas	4 Nov. 1886

	348	Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 November 1886.	<p>Ferguson; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/349-351	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 November 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Hall; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; John E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; James Scott.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account: W Rose [William Rose], rent of Workhouse.</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of Simon Stobbs, seconded by William Milliken, that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Robert Guthrie is hereby re-appointed School Attendance Officer for one year from Christmas 1886 to Christmas 1887.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Berwick Union accepting the chargeability of James Oliver was read.</p> <p>Annexed letters from Messrs Thompson and Croyle and the Treasurer Mr Broadway were read. The Clerk directed to explain to the Treasurer that the Guardians regret the error regarding Shoston township has occurred.</p> <p>Classification of paupers. Report of the Master of the Workhouse was read. The Master was directed to keep the old women in the infirmary ward as at present. The Clerk directed to write and explain the view of the Guardians on the subject to the Inspector.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:</p>	18 Nov. 1886

			<p>Letter from the Berwick Union, dated 9 November 1886, accepting the chargeability of James Oliver, a lunatic. See page 350.</p> <p>Two letters from Messrs Thompson and John Croyle and one from Mr Broadway, Treasurer, all dated 8 November 1886, regarding a misunderstanding in paying in the poor rates from Shoston township. See page 350.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/352-353	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 December 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); James Hall; Simon Stobbs; and W E Knollys, Local Government Board Inspector.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Classification of paupers: W E Knollys [William Edward Knollys] explained that the Master had misquoted his remarks in the report presented to the Guardians at the last meeting. Mr Knollys then made certain suggestions respecting the classification of paupers in the Workhouse, and the Master was directed to carry out these suggestions as far as practicable.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from W E Knollys, Richmond, Yorkshire, dated 21 November 1886, stating that the Master has misquoted him in his report regarding classification of paupers. See page 353.</p>	2 Dec. 1886
Item	GBF 10/354-358	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 December 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Hall; William Milliken; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books requested to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p>	16 Dec. 1886

			<p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund: Hadden, Best &amp; Co, stationery; John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], police and county rates; master account: H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], incidentals; common fund: Thomas Short poor rates; John Croyle, Norham, school fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 27 December for three months: Alexander Graham, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John B Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, ale and tobacco be given to the inmates of the Workhouse on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read. Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mrs Mary Ann Tyzack, aged 36, the daughter of Mr Treble, Master of the Workhouse, be allowed to reside with him in the Workhouse during the Christmas holiday from 24 December to 2 January. Mr Treble to pay 7s per week for her maintenance.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 103511B, was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 15 December 1886, asking for permission for his daughter, Mrs Tyzack, to spend Christmas at the Workhouse with her parents from 24 December to 2 January, and paying for her maintenance during her stay.  See pages 357/58.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 103511B, dated 3 December 1886, and acknowledging receipt of communication of 19 November and approving of the re-appointment, until 25 December 1887, of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer of Belford Union, to act within his relief district as School Attendance Officer.  See page 358.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/359-361	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 December 1886.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Robert Thompson; James Hall; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee; common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], postage and justice clerk's fee re Marshall; George Ashton and Elizabeth White.</p> <p>Salaries account: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer, vaccination account t and lunatic asylum account, visit to Elizabeth Orange also from common account, cod liver oil; salaries account: John Harkes, Assistant Relieving Officer; Belford township, Thomas Short, Collector of Rates; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron; salaries account: J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer and vaccination account: J G Macaskie; common fund account: C E Moore, printing; H H Blair, stationery; common fund account: T Short [Thomas Short], gas rates.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Charles Clark Burman, dated 27 December 1886, informing the Guardians that the inspector appointed under the Local Government Board has awarded him grant for successful vaccination for the second time during the tenure of his appointment. See page 361.</p>	30 Dec. 1886
Item	GBF 10/362-364	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 January 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Liang (in the chair); G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Ewing; William Millican; James Brown; James Maule; J E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; J A H B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; R B Sanderson.</p>	13 Jan. 1887



			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's relief and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; Resident poor account, Treasurer of Border Home for Incurables; non-resident relief account: Gateshead Union, William Douglas, Glendale Union; James Forster, Alnwick Union; lunatic asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods]; non-resident relief account: T G Garfit, Louth Union; Sunderland township , H Chisam, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding the case of Charles Morris, and stating that the salaries paid to the medical officers were intended to cover all the duties of the officers, as laid out in the Consolidated Order. The Clerk directed to explain this to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman].</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 111549B 1886, dated 31 December 1886, and acknowledging that of 17 December 1886 regarding the Guardians' proposal to allow Mrs Tyzack, the daughter of the Master of the Workhouse, to reside with him in the Workhouse during the Christmas holidays provided he pays for her maintenance.  See page 363.</p> <p>Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 10 January 1887, pointing out the inadequacy of his salary of £10 to cover supply of medicine. He refers to the case of Charles Morris who he visited nearly 350 times and supplied medicine to on 50 occasions. If the Guardians are not able to increase his salary so as to provide for these contingencies, he requests them to grant him a special fee of £3.  See page 364.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/365-367	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 January 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Brown; James Brewis; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson; Robert Millican; Robert Thompson; James Scott; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>A cheque was signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer ,out-relief and registration.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] resigning his situation as Master of the Workhouse. Resolved, on the motion of Simon Stobbs, seconded by William Milliken, that the resignation be accepted, also resolved that the following Guardians be appointed as the committee to inspect the Master's books: James Laing; William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; James Scott; James Hall; James Brewis; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Maule.</p> <p>Report from Dr W Dowall, Medical Superintendent of the County Asylum on the conditions of the paupers belonging to this Union. Simon Stobbs to visit the Asylum on behalf of the Guardians. The Clerk directed to inform Dr Dowall of this.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Alnwick Union accepting Catherine Archbold, a pauper, without an order of Justices. [NB the actual letter gives the surname as Armstrong].</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 25 January 1887, explaining that due to his wife's condition she will not be able to continue as Matron of the Workhouse. Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack], his daughter, can take over her mother's job without an increase in salary for the Guardians. If the Guardians do not agree to this he will resign at the end of the present quarter.  See page 366.</p> <p>Letter from the Alnwick Union, dated 17 January 1887, saying they accept Catherine Armstrong.</p>	27 Jan. 1887
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Item	GBF 10/368-371	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 February 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken,; James Ewing; Simon Stobbs; James Hall; James Brown; Robert Millican; Robert Atkinson; James Maule; Edward J Bowey [Edward John Bowey]; John F Dryden [John Fletcher Dryden]; George Dryden; William Millican; Robert Thompson; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Turnbull; James Scott; George Atkinson; A F Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; Rev William Wilson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as those of the Relieving Officer.</p> <p>Appointment of Master and Matron: George Dixon Atkinson Clark gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that Henry Arthur Treble be appointed Master of the Workhouse from 25 March at a salary of £40 per annum, and that his daughter Mary Ann Tyzach be appointed Matron of the Workhouse at a salary of £15 per annum, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Mr Treble and Mrs Tyzach [Mary Ann Tyzack] to be provided with washing, coals, light and furnished apartments together with rations. Approved securities to be entered into in the sum of £100.</p> <p>The Clerk directed to request Mr Knolly's [William Edward Knollys] attendance at the next meeting.</p>	10 Feb. 1887
Item	GBF 10/372	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians extraordinary meeting held on 10 February 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing and the same Guardians as at the ordinary meeting held the same day.</p> <p>Appointment of Master and Matron of the Workhouse: annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] to the Chairman was read. Mr Stobbs [Simon Stobbs] moved, seconded by Mr Brown [James Brown, that the Guardians advertise for a Master and Matron.</p> <p>Colonel Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] moved as an amendment that notice of motion be given to appoint Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] and his daughter Mary</p>	10 Feb. 1887

			<p>Ann Tyzach as Master and Matron of the Workhouse on the same terms as when Mr and Mrs Treble held the appointment.</p> <p>On the amendment being put to the meeting 12 voted for it and five against it, after which the Guardians continued the ordinary meeting.</p> <p>Annexed requisition, dated 3 February 1887, for an extraordinary meeting of Guardians on 10 February, immediately after the ordinary meeting by James Laing and Simon Stobbs to consider the appointment of a Master and Matron of the Belford Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 7 February 1887, stating that he still adheres to the suggestion put forward in his letter of 25 January 1887.</p> <p>Letter to James Laing, Chairman of the Guardians, dated 17 January 1887 [from Henry Arthur Treble] stating that his wife will no longer be able to carry out the duties as Matron of the Workhouse due to a detached retina.</p>	
Tem	GBF 10/ 373-376	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 February 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: W E Knollys, Local Government Board Inspector; James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Brown; John F Dryden [John Fletcher Dryden]; Robert Atkinson; James Maule; J A B Sanderson [James Alexander Haldane Burdon Sanderson]; William Turnbull; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; Alex M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Ewing; Robert Millican; George Dryden; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; James Brewis; F J Leather; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; Robert Thompson; Edward J Bowey [Edward John Bowey]; William Millican; James Scott; James Hall; Thomas Ferguson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheque signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief.</p> <p>Appointment of Master and Matron: resolved, on the motion of George Dixon Atkinson Clark, seconded by Alexander Macfarlan Hardie, that Henry Arthur Treble</p>	24 Feb. 1887

			<p>be appointed Master of the Belford Workhouse from 25 March, salary £40 per annum, and that his daughter Mary Ann Tyzack be appointed Matron of the said Workhouse, salary £15 per annum, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, and subject to the terms of a letter addressed by Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] to the Clerk dated 25 January 1887.</p> <p>Mrs Treble's maintenance: resolved unanimously on the motion of George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark] that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Mrs Treble be allowed to reside in the Workhouse and her husband paying 7s per week for her maintenance.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Alnwick Union regarding Elizabeth Smith was read.</p> <p>Appointment of Master and Matron: James Brown moved an amendment to MR Clark's motion 'that Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] and Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack] be not appointed Master and Matron, seconded by Mr Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]. Three voted for it and 15 for the original motion which was declared carried.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Alnwick Union, dated 23 February 1887, informing the Guardians of the death of Elizabeth Smith on 17 January 1887. See page 276.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/377-379	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 March 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Hall; James Brown; Alex M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; Geo D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Thomas Ferguson; Robert Millican; William Millican.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], audit stamps; T</p>	10 March 1887

			<p>Shaw &amp; Son, books and stationery.</p> <p>Annexed circular letter regarding vaccination was read. The Clerk reported that he had forwarded the instructions to the public vaccinators.</p> <p>Annexed circular letters regarding payment from the parliamentary grants were read.</p> <p>Annexed General Order regarding election of Guardians was produced and referred to the Clerk.</p> <p>William Milliken gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Inspector Robert Spratt of Belford be appointed Assistant Relieving Officer from 25 March for the relief of vagrants, salary £5 17s per annum in the room of Superintendent John Harker who has been removed to Hexham.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 9 March 1887, No 22184B, together with the enclosure was read. The Clerk directed to send a full extract from the minutes of meeting held on 24 February to the Local Government Board pointing out that in spite of the exceptional circumstances in connection with the appointment the Guardians were fully aware of this.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 3 March 1887, with instructions in accordance with which its vaccinations under contract, and inspectors of vaccinations, are to be performed with effect from 15 March 1887 See page 378</p> <p>Two letters, dated 1 March and 4 March respectively, from the Local Government Board, informing the Guardians that the Local Government Board have paid to J Broadway, Treasurer of the Union, £70 8s 0d and £4 10s 0d, being the amount payable from the grant made by Parliament in respect of the cost of maintenance of pauper lunatics in county and borough asylums and licensed houses, and in respect of the additional fees paid to the registrars of births and deaths. See page 378.</p>	
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			<p>Two circular letters from the Local Government Board, dated 2 March 187, No 21286, regarding altering orders as to dates for certain proceedings and elections of guardians 1887. See page 379.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/380-384	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 March 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Robert Atkinson; Robert Thompson; James Brown; William Millican; John E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; John F Dryden [John Fletcher Dryden]; Alfred J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; F J Leather; Andrew Forster; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; Newham township, John Croyle, school fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 28 March 1887 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Laing, groceries; Messrs James Scott &amp; Son, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Assistant Relieving Officer: resolved, on the motion of William Milliken, seconded by Robert Millican, that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Inspector Robert Spratt, Belford, be appointed Assistant Relieving Officer from 25 March for the relief of vagrants replacing Superintendent John Harker, who has been removed to Hexham.</p> <p>Lucker and Sunderland townships regarding additional guardians. Annexed letter from Mr Oliver [John Oliver], Vicar of Lucker, stating that the two townships intended to move for an additional guardian to be appointed. Resolved that the Guardians approve of this. The Clerk directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Local Government Board when he has heard from the Overseers of Sunderland.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, dated 23 March 1887, No 25654B,</p>	24 March 1887

			<p>and approving of the appointment of MR Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] as Master of the Workhouse and Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack] as Matron of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read. Resolved to accept the gentlemen named in the letter as his sureties for £100.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Northumberland County Constabulary, Morpeth, dated 23 March, consenting to Inspector Robert Spratt acting as Assistant Relieving Officer at Belford. See page 383.</p> <p>Letter from John Oliver, Vicar of Lucker, dated 23 March 1887, regarding motion made by the ratepayers that there should be two guardians of the extended township of Lucker.  See page 383.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 25654B, dated 23 March 1887, and approving of the re-appointment of Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] and Mrs Tyzack [Mary Ann Tyzack] as Master and Matron of the Workhouse respectively as well as the payment and rations to be provided. The also assent to allow Mrs Treble to stay in the Workhouse for one year, her husband paying the Guardians 7s weekly for her maintenance.  See page 384.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated March 7 1887, with the names of his sureties. They are James Treble, Spring View, Bedlington and Rev E J Treble, 1 Gloucester Mansion, Marylebone Road, London N.W.  See page 384.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/385-391	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 April 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Ewing; William Milliken; William Millican; James Brown; James Hall; James Scott; Robert Millican; George Dryden; Thomas Ferguson; Alex M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; J A B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure</p>	7 April 1887



		<p>book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee; Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Enquiry Officer; C C Buman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; John Harkes, Medical Officer; John Harker, Assistant Relieving Officer Belford township; Thomas Short, Collector of Rates; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron.</p> <p>Common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], conducting election of guardians and postages.</p> <p>Election of guardians; the Clerk placed the nomination paper on the table as the election was completed [nomination paper enclosed, dated 31 March 18887].</p> <p>Annexed letter from Messrs James Ewing and Jackson, dated 24 March 1887, and from the Local Government Board, dated 4 April 1887, were read</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board approving the appointment of Robert Spratt was read.</p> <p>The Chairman read document received from the Imperial Institute. Resolved that he Guardians be requested to collect contributions towards the proposed institute in the several townships in the Union.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Mr Jackson, dated 24 March 1887, regarding the possibility of electing an extra guardian for the township of Sunderland.  See page 390.</p> <p>Letter from James Ewing, dated 31 March 1887, requesting a second guardian to be elected for the township of Sunderland in March 1888.  See page 390.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 32764, dated 4 April 1887, and</p>	
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			<p>acknowledging receipt of letter of 1 April and stating that the subject related to in the letter will receive their consideration. See page 390.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 30647B 1887, dated 7 April 1887, and stating that they assent to the appointment of Police Inspector Robert Spratt to act as Assistant Relieving Officer for the relief of vagrants in the Belford Union. See page 390.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/392-395	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 April 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Thomas Hutchinson; Ralph G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; William Millican; Rev John Oliver; James Brown; William Turnbull; Matthew R Gray [Matthew Robert Gray].</p> <p>Resolved that James Laing be re-appointed Chairman for the ensuing year, and William Milliken and Simon Stobbs are re-appointed Vice-chairmen for the ensuing year and that William Milliken takes precedence.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief and registration; S Robson, Gateshead Union, non-resident poor; T G Grafit, Louth Union, non-resident poor; G E Watson, Alnwick Union, non-resident poor; F W Chance, Border Home for Incurables; G E Moore, common fund, printing etc; J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], lunatic asylum account.</p> <p>Union Assessment Committee: resolved that it consists of 12 members, for ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; Frederick J Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]. Elected Guardians: William Milliken; James Laing; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; W Millican [William Millican]; T Ferguson [Thomas Ferguson]; Thomas Hutchinson; William Turnbull; James Brown.</p>	21 April 1887

			<p>School Attendance Committee. Resolved for it to consist of 12 members, four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: Ex-officio: F J leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; R N Howey Taylor. Elected Guardians: James Laing; W Milliken [William Milliken]; Rev J Oliver [John Oliver]; William Millican; Edward J Bowey [Edward John Bowey]; Simon Stobbs; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown.</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee. Resolved that it should consist of eight members. Elected were: James Brown; William Millican; Thomas Hutchinson; Thomas Ferguson; R G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Milliken; Simon Stobbs.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 32764A, dated 16 April 1887, regarding the proposed increased representation in the townships of Lucker and Sunderland was read. The Clerk directed to write to the Overseers and enquire whether the ratepayers wish to press the matter.</p> <p>Mr Stobbs [Simon Stobbs] reported that he had visited the Asylum and seen all pauper patients belonging to this Union. The male patients seemed to be in much better condition than the female ones.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 32764A 1887, dated 16 April 1887, and acknowledging that of 1 April referring to the application of the ratepayers of the townships of Lucker and North Sunderland for an increase in their representation in the Board of Guardians. The Board point out that other townships in the Union might want to do the same on the ground of their relative population and rateable value. They draw the Guardians' attention to the provisions contained in the Statute 31 &amp; 32 Vic cap 122, sec b. See page 395.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/396-397	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians of meeting held on 5	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); James Ewing; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; Robert Millican; William Millican; R B Sanderson; George Dryden; William Milliken.	5 May 1887

		May 1887.	<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund: Knight &amp; Co, books and forms.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Rev John Oliver regarding Lucker township was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Rev John Oliver, Lucker Vicarage, dated 29 April 1887 thanking H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk fro the collecting book to the Imperial Institute, he also informs him that the Lucker rate payers are not inclined to press the matter regarding additional representation on the Board of Guardians. See page 397.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/398-399	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 May 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; John E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; Simon Stobbs.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief: common fund account, W Rose, rent of Workhouse; county police account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods], police rates; common fund account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical fees.</p> <p>Annexed order of the Local Government Board, No 21282, dated 12 May 1887, regarding celebrations of the jubilee of her Majesty the Queen, was read. Considerations adjourned until next meeting.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Celebrations of the jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, general order.</p>	19 May 1887

			See page 399.	
Item	GBF 10/400-402	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 June 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; R T N HoweyTaylor; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Robert Atkinson; Adam Robinson; James Brown; Robert Millican; Alex M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Maule; William Millican; John R Johnson; R G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; Rev John Oliver.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and other books required to be kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay for the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; common fund account: Thomas Short, poor rate.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk request that the Berwick Guardians accept Luke Tait, a pauper, without an order of justices.</p> <p>Resolved that the accounts of Messrs Stephenson and Ross be returned to the Guardians for the purpose of them (the Guardians) being supplied with bill and particulars in connection with the removal of Sarah Taylor to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Celebration of the Queen's jubilee: General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 12 May 1887, was read. Resolved that the inmates of the Workhouse on 21 June be given a dinner similar to that usually given on Christmas Day and a tea with currant loaf.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Jackson [acting Overseer of the township of North Sunderland] was read together with copy of the resolution mentioned therein of meeting held in the Drill Hall on 26 May 1887 of ratepayers, and drawing the attention of the Guardians and the Relieving Officer to the case of Jane Ann Wilson, and stating that he amount of £16 12s 3d every six months as out-door relief is excessive and that it should be reduced to 3s 6d per week, also recommended that Isa J Nelson be paid 1s extra per week in kind, and that [Thomas Nalkins?] and Michael's application for out-door relief be considered by the Guardians.</p>	2 June 1887

			Annexed correspondence: Letter of resolution passed by the ratepayers of the township of North Sunderland on 26 May 1887. See page 402.	
Item	GBF 10/403-404	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians extraordinary meeting held on 9 June 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Ling (in the chair); Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; Simon Stobbs; William Milliken; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; William Turnbull; William Millican; Robert Thompson; Robert Millican; A M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; William Carr Grey; R G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; G E Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; James Ewing; Rev John Oliver; A Forster [Andrew Forster]; George Dryden' Robert Atkinson.</p> <p>The out-relief for the whole Union was thoroughly examined and a number of cases were to be put before the next ordinary meeting. They were: Isabella Alexander; Thomas Cuthbertson, Bamburgh; Ellen Heanny, Ellington; Isabella Jane Nelson, Sunderland; John English; Jane Ann Wilson, Sunderland.</p> <p>Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, £70 be paid to H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] for his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee for the year ended 25 March 1887.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Requisition for an extraordinary meeting of Guardians, dated 2 June 1887, from James Laing and William Milliken to revise the out-door relief list of the whole Union.</p>	9 June 1887
Item	GBF 10/405-408	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 June 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; James Brown.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Office's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-</p>	16 June 1887.

			<p>relief; salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to Union Assessment Committee; Newham township, John Croyler, school fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from the 27 June for three months: Charles Auckland, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Laing, groceries; Messrs James Scott &amp; Son, butcher meat.</p> <p>Annexed letter and certificate from the Clerk of the Berwick Union regarding Luke Tait were read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] applying for leave of absence was read.</p> <p>The seal of the Guardians was affixed to a petition in favour of closing public houses all day on Sundays.</p> <p>Resolved that Mr Treble's [Henry Arthur Treble], James Edmund, John and George Walter be accepted as sureties.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Berwick Union, dated 7 June 1887, accepting chargeability of Luke Tait and an order for his admission to the Berwick Workhouse, certificate enclosed. See page 408.</p> <p>Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 10 June 1887, applying for leave of absence for a month. See page 408.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/409-412	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 June 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Robert Atkinson; Thomas Ferguson; William Ferguson; William Millican; John Hunter; Alfred J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Robert Millican; Robert \Thompson; Andrew Forster; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Frederick Nichol]; Adam Robinson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other book required to be kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt</p>	30 June 1887

		<p>and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; salaries account: \school Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, School Enquiry Officer and Relieving Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer and medical fees; J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer and medical fees; Robert Spratt, Assistant Relieving Officer; Thomas Short, Collector of Rates; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron of Workhouse; Ellen Dunn, servant ; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Guardians and School Attendance Committee and postage (common fund account).</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding his substitute was read.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the Master's bond duly executed.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the North Eastern School was read.</p> <p>Annexed letters from the Clerk of the Ipswich Union were read. The Clerk directed to go to the asylum to ascertain from the pauper, as far as possible, the particulars of his settlement.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 25 June 1887, and saying that his substitute is John H Brown M.D.  See page 411.</p> <p>Letter from North Eastern County School, Barnard Castle, dated 22 June 1887, and declaring Mr Dods duly appointed a Governor of this foundation.  See page 411.</p> <p>Two letters from the Ipswich Union dated 23 and 29 June 1887 saying that letter regarding Walter Joslin, 49, had been mislaid and they request for a new copy of the letter of 20 June 1887 and acknowledging receipt of letter of 24 June and its enclosure regarding Robert William Joslin. As there are two Holton in the county they</p>	
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			ask the Guardians to ascertain in which of the two Robert Walter Joslin was born and resided. See page 411.	
Item	GBF 10/413-414	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 July 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; Thomas Ferguson; Adam Robinson; Rev John Oliver.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Resolved that George Brown Collins be appointed Deputy Clerk for the business of this meeting.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief; non-resident poor account: J C Garfit, Louth Union; James Forster, Alnwick; T H Douglas, Glendale Septimus Scott, Tynemouth. Common fund account: Alnwick and County Gazette, printing etc. Lunatic Asylum account: John A Woods [John Anthony Woods]. Non-resident poor account: T Robson, Gateshead Union.</p>	14 July 1887
Item	GBF 10/415-416	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 July 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; Geo D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Turnbull; John Edward Bowey.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief and registration. Non-resident poor : F W Chance, Border Counties Home for Incurables. Swinhoe township, John Denton, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Samford Union and accepting Robert Walter Joslin, pauper, without an order of justices, was read.</p>	28 July 1887

			<p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] was read and they accepted the services of Dr Morgan during the remainder of Dr Burman's absence.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Samford Union, dated 16 July 18887, and acknowledging letter of 6 July and accepting chargeability of Robert Walter Joslin without orders.  See page 416.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] dated 22 July 1887 (sent from Hotel Klinger, Marienbad, Bohemia), saying that his substitute Dr Brown will not be able to serve the full time of Dr Burman's absence, but he will make sure that a capable medical man will act during the time of Dr Brown's departure and Dr Burman's return from his holidays.  See page 416.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/417-418	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 August 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Millican; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>A cheque was signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief.</p>	11 Aug. 1887
Item	GBF 10/419-420	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 August 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Robert Atkinson; Matthew R Grey.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. County and Police account: John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and</p>	25 Aug. 1887

			<p>police rates. Common fund account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] extra medical fees. Lunatic Asylum account: Dr Burman visit to lunatic. Common fund account: Dr Burman, quinine mixture; Haden, Best &amp; Co, books; A Joyce, jacket.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/421-422	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 September 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Robert Atkinson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheque signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Samford Union regarding Robert Walter Joslin was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding the Treasurer's balance from Mr Broadway [John Broadway] was read. The Clerk reported that he had written to the Overseer as soon as he got it.</p> <p>Extra medical fees: resolved that the Clerk sends on Dr Clark's account for setting a fractured leg for John Collins as Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] has already been paid the usual fee for the operation.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Samford Union, dated 26 August 1887, enclosing cheque in the matter of Robert Walter Joslin. See page 422.</p> <p>Letter from J Broadway, Treasurer, dated 31 August 1887, and drawing attention to the account of the Union. See page 422.</p>	8 Sept. 1887
Item	GBF 10/423-426	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Hugh Thompson; William Millican; Thomas Hutchinson; James Maule; James Brown; Adam Robinson;</p>	22 Sept. 1887

		meeting held on 22 September 1887.	<p>George Dryden; Robert Atkinson; William Turnbull; William Milliken.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Common fund account: Hadden &amp; Best Co, books; Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], quinine etc.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 3 October for three months: Charles Auckland, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Laing, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding extra medical fee was read and receipt from Dr Clark [Michael Clark] was produced.</p> <p>Report from the Workhouse Committee was adopted.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 14 September 1887, regarding dispute over payment to Dr Clark [Michael Clark] for setting a fractured leg, and letter dated 15 September 1887 from Dr Burman regarding the same as well as a receipt from Dr Clark for setting the fractured leg. See page 426.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/427-432	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 October 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; William Millican; Robert Atkinson; Thomas Ferguson; Thomas Hutchinson; Ralph G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; Rev John Oliver.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-</p>	6 Oct. 1887

			<p>relief. Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee; Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer and School Enquiry Officer; Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; Robert Spratt, Assistant Relieving Officer; Thomas Short, Rate Collector; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Master and Matron; Ellen Dunn, servant. Lunatic Asylum Account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] re R W Joslin. Common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson] re E Ray and postage. Non-resident poor account: F W Chance, Border Counties Home for Incurables. Common fund account: C E Moore, printing. Vaccination account: Robert Guthrie. Common fund account: Robert Guthrie, postage. Lunatic Asylum account: Robert Guthrie re James Oliver.</p> <p>Resolved that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction the payment of relief to the Whittle's children for a further 12 months.</p> <p>Resolved that an account for one shilling for carriage of medicine for Thomas Stafford be allowed, also resolved that in future if a member of the family can come to the surgery to collect the medicine this should be done.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the certificate of Mr Lillie as to officers bond at his recent audit.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 29 September 1887, and stating that the returns hitherto made to them half-yearly for the purpose of the grant voted by Parliament in aid of the salaries of poor law medical officers, schoolmasters and schoolmistresses shall in future be made annually and for the year terminating at Lady Day. [Letter not mentioned in the minutes].</p>	
Item	GBF 10/433-434	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 October 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Robert Thompson; John Edward Bowey; William Milliken; Thomas Ferguson; William Millican; Robert Millican.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p>	20 Oct. 1887

			<p>Cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief Registration account: Robert Guthrie. Non-resident poor account: T C Garfit, Louth Union; T H Douglas, Glendale Union; George A Fenwick, Newcastle Union; Treasurer Tynemouth Union. Northern townships, John Croyle, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board. The Clerk stated that the required information had been supplied.</p> <p>Resolved that Messrs Robinson &amp; Sons of Hexham be requested to supply 13 rugs for the Vagrants ward as mentioned in letter of 18 October.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 91016A 1887, dated 18 October 1887, and acknowledging that of 6 October regarding sanctioning non-resident relief for 12 months to two boys named Whittle residing with their uncle in the Gateshead Union. The Local Government Board request further information in the case. See page 434.</p> <p>Letter from F Robinson &amp; Sons, Hexham, dated 18 October 1887, offering to supply 13 grey woollen rugs to the Belford Workhouse. See page 434.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/435-436	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 November 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Ferguson (in the chair); George Dryden; Robert Millican; William Millican; Alfred J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and the other books kept by him as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson, audit stamp. Non-resident poor account: Treasurer, Gateshead Union.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding the Whittle children from the Local Government Board was read.</p>	3 Nov. 1887

			<p>Annexed letter from the Alnwick Union regarding Charles Wilson and his wife was read. Resolved to accept the paupers without an order of justices.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 93942A 1887, dated 27 October 1887 and acknowledging receipt of letter of 19 October 1887, and sanctioning for a further period of 12 months non-resident relief to the two Whittle brothers residing with their uncle in the Gateshead Union. See page 436.</p> <p>Letter from the Alnwick Union, dated 27 October 1887, regarding Charles Wilson and his wife at present in the Alnwick Workhouse but legally settled in the Belford Union. They request that the two paupers be accepted without an order of removal. [Grounds of settlement included]. See page 436.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 21 October 1887, and informing the Guardians that they have paid J Broadway, Treasurer, £25 for the year ended 25 March 1887. [Letter not mentioned in the minutes].</p>	
Item	GBF 10/437-439	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 November 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing; William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; Adam Robinson; Thomas Ferguson; Robert Millican; James Brown; Alfred A Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson].; John Edward Bowey; James Ewing; John R Johnson [John Robson Johnson].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief .Non-resident poor, James Forster, Alnwick Union. Lunatic Asylum account: [the next few lines illegible]. Common fund: Thomas Short, poor rates; W Rose, rent of Workhouse.</p>	17 Nov. 1887

			Appointment, discharge and payment of union officials. Copy of petition adopted by the Guardians addressed to the President of the Local Government Board and stating that the Guardians should have full power and authority to determine the remuneration to any person appointed and employed by them, and they should have full authority to reduce the remuneration of any of their officers, as well as having full authority to appoint and discharge all their officials. They ask for the Local Government Board to introduce into one of the Houses of Parliament a bill with the object of conferring the above-mentioned measures on the Guardians. Seal affixed 17 November 1887.	
Item	GBF 10/440-441	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 December 1887.	<p>Present at the meeting: George D A Clark [George Dixon Alderson Clark] (in the chair); Robert Atkinson; R G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief.</p> <p>Robert Atkinson gave notice about moving at the next meeting, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, to re-appoint Robert Guthrie School Attendance Officer from Christmas 1887 to Christmas 1888.</p>	1 Dec. 1887
Item	GBF 10/442-446	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 December 1887.	<p>Resent at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; William Millican; Simon Stobbs; Adam Robinson; James Brown; Robert Millican; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Robert Atkinson; Rev John Oliver; William Turnbull; R B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p>	15 Dec. 1887



		<p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Newham township, John Croyle, school fees.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 26 December 1887 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread, flour, oatmeal and barley; John Laing, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; J B Scott, coals; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual dinner of roast beef, plum pudding, ale and tobacco be given to the inmates on Christmas Day.</p> <p>Annexed letters from Mr Knollys [William Edward Knollys] and Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] were read. Mr Treble's explanation of the case of James Ford, written and orally, was accepted by the Guardians, and added that as James Ford had not requested to see a doctor Mr Treble could not have refused this request.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board ,No 100779B, dated 3 December, regarding appointment, discharge and payment of union officials was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Hexham Union regarding Robert Bowmaker Rogers was read. Resolved to accept the pauper without an order of the justices..</p> <p>Resolved, on the motion of Robert Atkinson, seconded by Simon Stobbs, that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Robert Guthrie is hereby re-appointed School Attendance Officer for one year from Christmas 1887.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Charles G Maclagan, Medical Officer of the Berwick Union, to the Clerk of the Berwick Union, dated 30 November 1887, regarding a tramp, James Ford who came to him with an order from the Relieving Officer Mr Moffat. He was suffering from bronchitis and was given an order for the Workhouse. He had come from the Belford Workhouse where he has asked to see a doctor but had been refused.  See pages 445/446.</p> <p>Letter from William E Knollys [Local Government Inspector] to the Clerk of the Guardians of the Belford Union, dated 7 December 1887, asking him to make</p>	
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			<p>enquiries in the case of James Ford who was detained in the Belford Workhouse for five days. See pages 445/446.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 106779B, dated 3 December 1887, regarding the Guardians' petition regarding appointment, discharge and payment of union officials. The matter will receive the attention of the Board. See page 446.</p> <p>Letter from the Hexham Union, dated 7 December 1887, and asking the Guardians to accept Robert Bowmaker Rogers, a single man aged 47, legally settled in the Belford Union without an order of the justices. Particulars regarding Mr Roger included in the letter. See page 446.</p> <p>Further letters re James Ford. Letter from William E Knollys, dated 10 December 1887, and acknowledging that of yesterday with copy of letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] regarding the case of James Ford, and requesting further information in the case. See pages 445/446.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 9 December 1887, out-lining the admittance of James Ford to the Workhouse and stating that Mr Ford had at no point asked to see a doctor. See pages 445/446.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 13 December 1887, regarding the case of James Ford, and stating that James Ford had only made a cursory remark about his bronchitis and Mr Treble had therefore seen no reason to send for a doctor. See pages 445/446.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/447-450	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 December 1887.	Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Brown; Andrew Forster; Alexander M Hardie [Alexander Macfarlan Hardie]; James Ewing; Robert Atkinson; Adam Robinson; Rev John Oliver; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark].	29 Dec. 1887

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: salaries account: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, Inquiry Officer, Relieving Officer and postage (common fund). Salary account: Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer. Vaccination account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical supplies (common fund). Salary account: Dr Macaskie [James G Macaskie], Medical Officer and vaccination account; Robert Spratt, Assistant Relieving Officer; Thomas Short, township of Belford; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] and wife, Master and Matron of the Workhouse; Ellen Dunn, servant; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to the Union and School Attendance Committee.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Knollys [William Edward Knollys] regarding James Ford was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding the case of Thomas Strafford was read. Resolved that a fee of £1 1s be granted as requested subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Matron of the Workhouse applied for leave of absence for a fortnight which was granted.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from William Knollys, dated 17 December 1887, and thanking for letter of 13 December 1887. Copy of resolution passed by the Guardians on 15 December 1887 has been forwarded to the Clerk of the Berwick Union.  See page 449.</p> <p>Letter from Dr C Clark Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer, dated 27 December 1887, requesting to be granted £1 1s as extra medical fee in the case of Thomas Stafford.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/451-453	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 January 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); Robert Atkinson; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Brown; Thomas Hutchinson; Adam Robinson; John R Johnson [John Robson Johnson]; William Turnbull; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Richard B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other book kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's Receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief as well as registration and vaccination account. Non-resident poor account: Treasurer, Tynemouth Union; Treasurer, Gateshead Union; T H Douglas, Glendale Union. Common fund account: C E Moore, printing; H H Blair, stationery. Non-resident poor account: Alnwick Union. Lunatic asylum account: John A Woods [John Arthur Woods], maintenance of lunatics; George A Fenwick, Newcastle Union.</p> <p>Annexed letter approving the re-appointment of Robert Guthrie as School Attendance Officer was read.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the report of the Medical Superintendent of the Asylum as to the condition of the patients belonging to this Union. [Report not included].</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the South Shields Union was read regarding Elizabeth Jobson, a pauper, who has now taken her discharge.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Leeds Union was read. The Clerk directed to say that the Guardians do not propose to take any steps in the matter as their union is not likely to be affected.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from the Local Government Board, No 114311B 1887, dated 5 January 1888, and acknowledging communication of 27 December 1887, and approving of the re-appointment of Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, to act as School Attendance Officer</p>	12 Jan. 1888

			<p>until 25 December 1888. See page 452.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk to the South Shields Union [George W Mitchell], regarding Elizabeth Jobson. The letter was wrongly sent o the Gateshead Union, but was handed over to Mr Mitchell by Mr Robson. Inquiry into the settlement of Elizabeth Jobson to be carried out. See page 453.</p> <p>Letter and copy of memorial from John King, Clerk to the Leeds Union, postmarked 10 January 1888, asking the Guardians to support the introduction into Parliament of a bill to place the appointment of registrars of marriage with the guardians of the poor, instead of, as present , with the superintendent registrars. See page 453.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/454-455	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 January 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Robert Atkinson; Simon Stobbs; Andrew \Forster; Thomas Ferguson; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark];.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Common fund account: C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], extra medical fees. Non-resident poor account: F W Chance, Border Home for Incurables. County and Police rates, John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates. Non-resident poor account: T C Garfit, Louth Union</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter form J Jobson, dated 19 January 1888, sent from the police station in Gosforth and enclosing postal order for the sum of 12s and penny stamps making up for the rest of the amount mentioned in the letter of 17 January 1888 for his mother's maintenance in the Belford Union. He also wishes to be informed what has been done about her settlement, and whether she is to be sent to the Jarrow Union.</p>	26 Jan. 1888

			See page 455.	
Item	GBF 10/456-457	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 February 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; William Millican; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; William Turnbull; James Ewing; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Robert Millican; John Edward Bowey; Adam Robinson; Rev John Oliver.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Office's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief' Common fund account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], re William Frater's case; H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], order re William Frater.</p> <p>Books and papers belonging to the Union and the Sanitary Authority have accumulated to such an extent as to cause inconvenience. Resolved that the Clerk see which can be disposed of as waste paper and a committee will be appointed to enquire into the matter.</p> <p>Two annexed letters from Mr Grey [George Grey] stating that he has written the gentleman fully on the subject.</p> <p>Circular letter from the Local Government Board as to the discharge of casual vagrants. It was given to the Master who was directed to use his discretion in the matter and report from time to time.</p> <p>Annexed letter regarding vaccination was read. The Clerk directed to forward a copy of the order to each of the public vaccinators.</p> <p>Resolved that a fee of 15s be paid to Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] for his examination of William Frater, an alleged lunatic, as well as a justice's clerk fee without the examining justices making an order, which will only incur further expenses.</p>	9 Feb. 1888

			<p>Resolved that the Clerk write to the Overseers of the townships who have not yet paid their contribution orders. If not paid before the next meeting proceedings will be taken against them.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Two letters from George Grey, Milfield, Wooler, dated 19 January and 31 January, raising questions regarding the rates paid in the Budle township, which are higher than in neighbouring ones. See page 458.</p> <p>Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 8 February 1888, regarding changes in the regulations of re-vaccinations. See page 458.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/459-460	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 February 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; James Ewing; William Millican; John F Dryden [John Fletcher Dryden]; George Dryden; George D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; Rev John Oliver; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Reliving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief Lunatic asylum account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] visit to lunatics. Common fund account: Dr Burman, truss and urinal.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], Mater of the Workhouse, requesting for his wife to be allowed to reside in the Workhouse on a permanent basis.</p> <p>Resolved that Mrs Treble be allowed to reside in the Workhouse permanently, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board and the Master paying the Guardians 7s per week for her maintenance.</p>	23 Feb. 1888

			<p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble, Master of the Workhouse, dated 14 February 1888, asking the Guardians to make his wife residing in the Workhouse permanent.  See page 460.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/461-462	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians held on 8 March 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; John Edward Bowey; A J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Matthew John Gray; R Burdon Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: common fund account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], ½ [audit stamp]. Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Newham township, John Croyle, school fees.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Walter Frater enclosing 18s as payment of the balance of expenses incurred by the Guardians in connection with his brother William.</p> <p>Annexed letters from Captain Simmonds [Robert John Graham Simmonds] were read.</p> <p>Annexed letter to the Newcastle Union was read. The Clerk directed to enquire when Elizabeth Ray became chargeable, the cause of her requiring relief and whether she is an inmate of the Workhouse or in receipt of poor out-relief.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from Walter Frater, Warenford Cottage Farm, dated 24 February 1888, and enclosing 18s, being the expenses required by the Guardians [for the maintenance of his brother William].  See page 462.</p> <p>Two letters from Captain Simmonds [Robert John Graham Simmonds], dated 20</p>	8 March 1888



			<p>February 1888, asking the Guardians to put the enclosed letter [not enclosed] before the Assessment Committee. He wants to be nominated for Guardians of the Ellingham District – nominated by Sir John Haggerston, and he wishes to be sent the relevant papers when they are ready, also thanking for letter of 22 February 1888 with enclosure [not enclosed] regarding assessment of the [?] house assessed. Papers have been sent to Mr Grey requesting that they be seen to immediately. [It seems to be a question of whether he is eligible for nomination as guardian]. See page 462.</p> <p>Letter from the Newcastle Union, dated 3 March 1888, and informing the Guardians that Elizabeth Ray, 63 years of age, of Edwin Street, Byker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and is now chargeable to the Newcastle Union, it appears, however, that upon enquiry and examination that she is legally settled in the Belford Union. 'Grounds of settlement' enclosed. See page 462.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/463-467	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 March 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; Robert Millican; William Millican; Adam Robinson; James Ewing; William Turnbull; Hugh Thompson; Andrew Forster; Thomas Ferguson; John Edward Bowey; William Carr; Alexander F Nichol [Alexander Frederick Nichol]; Matthew Grey; Rev John Oliver; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall]</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief. Common fund account: John Shaw &amp; Son, stationery; Hadden, Best &amp; Co books.</p> <p>Resolved that the following tenders be accepted from 26 March 1888 for three months: Alexander Graham, bread, flour and oatmeal; T Wright, pot barley; J Laing, peas; J Laing, groceries; John Gordon, butcher meat; John S Finnie, milk.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 19740B, regarding Mrs</p>	22 March 1888

			<p>Treble's residence in the Workhouse was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Elizabeth Reay was read. The Master was authorized to engage her if proper arrangements could be made regarding her child.</p> <p>Two annexed letters from the Local Government Board regarding re-payment from the Parliamentary Grant, was read.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, NO 19740B, dated 10 March 1888, and acknowledging letter of 24 February 1888 requesting the continued residence of Mrs Treble, the wife of the Master, in the Workhouse on the same term as at present. The Board sanction this on the understanding that should any inconvenience be found to arise from it the sanction must be withdrawn.  See page 466.</p> <p>Letter from Lizzie Reay [Elizabeth Reay], Alnwick Workhouse [no date], and accepting the offer of the situation of servant at the Workhouse under the conditions mentioned in the letter. She will try to find someone to take care of her baby.  See page 466/467.</p> <p>Two letters from the Local Government Board, dated 10 March and 16 March 1888, both regarding the Parliamentary grant made to J Broadway [John Broadway], Treasurer of the Union.  See page 467.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/468-473	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 April 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; Robert Atkinson; G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; William Millican; Thomas Ferguson; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; Adam Robinson; William Turnbull; Andrew Forster; Robert Millican.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and inspected the other books kept by the Master as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p>	5 April 1888

			<p>Cheques were signed t pay the following: salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk to Guardians, School Attendance Officer. Common fund: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], election and postages, Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, School Attendance Officer, Vaccination Officer, Inquiry Officer; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], Medical Officer; Robert Spratt, Assistant Relieving Officer; Thomas Short, Collector of rates; Ellen Dunn,; H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] and his wife, Master and Matron of the Workhouse' Common fund account: John Shaw &amp; Son, stationery. Non-resident poor: Thomas H Douglas. Common fund: John Davidson, stationery; Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-relief and postages. Common fund: C E Moore, printing; C C Burman [Charles Clark Burman], medicine and [?].</p> <p>Resolved to ask the Local Government Board to issue a fresh order for the election of a Guardian for the township of Newstead.</p> <p>Resolved that with the exception of minute books, ledgers, registers, relief lists, admission and discharge books, official correspondence and letter books, all books and papers relating to matters which took place more than ten years ago be destroyed, and as there is a great difficulty in getting fuel for lighting fires in the Workhouse, the Master be empowered to use the old books for that purpose.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/474-478	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 April 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; and afterwards William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; Alfred J J Thompson [Alfred John Joseph Thompson]; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; Thomas Ferguson; William Millican; Thomas Cowle; William Graham; William N Mangin [William Nangreave Mangin].</p> <p>Resolved that James Laing be re-appointed as Chairman for the ensuing year ,and William Milliken and Simon Stobbs be re-appointed as Vice-chairmen for the ensuing year.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, Relieving Officer, out-</p>	19 April 1888

		<p>relief and registration. Non-resident poor account: T C Garfit, Louth Union; J Forster, Alnwick Union; Treasurer, Tynemouth; F W Chance, Border Home for Incurables; G A Fenwick, Newcastle Union; Treasurer, Gateshead Union. Lunatic asylum account: J A Woods [John Anthony Woods].</p> <p>Resolved: the Union Assessment Committee consist of 12 members, four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: Ex-officio: Rev L S Orde; R B Sanderson; Geo D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; R T N Howey-Taylor [Richard Taylor Nelson Howey Taylor]. Elected Guardians: William Milliken; James Laing; S Stobbs [Simon Stobbs]; William Millican; Thomas Ferguson; Thomas Hutchinson; William Turnbull; James Brown.</p> <p>Resolved: the School Attendance Committee consist of 12 members: four ex-officio and eight elected Guardians. Appointed were: Ex-officio: J T Leather; R B Sanderson; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; R T N Howey-Taylor [Richard Taylor Nelson Howey Taylor]. Guardians: James Laing; William Milliken; Rev J Oliver; William Millican; Edward J Bowey [John Edward Bowey]; Simon Stobbs; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown.</p> <p>Resolved: the Workhouse and Finance Committee consist of eight members: James Brown; William Millican; Thomas Hutchinson; Thomas Ferguson; R G A Hutchinson [Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; G D A Clark [George Dixon Atkinson Clark]; William Millican; Simon Stobbs;</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No 33597A 1888, dated 16 April 1888, regarding books and papers was read.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Local Government Board, No33576A, regarding special election at Newstead township.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk to the Newcastle Union regarding Elizabeth Ray was read. The Clerk was directed to go to Byker and satisfy himself that the pauper is now immovable, before agreeing to accept without an order of justices.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman] regarding Henry Hudson was</p>	
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			<p>read. The Clerk was directed to say that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the Guardians would pay for the services of another surgeon to assist in the operation should it become necessary. The Clerk also directed to write the Hospital Board of Guardians and request them to accept the pauper without an order of justices.</p> <p>Annexed letter from the Clerk of the Peace regarding local government bill was read. The information asked for had been given.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from the Local Government Board, No 33597A 1888, dated 16 April 1888, and acknowledging that of 7 April 1888. They state that they have no objection to the destruction of books and documents which have clearly become useless, as long as documents which might be requested as evidence of matters are carefully preserved. See page 477.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 33576A 1888, dated 14 April 1888, and acknowledging that of 7 April 1888 applying for an order authorising a special election of a Guardian for the township of Newstead. The Board request a copy of certificate form 8 of the Guardians elected for the ensuing year. See page 477.</p> <p>Letter from the Clerk of the Newcastle Union [John Gibson], dated 22 March 1888, regarding Elizabeth Ray who became chargeable on 10 December 1887 on account of destitution. She received an out-door relief and resided at 11 Edwin Garden, Byker. See page 477.</p> <p>Letter from Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], dated 17 April 1888, and recommending that two blue serge suits be supplied for the use of male hospital patients as well as two warm dressing gowns for patients unable to bear the fatigue of dressing for when it is necessary to get up once or twice a day. An inmate at the hospital presents symptoms of gangrene of the foot which might have to be amputated. If that is necessary Dr Burman requests the Guardians' guarantee that the expense of another surgeon will be covered by them.</p>	
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Item	GBF 10/479-481	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 May 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Clark; William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; Thomas Hutchinson; James Brown; William Millican; James Maule; George Dryden; Robert Millican; Thomas Ferguson; John Edward Bowey; Thomas Cowle.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, out-relief Salaries account: H S Johnson [Henry Smart Johnson], Clerk . Master's account: H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], incidental expenses. Common fund account: Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman], medicine.</p> <p>Resolved that, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, Dr James G Macaskie be paid for surgical assistance in the case of Henry Hudson whose foot and part of leg was amputated by the Workhouse Medical Officer due to gangrene.</p> <p>Annexed order of the Local Government Board regarding a special election of guardian for the township of Newstead. Notice of election has been issued.</p> <p>Resolved that Elizabeth Ray, of Byker, is accepted without an order of justices, and is allowed 2s per week in non-resident relief.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 35692/188 (22954), dated 30 April 1888, regarding election of a guardian for the township of Newstead, as no one was elected at the last election.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:</p>	3 May 1888

			<p>Letter from the Local Government Board, NO 35692A, 1888, dated 23 April 1888, and acknowledging that of 15 April and stating that the Board will shortly issue an order authorising the special election of a guardian for the township of Newstead. See page ?</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board, No 35692E, 1888, and referring to letter of 23 April 1888 and stating that an order authorising the special election of a guardian for the township of Newstead has been issued. See pages 480/481/</p> <p>Letter from the Halifax Union, dated 24 April 1888, and referring to letter of 23 April 1888 regarding Henry Hudson, 54, and saying that they cannot accept the case under the circumstances. See page 480.</p>	
Item	GBF 10/482-483	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 May 1888.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Laing (in the chair); William Milliken; Simon Stobbs; Thomas Ferguson; Captain Simmonds [Robert John Graham Simmonds]; R B Sanderson.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book as well as the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were issued to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, out-relief. Common fund: William Rose, rent of Workhouse; Thomas Short, poor rates.</p> <p>Annexed certificate of Dr Macaskie [James G Macaskie].</p> <p>Annexed correspondence: Letter from James G Macaskie, dated 5 May 1888, and certifying that he was present and assisted in the amputation of the leg of a man [Henry Hudson] together with Dr Burman [Charles Clark Burman]. See page 483.</p>	14 May 1888
Item	GBF 10/484-	Minutes of Belford	Present at the meeting: William Milliken (in the chair); Simon Stobbs; R A Hutchinson	31 May 1888

	486	Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 May 1888.	<p>[Ralph George Alderson Hutchinson]; James Brown; Thomas Hutchinson; John Edward Bowey; Robert Millican; James Ewing; William Millican; Thomas Cowle; John R Johnson [John Robson Johnson]; George Dryden; John Hunter; Andrew Forster; A J J Thompson [John Joseph Thompson]; Major Marshall [Anthony Marshall].</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the Master's day book and the Relieving Officer's receipt and expenditure book.</p> <p>Cheques were signed to pay the following: Robert Guthrie, out-relief' Common fund: J G Macaskie [James G Macaskie], extra medical fees; Shaw &amp; Son, books and stationery. John A Woods [John Anthony Woods], county and police rates.</p> <p>Annexed letter from Mr Treble [Henry Arthur Treble] was read. Resolved by a majority of seven that beer be not allowed.</p> <p>The Clerk produced the balance sheet of North Eastern Counties School, Barnard Castle.</p> <p>Annexed correspondence:  Letter from H A Treble [Henry Arthur Treble], dated 28 May 1888, asking the Guardians' permission to allow the officers at the Workhouse to buy a glass of beer daily out of their allowance for provision.  See page 485.</p>	