

**GBR 2: Churchwardens and Overseers Committee Book, Parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed. Summary catalogue entries**

LEVEL	REF	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 2	.Berwick Parish – Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen Committee Book, 25 August 1825 – [?] September 1831	The volume contains the records of meetings of the committee which oversaw the administration of poor relief in the parish of Berwick-upon-Tweed.	25 Aug.1825-Sept. 1831
Item	GBR 2 /1-2	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 25 August 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; Robert Gladston. Overseers: William Robertson. Vestrymen: Arthur Jackson; Robert Kerr; John Young; William Lockhead; John Newcomb; Thomas Wilson; James Robertson. William Lockhead in the chair.</p> <p>The following payments and decisions were ordered: James Lee's allowance increased to 2/6s, William Shortrigg allowed 1/6s and James Jeffrey 2s, all till the next half-yearly meeting, and John White's wife and five children be allowed 5s per week. Six metal bedsteads to be bought for the Workhouse, and Matthias Allan's child to be put in the care of his grandparents in Berwick as agreed with the said Matthias Allan.</p>	25 Aug. 1825
Item	GBR 2 /2-3	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 8 September 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; Robert Gladston; William Brown. Overseers: John Perkins; Robert Todd. Vestrymen: Hugh Thompson; James Robertson; Arthur Jackson; William Gracie; George Robinson; Robert Kerr; Thomas Watson; Alexander Melrose; John Laing; Alexander Moor; John Newcombs. James Robertson in the chair.</p> <p>The following payments and decisions were ordered: Brown [Butcher's] daughter be allowed 2s per week and William Coulson allowed 1/6s both during sickness, and James Otley be allowed 2s per week to be [repaid?] at Michaelmas and then to [?] into the House [Workhouse].</p>	8 Sept. 1825

			Committee for estimates: ordered that Thomas Wilson; Alexander Melrose; James Robertson and the Overseers be a committee to advertise and receive estimates for the ensuing half year.	
Item	GBR 2/3-12	Minutes of the half-yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 22 September 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Brown; Robert Gladston; William Weatherston. Overseers: William Robertson; H Chartres; John Perkins; R Todd [Richard Todd]. Vestrymen: Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; Robert Weatherhead; Robert Kerr; John Young; Alexander Melrose; William Gracie; A Jackson [Arthur Jackson]; James Robertson; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John Laing; John Newcombs. William Robertson in the chair</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the usual sums set opposite to their respective names per week. [List pp 4-12 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	22 Sept. 1825
Item	GBR 2/13-14	Minutes of the Committee appointed to receive estimates for the next half year held on 23 September 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: John Perkins; James Robertson; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Melrose. John Perkins in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee had received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the ensuing half year agreeable to the advertisements, and contracts were made on terms being the lowest offer for the respective articles.</p>	23 Sept. 1825
Item	GBR 2/14-14	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 October 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; William Brown. Overseers: John Perkins. Vestrymen: John Young; A Jackson [Arthur Jackson]; William Fair; James Robertson; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Melrose; Alexander Moor; Robert Kerr; James Hubback. William Fair in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that Mary Rock be allowed a pair of shoes and a petticoat, and that the allowance to Thomas Gregson's child be</p>	6 Oct. 1825

			reduced to 2s per week.	
Item	GBR 2/15-17	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 October 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Gladston. Overseers: John Perkins; H Chartres. Vestrymen: James Robertson; Hugh Thompson; Arthur Jackson; John Young; Thomas Wilson; William Fair; Alexander Moor; Alexander Melrose.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. A Jackson [Arthur Jackson] in the chair.</p> <p>Justice Clerk fees: Regarding the fees charged by Messrs. Willoby and Home as Justice Clerks, the Committee established to look into this. Decided to give notice to Messrs Willoby and Home that the Select Vestry do not think the Vestry liable to pay them any annual or other charges for attendance upon the Magistrates in their capacity as Justice Clerks or any other business not parochial. As the fees in this Parish are higher than in Durham and Northumberland the Vestry recommend the establishment of a fixed fee. Messrs Willoby and Home requested to establish such fees at the ensuing quarter session. Messrs Willoby and Home to report at the next Vestry meeting if they agree to this.</p> <p>House of Correction: The Committee appointed to look into the question if it would be advantageous for the Parish to have a house of correction on a small scale. Resolved: that the unanimous opinion of the meeting is that steps should be taken immediately to carry the desirable object into effect, hence a meeting of the inhabitants be called on Thursday 20 instant to take the same into consideration. Messrs Perkins; Moor; Wilson; Gracie and Cockburn be a committee to prepare such statement as they consider necessary to lay before the said meeting.</p>	10 Oct. 1825
Item	GBR 2/18	Minutes of meeting held on 18 October 1825 regarding the erection of a house of correction.	A motion was made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned and upon a division of the parishioners present there appeared a majority there was a majority for the said motion.	18 Oct. 1825

Item	GBR 2/19	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 20 October 1825	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: Robert Weatherhead; William Gracie; John Young.  In consequence of the non-attendance of Churchwardens and Overseers the meeting was adjourned till Thursday 27 October.	20 Oct. 1825
Item	GBR 2/19-21	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 21 October 1825	William Cunningham in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry for the affairs of the poor was pursuant to Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting.  [LIST OF CASH RECEIVED AND EXPENDED PP 20-21 : see separately listed GBR 2 files].	21 Oct. 1825
Item	GBR 2/22-23	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 27 October 1825	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; William Brown. Overseers: H Chartres; John Perkins; William Robertson; Richard Todd. Vestrymen: William Gracie; John Young; Hugh Thompson; John Laing; James Hubback; James Robertson; John Newcombs; Arthur Jackson; Alexander Melrose; Robert Kerr. James Blackett Atkinson, Assistant Overseer. John Laing in the chair.  The following weekly payments were ordered: Andrew Cockburn's widow allowed 2/6s for one month, and Robert Skelly, late butcher, 4s for 14 days, and Elizabeth Middlemiss 2s as formerly, and [Donald McDoula's] widow allowed 1/6s as formerly and widow Millar 2s as formerly, and James Patteson and wife's allowance be increased to 2/6s till 25 March, and [? Morrison] be allowed 1s and James Scott's wife and three children be allowed 4s and are to return to South Shields. Also ordered that [Elizabeth Smearbeard?] be taken into the House [Workhouse] and John Forster and his children be allowed a pair of shoes each, and [William Lunce's] three	27 Oct. 1825

			children be allowed a pair of shoes each, and Charles Emery's three children be allowed the same.	
Item	GBR 2/23-25	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 November 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Gladston. Overseers: Richard Todd. Vestrymen: John Cockburn; Thomas Cockburn; Robert Weatherhead; James Robertson; John Newcombs; Alexander Melrose.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and expenses were ordered: Bane's child to Thompson be allowed a pair of clogs, and Johnson's child to Dalglish is allowed a pair of clogs and that David Thompson's daughter , Elizabeth, gets a pair of clogs and Alice White, John White's daughter and Samuel Purves' daughter, and John and Eleanor Wright , and Gilbert Heslop's son Thomas, and Simpson's child to Hugh all be allowed a pair of clogs, and that Mary McGrath be taken into the House [Workhouse] as well as William Henderson's widow and Robert Johnston's, late butcher, two children have some clothes, and widow Bennet be allowed 1s or be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Thomas Flounder's allowance be increased to 3s.</p>	10 Nov. 1825
Item	GBR 2/25-26	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen held on 24 November 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston. Overseers: H Chartres. Vestrymen: George Robson; John Young; Alexander Moor; Robert Kerr; Alexander Melrose.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>George Robson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Michael Swift's wife and three children be allowed 2/6s, and Hugh Smith's daughter have a pair of clogs and James Guthries' allowance of 1/8s be continued, and Agnes and Samuel Hugh and John Morgan's children Ann, Mary and Jane</p>	24 Nov. 1815.

			<p>be each allowed a pair of shoes, and that John Weddel's wife be allowed 3s and Thomas Falkner's three children and Robert Evan's daughter all be allowed a pair of shoes each.</p> <p>.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/26-27	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 8 December 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Brown. Overseers: H Chartres. Vestrymen: James Hubback; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; James Newcomb; James Robertson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Hubback in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Michael Rock and wife be allowed 2/6s for a month and Michael Fanel's two children be allowed a frock and two slips each and Samuel Paxton's boy be allowed a dress [sic] and a pair of shoes, and George Nesbit's widow be allowed 1/6s and Samuel Street's widow be allowed 1/6s and Thomas Falkner be allowed 2s for a month, and the son of E A Ellison, now in the Workhouse, be sent home to his father to be supported by him.</p>	8 Dec. 1825
Item	GBR 2/27-28	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 December 1825	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherhead. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: James Robertson; Alexander Moor; William Gracie; William Lockhead; Thomas Wilson; John Newcombs; John Laing; Robert Kerr; Alexander Melrose, J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Newcombs in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Widow Coulson be allowed 1/6s, and William Sutor's wife and son be allowed 3s till next meeting, and that widow McKenzie be allowed 1s, and to be removed to Edinburgh to her legal place of settlement, and Isa and Ann Carens and William Trotter [constable?] be each allowed a pair of shoes, and James Newcombs be added to the committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate Messrs Willoby and Home's account.</p>	22 Dec. 1825

Item	GBR 2/28-29	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 5 January 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Brown; William Weatherston. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: James Robertson; Thomas Wilson; Robert Kerr; John Young; Alexander Moor; Hugh Thompson; William Fair; Robert Weatherhead; John Newcombs. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Brown in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Michael Rock be allowed 2/6s for one month, and Robert Marshall's wife be allowed 2s or the House [Workhouse], and Jane McKenzie be allowed 1s, and Alexander McGall's widow and two children be allowed 2s and a pair of clogs and stockings for the boy and Christian Tully be allowed 1/6s and John Dickinson's two children allowed a suit clothes and a pair of clogs each, and widow Flemings' four children be allowed a pair of clogs each, and Mary Turnbull's child, Nichol, be allowed some clothes, and that Thomas Falkner's allowance of 2s be continued for one month.</p> <p>Also ordered that a Parish meeting be called on Friday 27 instant to enquire into what state of forward news the prosecution is, which is now pending between the Corporation and the Parish.</p> <p>Ordered that Thomas Weatherhead's widow's allowance be reduced to 1s.</p>	5 Jan. 1826
Item	GBR 2/30-31	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 19 January 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; Robert Gladston. Overseers: H Chartres; Vestrymen: James Hubback; Thomas Wilson; John Newcombs; George Robson; James Robertson; Hugh Thompson; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Melrose; Alexander Moor; Arthur Jackson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Weatherston in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Ross allowed 2s for two weeks, and Peter McKennies be allowed a donation of 3s, and widow Johnston's, late printer,</p>	19 Jan. 1826

			two children and widow Burn's son each be allowed a pair of clogs, and widow Cockburn's and child's allowance be increased to 2/6s till the half-yearly meeting and James Jeffrey's allowance of 2s be continued fro one month, and William Clay's wife be allowed a pair of shoes and that Bruce's widow be allowed 1/6s and James Cockburn and four children be allowed 3/6s and Margaret Crawford be allowed four [bools?] of coals, and Alexander White's two children be allowed 1s and Jane Swordy be allowed to come into the House [Workhouse], and Sarah Rae be allowed a pair of shoes and John Forster's allowance to be increased to 5s and that the Parish meeting ordered to be held on 27 instant be postponed for one month in consequence of the case now pending between the Corporation and the Parish being ready for a hearing before the Chancellor.	
Item	GBR 2/21-33	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 20 February 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; William Brown. Overseers: H Chartres; Vestrymen: James Robertson; John Newcombs; George Robson; John Laing; John Young; Hugh Thompson; Robert Kerr; William Fair; Alexander Melrose; Alexander Moor; Robert Weatherhead. Robert Weatherhead in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Robson's wife be allowed 2/6s for a fortnight and Mary Edmeston be allowed a pair of shoes and widow Andrews and daughter be allowed 4s till the half-yearly meeting, and that Clement Pattison, butcher, and family be allowed 2/6s for two weeks and Thomas Falkner's allowance be continued another month, and widow Johnston be allowed 1s for one month and Alexander White's wife and two children be allowed 1/6s and Sarah Swift's son be admitted to the school and Mary Simpson be allowed 2/6s.</p>	20 Feb. 1826
Item	GBR 2/33-34	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Gladston. Overseers: H Chartres. Vestrymen: John Young; Hugh Thompson; Alexander Moor; John Newcombs; Alexander	10 Feb. 1826



		February 1826	<p>Melrose; William Fair. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Melrose in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Isabella Hogarth be allowed 2s , and Henry Millar's widow and four children be allowed 5s , and Thomas Carr's widow 1/6s, and Clement Patterson's family be allowed 2/6s for two weeks, and Mary McNally be allowed 1/6s and be removed to her settlement in Scotland, and Mary McGrath be allowed £2 and some clothing to carry her to Bath, and Jane Cunningham be allowed some clothes to go to Shields, and Michael Rock and wife be removed to their settlement in Ireland, also ordered that the scholars educated in the Parish School be examined on Tuesday 28 instant.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/35-36	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 2 March 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Brown. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; James Robertson; John Young; Alexander Melrose; Robert Weatherhead; John Newcombs; William Fair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Weddell and wife be allowed 4s during sickness, and Peter Wilson's wife and two children be allowed 5s for one week, and Peter Weatherston's wife and five children be allowed 6s for a fortnight, and James Bain's wife and three children be allowed 3s for a fortnight, and Mary Simpson, Spittle [sic] be allowed a shift, petticoat and a pair of flannel sleeves, and that Mr Kirton be allowed 14 days' vacation during the harvest, and William Ross be allowed 2s, and John Young' widow be allowed 2/3s or the House [Workhouse].</p>	2 March 1826
Item	GBR 2/36-37	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 March 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Gladston; William Brown. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; Alexander Melrose; Robert Carr; John Laing; John Young; Alexander Moor; William Fair; James Robertson; James Hubback.</p>	16 March 1826

			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Robert Gladston in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Robert Warden and wife be allowed a donation of 10s, and that William Campbell, John Hall's grandson, be allowed 1/6s and application be made to his parish at Kilmarnock, and that Mathias Allan's boy be allowed 2s and Wright's child to Hills be allowed a pair of shoes.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/37-38	Minutes of meeting of the Committee appointed to receive estimates for the next half year held on 21 March 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown; John Hubback; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee had received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the Workhouse for the ensuing half year agreeably to the advertisements and contracts were made.</p>	21 March 1826
Item	GBR 2/38-48	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23 March 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Brown; Robert Gladston. Overseers: H Chartres; Vestrymen: James Hubback; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; John Young; Alexander Melrose; Robert Kerr; James Robertson; John Newcombs; Hugh Thompson.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names per week. [pp. 37-48 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	23 March 1826
Item	GBR 2/49-50	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 April 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; Robert Gladston. Overseers: J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], Assistant Overseer. Vestrymen: John Cockburn; Thomas Cockburn; James Hubback; John Young; James Robertson; William Gracie; John Laing; George Robson; Robert Weatherhead; Alexander Moor; Alexander Melrose.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:</p>	6 April 1826

			<p>James Davidson's wife and six children be allowed 6s for two weeks, and that George Gladston be allowed 2s and George Johnston and wife allowed 4s, and George Porteus and family be allowed 9s for one month, and William Stafford's child be allowed 2s, and Matthias Allan's boy be allowed clothes and Margaret Johnston and child allowed 1s for one month and Margaret McNally be allowed 1/6s and James Pringle and wife be allowed 2s, and Andrew Perry be taken into the House [Workhouse], and William Sandford be allowed a pair of shoes, and Peter Wilson have a cart bought for him, and James Thompson's wife and two children allowance be reduced to 1/6s.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs Willoby &amp; Home be instructed not to proceed any further in the matter of the appeal between this Parish and the Parish of Wooler respecting the removal of W Edmonston.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs Gracie, Hubback; Weatherhead and Moor be a committee to take into consideration the propriety of getting some alteration in the law of bastardy.</p> <p>Ordered that £5 per annum be allowed for the rent of the Overseer's Office.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/51-52	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 April 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; William Brown. Overseers: George Manners; Matthew Smith; David Morrison. Vestrymen: John Young; James Robertson; Thomas Wilson; Thomas Cockburn; John Laing; Alexander Moor; Alexander Melrose; James Newcombs. Late Overseers: William Robertson; Richard Todd.</p> <p>Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>The Overseers for the year ending 25 March last laid their account of receipts and disbursements before the meeting. The balance was £5 10s 5 ½ d which they are required to pay over to [?] [plan?] at the disposal of the [pursuant?] Overseers.</p> <p>On the motion of Mr Moor [Alexander Moor] the meeting presented their thanks to the [?] overseer for his diligence and exertion towards the interest of the Parish, and they also</p>	12 April 1826

			expressed their approbation of the attention shown by the late Overseers in such matters as required their personal [?].	
Item	GBR 2/52	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 14 April 1826	William Cunningham in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry of the affairs of the poor was pursuant to Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of. The meeting ordered that for the future all accounts for claims done by the Parish shall be paid at the end of every quarter and that Messrs Willoby & Home be informed of this resolution and to be paid by the Overseer for the quarter.	14 April 1826
Item	GBR 2/53-55	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of this Parish in Vestry assembled for the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Select Vestry for the year ensuing held on 21 April 1826	The rev the Vicar in the chair.  [pp. 54-55 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]  The following were elected as members of the Select Vestry for the management and care of the poor of this Parish for the year ensuing: John Young, grocer; Joseph Hubback, hat manufacturer; William Fair the younger, cabinet maker; Robert Kerr, tallow chandler; Hugh Thompson, saddler; Thomas Gilchrist, farmer; John Laing the younger, farmer; William Gracie, printer; William Lockhead, printer; Alexander Melrose, bootmaker; James Robertson, tailor; Richard Todd, cabinetmaker; Francis Chartres, carpenter; John McBeath, cooper; Ralph Smith, cooper; John Gillie, grocer; John Reed, bookseller; John Turner, hat manufacturer; [William S?], gentleman; George Scott, tailor were nominated and elected members of the Select Vestry for the management and care of the concern of the poor of the said parish for the ensuing year.	21 April 1826
Item	GBR 2/56-57	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 20 April 1826	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; Overseers: George Manners; M Smith; D Morrison; George Mills. Vestrymen: James Robertson; John Young; William Gracie; George Robson; Alexander Moor; Robert	20 April 1826

			<p>Weatherhead; John Newcombs; Robert Kerr; William Fair; John Laing; Thomas Gilchrist. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Robson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Marshall be allowed 3/6s, and that the allowance of 4s be continued to Thomas Marshall's family for one month, and that Catherine Frater be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Thomas Cockburn be allowed a sum not exceeding £4 to purchase a horse, and Clement Pattison's allowance be continued for another month, and that Caleb Buglass' widow be advanced 2s on her meadow and stint, and Mary Edmeston be allowed a flannel petticoat, and Thomas Falkner be allowed 4s during sickness, and Agnes Wait be allowed 1/6s for her illegitimate child and that a cart be purchased for Peter Wilson and that Mr Willoby be requested to attend the Parish meeting to be held tomorrow for the purpose of appointing a Select Vestry for the concerns of the poor for the ensuing year.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/58-59	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 May 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; John Newcombs' Alexander Christison. Overseers: George Manners; George Mills; William Smith; D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: Thomas Gilchrist; John Turner; John McBeath; Robert Kerr; John Young; George Scott; Thomas Cockburn; John Laing; James Robertson; Ralph Smith; John Reed; Richard Todd; William Fair; William Scott; John Gillie; J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Purves child to Leighton be allowed 6d extra during illness of Peter Marshall, her father-in-law, and that James White's wife and three children be allowed 4s and his settlement to be enquired into, and that Christian Gowan be allowed 2s for her illegitimate child to Gradon, and George Gregg be allowed 2s,</p>	4 May 1826

			<p>and Charles Drummond's widow be allowed [8d?] and William Fleming's allowance be reduced to 5s and [Jane Seward?] be allowed 1s, and the allowance to Simpson's child to Hoyle be discontinued, and that William McMann's wife and four children be allowed 3s and that he be proceeded against before the Magistrate, and Isabella Smith be allowed 2/6s and the allowance to Martin Bidolph be increased to 2s, and that Isa and Ann Carens be allowed a cart load of coals, and Alexander White's wife and two children be allowed 2s, and widow Cowan be advanced 2s on her meadow and stint.</p> <p>Ordered that George Scott; John Turner; John Newcombs; Thomas Cockburn be appointed a committee to superintend the management of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Ordered that Ralph Smith; John McBeath; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; William Scott and John Reed be a committee to examine Willoby &amp; Homes [audits?].</p>	
Item	GBR 2/60	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 May 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison; Thomas Cockburn. Overseers: George Mills; M Smith; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Scott; George Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John Young; James Robertson; John Turner; William Gracie; Alexander Melrose; William Fair; John Reed; Ralph Smith. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Hugh Thompson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Scott's wife and two children be allowed 3s for two weeks, and John Davidson be allowed 1/6s for one month, and Thomas Marshall's wife and four children be allowed 4s for one month longer, and that John Fair be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that widow McKay be allowed 2s and her settlement enquired into, and that Mary Peacock's allowance be paid up to her, and that Catherine Armstrong's two children be allowed 3s adjusted till this day.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs Willoby &amp; [auditor?] be paid in full except the 2 guineas charged for summons.</p>	18 May 1826

Item	GBR 2/61-62	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 June 1826	<p>Resent at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; A Christison [Alexander Christison]; John Newcombs. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; Matthew Smith. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Young; John Reed; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; James Robertson; Robert Kerr; John Turner.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Reed in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James White's wife and children be allowed 1s extra [?] 5s, and that Thomas Mosmann's wife and one child be allowed 3s and his settlement be enquired into, and that Jess Sinclair and family be allowed a sum not exceeding £1 to defray their expenses to Edinburgh, and Peter Weatherston's wife and four children be allowed 6s, and Mary McLeod be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that John Weddell's widow be allowed 2s and Rachael Knight's allowance be increased to 2s, and Walter Shorebrigg be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that James Nichol be allowed 2s for 14 days, and Matilda Clunie be allowed 1s for attendance upon her mother, and that George Hamilton be allowed 10s to carry him to Newcastle to get employment, and that William Burn be paid the sum of £1 4s for conveying John Brown and family to Edinburgh.</p>	1 June 1826
Item	GBR 2/62	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 June 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: A Christison [Alexander Christison]. Overseers: George Manners. Vestrymen: James Robertson; Hugh Thompson; John Gillie. James Robertson in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that Elizabeth Turnbull's illegitimate child be allowed 1/6s per week, and John Davidson's allowance be increased to 2s per week till this day 14 days.</p>	15 June 1826
Item	GBR 2/63	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox	29 June 1826

		Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 29 June 1826	<p>Lee]; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith. Vestrymen: George Scott; James Robertson; Alexander Melrose; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; William Fair.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that James Hamilton's wife be taken into the House [Workhouse] for 14 days, and that John Armstrong, wife and three children be allowed 6s per week during sickness.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/64-67	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 13 July 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: George Scott; William Scott; James Robertson; Robert Kerr.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Scott in the chair.</p> <p>This day the following persons residing in the Workhouse appeared before the meeting and had their various cases enquired into. FOR LIST OF INMATES ON 13 JULY 1826 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Alexander White's wife and two children be allowed 3s , and that James Nichol ad wife be allowed 2s for a short time, and John Ballenie and wife's allowance be increased to 2s, and Margaret Johnston and child's allowance be increased to 3s for one month, and that [Robert Poer?] and wife's allowance be increased to 4/6s.</p>	13 July 1826
Item	GBR 2/67-68	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 27 July 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: William Gracie; John Young; Joseph Hubback; James Robertson; Alexander Melrose.</p>	27 July 1826



			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Joseph Hubback in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Charles Reed's wife to be taken into the House [Workhouse] as well as Mary Brotherson, and Margaret Clark's allowance be reduced to 1s and Michael Swift's wife and four children be allowed 4/6s and George Hamilton be allowed 1/6s and the allowance to widow Buttons children be increased to 2s, and Alexander Smith's allowance be increased to 2/6s and Agnes McCormic and two children be allowed 3s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/69-70	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 August 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: William Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John young; John Turner; William Gracie; George Scott; Robert Kerr; James Robertson; Alexander Melrose; William Fair.</p> <p>Ordered that the matter at issue with regard to the appointment and salary of the Inspector of Weights and Measures as ordered by the Magistrates be referred to the Parish solicitors with instructions to take counsel's opinion id necessary with regard to the liability of the Parish to pay the salary of the said Inspector and that Messrs John Turner; George Scott; William Gracie be a committee to communicate with Messrs Willoby &amp; Home on the subject.</p> <p>Ordered that all illegal actions upon enquiries in which the Parish has been lately charged to wit. The summoning of the jury as now charged by the Sergeant-at-Mace be discontinued and any medical gentleman called upon to give evidence upon any enquiry be limited to 10/6s unless called upon in cases of extreme necessity.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs William Scott; Alexander Melrose; George Scott; William Gracie; John Turner together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to consider the best mode of carrying into effect the valuation of the Parish and</p>	10 Aug. 1826

			report the same at the next meeting.	
Item	GBR 2/71	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 17 August 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D k Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: George Manners. Vestrymen: John Laing; John Young; James Robertson; William Scott; George Scott; John Turner; William Gracie; John Reid; John Gillie; Alexander Melrose; William Fair.</p> <p>Ordered that a Parish meeting be called on Friday 25 instant to take into consideration the propriety of taking a new valuation of the property in the Parish.</p> <p>The Vestry having taken into consideration the liability of the Parish to pay the salary of the Inspector of Weights and Measurers (Mr Johnston) as ordered by the Magistrate. The Parish is not liable and they therefore order that the said salary not be paid.</p> <p>Ordered that William Pilmour's widow and one child be allowed 2s per week.</p>	17 Aug. 1826
Item	GBR 2/72	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 August 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; George Mills; George Manners. Vestrymen: James Robertson; John Young; George Scott; William Gracie; Joseph Hubback; John Gillie; William Scott; John Turner.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>Ordered that James Patterson and wife be allowed 3s per week and Ann Roper 3s per week for one month, and George Leith be allowed a pair of shoes.</p>	24 Aug. 1826
Item	GBR 2/73-75	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish in Vestry assembled according to notice for that purpose held on 25 August 1826	<p>John Langhorn in the chair.</p> <p>The following report from the Select Vestry was read  Parish Workhouse  24 August 1826</p> <p>Due to complaints from ratepayers of fisheries and farms, which</p>	25 Aug. 1826

			<p>have been valued at above their actual value it is suggested that a committee be established to carry out a new valuation of all properties in the Parish. To avoid any extra expense for the inhabitants the Select Vestry will establish a committee to carry out the valuation.</p> <p>Moved by John Turner and seconded by William Gracie that a new valuation of the rateable properties within the Parish be made in accordance with the recommendations in the report submitted at the meeting. A division being called for – for the motion 50 votes, 37 against it. A majority of 13 votes. Therefore ordered that a new valuation be made as soon as possible and that the following rated inhabitants viz. Robert Marshall; Thomas Chartres; John Langhorn; John Clay; Patrick Mole; Alexander Moor; Thomas Hill; Alexander Kirkwood M D; Thomas Gilchrist; [A H Yallows?]; Michael Lilly; Henry Johnson; John Wilson, Tweed House; George Nicholson the Elder; James Laing; John Dunlop; John Reavely; George Redpath; George Robson and Addison Thomas Steavenson be a committee (with the assistance of the Select Vestry) for making the said valuation, any seven to be a quorum, and that the valuation be ready if possible before the time of laying on the next rate.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/76-77	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 September 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Alexander Christison; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs; Thomas Cockburn. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]; George Mills; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Fair; John Young; George Scott; James Robertson; William Scott; John McBeath; William Gracie; A Thompson [Alexander Thompson]; Alexander Melrose; Joseph Hubback; John Reid; John Laing; J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Fair in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Porteus' allowance be increased to 4/6s for two weeks, and Peter McDougle and wife be allowed 3s and John</p>	7 Sept. 1826

			Gasgoine's wife and one child be allowed 2s for a short time, and William Ruther 's widow and one child be allowed 2s during sickness, and Mary McNally and child be allowed 2s, and Mary Henderson and daughter's allowance be increased to 3s, and that John Brown and family (now residing in Edinburgh) be allowed 3s, and Alexander Harper and family be allowed £1 to enable them to go to Edinburgh. Also ordered that 3 guineas be again subscribed to the Dispensary, and that the half-yearly meeting be held on Thursday 25 instant at 8:45 a.m.	
Item	GBR 2/77-78	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 September 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Alexander Christison; John Newcombs; Thomas Cockburn. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Turner; William Scott; Robert Kerr; William Gillie; W Melrose [William Melrose]; John McBeath; James Robertson. Robert Kerr in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that a meeting of the Select Vestry together with the committee appointed at a Parish meeting on 25 August to be held on Monday first to take into consideration the best mode of making a new valuation of the property in this Parish. Ordered that George Scott; James Robertson; John Turner; William Fair and Alexander Melrose, together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to advertise and receive estimates for such articles as may be wanted for the use of the poor for the ensuing half year.</p>	12 Sept. 1826
Item	GBR 2/78-80	Minutes of a meeting of the committee appointed to receive estimates for the half year ensuing held on 19 September 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Cockburn; D Morrison [David Morrison]; George Scott; James Robertson; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Turner; Alexander Melrose; William Fair; M Smith [Matthew Smith]; George Manners; John Reid; John Newcombs. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>Estimates receive and accepted by the committee from Andrew Anderson; George Darling; Dewar &amp; Co; George Gilchrist; George Newcombs; John Paxton; Thomas Richardson; John</p>	19 Sept. 1826

			Rennison.	
Item	GBR 2/80-89	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 September 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs; Thomas Cockburn; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morison]; George Manners; M Smith [Matthew Smith. Vestrymen: John Turner; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; William Fair; William Scott; John Young; John Laing; John Gillie; John Reid; William Gracie; George Scott; James Robertson; Joseph Hubback. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp. 81-89 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	21 Sept. 1826
Item	GBR 2/90-91	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 5 October 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs; Alexander Christison. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Alexander Melrose; John Young; James Robertson; Richard Todd; George Scott; John Turner. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Melrose in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Jane Scott, widow, be allowed 2/3s during winter, and that Thomas Flounders be allowed a pair of shoes and William Lee and wife be allowed 3/6s and Thomas Pearson and wife allowed 2s and George Cockburn and wife be allowed 4/6s and William Morrison 1/6s and Charles Emery be allowed 2/6s during sickness, and John Scott's wife and three children be allowed 4/6s for one month, and Catherine Dalgliesh's allowance be reduced to 1s, and Rubert Hammilton's wife and three children be allowed 4/6s for one month, and George Chamber and wife be allowed 2s and Margaret Todd allowed 1/6s for 14 days and that the expenses of the last half yearly dinner be paid.</p>	5 Oct. 1826

Item	GBR 2/92-93	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 19 October 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; William Gracie; John Young; James Robertson; John Reid; George Scott; William Fair; William Scott; John Turner; Richard Todd; Alexander Melrose. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer]. David Morrison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Two pairs of clogs and one pair of shoes be given to G Emery's three children, and that James Foster and family be allowed 5s and that one pair of clogs and two pairs of shoes be given to Thomas Marshall's three children and that John Dent's widow be allowed a pair of shoes, and James Heugh's three children be allowed three pairs of shoes, and that Sam Purves' two children be allowed shoes. Also ordered that shoes be given to: Hugh Felkington's daughter; David Thompson's daughter; [?] children to Thompson; widow Wight's son and two daughters; Peter Wait's daughter; Gilbert Heslop's son and daughter; Johnston's child to [Baptist?]; [?] two boys; John Forster's two boys; William Trotter [no mention of children]; William Patterson's daughter; David McKenzie's boy; Andrew Tully's two daughters; Thomas Falkner's son and two daughters; John Morgan's four daughters; Gilchrist child to Bain; David Thompson's son; [Spew Younger's?] daughter.</p> <p>Also ordered that the committee appointed at the Parish meeting to make a new valuation be summoned to attend in the Vestry room at the Workhouse on Monday 30 instant at 10 o'clock a.m. to consider the valuation and carry the same into effect and that the committee be invited to dine on that day.</p>	19 Oct. 1826
Item	GBR 2/94	Minutes of meeting held at the Overseer's office of the Committee appointed to receive estimates for the present half	Present at the meeting: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]; John Turner; George Scott; James Robertson; George Manners; Alexander Christieson; William Fair. Matthew Smith in the chair.	25 Oct. 1826

		year held on 25 October 1826	The Committee had received estimates for potatoes for the use of the poor in the Workhouse when a contract was made with Mather Sanderson, he having agrees to supply 30 bolls of good black potatoes.	
Item	GBR 2/95	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 27 October 1826	William Cunningham in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry for the affairs of the poor was pursuant to the Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.	27 Oct. 1826
Item	GBR 2/96-97		Accounts of cash received and expended by the Overseers for the half year ending 25 September 1826. [See separately listed GBR 2 files]	
Item	GBR 2/98	Minutes Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 31 October 1826	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christieson. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Turner. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.  There being no business before the Vestry the meeting was adjourned till Thursday 19 November next.	31 Oct. 1826
Item	GBR 2/99-100	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 9 November 1826	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Christison; John Newcombs. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; D Morrison [David Morrison]; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Scott; George Scott; John Young; John Laing; William Fair; James Robertson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. M Smith [Matthew Smith] in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:	9 Nov. 1826

			<p>Eleanor Robertson be allowed 2s for her illegitimate child for a short time, and that John Millar and wife be allowed 2/6s, and John Hale's wife and two children be allowed 5s for a few weeks, and that Margaret Barker's allowance be increased to 2s and William Wilson's wife be allowed 3s and Philes Henderson be allowed a pair of shoes, and Wait's child to John Carr be allowed 2s, and Mary Drummond's child be taken into the House [Workhouse] and that widow Fleming's four children be allowed each a pair of shoes, and that Martha Ritchie be allowed a pair of shoes and Simpson's child to Hoyle be allowed a pair of shoes and Elizabeth Ainslie be allowed a pair of shoes and that Thomas Elliott and wife be allowed 4s to be separated out of his meadow and stint.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/101-102	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23 November 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D Morrison [David Morrison]; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; George Manners; Matthew Smith. Vestrymen: William Scott; George Scott; H Thompkins [Hugh Thompkins]; Joseph Hubbback; James Robertson; John Young; John Turner; Alexander Melrose; John McBeath.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Newcombs in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Eleanor Steel be allowed 2s and widow Farrel's two children be allowed a pair of shoes each and that widow Carens be allowed 2s to be separated out of her meadow and stint, and that widow Gossar's daughter be allowed a pair of shoes and widow Scoular be allowed 2s for one month, and George Thompkin's wife and child be allowed 2/6s for one month, and Michael Swift's two children be allowed two pairs of shoes and James Sanderson's allowance be reduced to 1/6s.</p> <p>Also ordered that Mr Weddell's account of £12 10s for prosecuting Robert Chambers for felony be paid.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs George Scott; James Hubback; John Young; Hugh Thompson; John Newcombs; John McBeath be a</p>	23 Nov. 1826



			committee to examine Messrs Willoby & Home's accounts for the last half year.	
Item	GBR 2/102-103	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 December 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; John Newcombs. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: John Gillie; John Laing; George Scott; James Robertson; William Scott.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Gillie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Margaret Weatherston be allowed 1s, and William Johnston be allowed a pair of shoes and Thomas McInnes's wife and two children be allowed 3s for 14 days, and that George Nesbit's wife be allowed a pair of shoes and Elizabeth Bain be allowed 18d during winter, and Adam Weatherston (son of Peter Weatherston) be allowed a pair of shoes and that James Sligh's wife and eight children be allowed 9s.</p>	7 Dec. 1826
Item	GBR 2/104	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 14 December 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison; John Newcombs; Thomas Cockburn. Overseers: George Manners; M Smith [Matthew Smith]; D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: George Scott; James Robertson; John Turner; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Alexander Melrose; Robert Kerr.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Melrose in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that John Wilson, wife and three children be allowed 6s per week during sickness.</p> <p>Ordered that a Parish meeting be called on Thursday 21 instant at 12 o'clock noon to take into consideration the propriety of the Parish procuring 12 men to serve in the Northumberland Militia.</p>	14 Dec. 1826
Item	GBR 2/105	Minutes of a meeting of a	Thomas Jordan Steel in the chair.	21 Dec. 1826

		Parish meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick held on 21 December 1826	The meeting took into consideration the question proposed in the proceeding order of the Select Vestry dated 14 December and there appearing a majority against the said proposal contained therein the same is therefore rejected.	
Item	GBR 2/105-106	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 December 1826	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs. Overseers: George Manners; George Mills; D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Laing; William Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; James Robertson; James Hubback; William Fair; Alexander Melrose.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: [John Ballannce?] and wife's allowance be increased to 3s, and John Gray be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Charles Emery's wife be allowed a pair of blankets, coverlet and bolster slips, and that James Patterson's wife be allowed a pair of shoes, and Robert Millar's widow allowed a pair of shoes, and Mathias Allan's boy be allowed a pair of clogs and James Thompson be allowed 2s for his infirm son, and John Hales and family be allowed 10s to carry them to his parish, and that William Johnston be employed two or three days a week in the House [Workhouse] to make clothes, and that Mary Cranford be allowed a load of coal, and Thomas Connel be allowed 5s to enable him to go to Glasgow, and that the allowance to George Thompkin's wife and child be continued for one month.</p>	21 Dec. 1826
Item	GBR 2/107	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 January 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs. Overseers: George Manners; D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: William Scott; George Scott; John Young. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: The allowance to Thomas Marshall's family be increased to 6s</p>	4 Jan. 1837.

			for one month, and that James Hamilton and wife be allowed three 4lb loaves of bread per week, and that the allowance to George Thompkin's wife be increased to 3s for one month, and the allowance to Thomas Flounder's family be increased to 6s during winter, and that the allowance formerly granted to James Sligh's family be discontinued.	
Item	GBR 2/108-109	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 January 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; John Newcombs; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [avid Morrison]; George Mills; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; Robert Kerr; John Gillie; William Fair; John Young; James Robertson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Dunn and wife be allowed 2/6s for 14 days, and that Jane Grow be allowed 3s to be re-paid by meadow and stint, and that Charles Galglish's widow and one child be allowed 2s for one month, and D Gibson's widow be allowed 2s for one month, and Peter Weatherston's daughter, Ann, be allowed a pair of shoes, and James Falkner be allowed a jacket and a pair of trousers, and Robert Gracie and wife be allowed 3s for one month, and Andrew Thompson's widow be allowed 2/6, and that James Brotherton's wife and child have their expenses to London, and that Isabella and Ann Carens be allowed a petticoat and a pair of shoes each, and that James Nesbit and wife be allowed 2s.</p> <p>Also ordered that Mr John Young and Mr William Ainslie be allowed the use of the Parish School for keeping a Sabbath school from 4 to 6 o'clock [?] provided the books are secured under a lock in the [bay?] attached to each table.</p> <p>Ordered that those nurses who attend upon the sick shall be allowed, not exceeding 2/6 per week, to be divided at the discretion of Dr How.</p>	18 Jan. 1827

Item	GBR 2/ 110-112	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 February 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: George Mills; David Morrison; Matthew Smith; George Manners. Vestrymen: George Scott; William Scott; Robert Kerr; James Robertson; John Turner; John Young; Alexander Melrose; William Gracie; William Fair.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Robert Kerr in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Samuel Paxton's boy and girl have a pair of shoes each, and that Millar's widow be allowed 1/6s and F B Ellison and wife be allowed 2/6s to be repaid out of his meadow and stint, and William Rutherford be allowed a pair of shoes and that widow M Gall's son be allowed clothing, and Peter Marshall's wife and two children be allowed 3s for one month and that Thomas Murray's widow be allowed 2s for one month and that William Dunce be allowed a jacket and John Peacock and wife be allowed 2s for one month, and Bane's child to Thompson be allowed a suit of clothes, and Catherine Gray be allowed a pair of shoes and George Gile's wife and six children be allowed 4s for one month and John Glass be allowed a suit of clothes and Alexander White's wife be advanced 16s to purchase bed clothes, to be repaid, and Catherine Barnet be allowed 5s for one month, and David Thompson's son be allowed a pair of shoes and John Morrison the same, also ordered that Thomas McInnes be allowed 5s to enable him to go to Leith, and that George Thompkin's wife and child be allowed 3s for 14 days, and he be ordered to attend the next meeting, and that John Archbold have £1 advanced to him to be taken out of his meadow and stint.</p>	1 Feb. 1827
Item	GBR 2/112-113	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 8 February 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: A Christison [Alexander Christison]; John Newcombs. Overseers: David Morrison. Vestrymen: William Scott; John Turner; John Robertson; Alexander Melrose; James Hubback; William Fair. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p>	8 Feb. 1827

			<p>Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Heslop's widow be allowed 1s, and John Gray be allowed 3s for 14 days, and James Clark be allowed 1/6s till the half-yearly meeting, also ordered that a Parish meeting be called on Thursday 15 instant to take into consideration the intended county rate. Ordered that the school examination be held the last week in February and that the Rev Barnes; Balmer and Crombe be invited to examine the children, and that a dinner be provided at the expense of the Parish on the occasion. Ordered that William Groun's widow be allowed 2s and she be examined as to her settlement.</p>	
Item	GBR 2 /114-115	Minutes of meeting of the parishioners in vestry assembled to take into consideration what measures to take in reference to the intended county rate held on 15 February 1827	<p>Dr Alexander Kellock in the chair.</p> <p>It was moved and seconded by Edward Eliott and unanimously approved that John Langhorn; John Hay; [John ?]; Robert Marshall; John Turner; George Gilchrist and Thomas Thompson be and they are hereby appointed a committee on behalf of the inhabitants of the Parish, to cause a case to be [?] out on the subject of the liability of this borough to the imposition of a county rate, as the [expenses?] usually paid out of the county rate or any of them to lay the [?] before one or more of the most [? ?], and after obtaining an opinion a [?] to call another meeting of the parishioners to inform them of the result. And it is resolved that in the meantime the inhabitants of the Parish will resist any county rate imposed by the justices of the Borough.</p>	15 Feb. 1827
Item	GBR 2/116-117	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 February 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Christison; John Newcombs. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]; M Smith [Matthew Smith]. Vestrymen: William Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John Gillie; James Robertson; George Scott; Alexander Melrose; William Fair; John Reid; Ralph Smith; John McBeath.</p>	15 Feb. 1827

			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. D K Lee [David Knox Lee] in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Alexander and family be allowed 2/6s till half-yearly meeting, and that wearing apparel belonging to Thomas Marshall's wife, now at the pawnbroker's, be released to the amount of not exceeding 20s, and that Samuel Paxton's boy be allowed a suit of clothes, and that George Barclay be allowed 5s for 14 day, and William Murray and wife be allowed 1/6s and John Dickinson's two children be allowed a suit of clothes each and David Gibson's widow be allowed 3s for one month, and also have the loan of £1, and that Charles Dalgleish's widow be allowed 2s for one month, and Thomas Laing be allowed a pair of shoes, and Robert Gracie and wife be allowed 3s for one month, and Robert Nicholson be allowed a cart load of coals, and Charles Bigg's family be allowed a donation of 2/6s and that [?] boy be allowed a pair of trousers and that widow Fleming's son be allowed a jacket and a pair of trousers, and that George Dunn's allowance be continued one month longer, and that Andrew Tully's family be allowed 3s for 14 days.</p>	
Item	GBR 2 118-120	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 March 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Christison; John Newcombs. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; D Morrison [David Morison]; George Mills; George Manners. Vestrymen: William Scott; George Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John Young; James Robertson; John Turner; Robert Kerr; William Fair; Alexander Melrose J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Joseph Hall's wife and three children be allowed 4/6s and he be examined as to his settlement, and that Daniel Cameron and wife be allowed 2s, and widow McPherson be allowed 2s, and John Brown, blockmaster, be allowed a donation of 5s, and</p>	1 March 1827

			<p>Thomas Marshall's family have their allowance continued, and that John Winter's wife and five children be allowed 5s, and Robert Johnson's, late butcher, two children be allowed shoes, stockings and some clothes, and that the allowance of 3s be continued to Peter Marshall's family for another month, and that Robert Johnston's, late printer, two children be allowed a pair of clogs, and John Dodd's widow be taken into the House [Workhouse], money to be separated out of her meadows and stints, and that Abraham Marshall's wife and family be allowed 3s till the half-yearly meeting, and Henry Whitelaw's wife and two children be allowed 3s, and that David Thompson's daughter be allowed a frock, and widow Fleming's son be allowed a jacket and trousers, and that James Traner's wife and two children be allowed 3s and expenses paid to [Ireland?], and that John Brown have £1 [remitted?] to him, and that Messrs Batson &amp; Co be applied to advance to Mr Atkinson such sum as may be necessary to pay the paupers for three weeks in advance. Ordered that John Peacock and wife's allowance be continued till the half-yearly meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/120-122	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 March 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Alexander Christison; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs. Overseers: M Smith [Matthew Smith]; George Manners; David Morrison; George Mills. Vestrymen: John Young; William Fair; John Laing; William Gracie; John McBeath; Alexander Melrose; Hugh Thompson.</p> <p>John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Jane widow of Hugh McKenzie and her four children be allowed 5s and be examined as to her settlement, and that Elizabeth Turnbull and her three children be allowed 3s and she is to be examined as to her settlement, and that Grace Quince's child have a coffin, and that Andrew Tully be allowed a pair of shoes, and William Cook and family be allowed a donation of 4s, and that George Dunn be allowed a pair of shoes and 2/6s till next month, and Catherine Scott be allowed 1/6s, and Thomas</p>	15 March 1827

			Herriott's widow be allowed 1/6s and the allowance of 5s to John White's wife and family be continued one week longer, and that Charles Bigg's wife and family be allowed a donation of 5s, and that Mary Brodie be allowed 2/6s while out of health, and Walter Douglas be allowed 7/6s to enable him to go to Sunderland, and that Moon, widow, and her two children be allowed 4s for one month. Ordered that the half-yearly meeting be held on Thursday next, 22 instant at 9 a.m, and that dinner be provided as usual.	
Item	GBR 2/122	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 March 1827	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Newcombs. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: John Young; Hugh Thompson; William Fair. Hugh Thompson in the chair.  NO MINUTES RECORDED.	22 March 1827
Item	GBR 2/123-132	Minutes of General half-yearly meeting held on 29 March 1827	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Cockburn; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs; Alexander Christison. Overseers: D Morrison [David Morrison]. Vestrymen: John Turner; John McBeath; John Young; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; William Fair; Ralph Smith; John Reid; James Hubback; John Laing; Alexander Melrose; William Scott; Robert Kerr; James Robertson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.  Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp. 124-131 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]  Ordered that for the future no [?] of clothes be given to any of the out-door paupers in addition to the weekly allowance granted to them except in cases of urgent necessity.	29 March 1827
Item	GBR 2/132-	Minutes of the Committee	Present at the meeting: George Scott; D Morrison [David	3 April 1827



	133	appointed to receive estimates or the half year ensuing held on 3 April 1827	<p>Morrison]; James Robertson; Alexander Melrose; Alexander Christison; John Newcombs; George Manners; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Turner; William Fair. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half year ensuing agreeable to the advertisement and contracts were made with the under-mentioned persons: Andrew Anderson, bread; George Darling, beef; George Newcomb, fabric; Thomas Bogue, fabric.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/134-135	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 April 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; Alexander Christison; John Newcomb. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: George Scott; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; James Robertson; John Young; William Scott; Robert Kerr; Alexander Melrose; William Fair.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Robertson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered Richard Johnston's widow be advanced 3s to be repaid out of her meadow and stint, and that Harry Whitelaw's wife be allowed 4s and that her husband be compelled to repay it, and that Thomas Falkner and family's allowance be increased to 6s during sickness and that Isa Wilson's allowance be increased to 2s, and William Dalgleish and wife be allowed 3/6, and Andrew Tully's allowance be increased to 4s for 14 days, and William Alexander and family be allowed a donation of 5s, and John Gray's wife be allowed 18d for one month, and William Rutherford and wife's allowance be increased to 4s and James Pringle and wife's allowance be increased to 3s and John White's son be allowed a suit of clothes, and that the allowance of 3s be continued to Knox' family for two weeks longer, and that Mary Pearson be allowed a petticoat and a bed gown, and that Turnbull's child to Nichol be allowed some clothes not</p>	12 April 1827

			exceeding 3/6s, and David Thompson's son be allowed a jacket, vest, a pair of trousers, and that Alexander Perry be allowed 1s when he leaved the House [Workhouse].	
Item	GBR 2/136	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 April 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs; Alexander Christison. Overseers: John Fleming; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: John Reid; H Thompson [Hugh Thompson]; John Turner; John Laing; Alexander Melrose; Robert Kerr; James Hubback; William Fair; James Robertson.</p> <p>John Reid in the chair.</p> <p>The Overseers for the year ending 25 March 1827 laid their account of receipts and disbursements before the meeting, and they were carefully read over by the meeting, compared with the vouchers approved of and passed the balance in their hands appearing to be £96 9s 6d, which they are hereby required to place at the disposal of the present Overseers. The meeting, on the motion of John Turner, seconded by Robert Kerr, hereby present their thanks to J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson], the Assistant Overseer, for his diligence and execution towards the interest of the Parish.</p>	16 April 1827
Item	GBR 2/137	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants in general vestry assembled for the purpose of electing and nominating members of the select vestry for the year ensuing held on 19 April 1827	<p>The Rev the Vicar in the chair.</p> <p>The following substantial householders and inhabitants within the Parish of Berwick [?] John Reavely; John Rennison; John McBeath; Ralph Smith; William Gracie; Anthony Forster; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Wilson; John Reid; George Scott; George Gilchrist; John Turner; Alexander Moor; William Wilson; William Weatherhead; John Laing; Robert Ramsay; Thomas Gilchrist (Gainslaw); George Patterson; John Renton; Dunlope West, nominated and elected members of the select Vestry for the management and care of the concern of the poor of the said parish for the year ensuing.</p> <p>James Barnet, chairman, on the motion of John Wilson, seconded by the Town Clerk, the thanks of the meeting was</p>	19 April 1827

			unanimously given to the Rev the Vicar for his conduct in the chair.	
Item	GBR 2/138	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 26 April 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs; Alexander Christison. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; William Brown. Vestrymen: George Gilchrist; Anthony Forster; George Scott; William Weatherhead; John Rennison; John R Dunlop; John Turner; William Wilson; John Reid; Alexander Moor; Robert Ramsay; John Laing.</p> <p>John Laing in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Robert Gracie and wife be allowed 2s for one month, and George Davidson, wife and four children be allowed 5s for one month, and that George Hogg's widow be allowed 18d, and Andrew Tully's allowance be continued for another month, and that Peter Wilson's allowance be continued.</p>	27 April 1827
Item	GBR 2/139-141	Minutes of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in vestry assembled meeting held on 3 May 1827	<p>Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The report of the select Vestry for the affairs of the poor was pursuant to the Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.</p> <p>[pp.140-141 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	3 May 1827
Item	GBR 2/142-143	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 May 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Christison; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: William Brown; John Fleming; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; John Rennison; John R Dunlop; William Wilson; Alexander Moor; George Scott; Robert Ramsay; Andrew Anderson; John Laing.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>John Rennison in the chair.</p>	10 May 1827

			<p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Margaret Grecian be allowed 1/6, and [Robert Lait's] wife and three children be allowed 4/6s, and that George Dunn's allowance of 2/6 be continued for 14 days longer, and Robert Logan and wife be allowed 2/6s , and John Forster's daughter (she's unwell) be allowed 3s for one month, and John Millard's widow be allowed 1/6s for 14 days longer, and that widow Andrews have £1 advanced to her to be repaid at 1s per week, and John Hall be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Andrew's daughter be allowed a pair of shoes, petticoat shift and a bed gown to enable her to go to service, and that Fitzackerly's child be allowed some clothes to enable her to go to service, and John Kirk be allowed 2s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/143-144	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 May 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Fleming. Vestrymen: A Anderson [Andrew Anderson]; George Scott; Anthony Forster; John Rennison; J R Dunlop [John R Dunlop]; Thomas Wilson; William Wilson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Robertson and wife be allowed 1s for the future, and Jane Jeffrey be allowed 1/6s for her illegitimate child to Thomas Fish and that Catherine Dalgleish's allowance be increased to 1/8s, and that James Hall's family have their allowance continued for one month longer and Martin Cartmon's wife and two children be allowed 3s, and Wright's child to Hill be allowed a pair of shoes and William Sandford be allowed a pair of shoes</p>	24 May 1827
Item	GBR 2/145	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 June 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Alexander Christison; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]; John Newcombs. Overseers: William Brown; John Fleming. Vestrymen: Andrew Anderson; William Weatherhead; George Scott; Anthony Forster; John Rennison; Thomas Wilson; John Laing; Alexander Moor; George Patterson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p>	7 June 1827

			<p>Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Chapman's wife and two children be allowed 3/6 and their expenses paid to Newcastle to her husband, and that Alexander Lauder be allowed 1/8s , and John Peacock and wife be allowed 2/6s for the future, and George Dunn and wife be allowed 2/6 for 14 days longer.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/146-149	Minutes of the inhabitants of this Parish in vestry assembled to examine and consider a report from the committee appointed 15 February last held on 21 June 1827	<p>Dr Alexander Killock in the chair.</p> <p>Regarding the liability of the inhabitants of this Parish to a rate in the nature of a county rate.</p> <p>One copy of the case was laid before the Solicitor General and another before Mr Wright of Lincoln Inn.</p> <p>In the meantime a notice from Henry Johnson, High Constable, ordering the Churchwardens and Overseers in 30 days from the receipt of the letter to pay him out of the money collected , or to be collected by them for the relief of the poor, the sum of £150 assessed at the said general quarter session of the peace held as said before, as a contribution towards the county rates for the said town and county. (dated 2 May 1827).</p> <p>The time for the payment had elapsed as the committee had not yet received the opinion of counsel and having just received Mr Wright's opinion. The queries and opinions from Mr Wright were read. The opinion of the Solicitor General had not yet been received.</p> <p>As the Churchwardens and Overseers have declined to pay, according to resolution made by the inhabitants of the Parish, a decisive resolution should be made without further delay. But as it is a very serious decision it should only be decided by the highest court in the Kingdom (i.e. Mr Wright), and as a respectable counsel has ruled against the rate, the committee</p>	21 June 1827

			<p>recommend that full powers be given to the named and appointed to defend any proceeding taken to enforce payment of any rate in the nature of a county rate</p> <p>Upon the motion of George Scott, seconded by Alexander Christison, it was resolved unanimously that the report above copied as received and approved of . The committee nominated and appointed on 15 February 1827 by the inhabitants of the Parish be given power to defend any proceeding taken against any of the Churchwardens or Overseers, or any of the inhabitants of the Parish to enforce payment of any rate in the nature of a county rate, and to adopt any method they may deem most advisable for obtaining the decision of some of the superior courts upon the question, and to call a meeting of the Vestry assembled when appropriate.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/150-151	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 June 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Alexander Christison; D K Lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Brownhill; William Brown. Vestrymen: John Turner; John McBeath; John R Dunlop; Anthony Forster; Robert Ramsay; John Rennison; Alexander Moor; John Reid; John Laing. John McBeath in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Dunn be allowed 5s to purchase a scythe with and his allowance to be discontinued, and that Thomas Johnston be allowed 1s for 14 days for his granddaughter and his settlement to be inquired into, and that William Hutson's widow be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Frank Gibson's widow be allowed 2s for 14 days, and Sarah Rae be allowed 1s, and Christian Drummond's widow have £1 5s advanced to her to pay her rent and to allow 5d until it is repaid, and that John Hall be allowed 1s for 14 days and to come to the first meeting. Also ordered that the doctor call upon James Porteus and report what allowance may be necessary.</p>	21 June 1827

Item	GBR 2/151-152	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 5 July 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: D K lee [David Knox Lee]. Overseers: John Bowhill; John Fleming; John Cunningham; William Brown. Vestrymen: William Weatherhead; George Scott; John R Dunlop; Thomas Wilson; William Wilson; John McBeath; George Patterson J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Weatherhead in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Alison Daley be taken into the Workhouse, and that Hopkin's child be taken into the Workhouse and the father's settlement be enquired into, and Samuel Douglass' widow be allowed 18d to be repaid by her meadow and stint provided she gives an authority to the Overseers to exchange the same at the meadow guild, and that Robert Skelly, wife and two children be allowed 4/6s during sickness and to come to the meeting at the end of the month, and that widow Burn's allowance be increased to 4/6 for one month and John Gasgoin's wife and child have their expenses paid to go to her husband, and that John Hall's allowance be continued for one month longer, and Johnston's child to Baptist be allowed a frock, and that Alexander White's wife have 12s advanced to her, to be repaid' and Hutson's Bell's wife have her passage paid to London and 15s paid to her when she arrives there, and that Messrs William Weatherhead, Thomas Wilson, William Wilson' John McBeath together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to superintend the management of the Workhouse.</p>	5 July 1827
Item	GBR 2/153-156	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 19 July 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; James Fleming. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; William Weatherhead; Andrew Anderson; John R Dunlop; Alexander Moor; John Rennison; George Scott; John Turner. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Andrew Anderson in the chair.</p> <p>This day the following persons residing in the Workhouse</p>	19 July 1827

			<p>appeared before the meeting and had their various cases enquired into. [pp.153-155 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>The Following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Andrew Perry be employed to hers Mr Dunlop's cows at Letham or be compelled to leave the Workhouse, and that Margaret Gilchrist's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and that Hugh McKenzie's three illegitimate be allowed 2/6s and be educated at the Parish School and during the harvest to be allowed 4/6 per week for one month , and that Alice Spence be allowed 1s, and Alexander Sidey's widow and three children allowance be reduced to 3s, and that [John Moscap?] be allowed one loaf of bread a week and soup from the Workhouse twice a week.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/157-158	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 2 August 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; William Weatherston. Overseers: John Fleming; John Bowhill; John Cunningham; William Brown. Vestrymen: John Laing; George Scott; William Gracie; Anthony Forster; William Wilson; Thomas Wilson; John Reid; William Weatherhead; Alexander Moor; John R Dunlop; John Rennison; Robert Ramsay; John Turner.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered :Eleanor Palmer be allowed 18d for 14 days, and John Hall's allowance of 1s be continued for 14 days longer, and Robert Skelly's allowance be continued during sickness, and William Burn and two children be allowed 4/6s for one month, and that Robert Gray's widow's allowance be increased to 1/9s, and that John Balemin be allowed 4s , and that Jane Glover's allowance be increased to 2/3, and that Esther Hills have a clog attached to her foot on account of her bad behaviour in leaving the house at night without leave, and that Thomas Pearson's widow be allowed 18d for 14 days. Also ordered that for the future no other allowance be granted to the nurses in the House [Workhouse] except [Tea Hoffer] and also the allowance to</p>	2 Aug. 1827



			Matilda Clunie and John Hunter be discontinued. Ordered that Andrew Perry be compelled to leave the House [Workhouse] on account of bad behaviour.	
Item	GBR 2/159-160	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 August 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson; William Weatherston. Overseers: John Cunningham; John Fleming; William Brown. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John Turner; George Gilchrist; John Rennison; Thomas Wilson; William Weatherhead; John Reid; Alexander Moor; John Dunlop; William Wilson; Andrew Anderson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Reid in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Isabella Wilson's allowance be discontinued, and that for the future the particulars of all accounts for provisions be submitted to the Select Vestry before payment be made, and that for the future William Trotter have 20d per day deducted from his weekly allowance for every day he is absent from his public duty, and that the allowance to William Stafford's child be discontinued,, and that James Dickson, wife and one child have their allowance of 5s continued till the half-yearly meeting, and that John Riley's widow and two children be allowed 3s, and Andrew Perry have his allowance of 18d continued and Margaret Ingh's child to Alexander Cook be allowed 18d, and that Matilda Clunie be allowed 1s for attending upon her mother in the Workhouse and the same be charged against the property.</p>	16 Aug. 1827
Item	GBR 2/161	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 30 August 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: John Fleming. Vestrymen: John Turner; George Gilchrist; Anthony Forster; Thomas Wilson; George Scott; John Rennison; John R Dunlop; John Laing; John Reid; William Weatherhead; George Patterson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p>	30 Aug. 1728

			Ordered that John Wood's wife have her allowance increased to 4s weekly and that William Crow and three children be allowed 5s per week.	
Item	GBR 2/162-163	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 13 September 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: James Fleming; James Cunningham; John Bowhill; William Brown. Vestrymen: Andrew Anderson; William Weatherhead; Anthony Forster; Alexander Moor; John Rennison; George Gilchrist.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>He following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John A Paxton's wife and one child be allowed 18d and that Isabella Wilson be allowed 18d and that William Younger's wife and child be allowed 2s.</p> <p>Committee for estimates: Alexander Moor; George Gilchrist; Anthony Forster; George Scott with the Churchwardens and Overseers, to advertise and receive estimates for the half year ensuing.</p> <p>Also ordered that £5 be advanced to Andrew Wood to enable him to begin business.</p>	13 Sept. 1827
Item	GBR 2/163-172	Minutes of a general half yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 20 September 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; George Manners; William Weatherston; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; William Weatherhead; William Wilson; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson; John Turner; John Reed; John McBeath; John Laing; Robert Ramsay; George Scott; George Patterson; John R Dunlop; George Gilchrist; Anthony Forster.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp.164-172 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	20 Sept. 1827

Item	GBR 2/173-174	Minutes of the Committee appointed to receive estimates for the half year ensuing held on 21 September 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Anthony Forster; George Scott; George Gilchrist; John Cunningham; James Fleming; William Weatherston; Alexander Moor; John Fleming; George Manners. Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half year ensuing agreeable to the advertisement, and contracts were made with the following persons: Alexander Smith; John Paxton; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Melrose; Thomas Richardson and Andrew Anderson.</p>	21 Sept. 1827
Item	GBR 2/175-176	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 October 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: Andrew Anderson; George Scott; John R Dunlop; George Gilchrist; John Rennison; John Turner; John Laing; Robert Ramsay.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John R Dunlop in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Porteus be allowed 18d and his two children to be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that George Leith and two children be taken into the House [Workhouse] and that James Pringle and wife's allowance be reduced to 18d, and that James Davidson wife and six children be allowed 6s for 14 days, and that James Hamilton, wife and two children be allowed 20s to buy leather etc, and that Margaret Patterson be allowed 18d instead of 2s, and William Winlaw's widow be allowed 18d.</p>	4 Oct. 1827
Item	GBR 2/176	Minutes of Committee appointed to receive estimates for oatmeal and potatoes meeting held on 17 October	Present at the meeting: Anthony Forster; George Scott; William Weatherston; George Gilchrist; George Manners; Alexander Moor; John Fleming.	17 Oct. 1827

		1827	George Darling to supply potatoes and James Cockburn to supply oatmeal	
Item	GBR 2/177	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 October 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; George Manners; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; Andrew Anderson; George Scott; Thomas Wilson; John Turner; John Reed; George Gilchrist; Alexander Moor; John Rennison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Leith and two children be allowed 4s and that Thomas Falkner's widow and four children be allowed 5s, and 18d be allowed to George Porteus's child during sickness, and that his allowance be discontinued.</p>	18 Oct. 1827
Item	GBR 2/178-181	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 26 October 1827	<p>Andrew Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The report of the Select Vestry for the affairs of the poor was pursuant to the Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of</p> <p>PAGE 179 BLANK</p> <p>Amounts of cash received and expended by the Overseers for the half year ending 25 September 1827 – pp. 180-181 : see separately listed GBR 2 files.</p>	26 Oct. 1827
Item	GBR 2/182-183	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 November 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; William Weatherston; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Bowhill. Vestrymen: George Scott; Anthony Forster; Andrew Anderson; William Wilson; John McBeath; John Rennison; Robert Ramsay.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Herriott's widow be allowed to come into the House</p>	1 Nov. 1827

			<p>[Workhouse] or have her allowance of 18d continued, and that the allowance be continued to William Wright's eldest son for one month and then discontinued, and that James Street's wife and two children be allowed 3s for 14 days, and that William Porteus' wife and four children be allowed 5s, and Alexander White's two children be taken into the House [Workhouse] or the allowance of 3s be continued, and that Thomas Robertson's wife and three children be allowed 3/6s, and that widow Ramsay's son be allowed a pair of shoes and that Dorothy Johnston be allowed a pair of shoes and the same to [William Gucian?] and that John Wallace's son be allowed 1s, and Hugh Smith's child have her allowance continued for one month and then discontinued, and that Mary Simpson be allowed some clothes viz: 2 shifts, a flannel petticoat [?] and a gown, and Robert Gilchrist be taken into the Workhouse, and the amount of 3 guineas claimed by Dr How is not to be paid.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/184-185	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 November 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston; George Manners; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Bowhill; John Fleming; John Cunningham; William Brown. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John R Dunlop; John Rennison; John Turner; George Scott; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; Andrew Anderson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Weatherston in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Falkner's four children be allowed 2 pairs of shoes and 2 pairs of clogs, the shoes to be repaid, and that widow Weatherston and four children be allowed 4/6s, the mother being infirm, and that John Wilson be allowed 7s during sickness, and that Thomas Baldwin's wife and four children be allowed 4s for 14 days, and James Hassel's oldest child be taken into the House [Workhouse], and the nurse child be provided for while at nurse, and ordered that Fitzackerly's child to a soldier be taken into the House [Workhouse] and the allowance to James Street's wife and two children of 3s be</p>	15 Nov. 1827

			continued for two weeks longer, and that Elizabeth Baird be allowed 1s during winter, and that Margaret Anderson's son be allowed a pair of shoes, an Ann Bannister be taken into the Workhouse as well as Elizabeth Parker, and that Peter Wait's son be allowed a pair of shoes, and James Bill's widow have her allowance increased to 3s during illness.	
Item	GBR 2/186-187	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 29 November 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Manners; William Weatherston; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; William Brown. Vestrymen: John R Dunlop; Andrew Anderson; John Rennison; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John Laing. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Manners in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: 2s be allowed for the support of Margaret Horn's two children during her confinement in gaol, and that John Gilmour's wife be allowed 2s for 14 days, and that James Pringle and wife have their allowance increased to 2s, and that Michael Farrel's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes, the same to be repaid at 6d per week, and James Hassel's child (now at nurse) be allowed some clothes and that John Forster be allowed a pair of shoes, the same to be repaid at 6d per week, and that Margaret Rock be allowed a shift petticoat and a bedgown, and that the allowance of 4s be continued to Thomas Baldwin's wife and four children for 14 days longer, and ordered that widow Fleming's four children be allowed each a pair of shoes, the same to be repaid at 6d per week, and that widow McKenzie's three children be allowed each a pair of shoes to be repaid at 6d per week, and that James Heugh's three children be allowed each a pair of shoes the same to be repaid at 6d per week.</p>	29 Nov. 1827
Item	GBR 2/188	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 30 November 1827	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson; George Manners. Overseers: John Fleming; John Bowhill; William Brown. Vestrymen: John McBeath; George Gilchrist; Thomas Wilson; John R Dunlop; Alexander Moor.	30 Nov. 1827

			<p>George Richardson in the chair The article of agreement between the Corporation and the Parish for cleaning the streets was read to the meeting and approved of.</p> <p>Henry Griffin having offered to lead [remove?] the manure off the streets and to superintend the cleaning of the same , and also to lead the coal to the Workhouse when not employed on the streets, at the sum of £1 6s per week. The Parish to pay the toll when leading coals.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/189-190	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 13 December 1827	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson; James Fleming; George Manners. Overseers: John Fleming; William Brown. Vestrymen: Andrew Anderson; William Wilson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Porteus' daughter to be taken into the House [Workhouse], and he be employed on the streets, and that James Sligh's wife and seven children be allowed 5s and he be immediately prosecuted for neglecting to provide for them, and that James Mildoun's wife and child be allowed 2s, and John Geddes' wife and five children be allowed 4s to be repaid out of his pension, and that James Gilmour's wife be allowed 2s for 14 days longer, and Mary Anderson be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that Martha Allan's son be allowed a suit of clothes, and Alice Coulson be allowed 3s to be repaid out of his stint money, and Thomas Baldwin's family have their allowance of 4s continued 14 days longer, and Phillis White be allowed a pair of shoes and David Gibson's widow have £1 advanced to her to be repaid out of her stint money, and Alexander Ormston's widow 3s allowed to her to be repaid out of her meadow and stint money, and Margaret Crow have a load of coals allowed to her.</p>	13 Dec. 1827
Item	GBR 2/191-192	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson;. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; William Brown.	27 Dec. 1827

		Vestrymen meeting held on 27 December 1827	<p>Vestrymen: John Turner; George Gilchrist; Anthony Forster; George Scott; John Rennison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Fleming in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Weatherhead's widow have 1s per week advanced to her to be repaid out of her meadow and stint money, and James Sample, wife and three children be allowed 7s during sickness, and James Hogarth's wife's allowance be discontinued and he be employed on the streets, and Thomas Edgar's wife and four children be allowed 5s for 14 days and John McQueen's wife and five children be allowed 5s, and Martha Allan's son be allowed a pair of clogs and stockings, and Margaret McLeary be allowed 18d, and Hugh McKenzie's widow be allowed 6d in addition to her former allowance, the sum to remain in the hands of the Overseers to be paid to the landlord for rent, and that Catherine Scott be allowed 18d and William Scott the same, Robert Gilchrist's wife be allowed 1s for 14 days, and James Atkinson and five children be allowed 7s, and Nesbit's widow be allowed 2s and the allowance to John Moor and wife be discontinued.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/193-194	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 January 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; George Manners; William Weatherston; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; John Bowhill; John Cunningham. Vestrymen: John Rennison; John R Dunlop; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John McBeath. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Cunningham in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Johnston's widow be allowed 2s, and Robert Tait's wife and three children be allowed 4/6s, and James Gilmour's wife have her allowance increased to 3s for two weeks, and Robert Nicholson be allowed a small load of coals, and David Carr's widow be allowed 18d, and that James Elliott, wife and</p>	10 Jan. 1828



			five children be allowed 6s for 14 days.	
Item	GBR 2/194-196	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 January 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; George Manners; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; William Brown. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; Anthony Forster; John Turner; John R Dunlop; George Gilchrist; George Scott; Andrew Anderson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: The allowance to Chapman's family be reduced to 18d and their son be employed on the streets, and that Wright's child to Wells be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Bartholomew Elliott and wife and two children be allowed 5s for 14 days, and that [Thomas Caitman?] be taken into the Workhouse and his pension applied for, and that Catherine Gray be allowed a flannel petticoat and Isabella Newton be allowed 18d to be repaid out of her stint money, and that the allowance to Thomas Baldwin's wife and children be discontinued and their passage paid to London where he is employed, and that Turnbull's child to Nichol be allowed clothes, and John Peacock and wife be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Thomas McInnes [amount crossed out] to carry him to Aberdeen [sic], and that William Davis have a donation of 10s given to him, and that Isa and Ann Carens be allowed a bed-gown each and a pair of shoes, and that John Wilson's widow and three children be allowed 4s, and that [? Young] and wife's allowance be discontinued, and John Archbold have £3 advanced to him to be repaid by [?].</p>	24 Jan. 1828
Item	GBR 2/196-198	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 February 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Manners; James Fleming; William Weatherston; Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham; William Brown. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; William Wilson; John R Dunlop; John Turner; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Anthony Forster in the chair.</p>	7 Feb. 1828

			<p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Jane Dickson to be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Robert Johnston's (late butcher) two children be allowed shoes, stockings, shift, petticoat and a jacket, and Thomas Weddell's wife and four children be allowed 4s, and Catherine Clark be taken into the House [Workhouse] and the parish of Rynn be compelled to aliment her, and David Gibson's widow be allowed 2s to be repaid out of her meadow and stint, and that widow Andrew's daughter be taken into the House [Workhouse] and her allowance stopped, and that James Brotherton's wife and three children be allowed 4s to be repaid, and Thomas McInnes, wife and two children be allowed 2/6s to be repaid, and Margaret Patterson have 14s advanced to her to be repaid, and Isa Douglass be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that Margaret Anderson's daughter be allowed a drugget petticoat, shift, and a pair of shoes and stockings. Also ordered that the school examinations be held the last week in February and that the Rev W Barnes, W Hall and W Gardener be [?] to examine the children.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/198-199	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 February 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; R Richardson [Richard Richardson]; George Manners. Overseers: John Fleming; John Cunningham. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; William Wilson; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John R Dunlop. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Rutherfords, blacksmith, be allowed 18d , and Agnes Moor 9d, and that Charles Emery's son William be allowed a suit of clothes, shoes and stockings, and that James Ogilivea's widow be allowed 18d, and David Weatherby's two sons be employed on the street @ 1s per day, and that when they are not fully employed they shall have an allowance to make up 12s per week, and that John Roper's wife and five children be allowed 4s for two weeks, and that Andrew Wood have £5</p>	21 Feb. 1828

			advanced to him to enable him to begin business, and [? White's] wife has 8s advanced to her to be repaid by her mother.	
Item	GBR 2/200-202	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 March 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; William Weatherston; George Manners. Overseers: John Fleming. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Turner; Thomas Wilson; John Reed; John Rennison; Alexander Moor; George Gilchrist; John R Dunlop. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Reed in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Renton's two children have their passage to London and a guinea allowed them to support them there, and that Robert Alder be allowed 2s in addition to his wages on the street and a donation of 2/6s , and that John Piper's wife and child be allowed 18d and their expenses paid back to London, and that William Hall's wife and child be allowed 2s, and that Margaret Horn be allowed a donation of 5s and be removed to her settlement, and that Alexander W Gall's son William be allowed a suit of clothes, and that Alexander Buglass 2s and them be employed on the streets, and Thomas McInnes' wife and two children be allowed, not exceeding 30s, to go to her husband at Aberdeen, and that George Thompkins' wife be allowed £3 to begin a business, the sum to be repaid out of her meadow and stint money, and that George Quince be allowed a suit of clothes and Andrew W Farlane be allowed 7/6s for the funeral expenses of James Connel's wife, and that Christie's illegitimate child be allowed a suit of clothes , and that Spear Young be allowed a pair of shoes and some clothes, and that Sarah Dunn have 2s allowed to her until she is better, and that John Roper's allowance be continued during illness, and George Kirton be paid £2 12s 6d for a debt due by E Broxton, and Jane Gray be allowed 2s. Ordered that the half-yearly meeting be held this day 14 days to which time the meeting is adjourned.</p>	6 March 1828

Item	GBR 2/202-211	Minutes of General half-yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 20 March 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Robert Richardson. Overseers: William Brown; John Bowhill; John Cunningham; John Fleming. Vestrymen: John Turner; Andrew Anderson; Anthony Forster; George Scott; Robert Ramsay; John McBeath; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; John R Dunlop; John Rennison.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Fleming in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp.203-211 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	20 March 1828
Item	GBR 2/212-213	Minutes of the committee appointed to receive estimates for the half-year ensuing held on 21 March 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Anthony Forster; George Gilchrist; Alexander Moor; James Fleming; John Fleming; George Scott; William Brown; Robert Richardson.</p> <p>Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half-year ensuing agreeably to the advertisement, and contracts were made with the following persons: John Paxton; George Newcombs; John Dunlop; Thomas Bogue; Samuel M Laughlan; Dewar &amp; Carmichael; Alexander Smith.</p>	21 March 1828
Item	GBR 2/214-215	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 3 April 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Robert Richardson. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; George Scott; Andrew Anderson; John Turner; John R Dunlop; John Rennison; Alexander Moor; Ralph Smith; Thomas Wilson; John Reed.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:</p>	3 April 1828

			Thomas Heslop's wife (he is in prison) and five children be allowed 5s and settlement be enquired into, and that George Gladston be taken into the House [Workhouse], and James Wilkie be allowed 1/6s during sickness, and James Elliott's wife and five children be allowed 20s too purchase some bedding, and that David Cockburn's wife and two children have their expenses paid to Carlisle where her husband is employed, and that Jane Trainer be allowed a donation of 3s, and John Weddell's widow be allowed 1/6s, and William Cow's daughter Jane be allowed 2s for one month, and Spear Young's child be allowed 18d, and William Andrew's daughter have 1s additional allowed her during sickness, and Mary Pearson be allowed 2 petticoats and a bed-gown.	
Item	GBR 2/216	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 April 1828	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: John Tait. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John McBeath; Andrew Anderson; John Laing. Andrew Anderson in the chair.  The Overseers for the year ending 25 March 1828 laid their accounts of receipts and disbursement before the meeting and they were by the meeting carefully read over, compared with the vouchers, approved of and passed	10 April 1828
Item	GBR 2/217-219	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 11 April 1828	John Wilson in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry for the care of the poor was pursuant to the Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of. [pp.218-219 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]	11 April 1828
Item	GBR 2/220	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 14 April 1828	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Manners; James Fleming; Robert Richardson; William Weatherston. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; George Scott; John Turner; Thomas Wilson; John McBeath; William Wilson; John Rennison; Andrew Anderson.	14 April 1828

			<p>Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>No business recorded.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/221-222	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 17 April 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson; William Weatherston. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh. Vestrymen: Robert Eamsay; Anthony Forster; George Scott; Andrew Anderson; John Turner; John Rennison; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Moor; John McBeath.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Robert Ramsay in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Wood's wife to have a donation of £1, and William Davis' wife and six children have their allowance discontinued, and that John Dickson's wife and child be allowed a donation of 5s, and George Leath's daughter be allowed a pair of shoes, and Elizabeth Baird have her allowance of 1s continued for one month longer, and Charles Emery be taken into the House [Workhouse] or have his allowance of 18s continued, and George Gladston be allowed 1s, and Phillis White have her allowance increased to 18d, and John Buglass' widow be allowed 18d, and Isabella Douglass be allowed 1s.</p>	17 April 1828
Item	GBR 2/223	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants at the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled for the purpose of electing and nominating members of the Select Vestry for the year ensuing held on 18 April 1828	<p>The Mayor in the chair.</p> <p>The following inhabitants householders within the said Parish of Berwick [?]; Thomas Thompson; George Scott; George Bogue; John Rennison; James McBeath; John McBeath; Ralph Smith; Anthony Forster; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Lough; Thomas Cockburn; [?]; John Renton Dunlop; John Turner; Robert Ramsay; John Cunningham; William Brown; John Fleming and John Bowhill were nominates and elected members of the Select Vestry for the management and care of the poor of this parish for the year ensuing.</p>	18 April 1828

Item	GBR 2/224-225	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 May 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Robert Richardson. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Cunningham; John Turner; James McBurnie; George Scott; Thomas Thompson; Thomas Cockburn; Thomas Lough; George Bogue; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Cunningham in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Elizabeth's child be allowed 3s during sickness, and that Alice Spruce's allowance be increased to 18d, or taken into the House [Workhouse], and William Porteus be allowed 3s and to be employed on the street, and Peter Railton's wife be allowed 3s, and Alexander Buglass' wife be allowed a donation of 7/6s. Also ordered that Messrs Burnie; Scott; Turner; Moor and the Overseer for the quarter be a committee to superintend the management of the house affairs.</p>	1 May 1828
Item	GBR 2/226-227	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled for the purpose of taking into consideration a letter received from the committee appointed by the Guild proposing an amicable adjustment of the proceedings in Chancery now pending between the Corporation and the Parish held on 15 May 1828	<p>J M Dickson in the chair.</p> <p>A statement was made on behalf of the Corporation and a report was read from the Committee appointed to carry on the above proceedings on behalf of the Parish. Mr Mayor moved, and Mr Hopper Thompkins seconded, the notion that a committee be appointed to meet the Committee of the Corporation for the purpose of amicably [adjusting] the proceedings in Chancery now pending between the Corporation and the Parish and to which the following amendment was moved by John Turner, and seconded by Adam Black, that the committee appointed 30 October 1823 be instructed by this meeting to continue the present proceedings in Chancery to a proper issue, and that the thanks of this meeting be given them for what they have already done.</p> <p>Upon a division the amendment was carried by a majority of the parishioners present.</p>	15 May 1828

			<p>It is therefore ordered that the committee do carry on the proceedings now pending in Chancery the Parish and the Corporation until they be brought to a proper issue and that the thanks of this meeting be given the said committee for what they have already done.</p> <p>On the motion of William Weddell, seconded by John Turner, the thanks of the meeting was given to the Chairman for his conduct in the chair.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/228-229	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 May 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; W Weatherston [ William Weatherston];. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; James Sligh; John Tait; John Greenfield;. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John Fleming; John McBurnie; John Cunningham; George Scott; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Faggot and wife be allowed 3s during sickness and his settlement be enquired into, and that John Dickson's wife and child be allowed 18d and be examined as to his settlement, and William Gray be allowed 10s until his hand get better, and James Dickson's allowance of 5s be continued, and D Guthrie's widow and three children be allowed 4/6s, and Roger Shield's wife and two children be advanced 20s to be repaid out of his wages, and that [Redm? Barry's] wife and five children be allowed 4/6s, 3s of which to be repaid by his pension, and Catherine Dalgliesh be allowed 18d, and James Mosley's wife and two children be allowed 2/6s, and William Raitton's widow be allowed 5s to go to Barnard Castle, and William Porteus and family's allowance be increased to 5s, and that John Roper's allowance be discontinued and he be employed on the street.</p>	15 May 1828
Item	GBR 2/230-231	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 29 May 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; Andrew Anderson; John Fleming; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; John Rennison; Thomas Wilson; John Turner; George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop].</p>	29 May 1828



			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Anthony Forster in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Elizabeth Turnbull have 12s advanced to her, and Elizabeth Dunn and her illegitimate child be allowed 18d, and Abraham Marshall's wife and child be allowed 2s, and Elizabeth Renton be allowed 18d for her illegitimate child to William Thomas, and James Carr, wife and one child be allowed 5s during her illness, and Alexander Buglass, wife and child be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that James Sinclair have a loan of £2 to buy a horse, £1 to be repaid, and John Brown's widow have her allowance increased to 3s, to be repaid by her meadow and stint money, and Jane Dunn be allowed 1s for 14 days, and William Porteus be allowed 2/6s during his wife's illness, and Thomas Hall's widow have £1 10s advanced to her to be repaid, and John Wood be allowed 2/6s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/232	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 3 June 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Rennison; John Fleming; John Bowhill; Thomas Wilson; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; James McBurnie; George Scott; Anthony Forster; William Brown. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that John Roper's wife and five children be allowed 3s per week and they be sent to him at Shields.</p> <p>Ordered that no more bread be taken from Samuel Laughlan who has contracted to supply the Parish, he having frequently sent bread much inferior to the quality contracted for, and that for the remainder of the six months Mr Anderson be applied to furnish bread for the House [Workhouse]. Ordered that William Dawson have a donation of £1 15s to carry him to Edinburgh.</p>	3 June 1828
Item	GBR 2/233-234	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; George Manners. Overseers: James Sligh; John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Fleming; George</p>	12 June 1828

		June 1828	<p>Bogue; Alexander Moor; James McBurnie; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Lough; Ralph Smith; John McBeath; Thomas Wilson; John Cunningham; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Rennison; Robert Ramsay; George Scott. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Lough in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Pattison (son of William Pattison, butcher) be taken into the House [Workhouse] during sickness, and that William Hogg's wife and two children be allowed 3s each, and Jane Dunn's allowance of 1s be continued during sickness, and that Thomas Elliott and Wife's allowance be increased to 5/6s during sickness, 4/6s of it to be repaid, the allowance of 1/9s to William Cockburn and child be discontinued, and that John Hall (late porter) be allowed 18d, and that John Peacock and wife's allowance be increased to 3s, and Andrew Muir, wife and five children be allowed 5s and be examined as to settlement, and that Roger Shiels wife and three children be allowed 4/6, and James Atkinson's allowance be discontinued.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/235-236	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 26 June 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Weatherston. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; Anthony Forster; John Bowhill; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison; George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Cunningham; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Moor. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Rennison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: The allowance to William Ellison's child be discontinued and that the allowance to Hannah Wait's child be discontinued, and that the allowance to James Nesbit's widow be discontinued or be taken into the House [Workhouse] and also the allowance to Jane Swordy, and that William Pattison be allowed 10s and have his coach-hire paid to Newcastle to enable him to go to</p>	26 June 1828

			Leeds, and Sarah Dunn be taken into the Workhouse, and that George Pender's wife be taken into the Workhouse, and that James Atkinson and family be allowed 4s for 14 days.	
Item	GBR 2/237-238	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 July 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: John Tait; John Greenfield; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Rennison; Anthony Forster; James Fleming; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; James McBurnie; Alexander Moor; William Brown. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Wilson's wife and two children be allowed 2/6s and their settlement be enquired into, and the widow Gregson's child (now 13 years of age) have the allowance discontinued, and that Robert Skelly be taken into the Workhouse, and that 3s be allowed his wife and two children now residing with her father at Lamberton, or have the former allowance of 4/6s continued, and that Alexander Renton's child by [Isa Shu?] be allowed 2s, and that George Turnbull junior's wife and one child have their allowance increased to 4s for 14 days, and that James Nichol's child by Turnbull be allowed a frock and petticoat, and Alexander Buglass' wife and child be allowed 18d when they leave the Workhouse and be allowed 5s to go to Newcastle.</p>	10 July 1828
Item	GBR 2/2239	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 July 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; Richardson. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Cunningham; Anthony Forster; John Turner; James McBurnie; George Scott; Andrew Anderson; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Crow's son William be allowed 6d in addition to the</p>	24 July 1828

			wages of 1s from W Ord, and that the allowance to widow Fleming and three children be increased to 4/6s, and that James Atkinson's allowance of 4s be continued for 14 days and no longer, and that Messrs Willoby & Home be requested to send in their accounts quarterly	
Item	GBR 2/240-241	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 August 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Hopper Thompkins; James Fleming; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; James Sligh. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John Fleming; John Turner; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Alexander Moor; John Bowhill; George Scott; Thomas Cockburn; John Rennison.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Crow's son William be allowed a pair of shoes, and that widow Purves have £1 10s advanced to her, the same to be repaid by her weekly allowance, and that Catherine Baxter's child to George Pringle be allowed 2s to commence from 25 July last, and Peter Weatherston's child (now in the House [Workhouse]) be allowed 18d to go into the country for her health, and that Elizabeth Turnbull be advanced 12s to be repaid.</p>	7 Aug. 1828
Item	GBR 2/241-242	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 August 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Fleming; Anthony Forster; Thomas Wilson; James McBurnie; John Turner; William Brown; John Rennison; Andrew Anderson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Samuel Fenton's wife and two children be allowed 3s and he be [?], and that the allowance to George Leith and two children be increased to 5s, and Jane Patterson be allowed 1s, and James</p>	21 Aug. 1828

			<p>Lee, tallow chandler, be taken into the House [Workhouse]. Ordered that Anthony Forster; Thomas Wilson and John Tait be a committee to wait upon the Commissioners of [? Taxes] to request them to security of taxes to be given by the Collectors of taxes.</p> <p>Eleanor Palmer be allowed 1s, and Thomas Laing's widow be allowed 2s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/243-244	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 September 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; James McBurnie; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison; Thomas Cockburn; Anthony Forster; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; William Brown; Andrew Anderson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Cook's widow be allowed 3s to be repaid by meadow and stint money. And that James Lee (now in the House [Workhouse]) be allowed 3s, and that James Johnston's widow and three children be allowed 3s, and that William Sutor and wife be allowed 2s, and Robert Futton's wife and three children be allowed 2/6s, and Charles Reed be allowed 2 shirts, and that Mary Reed be allowed 1s when she leaves the House [Workhouse].</p> <p>Ordered that the half-yearly meeting be held on Thursday 18 September.</p> <p>House Committee: the Committee appointed to superintend the management of the Workhouse beg leave to report to the Vestry assembled that they met on Monday last and minutely inspected the rooms in the Workhouse and found everything, such as bedding etc, in excellent order, and also were happy to find that there were no complaints, but on the contrary the greatest satisfaction expressed by every individual. They also inspected the porridge which was made for supper and found</p>	4 Sept. 1828

			the quality excellent and the quantity most abundant.	
Item	GBR 2/245-254	Minutes of General half-yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 18 September 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Richard Richardson; John Pilmour. Overseers: James Sligh; John Tait; John Greenfield; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: Thomas Cockburn; Anthony Forster; John Turner; John Fleming; John Bowhill; George Scott; John Rennison; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson; James McBurnie; Thomas Wilson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the several sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp. 246-254 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>NB – bottom of page 253: Ordered that Messrs George Scott; Burnie; Wilson; Forster together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to receive estimates for the ensuing half year.</p> <p>Ordered that the [friends?] of Thomas Bogue be allowed 4s per week to enable them to defray the expense of keeping him in a lunatic asylum in Edinburgh.</p> <p>Ordered that James Hogarth's wife's allowance be reduced to 3s per week.</p>	18 Sept. 1828
Item	GBR 2/255-256	Minutes of meeting of the Committee appointed to receive estimates for the half year ensuing held on 19 September 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: James McBurnie; George Scott; Anthony Forster; Richard Richardson; John Pilmour; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; John Greenfield; Thomas Bogue; Thomas Wilson; James Sligh; James Fleming; John Tait. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>Contracts were made with the following persons: Alexander Smith, beef; George Calder, oatmeal and potatoes; Thomas</p>	19 Sept. 1828

			Richardson, shoes; John Paxton, moleskin; James Atchinson, grey calico; John Paxton, grey and white calico; Andrew Anderson, bread.	
Item	GBR 2/257	Minutes of meeting of the Select Vestry for the purpose of taking into consideration the security offered by W Henry Johnston, Collector of Taxes held on 20 September 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: Ralph Smith; Thomas Wilson; John Fleming; John Cunningham; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Rennison; Thomas Lough; John Turner; Alexander Moor. Ralph Smith in the chair.</p> <p>The meeting having taken the same into consideration are unanimously of opinion that the surety named by W Johnston cannot be accepted.</p>	20 Sept. 1828
Item	GBR 2/258	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 2 October 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour; Richard Richardson. Overseer: John Tait; James Sligh; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Rennison; John Cunningham; Thomas Cockburn; Ralph Smith; James McBurnie; George Scott; Alexander Moor; Thomas Wilson; Andrew Anderson; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Turner.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Crow's son William be allowed a pair of trousers, and that James Johnston's widow and three children have their allowance increased to 4s, and that William Wilson's wife and two children have their allowance increased to 3s, and that the allowance to George Turnbull junior be discontinued, and that Wright's child to Hill's be allowed a pair of shoes, and that John Dawson's wife and three children be allowed 18d in addition to his work for the House [Workhouse].</p>	2 Oct. 1828

Item	GBR 2/259-263	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 October 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; John Pilmour; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Fleming; Alexander Moor; George Scott; John Cunningham; John Rennison; James McBurnie; Thomas Wilson; Thomas Cockburn; John Turner; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Andrew Anderson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>This day the following persons residing in the Workhouse appeared before the meeting and had their various cases enquired into. [pp. 260-262 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>Ordered that Elizabeth Wilson; John Wilson; Ann Shanks and Margaret Inglis be allowed no supper in consequence of not appearing before the meeting after having regular notice. Resolved that William Darling and Robert Matthewson, the two sureties named by Mr Johnston, Collector of Taxes, should be accepted.</p> <p>Resolved that Walter Matthewson be recommended to the Magistrates as a proper person to be appointed Constable for the Parish.</p> <p>Ordered that application be made to the Corporation Treasurer for the payment of Grangeburn Mill rent, and that he be requested to enforce immediate payment of the arrears.</p> <p>Resolved by the meeting that Mr Thompkins having obstructed the Magistrate in the discharge of their duty, to be prevented in future from interfering in the collection of the poor rates, and that no person be allowed to interfere in future but the Overseer for the quarter and the assistant overseer.</p>	7 Oct. 1828
Item	GBR 2/264-267	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 October 1828	Resent at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Rennison; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; Anthony Forster; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Andrew	16 Oct. 1828



			<p>Anderson; Alexander Moor; George Scott. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Andrew Anderson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Jane Swordy to be taken into the House [Workhouse] the expense of maintenance to be repaid by her son, and John Morrison and wife be allowed 2/6s and the Parish of Leith be compelled to alimnt them, and that widow Millar's allowance be increased to 2s, and that Margaret Anderson's son and John Gray be allowed a pair of shoes, and the allowance of 1s to Thomas Dunlop be discontinued, and Thomas Flounder's allowance be reduced to 3s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/265-267	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 30 October 1828	<p>William Weatherhead in the chair.</p> <p>Report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor was pursuant to the Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.</p> <p>[pp.266-267 (cash received and expended) : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	30 Oct. 1828
Item	GBR 2/268-269	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 30 October 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John Fleming; John Rennison; James McBurnie; George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; William Brown; Thomas Lough; Thomas Cockburn. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: [James Ogilvie's?] widow have her allowance increased to 2s, and that Hugh McKenzie's three children be allowed shoes, and that George Younger, wife and three children be allowed 2/6s during sickness, and that Robert Tait's wife and three children</p>	30 Oct. 1828

			<p>be allowed 3s, and his wages to be applied for, and Andrew Weatherston' wife have her passage paid to London and that some of the most necessary articles of clothing be taken out of pawn, and that William Harrop be taken into the Workhouse upon his giving an assignment of his meadow and stint, and that Jane Halliday be taken into the Workhouse, and Turnbull's child to Nichol be allowed some clothes and James Hamilton, wife and three children be allowed 4s during sickness, and that Hannah Carens be allowed 3s to be repaid out of her meadow and stint, and that David Thompson's son be allowed some clothes, and Jane Brown the same to be repaid by 6d per week.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/270-272	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 November 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour. Overseers: James Sligh; John Tait; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: John Fleming; James McBurnie; John Turner; Anthony Forster; John Rennison; George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Lough. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop] in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Abraham Marshall's wife and one child be allowed 2s, and Jane Halliday be allowed 1s, and that John Dent's widow be allowed a pair of shoes, and that John Forster and three children have their allowance increased to 5s and be allowed shoes the same to be repaid at 6d per week, and that Redm Barry's son be allowed a suit of clothes and a pair of shoes, and Samuel Douglass's widow be allowed 3s provided she gives an assignment of her meadow and stint, and that Elizabeth Baird be allowed 1s during winter, and widow Wight's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes, and Elizabeth Robinson be allowed 2s for one month, and Robert Clark's three children be allowed a pair of shoes each and Spears Young be allowed a frock and a pair of shoes, and 12s to be given to Thomas Marshall to enable him to pay his rent, and William Quince be allowed a pair of trousers, and George Quince a pair of clogs, and that Alexander Inglis's son be employed on the streets and</p>	12 Nov. 1828

			<p>to have 8d per day for his labour, and that Rowland McGhee's wife and daughter be compelled to leave the Workhouse, and Henry Whitelaw's two children be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that David Weatherby's two sons be only paid 8d per day for their labour on the streets.</p> <p>Ordered that Charles Emery's allowance be discontinued until he declares who informed him of the observations made by some of the Select Vestry upon his application for an increase of his allowance.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/273-274	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 27 November 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Anthony Forster; John Cunningham; John Rennison; James McBurnie; George Scott; Ralph Smith; Thomas Lough; William Brown; John McBeath.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: David Keith's widow be allowed 2s, and that Martin Burke's wife and child be sent to her husband at Chatham, and that Charles Emery's son be allowed 4/6s instead of 6s per week for his labour on the streets and that the 1/6s per week thus reduced be given to his father, and that James Dunn's wife and child be allowed 1/6s during his confinement in gaol, and that Bane's child to Thompson be allowed a suit of clothes, and that Michael Farrel's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes, one pair to be paid for at 6d per week, and that Peter Wait's widow and three children's allowance be discontinued, and that Phillis Henderson be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Thomas Cowan, wife and three children be allowed 3s till next meeting and James Cockburn and four children be taken into the House [Workhouse], and Ann Kennedy be allowed 30s and a pair of shoes to enable her to go to her husband in Ireland, and that George Cockburn be allowed 2/6s or come into the House</p>	27 Nov. 1828

			[Workhouse], Mathias Allan's son; Ian McKenzie; David Barry and Ian Heslop all allowed pairs of clogs.	
Item	GBR 2/275-276	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 December 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Richard Richardson. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Tait. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Bowhill; James McBurnie; John Rennison; Andrew Forster; Thomas Cockburn; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Wilson; William Brown; George Scott. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: David Scott's widow be allowed a pair of shoes for one child, and that widow McCormic be allowed a pair of shoes for one child, and Robert Johnston's widow be allowed a pair of clogs for her son Andrew, and Robert Johnston's (late butcher) two children be allowed 3/3s instead of 3s and for the future no clothes to be given, and that George Ritchies' widow and two children be allowed 2/9s instead of 2/6 and that no clothes be allowed in future, and Robert Nicholson be allowed a load of coals, and Thomas Armstrong and wife be allowed 2/6s for a short period.</p> <p>Also ordered that Thomas Cockburn and the Overseers be a committee to examine Messrs Willoby and Homes' accounts. On the motion of Mr Fleming, seconded by James McBurnie, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the meeting be given to Mr Anderson for supplying the Parish with bread of an excellent quality and full weight.</p>	1 Dec. 1828
Item	GBR 2/277	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 December 1828	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Richard Richardson. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh; John Tait. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; Thomas Cockburn; John Rennison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p>	18 Dec. 1828

			<p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Pringle and wife be allowed 4s, and that Isabella Weatherburn's allowance be discontinued</p> <p>The meeting examined Messrs Willoby and Home's accounts which were approved of except a change of 6/8s for attending Mr Atkinson respecting Mr H Johnston's sureties which was ordered to be deducted. The meeting was also of the opinion that in case of appeal no more than 2 guineas ought to be given to council with his brief.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/278-279	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 January 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison; Anthony Forster; George Scott; William Brown; John Fleming; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Lough.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Bogue in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Lockwell and family be allowed 5s until his legs gets better, and that Philip Redpath have his passage paid to London, and that Robert Tait and three children have their allowance increased to 3/6s, and that George Gladston be taken into the Workhouse, and Margaret Crawford be allowed a load of coals, and David Weatherby's two sons have their allowance increased to 1s per day for their labour on the streets.</p>	1 Jan. 1829
Item	GBR 2/279-281	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 January 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: John Tait; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; Anthony Forster; John Cunningham; John Turner; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Fleming; George Scott; William Brown.</p> <p>John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:</p>	15 Jan. 1829

			<p>William Crow's son William be allowed two pairs of stockings, and that John Bunting's wife and six children be allowed 5s and requested to come to the next meeting, and that William Davis' wife and seven children be allowed 7s for two weeks, and that George Porteus' daughter Alison be taken into the Workhouse, and James Hall's two sons be taken into the school, and that William Wilson's wife and five children be allowed 5s for 14 days, and James Walker's wife and two children be allowed 2s for 14 days, and John Archbold be advanced £3, the same to be repaid by his stint money, and that David Gibson's widow have £1 advanced to her, and have an allowance of 2s for 10 weeks, and William Quince be taken into the Workhouse and be employed as a tailor and the allowance to his mother be reduced to 3s, and that Robert Tait's wife have here week's money advanced and that Alexander McGall's son William be allowed a pair of clogs and a pair of stockings, and Phillis White be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Bery How's son George be allowed a pair of trousers, and John Tait's widow and son be allowed £2 to carry them to [Brittlewell?] and 2s, and Walter Mattewson be allowed a pair of shoes.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/281282	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 29 January 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; James Fleming; John Pilmour. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Turner; James McBurnie; John Rennison; George Scott; Thomas Wilson; John Bowhill; Anthony Forster; Alexander Moor; Ralph Smith; John McBeath; Thomas Lough; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Isabella Weatherburn (dumb) be taken into the Workhouse, and that Jane Patterson be allowed 18d, and Elizabeth Turnbull have the remain of the quarter money advanced to her, and David Thompson's widow be allowed a donation of 5s, and George Stenhouses' widow be allowed a donation of 10s, and</p>	29 Jan. 1829

			<p>that Thomas Marshall have £1 5s given to him to enable him to pay his rent, and that James Cockburn be allowed 2s, and Thomas Dalgliesh's wife be taken into the Workhouse, he paying the expenses.</p> <p>Ordered that the school examinations be held on 17 February, and that the Rev Mr Barnes; Mr Palmer and Mr Gardener be requested to attend.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/283	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 February 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Richard Richardson. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Cunningham; John Fleming; Thomas Cockburn; John Bowhill; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Turner; Andrew Anderson; Anthony Forster; Thomas Wilson; James McBurnie; George Scott; Ralph Smith; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Andrew Anderson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Hall's widow and one child be allowed 2/6s for one month and afterwards to receive 18d, and that the allowance to D Weatherly's two sons be reduced to 8d per day, if this is not accepted his three sons be taken into the Workhouse.</p>	12 Feb. 1829
Item	GBR 2/284-285	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 26 February 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait. Vestrymen: John Fleming; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; John Rennison; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Turner; Thomas Lough; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James McConnel's wife and child be allowed 18d, the same to be repaid out of his pension, and that William Crow's son John be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Thomas Crighton, wife and</p>	26 Feb. 1829

			<p>three children be allowed 4/6s, and the doctor to call on him and report what allowance is necessary for him during sickness, and that James Trainer's child be allowed a pair of shoes and stockings, and that Andrew Tully's family have a donation of 7/6s and that [Thomas Sunneswood?] wife and five children be allowed 5s and his settlement to be enquired into, and Mary Anderson be allowed 6s to taker her clothes out of pawn to enable her to go to Shields to service, and Mary Lumsden be allowed 18d, and that John Hunter (now in the Workhouse) be employed on the streets.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/286-288	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 11 March 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; John Pilmour. Overseers: Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Tait; James Sligh. Vestrymen: John Fleming; Thomas Wilson; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Anthony Forster; John Rennison; James McBurnie; George Scott; John Bowhill; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>.J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. .James Fleming in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Henry Whitelaw's wife and two children, George aged five, Frances aged two, be allowed 3s , and that William Lockwell's allowance be discontinued and he be employed in digging in the garden or working at the New Road, and Jane Smith be taken into the Workhouse, and Isabella Newton's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and that Andrew Wood be employed at the New Road and be allowed 1s per day for his labour, and the allowance to John Alexander's wife be increased to 4s and any other thing that may be necessary for her comfort, and Margaret Simpson be allowed 1s, and Mary Paulin and her illegitimate child be allowed 18d, and that Frances Wandless be allowed 1s as she agreed to accept of this sum rather than come into the House [Workhouse], and Margaret Inglis and her child be allowed 2s upon her leaving the House [Workhouse], and that [Sheerlaw's?] child to Renton be taken into the House [Workhouse] and the allowance stopped, and that for the future</p>	11 March 1829



			<p>the allowance granted to illegitimate children shall not exceed 15d per week unless under particular circumstances, and that the offer made by James Robertson to supply the Parish with wood for coffins be accepted.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs George Scott; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Moor; John Rennison with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to advertise for and receive estimates for the articles wanted for the Workhouse for the half year ensuing</p>	
Item	GBR 2/288-297	Minutes of general half-yearly meeting of the Vestry held on 19 March 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; John Pilmour. Overseers: John Tait; James Sligh; John Greenfield; Thomas Bogue. Vestrymen: Anthony Forster; John Fleming; John Bowhill; William Brown; George Scott; Alexander Moor; J R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Rennison; Robert Ramsday; James McBurnie; John Cunningham; Thomas Lough; Ralph Smith; John McBeath; John Turner; Andrew Anderson; William Watson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the following sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp. 289-297 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>NB – Bottom of p 297 – Ordered that Messrs John Turner; James McBurnie; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson be a committee to devise some plan to get a table of fees for the different prosecutions at the gaol deliveries.</p>	19 March 1829
Item	GBR 2/298-299	Minutes of the Committee for receiving estimates held on 20 March 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: James Sligh; John Tait; Richard Richardson; John Pilmour; John Greenfield; George Scott; Thomas Wilson; Thomas Bogue; Joseph Fleming; John Rennison; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half</p>	20 March 1829

			<p>year ensuing agreeable to the advertisement and contracts were made with the following persons: George Patterson, moleskin; George Newcombs, flannel, drugget, calico etc; Robert Fender, calico; Alexander Melrose, men's shoes; Thomas Richardson. Women and boys' shoes; Dewar &amp; Carmichael, oatmeal; Riddell Thompkins, bread; Smith and Morton, beef.</p> <p>Ordered that the contractors for beef and bread enter into an agreement to forfeit the sum of £5 each upon failure of fulfilling their contracts and in order to secure the above sum they shall always have in the Overseer's hand a sum equal to the forfeiture.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/300-301	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 April 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Tait; John Greenfield. Vestrymen: John Rennison; James Mc Burnie; John Bowhill; Thomas Wilson; George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Turner; Andrew Anderson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Tait in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Cuthbertson's widow and three children be allowed 4/6s, and that Robert Millar's widow have her allowance increased to 1/9s and Thomas Brown's child be allowed a pair of shoes and James Nichol and wife's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and that William Crow's son William be allowed two shirts, and that Walter Rowland's, watchmaker, illegitimate son, who is insane, be taken into the Workhouse, and that widow Riley's daughter be allowed a pair of shoes, and that David Gibson's widow have £1 advanced to her to be repaid out of her stint money, and that Thomas Hall's widow and one child be allowed 18d, and George Turnbull senior have 2/6s for one month to be repaid out of his meadow and stint money, and Mary Pearson be allowed two flannel petticoats, shifts and a bed-gown.</p>	22 April 1829

Item	GBR 2/301	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled to receive [?] of the proceedings of the Select Vestry held on 15 April 1829	The Rev the Vicar in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor for the half year ending 25 March 1829 was pursuant to Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.	15 April 1829
Item	GBR 2/302	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 April 1829	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael; Richard Wait; Alexander Christison; James Scott. Vestrymen: Robert Ramsay; Ralph Smith; Andrew Anderson; Thomas Wilson; John Rennison; John McBeath; Thomas Lough; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; George Scott; Alexander Moor.  Robert Ramsay in the chair.  The Overseers for the year ending 25 March last laid their accounts of receipts and disbursement before the meeting which were carefully read over, compared with the vouchers, approved of and passed	15 April 1829
Item	GBR 2/303	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in general vestry assembled for the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Select Vestry for the year ensuing held on 16 April 1829	The Rev the Vicar in the chair.  The following substantial householders and inhabitants within the said parish of Berwick to wit: Ralph Smith; Thomas Wilson; Andrew Fender; George Scott; Thomas Lough; Thomas Cockburn; John Thompson; John Turner; John Laing; Alexander Crossman; James McBurnie; John Cunningham; Peter Dunlop; Andrew Anderson; William Wilson; Alexander Moor; James Sligh; John Tait; Thomas Bogue and John Greenfield were nominated and elected members of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor of the Parish for the year ensuing.	16 April 1829
Item	GBR 2/304-305	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: John Pilmour. Overseers: Richard Wait; Thomas Carmichael; James Scott. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; John Tait; Andrew Anderson;	23 April 1829

		April 1829	<p>Alexander Crossman; Peter Dunlop; George Scott; William Wilson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Andrew Anderson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Porteus' child be allowed a pair of shoes, and William Murray's widow be allowed 1s, and James Crawford and wife be allowed a donation of 10s upon their leaving the House [Workhouse], and that George Turnbull senior have a further sum of 10s advanced to him, the sum to be repaid out of his meadow and stint money, and that George Marshall's two children be taken into the House [Workhouse] and he be proceeded against before the magistrate.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/305-306	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 May 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Alexander Christison; Thomas Carmichael; Richard Wait; James Scott. Vestrymen: George Scott; John Turner; James McBurnie; William Wilson; Thomas Wilson; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; John Tait; John Thompson; Thomas Lough; Ralph Smith; Peter Dunlop; John Laing; Andrew Anderson; Alexander Moor.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Marshall be furnished with a few form (chair or bench) and a table not exceeding the value of 15s to enable him to begin a school, and that Andrew Weatherston's wife and child be allowed 18d instead of 2s, and that Robert Skelly's allowance be reduced to 3s and that Johnston's child to Baptist be allowed a pair of shoes, petticoat and bed-gown, and William Clay be allowed a pair of shoes, and Sheerlaw's child to Renton be allowed to leave the House [Workhouse] to live with its parents upon an allowance of 2s, and Alexander Smithan's allowance be reduced to 5s, and George Marshall have £1 advanced to him, the same to be secured upon his meadow and stint money. Also ordered that John Thompson; Andrew Fender; Peter</p>	7 May 1829

			Dunlop; William Wilson; Andrew Anderson; Alexander Crossman together with the Overseers be a committee to superintend the management of the House [Workhouse].	
Item	GBR 2/307-308	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 May 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael; Richard Wait; James Scott; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: John Cunningham; Andrew Anderson; James Sligh; James McBurnie; George Scott; John Tait; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Turner; Ralph Smith; Thomas Wilson; Andrew Fender; Thomas Lough; Alexander Crossman; William Wilson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Nichol and wife have their allowance increased to 3/6s, and that John Bruce's wife and child be allowed 18d, the same to be recovered out of his wages, and that Alexander Smithan's allowance be reduced to 4s for 14 days and then to be discontinued, and that George Turnbull senior have a further sum of 10s advanced to him, the sum to be repaid out of his meadow and stint money at Michaelmas first, and Jane Trainer be allowed 1/6.</p>	21 May 1829
Item	GBR 2/308-310	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 June 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming; Richard Wait; Thomas Carmichael; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: James Sligh; Andrew Anderson; John Wait; George Scott; Alexander Moor; James McBurnie; Andrew Fender; Alexander Crossman. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Richard Wait in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Davis' wife and seven children be allowed 5s, and that John Gilchrist and wife be allowed £1 and their expenses paid back to Newcastle, and that William Johnston be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Prudence Gladston be allowed 1s for the</p>	4 June 1829

			<p>support of the late Thomas Gladston's child.</p> <p>The committee appointed on 7 May last to superintend the management of the Workhouse reported to the Select Vestry that they had made a full investigation into the state and condition of all the paupers supported in that establishment and had the satisfaction to find the whole of the lodging rooms extremely comfortable and in excellent order.</p> <p>They also inspected the victuals provided for the poor and found the quality good, and the quantity allowed to each individual most abundant and in confirmation of the above statement the paupers themselves expressed the greatest contentment. They beg also to remark that upon the two last deliveries of bread there was a deficiency of seven lbs. which they ordered the Assistant Overseer to cause the contractor to make up.</p> <p>The Vestry has been informed by the House Committee that the bread supplied by R E Thompkins had been deficient in weight upon the last two deliveries. It is ordered that Mr Thompkins be informed that should a deficiency either in quality or weight be found again that the whole delivery of bread shall be returned to him.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/310-311	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 June 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: James Scott; Thomas Carmichael; Richard Wait; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: George Scott; James McBurnie; Alexander Crossman; John Tait; James Sligh; Ralph Smith; Alexander Moor; Andrew Anderson; John Cunningham; Thomas Cockburn; Peter Dunlop.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Crossman in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: The girls in the House [Workhouse] be taught to sew, and that a proper person be employed to teach them upon the same terms as formerly, and that Thomas Dunlop be taken into the Workhouse, and that Fordyce Lough's wife and two children have their expenses paid to Halifax, Yorkshire, where her</p>	18 June 1829

			husband is employed, and that Robert Tait's wife and four children be allowed 10s to pay her house rent, and that Abraham Marshall's wife and child be allowed 18d for 14 days, and John Darling's widow be allowed 18d and that John Gilmour's wife be dismissed from the House [Workhouse] for bad conduct and allowed 18d.	
Item	GBR 2/312-313	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 July 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: James Fleming. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: John Cunningham; George Scott; Alexander Crossman; William Wilson; John Tait; Peter Dunlop. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Clay's allowance be increased to 2/6, and that Frances Mason and child (now in the Workhouse) be allowed to go to Newcastle, but that no allowance be granted either to her or her illegitimate child, and that John Darling's widow have her allowance increased to 2s, and that widow Cockburn be allowed a donation (being for one month) and if a further allowance is wanted she must apply herself or send a proper certificate, and that Wright's child to Hill be allowed a pair of shoes.</p>	22 July 1829
Item	GBR 2/313-314	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 July 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: John Thompson; Andrew Anderson; Andrew Fender; Thomas Lough; John Tait; Thomas Bogue; George Scott; William Wilson; John Turner; James McBurnie; Alexander Crossman.</p> <p>Ordered that the bread sent to the Workhouse this day be returned to Mr Thompson, the contractor, in consequence of the quality being found very deficient. Ordered that the girls in the House [Workhouse] be sent to Robert Skelly's wife to be taught to sew and that such of them as may be considered fit by the Overseers attend.</p>	16 July 1829

Item	GBR 2/314-315	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 July 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Richard Wait. Vestrymen: Alexander Moor; John Tait; James McBurnie; James Sligh; Ralph Smith; John Turner; William Wilson; George Scott.</p> <p>James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the whole of last delivery of bread by Mr Thompkins, the contractor, having been found very deficient in quality and far inferior to the quality contracted for be returned to him, and no more taken from him.</p>	24 July 1829
Item	GBR 2/315-316	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 28 July 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; Matthew Smith; [George Kerr?]. Overseers: Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; Andrew Anderson; James McBurnie; John Cunningham; George Scott; Andrew Fender; John Tait; John Turner; Thomas Cockburn; William Wilson; Alexander Moor; Thomas Lough.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p> <p>Thomas Cockburn in the chair</p> <p>William P Lockwell having offered to remove the manure from the streets, and to superintend the cleaning of the same, and also to bring coals and sand to the Workhouse for the sum of 17s per week was accepted. The contract is accepted of and to continue during his good behaviour.</p> <p>Ordered that William Hogg be allowed the sum of £2 to carry his family and furniture to Edinburgh.</p>	28 July 1829
Item	GBR 2/317-318	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 30 July 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; George Kerr; Robert Lyle. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael; John Wait; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: George Scott; James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; John Tait; James Sligh; John Cunningham; Thomas Cockburn; Alexander Crossman; William Wilson.</p>	30 July 1829



			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George How's wife and three children be allowed 4s during his confinement in gaol, and that Hugh McKenzie's children be taken into the Workhouse to enable their mother to go to the harvest, and that James Crawford and wife be allowed 1s, and that John Fisher, illegitimate son of Jane Gilchrist, be taken into the House [Workhouse], and sent to school.</p> <p>Ordered that Mr Willoby's opinion be taken whether the contract with R G Thompkins is forfeited by having sent bad bread to the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/318	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 31 July 1829	<p>Resent at the meeting: Churchwardens: Matthew Smith; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; George Keen. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael; Richard Wait. Vestrymen: Alexander Crossman; James McBurnie; Alexander Moor; John Cunningham; Thomas Bogue; John Tait; Thomas Cockburn; James Sligh; Thomas Lough.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseers. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that notice be given by advertisement to the bakers in town to give in offers to supply the Workhouse with bread made of the best round meal until the usual time for receiving estimates.</p>	31 July 1829
Item	GBR 2/319-320	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 11 August 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: James Scott; Thomas Carmichael. Vestrymen: Alexander Crossman; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; Andrew Fender; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John Tait; James Sligh; Ralph Smith; Thomas Cockburn; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Crossman in the chair.</p>	11 Aug. 1829

			<p>Andrew Anderson having sent in his resignation to act as a member of the Select Vestry for the affairs of the poor of the Parish. Resolved by the meeting that his resignation be accepted.</p> <p>The meeting had received offers from several persons for supplying bread for the Workhouse, Mr Anderson agreed to supply good bread made of the best round meal.</p> <p>Ordered that Mr Anderson enter into proper security for fulfilling his contract, and in future that all offers for contracts be accompanied by two sureties.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/320-321	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 13 August 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Matthew Smith; George Keen; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: John Cunningham; James McBurbie; George Scott; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Lough; Alexander Moor; Andrew Fender. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Margaret Rice be allowed 3s to enable her to go to London, and that Mary McGrath be allowed 2s during her sickness, and to be examined as to her settlement, and that Debora Smith be allowed 1s for 14 days, and that Robert Tait's wife and four children be allowed 10s to pay her rent, and that George Knox and wife be allowed 1s for one month, and Thomas Dunlop be allowed 1s for each coffin made by him and Alexander White and wife and two children be allowed 10s to buy clothes, to be repaid by [1d?] per week, and that John Chapman be advanced £2 to buy shoes, to be repaid by 2s per week, and that James Crawford and wife's allowance be discontinued as he is in employment.</p>	13 Aug. 1829
Item	GBR 2/322	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 27 August 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Alexander Christison; James Scott. Vestrymen: George Scott; Thomas Bogue; William Wilson; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman</p>	27 Aug. 1829

			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Scott in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that John Robertson and wife be advanced 4s per week to be repaid out of his pension, and that Jane W Mahon's child Wooler be advanced 2s per week instead of 18d, and that William Henderson's widow be advanced 4s per week to be repaid out of her stint money.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/323-324	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 September 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Alexander Christison; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: George Scott; Alexander Moor; James Sligh; John Tait; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Bogue; Thomas Lough; John Turner.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Porteus' allowance of 2s be continued and that he work two half days each week on the street or [stop?] 6d per day, and that Debora Smith be allowed 1s and Peter Wilson, wife and three children be allowed 1s.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs George Smith; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Moor; Thomas Lough together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to receive estimates for the next half year. The committee to meet on Friday 18 instant and the contractors for beef and bread enter into a bond with two sureties in a penalty of £20</p>	10 Sept. 1829
Item	GBR 2/324-332	Minutes of a general half-yearly meeting of the Vestry held on 17 September 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Matthew Smith; George Keen. Overseers: Alexander Christison; Thomas Carmichael; James Scott; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: William Wilson; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John Thompson; Andrew Fender; Thomas Lough; John Tait; John Turner; Thomas Bogue; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; John Laing.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p>	17 Sept. 1829

			<p>William Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the following sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp.325-332 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	
Item	GBR 2/333-334	Minutes of the Committee for receiving estimates held on 18 September 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: George Scott; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; Andrew Fender; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Moor; Thomas Lough; Alexander Christison; Richard Waite; James Scott.</p> <p>James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half year ensuing agreeable to the advertisements, and contracts were made with the following persons: Robert Fender; William Heron; Andrew Anderson; Smith &amp; Morton; William Leiper; [Guna? Weir]; Alexander Melrose; Thomas Richardson.</p>	18 Sept. 1829
Item	GBR 2/335-336	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 October 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None' Overseers: James Scott; Richard Waite; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: James Sligh; George Scott; John Tait; John Cunningham; Alexander Moor; Andrew Fender; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Lough.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Richard Waite in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Two pairs of shoes be given to George Younger's children, to be repaid by 6d per week, and Andrew Curry, wife and four children be allowed 2s for 14 days, and that [George Windrom?] and wife's allowance be increased to 3/6, and Alexander Bruce's widow be allowed 1/9s and that [Yaman's?] child to Wales be allowed a pair of shoes and stockings, and that the allowance to Peter Wilson, wife and three children be increased to 1/6s, and that Thomas Crighton, wife and four children be allowed 6s during his illness, and John Patterson's</p>	1 Oct. 1829

			wife and one child be allowed 18d , and Mary Pearson be allowed two flannel shifts, and that John Gilchrist and wife be allowed 2s.	
Item	GBR 2/337	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 15 October 1829	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Richard Waite; Thomas Carmichael; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: Ralph Smith; James Sligh; John Cunningham; Alexander Crossman; Thomas Tait; George Scott. Ralph Smith in the chair.  Ordered that Thomas Dunlop's allowance of 1s per week be stopped.	15 Oct. 1829
Item	GBR 2/338	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 29 October 1829	John Wilson, Esq., Mayor, in the chair.  The report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor of the Parish was pursuant to Act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.	29 Oct. 1829
Item	GBR 2/339-340	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 29 October 1829	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen. Overseers: James Scott. Vestrymen: Andrew Fender; James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; John Tait; John Thompson. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James McBurnie in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James' child to Western be allowed shoed and clothes, and Thomas Brown's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes, and Matthias Allan's son be allowed a pair of shoes and a suit of clothes, and Debora Smith be allowed 1s for two weeks, and John Cook be allowed 2s and be examined as to his settlement. The offer made by John Forster senior to supply the Workhouse with potatoes is accepted provided the quality is found good.	29 Oct. 1829

Item	GBR 2/340-341	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 5 November 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen. Overseers: Richard Waite. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; John Tait; James McBurnie; John Cunningham; John Greenfield; Alexander Moor; Andrew Fender; William Wilson; James Sligh; Thomas Lough. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Moor in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Robert Tait's three children be taken from their mother and kept in the Workhouse. Ordered that Messrs John Turner; James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Moor; James McBurnie; William Wilson; George Scott; Thomas Lough together with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to examine into the conduct of the paupers in the Workhouse and the management thereof and report their proceedings to a Vestry meeting to be called for that purpose.</p>	5 Nov. 1829
Item	GBR 2/341-342	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 November 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen; Matthew Smith. Overseers: Alexander Christison; James Scott. Vestrymen: George Scott; James Sligh; Andrew Fender. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Widow Howie be advanced 2s to be repaid out of her stint money, and John Dent's widow be allowed a pair of shoes and Richard Johnson's widow be advanced 2s to be repaid out of her stint money, and that Andrew Curry be advanced 1/6s to be repaid by his stint money, and Margaret White be allowed 1s and allowed a few shillings to carry her back to Shields, and [George Wind?'s] widow be allowed 1s till 1 March next, and Debora Smith allowed 1s for 14 days, and Alexander White's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes to be repaid by 6d per week, and that David Thompson's daughter be allowed a gown, petticoat and a pair of shoes to enable her to go to</p>	12 Nov. 1829

			service, and that Redmond Barry's four children be allowed each a pair of shoes.	
Item	GBR 2/343-344	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 26 November 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen. Overseers: Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: Alexander Crossman; Peter Dunlop; John Tait; John Greenfield Thomas Bogue; James McBurnie; Alexander Moor; George Scott; James Sligh.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Crossman in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Margaret Hume be allowed 1/6s and be examined as to her settlement, and that George Davidson be allowed £2 10s to enable him to pay his rent, and that W P Lockwell's wages be advanced from 17s to 19s per week for four months, and that Charles Dalglish's child be allowed a pair of shoes and Joseph Trainer's widow and child have one quarter's money advanced to her, and Elizabeth Baird be allowed 1s during winter, and that George Stenhouses' widow be allowed 2s to assist her in getting her cart repaired, and that Hugh McKenzies' three children be allowed each a pair of shoes, and that James Spence, wife and one child, be allowed 2/6s during his sickness, and Featherstone's child by Andrews be allowed a pair of shoes, and widow Cockburn (late of Detchant) be allowed 1s during winter, and Debora Smith's allowance of 1s be continued, and Spears Young's child be allowed a pair of shoes and a frock, and that Walter Matthewson's allowance be increased to 12s for doing the duty of constable.</p>	26 Nov. 1829
Item	GBR 2/345-346	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 10 December 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael; Alexander Christison; Richard Waite; James Scott. Vestrymen: William Wilson; George Scott; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh; John Tait; Alexander Moor; James McBurnie; Alexander Crossman; Andrew Fender; Peter Dunlop.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.</p>	10 Dec. 1829

			<p>William Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Nesbit's wife be allowed a pair of shoes, and that John Robertson and wife's allowance be increased to 2s, and that George Tait's wife and child be taken into the House [Workhouse] and that John Moscrop be allowed 2s and his bread and broth a usual, and William Lyall, wife and two children, be allowed a donation of 5s, and widow Stanford be advanced 18d to be repaid out of her meadow and stint money, and that [Mrs Street's?] allowance be increased to 2s, and that John Martin be taken into the Workhouse and be employed on the streets, and Peter Wilson, wife and five children, have their allowance increased to 2s.</p> <p>Ordered that a special meeting be called on Thursday 17 instant to take into consideration the propriety of appointing a new Governor of the Workhouse in consequence of Mr and Mrs Fleming being considered unfit from old age.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/347-348	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 17 December 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen. Overseers: Richard Waite; James Scott. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Tait; Alexander Crossman; William Wilson; James McBurnie; Alexander Moor; George Scott; Thomas Lough; Peter Dunlop; John Sligh. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following report from the Overseers of the poor respecting the management of the Workhouse was read to the meeting when it was unanimously resolved that from the advanced age and infirmities of Mr and Mrs Fleming they are now unfit to manage the establishment, and it is ordered that the Overseers take immediate steps to ascertain who has the appointment of a Governor of the Workhouse and to enquire at other parishes how their managers are engaged previously to appointing a Governor for the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Overseers, in submitting to the Select Vestry for their</p>	17 Dec. 1829



			<p>approval, their plans of books for the better regulation of the internal management of the Workhouse, have at the same time to state that although the arrangements may be excellent in their nature and efficiency so far as they go, yet there is one material part connected with the management of this establishment which they leave entirely untouched – namely the discipline and good order of the House [Workhouse].</p> <p>The Overseers consider that they would be chargeable with a dereliction of duty were they not to state that in this important particular the subordination of the House [Workhouse] there exhibits itself a deficiency, which it is their decided opinion it is absolutely necessary a remedy should be speedily applied.</p> <p>Signed: Alexander Christison; James Scott; Thomas Carmichael; Richard Waite.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/349-350	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 December 1829	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen; Matthew Smith. Overseers: James Scott; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: Alexander Crossman; James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; James Sligh; George Scott; Alexander Moor; John Tait; Andrew Fender; Peter Dunlop.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Coldwell be allowed 3s, or if he wishes he may come into the Workhouse, and that Thomas Flounders and four children be allowed 3s, and that James Wallace's wife and three children be allowed 3s during his confinement in gaol, and Patterson's child to Johnson be allowed a pair of shoes and William Marshall, printer, be allowed 6s to carry him to Edinburgh to get employment, and widow Johnson's son (Robert) be allowed a jacket, and that George Knox senior and wife be allowed 3s upon giving security upon his meadow and stint, and that widow McCormach and two children be taken into the Workhouse, and that widow Ritchies daughter be allowed two shifts, two petticoats and two bed-gowns to enable her to go to service and also a pair of shoes and stockings, and</p>	24 Dec. 1829

			that 18d be allowed for her other child, and that David Gibson's widow have £3 advanced to her upon security of her meadow and stint, and that Margaret Crawford be allowed a small load of coals.	
Item	GBR 2/351-352	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 January 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]. Overseers: James Scott. Vestrymen: James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; John Tait; John Greenfield; Alexander Crossman; William Wilson; Thomas Lough; Andrew Fender; James Sligh. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Lough in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Shank's wife and one child be allowed 3s, and the child be allowed a pair of shoes, and that James Milldown, wife and one child be allowed 18d, and John McQueen have £1 advanced upon the security of his stint, and that William McMann's family be allowed 5s, and he be allowed a pair of clogs and trousers and he will be punished if he will not work, and that Hugh Thington's two children be taken into the Workhouse until their settlement be ascertained, and that Robert Tait's wife and three children be allowed 5s and each a pair of shoes, and that Ainslie's two illegitimate children to Fleming be allowed a frock and petticoat, and that George Chambers and wife be allowed 1s for 14 days.</p>	7 Jan. 1830
Item	GBR 2/353-354	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 January 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen. Overseers: Thomas Carmichael. Vestrymen: Alexander Crossman; Thomas Cockburn; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; William Wilson; George Scott; Thomas Bogue; John Tait; Peter Dunlop' John Fender; Alexander Moor. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Crossman in the chair.</p> <p>Resolved that a proper person be appointed as a policeman for the Parish and that the sum of 16s per week be allowed for</p>	12 Jan. 1830

			<p>such service. The meeting further recommended that the Magistrate will cause the High Constable to co-operate with such a person as may be appointed as a policeman, they being of opinion that the said High Constable might be much more active and useful than he is now.</p> <p>Resolved that an advertisement be put into the Berwick newspapers for a proper person for the office as a policeman, and that the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to prepare an advertisement.</p> <p>Ordered that the Churchwardens and Overseers do immediately advertise for a proper person to be Master of the Workhouse, and that a salary to be given for the performance of such duty be £35 per annum, the Parish funding for the Master coals, candles and washing and the fare of the House [Workhouse], all other necessaries for himself and his family to be funded by himself.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/355-357	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 January 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen; Robert Lyall; Matthew Smith. Overseers: Robert Waite; Alexander Christison; James Scott. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; John Cunningham; John Tait; Alexander Moor; George Scott; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Crossman; James McBurnie; John Greenfield; Andrew Fender; William Wilson.</p> <p>.J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Bogue in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Turnbull to have £1 advanced to him, to be repaid out of his stint money, and that William Nelson's (sailor) two children be taken into the Workhouse, and that William Young have 3s advanced to him, to be repaid out of his quarters salary, and that John Milne's widow and three children be allowed 4s, and that Robert Tait's widow be taken into the Workhouse, and George Davidson, wife and five children be allowed 4s until he gets employment, and that Thomas Dunn's widow and two children be allowed 3s, and that Peter Foreman and two children be allowed 3s, and George Turnbull senior have £1</p>	21 Jan. 1830

			<p>advanced to him to be repaid out of his stint money, and that John Dickinson, wife and one child be taken into the Workhouse upon him giving security upon his meadow and stint, and that widow Ramsay and son's allowance be reduced from 3s to 2s, and that widow Heatly's three children (one child illegitimate) have their allowance decreased from 1s to 18d, and that Alexander Inglis' son be allowed a pair of clogs and taken into the House [Workhouse], and Robert Skelly, wife and three children be allowed a load of coals for the [ch?] she learns to sew.</p> <p>Resolved that the notice served upon Mr Fleming [Joseph Fleming] to quit possession of the Workhouse on the 25 March be adhered to, but that he and his family shall be allowed the use of the dwelling house until Whit Sunday first with the exception of a bedroom and kitchen to be occupied by the new Governor.</p> <p>Ordered that James Elliott and family, Alnwick, be allowed a donation of £1 on account of ill health.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/358-359	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 25 January 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Matthew Smith; George Keen; Robert Lyall, Overseers: Richard Waite. Vestrymen: Thomas Cockburn; John Thompson; John Cunningham; John Tait; George scot; Alexander Moor; James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Laing; Peter Dunlop; Andrew Fender; William Wilson; Thomas Lough; Thomas Wilson; Alexander Crossman.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Cockburn in the chair.</p> <p>The meeting had received several applications from persons for the situation of policeman for the Parish, all of whom had produced testimonials of their character, after due consideration the meeting were of opinion that James Proudfoot having a majority of votes should be recommended to the Magistrate as a proper person to be appointed as a policeman or constable for the Parish.</p>	25 Jan. 1830

Item	GBR 2/359-360	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 February 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; George Keen; Robert Lyall; Matthew Smith. Overseers: Richard Waite; Alexander Christison; James Scott. Vestrymen: Thomas Cockburn; Thomas Bogue; William Wilson; John Cunningham; Peter Dunlop; James McBurnie; Alexander Moor; James Sligh; John Greenfield; John Tait; George Scott; John Laing; Thomas Wilson; Thomas Lough; John Turner; Alexander Crossman; John Thompson; Andrew Fender; Ralph Smith. .J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>Meeting for the election of a Master of the Parish Workhouse by the Churchwardens and Overseers and other members of the Select Vestry. On taking the vote of the several members present the greatest number voted for Andrew Dick. Resolved and ordered that the said Andrew Dick is hereby elected and appointed Master of the Workhouse with a salary of £35 per annum together with the dwelling house, at present occupied by Joseph Fleming, and the fare of the Workhouse, coals, candles and washing – all other necessaries for himself and his wife to be paid by Andrew Dick.</p>	1 Feb. 1830
Item	GBR 2/361-363	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 February 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George Keen; W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins]; Robert Lyall; Matthew Smith. Overseers: James Scott; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: George Scott; Thomas Bogue; James McBurnie; Andrew Fender; Ralph Smith. .James McBurnie in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: [Thomas Spigart?] have a donation of £1 sent to him at Gateshead, his family being unwell, and Margaret Todd be allowed 18d for 14 days, and that Thomas Weatherly's widow be allowed 1s till the half-yearly meeting, and that John Paxton's widow be allowed two pairs of shoes for her two children, and that Isabella Newton have 2/6s advanced to her</p>	4 Feb. 1830

			<p>upon giving security of her meadow and stint money, and that George Knox senior's widow have 2s advanced to her upon security of her meadow and stint money, and that John Chapman have a loan of £5 to be repaid by 2s per week, and that Charles Drummond's widow have her allowance increased from 18d to 2s during sickness, and that Margaret Robertson have 12s advanced to her and her allowance of 18d be discontinued, and James Mace, wife and three children, be allowed 4s for one month, and if the doctor considers it necessary that he should have a truss for his complaint one should be purchased for him, and that Andrew Weatherston's wife be allowed 18d till the half-yearly meeting, and Hannah Carens have a load of coals sent to her to be repaid out of her meadow and stint, and Joseph Hall's wife and three children be allowed 4/6s until he gets into employment, and Robert Alder and wife have 5/6s advanced to them for ten weeks upon them both giving security upon their meadow and stint. Ordered that Jane Todd's trunk containing her wearing apparel be released from the Berwick Shipping Co where it is detained fro her passage from London, and that James Cunningham's three children be taken into the school, and that Thomas Lindsay be allowed 3s until he can get employment on the street, and John Cook be allowed a pair of shoes.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/364-366	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of this Parish in Vestry assembled to fix the salary of the new Master of the Workhouse held on 11 February 1830	<p>The Rev the Vicar in the chair.</p> <p>The following report of the proceedings of the Select Vestry was read regarding the dismissal of the present Master of the Workhouse from 25 March next and the election of his replacement Andrew Dick. Also outlined were the practical problems in connection with the above, and other parishes had been consulted as to proceedings regarding election of Master of the Workhouse. The election of Andrew Dick, a married man with no children, was approved by the meeting through a poll. (For details of condition of employment see GBR 2/359-360, 1 February 1830).</p>	11 Feb. 1830

Item	GBR 2/367-368	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen held on 18 February 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; Joseph Hubback; George K Nicholson. Overseers: Richard Waite; James Scott; Alexander Christison. Vestrymen: Alexander Moor; John Cunningham; James McBurnie; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; William Wilson; Thomas Wilson; James Sligh; Alexander Crossman; George Scott; John Turner; John Tait; Andrew Fender.</p> <p>.J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Elizabeth Williamson be allowed 2/6s upon her leaving the House [Workhouse], and Robert Nicholson be allowed a load of coals, and that Mary McGrath have her passage to London paid for and be allowed some necessaries to enable her to go to service, and that George Turnbull have £1 advanced to him , and Jane Main, widow, be allowed 1s, and that [T F W?] Hogg have £2 advanced to him upon security of stint, and James Nichols and wife have their allowance increased to 4/6s during his illness, and that Margaret Epworth's child to Thomas Logan be taken into the House [Workhouse], and James Duncan have £1 advanced to him , to be repaid by 1s per week.</p>	18 Feb. 1830
Item	GBR 2/369	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 March 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; Thomas Thompson; William Dickson. Overseers: Alexander Christison; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; James McBurnie; James Sligh; John Greenfield; Alexander Crossman; George Scott; John Cunningham; William Wilson; Ralph Smith; Alexander Moor; Andrew Fender; Thomas Lough.</p> <p>[No chairman mentioned]</p> <p>Ordered that John Turnbull have a further sum of 10s advanced to him, to be repaid out of his stint money, and that James Bell's widow be allowed a pair of shoes, and James Mace's</p>	4 March 1830

			allowance be continued till the half-yearly meeting.	
Item	GBR 2/370-379	Minutes of a general half-yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 18 March 1820	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; George K Nicholson; William Dickson; Joseph Hubback. Overseers: Alexander Christison; James Scott; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; Thomas Bogue; James McBurnie; James Sligh; Alexander Moor; John Tait; John Greenfield; Andrew Fender; John Cunningham; John Thompson; George Scott; William Wilson; Thomas Lough. .J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the following sums set opposite their respective names. [pp. 371-379 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p>	18 March 1830
Item	GBR 2/380-381	Minutes of meeting of the Churchwardens, Overseers and a committee of the Select Vestry for the purpose of receiving estimates for articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse held on 19 March 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Thompson; William Dickson; George Scott; James Scott; Thomas Wilson; George K Nicholson; Alexander Crossman; Ralph Smith; Richard Waite.</p> <p>The committee had received estimates for the furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half year ensuing agreeable to the advertisements and contracts were made with the following persons: Andrew Anderson, bread; John Waugh, oatmeal; John Paxton, fabric and buttons; Robert Fender, calico; George Paterson' drugget; William Heron, [felliting?] thread; Mr Lilly and Mr Smith to supply beef on alternative weeks as their prices were the same.</p>	19 March 1830
Item	GBR 2/382	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 March 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; James Hubback; Thomas Thompson. Overseers: Richard Waite; James Scott. Vestrymen: John Cunningham; John Thompson; John Turner; John Greenfield; Thomas Bogue; George Scott; James McBurnie. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Scott in the chair.</p>	24 March 1830



			Ordered that all the keys belonging to the Workhouse now in Joseph Fleming's possession be delivered up to the Select Vestry and to no other person.	
Item	GBR 2/383-384	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 27 March 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: Richard Waite; James Scott. Vestrymen: George Scott; James Sligh; James McBurnie; John Cunningham; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; John Turner. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>Meeting called due to the disorderly proceedings at the Workhouse, which if allowed to go on, will prevent due relief to the paupers in the Workhouse. These tumultuous proceedings are caused by the persons pretending to be churchwardens elected by the Corporation, and because the Select Vestry has by Act of Parliament the power of controlling churchwardens and overseers regarding the relief of the poor.</p> <p>Resolved that the distribution of relief to and arrangement and ordering of the paupers in the Workhouse shall be committed to the sole management and direction of the present Overseers viz. Alexander Christison; Thomas Carmichael; Richard Waite; James Scott, and the following members of the Select Vestry viz. Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh; James McBurnie; John Cunningham, and that if a person calling themselves churchwarden to wit William Hopper Thompkins; Matthew Smith; George Keen; Robert Lyall shall interfere or in any way contravene or disobey this order they shall be indicted or otherwise proceeded against with the utmost vigour, and the Select Vestry call upon the Magistrates to interfere in such manner as to prevent rioting, and to maintain the peace of the town which is in great danger from the irregular and violent proceedings of the self-styled churchwardens.</p>	27 March 1830
Item	GBR 2/385	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of	John Miller Dickson in the chair.	31 March 1830

		Berwick in Vestry assembled held on 31 March 1830	The report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the poor of this Parish was presented and read to the meeting and approved of.	
Item	GBR 2/386-388	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 April 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; William Dickson. Overseers: James Scott; Alexander Christison; Richard Waite. Vestrymen: John Tait; Thomas Bogue; James McBurnie; George Scott; Alexander Crossman; John Turner; John Cunningham; William Wilson; Thomas Lough; Alexander Moor; James Sligh; Peter Dunlop. .J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Turner in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Turnbull have £1 advanced to him upon security of his stint, and that George Watson and wife be allowed 2s, and that James Burrel's widow be advanced 3s per week upon her meadow and stint, and Margaret Simpson's allowance be increased to 1/6s, and 10s to be given to the woman who has been taken care of Alexander Smith at Stockton, and Jane Millar be allowed 4s to carry her back to Bedlington, and that John Fairly's widow and one child be allowed 18d, and that Donaldson Blackhall and wife have their allowance increased to 2/6s.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs Alexander Moor; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Crossman with the Churchwardens and Overseers be a committee to co-operate with the Parish of [Liverpool?] respecting the rating of property of small value to the landlord. Resolved that the committee appointed on 27 March viz. Messrs Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; James Sligh; James McBurnie and John Cunningham together with the Overseers be a committee to take such steps as they think necessary to enforce the order made on 27 March.</p> <p>Also ordered that Jane Brown have 12s advanced to her to be repaid out of her stint, and that Featherston's child be allowed a suit of clothes , and that George Turnbull have a further sum of</p>	1 April 1830

			10s advanced to him to be repaid out of his stint , and that widow Cockburn, of Detchant, have her allowance increased to 18d, and Robert Clark's daughter, Christian, be allowed a pair of shoes.	
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Item	GBR 2/390-391	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants in Vestry assembled for the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Select Vestry for the managing the affairs of the Parish for the ensuing year held on 15 April 1830	<p>The Rev the Vicar in the chair.</p> <p>T Chartres junior gave in a list on behalf of himself and the other Overseers, which was duly seconded by [C Dow?]. A T Stevenson gave in another list, which was duly seconded by W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins. A poll was demanded and seconded and taken, the result was as follows: For the Overseers' list 238 votes. For Stevenson's list 51 votes.</p> <p>The following persons (being the names contained on the Overseers' list): Thomas Lough, cooper; Andrew Fender, farmer; John Thompson, farmer; William Wilson, ironmonger; James Sligh, cooper; John Tait, saddler; Thomas Bogue, draper; John Greenfield, grocer; John Young, grocer; [William Sked?], grocer; Arthur Byran Gowan, shipbuilder; William Heron, draper; John Tait, farmer; Peter Dunlop, farmer; Richard Richardson, cabinetmaker; Robert Kerr, tallow-chandler; Thomas Carmichael, corn merchant; Richard Waite, grocer; Alexander Christison, tobacconist; James Scott, currier are therefore hereby nominated and elected member of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concern of the poor, for the year ensuing.</p>	15 April 1830
Item	GBR 2/392-393	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 April 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; George K Nicholson; William Dickson. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop. Vestrymen: John Young; William Heron; William Sked; James Sligh; James Scott; Alexander Christison; Richard Richardson; William Wilson; John Tait junior; Robert Kerr; Thomas Lough; John Greenfield; John Tait senior; Andrew Fender.	22 April 1830

			<p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: [Alexander Garden's?] wife (he is in gaol) be allowed 18d for 14 days, and James Thompson's wife and two children be allowed 2s, and that Thomas Down's wife and one child be allowed 18d until she hears from her husband who has gone to London in search of employment , and that George Johnson and wife be allowed 4s to be repaid out of his meadow and stint, and that George Turnbull senior have a further 10s advanced to him upon security of his meadow, and that shoes ordered from [? Richardson] by W H Thompkins [William Hopper Thompkins] are not to be paid by the Overseers.</p> <p>Resolved that Messrs John Young; William Heron; William Sked; Robert Kerr; Richard Richardson together with the Overseers be a committee to superintend the management of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Resolved that Messrs Thomas Bogue; [John G?]; William Wilson; Alexander Christison together with the Overseers be a committee to endeavour to get property of small value rated upon the landlord.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/394-397	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 May 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; John R Dunlop; Charles Don; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: John Tait; Peter Dunlop; Robert Kerr; Thomas Lough; Richard Richardson; William Sked; Alexander Christison; John Young.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Charles Don in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Turnbull, cooper, to have 10s advanced to him, to be repaid out of his stint money, and that George Marshall's wife have £1 advanced to her to get some furniture and wearing apparel out of pawn, to be repaid out of his stint money, and Alexander Garden's wife be allowed 1s instead of 18d, and that</p>	6 May 1830

			<p>John Wallace, cooper have £1 advanced to him, to be repaid out of his stint money, and William Raitton's widow have £1 advanced to her to carry her to her parish of Barnard Castle, and Margaret Inglis and child be allowed 2s and flannel for a petticoat for each of them and a pair of shoes for herself, and that widow Fleming's allowance be reduced to 3s</p> <p>Meeting held this day of the Committee appointed by the Select Vestry to superintend and enquire into the internal management of the Parish Workhouse. Messrs John R Dunlop; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John Young; William Sked; Robert Kerr being present.</p> <p>Charles Don in the chair.</p> <p>It was found that the Workhouse in so far as relates to its internal management is in a state of complete anarchy and confusion, and that from the late faction and conflicting mode in which the affairs of the Parish have been conducted the superintendence of this department seems to have been most culpably overlooked. It is therefore hereby agreed on that the Overseers together with J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] be appointed to instruct and give such instructions to Daniel Morrison for the time being as will enable him efficiently to discharge the duties of Governor of the Parish Workhouse, and that every facility be granted to him in order to carry the same into effect. In doing this the Committee must be understood as not recognising the legality or illegality of Mr Morrison's appointment, that being a question which neither they nor the Select Vestry can determine, but must be decided in a court of law, but since the Magistrates have refused to interfere on this important part, and a sit is admitted that no one else beside the individual in question has an equal claim to the appointment, the Committee have therefore decided for the general interests of the Parish that he should forthwith be put in possession of the said office and continue therein until the dispute in question is legally and finally set at rest, such is the opinion of the Committee on this important point and in laying the same before the Select Vestry they confidently anticipate their cordial</p>	
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			acquiescence and support. To the proposal of the Chairman Messrs John Young; William Sked; Robert Kerr gave their consent. John R Dunlop; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres were decidedly opposed to it. The above report having been read to the meeting it is ordered that the same be carried into effect	
Item	GBR 2/398-399	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 20 May 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; James Hubback. Overseers: Thomas Chartres; John Dodds; Charles Don. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; Richard Waite; John Sligh; John Tait; W Sked [William Sked]; James Scott; John Young; R Kerr [Robert Kerr]; W Heron [William Heron; John Greenfield; A Christison [Alexander Christison]. Thomas Bogue in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Mary Young be allowed 2s for one month, and that [John Lock?] be advanced 20s to enable him to seek employment, and that [Ra? Hogarth] and wife's allowance be advanced to 3/6s, and Wright's child to wills be allowed one pair of shoes, and that Isabella Blakin be allowed 1/6s on her meadow and stint, and George Ainslie be advanced 20s on his meadow and stint. Ordered that the school examinations be held on Tuesday 9 June, and that the Rev W Barnie; Rev Mr Young and [Mr Gardier?] be requested to attend.	20 May 1830
Item	GBR 2/400-401	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 3 June 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson. Overseers: Charles Don; Thomas Chartres senior; J R Dunlop [John R Dunlop]. Vestrymen: A B Gowans [Arthur Bryan Gowans]; R Richardson [Richard Richardson]; Alexander Christison; Thomas Bogue; John Young; Robert Kerr; William Wilson; Thomas Lough; William Heron; Richard Waite; Andrew Fender; John Tait; William Sked. William Wilson in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:	3 June 1830

			<p>Thomas Marshall's wife and four children be allowed 4s for one month, and that [Robert Dow's?] widow's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and William Hogg be allowed 2s till he gets better, and that Eleanor Denham's allowance be advanced to 2/3s, and John Porteus be ordered to sweep the streets three days each week, and Thomas Pearson's widow be allowed 2s, and [John Pabron's] widow's allowance be advanced to 2/3s, and Isabella Brice be allowed 10s for attending [William Nixon?] on his death-bed, and that David Gibson's widow be advanced 20s on her meadow and stint.</p> <p>Ordered that Mr Morrison [Daniel Morrison] be instructed that no person be allowed to come into the Parish Workhouse without leave of the Governor, and that Mr Morrison be and is hereby instructed that no pauper be allowed to absent themselves from the Workhouse without having first obtained from [him and ?] to be out later than 6 o'clock in the summer and 4 o'clock in the winter, also ordered that Ann Shanks and Mary Lyons be expelled from the Parish Workhouse tomorrow morning for their bad conduct.</p> <p>Ordered that a Vestry meeting be called on 15 June instant to take Mr Morrison's report into consideration.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/402	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 13 June 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseere: Thomas Chartres; John Dodds. Vestrymen: James Scott; William Wilson; Richard Waite; John Greenfield; William Heron; Robert Kerr; John Tait senior; Thomas Lough. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following was ordered:  Mary Edmond and child be expelled from the House [Workhouse] and allowed 18d per week, and Eleanor McRae be confined in the black hole for her bad conduct, and that Elizabeth Smeabeard be employed in teasing oakum, and that Elspeth Cunningham, Mary McNally and [Catherine Cator?] be employed regularly at work in the country.</p>	13 June 1830

Item	GBR 2/403-405	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 17 June 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; William Dickson. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; James Sligh; James Scott; Robert Kerr; John Thompson; William Sked; John Tait senior; Richard Richardson; Alexander Christison.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blckett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Garret be allowed 2/6s during his illness, and James Georgeson, wife and four children be allowed 6s during his illness and his settlement to be enquired into, and that George Ainslie have £1 advanced to him upon security of his meadow and stint, and that Robert Walker's widow and child be allowed 18d , and Elizabeth Robertson be allowed 18d, and Robert Tait's son Robert be allowed a dress [sic] to be repaid by 6d per week, and George Tait's wife and child be allowed 18d and dismissed from the House [Workhouse], and that widow Wight and child's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and that Benjamin How's son George be taken into the House [Workhouse] and sent to school, and Margaret Young's allowance of 2s be continued for the present, and that the Overseers allow such sum as they think necessary to enable John Shanks and family to go to America, and that Walter Wright's widow and family be allowed 3s, and James Conolly have a loan of £2 to enable him to get out of gaol to be repaid .</p> <p>Ordered that the Parish purchase a horse for the purpose of leading the manure off the streets and that Walter Matthewson be employed in superintending the scavengers and that Lockwell have one month notice to quit.</p> <p>Also ordered that William Johnson's allowance be reduced to 18d per week or he be employed in teasing oakum.</p>	17 June 1830
Item	GBR 2/405-406	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 24 June 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; William Dickson; James Hubback. Overseers: John R Dunlop; John Dodds; Charles Don. Vestrymen: John Thompson; John Young; John Tait junior; James Scott; John Greenfield; Thomas</p>	24 June 1830



			<p>Bogue; Thomas Lough; William Wilson; James Sligh; William Heron; Andrew Fender; Alexander Christison; Richard Waite; William Sked. [No chairman indicated]</p> <p>The meeting having taken into consideration the propriety of granting an annuity to Mr Fleming [Joseph Fleming] and his wife during their natural lives resolved that a Parish meeting be called on Wednesday 7 July to take the same into consideration.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/406-408	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 1 July 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. Vestrymen: John Young; Thomas Bogue; James Scott; William Heron; John Tait junior; Peter Dunlop; John Greenfield; Richard Waite; A B Gowan [Arthur Bryan Gowan]; John Tait senior; Robert Kerr. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Ann Shank be allowed 18d, and James Marshall's wife and two children be allowed 3s until she gets employment, and George Marshall's wife and three children be allowed 4s for 14 days, and Henry Turkinton's wife and one child be allowed 2s until she gets a situation, and George Tait's wife and one child have one quarter money advanced to her to enable her to go to Glasgow, and that the allowance of 4s be continued to Thomas Marshall and family for 14 days longer, and Alice Coulson be allowed 3s, and Thomas Brown's two children be allowed some clothes, and Redmond Barry's son David be allowed a suit of clothes, and Mary Lyon's allowed 3s to go to Newcastle, and William Slater's widow be allowed 2s upon her leaving the House [Workhouse], and William Scougal's widow be allowed 2s</p> <p>It was mentioned to the meeting that [Mr Cansford ? Fenton] had been appointed Collector of Taxes for the Parish and that</p>	1 July 1830

			<p>he had named James Aitchinson, linen draper and Thomas Cockburn, spirit merchant as his securities. Ordered that Mr Fenton be required to enter into a bond immediately for the faithful performance of the said office, this security having been approved of by the meeting.</p> <p>Also ordered that a meeting of the Select Vestry be called on Thursday 8 July to take Mr Morrison's [Daniel Morrison] claim for payment of a salary into consideration.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/409	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 8 July 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres senior. Vestrymen: John Young; William Heron; John Tait senior; Alexander Christison; John Tait junior; William Wilson; James Scott; John Thompson; Thomas Lough; William Sked; Richard Sked; Robert Kerr; Thomas Bogue; Andrew Fender; A B Gowan [Arthur Bryan Gowan].</p> <p>The meeting having taken into consideration the claim of Mr Morrison [Daniel Morrison] for payment of a salary and emolument. It is ordered that Mr Morrison be paid his salary from 25 March last, and also the sum of £3 as an allowance to him, he having found himself in victuals since his appointment.</p>	8 July 1830
Item	GBR 2/410-411	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 22 July 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; William Dickson. Overseers: John Dodds; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Charles Don. Vestrymen: Robert Kerr; John Tait junior; John Greenfield; William Hereon; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Christison; James Sligh; Andrew Fender. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Greenfield in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payment and decisions were ordered: William Davis' wife and seven children be allowed 5s for 14 days, and Ann Barrister be allowed 18d for one month, and Thomas Marshall, wife and four children be allowed 2/6s for 14 days, and Moses Thompson's, soldier, wife and one child be allowed 15d, and that Margaret Young's allowance be reduced</p>	22 July 1830

			from 2s to 18d, and Frances Mason and her illegitimate child be allowed 1s, and that widow McCormic and two children be allowed £4 to carry them to Ireland, and that Michael Gatons wife and two children have their passage paid to Hull and be allowed 2/6 and the boys a suit of clothes, and Elizabeth Smeabean be allowed 18d upon her leaving the House [Workhouse], and that Robert Gilchrist and wife be allowed 3s to be repaid by his meadow and stint.	
Item	GBR 2/412-414	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish to consider the propriety of proceeding against the Collector of assessed taxes and his sureties for the deficiencies in the monies he has collected held on 29 July 1830	Statement to the inhabitants: Henry Johnson the Elder and Henry Johnson the Younger, approved collectors of land and assessed taxes for the District of Berwick-upon-Tweed 29 June 1829. They offered Robert Mathieson of Tweedmouth, cooper, and William Darling of Loanend Bankhead, as sureties, and they were approved of by the Parish Officers and entered into a proper bond to two of the Commissioners of the Assessed Taxes on the penalty of £2,000 for the due execution by Henry Johnson the Elder and Henry Johnson the Younger. According to an investigation of the accounts of Henry Johnson the Elder (his son not having acted as collector) it was ascertained that Henry Johnson had collected £159 12s 0d, but had not paid the amount to the Receiver General as he was bound to do. The Commissioners seized all his effects and sold the said by virtue of their power under the Assessed Tax Acts. The sale raised £16 18s 7 ½ d, which was paid over to the Receiver General, leaving a deficiency of £142 13s 4 ½ d. Henry Johnson admits that he had misapplied the sums he had collected, and is totally unable to make up the deficiency or any part of it. The deficiency must be made good to the Revenue by a re-assessment upon the Parish unless the same can be recovered from the Collector and his sureties. The Board of Taxes and the Commissioners of the District have both been applied to and have declined to take any proceedings upon the Board or their own responsibility, but the Commissioners of the District are willing to permit their names to be used in any proceedings if the Parish indemnify them against any loss and will carry them on at the expenses of the Parish.	29 July 1830

			<p>The Churchwardens and Overseers have called this meeting for its opinion and sanction of what may be necessary to be done.</p> <p>They have reason to hope that if proper measures be adopted a considerable part, if not the whole of the deficiency, may be recovered from the sureties. They are asking the meeting for direction in the case.</p> <p>Resolved that the Churchwardens and Overseers are hereby authorised to take such measures in concert with the Commissioners of Taxes as shall be deemed most advisable for recovering from the Collector and their sureties, or some of them, the deficient amount. They are to report back to a meeting of the inhabitants as to the steps they take.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/415	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 5 August 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: William Heron; John Young.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Heron in the chair.</p> <p>Resolved that on account of so few members being present the meeting be adjourned till tomorrow evening at 6p.m.</p>	5 Aug. 1830
Item	GBR 2/416-417	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 August 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: John Tait junior; Richard Waite; Thomas Bogue; Richard Richardson; John Tait senior.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Bogue in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Turnbull senior's wife be allowed 18d to be repaid out of his meadow and stint, and that John Davidson's allowance be increased from 18d to 2s, and John McQueen senior's widow be allowed £1 to assist in defraying the funeral expenses of her late husband, and that Cecil Rule be allowed 1s , and John Gilchrist be allowed 2s upon his leaving the House</p>	6 Aug. 1830

			[Workhouse], and James Lee allowed 10s to enable him to find employment when he leaves the House [Workhouse], and that William Brown's wife and three children be allowed 2/6s for 14 days, and that George Bell's son's allowance be discontinued.	
Item	GBR 2/418-419	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 19 August 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson. Overseers : John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Dodds. Vestrymen: John Tait; John Young; Andrew Fender; John Greenfield.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop] in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Mary Fallow's daughter be allowed 4/6s to enable her to go to her mother in Edinburgh, and that Hugh McKenzie's widow be allowed 4/6s for her three children for one month, and that James Main, wife and six children be allowed 6s for 14 days, and that John McQueen's widow be allowed 2s to be repaid out of her meadow and stint, and William Brown's wife and three children be allowed 2/6s for 14 days longer than John Trotter, wife and one child be allowed 18d till the doctor's report.</p>	19 Aug. 1830
Item	GBR 2/419	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23 September 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; Thomas Thompson; William Dickson. Overseers: Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. Vestrymen: Richard Waite; James Sligh; John Tait junior; Alexander Christison; William Heron; John Young; Robert Kerr; Richard Richardson.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>Adjourned till this day 14 days at a [quarter?] before 9 a.m. [THIS ENTRY AND THE FOLLOWING 2 APPEAR IN NON-CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER IN THE VOLUME]</p>	23 Sept. 1830
Item	GBR 2/420-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson;	16 Sept. 1830

	429	Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 16 September 1830	James Hubback; George K Nicholson; William Dickson. Overseers: Charles Don; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. Vestrymen: James Sligh; James Scott; John Young; Thomas Bogue; Richard Richardson; Robert Kerr; William Heron; Richard Waite; Alexander Christison; John Tait senior; Andrew Fender; John Tait Junior. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.  Ordered that the following persons be allowed the following sums set opposite to their respective names. [pp. 421-429 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]	
Item	GBR 2/430-431	Minutes of meeting of the Churchwardens, Overseers of the poor and other members of the Select Vestry for the purpose of receiving estimates for articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse held on 20 September 1830	Present at the meeting: Richard Richardson; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Chartres; John Dodds; William Heron; Thomas Bogue; James Scott; James Sligh; Richard Waite. Richard Richardson in the chair.  The committee received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half-year ensuing. Contracts were made with the following persons: William Bruce, meat; Thomas Richardson, shoes; Gundlaw Weir, boys' shoes; John Paxton, fabric; Robert Fender, calico; Andrew Anderson, bread.	20 Sept. 1830
Item	GBR 2/432-433	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 30 September 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Thomas Thompson; George K Nicholson. Overseers: John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Charles Don; Thomas Chartres; John Dodds. Vestrymen: William Wilson; John Young; Alexander Christison; Richard Richardson; Thomas Bogue; John Tait junior; James Sligh; John Greenfield; William Heron. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. William Wilson in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:	30 Sept. 1830

			John Morgan be taken into the Workhouse, and James Sample, wife and two children's allowance be increased to 6s, and that Ainslie's child to Fleming be taken into the Workhouse and the allowance for her child to a soldier be discontinued and that the allowance to the following children be discontinued: Marshall's child to Hope; Hook's child to Snowdon; Wood's child to Bolam and James Thompson's child.	
Item	GBR 2/434-438	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 October 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; Thomas Thompson. Overseers: John Dodds; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Chartres; Charles Don. Vestrymen: William Heron; John Thompson; Thomas Bogue; John Young; John Tait junior; James Scott; Andrew Fender; John Greenfield; John Tait senior; William Wilson; William Sked; Thomas Lough; Alexander Christison; A B Gowan [Arthur Bryan Gowan]; James Sligh; Richard Waite.</p> <p>This day the following persons in the Workhouse appeared before the meeting and had their various cases enquired into. [pp. 435-437 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]</p> <p>Ordered that widow Cormic and two children leave the House [Workhouse] and have an allowance of 3s weekly and that Margaret Suttie be turned out of the Workhouse due to her misconduct</p> <p>The claim of Andrew Dick for payment of a salary as Master of the Workhouse to be resolved after the question between the Corporation and the Parish respecting the appointment of churchwardens is resolved.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that Henry Laws and John Morrison had received £4 14s from William Hopper Thompkins for money due by him to this Parish for the maintenance of his illegitimate child, and which sum had not been paid over to the Overseers or Assistant Overseer. Ordered that Henry Laws and John Morrison be indicted at the sessions for refusing to pay over the said sum thereby disobeying the order of the Select Vestry, which they are bond to according the statute of 59 Geo.3<sup>rd</sup>.</p>	7 Oct. 1830

Tem	GBR 2/439-441	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 14 October 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Joseph Hubback; William Dickson. Overseers: Charles Don; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Chartres; John Dodds. Vestrymen: James Sligh; Thomas Lough; Richard Waite; Thomas Bogue; John Young; A B Gowan [Arthur Bryan Gowan]; Robert Herr' J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Trainer's wife and one child have a donation of £1 if Mr Salmon, the Overseer, Newcastle, thinks they require it, and that James Coldwell be employed three or four days a week on the streets until he gets employment, and that Alexander Gardner and wife be allowed 1s for two weeks, and that Isabella Newton be advanced 2s instead of 2/6s to be repaid by her stint, and Mary Pearson be allowed 2 flannel shifts, and that the allowance to Bush's child to Dryden be reduced to 18d. The order of last meeting respecting the money received by Henry Laws and John Morrison from William Hopper Thompkins was brought under notice of the meeting, and the Overseers and Assistant Overseer having reported that Messrs Laws and Morrison had not yet paid the money to either of them.</p> <p>Ordered that Messrs Laws and Morrison do immediately on notice hereof pay the sum of £4 14s to Charles Don, one of the Overseers or to James Blackett Atkinson, the Assistant Overseer, and it is further ordered that if they shall refuse to comply with the above order they shall be prosecuted for their disobedience as the law directs.</p> <p>Ordered that John Tait senior; Thomas Bogue; James Scott with the Overseers be a committee for the house affairs.</p> <p>Ordered that neither William Hopper Thompkins; Henry Laws; John Morrison; Robert Lyall or any other person be allowed to interfere in the collection or administration of any money raised by the poor rates or any other fund or money belonging to the Parish, except the Overseer for the quarter and the Assistant</p>	14 Oct. 1830



			Overseer.	
Item	GBR 2/441-442	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens; Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 28 October 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Charles Don; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: John Young; Robert Kerr; William Heron; Thomas Bogue; James Scott; John Tait junior; Richard Waite; Andrew Fender; John Tait senior.</p> <p>J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Cockburn's widow and her daughter's illegitimate child to Tait be allowed 18d, and that Thomas Brown's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes and stockings, and that Elizabeth Craig's child to Thomas H Hogg be allowed 1/3s, and George Younger's child be allowed a pair of shoes to be repaid by 6d per week, and that Robert Tait's three children be allowed clogs to be repaid by 6d per week, and Alexander Gardner be allowed 6s to purchase leather to enable him to make a livelihood and his weekly allowance to be discontinued, and that George Crow's widow have her allowance increased from 2s to 2/6s, the same to be repaid by her meadow and stint, and that James Black, wife and daughter, Wooler, have their allowance increased to 6d, and that the sum of £17 14s 0d due by William Givens on his bond to indemnify the Parish against the maintenance of an illegitimate child be paid to the Parish</p>	28 Oct. 1830
Item	GBR 2/443	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of Berwick in general Vestry assembled held on 29 October 1830	<p>Andrew Anderson in the chair.</p> <p>The report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor of the Parish was presented, read to the meeting and approved of.</p>	29 Oct. 1830
Item	GBR 2/444	Minutes of meeting of the Committee for receiving	Present at the meeting: Thomas Bogue; Charles Don; Andrew Fender; John Dodds; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop];	29 Oct. 1830

		estimates for oatmeal and potatoes for the use of the poor in the Workhouse held on 29 October 1830	Thomas Chartres; James Scott. Thomas Bogue in the chair.  James Muckle to supply black and red potatoes of a good quality. John Dewar to supply oatmeal.	
Item	GBR 2/445-446	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 11 November 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Charles Don; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: John Young; Thomas Bogue; Richard Waite; Andrew Fender; John Greenfield; Alexander Christison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Richard Waite in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Davidson and three children be allowed each a pair of clogs, and that Thomas Robertson's widow and two children have their allowance increased to 2s, and that Elizabeth Baird be allowed 1s during winter, and John Wight and five children be allowed 2s for two months, and that William Purves' widow be allowed 2s , and Redmond Barry's four children be allowed each a pair of shoes, and Alexander Phillip's widow be allowed 1/6s or the Workhouse, and the allowance to Peter Brown's child be discontinued, and the allowance to Clement Pattison's, butcher, child be discontinued.	11 Nov. 1830
Item	GBR 2/447-4449	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 25 November 1830	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: John Dodds; Charles Don. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; John Young; Richard Waite; John Tait junior; Robert Kerr; John Greenfield; Andrew Fender. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Bogue in the chair.  The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Vaughan Weatherly, wife and two children be allowed 2/6s, and that James, child to Wester, be allowed some clothes and shoes, and that James Heugh's two children, James and Sophia, be allowed each a pair of shoes, and Margaret Crone	25 Nov. 1830

			<p>be allowed 2s upon her leaving the House [Workhouse], and that Hugh McKenzie's three children be allowed each a pair of clogs and that William Reed's widow come into the House [Workhouse] in 14 days or her allowance be discontinued, and that widow Gilmour be taken into the House [Workhouse] or her allowance be stopped, and that Alexander Lyon's widow be taken into the Workhouse and to be kept in full employment, and that Phillis White be allowed 18d, and John Patterson's widow be allowed 1s and [George Windram's?] widow be allowed 1s during winter, and Margaret Young be taken into the Workhouse or her allowance be discontinued, and that Thomas Falkner's two children be allowed clogs provided they allow 6d per week to repay them, and that Jane Todd be allowed 2s upon her leaving the House [Workhouse] and that Featherston's child to Andrews be allowed a pair of shoes and that Mary Lindsay be allowed 1s and Elizabeth Parker the same, and Jane Swordy be allowed 2 loaves per week.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/449-451	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 9 December 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; Richard Waite; John Greenfield; James Scott; John Tait senior; Thomas Lough. .J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseers. John Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Crow's son, William, be allowed a pair of shoes and worsted for a pair of stockings, and that Margaret Crone be allowed a pair of shoes, and widow Gilmour be allowed 1s or be taken into the Workhouse, and John Morgan's two children be allowed each a pair of shoes the be repaid by 6d per week, and that the allowance to David Guthrie's widow and two children be increased to 3s, and that Robert Millar's widow have six weeks allowance advanced to her , and that William Hogg be allowed a pair of clogs to work on the street, and that Jane Patterson's allowance be reduced to 1s or she be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that [Spear Young's?] child be</p>	9 Dec. 1830

			<p>allowed a pair of shoes and that he allowance to Thomas Marshall's family be increased to 4s, and that the late John Johnson's illegitimate child be allowed 2/6s and his sureties be completed to repay the same, and that David Gibson's widow have an advance of 30s to be repaid out of her stint money, and that James Mace have £1 advanced on security of his meadow and stint, and the Quince's two children be allowed clogs to be repaid by 6d per week, and that John Forster's son John be allowed a pair of clogs to be repaid by 6d per week, and that the allowance to John Black and daughter be reduced to 4s, and that James Caldwell be employed on the streets or an allowance of 2s for six weeks.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/452-453	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23 December 1830	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Dickson. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: James Sligh; John Young; Robert Kerr; John Tait; Andrew Fender; John Tait senior; Thomas Bogue; James Scott. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: John Turnbull have £1 10s advanced to him to be repaid by his meadow and stint, and that George Marshall have £1 advanced on security of his stint, the same to be laid out on clothes for the children, and that Robert Clark's two children be allowed each a pair of clogs, and that Mary Smaile be allowed 1s during winter, and Robert Porter be allowed 15s to enable him to defray the funeral expenses of his daughter, and Hugh Smith's daughter, Jane, be allowed a pair of shoes, and Alice Coulson be allowed 2s to be repaid out of her stint, and that Margaret Dalglish be allowed 1s during winter, and Charles Drummond's widow have her allowance increased to 1/9s for two months, and that Hannah Carens have a load of coals sent to her to be repaid out of her stint, and Thomas Gowan and family have 3s for 14 days, and Margaret Crawford have a load of coals sent to her, and Barbara Wallace be allowed 1s.</p>	23 Dec. 1830

Item	GBR 2/454-455	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 6 January 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: Charles Don; John Dodds; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Thomas Chartres. Vestrymen: James Scott; John Greenfield'; John Thompson; John Tait senior; Peter Dunlop; Thomas Lough; Andrew Fender; John Tait junior. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Lemery's widow be allowed 18d, and that Robert Walker's widow and one child have their allowance increased to 2s, and that Robert Johnson's widow and two children have their allowance increased from 3s to 3/6s; and that John Martin's wife (Mary Ann Scouter) be allowed 12s to go to her husband at Carlisle, and that widow Whellies have 4s to be repaid out of her stint money.</p>	6 Jan. 1831
Item	GBR 2/455-456	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 20 January 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds. Vestrymen: John Tait junior; Thomas Bogue; John Young; Robert Kerr; John Tait senior; James Sligh. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseers. Thomas Bogue in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Thomas Brown's two children be allowed a frock each and to get their shoes mended, and that John Main, wife and one child, be allowed 2/6s for 14v days, and that Phillis White be allowed a pair of shoes to be repaid by 3d per week. Ordered that an iron safe be purchased for the deposit of the Parish [?] and books.</p>	20 Jan. 1831
Item	GBR 2/456-457	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 3 February 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; J Chartres. Vestrymen: Robert Kerr; Richard Richardson; John Young; Andrew Fender; John Greenfield; Thomas Bogue; [William S?]; James Scott. John Tait senior in the chair. [NOT MENTIONED AS BEING PRESENT]</p>	3 Feb. 1831

			<p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: [James ?] convalescent be allowed 1s for a fortnight in addition to his weekly allowance of 3s on account of his present weak state, and that [James ?'s] widow and one child be allowed 3s, and that Mary Dickinson, wife of John Dickinson, sailor, be allowed 15d for one month in addition to the 15d she is accustomed to receive, and that Alice Bannister, spinster, be allowed 18d, and Mary Watson and one child, wife of Alexander Watson, sailor, be allowed 5s for a fortnight, and that [Michael D Mc?] (patient in the dispensary, and his family be allowed 5s for a fortnight, and that Jane Robson and four children, wife of James Robson, be allowed 2s, and that John Main and wife be allowed 2/6s for a fortnight, and Phillis Hall, widow, and four children, widow of Robert Hall, be allowed 5s.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/458-459	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 17 February 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: John Dodds. Vestrymen: Thomas Bogue; John Young; Alexander Christison; James Sligh; William Wilson; William Heron; Richard Waite. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Catherine Scott, Tweedmouth, be allowed 2s, and that Alexander Gardner be allowed a pair of shoes, and that Andrew Curry's widow have 2s advanced upon security of her stint, and John Turnbull, cooper, have a further sum of 10s advanced on security of his meadow and stint, and that Vaughan Weatherly have £1 advanced to him upon security of his stint, and that Alice Parker have 18d advanced upon security of her stint, and that William Johnson, fisher, have a pair of old shoes purchased for him, and that John Crawford, wife and five children be allowed 3/6s during his sickness and application be made to his parish at Cockburnpath, and that Robert Gilchrist and wife have an additional allowance of 1s per week, and that George Marshall, roper, have £1 advanced to him upon security</p>	17 Feb. 1831

			<p>of his stint.  Ordered that Doctor How, surgeon, be applied to see if he will take the sick paupers under his care during Dr Edgar's indisposition.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/460-461	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 3 March 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; Thomas Thompson; William Dickson. Overseers: John Dodds; Charles Don. Vestrymen: Richard Waite; Richard Richardson; Robert Kerr; Alexander Christison; John Greenfield; James Sligh; Andrew Fender.  J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.  Richard Richardson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered:  William Henderson, wife and four children be allowed 5s during sickness, and that Elizabeth Shiels be allowed 1/6s, and John Gilchrist, wife and one child be allowed 1/6s in addition to his present allowance of 2s, and that John Perry's wife and three children be allowed 3s provided he has no employment in gaol, and that Robert McFarlan's wife and four children be allowed 4/6s during his absence at the Military, and that Robert Nicholson be allowed a load of coals, and Peter Wilson's son, Richard, be allowed a suit of clothes, and Robert Gilchrist be allowed a pair of shoes to be repaid by 6d per week, and Elizabeth [?] be allowed 1/3s for her illegitimate child, and James Mace have a loan of £1.</p>	3 March 1831
Item	GBR 2/462-472	Minutes of half-yearly meeting of the Select Vestry held on 17 March 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Dickson. Overseers: Thomas Chartres; John Dodds. Vestrymen: James Sligh; Thomas Bogue; James Scott; John Young; Richard Waite; Alexander Christison; John Tait senior; Thomas Lough; John Tait; John Greenfield; Robert Kerr; William Heron; Andrew Fender; John Thompson; Richard Richardson.  J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer.  James Sligh in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the following persons be allowed the following</p>	17 March 1831

			sums set opposite to their respective names [pp. 463-472 : see separately listed GBR 2 files]	
Item	GBR 2/473-474	Minutes of meeting of the Overseers of the poor and the Select Vestry for the purpose of receiving estimates for articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse held on 18 March 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: John Young; Thomas Chartres; John Dodds; Thomas Bogue; John Greenfield; Richard Waite. John Young in the chair.</p> <p>The Committee had received estimates for furnishing the various articles for the use of the poor in the Workhouse for the half-year ensuing agreeable to the advertisement and contracts were made with the following persons: John Paxton; Smith &amp; Morton, meat; Andrew Anderson, bread.</p>	18 March 1831
Item	GBR 2/475	Minutes of meeting of the inhabitants of the Parish of Berwick in General Vestry assembled held on 30 April 1831	<p>David Logan in the chair.</p> <p>The report of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor was pursuant to act of Parliament presented and read to the meeting and approved of.</p>	30 April 1831
Item	GBR 2/476-477	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 31 March 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]. Vestrymen: Richard Waite; Thomas Lough; James Sligh; John Young; William Heron; Andrew Fender; James Scott; John Tait senior. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Lough in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: James Merner's widow be allowed 1s or taken into the Workhouse, and that Thomas Armstrong and wife be allowed 3s, and Margaret Bennet be allowed a pair of shoes, and that James Stenhouse have a loan of 30s provided he gives proper security, and that widow Allan be allowed 2s to be repaid out of her stint money, and that Cecil Rule be taken into the Workhouse.</p>	31 March 1831



Item	GBR 2/477-478	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 14 April 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; William Dickson. Overseers: James Sharp; C Fenton; John Young. Vestrymen: Robert Kerr; Richard Waite; James Sligh; Thomas Lough; Andrew Fender; Alexander Christison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Robert Kerr in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Crow's son William be allowed as much baragon [a light corded cotton material] as will make a jacket and a pair of trousers, and that James Wallace's wife and four children be allowed 4s for 14 days, and that the church dues be paid for the internment of William Baldwin, and that [Spier ? Young's] child be allowed as much druggat as will make a frock and a petticoat, and John Robertson's widow be allowed 2s to be repaid out of her stint money, and that John Gilchrist be allowed 3/6s in addition to his meadow and stint, and George Hamilton be allowed 18d, and William Johnson, sailor, wife and three children be allowed 3s baragon per week for one month.</p>	14 April 1831
Item	GBR 2/479	Minutes of a meeting of the inhabitants in Vestry assembled for the purpose of nominating and electing members of the Select Vestry for the concern of the poor of the Parish for the ensuing year held on 20 April 1831	<p>David Logan in the chair.</p> <p>On the motion of William Sked, seconded by James McBurnie, the following persons being substantial inhabitant householders of this Parish [?]: John Tait, farmer; Robert Fender, farmer; John Thompson, farmer; John Dunlop, farmer; George Scott' tailor; James Sligh, cooper; James Scott, currier; John Greenfield' grocer' Thomas Bogue, draper; Thomas Wilson' plumber; William Wilson' ironmonger; Andrew Reid' slateman; William Ford, gentleman; Richard Waite, grocer; William Fair, cabinetmaker; Robert Kerr, tallow-chandler; John Dodds the younger, saddler; Thomas Chartres the younger, ironmonger; John Renton Dunlop, spirit merchant and Alexander Christison, grocer are hereby nominates and elected members of the Select Vestry for the care and management of the concerns of the poor of this Parish for the ensuing year.</p>	20 April 1831

Item	GBR 2/480-481	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 28 April 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: John Young; James Sharp; William Sked. Vestrymen: John Dodds; George Scott; James Sligh; Thomas Chartres; Andrew Reid; John Thompson; Thomas Bogue; Alexander Christison; William Fair; Thomas Wilson; Richard Waite; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Robert Kerr. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Bogue in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Peter Kerr's allowance be increased to 2/3s, and John Main, wife and one child have their allowance of 2/6s continued for 14 days longer, and that Thomas Brown's two children be allowed some clothes, and that Elizabeth Spence be allowed 1/3s for her illegitimate child, and John Chapman have a loan of £2 to be repaid at 2s per week.</p>	28 April 1831
Item	GBR 2/481-482	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 12 May 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson; William Dickson. Overseers: James Sharp; John Young. Vestrymen: John Dunlop; Thomas Wilson; George Scott; William Fair; Alexander Christison; James Sligh; Richard Waite; Thomas Chartres. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Sophia Johnson and her illegitimate child to [Bout's?] be taken into the House [Workhouse], and that the Parish to receive the weekly allowance for the child, and that John Hamilton and wife have their allowance increased to 3/6s, and that James Lemery's widow be allowed 2s instead of 18d, and Ann Adams be allowed 1s for her illegitimate child, and Jane Weatherburn's allowance be increased to 2/6s, and the school examinations be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> instant and that Mr Barnes; Mr Brown and Mr Birdsall be requested to attend.</p>	12 May 1831
Item	GBR 2/483-	Minutes of Berwick	Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson.	26 May 1831

	484	Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 26 May 1831	<p>Overseers: John Young; [Cansfield? Fenton]. Vestrymen: John Dunlop; George Scott; John Tait; Robert Kerr; Thomas Wilson; John Dodds; Richard Waite; Thomas Bogue. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: William Dagleish and wife have their allowance increased to 4s, and that Barbara Dickson be allowed 1s, and Robert Wilson, wife and five children have their allowance increased to 8s, and John Peacock be allowed 18d, and John Gilchrist's widow and two children have their allowance of 3/6s continued for 14 days and afterwards to be reduced to 3s, and that Moses Thompson's wife and one child have their allowance increased from 15d to 18d and to have £1 allowance advanced to them to carry them to [Cupar?] in Fife. Also ordered that estimates be received for erecting a place of confinement attached to the Workhouse, the same to be laid before the meeting.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/485-486	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 9 June 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: Joseph Hubback. Overseers: John Young. Vestrymen: James Sligh; Robert Kerr; James Scott; George Scott; Thomas Wilson; Richard Waite; Alexander Christison; John Tait. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. James Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Catherine Dagleish have her allowance increased from 18d to 2s, and that Richard Lee's wife and three children be allowed 2/6s, to be repaid out of his pension, and that Daniel Cameron's widow and daughter be allowed 3/6s, and that Bery How's son, William, be allowed a suit of clothes to be repaid out of his stint money, and that George Marshall's wife and three children be allowed 4s during his absence in search of employment.</p>	9 June 1831
Item	GBR 2/487-	Minutes of a meeting of the	The Rev, the Vicar, in the chair.	23 June 1831

	489	inhabitants called by notice duly given pursuant to the statute to take into consideration the propriety of appointing three parishioners to meet the Committee of the Corporation of Berwick for the purpose of amicably adjusting the boundaries of the piece of land called the Burrs lately decreed to the Parish held on 23 June 1831	<p>A letter from the Town Clerk containing copy of an order of Guild appointing a committee to finish the remaining disputes concerning the Burrs in an amicable manner. It was unanimously resolved by the present meeting that the Parish shall meet the Corporation in the same amicable spirit that dictated the order communicated by the Town Clerk. And it is resolved and hereby ordered that the following inhabitants: [?]; John Miller Dickson, Esq; Robert Marshall, merchant and Patrick Mole, linen draper be a committee to meet the Corporation Committee for the purpose of finally fixing the extent and boundaries of the said piece of land whose arrangement shall be binding and they are hereby empowered to call for all proper persons [?] and [?] to remunerate by order upon the Overseers of the poor the expenses incurred with execution of the powers hereby rested in them.</p> <p>Upon the motion of John Turner, seconded by John Cunningham, the thanks of the meeting was given to Messrs Langston, Clay and Wilson, the committee appointed to conduct the [?] with the Corporation for their services in bringing the same to a [?] conclusion.</p> <p>Upon the motion of Mr Langston, seconded by Mr Wilson, the thanks of the meeting was also given to Messrs Willoby and Home, the solicitors with Burrs [?] for their conduct of the case.</p>	
Item	GBR 2/490-491	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 23 June 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: None. Vestrymen: George Scott; Richard Waite; Thomas Chartres; William Wilson; John Tait; John Dodds. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: Robert Alder's allowance of 4s be continued for 14 days longer, and that Hugh McKenzie's son John be allowed a suit of clothes, and that James Wallace's wife and family have their allowance reduced to 2s, and George Turnbull's son have £1 advanced to him on security of his meadow and stint, and that Peter Wilson have one month's money advanced to him, and</p>	23 June 1831

			that George Marshall's allowance be discontinued and he be employed on the streets.	
Item	GBR 2/491-492	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 7 July 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: [Canford? Fenton]. Vestrymen: George Scott; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; John Dodds; James Sligh; William Wilson; Robert Heron; Thomas Chartres; John Tait. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. George Scott in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that the account presented by John Morrison and Henry Laws for smith work done by John Davidson is not to be paid, and that Robert Blakie's have 3s per week advanced to her to be repaid out of her stint money.</p> <p>Ordered that the Overseers be empowered to receive estimates for building two lock-up houses attached to the Workhouse, and that the following persons be appointed a committee to superintend the management of the Workhouse, viz John Tait; William Wilson; Alexander Christison; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; and the Overseers.</p>	7 July 1831
Item	GBR 2/493-494	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 21 July 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: William Dickson. Overseers: John Young. Vestrymen: Andrew Reid; Thomas Wilson; George Scott; John Dodds; Thomas Bogue; Thomas Chartres; John Tait; Alexander Christison. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Thomas Wilson in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George How's wife and three children be allowed 3s during her confinement in gaol, and that Robert Carr, shoemaker, wife and for children be allowed 2s, and Redmond Barry's son Joseph be allowed a pair of trousers, and Robert Warden and wife have a donation of 5s or be employed on the streets.</p> <p>Ordered that the names of all paupers receiving relief from the Parish be published and distributed among the parishioners.</p>	21 July 1831

Item	GBR 2/494-495	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 4 August 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers: [Canfield? Fenton]. Vestrymen{ Robert Kerr; Thomas Wilson; Richard Waite; John Dodds; Thomas Chartres; George Scott. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseer. Robert Kerr in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that John Hall be allowed 18d per week for 14 days, and that Robert Skelly's wife and three children have their allowance increased from 3s to 4s per week and William Teardale's, soldier, wife and one child be allowed 18d per week.</p>	4 Aug. 1831
Item	GBR 2/495-496	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on 18 August 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: George K Nicholson. Overseers: John Young. Vestrymen: John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; Robert Kerr; William Fair; George Scott; James Sligh. John Renton Dunlop in the chair.</p> <p>Ordered that Edward Keen's widow be allowed 2s per week provided her settlement is in Berwick, and that [George Nutters?] widow be allowed 2s per week, and Alice Brown be allowed 1s per week, and George Porteus' child be allowed 18d per week, the mother going to service.</p>	18 Aug. 1831
Item	GBR 2/496-498	Minutes of Berwick Churchwardens, Overseers and Vestrymen meeting held on [?] September 1831	<p>Present at the meeting: Churchwardens: None. Overseers [Canford? Fenton]; James Sharp; John Young. Vestrymen: Thomas Wilson; James Sligh; John Dodds; Alexander Christison; Robert Kerr; Richard Waite; John R Dunlop [John Renton Dunlop]; James Scott; William Fair. J B Atkinson [James Blackett Atkinson] Assistant Overseers. Alexander Christison in the chair.</p> <p>The following weekly payments and decisions were ordered: George Dodd's widow be allowed 18d, and that Adam's wife and child be allowed her carriage to Edinburgh and 5s to carry her from there to Lanark, and that Robert Wilson's allowance be reduced from 8s to 6s, and that the half-yearly meeting be</p>	Sept. 1831

			<p>held on Thursday 15 instant.  Estimates were received for building two lock-up houses attached to the Workhouse when John Back's offer was accepted, he having agreed to build the same for the sum of £16 9s 6d.</p> <p>The Committee appointed on 4 July last to superintend the management of the Workhouse beg to report that they have had two meetings and had found everything in good order with the exception of one or two articles which were missing and supposed to have been carried away by Tess Wood, one of the nurses who had left the House [Workhouse] without leave.</p> <p>The Committee expressed their satisfaction in finding everything connected with the establishment so clean and in such good order. They state that it is in a great measure owing to the care and attention of Dr Edgar whose jealous endeavours have been directed to promote the health and comfort of every individual in the Workhouse.</p>	