

**GBR 54: Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries**

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 54	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union, 21 April 1879 - 22 August 1881.	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union.</p> <p><b>1879-1880</b> William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; George Brown, farmer, Hornclyffe parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; David Carr, farmer, Felkington, Felkington parish; John Carr, hotel owner, Berwick parish; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend Parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; David Hume, farmer, Berrington Kyloe parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Berwick parish; Thomas Nevins, farmer, Cornhill parish; Anthony Frederick Nichol [Anthony Nichol], farmer, Kyloe parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Murton, Thornton parish; George Peel fish curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Smith, farmer, West Longridge, Longridge parish; William Smith, Grindon parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; William Tait, farmer, Middle Ord, Tweedmouth parish, rural ward; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Berwick parish; John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Rev Beverley S Wilson, [Rev Beverley Wilson] Duddo parish; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p><b>1880-1881</b> William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings, Ancroft parish; George Brown, farmer, Hornclyffe parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; David Carr, farmer, Felkington, Felkington parish; John Carr, hotel owner, Berwick parish; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Norham Mains parish; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Berwick parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Loanend Parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kyloe parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; John Lumsden, farmer, Castle Heaton, Cornhill parish; Henry Gourlay McCreath, corn merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given</p>	21 April 1879 - 22 Aug. 1881

			<p>as Robert in 1881]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Berwick parish; Anthony Frederick Nichol [Anthony Nichol], farmer, Kyloe parish; James Nicholson, farmer, Murton, Thornton parish; George Peel fish curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Smith, farmer, West Longridge, Longridge parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Berwick parish; Rev Beverley S Wilson, [Rev Beverley Wilson] Duddo parish; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p><b>1881-1882</b> William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; John Carr, hotel owner, Berwick parish; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Berwick parish; William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains, Horncliffe and Norham Mains parish; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate, Berwick parish; John Dunbar, farmer, Bankhead, Longridge and Loanend Parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kyloe parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kyloe parish; George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden],, farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood parish; Henry Gourlay McCreath, corn merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880];; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Berwick parish; William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's, Cornhill parish; George Peel fish curer, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; John Tait, farmer, Riffington, Twizel parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Berwick parish; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>David Carr, Felkington, Duddo and Felkington townships, appointed 11 July after special election.</p> <p><b>Ex Officio Guardians:</b> Rev Thomas Procter; Rev J G Rowe - until April 1880; Ralph Forster; Robert Crossman; Henry Gregson; Captain Forbes - from September 1879. Captain T Williams – from April 1880.</p> <p><b>Medical Officers:</b> Colville Brown (Workhouse) until 18 May 1881; Thomas Fraser (Workhouse) from 18 May 1881; Robert Carr Fluker [Robert Fluker] (Berwick District) until August 1881; John Alexander Macdonald [John Macdonald] Berwick District from August 1881; Thomas Davidson (Tweedmouth District) until June 1879; Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District) from June 1879; James Lambie (Islandshire District); John Paxton (East Norhamshire District); Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Coldstream (West Norhamshire District);</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/1-8	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians being the first meeting of the year held on 21 April 1879	<p>Present; Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr; Andrew Mitchell; George Brown; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]; George Hogg; George Bone; John Brown; William Cleghorn; Adam Darling; David Hume. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Adam Darling took the Chair until the Chairman for the year was elected. On election Matthew Young took the Chair.</p> <p>The Clerk gave the result of the election of Guardians for the year 1879 – 1880. Ancroft Parish: George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings; James Richardson Black, [James Black] farmer, Cheswick; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft. Berwick upon Tweed parish: Andrew Thompson, shipowner, Ravensdowne; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Palace street; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Bridge Street; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank; John Carr, hotel keeper, Hide Hill; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Bridge End. Cornhill parish: Thomas Nevins, farmer, Marldown; Duddo parish: Beverley S Wilson [Beverley Wilson], vicar of Duddo, Duddo Vicarage; Felkington parish: David Carr, farmer, Felkington; Grindon parish: William Smith junior* Holy Island parish: George Hogg, farmer, Goswick; Horncliffe parish: George Brown, farmer, Horncliffe; Kylee parish: David Hume, farmer, South Berrington; Anthony Frederick Nichol [Anthony Nichol], farmer, Berrington House; Loanend parish: John Dunbar, landed proprietor, Bankhead;</p>	21 April 1879

			<p>Longridge parish: James Smith, farmer, West Longridge;  Norham parish: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham;  Norham Mains parish: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains;  Shoreswood parish: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood;  Thornton parish: James Nicholson, farmer, Murton;  Tweedmouth parish urban ward: John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth;  John Watt, farmer, Spittal Hall;  George Peel, fish curer, Sandstell Road, Spittal.  Tweedmouth parish rural ward: William Tait, farmer, Middle Ord.  Twizel parish: John Tait, farmer, Riffington.  * Qualified to act where no Guardian has been elected for a parish.</p> <p>Mathew Young was unanimously elected Chairman, proposed by George Bone, seconded by James Black.</p> <p>James Black and Thomas Darling were unanimously elected Vice Chairmen, on the motion of David Hume, seconded by David Carr. James Black to have preference.</p> <p>The Committees were appointed as follows:</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee.  Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; James Black; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; Henry Christison; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr; Matthew Crossman; John Marshall; John Watt; George Peel; William Tait; John Brown; David Hume; George Hogg.</p> <p>Assessment Committee  Elected Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; John Watt; James Black; George Bone.  Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee  Elected Guardians: James Black; John Brown; David Carr; George Hogg; David Hume; William Allan; George Lumsden; James Nicholson.  Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Rev John G Rowe; Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman.</p> <p>The first meetings of these Committees and the Rural Sanitary Authority were fixed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for</p>	
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			<p>out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); J G Smith (butcher); W A Johnson &amp; Co (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); William Redpath (draper); Robert Cairns (hosier); Johnson &amp; Darling (brewers); G Douglas (farmer); E Whitehead (milk seller); M Blakey (milk seller); Garden: James Dickinson (7 loads of manure).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 25 lunatics and part quarter for 1; Expenses attending the funerals of Thomas Steven; Margaret Baker; James Shannon).  South Yorkshire Lunatic Asylum (quarter's maintenance of Susannah Forsythe).  R Metcalfe (removing Susannah Forsythe from Asylum).  Dr Colville Brown [Medical Officer of Workhouse], (certifying 2 lunatics for removal to County Asylum).  Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Northhamshire District.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Thomas Davidson, Tweedmouth District.  Collectors Poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing that the Clerk [Edward Willoby] be paid £20 his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee for the past year and £10 for his services as Returning Officer at the recent election of Guardians, in accordance with the General Election Order, 1877.</p> <p>The Master was given a cheque for £11 19s 4d to purchase young pigs, firewood and oakum rope.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/9-17	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 May 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; George Hogg; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; William Allan; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The balance in the Treasurers Book was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); John Mitchell (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: Walter Parker (food, rope); Alexander Henderson (twine); Garden: Robert Sanderson (9 young pigs); Walter Parker (2 young pigs). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Mary Brown and Hannah Mace to Northumberland County Asylum). Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains. School Attendance Committee: National Society's Depository (forms of proof of births of</p>	5 May 1879

			<p>children, forms for annual return of school attendance); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer); County of Northumberland per E Willoby (cost of proceedings before Justices).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Minute of the response of the Workhouse Committee to the report of the Lunacy Commissioner was tabled.</p> <p>The yard on the north side of the female imbecile ward would be improved by planting shrubs and flowers as soon as the season permitted. They said that the Lunacy Commissioner seemed to have failed to notice that the female imbeciles had the use of a pleasant yard on the south side which they mainly used.</p> <p>The supply of water to the WC's upstairs had been temporarily deficient owing to severe frost and was now remedied.</p> <p>The Committee had visited the men's day room and did not see any need for alteration for the purpose for which it was used. It had a southern aspect and was not cheerless except on a dull day. The Master had been instructed not to place anything in the yard to obstruct the light or sunshine from the room's windows.</p> <p>Accepted; a copy to be sent to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>The Committee had also considered the provision of means of flushing the drains and with the use of a hosepipe in case of fire.</p> <p>They had agreed to recommend to the Board that the expenditure be authorised; an estimate was submitted. If the expenditure was agreed they suggested that they applied to Phoenix Fire Insurance either for a reduction in the annual premium for the Workhouse or that the sum for which it is insured be increased from £3065, whichever the Board preferred.</p> <p>On the suggestion of Andrew Thompson, the Board referred the matter back to the Committee to consider and report on the practicality of using the hose belonging to the Urban Sanitary Authority, when required.</p> <p>An Order from the Local Government Board prescribing a statutory form of Financial Statement under the District Auditor's Act 1879 and a Form of Loan Account to be</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/18-24	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 May 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Watt; William Allan; John Marshall; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; James Nicholson. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The balance in the Treasurers Book was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemakers); John Young (draper); James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); John Mann (cleaning Spittal Pay Station); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth Pay Station); Garden: Berwick Corporation (quarter's rent, insurance premium); Thomas Middlemiss (manure); James Dickinson (manure). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees); sundry householders (1 year's rent of 13 vaccination stations). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 31 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham;</p>	19 May 1879

			<p>Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: George Henderson, mat maker, Hatter's Lane, sickness, entirely.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A Collector's monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of: Holy Island.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth were tabled. Agreed that the Assessment Committee would revise them.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board agreeing to a fixed salary of £35 per annum for Robert Lambert, Collector of Poor Rates for Tweedmouth. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Lambert's bond allowed for a change of salary.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board replying to the notification of the resignation of Dr Davidson as Public Vaccinator for Tweedmouth District. They referred to the Regulations of 18 February 1868 which required that the whole of the Borough of Berwick should be one vaccination district. They requested that in preparation of the new contract the proposed arrangements should be reported on the form enclosed, for approval. They considered that the Berwick and Tweedmouth vaccination districts should be united; one station, attended weekly, serving both. The outlying stations of Scremerston and Ancroft should be attended half yearly as at present. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had audited the accounts on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> May which he tabled with a duplicate of the Financial Statement (statutory) and the Annual Loan Account.</p> <p>Application from Morpeth Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Phillis Brown, widow, aged 73. After hearing the statement of Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] the Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>Statement tabled from the Auditor drawing attention to the deaths of one of the sureties</p>	
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			<p>of the Treasurer, John A Woods and of the Assistant Overseer for Twizel, John Gilchrist. The Clerk also reported the death of one of the sureties of Robert L Yetts, Assistant Overseer for Holy Island.</p> <p>The Clerk was directed to ask the three officers for substitute sureties.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/25-30	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 June 1879	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Hume; George Bone; George Hogg; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]; John Carr; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; John Brown; William Allan; James Nicholson; George Peel; Andrew Mitchell; William Cleghorn; John Watt; David Carr; Thomas Darling; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; John Marshall; John Tait.  Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe;  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); James Dunlop &amp; Son (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Hogarth (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); A R Lowrey (chaff); Scotsman (advertising); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing pauper to Scotland); Firewood: Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage); George Henderson &amp; Son (old rope); Ann Renwick (old rope); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws); Garden: George Henderson &amp; Son (corn merchants); James Dickinson (manure).  Registration Expenses: E Willoby [Clerk] (one year's allowance for use of offices).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	2 June 1879

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Davidson; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe were tabled.</p> <p>They proceeded to the appointment of a medical officer for Tweedmouth, in place of Dr Davidson.</p> <p>One application had been received: Mr Daniel Heagerty, late of Bellingham, now of Tweedmouth, together with testimonials and certificates of qualification – LRCP Edin, LRCS Edin, Licenciate in Midwifery. On the motion of Andrew Thompson, he was unanimously offered the appointment of Medical officer for Tweedmouth at a salary of £50 per annum with the usual extra fees - ordinary cases of childbirth 10s within 2 miles of his residence and 15s beyond that distance. Dr Heagerty accepted the appointment on the terms stated.</p> <p>As notified they then considered the arrangements for public vaccination in the districts of Berwick and Tweedmouth. On the motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by John Carr, it was unanimously agreed that, as suggested by the Local Government Board, the two districts be united.</p> <p>To put this into effect Dr Fluker, public vaccinator for Berwick District, would be given notice that his present contract would end after the stipulated 28 days' notice. At the meeting to be held on that date they would appoint a Public Vaccinator for the united district, at the usual fees.</p> <p>Further to the Auditor's report to the last meeting, John A Woods, Treasurer, proposed William Ord of Sunderland as surety in place of the late Joseph Mather. Robert L Yetts, Assistant Overseer for Holy Island, Proposed Thomas Bell, baker, Holy Island, as surety in place of the late Ralph A Wilson.</p> <p>These were accepted and the Clerk asked to execute the necessary bonds.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the death of Peter Flannaghan.</p> <p>A Sheriff's warrant was received directing the removal of William Thomson from Edinburgh to the Berwick Union.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p>	
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			<p>Letter received from F C Davies, Porter at the Workhouse, tendering his resignation from one month from that date. This was accepted and it was agreed to fill the vacancy at the meeting in 4 weeks on the same terms as present. The post was to be advertised.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/31-36	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 June 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; John Brown; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; George Hogg; George Bone; David Carr; Matthew G Crossman [Matthew Crossman]. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The balance in the Treasurers Book was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Thomas Hogarth (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Firewood: Daniel Bryson (wood); Garden: James Dickinson (manure). In maintenance Account: William Purves, boot &amp; shoemaker; John Young, draper; (both outfit for Agnes Laidler). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Davidson, late of Tweedmouth District. Vaccination Expenses: Thomas Davidson, late of Tweedmouth District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Cheque for £27 8s 6d paid to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners, being instalment and 1 year's interest on loan of £950 received from them.</p>	16 June 1879

			<p>The balance of salary due to Dr Davidson, late of Tweedmouth District, was paid.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: George Patterson, aged 44, fisherman, Spittal, paralysis, tedious [sic], altogether.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors' monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe; Norham, Norham Mains; Twizel.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that the Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth parish wanted certain properties in the parish to be valued by a professional valuer and provided a list. The Committee recommended Mr Hedley of Sunderland be appointed and all Guardians had been notified. This was agreed.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 28 June. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Master reported that a tramp, named Edward Hennessy, had been admitted to the vagrant wards On 10<sup>th</sup> June. He was found to be suffering from the itch [?scabies]. He stated that he had spent the previous night in the vagrant wards at Belford where he had neither been required to take a bath nor change his clothes. Resolved that this be brought to the attention of Belford Union and that they be informed that Berwick had had to bear the expense of curing numerous cases of itch among tramps; more, they think, than if the regulations concerning vagrants were being complied with by neighbouring Unions.</p> <p>Agreed that the Annual Kettle of the Guardians, the officers and friends would be held at Windmill Hill Links on 10<sup>th</sup> July. A Committee of the Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Clerk would make arrangements.</p> <p>Francis Elliot, aged 72, previously an outdoor pauper and now an inmate of the Workhouse, appearing before the Guardians to apply for renewal of his outdoor relief, made a complaint against the Master, who had ill - used him when he applied to leave the Workhouse on 10<sup>th</sup> June.</p>	
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			The Workhouse Committee were asked to look into the matter and report to the next meeting.	
Item	GBR 54/37-44	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 June 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; John Tait; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; George Bone; John Carr; James R Black [James Black]; William Allan; John Watt; George Hogg; David Carr; George Peel. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The balance in the Treasurers Book was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Frederick C Davies, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>£5 was paid to the Master to pay petty common charges of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); W &amp; A Johnson &amp; Co (drapers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising); Knight &amp; Co (forms); H S Martin (stationary). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board,</p>	30 June 1879

			<p>clothing and education of James Callan).  School Attendance Committee: E Willoby (one year's salary as Clerk to Committee, fees for proceedings before Justices); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Norham and Twizel were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with bread meat etc as follows:  James G Smith – rounds &amp; flanks of beef @ 9s 11d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 10d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 5 ¾ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 5 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 34s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 8oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 4 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 14ozs for 6d.  Agreed.  The Common Seal was applied to these contracts.</p> <p>As previously agreed the meeting considered the appointment of a duly qualified medical practitioner as Public Vaccinator for the extended district of Berwick. Only one application was received from Dr Fluker.  It was agreed on the motion of James Black, seconded by George Hogg, that Robert Carr Fluker be appointed with the usual fees. Subject to the approval of the Local Government Board it was also agreed that there would be three vaccination stations in the district of Berwick attended weekly, and at Scremerston and Ancroft attended half yearly, the day to be altered from Tuesday to Wednesday.</p> <p>They then likewise considered the appointment of Porter of the Workhouse. Eighteen applications had been received. On the motion of Henry Christison, it was agreed that a committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairmen, Adam Darling, George Bone, George Lumsden, and John Watt should select those best suited and ask them to attend the next Board Meeting when it was intended to make an appointment.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee then reported on their investigation of the complaint by Francis Elliot against the Master of the Workhouse that he had ill-used him by taking hold</p>	
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			<p>of him roughly and throwing him down on 10<sup>th</sup> June. They took statements from Francis Elliot, the Master, Dr Brown's assistant, Dr Brown, the Porter and the Nurse. They found that the alleged assault occurred when Elliot refused to go back to the ward when told to do so, whilst the Master was forcibly removing him. The Master did not do anything beyond his duty or what was necessary to maintain discipline. They found Elliot's statement to be exaggerated and much were proved to be untrue and that the Master only used the force necessary to overcome his resistance. The report was accepted and adopted as the decision of the Board.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee recommended that Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, should continue in office as School Attendance Officer at the salary of £20 per annum as before, from 24<sup>th</sup> June, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Reply received from Belford Union to the letter concerning Edward Hennessy. They had found that on the night Hennessy was admitted to Belford Union, 9<sup>th</sup> June, there was a large and unexpected influx of vagrants. The officer in charge had not sufficient rugs for them all and that some did not get the usual bath and slept in their own clothes. The Guardians had directed that in future all vagrants who were in a fit state of health get a bath on admission and that the number of rugs available be increased to 18 to ensure that in future no vagrant had to sleep as Hennessy had. They added that none of the officers were aware that Hennessy or any of the vagrants were suffering from an infectious disease; if they had, the vagrant would have been placed in the infectious ward. They also expressed their regret that he was allowed to leave Belford Workhouse whilst suffering from itch.</p> <p>Received from the Central Association for stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday a circular, pamphlet and petition in favour of a Bill closing public houses in England and Wales during the whole of Sunday except for lodgers and bona fide travellers. John Watt moved, seconded by Matthew Young that the petition be adopted. John Carr moved, seconded by William Allan, that it should not be adopted. On a show of hands four were in favour of the motion and four the amendment. The Chairman [Matthew Young] gave a casting vote in favour of the motion. The Common Seal was then affixed to the petition, signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the senior member for the Borough, Sir D C Marjoribanks Bart MP for presentation.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of Justices, two paupers, Robert Arnot and Sarah Lockie. The Guardians deferred the matter to the next meeting to allow for further inquiries.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to</p>	
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			<p>the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>The Master was authorised to take proceedings against Alice Hush of Berwick, for wilfully deserting her infant child who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/45-52	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 July 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	14 July 1879

			<p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Charles Wilson (plumber); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); William Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemakers); M Gray &amp; Sons (masons); Robert O Gray (ironmonger); George Douglas (milk); James Grey (spirit merchant); John White (carpenter); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse); Shaw &amp; Sons (Glen's Statutes); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postages &amp; sundry payments, fees for proceedings before justices); Firewood: H E Nicolson (wood); Alexander Gray (wood).  In maintenance Account: Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (fees for tuition of indoor children);  Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Mary Watson).  Lunatics Account: Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (examining and certifying 4 lunatics); Northumberland County Asylum Quarter's maintenance for 26 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 3).  Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Daniel Heagerty Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Northhamshire District.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; John Paxton, East Northhamshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Northhamshire District.  Collectors Poundage: John Husband, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Jane Grieve, aged 19, Castlegate, sickness, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Jane Wallace, aged 29, Church Street, childbirth.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collector's monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/53-58	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 July 1879.	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Carr; John Carr; Adam Darling; James Nicholson; George Bone; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan.  Ex Officio Guardians: None.  Medical Officers: Dr; Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	28 July 1879

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Hogarth (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Robert Scott (travelling expenses for interview); Thomas Gilchrist (travelling expenses for interview); The Scotsman (advertising); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); Newcastle Journal (advertising); John Garden (police expenses in apprehending Alice Hush); Firewood: Mutter, Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Captain Adamson (wood); Captain Kruge (wood); Captain Pyonsson (wood); Garden: Berwick Parish (poor rate); Waite Brothers (seedsmen).  Lunatics Account: John Rutherford [Master] (removing lunatic to asylum).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit (Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit (Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Martha Henry, aged 28, Lodging House, Chapel Street, sickness, confined to bed altogether.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board approving the vaccination contract with</p>	
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			<p>Dr Fluker and reminding that a public notice must be given concerning the changes in arrangements.</p> <p>As agreed they considered the appointment of a deputation to visit the County Asylum. On the motion of George Bone, it was agreed that the Chairman and two Vice Chairmen, accompanied by Dr Brown, should visit the County Asylum to examine and report on the state of the patients they maintained there; their expenses to be paid by the Board. They were asked to visit the County Gaol to inspect the cooking apparatus in use there. The Clerk was asked to seek the permission of the Governor for the visit.</p> <p>In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Berwick, it was agreed to postpone to the next meeting consideration of his request for the Church Mission Woman to visit the Workhouse.</p> <p>Warrant received, granted by the Sheriff Substitute of the County of Aberdeen directing the removal of Richard Beadlin, aged 58, from Aberdeen to Berwick Workhouse.</p> <p>The Medical Officer of the Workhouse [Colville Brown], tabled his half yearly statement and his report book. His replies to the printed questions were all affirmative and satisfactory. Both drew attention to the desirability of improving the cooking arrangements. In the report book he stated that there was a stinking sewer mouth immediately at the Workhouse gate, which often caused a nasty smell in that area of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk draw the attention of the Authority to the state of the sewer and the desirability of better arrangements for cleaning it.</p> <p>The Master reported that a tramp, William Finlay had been admitted to the vagrant wards on 16<sup>th</sup> July. He was found to be suffering from the itch [scabies] and had to be treated in the Workhouse Infirmary. He had spent the night of 15<sup>th</sup> July in the vagrant ward of Belford Workhouse, where he had been required to take a bath.</p> <p>Agreed that Belford Board of Guardians be contacted for a second time to draw attention to the apparent irregularity of discharging vagrants whilst suffering from itch and that the present was a bad case and must have been perceivable at Belford.</p> <p>The Chairman had received an invitation to the Poor Law Conference at Gilsland on 5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> August which he was unable to attend and asked whether some other members might wish to do so.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/59-65	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11	Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Darling; George Bone; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; George Hogg; John Marshall.	11 Aug. 1879

		<p>August 1879</p>	<p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty];  Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Hogarth (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); G F Steven (advertising); Newcastle Chronicle (advertising).  Lunatics Account: Matthew Young, Chairman Expenses of the deputation who visited the County Asylum).</p> <p>A cheque for £10 was given to the Master to purchase wood from foreign ships.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Pursuant to notice given, the Vicar [Rev J G Rowe], seconded by Andrew Mitchell, moved that Eleanor Palmer, Church Mission Woman, be permitted to visit sick and infirm inmates in the Workhouse on one day each week. George Bone moved the previous question. As this was not seconded, the motion was carried; the visits to be on Thursdays between 2 and 4pm.</p> <p>Colville Brown [Medical Officer for the Workhouse] tabled his report of the visit to the County Asylum on 4<sup>th</sup> August.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/66-72	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 August 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; George Bone; John Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Captain Forbes. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: James R Black [James Black].</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (district &amp; highway rates); E Willoby [Clerk] (expenses at district meetings); Firewood: Captain L Randers (wood); Captain A L Anderson (wood); Captain A C Darmer (wood); Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Garden: William Wille (8 pigs); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (district &amp; highway rates).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 30 August from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend;</p>	25 Aug. 1879

			<p>Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Smith, aged 29, cart man employed by NERC, incipient consumption, some indefinite time, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Longridge, Norham were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received tenders for supplying the Workhouse with six sacks of oatmeal and recommended acceptance of that from Elias Pearson, Church Street, at 39s 6d per sack. Agreed.</p> <p>Circular letter received from the Local Government Board concerning the arrangements to be made for providing Medical Officers of Health with information of all registered deaths and sickness among paupers. The Clerk reported that the necessary arrangements had been made.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year. The estimate of the contributions required by the School Attendance Committee to meet the expenses of the Committee for the year from 29 September 1879 was also presented. Both referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment and report.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Request received from Alnwick Union to provide a list of the Workhouse and other officials of the Union. Agreed.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Charles Davidson, moulder, Western Lane, Berwick and John Craik, millwright, Tweedmouth, to repay the relief being given to their respective parents.</p>	
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			<p>The Master reported that John Clark, a tramp, had been admitted to the vagrant wards on 15<sup>th</sup> August. He was found to be suffering very badly from the itch [scabies] and had to be treated in the Workhouse Infirmary. Clark reported that since 6<sup>th</sup> August he had slept at 9 different places (including Belford and six other Union vagrant wards) whilst suffering from the itch on his hands and arms.</p> <p>Agreed that the Local Government Board be informed drawing attention to the apparent negligence of several Union officers in allowing him to travel whilst suffering from itch and that since March 1879 the Union had borne the cost of treating 15 tramps. The last three had come direct from Belford vagrant wards with the disease.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/73-78	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 September 1879	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Bone; David Hume; Andrew Mitchell; John Watt; John Carr; David Carr; George Hogg.  Ex Officio Guardians: None.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Margaret Blakey (milkseller); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Captain Sannason (wood); M Gray &amp; Sons (wood); A Renwick (old rope); George Robinson (wood); Garden: Robert Sanderson (pig dealer).  Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificated Poor Law School (quarter's board, education and clothing of Robert &amp; William Docherty).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	8 Sept. 1879

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  William Headspeath's child, John, aged 1 year, High Street, sickness, requires to have a little milk daily, say pennyworth;  Margaret Robertson, aged 45, Chapel Street, accident, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the Chairman, two other members of the Committee and Dr Brown had inspected the cooking range at Morpeth Prison, approved of it, and recommended that the Board purchase a similar one for the Workhouse and suggested that the Committee made inquiries. The Committee had found that the range at Morpeth had been supplied by Messrs G N Haden &amp; Sons, Trowbridge, Wilts, who had then been contacted by the Master.  On the motion of James Black it was resolved to approve the report and ask the Committee to employ professional assistance if necessary and report fully on details and cost.</p> <p>Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of Justices, of Ann Middlemiss, widow aged 75. On the report of Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, that she had settlement gained by residence in Norham, the Guardians were satisfied that she was removeable to the Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 27 September. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector of the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert Cowe Jr, baker, Norham for an order to be made upon him to repay part of the relief now being given to his father.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/79-	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	22 Sept. 1879

	84	Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 September 1879	<p>Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; M G Crossman [Matthew Crossman]; John Marshall; William Cleghorn; George Bone; John Carr; H L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Darling; John Brown; James Nicholson. Ex Officio Guardians: Captain Forbes. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); Thomas Hogarth (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller).</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers reported the amount spent on the education of children of non-paupers to date; John Crosby for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth and Joseph Scott for Ancroft and cheques were issued for this.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Ferguson, aged 40, Weatherley Square, childbirth, necessaries; Helen Morgan, aged 21, Church Street, childbirth (child dead), necessaries; Mary McDonald, Chapel Street, childbirth.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed. The Common Seal was applied to the contracts for supplying the Union with bread, meat and butter.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 18<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> January, totalling £3860. Contribution Orders were also sent to the overseers of the parishes comprising the district of the School Attendance Committee requiring them to pay their contributions on 10<sup>th</sup> January, totalling £32 4s 1d.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the prevalence of vagrants who had the itch. They had written to the Belford Union and instructed their Inspector to communicate with the other Unions mentioned by the vagrant, John Clark.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the discharge of Isabella Brown.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to St Marylebone, London, to accept the chargeability of Robina Bowhill, a pauper lunatic sent to the County Asylum on 15<sup>th</sup> July, who is believed to be entitled to settlement gained by residence in Marylebone.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector of the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert Dunn, Ashington, for an order to be made upon him to repay 2s per week towards the relief now being given to his father.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/85-92	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 October 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Watt; John Carr; James Nicholson; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; David Carr; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	6 Oct. 1879

			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Hannah Rutherford, Matron;  Mary Harle, Nurse;  Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant;  Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant;  Robert Scott, Porter, from 22<sup>nd</sup> July;  Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); M Gray &amp; Sons (builders); Joseph Weatherston (slater &amp; plasterer); Elias Pearson (baker); James Purves &amp; Sons (cabinet makers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Charles Wilson (plumber); William Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemaker); John Stoddart (grocer); Robert O Gray (ironmonger); John McCall (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); John White (carpenter); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); T Hogarth (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Davidson (grocer); John Crow (painter); Phoenix Fire Office (fire insurance premium); Alexander Paton (printing); J B Rennison (stationery); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); Knight &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); Hadden Best &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices, quarter's postages and sundry payments); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage, removing pauper to Wooler); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage and carriages); Firewood: Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Allan Brothers (sharpening saws); Garden: T G S Grahame (mealseller); Thomas Leddy (manure).  Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board,</p>	
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			<p>clothing and education of James Callan).</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, accident, altogether;  Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, accident, 1 ½ lb linseed oil;  Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, accident, entirely, necessaries;  Mary Ann McAndrews, aged 30, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessaries;  Christina Wedderburn, Horncliffe, debility etc, totally;  Isabella Cairns, Norham, sickness, partially;  Richard Romanis, Norham, sickness, totally;  Margaret Pike, Horncliffe, sickness, totally.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Turnbull; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>Information reported from the minutes of the Workhouse Committee concerning the proposed arrangements for steam and hot water pipes for the Workhouse.  Mr Gray submitted a ground plan for steam and hot water pipes. Agreed that the plan be forwarded to G N Haden &amp; Son, Trowbridge, asking for a specification and estimate:  for a cooking apparatus for 200 inmates;  for a steam boiler for 250 inmates and a high pressure boiler for supplying the baths with fittings similar to that at Morpeth, also a drying closet with necessary fittings.  The estimate to give the price per foot for supplying the pipes.  Haden &amp; Co to be informed that the Committee could not undertake to accept the estimate as it was subject to approval by the Board of Guardians and the Local Government Board.  An estimate had been received from Messrs Haden. As the estimate was more than anticipated, and only two members were present, it was agreed to refer the whole matter to the Board meeting.  After perusal of the documents and discussion, on the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved allow the Workhouse Committee to discuss the whole matter at a full meeting</p>	
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			<p>and report back.</p> <p>At the instance of the Workhouse Committee, the Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority offered the use of their hose and hydrants for the purpose of flushing the drains at the Workhouse at a cost of 15s on each occasion. On the recommendation of the Committee, the Board agreed to accept the offer.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing the reply of the Belford Union respecting the case of John Clarke who was admitted with the itch.</p> <p>Letter received from James Radford, Newcastle, informing them that he was no longer District Auditor and that Mr Donald, solicitor, Carlisle, now held the post.</p> <p>Letter from Rev W T Cameron, Minister of the Scotch Church, Tweedmouth, declining at present to act as one of the preachers at the Workhouse on Sunday evenings.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/93-99	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 October 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; George Bone; David Carr; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; John Brown Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; John A Woods, Treasurer; Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton;</p>	20 Oct. 1879

			<p>Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island. Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Mitchell (draper); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); James G Smith (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William Redpath (draper); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). In Maintenance Account: Berwick Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order to Mary Watson). Lunatics Account: Colville Brown [Medical Officer] (certifying lunacy of Robina Bowhill); Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 27 pauper lunatics and part quarter of 2 others). Extra Medical Fees: Robert Flucker (Berwick District); Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); Matthew Turnbull (West Northumberland District); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert Flucker, Berwick District; William Murray (binding returns). Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kylee; John Husband, Berwick.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Robertson, Chapel Street, accident, a week, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Flucker; Heagerty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>George Bone drew the Meeting's attention to the publication in one of the local</p>	
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			<p>newspapers of the proceedings concerning two of the applications for relief, in breach of the conditions of admission of reporters to the Board's meetings. He added that it was not expedient that individual applications for relief should be so published. The Vicar [Rev J G Rowe] concurred and the Meeting, through the Chairman, agreed. They expressed their expectation that that such publication would not occur in the future.</p> <p>Notifications received from the Local Government Board:        1 Payment of £109, the amount repayable from the Parliamentary Grant in respect of a moiety of the salaries of the Medical Officers.</p> <p>2 Order constituting the Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmoreland Audit District. John Reed Donald, of Carlisle, was appointed District Auditor, and the duties were prescribed.</p> <p>3 Orders sanctioning monthly payments of salaries to officers of School Attendance Committee and of Inquiry Officers.</p> <p>A statement of the Union Common Good Fund for the half year ended 29 September and the distribution of charges among the parishes was tabled and approved.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/100-105	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 November 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; Adam Darling. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. George Culley, Local Government Inspector. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); James Dunlop &amp; Son (drapers); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey</p>	3 Nov. 1879

			<p>(milk seller); W &amp; A Johnston &amp; Co (drapers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees). Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees)  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees). Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees)  Collectors Poundage: John Gilchrist, Norham, Norham Mains; James Paxton, Horncliffe.  School Attendance Committee: Berwick Advertiser (advertising); Knight &amp; Co, London, (publishers); Joseph Scott, School Attendance Officer (quarter's salary).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that estimates be obtained to supply the Workhouse with six sacks of oatmeal for them to select and report on.</p> <p>The Master reported that Martin Brian, a vagrant. Was found, when admitted on 26<sup>th</sup> October, to be suffering badly from Itch. He said that while suffering from it he had passed through both Alnwick and Wooler Workhouses. The Local Government Inspector [George Culley who was present] suggested that the facts be sent to him for investigation.</p> <p>Letter received from St Marylebone Parish Union admitting that Robina Bowhill, had settlement there, and asking that an Order of Adjudication be obtained.  The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for an Order upon the Parish of St Marylebone, London, adjudging their liability in respect of Robina Bowhill, a pauper lunatic, now in the County Asylum and chargeable to this Union.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>Order received from Northumberland Quarter Sessions requesting the County Rate Basis Committee to consider and report on the alterations required to the County Rate Basis in consequence of the transfer of Grindon Ridge from Norham Township to Duddo Township.</p>	
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			<p>The chairman gave notice that he would present a motion at the next meeting that relief given to the outdoor poor be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 5<sup>th</sup> April next, except those outwith the Union and for whom there is a contract. The increase to be 6d per week for those receiving 3s per week and under; for those above 3s an increase of 1s provided the relief is intended for more than one person; widows with children dependent upon them be given 2s per week for each child for this period and 1s 6d thereafter. All others to revert to their current rate on 5<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/106-112	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 November 1879.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; David Hume; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; William Allan; John Carr; H L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Nicholson; John Marshall; John Brown; George Bone; John Watt; Andrew Mitchell. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Firewood: Ralph Thompson, joiner, (sharpening saws); Garden: T J S Grahame (mealseller); Ralph Thompson, joiner, (tools etc); Berwick Corporation (half year's rent of garden). In maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (tuition fees of indoor children). Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees; James Lambie, Islandshire District, vaccination fees; Matthew Turnbull, West Norhamshire District, vaccination fees. Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees.</p>	17 Nov. 1879

		<p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General Police Rate by 29 November from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth were tabled. The Meeting of the Assessment Committee to revise such lists was fixed for 1<sup>st</sup> December.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with six sacks of oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance of the tender of Elias Pearson. Agreed.</p> <p>The chairman in accordance with notice given, presented a motion that the Guardians revise the list of relief given to the outdoor poor and that this be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 5<sup>th</sup> April next, except those non-resident, boarded out and other special cases. The increase to be 6d per week for those receiving 3s per week and under; for those above 3s an increase of 1s provided the relief is intended for more than one person; widows with children dependent upon them be given 2s per week for each child. Unless ordered otherwise, to revert to their current rate on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Carried unanimously. Ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p> <p>Received from Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary a quantity of forms of recommendations of patients by subscribers. Two of these forms to be given to each Guardian with the surplus held by the Chairman and Vice Chairmen.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Borough Justices had accepted their application and made an order that the chargeability of Robina Bowhill, a pauper lunatic, to the Parish of St</p>	
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			<p>Marylebone, London, and directing repayment of expenses incurred. The necessary notice and statement of grounds of adjudication were then signed by three Guardians.</p> <p>Letter received from the District Auditor stating his inability to start audits in Northumberland until after Christmas.</p> <p>Adjourned to 1<sup>st</sup> December am. [There is no minute of this adjourned meeting.]</p>	
Item	GBR 54/113-117	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 December 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Adam Darling; George Bone; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell, H L Christison [Henry Christison]; James R Black [James Black]; John Brown; James Nicholson; John Watt; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Young &amp; Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milkseller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing three lunatics to County Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p>	1 Dec. 1879

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft; Kylee, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding. He was directed to seek payment of arrears from the parishes of Grindon, Loanend, Longridge, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>At the request of the Workhouse Committee, the Master presented an estimate of £6 13s from Joseph Weatherston, slater and plasterer, for repairs to the house in the Workhouse garden. On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed to accept the estimate and authorise the proposed work.</p> <p>Circular received from Bury Union, enclosing a memorial to the Home Secretary and President to the Local Government Board which had been adopted by that Union. It proposed an amendment to the law concerning the sale of intoxicating liquor. John Brown gave notice that that he would propose to the next meeting that a similar petition be sent from Berwick Union.</p> <p>John Rutherford, Master, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Ellen Limburn, widow, late of Berwick, for deserting her children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/118-123	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 December 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; John Brown; George Hogg; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; George Bone; John Watt; John Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Nicholson; George Carr; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	15 Dec. 1879



		<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, own in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Elias Pearson (baker); James G Smith (butcher); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); George Macaskie (advertising); Garden: T J S Grahame (mealseller); John Fender, farmer (straw); Robert C Gray, ironmonger, (tools); William Wille, pig dealer, (6 pigs); Robert Small (carting refuse).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate by 20 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Connelly, Chapel Street, cannot yet resume his employment; Samuel Johnson, Hatters Lane, sickness, unable, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Resolved that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse would have a dinner of beef, plum pudding and beer instead of the ordinary Thursday dinner and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>The Master informed the meeting that Ralph Dodds had offered to give the inmates tea and cake on 31<sup>st</sup> December. The Board accepted the kind offer.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee reported that the Churchwardens and Overseers of Tweedmouth parish had requested that public houses and certain other specified properties in the parish should be valued by Mr Hedley of Sunderland in addition to those</p>	
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			<p>he is already valuing. The Committee requested consent, having sent notice to all Guardians. The Meeting agreed that all the properties on the list provided should be sent to Mr Hedley for valuation.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting, John Brown proposed, seconded by John Watt, the petition of Bury Union, seeking an amendment of the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquor should be supported by the Union. James Nicholson proposed an amendment that it was not within the province of the Guardians to take any action on this matter. As there was no seconder, the motion was carried and the Clerk was asked to duplicate the form of petition for signature at the next meeting.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 27 December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/124-130	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 December 1879	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; James Nicholson; John Tait; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; John Brown; Thomas Darling; John Watt; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	29 Dec. 1879

		<p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); James Russell (draper); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Francis Dixon (farmer); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority Highway and District Rates); Hadden Best &amp; Co (books &amp; forms).  Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificated Poor Law School (half year's board, education and clothing of Robert &amp; William Docherty); Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board, education and clothing of James Callan).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  John Connolley, [sic] Chapel Street, sickness, unable to work, necessaries;  John Connolley, gardener, Chapel Street, injury to leg, altogether, necessaries;  Mary Reynolds, aged 21, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries;  Margaret Campbell, Wallace Green, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows:  James G Smith – rounds &amp; flanks of beef @ 9s 9d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 10d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 7d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ¾ d per 4 lbs, best flour @ 44s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 3 lbs 13 ozs for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 ½ lbs for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 7ozs for 6d.  Agreed.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, the Clerk submitted a duplicate petition to the Home Secretary, seeking an amendment of the laws relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors; The seal was affixed and it was signed.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board appointing Charles Hunton, solicitor, of Richmond, Yorkshire, as Auditor of the Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmoreland</p>	
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			<p>Audit District in place of the late John Reed Donald and prescribing the duties of the post. They also asked for assent to the audit of the accounts of the School Boards being held in the Board Room of the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the death of John Gilchrist, Norham Castle, Collector of Poor Rates for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains, who had been appointed by the Guardians under the Order of the Poor Law Commissioners, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1837, on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1863 for Norham and 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1863 for Norham Mains. Agreed that they would make these appointments at the next meeting in the terms of the above mentioned Order; notification of these appointments to be made in the local papers.</p> <p>Notification received of the discharge from the County Asylum of three pauper lunatics and the death of one other.</p> <p>Dr Lambie [John Lambie], Medical Officer and the Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly reports of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>The Chairman [Matthew Young] offered to provide the Workhouse inmates with a dinner of beef and plum pudding on New Year's Day. James Black, Vice Chairman, added a supply of fruit for the children. These offers were accepted.</p> <p>George Bone moved that on Adam Darling offering, as anticipated, to supply beer for the adults on the same occasion, that his offer be accepted. The Rev, the Vicar, [J G Rowe] moved the previous question and that if necessary such offer be courteously declined. Upon a division the amendment was carried by a majority of one and the Master was instructed accordingly.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/131-139	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 January 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; William Cleghorn; Thomas Darling; John Marshall; William Allan; Henry L Chrisrison [Henry Christison] John Watt; Thomas Nevins; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George Peel; James Smith; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr; James Nicholson; John Tait; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	12 Jan. 1880

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous and for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Charles Wilson (plumber); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); William Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); John White (carpenter); Robert O Grey (ironmonger); Parish of Berwick (poor rate on Workhouse); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage, fees for proceedings before Justices); Garden: Thomas Grahame (mealseller); Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway &amp; district rates).  Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced under suspended order to Mary Watson).  Lunatics Account: Colville Brown (certifying lunatics); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatics from asylum); Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 25 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 5 others).  Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Daniel Heagarty, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew Turnbull,</p>	
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			<p>West Norhamshire District.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District (vaccination fees).  Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick.  School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the township of Longridge was tabled.</p> <p>Drs Fluker &amp; Heagarty submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, the Meeting proceeded to consider the applications received, with testimonials, for the appointment of a Collector of Poor Rates for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains in place of the late John Gilchrist.  The candidates were:  William Nesbit, Norham, late schoolmaster, Berwick;  Robert Thompson, late timekeeper, Norham;  Buchan Fallow, insurance agent &amp; collector, Coldstream;  Thomas Rule, plasterer, Norham;  James Muckle, parish clerk, Norham.  On the motion of George Bone, the application of Robert Thompson, being for the office of Tax Collector, was deleted.  William Allan moved, seconded by James Black, that Thomas Rule be appointed Collector of Poor Rates for the township of Norham.  John Carr moved, seconded by William Cleghorn, that William Nesbit be appointed to the post.  Votes for Thomas Rule: The Chairman [Matthew Young], William Allan, James Black, George Bone, George Peel, John Marshall, John Watt, James Nicholson, John Brown, George Lumsden – 10 votes.  Votes for William Nesbit: John Carr, William Cleghorn, Thomas Darling, James Smith,</p>	
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			<p>Andrew Mitchell, Henry Christison, Thomas Nevins, John Tait, Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson], Rev J G Rowe – 10 votes.</p> <p>The Chairman gave his casting vote to Thomas Rule, who was therefore appointed Collector of Poor Rates for the township of Norham. It was then unanimously agreed that Thomas Rule should also be appointed to the post for the township of Norham Mains. The security required for each township, a bond of £100, with two sureties to each bond. Thomas Rule was then called and informed of the appointments. He was authorised to proceed forthwith with collection of the rates due, and allowed till the next meeting to name his sureties for the two bonds required.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer of Health for the Workhouse [Colville Brown] was read. The replies to the printed inquiries were affirmative and satisfactory except for the arrangements for cooking and for hot water which in his opinion required improvement, currently under consideration by the Workhouse Committee.</p> <p>The half yearly statement from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the patients funded by them was also read.</p> <p>The half yearly statement from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the patients funded by them was also read.</p> <p>The Master drew attention to the case of Charles Davies, a vagrant aged 19, who was being treated for the itch. He had stated that while suffering from it he had he had slept in the vagrant wards of Gateshead, Morpeth, Alnwick and Belford Unions. Agreed that the Local Government Inspector be informed.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick [Rev J G Rowe] raised the withdrawal of the beer given to inmates on New Year's Day, on his motion. He wished to provide the inmates with a tea in its stead. It was agreed to accept his offer, with the suggestion that it take place at Easter.</p> <p>On the motion of George Bone, it was agreed that before the next meeting a comparative return of the indoor and outdoor poor relieved in the first weeks of this and last year be provided.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/140-150	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 January 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; James R Black [James Black]; James Nicholson; John Brown; Thomas Darling; George Bone; Adam Darling; James Smith; John Carr; John Watt; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Marshall; George Hogg; William Cleghorn; Matthew G Crossman [Matthew Crossman]; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John Fender (farmer). Vaccination Expenses: J Paxton, East Northumberland District (vaccination fees). In maintenance Account: Berwick Boys National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children);</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 2 February from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p>	26 Jan. 1880
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			<p>Hannah Archer, West End, Tweedmouth, ulceration of leg, indefinite, totally prevented.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Master recommended that estimates be obtained to supply the Workhouse with 15 sacks of oatmeal for the Workhouse Committee to select and report on.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting a return was provided of the numbers of indoor and outdoor poor relieved on 1) 1<sup>st</sup> January 1879 and 1<sup>st</sup> January 1880; 2) the first week of the Ladyday Quarters in 1879 and 1880; 3) the like on each and average of the first four weeks in the same quarter; 4) the separate and average amount of outdoor relief in the last four weeks with the comparative increase. [Neither the figures nor any comment on them is given in the minutes].</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee presented their report, [given in full] of their recommendations on certain improvements to the cookhouse, washhouse and baths in the Workhouse, for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>They reminded the Board that the Local Government Inspector had on his visit in March 1879 suggested that a cooking range and drying closet would be a great improvement. The Workhouse Committee were asked to investigate and report. At the Inspector's suggestion, they had first inspected a cooking range, worked by steam, at Morpeth Prison. On 8<sup>th</sup> September they had recommended to the Board that they be authorised to make inquiries into details of the equipment and probable cost. They had been authorised to proceed to look into a steam apparatus for cooking and other necessary purposes.</p> <p>As instructed the Committee had plans prepared showing the sites of the cookhouse, washhouse and baths with the proposed lines of steam and hot water pipes. Plans, specifications and estimates were sought from two experienced and well known firms. Benham &amp; Sons, Wigmore Street, London sent a representative who, after discussing the requirements with the Master and inspecting the property, agreed to send an amended plan and more detailed estimate. On the suggestion that the other firm did likewise, they declined because of pressure of work.</p> <p>The amended plans, specifications and estimate were shown to Mr Gray, architect, to amend his estimate by adding the costs of the necessary brickwork to the chimneys of the cookhouse and washhouse and of the pipes.</p> <p>These were considered at a special meeting of the Committee and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Board acceptance of Benham's plans, specifications and estimate and to authorise that the work should proceed as soon as sanction from the Local Government Board was obtained.</p> <p>Details of work required:</p>	
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			<p>In the cookhouse – 1) a range of 3 steam jacketed boiling or steaming pans;  2) A cast iron potato steaming chest;  3) A wrot [sic] iron roasting oven.</p> <p>In the washhouse – 1) a six horse drying closet;  2) a combined ironing stove and furnace for drying closet;  3) an oak boiling vat;  4) a combined strainer and rinser;  5) a galvanised iron hot water tank.</p> <p>In the yard of the receiving ward adjoining north end of the washhouse – a galvanised wrot iron steam jacketed fumigating oven.</p> <p>To provide hot water for the four baths in the receiving ward, vagrant ward, infirmary and lunatic ward.</p> <p>To provide the necessary steam power and hot water for the above to fit in the cookhouse – a wrot rivetted cylindrical steam boiler with a galvanised hot water tank and cold water cistern placed at sufficient elevations.</p> <p>The entire system had to be of sufficient size and power to meet the requirements of at least 200 people.</p> <p>Heating power required: In the cookhouse one furnace; in the washhouse one furnace. To do similar work less efficiently there were at present: In the cookhouse 4 fireplaces; in the washhouse 3 fireplaces; for the baths (2 fire and 1 gas) equal to 3 fireplaces; (1 bath had no means of heating and had to be hand filled).</p> <p>The total estimated cost of the work, including the brickwork and pipe laying to be done by local workmen, was £529 12s. The Committee suggested that the Local Government Board be asked to sanction a loan to cover the cost, the repayment to be over a period of not less than 20 years.</p> <p>They reminded the Guardians of the recommendation of the Inspector and that the Medical Officer of the Workhouse had more than once raised in his half yearly reports the need for improvement in arrangements for cookery and hot water supply and distribution. A drying closet had long been needed especially for laundry for the infirmary. Two of the copper furnaces in the cookhouse were dilapidated and would soon require outlay. There would be considerable saving in labour and fuel in the reduction of fires from 10 to 2. The advantages in the provision of efficient appliances to the cookhouse and washhouse, a constant supply of hot water to the baths and fumigating facilities for infected or infested clothing in the reception ward were obvious.</p> <p>The Committee presented the detailed plans and specifications with their recommendation for approval.</p> <p>Two letters received from the Local Government Inspector concerning vagrants arriving at the Workhouse from others with the itch. The circumstances of another case, admitted the day before, to be passed on to him.</p>	
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			<p>John Garden, Assisting Relieving Officer for Vagrants presented his annual report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the police and given tickets for the casual wards for 1879.</p> <p>Males 3084; Females 121; Children 98; English 1400; Scotch 1060; Irish 805; Foreign 38; Came from Scotland 1231; Came from England 2072; Total 3303; Total in 1878 - 2612.</p> <p>Again there had been a large increase over the previous year caused no doubt by the general depression of trade. The numbers increased up to the end of August; for the rest of the year they gradually declined. He was hopeful that those who wanted to work would find it easier to find jobs. A number of people had presented the worse of drink and were detained in the lock up and brought before the Magistrates the following day and seen out of the town by the police. The police had also attended in the neighbourhood of the Workhouse when they were discharged and had as far as possible prevented them from begging.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the appointment of Thomas Rule as Collector of Poor Rates for Norham and Norham Mains. Rule had notified that his sureties were William Rule and William Allan for Norham Mains and John Briggs and George Bone for Norham. These were approved.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/151-157	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 February 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; George Peel; John Dunbar; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George Hogg; William Allan; Thomas Darling; John Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Watt; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessaries shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); Ninian Sanderson (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (milk seller); G F Steven (advertising); John Rutherford [Master] (conveying escaped pauper from Coldstream to Workhouse); Firewood: A Henderson &amp; Son (twine); Garden: T J S Grahame (mealseller); Joseph Weatherstone (repairing garden house). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees). Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Christopher Sheppard [sic - Shepherd on 8<sup>th</sup> March], aged 27, labourer, Norham, pleurisy</p>	9 Feb. 1880
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Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	23 Feb. 1880

	54/158-162	Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 February 1880.	<p>Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr, Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Brown; John Watt; John Tait; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Dunbar; Thomas Darling; John Brown; William Cleghorn; James Nicholson; John Marshall.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p> <p>Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; John Davidson (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, gastric fever, 2 weeks, wholly, 2lbs beef, half bottle wine (port); Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, gastric fever, 2 weeks, wholly, 2lbs beef, half bottle wine (port);</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island were tabled.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/163-170	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 March 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George Peel; William Allan; Adam Darling; George Hogg; John Brown; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; Thomas Darling; John Watt; John Tait; James Nicholson. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Fender (farmer); Firewood: John Bingham (wheelbarrow); Garden: William Wille (pigs); T J S Grahame</p>	8 March 1880

			<p>(mealseller).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Jane Proudfoot, aged 24, Church Street, childbirth, necessities;  Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, gastric fever, fortnight, wholly, 2lbs beef, half bottle port wine;  Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, fortnight, wholly, 2lbs beef;  Catherine Crozier, aged 23, mill worker, Tweedmouth, debility, week, wholly;  Christopher Shepherd [sic, Sheppard on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb], Norham, sickness, bedridden from pleurisy, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kylee, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>As agreed, the meeting then considered the terms of appointment for the Medical Officers for the Islandshire and West Norhamshire Districts, from 25<sup>th</sup> March.  The Chairman [Matthew Young], seconded by Andrew Thompson, moved the following terms:  Islandshire District: consists of parishes of Holy Island and Kylee and the township of Haggerston in the parish of Ancroft; area 13654 acres; population 1701; salary £25 per annum.  West Norhamshire District: consists of the parish of Cornhill; area 4944 acres; population 688; salary £8 per annum.  Both salaries exclusive of the fees prescribed by the General Consolidated Order of the late Poor Law Board.  Agreed that the appointments would be ratified at the next meeting from and after the 25<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>They then discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25<sup>th</sup> March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the proposed alterations at</p>	
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			<p>the Workhouse. In accordance with the General Consolidated Order, they agreed to the Guardians employing Benham &amp; Sons to install the proposed steam apparatus. They would shortly forward the necessary authorisation. After consideration of the nature of the work they could only agree to a maximum period of ten years for repayment of the loan.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board concerning the returns for claiming repayment from Parliamentary Grants for the half year ended at Michaelmas. They suggested that as the audit for that half year had not occurred, the returns should be forwarded to the District Auditor with the vouchers. The Clerk was authorised to do so.</p> <p>Reply received from the Urban Sanitary Authority concerning the Board's report of cases of the itch in certain lodging houses. Their officers had inspected them and had ordered that all bed clothes should be immediately cleaned, the rooms fumigated and lime washed. This had been done.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 27 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The return of attendance of Guardians at meetings over the past year were tabled.</p> <p>Henry Buttifant, boot and shoemaker of Etal attended with the apprentice bound to him by the Union on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1877. After questioning both, the Guardians were satisfied and authorised payment when due of the second part of the moiety of the premium of £5.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/171-179	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 March 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John Tait; John Watt; George Brown; John Dunbar; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; William Cleghorn; George Bone; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Darling; James Smith; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; Rev B S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe; Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of</p>	22 March 1880

			<p>the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Anderson (meal dealer); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; John Davidson (grocer); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Garden: James Redpath Dunbar (2 tons 16cwt potatoes, part carriage). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callan). Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses conveying James Mercel to the County Asylum).</p> <p>Cheque given to the Master to cover sundry petty charges.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows: John Crosby – Berwick, Joseph Scott – Ancroft, Holy Island, Kyloe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Michael Murray, labourer, Hatters Lane, sickness, a few days, necessaries; Gibson Wilson, labourer, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef; Gibson Wilson, labourer, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef; Mark Patterson, aged 51, carter, Waugh Square, rheumatism, unfit to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the</p>	
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			<p>a violent patient; The covering of the padding, which was also insufficient, could easily be torn and was fastened by nails. He also suggested that the skylight window could be made to open to provide ventilation.</p> <p>Conditions for the men were much less satisfactory. They shared a day room with other inmates; on his visit, there were 26 men in the room cutting up and tying bundles of firewood. The room was long, narrow and dark. One of the three windows was blocked by a stack of firewood, stored at the end of the room. The other two windows looked out onto a small airing court, the only one for male inmates. It contained wood ready for chopping and scales etc. There were no seats; it would be unlikely to provide any enjoyment for anyone exercising there. The day room was even more cheerless, the men sitting on benches around the walls; there were no chairs or tables and the sole ornament was an almanac stuck on the bare walls. He considered it would have a most depressing effect on the male imbeciles and urged the Guardians to make improvements and repeated the recommendations made by his colleagues for several years previously. The infirmary bath needed improvement, which he hoped the new system should provide by laying on new hot water pipes and lowering the bath to the floor. At present inmates had to climb steps to get in and out of the bath, awkward and potentially dangerous for the aged and infirm.</p> <p>The dietary, was as before and was sufficient. There were no complaints made. Both sexes were fairly well dressed and all had 2 suits or a change of dress. A Presbyterian minister held divine service every Sunday evening. He considered all the patients were very kindly treated.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board under the Paupers Conveyance (Expenses) Act 1870 enabling Boards of Guardians to pay reasonable expenses incurred in conveying those in receipt of relief to and from specified Institutions for the purpose of visiting their relatives resident therein.</p> <p>Letter received from H J Williams, Assistant Overseer of Ancroft and Kyoel on the direction of the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers of the two parishes. They wished to draw attention to sec 4 of the Poor Law Act 1879 which provided that where part of a parish was on one side of a branch of the sea and the residue on the other side, that parish should be deemed to be a divided parish within the meaning of sec 1 of the Divided Parishes and Poor Law Amendment Act 1876 and that the provisions of the Act should apply accordingly.</p> <p>The Meetings considered that the law as amended was now applicable to those portions of Holy Island parish which are attached to the mainland. They asked that the Guardians renewed their application to the Local Government Board to take proceedings to for detaching the townships of Fenham and Goswick from the parish of Holy Island and adding them to the parishes of Kyoel and Ancroft respectively.</p> <p>They pointed out that the Guardians had previously approved this along with Grindon</p>	
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			Ridge being transferred from Norham to Duddo. The latter was approved by the Local Government Board but they ruled that Holy Island parish was not divided by the meaning of the law as it stood prior to the Act of 1879. That Act appeared to remove the objection.	
Item	GBR 54/180-191	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 April 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Cleghorn; George Bone; George Hogg; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Mitchell; David Hume. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev J G Rowe. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Charles Wilson (plumber); John Davidson (grocer); Joseph Weatherstone (plasterer); W Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John White (carpenter); George Douglas (milk); Robert O Gray (ironmonger); Margaret Blakey (milk); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); M Gray &amp; Sons (masons); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Alexander Paton (printer); Hadden Best &amp; Co (law publisher); J B Rennison (stationer); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); E Willoby (quarter's postage &amp; sundry</p>	5 April 1880

			<p>payments); Joseph Scott (half year's postage &amp; sundry payments); John Crosby (half year's postage &amp; sundry payments, removing 2 paupers to Wooler); Firewood: William C Caverhill (wood).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Henry Buttifant (second moiety of premium payable in respect of apprentice Edward Cromarty).</p> <p>Out Relief: Tudhoe certified Poor Law School (quarter's board, clothing and education of Robert &amp; William Docherty).</p> <p>Account for £75 10s 4d received from Thomas F Hedley &amp; Son, Sunderland, for making valuations of certain properties in Tweedmouth.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Assessment Committee on the powers conferred by the Union Assessment Committees Acts, this was agreed.</p> <p>Valuations were given on the following properties which exceeded the previous valuations by overseers by more than one sixth: W Dickson's Waterworks; Harbour Commissioners Docks; Tweedmouth Water Company's Waterworks; Robertson's Foundry Pipe Yard etc; Riddle's Forge and Engineering Works; Blacks Engineering works; Thompson's Implement works; Allans' Saw Mills; Crossman's Manure Works etc; Clay's Manure Works and house; Holmes' Manure Works; Shorts' Oil Mills; Border Brewery Co's Brewery; Peel's Herringhouse; Tweedmouth Cooperative Stores; Watt's Warehouse; Atkinson's Bakery.</p> <p>Valuations which did not exceed the previous valuations by overseers by more than one sixth and to be charged to the Common Fund: Berwick etc Gas Works and house; Sanitary Authority's Waterworks; Johnson's Manure Works; Johnson's Chemical Works; Wilson's Herring House; Boston's Herring House; Edminson's Herring House.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, fortnight, wholly, 2 lbs beef;  Gibson Wilson, aged 28, labourer, Tweedmouth, rheumatism, fortnight, wholly, 2 lbs beef;  Peter Baker, aged 52, labourer, Chapel Street, erysipelas right hand, altogether.</p>	
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			<p>Likewise, it was resolved that a vote of thanks be given to James R Black [James Black] and Thomas Darling as Vice Chairmen and James R Black as Chairman of the Rural Sanitary Authority.</p> <p>The Vicar of Berwick, [Rev J G Rowe] informed the Meeting that this would be the last meeting he could attend, having acted as an ex officio Guardian for 14 years. He expressed his thanks for the courtesy and respect afforded to him. The Meeting recorded their appreciation of his contribution over the period.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/192-203	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 April 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; John Brown; George Bone; Thomas Marshall; John Tait; M G Crossman [Matthew Crossman]; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh; George Brown; Thomas Darling; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Smith; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; David Carr; John Carr; H L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Marshall; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Resolved that Adam Darling take the Chair until the Chairman for the ensuing year was elected.</p> <p>The Clerk then gave the return for the election of Guardians for the ensuing year. Ancroft parish: George Bone, farmer, Cheswick Buildings; James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft; Berwick parish: Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Bridge End; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Ravensdowne; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Palace Street East; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Bridge End; John Carr, hotel keeper; Hide Hill; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank; Cornhill parish: John Lumsden, farmer, Castle Heaton; Duddo parish: Rev Beverley S Wilson [Beverley Wilson]* ; Felkington parish: David Carr, farmer, Felkington; Grindon parish: [blank]; Holy Island parish: George Hogg, farmer, Goswick; Horncliffe parish: George Brown, farmer, Horncliffe; Kyloe parish: Anthony Frederick Nichol [Anthony Nichol], farmer, Berrington House; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House; Loanend parish: John Dunbar, landed proprietor, Bankhead;</p>	19 April 1880

			<p>Longridge parish: James Smith, farmer, West Longridge;  Norham parish: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham;  Norham Mains parish: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains;  Shoreswood parish: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood;  Thornton parish: James Nicolson, farmer, Murton;  Tweedmouth (urban ward): John Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth;  George Peel, fish curer, Sandstell Road, Spittal;  Henry Gourlay McCreath [Henry McCreath], corn merchant, Main Street, Tweedmouth;  Tweedmouth (rural ward): Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank;  Twizel parish: John Tait*;  *Guardians qualified to act in parishes where no Guardians elected.</p> <p>Mathew Young was unanimously elected Chairman, proposed by George Bone, seconded by William Allan.</p> <p>Matthew Young then took the Chair.</p> <p>James Black and Thomas Darling were unanimously elected Vice Chairmen, on the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by George Bone. James Black to have preference.</p> <p>The Committees were appointed as follows:</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee.  Matthew Young; James Black; Thomas Darling; Henry Christison; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; Matthew Crossman; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Marshall; George Peel; Henry McCreath; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; William Hindmarsh; George Hogg.</p> <p>Assessment Committee  Elected Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; James Black; George Bone; John Lumsden.  Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee  Elected Guardians: James Black; John Brown; David Carr; George Hogg; Anthony Nichol; William Allan; George Lumsden; James Nicholson.  Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman; Captain T Williams.</p> <p>The first meetings of these Committees were fixed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	
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		<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers, John Crosby and Joseph Scott were paid to date for the education of non-paupers.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; James Paxton, Horncliffe; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); James G Smith (butcher); W &amp;A Johnston &amp; Co (drapers); James Dunlop &amp; Son (drapers); Elias Pearson (baker); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Firewood: Ralph Thompson, wheelwright (sharpening saws etc); Garden: T J S Grahame (mealseller); North British Railway Co (carriage of potatoes); William Willie (13 pigs).  In maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick St Marys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children).  Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief given under suspended order to Mary Watson).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 26 lunatics and part quarter for one).</p>	
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			<p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker (Berwick District); Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); Matthew Turnbull (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: E Willoby for County of Northumberland (fees for proceedings before Justices); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary, School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>Notice received from the District Auditor that he would audit the books of the Union for the half year ended on 29 September last on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Stamp duty payable by the Union was £3.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Dowens, High Greens, cough &amp; debility, 1 ½ lbs mutton;  Peter Baker, Chapel Street, injury to hand, will be healed in another week;  Ellen McFarlane, aged 40, Walkergate Lane, ulcer of leg, altogether, necessaries;  Ellen McFarlane, aged 40, Walkergate Lane, ulcer of leg, altogether, necessaries;  George Armstrong, aged 38, labourer, Fetter Lane, rheumatic fever, indefinite, wholly, 2 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Cornhill was tabled.</p> <p>The Master reported several cases of itch in vagrants coming from Scotland. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Constable for Berwickshire asking that the common lodging houses there be disinfected.</p> <p>As requested the Master presented two estimates for repairing and improving the padded room. It was agreed to accept the estimate from James Purves &amp; Sons, Berwick.</p> <p>The order had again been received from the Local Government Board authorising the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians to make the alterations to the Workhouse, not exceeding £530 with a form of consent attached to be signed by a majority of Guardians present. Two further signatures of Guardians were added to the 8 appended at the last meeting.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes in the County of Northumberland to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 1st May and 10<sup>th</sup> July, totalling £2330.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board: Acknowledgement of receipt of their letter concerning the detached parts of Holy Island parish, which would receive attention. Expressed concern of some continued neglect by Dr Paxton as a Public Vaccinator which had been discovered in a recent inspection of his district. They asked that a copy of the letter be sent to him with a request that he be more careful in future.</p> <p>The Common Seal was applied to the contracts of Drs Lambie and Turnbull.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that their Clerk, E Willoby, receive a salary of £20 for his services over the past year, the same as for the past four years. The School Attendance Committee likewise recommended that E Willoby be paid £10. Both recommendations were accepted; the Clerk was asked to obtain the necessary approval by the Local Government Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/204-210	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 May 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John Carr; John Dunbar; John Marshall; Anthony F Nicholl [sic] [Anthony Nichol]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	3 May 1880

		<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: J G Smith (butcher); E Pearson (baker); M Cowe (grocer); J Davidson (grocer); G Brown (undertaker); Morrison &amp; Marshall (drapers); G Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk); J Grey (spirit merchant); J Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary (annual subscription); Garden T J S Grahame (mealseller).  Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Robert Tully from Asylum).  Vaccination Expenses: Sundry householders (one year's rents of 13 vaccination stations).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and Police Rate by 8 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Michael Turner, aged 58, Crawfords Alley, sickness, severe, entirely, 1 ½ lbs beef, necessaries;  Duncan McQueen &amp; wife, shoemaker, Walkergate Lane, sickness, necessaries;  Duncan McQueen &amp; wife, shoemaker, Walkergate Lane, sickness, entirely, necessaries;  Ellen Macfarlane [sic], aged 40, Walkergate Lane, ulcer, necessaries;  James Nesbit, aged 52, Ravensdowne, sickness, pint cod liver oil;  George Armstrong, Feters Lane, Tweedmouth, rheumatic fever, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef;  George Armstrong, Feters Lane, Tweedmouth, rheumatic fever, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A collector's monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of: Berwick.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the discharge of Robert Tully.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Meeting that the Form of Order issued by the Local Government</p>	
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			<p>Board concerning the proposed steam apparatus and form of consent attached had been laid before the Guardians thrice. It required the signature of the majority of Guardians, minimum 16, and only 10 had signed. The Clerk was directed to inform the Local Government Board that the majority had declined to sign and request their advice.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board stating that they had deferred their decision on the payment of salary to the Clerk of the Assessment Committee until the Board of Guardians had examined the report of the proceedings of the Committee for the past year.</p> <p>The District Auditor, C Hunton, had examined the accounts for the past half year. He had considered it necessary to surcharge two of the Guardians, Matthew Young and John Carr, who had signed a cheque to Dr Paxton at the Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1879. He had entered in the Board's General Ledger that he had disallowed the payment which had been made illegally and had surcharged them. He explained the payment had been made to John Paxton, Public Vaccinator for East Northhamshire District, who had entered into his contract on 9<sup>th</sup> March 1868. He had neglected to record in his Vaccination Register the source of the lymph used by him as required in his contract and therefore the payment was illegal.</p> <p>Dr Paxton had been informed of the above, but so far had not replied. The Board directed that, as soon as the reply was received from him, the Clerk contact the Local Government Board to ask that they remove the surcharge in the exercise of their equitable jurisdiction.</p> <p>Agreed that the Meetings for the examination of the outdoor poor be held as follows: Berwick, Board Room 19<sup>th</sup> May, 10am; Spittal, Pay Station 2pm; Tweedmouth, Pay Station 3pm.</p> <p>Arrangements for the country districts to be made at the next meeting.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice that he would present a motion at the next meeting that the Clerk be instructed to make a return of the present rateable value and population at the last census of the parishes and townships of the Union having a right to elect a member or members of the Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/211-217	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 May 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Carr; William Allan; H G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown; James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; George Brown; George Peel; John Tait; George Bone; George Hogg. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	17 May 1880

		<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); John Mitchell (draper); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Fender (farmer); Francis Dickson (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of garden).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees);  Registration Expenses: E Willoby, Superintendent Registrar, (one year's allowance for use of offices &amp; safe for registration purposes); John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees);  School Attendance Committee: E Willoby (one year's salary as Clerk to the Committee).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: E Willoby, Clerk, (allowance for conducting annual election of Guardians, including expenses).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  George Armstrong, aged 38, labourer, Feters Lane, debility after rheumatic fever, fortnight, wholly, 2lbs beef;  George Armstrong, aged 38, labourer, Feters Lane, debility after rheumatic fever, week, wholly, 2lbs beef;  Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer (leg), necessaries;  Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer (leg), necessaries;</p>	
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Supplemental Valuation Lists were presented for the following Parishes: Ancroft, Berwick, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Further to notice given at the last Meeting by George Bone, it was moved that the Clerk be instructed to make a return of the present rateable value and population at the last census of the parishes and townships of the Union having a right to elect a member or members of the Board.</p> <p>Agreed that the Meetings for the examination of the outdoor poor in the country districts be held as follows:  Islandshire District: 25<sup>th</sup> May, Cat Inn, Cheswick, 11am; Plough Inn, Beal, 1pm;  Norhamshire District: 27<sup>th</sup> May, Fisher's Arms, Horncliffe, 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham, 1pm.</p> <p>Letters received from:  George Culley, Local Government Inspector, informing that he planned to attend the Board's next Meeting to discuss the proposed cooking equipment.  G H List, Chief Constable, Counties of Berwick and Haddington, stating that he was taking steps to have the bedding in the lodging houses of these Counties cleaned and disinfected and that he hoped this would help check the spread of the itch.</p> <p>The Master was asked to:  Supply the Local Government Inspector with details of the cases of itch relieved in the past two weeks.  Reply to the schoolmaster of Ancroft regarding the payment of wages earned by a servant girl hired from the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of the Union Common Fund Account for the past half year, showing the distribution of charges between the parishes.</p> <p>The Master, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Cornelius Kane, late of Berwick, coalminer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and four children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/218-224	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 May 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; George Hogg; Thomas Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Peel; James Nicholson; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; Adam Darling; William Cleghorn; John Marshall; David Carr. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Purves &amp; Sons (upholsterers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Hennessey, Hatters Lane, childbirth; Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer (leg), necessaries; Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer (leg), necessaries; Margaret Dogherty, tinsmith's wife, Poorhouse Yard, Tweedmouth, abscess, indefinite, recommended to be removed to Workhouse in covered vehicle.</p>	31 May 1880
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			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Holy Island was tabled.</p> <p>As requested the Clerk gave a return, taken from the last census, of the rateable values, population and number of guardians of each parish and township represented on the Board.</p> <p>Parishes: Ancroft: RV £21,160,12s, Pop 1991, Guardians 3;  Berwick: RV £41, 532,10s Pop 8731, Guardians 8;  Cornhill: RV £10,011,5s, Pop 781, Guardians 1;  Holy Island: RV £8,134,15s, Pop 876, Guardians 1;  Kylloe: RV £13,700,10s, Pop 897, Guardians 2;  Tweedmouth: RV £28,554,15s, Pop 5226, Guardians 4;  Townships: Duddo: RV £2,525, Pop 293, Guardians 1;  Felkington: RV £1,745,9s, Pop 130, Guardians 1;  Grindon: RV £1,896, Pop 149, Guardians 1;  Horncliffe: RV £2,151,18s, Pop 301, Guardians 1;  Loanend: RV £2,833, Pop 116, Guardians 1;  Longridge: RV £1,381,5s, Pop 71, Guardians 1;  Norham: RV £6,719,15s, Pop 920, Guardians 1;  Norham Mains: RV £2,228, Pop 115, Guardians 1;  Shoreswood: RV £1,844,10s, Pop 386, Guardians 1;  Thornton: RV £2,181,5s, Pop 121, Guardians 1;  Twizel: RV £4,275,11s, Pop 293, Guardians 1;</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Inspector, as notified, joined the Meeting to discuss the proposed cooking equipment. Seven Guardians were then induced to sign the Form of Order and consent authorising the Guardians to make the alterations; a total of 17 Guardians had then signed providing the necessary majority.</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the discharge of Catherine Close, recovered.</p> <p>Circular received from Tenterden Union suggesting the transfer of sundry charges from local to imperial taxation.</p> <p>Application received from the Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority requesting the use of the deadhouse attached to the Workhouse as a public mortuary.  This was refused on two grounds: It was thought that the Poor Law Regulations would not permit any portion of the Workhouse to be used for purposes not connected with the</p>	
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			<p>inmates. They considered that the position of the deadhouse, which was some distance from the entrance gate, would lead to interference with the discipline of the Workhouse and the health of the inmates.</p> <p>A second letter was received from the schoolmaster of Ancroft concerning the pauper child in his employ. They replied that they did not assent to the wages being paid to the girl and they could not, while she was under 16, divest themselves of her guardianship in favour of her employer.</p> <p>George Bone gave notice [of a motion to be presented at the next meeting] that, following the return received of the rateable values, population and representation on the Board of the parishes and townships in the Union, the return be forwarded to the Local Government Board and their attention drawn to the inequalities in representation in relation to their rateable values and populations, in particular the undue proportion of Guardians allotted to the eleven townships compared with the six parishes.</p> <p>The annual Kettle of the Guardians was fixed for 9<sup>th</sup> July at Windmill Hill Links.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/225-230	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 June 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Bone; James Nicholson; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; John Carr; George Peel; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell, George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; William Cleghorn; John Brown. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	14 June 1880

			<p>Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Garden: T J S Grahame (mealseller); Firewood: John McLean (old rope). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatics to &amp; from Asylum).</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board authorising payment to the Clerk [William Willoby] of £25 for his services as Clerk to the Assessment Committee for the year to 25<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer, necessities; Ellen Macfarlane, Walkergate Lane, ulcer, necessities; Henry Fogan, blacksmith, Foundry Cottages, [Tweedmouth], debility, indefinite, wholly, 7 pints milk beef 1 ½ lbs. Henry Fogan, blacksmith, Foundry Cottages, debility, fortnight, wholly, 7 pints milk beef 1 ½ lbs.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Thornton were tabled.</p> <p>Further to notice given at the last meeting, George Bone moved the motion [given at that meeting], seconded by John Brown. The motion was carried and it was agreed to forward the return and resolution to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Circular received from Epsom Union enclosing a petition on the subject of Savings Banks and National Insurance.</p> <p>The Clerk gave a statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 26 June. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>Fourteen days leave of absence was granted to the Porter and his wife.</p> <p>The Master reported a letter from Colville Brown, Medical Officer for the Workhouse. He recommended that because of the dirty and disagreeable nature of the duties of certain of the washerwomen they should be granted an allowance of ale if thought necessary. It was agreed the Master be authorised to continue the allowance to the same extent as before.</p> <p>Letter received from Mary Forbes, Female Lunatic Attendant, tendering her resignation from 24<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Agreed that her resignation be accepted. As she was at present unwell, they agreed it would take effect on 24<sup>th</sup> June. A successor would be appointed on the same terms at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July; the post would be advertised and applications lodged by 3<sup>rd</sup> July and considered at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July; likely candidates would be asked to attend for interview.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/231-236	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 June 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Thomas Darling; John Marshall; Adam Darling; James Nicholson; John Brown; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]; George Peel; William Allan. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Mary Forbes, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p>	28 June 1880

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Wight (china merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); W G Carr &amp; Co (chemists); George Brown (undertaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Knight &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); John Garden (police expenses for apprehension of James Carroll).  Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for the Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board, clothing &amp; education of James Callan).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Henry Fogan, Foundry Cottages, Tweedmouth, debility, indefinite, wholly, 1lb beef, 7 pints milk;  Henry Fogan, Foundry Cottages, Tweedmouth, debility, week, wholly, 1lb beef, 7 pints milk;  Mary Ann Johnston, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the townships of: Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers and Dr Heagarty submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board authorising the alterations to the cooking and other arrangements at the Workhouse at a cost not exceeding £530 and enabling the Guardians to borrow the money.  The Clerk was ordered to contact Messrs Bonham [sic – previously Benham] &amp; Sons, Wigmore Street, London, to contract for the above work, in accordance with the estimate and plans provided by them, and also for the kitchen and laundry fittings.  The Workhouse Committee were asked to approve the specifications for the builder's</p>	
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			<p>work to be undertaken by a local tradesman, to advertise and select tenders, reporting their proceedings for the approval of the Guardians.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Union with read, meat etc as follows (the only two tenders received):  James G Smith – rounds &amp; flanks of beef @ 11s 2d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 9d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 41s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 7 ozs for 6d.  Agreed and the Common Seal was affixed.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>The Overseers for the Poor for Twizel had not paid any portion of the contributions for the current quarter. The Clerk was directed to write and require payment before the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/237-245	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 July 1880.	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; William Cleghorn; George Bone; Thomas Darling; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Peel; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown; Adam Darling; Andrew Mitchell; John Carr.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The balances in the Master's Books showing the value of provisions consumed, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:</p>	12 July 1880



		<p>Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton;  Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, buildings &amp; repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); George Richardson (carpenter); Elias Pearson (baker); Mark Graham (mason); William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Wight (china merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Urban Sanitary Authority (highway &amp; district rates); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices, quarter's postage &amp; sundries); Garden: Thomas Graham &amp; son (mealsellers); Parish of Berwick (poor rate); Urban Sanitary Authority (highway &amp; district rates).  Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificated Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance and education of Robert &amp; William Docherty).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 25 lunatics and part quarter of 2 others).  Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Daniel Heagarty, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew Turnbull, West Northhamshire District.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District, vaccination fees; James Lambie, Islandshire District, vaccination fees.  School Attendance Committee: E Willoby [Clerk] for County of Northumberland (fees on proceedings before Justices); Joseph Scott (quarter's salary, School Attendance Officer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
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		<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Bridget Johnston, aged 40, Wallace Green, sickness, very unwell, altogether unable to follow any employment.  Mary Ann Johnston, aged 21, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries.  Mary Ann Johnston, aged 21, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries.  Henry Fogon, [sic] blacksmith, Tweedmouth, debility, indefinite, wholly, 1lb beef, 7pints milk;  Henry Fogon, blacksmith, Tweedmouth, debility, indefinite, wholly, 1lb beef, 7pints milk;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes except Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Tabled were: half yearly statements of the Medical Officer of the Workhouse [Colville Brown] and the Superintendent of the County Asylum;  Report from Dr Lambie of a visit to the home of a boarded out child.</p> <p>Further to notice given, they proceeded with the appointment of a Female Lunatic Attendant in place of Mary Forbes.  Applications and testimonials were received from 9 candidates. The Workhouse Committee decided that they should call for interview: Miss Sarah J Rutherford, daughter of the Master of the Workhouse;  Mrs Helen Cullard, Lunatic Attendant, Hamilton Poor House;  Miss Helen McIntyre, 46 Home Street, Edinburgh, late nurse at the Sick Children's Hospital, but if she is less than 22 years old to substitute  Miss Mary Gardiner, Lunatic Attendant, Mid Lothian Asylum, Rosewell.  Applicants travelling a distance were offered second class return rail fares to cover all expenses.  Miss Rutherford, Mrs Cullard and Miss Gardiner attended for interview.  Voting was: For Miss Rutherford – W Cleghorn; G Bone; T Darling; W Allan; A Mitchell; H L Christison; J Carr; G Peel; J Marshall - 9 votes  Miss Gardiner – M Young; JR Black; G Hogg; GR Lumsden; A Darling; J Brown – 6 votes.  Mrs Cullard – none.  Sarah Isabella Rutherford was therefore appointed, subject to the approval of the Local</p>	
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			<p>Government Board, salary £20 per annum, with rations and apartments the same as her predecessor, with one month's notice on either side.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee tabled the Minute of their decisions concerning the proposed work to the cooking equipment and hot water supply. It contained the estimate of and specifications provided by Benham &amp; Sons [previously given as Bonham] and the plan and specification of Mr Gray, architect. They had asked the Clerk to forward these to Benham &amp; Sons with the following proposals concerning the contract: The work should be completed within three months;  Payment would be made in full on completion of the work;  Benham &amp; Sons would support their work, subject to reasonable wear and tear, for one year after completion.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Benham &amp; Sons had made suggestions in connection with Mr Gray's specifications for the building work and these had been amended accordingly. They required six months to complete the work, but accepted the other two conditions. These were agreed by the Meeting which authorised the Clerk to draw up a contract accordingly and for estimates for the building work to be advertised for consideration at the next Meeting.</p> <p>The Master was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Mary Ann Redpath of Berwick for neglecting to maintain her children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/246-251	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 July 1880.	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Bone; John Carr; David Carr; Anthony F Nichol [Anthony Nichol]; George Hogg.  Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	26 July 1880

		<p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milkseller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Helen Cullard (travel expenses for interview); Mary Gardiner (travel expenses for interview); The Scotsman (advertising).  In maintenance Account: W&amp; A Johnston &amp; Co, draper and William Wilson, boot &amp; shoemaker (outfit for Elizabeth Booth); Berwick Boys' National School (tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (tuition of indoor children);  Vaccination Expenses: Matthew J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District, (vaccinator's fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parish of Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Three tenders had been received for bricklaying in connection with the cooking and washing equipment contract:  Mark Graham, Tweedmouth, £197 15s;  William Drummond, Well Close Square, Berwick, £138;  M Gray &amp; Sons, Ravensdowne, Berwick, £133.  As all the tenders were well in excess of the estimate of £75 provided by Mr Gray, architect. This was referred back to the Workhouse Committee to discuss with the architect and advise.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approving the appointment of Sarah Isabella Rutherford as Female Lunatic Attendant on the conditions stated.</li> <li>2. Giving them notice of a Local Inquiry to be conducted by Mr Culley, Inspector, on 6<sup>th</sup> August at the Boardroom concerning the divided parish of Holy Island.</li> <li>3. Reply to their resolution concerning the inequality of representation on the Board of the various parishes and townships. It referred them to Statute 31 and 32, Vic cap 122, sec 6. This enabled the Board to add any parish in a Union, where the population did not exceed 300 and the rateable value did not exceed the average rateable value of the parishes in the same Union, to some adjoining parish for the election of Guardians. It</li> </ol>	
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			<p>appeared to them that several townships within the Berwick Union were covered by this enactment. They would be prepared to consider any proposal under these provisions which the Board wished to make.</p> <p>Reply received from Stepney Union concerning the request made to them that they accept chargeability of Alexander Crosbie. They said that they would prefer that, if he was settled with them, that an order should be passed in the usual manner. This could not be obtained without the corroborative evidence of his daughter who lived in London. The Clerk was therefore authorised to employ his London agent to interview and obtain a statement of facts from the daughter.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert McLoughlan, of Heatherytops, coalminer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and child who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Robert Carr, of Spittal, fisherman, for an order to repay 2s 6d per week of the relief now being given to his father.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/252-260	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 August 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Andrew Mitchell; Adam Darling; George Bone; Thomas Darling; James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; George Peel; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; William Allan; James Nicholson; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p>	9 Aug. 1880

			<p>Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Ninian Sanderson (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (expenses attending District Meetings); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (expenses connected with intended removal of lunatic); Firewood: James Ferguson (firewood).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</p> <p>Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees);</p> <p>The Clerk reported that Duddo parish had inadvertently paid to the Board, money due to the Sanitary and Highway Authorities, along with the payment due to the Union. At the request of the Overseers [of Duddo] the overpayment was passed to the appropriate authorities.</p> <p>Notification received from the District Auditor that he would audit the accounts for the half year ending on 25<sup>th</sup> March on 20<sup>th</sup> August. He also informed them of the share due to be paid in Stamp Duty upon the financial statement, in accordance with the District Auditors Act 1879.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes except the township of Horncliffe.</p> <p>The Meeting considered the letter tabled at the last meeting from the Local Government Board concerning the inequality of representation on the Board within the Union. George Bone, seconded by James Black, proposed that, for the election of Guardians the township of Felkington should be added to Duddo, Grindon to Twizel, Loanend to Longridge, Norham Mains to Horncliffe and Thornton to Shoreswood. John Brown, seconded by George Lumsden, proposed an amendment that a Committee of six Guardians be appointed to consider such a proposal, keeping in view the differences existing in any parish or township between the rateable value and population combined and the representation and report their recommendations for removal of existing inequalities.</p>	
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		<p>For John Brown's amendment – 6 votes.  For George Bone's motion – 9 votes.  The motion was therefore passed and it was agreed that the Local Government Board be requested in terms of sec 6 of the Poor Law Amendment Act 1868 to issue an order adding the townships of Felkington, Grindon, Loanend, Norham Mains and Thornton to the adjoining townships of Duddo, Twizel, Longridge, Horncliffe and Shoreswood respectively for the purpose of the election of Guardians. This would reduce the number of Guardians for the parish of Norham from 11 to 6 and the total of elected Guardians from 30 to 25.</p> <p>The following table shows the effect of the proposals</p> <p>Township to be added- Felkington, Population 130, Rateable Value £1745 9s, Adjoining township- Duddo Pop 313, RV £2525, Totals of united townships- Pop 443, RV £4270 9s;</p> <p>Township - Grindon, Population 149, Rateable Value £1896, Adjoining township- Twizel Pop 293, RV £4275 11s, Totals - Pop 442, RV £6171 11s;</p> <p>Township - Loanend, Population 116, Rateable Value £2833, Adjoining township- Longridge Pop 71, RV £1381 5s, Totals - Pop 187, RV £4214 5s;</p> <p>Township – Norham Mains, Population 115, Rateable Value £2228, Adjoining township- Horncliffe Pop 301, RV £2151 18, Totals - Pop 416, RV £4379 18s;</p> <p>Township - Thornton, Population 121, Rateable Value £2181 5s, Adjoining township- Shoreswood Pop 386, RV £1844 10s, Totals - Pop 507, RV £4025 15s.</p> <p>Average RV of each parish in the Union- £8992 12/17ths.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on discussions concerning the estimates for building work.</p> <p>They had discussed the discrepancy between Mr Gray, the architect's, figures and the estimates received. This chiefly arose from the proposed erection of a new chimney in the washhouse which was not included in the architect's estimate. The builders' estimates also included the cost of providing a temporary cooking furnace whilst the alterations were made and therefore not strictly part of their cost.</p> <p>The Committee, with Mr Gray, inspected the washhouse and were satisfied that the present flue, extended by a can, could suffice. They recommended that bricklaying work in the washhouse should not be contracted for, as the problem could be covered with small outlay and that the Engineer's representative be consulted with a view to lessening the alterations to that building.</p> <p>The Clerk had been directed to discuss the above with the provider of the lowest estimate, M Gray &amp; Sons builders and ask them for an amended estimate, not including the work in the washhouse. The amended estimate would be recommended to the Guardians by the Committee if the sum was reduced towards the architect's estimate of £76 10s. A revised estimate had been received from M Gray &amp; Sons for builder's work in connection with the cooking equipment according to plan and specification for £79 and to</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/261-266	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 August 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr; Thomas Darling; George Bone; James Nicholson; William Allan; Andrew Mitchell; George Hogg; John Brown. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker].</p>	23 Aug. 1880



			<p>Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Newcastle Chronicle (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); Garden: Robert B Middlemiss (manure); T J S Grahame (mealseller).; Master of Workhouse (repayment of 12 young pigs purchased from William Wille).  In-maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>A Collectors monthly statement was laid before the Board for the township of Horncliffe.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee reported back concerning obtaining a loan from the local Government Board.</p> <p>Recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The loan should be for the full sum of £530.</li> <li>2. The repayment should be calculated in equal annual payments to cover the principal and interest together to repay the whole within the 10 years prescribed by the Local Government Board.</li> <li>3. The Guardians advertise for tenders from persons or companies willing to advance the money for the lowest annual payment for loan and interest in each of the ten years.</li> </ol> <p>Agreed that this be minuted and considered at the next meeting with notice sent to each Guardian as required by the Local Government Board.</p>	
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			<p>Circular received from the Local Government Board concerning the drainage of workhouses. Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, reported that he had been unable to find a boot and shoemaker willing to take Edward Cromarty for the remainder of his apprenticeship. The Clerk was asked to inform the Justices of Glendale Ward of this and that therefore the proceedings were left wholly to them.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding. The townships of Loanend and Twizel were in arrears though the Overseers of both had prior to the current rates large balances remaining. The Clerk was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against the Overseers of the two townships for the sums due.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year. The estimate of the contributions required by the School Attendance Committee to meet the expenses of the Committee for the year from 29 September 1880 was also presented. Both referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment and report.</p> <p>The Master presented an amended statement of provisions to be provided weekly for the use of officers of the Workhouse It agreed with the previous statement which had been approved by the Local Government Board but making amendments necessary by the Master's daughter being appointed Female Lunatic Attendant. It was therefore approved and signed by the Chairman. Master – 7lbs bread, 2lbs flour, 4lbs meat, 3 ½ pints milk, ¾ lb sugar, 4oz tea, ½ lb rice, 7lbs potatoes, ½ lb butter, 1/2lb cheese, ½ lb bacon; Matron – as Master except – 1 lb sugar, ¾ lb rice, no cheese; Lunatic Attendant – as Master except – ¾ lb rice, no bacon; Nurse – as Master except – 8 lbs bread, no flour, ¾ lb barley, 2oz coffee, 2oz tea, no rice, no bacon; Girls' Attendant – as Master except – 3 lbs meat, ¾ lb rice, 1lb cheese, no bacon; Porter – as Master except – 2lbs oatmeal, ¾ lb rice, no bacon; Porteress – as Master except ¾ lb rice, When potatoes not used 6oz of bread instead each day.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/267-274	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 6	Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; James Nicholson; George	6 Sept. 1880

		September 1880	<p>R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; William Allan; Adam Darling; George Bone; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath].  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglass [sic] (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Garden: Thomas Graham &amp; Son (mealsellers); Wale Brothers (nursery &amp; seedsmen).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 18 September from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Account received from Thomas F Hedley &amp; Son, Sunderland, for £49 8s 4d for making valuations of the North Eastern Railway Company's properties in Tweedmouth.  Agreed that the bill be paid in accordance with sec 39 of the Act of 1862 –  Items to be paid by Tweedmouth parish:  Properties – Dock Branch Railway RV £80; Tweedmouth Station RV £1323; 5 servants houses RV £50 10s – Charge £21 16s 1d.  Items to be charged to the Common Fund:  Properties – Railway Main Line RV £2207; Kelso Branch Railway RV £436; Railway Waterworks RV £79 – Charge £27 12s 3d.</p>	
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			<p>Matthew Young and John Carr had received a Certificate from the Local Government Board directing the remission of the surcharge made on them of £4 4s in respect of vaccination fees improperly paid to Dr John Paxton in accordance with the Auditor's surcharge. It was ordered that the sum be repaid to them.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows:  John Crosby – Berwick, half year £6 19s; Tweedmouth, Half year £7 7s 2d.  Joseph Scott – Ancroft, half year £2 0s 1d; Holy Island, half year 12s 5d; Twizel, half year 4s; Shoreswood, half year £1 11s 6d.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes except Horncliffe.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting they considered the recommendations of the Finance Committee concerning the arrangements for the loan of £530 required for the alterations to the Workhouse.  Adam Darling moved, seconded by George Bone, they unanimously agreed to adopt the report of the Finance Committee subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The loan should be for the full sum of £530.</li> <li>2. The repayment should be calculated in equal annual payments to cover the principal and interest together to repay the whole within the 10 years prescribed by the Local Government Board.</li> <li>3. The Guardians advertise for tenders from persons or companies willing to advance the money for the lowest annual payment for loan and interest in each of the ten years.</li> <li>4. The advertisement to be placed in the local papers, the Newcastle Daily Journal, The Scotsman and the Local Government Chronicle.</li> </ol> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back on the Local Government Board's circular concerning the drainage of Workhouses. On the statement of the Master the drainage is now in good order. The suggestions of the Circular would be considered in respect of any additional drains found necessary.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/275-280	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 September 1880.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; George Brown; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Thomas Darling; Anthony F Nichol [Antony Nichol]; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; Adam Darling; Thomas Marshall. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John</p>	20 Sept. 1880

			<p>Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Treasure reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); William Anderson (meal dealer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); Borders Brewery Company; Margaret Blakey (milk seller); George Brown (undertaker); Garden: Thomas Grahame &amp; Son (mealsellers); James Dickinson (manure).  Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (removing two lunatics, Eleanor Scott, Leonard Davidson, to Morpeth Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 16<sup>th</sup> October and 8<sup>th</sup> January.  Contribution Orders were also sent to the overseers of the parishes comprising the district of the School Attendance Committee requiring them to pay their contributions on 8<sup>th</sup> January.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 2 October. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>As directed the Clerk presented a form of petition addressed to the Local Government Board asking for an amendment to the forms of indenture for union and parish apprentices so that the forms would not give any allusion to the former life of the apprentice. The Common Seal was applied and it was signed by the Chairman, to be forwarded to the Local Government Board.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/281-286	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 October 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Allan; John Carr; George Hogg; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Mitchell; David Carr; John Dunbar; Thomas Marshall; George Bone; James Nicholson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on sums received since the last meeting.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Mary Harle, Nurse; Sarah Isa Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant, from 12<sup>th</sup> July;</p>	4 Oct. 1880

			<p>Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); Phoenix Fire Office (premium); A Henderson &amp; Son (printers); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); Knight &amp; Comp (advertising, books &amp; forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices, quarter's postages &amp; sundry payments, payments re removal of Alexander Crosbie); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage); Firewood: A Henderson &amp; Son (old twine); Robert Tennant (firewood); Ann Renwick (old rope); Garden: T Grahame &amp; Son (mealsellers); Ann Renwick (manure) In-maintenance Account: W &amp; A Johnston &amp; Co, drapers, and William Wilson, boot &amp; shoemaker, (outfit for Elizabeth Bannister). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board, clothing &amp; education of James Callan); Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (as above for Robert &amp; William Docherty). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing James Nowland to Morpeth Asylum).</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kylloe.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, necessaries and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread,</p>	
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			<p>oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that they had received nine offers for the loan of £530 for the alterations in connection with the cooking and water heating equipment. Eight were from insurance companies and loan agents and the other from a local gentleman. He offered a rate of 4 ½ % interest without any commission or law expenses. The Committee considered this the best offer and therefore recommended it. The list of offers was tabled and the Meeting was informed that the local offer would delay the advance until it was needed to pay the contractors.</p> <p>On the motion of George Bone, seconded by George Hogg, it was agreed to accept the offer of Thomas Patrick, the local gentleman, and the Clerk was asked to draw up the draft security and apply for the necessary consent from the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of receipt was received from the Local Government Board in respect of the memorial from the Guardians concerning the form of indentures for Union and parish apprentices, saying that it would receive attention.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/287-294	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 October 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar; George Bone; James Nicholson; George Hogg; William Allan; Thomas Darling; John Brown. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance in his hands.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Invoice Accounts for the past half year, examined and passed by the Workhouse Committee, were presented and payment ordered: James G Smith (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); Adam Hogarth (blacksmith); Mark Graham (mason); George Brown (undertaker); Robert Dickson (slater); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); A R Lowrey (farmer).</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p>	18 Oct. 1880

			<p>The Garden Account to be debited by the value of slops from the Workhouse for the past half year and this credited to the in maintenance account.</p> <p>The Petty Common Charges paid for the previous half year were given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Relieving Officers and Inquiry Officers, Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton;  Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postages and carriages); Alexander Paton (stationer); G F Steven (advertising); The Scotsman (advertising); The Newcastle Daily Journal (advertising).  In-maintenance Account: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St. Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children);  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 26 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 3).  Extra Medical Fees: Robert C Fluker, Berwick District; Daniel Heagerty, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Islandshire District; Matthew J Turnbull, West Norhamshire District.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary) Robert C Fluker, Berwick District (vaccination fees).</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/295-302	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 November 1880	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; David Carr; George Peel; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; H G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Dunbar; Andrew Mitchell; George Hogg; George Bone; James Nicholson.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	1 Nov. 1880

			<p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); James Dunlop &amp; Son (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Morrison &amp; Marshall (drapers); W A Johnston &amp; Co (drapers); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Co; Margaret Blakey (milk seller); (Young &amp; Son (grocers); Thomas Atkinson (farmer); Isabella Kinross (farmer); Firewood: Charles Tennant &amp; Son (firewood); Captain James McNulty (firewood); North Eastern Railway Company (carriage); Garden: Robert B Middlemiss (manure &amp; straw).  Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief advanced to Mary Watson under suspended order).  Lunatics Account: Dr Colville Brown (certificate of lunacy of James Nowland); John Paxton (as above of Scott and Davidson).  Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse.  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees).  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (Registrar's fees).  School Attendance Committee: George Macaskie (advertising notice to employers); Berwick Advertiser (advertising &amp; deposit of bye laws); A Henderson &amp; Son (printing of bye laws); E Willoby [Clerk] for County of Northumberland (fees on proceedings before Justices); Joseph Scott, School Attendance Officer (quarter's salary).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/303-308	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 November 1880	Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; David Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Dunbar; George Bone; James Nicholson; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Carr; John Brown; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan;	15 Nov. 1880

			<p>George Brown; George Hogg; Thomas Darling.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: William Redpath (draper); James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); W Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemaker); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (farmer); A R Lowrey (famer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: Muller, Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of Workhouse garden); Thomas Graham &amp; Son (mealsellers).  Lunatics Account: Newcastle Union (expenses removing John Richardson to Cox Lodge Asylum).  Vaccination Expenses: Matthew Turnbull, West Norhamshire District.</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows:  John Crosby – Berwick, Michaelmas Quarter.  Joseph Scott – Ancroft, Michaelmas Quarter; Holy Island, Michaelmas Quarter; Kyoie Michaelmas Quarter.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Following the decision made at the last meeting, Henry Bullifant, Etal, George Richardson, Norham, and the apprentice, Edward Cromarty, attended the meeting. The indentures were signed and the transfer of the apprenticeship completed.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given at the last meeting it was moved by the Chairman, seconded by James Black that relief given to the outdoor poor be increased from 29<sup>th</sup> November until 4<sup>th</sup> April next, except those except in non-resident, boarded out, and other special cases. The increase to be 6d per week for those receiving 3s per week and under; for those above 3s an increase of 1s provided the relief is intended for more than one person; widows with children dependent upon them be given 2s per week for each child. Unless otherwise ordered, all relief to revert to the current rate on 4<sup>th</sup> April. Passed unanimously. Ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p> <p>The Master reported the death of Mary Harle, the Workhouse Nurse on 4<sup>th</sup> November. Agreed that the post should be filled on the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December and that it be advertised in the local papers, the Newcastle Chronicle and The Scotsman at an annual salary of £20 with rations and furnished apartments. Applications to be made by 4 December and considered by the Workhouse Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> December who were authorised to select candidates for interview at the meeting. Her duties were being performed by the inmates under the direction of the Matron. Agreed this should continue in the interim.</p> <p>Reported that the Workhouse and Finance Committee had on 25<sup>th</sup> October considered an account for vaccination fees submitted by Dr Paxton, Norham, with his vaccination register. On examination of the register, they found that the majority of cases for which fees were claimed were not vaccinated on the days named in his contract but on various subsequent dates. The Clerk had been directed to ask him for an explanation why the children concerned were not vaccinated on the appointed dates. This letter was read out and the meeting was informed that Dr Paxton had not replied. The Committee therefore had decided not to pass the vaccination account and referred the matter to the Board of Guardians. Dr Paxton had been informed, but no explanation had been received. The Board of Guardians decided to withhold payment of the account until an explanation was received. The Clerk was asked to inform Dr Paxton of this.</p>	
Item	GBR	Minutes of Berwick	Present:	29 Nov. 1880

	54/309-315	Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 November 1880.	<p>Guardians: Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James R Black [James Black]; George Bone; Thomas Marshall; Thomas Darling; John Brown; John Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; James Nicholson; Andrew Mitchell; John Dunbar.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Paxton &amp; Purves (drapers); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Border Brewery Company; Young &amp; Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); John McCall (undertaker); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Edward Bromley, solicitor, London, (law expenses re removal of Alexander Crosbie from Berwick to Stepney); Catherine Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal pay station). In maintenance Account: W &amp; A Johnston &amp; Co, drapers, (outfit for Elizabeth Stevenson); William Wilson, boot &amp; shoemaker, (as above). Vaccination Expenses: Dr James Lambie, Islandshire District, (vaccination Fees).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 4 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyleo; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Received from M Gray &amp; Sons, builders, Berwick a request for payment of £50, in accordance with their estimate, in respect of work done in connection with the alterations now ongoing to the Workhouse. Sanctioned.</p>	
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		<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Simm, aged 23, Chapel Street, pneumonia, convalescent, bread, tea, sugar, corn flour;  James Simm, aged 23, Chapel Street, sickness, uncertain, altogether, food.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental or substituted valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Berwick, Tweedmouth were tabled. A meeting of the Assessment Committee was fixed to revise these.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board enclosing two copies of the order transferring the highway township of Fenham from Holy Island parish to Kyloe parish.</p> <p>Reply received from Dr Paxton, Public Vaccinator, East Northhamshire District, concerning his dates of vaccination. He stated he could not recollect the reasons why the dates given in his register did not accord with the dates they expected, which he noted were all in the months of April. He stated that the probable reason was either that he did not have enough lymph to do all the cases or that he wished to use fresh lymph or that he wished to do them from arm to arm. He was sure there was a good reason, because he always considered it essential to vaccinate in a way that ensured the utmost possible efficiency. He also stated that it entailed much less labour for him to do all the vaccinations on one day; there must have been a good reason to do otherwise.</p> <p>The Board noted that examination of Dr Paxton' Register showed of 28 successful vaccinations during the past half year three only were on the dates specified in his contract – 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> April; the other 25 were as follows: 14 in April; 1 in May; 2 in June; 3 in August; 5 in September.</p> <p>They did not consider his explanation to be satisfactory or sufficient to justify payment, subsequent to the three cases first named. The Clerk was asked to inform him of this, return his Register with the account for amendment, leaving him, if he saw fit, to obtain the sanction of the Local Government Board to the payment of the full account.</p> <p>Notice received from the Newcastle Asylum of the transfer of John Richardson to the Morpeth Asylum, as requested by the Berwick Board.</p> <p>The Chairman moved that at the next meeting a deputation should be appointed to visit</p>	
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			<p>the County Asylum and examine the lunatics supported by the Board.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the personal property of the late nurse at the Workhouse was in the possession of the Guardians. Her only next of kin was an aunt living in Tweedmouth, who was chargeable to the Union. The Committee recommended that, to absolve the Board and the Master from any legal responsibility, the aunt be requested to administer the deceased's effects. The Clerk reported that she was willing to do so and was applying for Letters of Administration.</p> <p>The Annual Report and state of Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary, and forms of subscribers' recommendations of patients had been received. Agreed that two copies of the latter be sent to each Guardian, any surplus to be given to the Chairman and Vice Chairmen.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding. The townships of Duddo and Twizel were chiefly in arrears; the Clerk was asked to contact the Overseers for immediate payment.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/316-321	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 December 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; James R Black [James Black]; George Hogg; John Tait; George Bone; William Allan; George Peel; John Carr; H G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; James Nicholson; Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas</p>	13 Dec. 1880

			<p>Light Coy; George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Margaret Blakey (milkseller); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: North Eastern Railway Comp (cartage of wood); Garden: T Grahame &amp; Son (mealsellers); Robert B Middlemiss (manure).</p> <p>Account received from Thomas F Hedley &amp; Son, Sunderland, for valuations of house property occupied by owners, licensed property and sundry business properties in the parish of Tweedmouth; as agreed for the sum of £37 19s 11d.</p> <p>Agreed, on the recommendation of the Assessment Committee and in accordance with the powers under the Union Assessment Committee Acts, to pay the account. These were to be charged in accordance with the provisions of Sec 39 of the Act of 1862 as follows:</p> <p>1 Item exceeding by one sixth amount of previous valuation by Overseers and to be charged to the Parish of Tweedmouth Licensed Property, Rateable Value- £696, Hedley's charge - £13 18s 4d.</p> <p>2 Items not exceeding by one sixth amount of previous valuation of Overseers and to be charged to the Common Fund Houses occupied by owners, RV- £954 10s, charge- £19 1s 9d; Sundry Properties, RV- £112 10s, charge- £2 5s; Sundry Properties, RV- £183, charge- £2 14s 10d;</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries 1lb beef; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries 1lb beef, packet cornflour; Catherine McKenna, aged 25, Chapel Street, childbirth, very destitute, necessaries; Catherine McKenna, aged 25, Chapel Street, childbirth, very destitute; Ann Macfarlane, aged 35, Walkergate Lane, ulcer (leg), unable to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board from all the collectors.</p> <p>It had been intended to appoint a Nurse for the Workhouse at this Meeting, but the Workhouse Committee reported that no applications had been received. They recommended that the post be readvertised at an increased salary. On the motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by George Bone, it was agreed to</p>	
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			<p>readvertise the post, this time including Glasgow and Dundee Papers, with an increased salary of £30 and leaving out special reference to midwifery as part of the duties. Applications were to be received by 1<sup>st</sup> January, considered by the Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> January and with the decision to be made at the Meeting in four weeks.</p> <p>In accordance with notice given, it was agreed to appoint a deputation, consisting of the Chairman, two Vice Chairmen and Dr Brown, to visit the County Asylum to advise and report back. Necessary expenses were to be paid.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 31 December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>They then considered the reported non-payment of Calls by the parishes of Duddo and Twizel. Duddo were reported to be under some misapprehension as to payments made to the Treasurer, which the Clerk would endeavour to clear up. Twizel stated that they had not received the Guardians order made in September, which was inadvertently mis-served. A fresh order had been issued for £108 to be paid by 8<sup>th</sup> January and served personally on both Overseers.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse were to receive a dinner of beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>George Culley, Inspector, had visited on 2<sup>nd</sup> December and reported in the Visitors' Book. He reported positively on the progress in the installation of the new cooking and heating equipment. He had found that four beds in the men's wards were occupied by two men each. This could be avoided by putting four single beds in ward 32 and one more in 30. Putting two men in one bed had always to be avoided.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were asked to consider provision of more single beds and report at the next meeting.</p> <p>John Rutherford, Master, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Mary Ann Redpath, late of Berwick, field worker, for neglecting to maintain her child who was now an inmate of the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/322-327	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1880	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; James Nicholson; George Bone; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; John Dunbar; John Tait; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; John Brown. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	27 Dec. 1880

			<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Thomas Wight (china merchant); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); John McCall (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Fender (farmer); Margaret Blakey (farmer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Superintendent John Garden (police expenses attending apprehension of William Headspath in Edinburgh); Garden: Thomas Leddy (manure).  In-maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging tramps).  Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callan).</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Hannah Rutherford, Matron;  Administrix of Mary Harle, up to 4<sup>th</sup> November, Nurse;  Sarah Isa Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant;  Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant;  Robert Scott, Porter;  Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries cornflour;  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries cornflour;  Michael Butler, labourer, Chapel Street, erysipelas, altogether;  William Matthews, aged 44, sailor, West End, carbuncle, fortnight, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef;  William Matthews, aged 44, sailor, West End, carbuncle, fortnight, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef;  Mary Ann Cromarty, aged 41, Spittal, confinement, fortnight, wholly, unfit to walk to</p>	
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			<p>Berwick.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows:  James Ross – rounds &amp; flanks of beef @ 9s 9d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 2s per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 3 lbs 14 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 8 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3lbs 7oz for 6d.  Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported back concerning George Culley's, Inspector, recommendation concerning use of single rather than double beds. They suggested that the Guardians purchase two single beds for ward 32, and keep the double beds, to be used by one person only.  Agreed; two single beds to be purchased for the ward.</p> <p>Two letters received from the local Government Board:  one enclosing two Orders - uniting certain townships for the purpose of election of Guardians, and permitting the number of Guardians to be less than 30.  the second agreed that the salary for the nurse be increased to £30 per annum.</p> <p>The Master reported that Ralph Dodds, tea merchant had offered to provide the Workhouse inmates tea and cake on the evening of the 30<sup>th</sup> and WP Carr, chemist, to provide lemonade for the children. The Chairman offered to provide a dinner of beef and plum pudding on New Year's Day, The Vice Chairmen offered to add fruit for the children and Andrew Thompson a cask of ale for the adults.  These kind offers were accepted.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/328-335	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 January 1881	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; James Nicholson; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; George Peel; Matthew G Crossman [Matthew Crossman]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Thompson; George Hogg; John Brown; John Tait; John Dunbar; John Carr; George Bone.  Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	10 Jan. 1881

		<p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous were presented.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton;  Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyoel); John Husband (Berwick);</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: William Anderson (mealseller); James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Scremerston etc Coal Coy; John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; William Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemakers); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); George Douglas (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); A R Lowrey (farmer); Hadden Best &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); Dundee Advertiser (advertising); Glasgow Herald (advertising); E. Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postages &amp; sundry payments).</p>	
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			<p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificated Poor Law School (half year's maintenance of Robert &amp; William Docherty).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Newcastle upon Tyne Borough Asylum (maintenance of John Richardson, removing him to County Asylum).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott: Vaccination Officer (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District, (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Mary Ann Callan, aged 27, blacksmith's wife, Tweedmouth, childbirth, fortnight, wholly, 1 lb beef;  Mary Ann Callan, aged 27, blacksmith's wife, Tweedmouth, childbirth, week, wholly, 1 lb beef;  William Matthews, sailor, Tweedmouth, carbuncle, week, wholly, 1 lb beef;  Bridget Johnson, Wallace Green, childbirth;  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries;  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty; Lambie; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Medical Officers and Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts. The Meeting approved of the existing arrangements.</p> <p>Further to notice given, the Meeting proceeded to the appointment of the Nurse for the Workhouse in place of Mary Harle, deceased.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had considered the 15 applications and testimonials received and decided to recommend three for interview at the Board Meeting.  Ellen Anderson, 28, Corston, Coupar Angus, formerly nurse at Lancaster Infirmary;  Ellen Winton, 44, Glasgow, 12 years experience in sick nursing including 2 years in Barnhill Poor House, Glasgow;  Jessie Gallitley, 42, Hamilton, nurse in Combination Hospital.  Each was offered second class rail fares to cover all expenses.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/336-343	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 January 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Bone; James Nicholson; John Carr; William Allan; John Dunbar, George Peel; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Thompson; Thomas Marshall; Thomas Darling; John Tait. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p>	24 Jan. 1881

			<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Border Brewery Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Berwick Parish (poor rate on Workhouse); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (Highway &amp; District Rates); Miss E J Winton (expenses for attending interview for candidate for post of nurse); Mrs Ellen Winton (as above); Mrs Jessie Gallitley (as above); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); The Scotsman (advertising); Garden Account: W C Caverhill &amp; Co (patent grass cutter); Berwick Parish (poor rate); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (Highway &amp; District Rates); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (sharpening tools).</p> <p>In-maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Boys' National School (tuition fees for indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (tuition fees for indoor children);</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief for last quarter under suspended order for Mary Watson).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance for 29 pauper lunatics and part quarter for one).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Colville Brown, Workhouse; Daniel Heagerty, Tweedmouth District, James Lambie, Islandshire District.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 29 January from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Hornccliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Two letters received from James Gray, solicitor, Berwick, concerning a claim against the Guardians by E T Reed, Newcastle, for £17, the cost of old timber supplied to the Workhouse on the order of the Master as per enclosed account. Investigation revealed that a dispute had arisen as the Master had made a counter claim to deduct the cost of railway carriage from the account. As the Meeting considered that Reed could successfully resist this claim, it was agreed to pay the account in full.</p>	
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			<p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessities;  James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, unable to work, necessities;  Mary Ann Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, sickness, severe, altogether;  Henry Fogan, aged 57, foundryman, Tweedmouth, debility, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, submitted his quarterly reports on three children boarded out in his District, which were satisfactory.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the appointment of Ellen Winton as Nurse at the Workhouse on the agreed terms.</p> <p>John Garden, Assisting Relieving Officer for Vagrants presented his annual report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the police and given tickets for the casual wards for 1880.  Males 3190; Females 129; Children 102; English 1586; Scotch 1087; Irish 691; Foreign 57; Came from Scotland 1380; Came from England 2041; Total 3421; Total in 1879 3303; Total in 1878 2612.  The figures showed a slight increase over the previous year. The nightly average was a little over nine people. He considered that a good number were professional tramps who obtained a living by wandering from place to place begging etc. The police had attended the neighbourhood of the Workhouse when they were discharged to prevent them from begging as far as possible.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/344-350	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 February 1881	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; John Carr; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Carr, Andrew Mitchell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; James Nicholson.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p>	7 Feb. 1881

		<p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); John McCall (undertaker); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); John Fender (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Newcastle Chronicle (advertising); George Macaskie, Berwick Warder (advertising); G F Steven, Berwick Journal (advertising).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, Registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, Registrar's fees).  School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage, (quarter's salary as School Attendance Officer); A Henderson &amp; Son, Berwick, School Board Chronicle.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, had paid for the education of children of non- paupers in the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth during the previous quarter.</p> <p>It was agreed to pay John Rutherford, Master, £5 for petty charges for the Workhouse.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  James Simms, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries;  James Simms, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether, necessaries;  Mary Ann Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, sickness, altogether necessaries;  Mary Ann Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, sickness, altogether necessaries;  Jane Patterson, aged 29, fisherman's wife, Spittal, incipient consumption, indefinite,</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/351-356	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 February 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Carr; George Peel; John Dunbar; George Brown; William Allan; Andrew Thompson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James R Black [James Black]; Adam Darling; John Carr; William Cleghorn; John Brown; George Bone; George Hogg; John Tait; Andrew Mitchell; James Nicholson; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); George Douglas (farmer); Alexander R Lowrey (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller).</p>	21 Feb. 1881

			<p>Out Relief Account: Rev Canon Watson, Tudhoe (allowance for outfit for William Docherty on leaving Tudhoe School and going to service). Outdoor Medical Stores: James Grey (wine &amp; spirit merchant).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Ann Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, ulcer, altogether necessaries; Mary Ann Baxendale, Walkergate Lane, ulcer, altogether necessaries; Mary Harvey, Coxons Lane, childbirth; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries; Thomas Alexander, pitman, Unthank, abscess in hand, fortnight, wholly, necessaries; Thomas Alexander, pitman, Unthank, abscess in hand, fortnight, wholly; Mary Alexander, Unthank, abscess in side, fortnight, wholly, 2 lbs beef, half bottle wine; Mary Alexander, Unthank, abscess in side, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef, half bottle wine; Alexander Patterson, Spittal, influenza, a week, wholly; Jane Patterson, Spittal, consumption, indefinite, wholly, half bottle wine, 2 lbs beef; Jane Patterson, Spittal, consumption, indefinite, wholly, half bottle wine, 2 lbs beef; Bartholomew Christie, labourer, Knowe Head, bronchitis, week, wholly; Henry Fogan, blacksmith, Tweedmouth, debility, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef; Henry Fogan, foundryman, Foundry Cottages, debility, indefinite, wholly, 2 lbs beef; Mary Stewart, West End, childbirth, fortnight, wholly.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Circular received from the Charity Commission forwarding a draft scheme, prepared under the Endowed Schools Act 1874, for the Flounder's Charity and Barnard Castle Grammar School etc. It expressed the hope that the Chairmen of the Boards of Guardians of the Poor Law Unions in Northumberland would nominate a Governor as therein proposed, if and when the scheme is established. The Meeting agreed that the Board's assent be communicated.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/357-362	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 March 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; Adam Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Bone; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Hogg; Andrew Thompson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: A</p>	7 March 1881



		<p>Henderson &amp; Son (old twine). Lunatics Account: John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing Mary Paulin to County Asylum); Registration Expenses: George Callum &amp; Co (box for holding register books).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Catherine Wood, aged 36, High Street, childbirth; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, necessaries; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, convalescent; Mary Stewart, Tweedmouth, childbirth, a week, wholly; Thomas Alexander, aged 56, pitman, Blue Row, Unthank, abscess, a week, wholly; Thomas Alexander, aged 56, pitman, Blue Row, Unthank, abscess, a indefinite, wholly; Mary Alexander, Blue Row, Unthank, abscess, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Loanend were tabled.</p> <p>Received from George Culley, Inspector, annual comparative statement of indoor and outdoor relief for the North Eastern District.</p> <p>As agreed, they discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25<sup>th</sup> March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The Committee then reported that they had received estimates for provision of an efficient heating system for the Register Office safe. These were: Benham &amp; Sons, engineers work, £17 10s.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/363-368	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 March 1881.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Cleghorn; Thomas Marshall; George Peel; John Brown; George Hogg; James Nicholson; William Allan; John Dunbar; George Bone; John Tait. Medical Officers: Drs Brown [Colville Brown]; Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p>	21 March 1881

		<p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John McCall (undertaker); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Robert Brown (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Firewood: Captain John Roberts (firewood); John Davidson (sack manufacturer).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, improving; James Simms, Chapel Street, sickness, convalescent, necessaries; Daniel Sutherland, aged 44, Eastern Lane, sickness, altogether; Mary Alexander, Blue Row, abscess, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef. Mary Alexander, Tweedmouth [sic], abscess, indefinite, wholly, 1 ½ lbs beef. Thomas Alexander, pitman, Blue Row, Unthank, abscess on finger, a week, wholly; Thomas Alexander, pitman, Blue Row, Unthank, abscess on finger, a week, partially.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Holy Island, Kylloe, Longridge, Norham, Thornton were tabled. It was agreed that the Assessment Committee would revise these lists. The Clerk was authorised to apply to the County Justices to correct the County Rate to meet the altered boundaries of holy Island and Kylloe parishes.</p> <p>Pursuant to notice given at the last meeting, John Garden, Superintendent of Police, was reappointed Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants for one year from 25<sup>th</sup> March at a salary of £10 for the year.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/369-377	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 April 1881	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; George Hogg; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Bone; Andrew Thompson; Andrew Mitchell; William Allan; James Nicholson; John Dunbar; John Tait; William Cleghorn; George Tait; John Carr.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers,</p>	4 April 1881

			<p>outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Hannah Rutherford, Matron;  Ellen Winton, Nurse - from 15<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> April;  Sarah Isa Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant;  Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant;  Robert Scott, Porter;  Selby Lockwell, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: M Gray &amp; Sons (builders); James Ross (butcher); George Richardson (carpenter); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; Margaret Cowe (grocer); Thomas Baldwin (plumber); John Stoddart (grocer); George Nesbit (draper); J Moor &amp; Co (ironmongers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Thomas Wight (china merchant); W Purves &amp; Son (boot &amp; shoemaker); Border Brewery Company; Adam Hogarth (blacksmith); David Fender (millwright); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); John Fender (farmer); A Henderson &amp; Son (printers); Alexander Paton (stationer); Knight &amp; Company (advertising); Dundee Advertiser (advertising); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising); E Willoby [Clerk] (fees on proceedings before Justices, quarter's postages and sundry payments); Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage and sundry payments); Firewood: Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage).  Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institute for the Deaf &amp; Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education of James Callan).</p> <p>Amounts received by the Treasurer since the last meeting which required to be included in the accounts for the past half year were noted.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p>	
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			year in the following week by the Justices.	
Item	GBR 54/378	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians adjourned meeting held on 11 April 1881.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison] Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 30<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> July totalling £3934.</p>	11 April 1881
Item	GBR 54/379 - 388	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 April 1881.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Thomas Darling; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Dunbar; William Moor; William Allan; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Jackson; Robert Marshall; John Tait. Medical Officer: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: On the motion of Henry McCreath it was agreed that James Black take the Chair until a Chairman was elected for the following year. On election, it was taken by Matthew Young.</p> <p>The Clerk then gave the return for the election of Guardians for the ensuing year. Ancroft parish: David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town Farm; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft Town Farm; James Richardson Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick; Berwick parish: Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, Palace Green; Matthew Young, seed crusher, Hopeville; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, Ravensdowne; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, Bridge End; Thomas Darling, gentleman, Castlegate; Matthew Gibson Crossman [Matthew Crossman], corn merchant, Bridge End; John Carr, hotel keeper; Hide Hill; Andrew Mitchell, farmer, Letham Shank; Cornhill parish: William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's; Duddo and Felkington parish: [blank] Holy Island parish: George Hogg, farmer, Goswick; Horncliffe and Norham Mains parish: William Cleghorn, farmer, Norham East Mains; Kylloe parish: John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House;</p>	15 April 1881



			<p>Longridge and Loanend parish: John Dunbar, landed proprietor, Bankhead;  Norham parish: William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham;  Shoreswood and Thornton parish: George Reuben Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood;  Tweedmouth (urban ward): Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth [first name given as John in 1880];  Henry Gourlay McCreath [Henry McCreath], manure merchant, Main Street, Tweedmouth;  George Peel, fish curer, Sandstell Road, Spittal;  Tweedmouth (rural ward): Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank;  Twizel and Grindon parish: John Tait farmer, Riffington.;</p> <p>Matthew Young was unanimously elected Chairman, proposed by David Tait, seconded by Henry McCreath.  He then took the Chair.</p> <p>James Black and Thomas Darling were unanimously elected Vice Chairmen, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by William Allan. James Black to have preference.</p> <p>The Committees were appointed as follows:</p> <p>Workhouse and Finance Committee.  Matthew Young; James Black; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; Henry Christison; Matthew Crossman; John Carr; Andrew Mitchell; Robert Marshall; Henry McCreath; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; John Brown; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh.</p> <p>Assessment Committee  Elected Guardians: Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James Black; William Cleghorn.  Ex Officio Guardians: Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman; Rev Thomas Procter.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee  Elected Guardians: James Black; John Brown; George Hogg; William Cleghorn; John Jackson; William Allan; George Lumsden; Thomas Marshall.  Ex Officio Guardians: Henry Gregson; Robert Crossman; Rev Thomas Procter; Captain T Williams.</p> <p>The first meetings of these Committees were fixed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p>	
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		<p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Colville Brown, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: John Davidson (grocer); James Ross (butcher); Morrison &amp; Marshall (drapers); Young &amp; Son (grocers); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Robert Brown (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Hadden Best &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); Eleanor Wright (expenses to attend interview); The Scotsman (advertising); The North of England Advertiser (advertising); John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (half year's postage).  In-maintenance Account: Berwick Boys National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children);  Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certificated Poor Law School (board, clothing and education of William &amp; Robert Docherty).  Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 29 pauper lunatics and part quarter for 2 others).  Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District; Daniel Heagarty, Tweedmouth District; James Lambie, Northumberland District).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Robert Fluker, Berwick District (vaccination fees).</p>	
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			<p>Collectors Poundage: Henry Williams, Ancroft, Kyoie; John Husband, Berwick; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: Hadden Best &amp; Co (forms); S J Yeomans (charge for attending before Justices to give evidence against John Hall); Joseph Scott, School Attendance Officer (quarter's salary); A Henderson &amp; Son (School Board Chronicle for quarter).</p> <p>The Clerk informed them that the Audit of accounts was due on 29 April and that in accordance with the District Auditors Act 1879 the share due by the Board in respect of Stamp Duty on the financial statement to be submitted by the Auditor was £4, apportioned – School Attendance Committee 10s; Union Common Fund £3 10s.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Thomas Conlan, aged 53, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, altogether;  Thomas Conlan, aged 53, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, a week, altogether necessaries;  Daniel Sutherland, Eastern Lane, dyspepsia, necessaries;  Daniel Sutherland, Eastern Lane, dyspepsia, unable, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Dr Heagerty submitted his quarterly return of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within his district.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee recommended that E Willoby be paid £10 for his services as their Clerk for the past year.  Approved.  They estimated that they would require £6 for their expenses in the current quarter.</p> <p>It was reported that Thomas Rule, Norham, had been fully appointed Assistant Overseer for the township of Duddo. The Guardians fixed £50 for the security required. Thomas Rule had proposed John Todd and Thomas Swan; The Guardians did not consider them sufficiently responsible to cover the securities for both Duddo and Twizel townships; Mr Rule to be informed.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/389-395	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 May 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Cleghorn; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; Andrew Thompson; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Tait; John Dunbar; George Hogg; Robert Marshall. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Treasurer reported on the balance.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); W A Johnston &amp; Co (drapers); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Mitchell (draper);</p>	2 May 1881

			<p>Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller).  Out Relief Account: Morpeth Union (relief under suspended order paid to Mary Wilson).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees); John Paxton, East Norhamshire District, (vaccination fees).  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrar's fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrar's fees); Joseph Scott Norhamshire District, (registrar's fees); M Gray &amp; Sons (builders work for new warming apparatus at Register Office).</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 7 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyle; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Thomas Conlan, labourer, Chapel Street, sickness, a week, necessaries;  Daniel Sutherland, shoemaker, Eastern Lane, sickness, necessaries;  Daniel Sutherland, shoemaker, Eastern Lane, sickness, altogether;  Elizabeth Stewart, aged 35, Crawford's Alley, premature confinement, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Brown; Fluker; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Kyle.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed his audit for the half year ended 29 September 1880 and presented his statutory financial statement.</p> <p>As notified the meeting considered the requests for additional remuneration from some staff:  Mr &amp; Mrs Rutherford, Master and Matron of the Workhouse: They agreed that they were now entitled to additional remuneration – Master increased from £70 to £80 per annum; Matron from £25 to £30; both subject to the agreement of the Local Government Board.  Mr &amp; Mrs Scott, Porter and Porteress: They did not consider that they were entitled to</p>	
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			<p>increased remuneration (currently £26 per annum). They were willing to pay in lieu of the provided rations, the sum of 15s per week for the Porter and 10s per week for the Porteress. This would start from the end of the current quarter, if they indicated their acceptance within one week and the Local Government Board approved.</p> <p>They considered the terms and procedure for replacement of Dr Colville Brown as Medical Officer for the Workhouse.  Agreed that the salary be £50 per annum (including cost of medicines except cod liver oil) with fees of 10s for each case of midwifery and 1s 6d for each successful vaccination.  Agreed that the appointment should be made at the at the next meeting and meantime advertised in each of the local newspapers.</p> <p>They then considered the circular from the British Medical Association concerning the treatment and cure of habitual drunkards. Ordered that it lie on the table.</p> <p>Letters received:  From the Local Government Board agreeing to the appointment of Miss Ellen Crosby as Nurse at the Workhouse.  Order of Quarter Sessions notifying the intended correction in the new county rate basis of the rateable values of the parishes of Holy Island and Kyoel in consequence of the transfer of Fenham to the latter.  From the Overseers of Duddo and Felkington informing of their decision to nominate a Guardian for the united parishes. Agreed that this be sent to the Local Government Board, proposing that a special election be sanctioned.  From Thomas Rule, Norham, informing them that L H Smith, Galagate House [Norham], had agreed to be one of his sureties as Assistant Overseer for Duddo and Twizel and asking that they accept him along with John Todd or Mr Rule's father. They agreed to accept Mr Smith and Mr Todd as sureties.</p> <p>Agreed that the Meetings for the annual examination of the outdoor poor be held as follows: Berwick relief district 18<sup>th</sup> May, Board Room, 10am; Spittal pay station, 2pm; Tweedmouth pay station 3pm; the country district to be fixed at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for a warrant to remove to Scotland Robert Walker, aged 75, now chargeable to the Union and removeable.</p> <p>The petty common charges paid by the Master for the half year to Lady Day amounted to £3 10s 4d. Agreed these be paid to him from the General Account.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/396-402	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians	Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; John Jackson; William	16 May 1881

		<p>meeting held on 16 May 1881</p>	<p>Hindmarsh; George Hogg; John Brown; David Tait; John Tait; John Dunbar; William Cleghorn; William Allan; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; H G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Peel; William Moor.          Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].          Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:          Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop &amp; Sons (drapers); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); J Moor &amp; Co (ironmongers); John Stoddart (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Margaret Blakey (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Berwick Infirmary &amp; Dispensary (annual subscription); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent of garden) Building: W J Gray (architects charges re new cooking equipment).          Vaccination Expenses: Sundry householders (payment for use of rooms as vaccination stations).          Registration Expenses: E Willoby [Clerk] (year's payment for use of offices and safe for registration purposes).</p> <p>Payment of salary: E Willoby [Clerk] (allowance for conducting annual election of guardians).</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to payment of £10 to the Clerk for his services as Clerk to the School Attendance Committee).</p> <p>Account received from Benham &amp; Sons for £400 as they had completed the engineering work at the Workhouse.          Agreed; the Clerk was asked to send forms of invoice, requesting that they provide detailed accounts at an early date.</p>	
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			<p>The Annual Report of Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary with 53 forms of recommendation which were distributed among the Guardians present. Letter from the Local Government Board approving the increased salaries of the Master and Matron of the Workhouse (£80 &amp; £30 respectively). Statement of the results of the Census of 1881 concerning the parishes constituting the Union.</p> <p>It was reported that the Porter had decided to accept the proposal of the Guardians by money payment; approval of the Local Government Board to be sought.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a statement of the Union Common Fund Account for the past half year, showing the distribution of charges between the parishes.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/403-408	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 May 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Cleghorn; John Carr; George Peel; George Hogg; David Tait; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Andrew Thompson. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Dr Colville Brown, late Medical Officer to the Workhouse, until 18 May.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); John Brough (pavior); James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Catherine</p>	30 May 1881

			<p>Patterson (cleaning Tweedmouth pay station); John Main (cleaning Spittal Pay station); Firewood: John Wight (old wood). Lunatics Account: Colville Brown (certifying lunacy of Richard Whillis and Jane Dickson); John Crosby (removing two lunatics to County Asylum). Vaccination Expenses: James Lambie, Islandshire District (vaccination Fees).</p> <p>Agreement received from the Local Government Board to the payment of £20 to the Clerk for his services to the Assessment Committee in the past year.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Catherine McEachin, Coxons Lane, dyspepsia, altogether, necessaries; Mary White, aged 43, Norham, debility &amp; disease of lungs, Wholly disabled; Ann Blain, -, nervous debility, wholly disabled.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fluker; Fraser; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A Collectors monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of: Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Agreement received from the Local Government Board to the grant of non-resident relief of 2s 6d per week to the orphan Jane Ann Strangeways whilst residing with relatives at South Hazelridge [sic].</p> <p>Notification received from the County Asylum of the death on 17<sup>th</sup> May of Jane Carr, a pauper patient chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>Letter received from Mr Archer, Alnwick, Clerk to Visitors of the County Asylum informing them that the Asylum had been overcrowded since the previous August on the male side. The Committee were not prepared to enlarge the Asylum at present. As there were 14 male patients from Berwick Union, who were therefore out of county patients, he asked that they remove half that number and that they make arrangements for the removal of the rest at an early date.</p> <p>With the agreement of the Chairman, the Clerk had written to the Superintendent of Newcastle Borough Asylum to see if they could admit them. He had replied asking for statistics relative to the average number sent by the Union and daily residing at the Asylum and how long they would want to enter into a contract. With the assistance of Dr McDowall of the County Asylum they had provided the statistics. The Clerk was authorised to send these to Dr Wickham, Newcastle Asylum, and that the Guardians would propose a contract of at least ten years, in the probability that the accommodation</p>	
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			<p>would be required for an unlimited period.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr Fraser thanking them for appointing him and naming Dr James Mackay, Sandgate to act as his deputy. The Guardians approved the arrangement and the common seal was affixed to Dr Fraser's contract.</p> <p>The Master reported the death of Selby Lockwood who had hitherto acted as barber to the Workhouse inmates. His widow had temporarily acted as a substitute. Further arrangements deferred to the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/409-415	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 June 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; George Peel; John Brown; George Hogg. Medical Officers: Dr Fluker [Robert Fluker]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Broomhill Coal Company (engine coal); James Grey (spirit merchant); W G Carr &amp; Son (oil merchant); John Davidson (grocer); Young &amp; Sons (grocers); Joseph Moffat (carting Coal); George Douglas (milkseller); James J Oswald (milkseller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milkseller).</p> <p>Account for £10 8s from Thomas Fenwick Hedley &amp; Sons, Sunderland for making valuation of Longridge Towers was presented. On the recommendation of the Assessment Committee in accordance with the Union Assessment Act payment was authorised. As the valuation exceeded more than one-sixth of the previous valuation the payment to be debited from the township of Longridge (sec 39 1862 Act).</p>	13 June 1881

		<p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers for the current quarter as follows:  John Crosby – Berwick, £3 8s 4d; Tweedmouth 3s 4d;  Joseph Scott – Ancroft, £1 18s 6d; Holy Island, 17s 4d; Kyloe 9s 7d; Norham 17s 5d;  Shoreswood £1 18s 9d.  Each Inquiry Officer was paid £5 to discharge the balance due to them.</p> <p>The Treasurer had received sums due from the General, Garden and Firewood Accounts.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fluker; Fraser Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Letter received from Ralph Laidler, 46, Chapel Street Berwick.  “Sir,  I would feel extremely thankful to you if you would kindly investigate as soon as possible into the following heinous circumstances which I will herewith depict as related to me through an indirect source.  My eldest daughter “Agnes” in the Workhouse has been cruelly and unmercifully maltreated yesterday by the Master of the Workhouse with a whip, stick or some such instrument – large flakes may be seen on her back and other parts of her body such conduct being disgraceful in any Christian country.  I know what this man is qualified to do, I would tell you here only space will not allow, you can know at any time.  It was him no doubt who poisoned Mr Andrew Thompson’s mind concerning my wife, however I wrote Mr Hunter PM at Kelso and told him what Mr T had said.  Rutherford is an arch enemy of mine, and would not hesitate to say anything.  I spoke to Dr Fraser about enquiring into this matter and ascertain how far I am correct in my statement.  And if it is correct to any extent small or great you will be pleased to bring the delinquent to condign punishment.</p> <p>Yours most respectfully”</p> <p>On the motion of James Black, seconded by John Carr, it was referred to a full meeting of the Workhouse Committee to inquire into the facts and report to the next meeting of</p>	
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			<p>the Guardians.</p> <p>The Master reported that that William Flint, aged 67, had been admitted to the Workhouse whilst suffering from the itch. He had been afflicted for about a month and for about two months had been working in the town and lodging at a common lodging house kept by Mr Connolly. Other cases of the itch had occurred there. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Urban Sanitary Authority and urge that steps be taken to disinfect the house and prevent recurrence.</p> <p>Letters from the Local Government Board: 1 Authorising the election of a Guardian for the united parishes of Duddo and Felkington; the Clerk to give notice. 2 Agreeing a salary of 15s a week to the Porter, in lieu of salary and rations. Payment to start from 24 June. 3 Approval of the appointment and salary of Dr Fraser as Medical Officer of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter and petition received from the Central Association for stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sundays in support of the Bill currently before Parliament. Consideration deferred to the next meeting in view of the low attendance.</p> <p>Reported that Mrs Lockwell, widow of the late barber at the Workhouse had made arrangements for continuing his business. Agreed that she would continue to provide shaving and hair cutting for inmates until 29 September.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat will expire on 25 June. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that James Rowland, who was sent by the Union to the County Asylum the previous September was likely to need to remain for some time. He did not have settlement in the Union and to substantiate his settlement elsewhere would require the cost of legal and other enquiries. He was authorised to proceed.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/417-423	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 June 1881.	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Tait; John Jackson; Robert Marshall; George Peel. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p>	27 June 1881

			<p>Chairman: Matthew Young. George Culley, Local Government Inspector.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah Isabella Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Elizabeth Morton, Girl's Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Mrs Lockwell for self and late husband, Barber.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); George Craik &amp; Sons (ironfounders); Margaret Cowe (grocer; Young &amp; son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Alex R Lowrey (farmer); Firewood: North British Railway Co (old sleepers); Mutter Howie &amp; Co (cartage); William C Caverhill &amp; Co (tools); Garden: William C Caverhill &amp; Co (tools). In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging 42 vagrants @ 4d each). Out Relief Account: Northern Counties Institution for Deaf and Dumb (quarter's board, clothing and education for James Callen). Collectors Poundage: James Paxton, Horncliffe.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fluker; Fraser; Heagarty; Lambie &amp; Paxton. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers</p>	
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			<p>of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of Berwick.</p> <p>An order of removal was received for Peter Carr, aged 23, from Midlothian County Asylum, Rosewell, on the grounds of his birth in Berwick Parish.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within the Union.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows:  James Ross – rounds &amp; flanks of beef @ 8s 8d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 3d per stone, legs of mutton @ 11d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb.  Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 6 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 6 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 39s per sack, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 9 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 9oz for 6d.  William Anderson – 6 sacks oatmeal at 37s 6d per sack.  Agreed.</p> <p>As requested at the last meeting, the Workhouse Committee reported back on their inquiry into the allegation of illegal flogging of a girl inmate by the Master of the Workhouse. The complaint was made in a letter from her father, Ralph Laidlaw [sic – his letter signed Laidler] read at that meeting.  They reported that they had interviewed the girl, Agnes Laidlaw, Dr Fraser, Medical Officer, Miss Morton, Girls' Attendant, and Mr Rutherford, the Master. Their conclusion was that the Master had illegally punished the girl by flogging her on the hands and shoulder. She had committed an offence warranting a punishment allowed by law, having been detected purloining her own clothes in order to abscond from the Workhouse. The Committee concluded that Mr Rutherford, Master, be called before the Board and reprimanded and cautioned in future to observe strictly the rules of the Local Government Board relative to the punishment of inmates.  The Guardians approved and adopted the report. Mr Rutherford was called before the Board and admonished in the terms recommended by the Committee. He promised to be careful and avoid a recurrence.</p> <p>They considered the proposed petition to the House of Commons in favour of stopping the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sunday. Agreed that the Chairman should sign the petition and the Clerk forward it to Colonel Home MP for presentation.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/424-431	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 July 1881	<p>Present:  Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Cleghorn; George Hogg; William Allan; John Tait; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown; John Carr; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; William Moor; Robert Marshall.  Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].  Chairman: Matthew Young.</p>	11 July 1881



			<p>The Clerk reported the result of the special election of a Guardian for the united townships of Duddo and Felkington. David Carr, Felkington, had been appointed.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for:  Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians;  William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians;  John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;  Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill;  John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants;  John A Woods, Treasurer;  Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer;  District Medical Officers: Robert Fluker; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton;  Matthew J Turnbull.  John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse;  Robert L Yetts, Collector of Rates, Holy Island.  Robert Lambert, Collector of Rates, Tweedmouth</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: Henry J Williams, Ancroft, Kyloe; John Husband, Berwick.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, furniture and property, buildings and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:  Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Scremerston &amp; Shoreswood Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); David A Lamb &amp; Son (plumbers); William Wilson (boot &amp; shoemaker); William Patterson (slater &amp; plasterer); Broomhill Coal Company (small coal); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Berwick &amp; Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; William Drummond (mason); William C Caverhill &amp; Co (ironmongers); Adam Hogarth</p>	
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			<p>(blacksmith); George Fraser (joiner); James Grey (spirit merchant); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Davidson (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James J Oswald (milk seller); Joseph Moffat (carting coal); Berwick Parish (poor rate on Workhouse); Hadden Best &amp; Co (books &amp; forms); E Willoby [Clerk] (quarter's postage &amp; sundry payments).</p> <p>In Maintenance: Berwick Boys' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Girls' National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children);</p> <p>Out Relief Account: Tudhoe Certified Poor Law School (quarter's maintenance &amp; education for Robert Docherty); Morpeth Union (relief to Mary Watson under suspended order).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker Berwick District; Daniel Heagerty Tweedmouth District.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary); Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer, (quarter's salary).</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage (quarter's salary; A Henderson &amp; Son, booksellers, (School Board Chronicle for quarter).</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Blakey, Chapel Street, childbirth; Margaret Blakey, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fluker; Fraser; Heagarty; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Laid before the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Dr Heagarty's quarterly return of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within his district.</li> <li>2 Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Kyle.</li> <li>3 Letter from Lieut. Colonel Milne Home MP informing that he had presented to the House of Commons the Guardians' petition in favour of stopping the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays.</li> <li>4 Circular from Sleaford Union on the Guardians obtaining power to reduce the salaries of Union Officers.</li> <li>5 Estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter.</li> </ol>	
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			<p>The half yearly statement from the Superintendent of the County Asylum of the state and condition of the patients funded by them was read. The Superintendent and Clerk sent the necessary papers for the immediate removal of 7 male patients to the Gosforth Asylum.</p> <p>As agreed, they organised the deputation to visit the County Asylum. It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairmen should accompany Dr Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer, prior to the removal of the 7 male patients to inspect and report on the condition of patients maintained by the Union. Expenses would be paid. John Crosby, Relieving Officer, was asked to arrange the transfer of the 7 patients later, on the same day.</p> <p>Dr Fluker's quarterly account for vaccinations was tabled. The Clerk pointed out that the Workhouse and Finance Committee inspected his Vaccination Register and found an entry of at least one child, who from information laid before them, they were satisfied was neither vaccinated by Dr Fluker nor at the station named. They brought this to the attention of the Guardians and requested that Dr Fluker be asked to attend the next meeting and give an explanation. He was present and admitted that he had committed an irregularity in entering in the register cases of children not vaccinated by him, or at the appointed station and apologised. The Registers were returned to Dr Fluker for him to erase the incorrect entries, correct his account and resubmit these to the Committee.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr Fluker, 13 Sandgate, Berwick, that day, though dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It tendered his resignation from the posts of Parochial Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator. He said that he had long held these and regretfully resigned because although he felt perfectly well bodily and in general health, he had a local infirmity in his feet and legs that to facilitate their recovery he required to rest and was unable to give the attention required to the posts. He expressed his thanks to the Guardians for their courtesy and respect over the years and expressed his respect and regret. He further stated that that he would continue in post until his successor was appointed. Agreed that his resignation be accepted on the conditions proposed by him. They would decide the terms and conditions at the next meeting and appoint at the following one.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the legal inquiries into the settlement of the pauper lunatic James Nowland showed that he was entitled to his birth settlement in the City of St Albans. To support this, it was necessary to arrange for his stepmother to appear before the Justices. The Clerk was authorised to arrange proceedings before Justices to obtain an Order adjudging his settlement and chargeability and to incur the expenditure of necessary witnesses.</p>	
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Item	GBR 54/432-438	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 July 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Carr; David Tait; William Cleghorn; George Peel. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); William Anderson (meal seller); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); J J Oswald (milk seller); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (sharpening tools); Garden: Ralph Thompson (new barrow); Parish of Berwick (Poor Rate). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of 29 lunatics, part quarter of 3); Expenses of Guardians deputation to the County Asylum; John Crosby [Relieving Officer] (removing lunatics). Extra Medical Fees: Thomas Frazer [sic - Thomas Fraser], Workhouse. Vaccination Expenses: Robert Fluker, Berwick District; John Paxton, East Northhamshire District.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General and Police Rate by 6 August from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kylee; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	25 July 1881
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		<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Bridget Coulan [sic] Chapel Street, childbirth;  Mrs Lee's child, Wallace Green, marasmus, ½ pint cod liver oil, ½ pint port wine;  Bridget Coulan, Chapel Street, childbirth,</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser;  Heagarty; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Report received from Dr Fraser of his visit to the County Asylum on July 14<sup>th</sup>:  All seemed to be well cared for, being well clothed, clean and tidy and as comfortable as  their circumstances allowed. With one exception all were in good health; none had made  much improvement in their mental condition since last visited.</p> <p>Letter received from William Willoby, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians, tendering his  resignation from the post, to which he was appointed in December 1872, on account of  his ill health.  His resignation was accepted, to take effect from the next meeting. The Guardians would  then consider the application by the Clerk that they consider Mr Peters for the post.</p> <p>They then considered the conditions of appointment of a replacement of Dr Fluker.  1 Medical Officer for Berwick District – as before this would consist of the Parish of  Berwick; salary £45 per annum to include medicines and surgical appliances, except cod  liver oil and trusses, the midwifery fee of 10s and other fees prescribed by law.  2 Public Vaccinator for Berwick District – it was proposed to transfer the township of  Ancroft and therefore the Ancroft vaccination station to Islandshire District from Berwick  District, with the assent of Dr Lambie. Berwick District would then consist of the parishes  of Berwick, and Tweedmouth and the townships of Cheswick and Scremerston; Berwick  stations would have weekly attendance, fee 1s 6d per case, Scremerston half yearly  attendance at 3s per case.  Agreed to appoint at the next meeting; to be advertised once in the local papers.</p> <p>The following letters were tabled:  1 From Stepney Union enquiring if Alexander Crosbie, on suspended order of removal,  was able to be moved. The Clerk was asked to get a report from Dr Frazer [sic – Thomas  Fraser].  2 Application from Glendale Union requesting that they accept chargeability of Isabella  Anderson, an orphan aged 10. Her late father had residential settlement in Berwick. The  Guardians were satisfied by Joseph Scott's report that this was so and accepted the  application.  3 Copy of a letter written by Sir Charles Trevelyan, concerning Out Relief, to Morpeth</p>	
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			<p>Union and forwarded by George Culley, Inspector.</p> <p>The Master informed the Guardians that he had been advised by the District Auditor to ask Dr Frazer [sic – Thomas Fraser], Medical Officer, to authorise the customary allowance of tobacco and snuff to the aged inmates by ordering them through the Workhouse Medical Relief Book. He had declined to do so. The allowances had therefore been discontinued after having been given for many years at the rate of ½ oz of tobacco or snuff per week to each aged or imbecile inmate, accustomed to receive it. Resolved that the Clerk ask the Local Government Board for their sanction to the Guardians continuing to give the allowance at the existing amounts. Thomas Darling moved, seconded by George Hogg, that in the meantime the allowance be given as before.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/439-447	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 August 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Brown; Andrew Thompson; John Jackson; David Tait; David Carr; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Allan; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Marshall; John Carr; George Hogg. Medical Officers: Drs Fluker [Robert Fluker]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, indoor funerals shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocers); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson &amp; Co (brewers); George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Oswald (milk seller); Edward Willoby [Clerk] (expenses attending examination of outdoor poor); Berwick Advertiser (advertising); George Macaskie (advertising); G F Steven (advertising);</p>	8 Aug. 1881

			<p>Firewood: Mutter Howey &amp; Co (cartage); Representatives of Mrs Renwick (old rope).  Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrars fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registrars fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registrars fees).  Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registration fees); Matthew Sibbit, Islandshire District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott, Norhamshire District, (registration fees).</p> <p>The Inquiry Officers had made payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers as follows:  John Crosby – Berwick, Tweedmouth; Joseph Scott – Ancroft, Shoreswood.</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Elizabeth McMillan, aged 19, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Elizabeth McMillan, aged 19, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries;  Agnes Dunn, Chapel Street, injury to shoulder, altogether, necessaries;  Agnes Dunn, Chapel Street, injury to shoulder, altogether, necessaries;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Fluker. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Horncliffe was tabled.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting they considered the application by the Clerk, Edward Willoby, that his partner, Mr Peters, be appointed Assistant Clerk in place of William Willoby on the same conditions.  Agreed that Henry Alder Peters be appointed Assistant Clerk at a salary of £50 per annum and to continue only as long as the Clerk shall himself remain in office.</p> <p>Similarly, they then considered the appointment of Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator in place of Dr Fluker. Two applications had been received:  Dr John Alexander Macdonald, Quay Walls, Berwick;  Dr James Mackay, Sandgate, Berwick.  Both provided official documents showing that they were legally qualified.  David Tait, seconded by Henry McCreath, proposed that Dr Mackay be appointed.  John Carr, seconded by Robert Marshall, proposed that Dr Macdonald be appointed.  Vote:  For Dr Mackay – The Chairman; David Tait, Henry McCreath; James Black – 4 votes.</p>	
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			<p>For Dr Macdonald – John Carr, Robert Marshall, David Carr, William Allan, John Brown, John Jackson, Thomas Darling; George Hogg; George Lumsden; Andrew Thompson – 10 votes.</p> <p>Dr John Alexander Macdonald was therefore appointed as  1 Medical Officer for Berwick District, salary £45 per annum, the other emoluments and conditions as described at the last meeting  2 Public Vaccinator for Berwick District as rearranged and as previously stated.</p> <p>Letter received from Dr Lambie agreeing to undertake vaccinations at Ancroft station and proposing a suitable arrangement. The Clerk was asked to seek the approval of the Local Government Board for the arrangements for vaccination in the Berwick and Islandshire Districts prior to the new contracts being made.</p> <p>Letter received from the Registrar General stating that Matthew Sibbit intended to resign as Registrar of Births and Deaths for the Islandshire District from 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Clerk reported that a Registration Inspector had recently suggested that the Islandshire and Northhamshire Districts should be combined.  The matter was deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Reported that the Justices had granted the Order adjudicating that James Nowland, a lunatic, had settlement in St Alban's Union. They had directed that that Union repay the expenses incurred. Notices of Chargeability were signed.</p> <p>Report received from the Workhouse and Finance Committee that the new cooking and associated works had been satisfactorily completed in April by Benham &amp; Sons, engineers, and M Gray &amp; Sons, builders.  The amount sanctioned by the Local Government Board and subsequently borrowed was £530.  They had received the bill from Gray &amp; Sons in March and now that of Benham &amp; Sons. The total cost of the work exceeded the estimate provided by their architect by £160 16s 7d. The architect had considerably underestimated the cost of the steam hot and cold water pipes and had omitted to estimate the cost of the necessary alterations in the washhouse and other parts of the Workhouse beyond the cookhouse. As the work proceeded other small alterations had been found necessary or desirable.  They then gave a detailed list of these items and their necessity.  Excess - Gray &amp; Sons totalled £71 19s 2d; Benham &amp; Sons totalled £88 17s 5d.  [For details of items see GBR 54].  Resolved that the Report be adopted and that they apply to the Local Government Board to sanction the payment and the charging of the extra expenditure as proposed.</p> <p>Fourteen days leave of absence was granted to Miss S I Rutherford, Attendant on</p>	
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			<p>Lunatic Wards.</p> <p>Andrew Thompson moved, seconded by Thomas Darling, that the thanks of the Guardians be given to Dr Fluker for his services as Medical Officer for 25 years. Agreed unanimously and Dr Fluker, who was present thanked the meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 54/448-455	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 August 1881	<p>Present: Guardians: Matthew Young; David Tait; James R Black [James Black]; David Carr; Andrew Thompson; Adam Darling; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Hogg; Robert Marshall. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Macdonald [John Alexander Macdonald]. Chairman: Matthew Young.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books in conformity with the general order of the Poor Law Board.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Monthly advance of wages paid to Robert Scott, Porter; £3 for him, £2 for his wife Hannah Porter, Porteress. [This would be in lieu of provision of rations as they had requested].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Robert Fluker, District Medical Officer, to 8<sup>th</sup> August.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Ross (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Young &amp; Son (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); James Oswald (milk seller); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway &amp; district rates); John Rutherford [Master] (removing four children to their parents at Edinburgh); Garden: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway &amp; district rates); Wait Brothers (garden seeds)</p>	22 August 1881

			<p>Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott [Relieving Officer] (removing Alexander Robertson to County Asylum).  Extra Medical Fees: Robert Fluker, Berwick District.  Vaccination Expenses: Robert Fluker, Berwick District, (vaccination fees)</p> <p>Financial transactions between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:  Agnes Dunn, Berwick, fractured collar bone, necessaries;  Mary Wakenshaw, Tweedmouth, pneumonia, 2 lbs beef;  Elizabeth McMillan, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries as formerly;  Elizabeth McMillan, Hatters Lane, childbirth, necessaries as formerly;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Macdonald. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they considered the replacement of Mathew Sibbit, Registrar for births and deaths for Islandshire District, who had resigned. It was agreed to follow the suggestion of the Registration Inspector and apply to the Registrar General to combine the Islandshire and Norhamshire Districts, to be named the Norham and Islandshire sub-district. Joseph Scott, Registrar for Norhamshire was willing to undertake the combined district.</p> <p>Dr Macdonald nominated Dr Frazer [Fraser] to be his deputy.  Approved.</p> <p>Replies received from the Local Government Board:  1 Concerning arrangements for vaccination in the Berwick and Islandshire Districts. They approved the transfer of Ancroft township to Islandshire District. They were prepared to approve a contract with Dr J A Macdonald for Berwick District in accordance with the schedule for the District. They suggested that as Berrington Lodge was only 1 mile from Ancroft, its vaccination station should be closed. The greater numbers would facilitate arm to arm vaccination- the best method. Any children living more than two miles from the station could be vaccinated at home in accordance with reg. of 18<sup>th</sup> February 1868. For reasons stated in the enclosed memorandum, vaccinations should not start at the Beal and Fenwick stations until the second Wednesday and at Holy Island the third Friday of the chosen months. Subject to these conditions, they would approve a contract with Dr J Lambie for the Islandshire District.  The contracts were to be submitted to them for approval and the Schedules returned.</p>	
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