

GBF 01: Board of Guardians Minutes, Belford Poor Law Union

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Volume	GBF 1	Belford Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Belford Union.	<p>The Belford Union consisted of the following parishes and townships: Adderstone; Bamburgh; Bamburgh Castle; Beadnell; Belford (2 guardians elected); Bradford; Budle; Burton; Chathill; Detchant; Easington; Easington Grange; Elford; Ellingham; Elswick; Fleetham; Glororum; Hoppen; Lucker; Middleton; Mousen; Newham; Newstead; Outchester; Preston; Ratchwood; Ross; Shoston; Spindleston; Sunderland; Swinhoe; Tughall; Warenford; Warenton.</p> <p>GUARDIANS IN GBF 1. First appointments took place on 22 November 1836 at a meeting held at the Blue Bell Inn, Belford, after that, elections were held every year in March or April.</p> <p>During the period covered by this volume, the following people served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union, with professions, place of residence, if known, parish represented and years elected</p> <p>William Archbold, farmer, Newham Hall, Newham, 1836; 1837; 1838. John Bell, farmer, Easington Demesne, Easington, 1838; 1839; 1840. William Berwick, Detchant, 1836 Edward Bolton, Bradford, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Alexander Borthwick farmer, Outchester, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. James Bromfield, farmer, Easington Grange, 1836. John Bolam, farmer, Easington Grange, 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. John Bolam, farmer, Easington, 1836. Peter Chirnside, Newham, 1839. Rev John Dixon Clark, Belford, 1840. Thomas Davidson, Newstead, 1839. Henry Dinning, esquire, Warenton, 1836. Henry Dinning, Esquire, Elford, 1836; 1838; 1839. John Dinning, Warenton, 1840. Thomas Embleton, farmer, Newstead, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1840. William Embleton, farmer, Ratchwood, 1836; 1839. William Embleton, farmer, Warenford, 1837; 1839; 1840. James Fawdon, Tughall, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839. Thomas Forster, Chathill, 1837; 1838.</p>	22 Nov. 1836 – 23 March 1841

		<p>Thomas Forster, farmer, Scrainwood, Preston, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1840. Thomas Forster, Lucker, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840 David Gibson, Belford, 1838. Stephen Fryer Gillum, Middleton, 1836; 1837; 1838. Robert Grey, Shoston, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Robert Hall, Middleton, 1839; 1840. William Humble, Bamburgh, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1840. John Johnson, Sunderland, 1836; 1837; 1839. George Henry Laithead, farmer, Hoppen, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Jacob Lawson, Fleetham, 1836; 1837. Henry Leckie, Belford, 1839. George Lilburn, farmer, Dukesfield, Budle (from 10 January 1837); 1838; 1839; 1840. John Lumsden, farmer, Mousen, 1838; 1839; 1840. John Lumsden, Belford, 1836; 1837 John Macdonald, postmaster, Belford, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. James Mack, Ratchwood, 1840. George Manderson, Swinhoe, 1836; 1837; 1838. Edward Moffitt, Adderstone, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Philip Nairn, corn merchant, Waren House, Spindlestone, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Philip Nairn, merchant Sunderland, 1838. Alexander Nicholson, Chathill, 1836. Rev Charles Perigal, Ellingham, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1840. John Railston, Esquire, North Sunderland, Beadnell, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. John Robson, Swinhoe, 1840. Ralph Scott, Easington, 1837. Robert Smeddle, landagent, Bamburgh Castle, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. William Smith, farmer, Burton, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. William Smith, farmer Glororum, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840. Henry Taylor, Mousen, 1836; 1837. Robert Thompson, farmer, Warenton, 1837; 1838; 1839. Robert Thompson, Elford, 1837. William Turnbull, farmer, Detchant, 1837; 1838. David Watson, farmer, Fleetham, 1838; 1839; 1840. John Watson, Swinhoe, 1839. George Young, farmer, Chathill, 1840. John Wood Younghusband, farmer, Elswick, 1836; 1837; 1838; 1839; 1840.</p>	
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Item	GBF 1/1-3	Minutes of the first Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 November 1836 at the Blue Bell Inn.	<p>Chairman: Sir Thomas Haggerston, baronet. Vice-chairman: Prideaux John Selby, Esq</p> <p>Clerk to the Union: Gerard Selby Treasurer: Edward Stamp Relieving Officer: George Scott Auditor :Matthew Frederick Steele</p> <p>The Clerk to provide the necessary books and accounts as directed by the Poor Law Commissioners. Weekly meeting to be held each successive Tuesday at the Blue Bell Inn at 11 a.m.</p>	22 Nov. 1836
Item	GBF 1/4-7	Minutes of the Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 November 1836.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; William B Clark [William Brown Clark]; Thomas Forster, Adderstone; John Macdonald; John Lumsden; Henry Dinning; Robert Grey; Robert Smeddle; John Wood Younghusband; John Bolam; James Bromfield; John Johnson; Rev Charles Perigal; William Smith; Philip Nairn; George H Leithead; [George Henry Leithead]; William Humble.</p>	29 Nov. 1836

			<p>Estimates and orders prepared to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the several parishes and townships according to directions.</p> <p>Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., accepted as surety for George Scott [Relieving Officer], bond on penalty of £110 executed.</p> <p>Charles William Bigge, Esq., of Linden, accepted as surety for Edward Stamp [Treasurer], bond to be executed.</p> <p>Mathew Frederick Steele appointed Auditor of the Union.</p> <p>The Overseer of Shosten applied to the Guardians re pauper Isabella Short. To be taken before the Magistrates to be examined as to her settlement.</p> <p>The Overseer of Sunderland applied to the Guardians re pauper Jane Strangham. To be examined before the Magistrates as to her settlement.</p> <p>The Overseer of Bamburgh re William Rogerson. As above.</p> <p>The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; ; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; be appointed a committee to consider what steps may be necessary and desirable to take towards procuring workhouse accommodation for the paupers of the Union. To report back to the Guardians.</p> <p>Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden] to be paid 3/6s per day for the use of the room occupied by the Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/8-9	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 December 1836	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart. Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq.' Vice-chairman; William Clark, Esq.; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p>	6 Dec. 1836

			<p>Mr Moody, Overseer of Budle, refused to furnish the Relieving Officer with a list of paupers of that township. He was sent for and ordered to attend the next meeting and produce a list of paupers and the sum paid to them.</p> <p>The Relieving Officer produced his application and report book. Examination to be resumed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Circulars to be printed in sufficient number to be sent to every non-resident pauper belonging to the Union, with a form of return to satisfy the Guardians that they are proper objects of relief.</p> <p>Resolved: William Rogerson's settlement is in the township of Outchester. The Overseer agreed to take him without an order of removal.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/10-12	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 December 1836.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; William Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Embleton [William Embleton]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Berwick [William Berwick]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead].</p> <p>Report from committee re procuring a workhouse accommodation for the paupers of this Union. No Suitable building exists. William Clark, Esq., proprietor of the Belford Estate, has offered a site for the erection of a suitable building. He also offers a lease nearly equal to perpetuity at a ground rent merely nominal.</p> <p>Resolved: a plan and estimate for the building of a workhouse be submitted.</p>	13 Dec. 1836
Item	GBF 1/13-15	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 December 1836.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; William Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Addington; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Miffitt]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>Suggestion regarding the erection of a workhouse adopted. A plan and estimate to</p>	20 Dec. 1836

			<p>be procured. John Gibson employed to do this.</p> <p>Letter from Sir John Walsham. He suggests: A workhouse capable of accommodating 50 inmates and capable of an enlargement if needed. Classification of the sexes in a female ward and court, a male ward and court and a sick ward. The Superintendent Registrar's room and office annexed to the Board room in the workhouse.</p> <p>Sir John Walsham regrets not being able to attend meetings for some time due to the necessity he is under of bringing the County of Durham into union operation, but would like to be kept informed by letter.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/16	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 December 1836.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; William Clark, Esq.; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; William Berwick; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning].</p> <p>Moved by William Clark, Esq., seconded by William Brown Clark, Esq.. Resolved that plan of workhouse be sent to Sir John Walsham for his approval carried unanimously.</p>	27 Dec. 1836
Item	GBF 1/17-18	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 January 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart.; Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; William Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Embleton [Thomas Embleton]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p> <p>Notice to all Guardians of the Union re election of a superintendent registrar and district registrar of this Union on 10 January 1837.</p> <p>Two cheques for £30 17s 10d each to be given to George Scott [Relieving Officer] to relieve the paupers for the first two weeks.</p>	3 Jan. 1837

			<p>The Relieving Officer to try to find a place for the orphan children of Samuel Redpath at 2/6s per week instead of 2s per week. The person who now keeps them to have first choice.</p> <p>Lack of payment from the Overseers at Budle and Preston. The Clerk to apply to them for immediate payment.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/19-21	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 January 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart., chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Berwick [William Berwick]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Embleton [Thomas Embleton]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning].</p> <p>Resolved: the whole Union to be considered as the Registrar's district, which is about 10 miles long and a mean breadth of about 7 ½ miles. Population according to the 1831 census 6422. No part of the district is detached.</p> <p>Gerard Selby is the fittest person to hold and exercise the office of Superintendent Registrar. He is to obtain the signature of 2/3 of the Guardians to a statement in writing to that effect to be submitted to the Registrar General.</p> <p>George Scott appointed District Registrar of births, deaths and marriages of this Union</p> <p>Re lunatics: the Relieving Officer to furnish the Clerk with information requested to fill in the returns sent by the Poor Law Commissioners before the next meeting.</p> <p>Cheque for £32 2s 5d to be given to George Scott to relieve the poor for the third week.</p> <p>Letter received from Sir John Walsham with a form for a weekly return was read.</p>	10 Jan. 1837
Item	GBF 1/22-23	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster],</p>	17 Jan. 1837

		meeting held on 17 January 1837.	<p>Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Nairn.</p> <p>The Relieving Officer had submitted the requested form to the Poor Law Commissioners.</p> <p>Cheque signed to George Scott [Relieving Officer] to relieve the poor for the 4th week.</p> <p>All parishes, except Budle, had paid the sums ordered on 29 November.</p> <p>Burial of paupers. Resolved: not more than £1 be expended on the burial of an adult, and not more than 15s for a child under 16, to be sanctioned by Sir John Walsham. The question was whether the Guardians are authorised to pay for the funeral of paupers residing outside the Union or if it should be paid for by the parish in which they die.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/24-25	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 January 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Archbold [William Archibald]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Registration: reply received from the Registrar General stating that the Clerk should not be disqualified by reason of non-residency from holding the office of Superintendent Registrar of the Belford Union.</p> <p>Approval by the Poor Law Commissioners of the appointment of George Scott as Registrar of births and deaths for the Belford Union.</p> <p>Resolved that an account be opened in the ledger entitled 'Out-relief'.</p> <p>The township of Budle has paid the sum ordered.</p>	24 Jan. 1837
Item	GBF 1/26-27	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 January 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bromfield [Alexander Bromfield]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Embleton [William Embleton]; Mr</p>	31 Jan. 1837

			<p>Macdonald [John Macdonald].</p> <p>Resolved: the alteration suggested by Sir John Walsham to increase the amount of relief by one half of the usual amount was accepted. A note to be appended to that week's column to explain the reason for the increase.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/28-29	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 February 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bromfield [Alexander Bromfield]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>Township of Hoppen: £2 2s 3d has already been expended for the relief of the poor, it will require £2 5s 6d to relieve the poor for the remainder of the present quarter. Resolved : two orders for the sum be issued desiring the Overseers of Hoppen to pay those sums to the Treasurer on or before the 14 February. Orders signed accordingly.</p> <p>A male vagrant named Donald had died in Belford with no means to pay for his funeral. Because of his great length he required a coffin of an extra length. The expenditure of the funeral was £1 9s ½ d, 9s ½ d more than the usual sum allowed. Resolved that the amount be paid by the Relieving Officer and charged as out-relief to the pauper.</p>	7 Feb. 1837
Item	GBF 1/30-31	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 February 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bromfield [Alexander Bromfield]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>The township of Hoppen has paid the sum ordered on 7 February.</p> <p>Sir John Walsham had approved the plan of the new Workhouse submitted to him. John Gibson to prepare a fair copy and send it to the Clerk to be examined by Sir John Walsham and transmitted to the Poor Law Commissioners for their approval and seal.</p>	14 Feb. 1837
Item	GBF 1/32-34	Minutes of Belford	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq.,	21 Feb. 1837

		Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 February 1837.	<p>[Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>John Gibson had prepared and sent a copy of plan as directed to Sir John Walsham, who had examined, corrected and approved of it. Letter from William Clark, Esq., (copy enclosed containing specifics of conditions etc.) was read. Resolved that the offer from William Clark, Esq., be accepted.</p> <p>General Orders. Resolved that the Clerk prepares the orders to the Overseers of the townships desiring them to pay on or before 25 March to the Treasurer $\frac{1}{4}$ of their average annual expenditure.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/35-37	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 February 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Bromfield [Alexander Bromfield]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Embleton [Thomas Embleton]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>General Orders. The Clerk had prepared the estimates and orders directed at the last meeting.</p> <p>The bill for seal of the Board having been omitted in the statement of account. Cheque signed to Charles Knight for the amount.</p> <p>Letter from the Poor Law Commissioners requesting a specification of the works of the intended new workhouse to be sent to them. The Clerk had asked John Gibson to prepare this to be transmitted to London.</p>	28 Feb. 1837
Item	GBF 1/38	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 March 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle].</p>	7 March 1837
Item	GBF 1/39-40	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 March 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p>	14 March 1837

			<p>Theobald's Poor Laws. Resolved that the Clerk orders this book for the use of the Guardians.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk orders George A Bromfield to print 200 certificates to be returned once in three months by each non-resident pauper, signed by the minister or churchwarden of the parish in which they reside, stating that they are alive and require parochial relief, and also to print 500 blank bills for the use of the Relieving Officer and others who have charged against the Union</p>	
Item	GBF 1/41-42	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 March 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; Mr Bortwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Embleton [Thomas Embleton].</p> <p>Mark Smith's account for stationery was paid having been examined.</p> <p>List of townships who have paid the sums ordered on 28 February.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Overseers of Swinhoe to express their dissatisfaction of the Guardians at their having accepted the pauper Robert Richester, removed from Longhoughton, without having made application to the Guardians for their sanction to do so.</p>	21 March 1837
Item	GBF 1/43-45	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 March 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] in the chair; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; MR Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bromfield [Alexander Bromfield].</p> <p>Cheques signed to Thomas Bromfield, printer, and to Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden] for the use of the Board room for 19 weeks, and to the Clerk for postages and carriage of parcels, and to the Relieving Officer for postages etc.</p> <p>The Clerk to make up and balance the several accounts in the ledger to prove the correctness of the ledger for the quarter.</p>	28 March 1837
Item	GBF 1/46-49	Minutes of the first	Present at the meeting:	4 April 1837

		meeting of the Belford Board of Guardians for the year 1837/38 held on 4 April 1837.	<p>Ex-officio Guardians: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart; Prideaux John Selby, Esq. Guardians: Belford, John Macdonald; John Lumsden; Detchant, William Turnbull; Easington, Ralph Scott; Easington Grange, John Bolam; Elwick, John Wood Younghusband; Middleton, Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Bamburgh, William Humble; Adderston, Edward Moffitt; Bamburgh Castle, Robert Smeddle; Beadnell, John Railston; Bradford, Edward Bolton; Budle, George Lilburn; Burton, William Smith; Elford, Robert Thompson; Fleetham, Jacob Lawson; Glororum, William Smith; Hoppen, George Henry Leithead; Lucker, Thomas Forster; Mousen, Henry Taylor Esq.; Newham, William Archbold; Newstead, Thomas Embleton; Outchester, Alexander Borthwick; Ratchwood, William Embleton; Shosten, Robert Grey; Spindleston, Philip Nairn; Sunderland, John Johnson; Swinhoe, George Manderson; Tughall, James Fawdon; Warenford, William Embleton; Warenton, Robert Thompson; Ellingham, Rev Charles Perigal; Chathill, Thomas Forster; Preston, Thomas Forster; Ross,. John Wood Younghusband.</p> <p>Appointments: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman and Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman.</p> <p>Accounts for the last quarter closed and transferred the amount against each parish.</p> <p>Ordered that the Overseer of Lucker take measures for the removal of John Robinson and his wife to Swarland.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/50-51	Minutes of Belford Board Guardians meeting held on 11 April 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster[Thomas Forster]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Bolam[John Bolam]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton].</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make out the Union quarterly abstract form 11 for the examination of the Auditor.</p>	11 April 1837
Item	GBF 1/52-53	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 April 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Thomas Embleton; William Embleton.</p>	18 April 1837

			<p>Workhouse accommodation. Resolved that a special meeting of the Guardians be summoned by the Clerk for the 25 April.</p> <p>The Overseer of Elford had by mistake made a return of Robert Thompson as Guardian instead of Mr Dinning. To be rectified if possible.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/54-56	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 April 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby] Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; William Embleton; Thomas Embleton; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smith [William Smith].</p> <p>Motion from MR Manderson [George Manderson], seconded by Mr Railston [John Railston] that the proceedings of the new workhouse be postponed for 12 months from the commencement of the Union. Amendment from Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] seconded by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], that the workhouse be immediately proceeded with, which was carried by a majority of four.</p> <p>Application to be made to the Poor Law Commissioners for a new election of Guardians for Easington in consequence of Mr Scott's [Ralph Scott] death.</p>	25 April 1837
Item	GBF 1/57	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 May 1837	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Bolam[John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p>	2 May 1837
Item	GBF 1/58	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 May 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby] in the chair; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Thomas Embleton.</p> <p>7s to be paid to Margaret Lumsden by the Relieving Officer fro her expenses to Morpeth charged to the township of Swinhoe, and that 2/6s per week be allowed</p>	9 May 1837

			her until further notice.	
Item	GBF 1/59	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 May 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; W B Clark, Esq., [William Brown Clark]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].	16 May 1837
Item	GBF 1/60	Minutes of Belford of Guardians meeting held on 23 May 1837.	Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].	23 May 1837
Item	GBF 1/61	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 May 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]. At the next meeting the propriety of procuring a necessary Register Office for the Union to be considered.	30 May 1837
Item	GBF 1/62-63	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 June 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Liethead [George Henry Laethead]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]. The Clerk ordered to take the necessary steps to carry out the intentions of the Guardians to build a new workhouse. Resolved that the room at the east end of the Blue Bell Inn, Belford, is the fittest within the Union for a register office. Application to be made to William Clark, Esq. for a lease for 99 years renewable, and to make the room fireproof. Orders issued to the Overseers to pay their respective proportions of the sum required during the next quarter.	6 June 1837

Item	GBF 1/64-65	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 June 1837.	Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].	13 June 1837
Item	GBF 1/66	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 June 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]. Resolved that William Johnson be appointed as Clerk in the absence of Mr Selby [Gerard Selby]. Application to be made to the Poor Law Commissioners for their authority to hold meetings of the Board of Guardians once a fortnight instead of every week.	20 June 1837
Item	GBF 1/67-68	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 June 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Thomas Embleton; William Embleton, Warenford. Ordered that the Clerk make up the several accounts for the present quarter.	27 June 1837
Item	GBF 1/69-71	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 July 1837.	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; William Embleton; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]. Resolved that the sum set opposite of each parish be transferred to the debit of their several accounts in the ledger.	4 July 1837
Item	GBF 1/72-73	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr	11 July 1837

		July 1837.	Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]. Henry Dinning returned as Guardian for Elford.	
Item	GBF 1/74-75	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 July 1837.	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lilburn [George :Lilburn]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]. James Bromfield returned as Guardian for Easington.	18 July 1837
Item	GBF 1/76-77	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 July 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]. The Clerk to apply to the Poor Law Commissioners for the necessary papers to apply to the Exchange Loan Office for the money to build a workhouse. Advertisement for proposals to be inserted in the Newcastle Courant and the Berwick Advertiser for two weeks, and 200 handbills to be printed and distributed in Belford and the neighbourhood and at Alnwick. The proposals to be opened at the next meeting to be held on 15 August. The Clerk to apply to the Clerk of the Glendale Union for a copy of their extracts from the quarterly abstract, and request to know the cost of printing the same and submit it to the Guardians at the next meeting. Notice to be given by the Relieving Officer to the Guardians not present that a	25 July 1837

			proposition for an increase to the salaries will be submitted to the Guardians on Tuesday next. The Guardians present agreed to accept the notice.	
Item	GBF 1/78-80	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 August 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq, Vice-chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; William Embleton, Wareford.</p> <p>Messrs Knight & Co have sent two books without authority, to be returned and the carriage 4/4s be deducted from the next bill to be paid to them.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Clark [William Brown Clark], that the salary of the Clerk be £50 p.a. instead of £35. Carried.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Railston [John Railston], seconded by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], that the salary of £50 be continued only for three months.</p> <p>Moved as an amendment by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], seconded by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], that the salary of £50 be continued as long as the Guardians are satisfied with the services of the Clerk. The amendment carried.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Poor Law Commissioners to ask if the ex-officio Guardians are capable of voting for the salaries of the different officers, and if the Chairman can give a casting vote when the numbers are even on the amount of such salaries.</p>	1 Aug. 1837
Item	GBF 1/81	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband];	8 Aug. 1837

		August 1837.	Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Lilburn [John Lilburn].	
Item	GBF 1/82-84	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 August 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Draft lease of the land intended for the mew workhouse having been read William Brown Clark offered to make it for three lives and sixty years certain for their approval.</p> <p>Proposals for building the new workhouse were opened and read. The Guardians considered the specifications to be too loose. Resolved: a committee to be appointed to draw up a fresh specification and to fix upon the three lives to be inserted in the lease and report back at the next meeting. The committee appointed was: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; ; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p> <p>The offers for building to be kept by the Clerk and not be disclosed for the time being.</p> <p>Application for the Government loan withdrawn.</p> <p>Permission given by the Poor Law Commissioners to change from weekly meetings to fortnightly ones. The next meeting to be held on Tuesday 29 August.</p>	15 Aug. 1837
Item	GBF 1/85-86	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 August 1837.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bert., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Preston; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr	29 Aug. 1837

			<p>Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>Offer made to the Guardians of Messrs Richardson's property in West Street and the Guardians have examined it. Moved by Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden], seconded by Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon] that a plan of the property be made and transmitted to the Poor Law Commissioners for their sanction to purchase it and convert it into a workhouse.</p> <p>Amendment by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] of Preston, seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] that the consideration of the workhouse be postponed for six months. Amendment carried. Nine for and 8 against.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/87-88	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 September 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Preston; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal].</p> <p>The Clerk to prepare the estimates for the next two quarters and the necessary orders upon the Overseers and lay it before the next meeting of the Guardians.</p>	12 Sept. 1837
Item	GBF 1/89-92	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 September 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr W B Clark [William Brown Clark]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; William Embleton of Lucker.</p> <p>Orders were signed directing the Churchwardens and Overseers to pay on or before 14 October to the Treasurer the sums set opposite each parish as indicated.</p> <p>Registration Office. Resolved that the room at the east end of the Blue Bell Inn, but detached, be rented for William Brown Clark, Esq. for seven years, with a break at the end of three years by either party, rent £7 p.a. The Guardians to put the room in the same state of repair at the end of the term as they find it.</p>	26 Sept. 1837

Item	GBF 1/93-95	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 October 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby, Vice-chairman; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; William B Clark, Esq., [William Brown Clark]; Thomas Embleton.</p> <p>Resolved that Elizabeth Young be appointed to superintend the Belford Poor House for three months starting on 16 October. She is to be removable at any time by the Guardians. She is to be paid 3s a week for adult males and 3s for adult females and 2/6s for children for food and washing and that coals, candles, clothing and medical relief to be paid by the Guardians.</p>	10 Oct. 1837
Item	GBF 1/96-99	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 October 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>Workhouse: resolved that the Clark writes to Sir John Walsham [Assistant Poor Law Commissioner] in reply to his letter of 23 October and state that a special meeting is to be held in a fortnight for the purpose of taking his letter into consideration as it is still hoped that a lease for 99 years can be obtained for a smaller workhouse that can be enlarged with the consent of the Poor Law Commissioners.</p> <p>Notice of the meeting to be sent to the Guardians. 500 circulars to be printed for the purpose of giving notice to Guardians of special meetings.</p> <p>To be ordered for the use of Belford Poor House: 10 pillow cases; six towels; three wooden [bickers? Beakers?]; two pairs of blankets; two chamber pots and one long duster.</p> <p>The Registrar's account of fees for the quarter ending 30 September was presented and certified by the Superintendent Registrar.</p>	24 Oct. 1837
Item	GBF 1/99-101 NB 2 pages 99	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood</p>	7 Nov. 1837

		November 1837.	<p>Younghusband]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; William Embleton, Lucker; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; William Embleton, Warenford; Thomas Embleton; Robert Thompson.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster, seconded by Mr Selby [Prideaux John Selby] that the Guardians proceed immediately to erect a workhouse in Belford upon a lease for 60 years and to contain 25 paupers instead of 50 as originally intended, with power to enlarge the building if necessary.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], that Benjamin Green, architect, be employed to draw a plan of a workhouse. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Resolved that William Brown Clark's offer of a piece of land on a lease for 60 years, rent £2 p.a., be accepted and that the Clerk write to Sir John Walsham for the sanction of the Poor Law Commissioners. Carried.</p> <p>Resolved that the proposal to annexe the Belford Union to the Superintendent Registrar's District of the Alnwick Union for the purpose of registration should not take place.</p> <p>The Relieving Officer to take measures to get Sarah Watson and her two children immediately removed from the Belford Union to her husband in South Shields. She is to be sent to Berwick and from there by steam. Expense not to exceed 10s.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/102-104	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 November 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone, in the chair; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; W B Clark, Esq., [William Brown Clark]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Mr Green [Benjamin Green] requesting him to make a plan and</p>	21 Nov. 1837

			<p>specification of a workhouse for 25 paupers with possibility to enlarge, and to meet the approbation of the Poor Law Commissioners.</p> <p>Cheque signed to John Brown for six months' rent of the Belford Poor House.</p> <p>Maria Hood be appointed Superintendent of the Poor House on the same terms as Elizabeth Young, who has resigned.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], seconded by Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden], that a special meeting be held in a fortnight 5 December – to consider altering the hour of meeting of the Guardians from 11 to 1 o'clock.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/105-108	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on December 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone, in the chair; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning].</p> <p>Letter, dated 30 November, from the Poor Law Commissioners, stating that they could not consent to the reduction of the size of the workhouse from 50 to 25 paupers.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle, seconded by Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon], and carried, that the subject of the letter be taken into consideration in a fortnight when it is expected that Mr Green's [Benjamin Green] plan and specification will be produced.</p> <p>Mr Selby [Gerard Selby] to write to Sir John Walsham and express the Guardians' surprise as he had stated (letter of 10 November) that he would recommend the erection of a workhouse for 25 paupers.</p> <p>Mr Manderson [George Manderson] had received a letter from the Poor Law Commissioners dated 1 December relative to disuniting this Union and annexing it to Alnwick and Berwick Unions. The letter was read and Mr Manderson [not included in minutes]. Moved by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], seconded by Mr Humble [William Humble], that the subject of the letter be taken into consideration in a fortnight.</p>	5 Dec. 1837

			<p>Resolved that in future meetings would take place at 1 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Superintendent Registrar for the books furnished by the Registrar General.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/109-113	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 December 1837.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson]; Mr Thompson; Thomas Embleton; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Turnbull; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lilburn; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; William Embleton, Lucker; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon].</p> <p>Moved by Mr Selby [Prideaux John Selby], seconded by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], that the plan and specifications of the workhouse prepared by Mr Green [Benjamin Green] be sent to Sir John Walsham asking him to forward it to the Poor Law Commissioners for their approval. Carried (14 for and 11 against).</p> <p>Moved, as an amendment by Mr Manderson [George Manderson], seconded by Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead] that this Union be dissolved and added to the Alnwick and Berwick Unions.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead], seconded by Thomas Embleton, that the Guardians will resist the building of a workhouse for 50 paupers. Carried by a large majority.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Grey [Robert Grey], seconded by Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal], that the resolution regarding the changing hour of meeting be rescinded. Carried by 15 to 12.</p> <p>Cheques signed for the following accounts: Mr Bromfield, printing and stationery. George Scott, Relieving Officer, postage and coals. Matron of the Poor House. Mr Leckie, for the use of the Board Room.</p>	19 Dec. 1837

			<p>The Clerk for postages and parcels.</p> <p>William Hately; David Gibson; John Lumsden; John Gibson and John Macdonald appointed a committee to make a valuation of the messuages lands and other hereditaments liable to poor rates in the Parish of Belford according to their annual value.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/114-115	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 January 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Thompson; Thomas Embleton; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lilburn .</p> <p>Moved by Mr Selby seconded by Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn], that the resolution passed at the last meeting, and which was moved by Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead], be rescinded. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Sir John Walsham and request him to use his influence with the Poor Law Commissioners to induce them to sanction the building of a workhouse to contain 25 paupers.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], that a special meeting be called on 16 January to take into consideration the propriety of augmenting the salaries of the officers in the Union.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk make up the accounts for the quarter and submit them to the Auditor.</p>	2 Jan. 1838
Item	GBF 1/116-118	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 January 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Johnson [John Johnson]; Mr Lilburn; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Thompson.</p>	16 Jan. 1838

			<p>Cheques signed for salaries as accounts had been audited.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], seconded by Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn], that the Clerk's salary be £50 instead of £35 for the ensuing year. Moved as an amendment by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], seconded by Mr Lilburn, that the consideration of the officers' salaries be postponed until 25 March. Amendment carried.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/119-121	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 January 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mt Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Lawson [Jacob Lawson].</p> <p>Registration: accounts of fees for fourth quarter presented, ending 30 December 1837. 34 births and 30 deaths were registered.</p> <p>Letter received from the Berwick Union asking them to look into the circumstances of any paupers belonging to that Union, but resident in the Belford Union, and give them their names and allow the Relieving Officer to pay such paupers their weekly allowance having the means furnished in advance. Resolved: the Clerk to write to the Clerk of the Berwick Union that the Guardians agree to do so and accept the offer of similar services in return.</p> <p>Plans and specifications of the workhouse prepared by Messrs Green, having been returned by the Poor Law Commissioners with their seal attached was presented with the letter from the Commissioners. Moved by Mr Selby, seconded by Mr Forster, and carried unanimously, that the Clerk advertise for proposals in writing for a building in the Newcastle Courant and the Berwick Advertiser, and that 150 hand bills to be lodged with Mr Scott [George Scott, Relieving Officer] for inspection.</p>	30 Jan. 1838
Item	GBF 1/122-123	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], in the chair; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Forster [Thomas</p>	13 Feb. 1838

		February 1838.	Forster], Adderstone; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Lilburn; Thomas Embleton. Resolved that the main building of the workhouse be spouted with metal, specification to be added to the plan prepared by Messrs Green	
Item	GBF 1/124-125	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 February 1838.	Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby] in the chair; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lilburn; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Thomas Embleton. Resolved that the cheque book and the abstract of the application and report book in future remain in the Board Room. Proposals for a new workhouse received and examined by the Guardians and offers examined. The lowest ones were: James Gibson, mason work £285 William Hately, joiner work £243 Selby Falla, slate and plaster work 102 Godfrey Air, plumber and glazier and paint work £27 4s 6d. Total: £657 4s 6d Offers accepted. The several parties requested to attend the next meeting of the Guardians on 13 March and enter into the requisite securities for the due and faithful execution of the works.	27 Feb. 1838
Item	GBF 1/126-129	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 March 1838.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Fawdon [Jacob Fawdon]; Mr Lilburn; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; William Embleton, Warenford; Thomas Embleton; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]. Ordered that he Clerk get the draft of the lease of the site approved by the Poor Law Commissioners and executed by Mr Clark [William Brown Clark].	13 March 1838

			<p>Application from Selby Falla to have £12 added to his tender be agreed to, specification to be amended making his tender £114.</p> <p>Glendale Union. Resolved that in reply to Mr Howey's letter the Guardians decline to enter into an agreement as to paying their paupers, but the relieving officers might arrange matters between themselves to effect the object required and also of examination of paupers.</p> <p>Resolved that the agreement prepared for building the new workhouse be executed and that the Chairman affix the common seal of this Board of Guardians.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/130-132	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 March 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Vice-chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bromfield [James Bromfield]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Thomas Embleton; William Embleton, Lucker; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>The Clerk produced the lease of the workhouse site executed by Mr Clark [William Brown Clark]. The Chairman to execute the counterpart by affixing the common seal of the Board of Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk to prepare a memorial to the Poor Law Commissioners to get the period of repayment of the loan extended to 20 years, and one to the Lord of the Treasury to reduce the interest from 5 per cent to 4 per cent.</p> <p>An application for a loan of £800 was made and signed.</p> <p>Ordered that the Clerk make up and balance the several accounts for the last quarter.</p>	27 March 1838
Item	GBF 1/133-134	List of ex-officio Guardians and Guardians elected for 1838.	<p>Ex-officio Guardians: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart Prideaux John Selby, Esq. William Brown Clark, Esq.</p> <p>Elected Guardians: Belford, John Macdonald; David Gibson.</p>	

			<p> Detchant, William Turnbull. Easington, John Bell. Easington Grange, John Bolam. Elwick, John Wood Younghusband. Middleton, Stephen Fryer Gillum. Bamburgh, William Humble. Adderstone, Edward Moffitt. Bamburgh Castle, Robert Smeddle' Beadnell, John Railston. Bradford, Edward Bolton. Budle, George Lilburn. Burton, William Smith Junior. Elford, Henry Dinning. Fleetham, David Watson. Glororum, William Smith junior. Hopper, George Henry Leithead. Lucker, Thomas Forster. Mousen, John Lumsden. Newham, William Archbold. Newstead, Thomas Embleton. Outchester, Alexander Borthwick. Ratchwood, William Embleton of Lucker. Shoston, Robert Grey. Spindleston, Philip Nairn. Sunderland, None. Swinhoe, George Manderson. Tughall, James Fawdon. Warenford, None. Warenton, Robert Thompson. Ellingham, Rev Charles Perigal. Chathill, Thomas Forster. Preston, Thomas Forster. Ross, John Wood Younghusband. </p>	
Item	GBF 1/135-139	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 April 1838.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; Mr Moffitt	10 April 1838

			<p>[Edward Moffitt]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Smith junior [William Smith]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Embleton [Thomas Embleton]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Appointments: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman.</p> <p>The Clerk had made up and balanced the several accounts in the ledger.</p> <p>Resolved that the application to the Lords of the Treasury signed at the last meeting be altered again to the years.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Sir John Walsham that until the workhouse is completed the Guardians want the medical relief to be paid out as before.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], seconded by Mr Selby, that Sir John Walsham's letter be taken into consideration regarding officers' salaries. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster, seconded by Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn] that the salary of the Clerk be £50 p. a. instead of £40. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster, seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], that the salary of the Auditor be £10 instead of £4. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; that due to the expense and inconvenience to the Relieving Officer and Overseers due to the fact that the Treasurer resides in Alnwick, Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn] be appointed Treasurer instead of Mr Stamp. Carried unanimously.</p> <p>The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson] appointed a committee for the purpose of obtaining a fit and proper place for a register office. Two to form a quorum. To report at the next meeting.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/140-143	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood	24 April 1838

		meeting held on 24 April 1838.	<p>Younghusband]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Smith junior [William Smith]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton].</p> <p>The register office committee stated that the report was not ready yet, but would be at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Overseers of Newham and Swinhoe and request payment of the sums ordered immediately. If not paid before the next meeting they will be summoned before the Justices.</p> <p>The Auditor reported that he had audited and allowed the accounts of the Clerk, Treasurer and Relieving Officer, and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Bill for registration fees for the quarter ending 31 March presented and certified by the Superintendent Registrar for 42 births and 39 deaths, cheque signed for the amount.</p> <p>Cheque signed for coals for the Belford Poor House.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/144	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 May 1838.	Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby] Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; Thomas Embleton.	8 May 1838
Item	GBF 1/145-146	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 May 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown Clark, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; P J Selby, Esq.; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn] proposed Mr Younghusband [John Younghusband] as his surety for the due performance of the office of Treasurer. Resolved to accept and a bond in £500 penalty was executed by Messrs Nairn and Younghusband accordingly.</p> <p>Mr Green [Benjamin Green], the architect, certified that James Gibson, mason, was</p>	22 May 1838

			<p>entitled to receive £75 on account of his contract Cheque was issued.</p> <p>Cheque given to John Brown for six months' rent of the Belford Poor House due on 12 May.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/147-148	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 June 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., Chairman; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Vice-chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Mr Green [Benjamin Green] certified that William Hatley was entitled to £40 on account of his contract. Cheque issued.</p> <p>William Brown Clark, Esq. had offered a detached building near the church of Belford as a suitable place for a register office at a rent of £4 p.a. for 14 years. If Mr Clark should need the building during that period he agrees to supply another in Belford that shall be to the satisfaction of the Guardians.</p>	5 June 1838
Item	GBF 1/149-152	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 June 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Letter of resignation from Sir Thomas Haggerston, Bart., as Chairman of the Union. The Clerk to write a letter expressing the Guardians' regret at his resignation. New Chairman to be elected at the next meeting.</p> <p>Henry Leckie to put up a sufficient temporary fence with stakes and thorns to preserve his field from trespass by the contractors for building the Workhouse. The expense allowed by the Guardians when finished.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an estimate for money orders for the next quarter.</p>	19 June 1838
Item	GBF 1/152-155	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 July 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon];</p>	3 July 1838

			<p>Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull].</p> <p>Prideaux John Selby, Esq. appointed Chairman of the Union and William Brown Clark, Esq. appointed Vice-chairman.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/156-159	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 July 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown Clark, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; P J Selby, Esq., Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>The Registrar's bill for fees for the quarter ending 30 June 1838 presented and certified by the Superintendent Registrar for 51 births and 27 deaths. Cheque issued for the amount.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Overseers of Belford for expenses in connection with the valuation of Belford.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden], seconded by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], and carried, that the Guardians meet at 12 o'clock instead of 11 o'clock in future. Application to be made to the Poor Law Commissioners to allow the meetings to be held on the second and last Tuesday in each months instead of every alternate Tuesday.</p>	17 July 1838
Item	GBF 1/160-161	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 July 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Smith junior [William Smith]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Gibson [David Gibson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>In consequence of Sir John Walsham's letter of 28 July the point as to meeting on the second and last Tuesday in the month instead of alternate Tuesdays not to be proceeded with at the present.</p> <p>Cheques signed to James Gibson and William Hatley on account of their respective</p>	31 July 1838

			contracts to build the Workhouse. Cheque signed to Henry Leckie for railing in new building.	
Item	GBF 1/162-163	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 August 1838.	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Archbold [William Archbold]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; William Brown Clark, Esq. The Overseers of Newham had paid a fine of £1 1s 0d.	14 Aug. 1838
Item	GBF 1/164-165	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 August 1838.	Present at the meeting: Thomas Forster, in the chair; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]. Gerard Selby be appointed Clerk in the absence of Mr Selby [Gerard Selby senior].. A special meeting to be called for Tuesday 11 September for the purpose of meeting Sir John Walsham.	28 Aug. 1838
Item	GBF 1/166-169	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 September 1838,	Present at the meeting: Thomas Forster of Lucker, in the chair; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Embleton [William Embleton] Ratchwood; Thomas Embleton. The Clerk produced an estimate for the quarter commencing Michaelmas 1838. Resolved to introduce certain changes in the building of the Workhouse.	11 Sept. 1838
Item	GBF 1/170-171	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 September 1838.	Present at the meeting: Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] in the chair; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]. Resolved that the Clerk write to the architect to know whether the porch to the Board Room may not be dispensed with.	25 Sept. 1838

Item	GBF 1/172-174	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 October 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; W B Clark [William Brown Clark]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Letter from Messrs Green saying they have no objection to the changes suggested by the Guardians.</p> <p>Letter from Sir John Walsham suggesting that the laundry be carried to the height of two stories for the purpose of providing sick rooms detached from the sleeping rooms.</p> <p>Messrs to be directed to make the alterations as to the sick rooms, and that the opinion of the Guardians is that the sick rooms be at the front of the Workhouse, one on the east side and the other on the west side of the Board Room, and not upon the laundry as suggested by Sir John Walsham.</p> <p>Selby Falla entitled to £60 on account of his contract certified by Messrs Green. Cheque signed accordingly.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Relieving Officer for beds and other goods purchased by him for the use of the Workhouse.</p>	9 Oct. 1838
Item	GBF 1/175-178	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 October 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown Clark, Esq., in the chair; Stephen Fryer Gillum; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Robert Thompson; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>Notice of marriage between Thomas Cockburn and Mary Hook was read.</p> <p>The Registrar produced his bill for fees for the quarter ending 30 September, certified by the Superintendent Registrar, and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], that the addition of the sick rooms recommended by the Poor Law Commissioners be immediately taken into consideration. Unanimously carried.</p>	23 Oct. 1838

			<p>Resolved that Messrs Green's plan be adopted with the exception that the sick room on the east side shall be brought flush with the [waiting?] room wall, and that the sick rooms shall be on the east and west sides of the Board Room and not above it.</p> <p>Resolved that James Gibson be authorised to proceed with the said additional buildings. He has agreed to be satisfied with the amount to be set upon them by Messrs Green pursuant to the former agreement for building.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/179-180	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 November 1838.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Perigal [rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Messrs ordered that £60 be paid to James Gibson, mason, and £30 to William Hatley, joiner, on account of their respective contracts.</p> <p>Resolved that the usual church fees be paid for the burial of papers dying within the Union.</p> <p>Resolved that board meetings be held at 11 o'clock instead of 12 o'clock until 25 March next.</p>	6 Nov. 1838
Item	GBF 1/181-182	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 November 1828.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; W B Clark, Esq., [William Brown Clark] Vive-chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that from 25 December the Guardians will discontinue the payment of funeral expenses of paupers belonging to this Union and dying out of it, and will pay such expenses for paupers of other unions who may happen to die within this Union.</p> <p>Cheque signed to John Brown for half a year's rent of Belford Poor House.</p>	20 Nov. 1838
Item	GBF 1/183	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians	<p>Present at the meeting: W B Clark, Esq [William Brown Clark] in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; P J Selby, Esq.</p>	4 Dec. 1838

		meeting held on 4 December 1838.	[Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]. Notice of marriage between James Tat and Jane King, and between Andrew Bolton and Mary Richardson were read.	
Item	GBF 1/184-187	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 December 1838.	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq. Chairman; W B Clark, Esq., [William Brown Clark]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Thomas Embleton. Notice of marriage between John Davison and Eleanor Brown was read. Bills having been examined and allowed cheques were signed. Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie] complained that his field was not properly protected Resolved that a wall 4 feet high with coping [freestone?] be erected the whole length of the Workhouse immediately. The expense by measurement to be settled by Messrs Green. Resolved that a circular be sent to all medical gentlemen residing within the Union that the Guardians will receive tenders on 1 January 1839 for medical relief to the paupers of this Union, either for the whole Union or divided into two districts.	18 Dec. 1838
Item	GBF 1/188-190	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 January 1839.	Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; William Brown Clark, Esq; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]. Mr Green [Benjamin Green] having certified the contractors were entitled to the following sums on account of building the Workhouse. Cheques were signed to James Gibson, £35; William Heatly, £20; Selby Falla, £20 and Godfrey Air, £20. The Clerk produced the charge on the rates for the sum of £800 sent down by the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners. Resolved that the same be executed. The charge was executed accordingly.	1 Jan. 1839

			The Clerk to prepare a memorial to the Exchequer Loan Commissioners to extend the period for repayment of £800 from ten to 20 years, and to reduce the interest from five to four per cent and present the same for signature at the next meeting.	
Item	GBF 1/191-193	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 January 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; S F Gillum, Esq. [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>The Auditor had audited the accounts of the Clerk; Treasurer; and Relieving Officer and cheques were signed for their salaries.</p>	15 Jan. 1839
Item	GBF 1/194-197	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 29 January 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; S F Gillum, Esq., [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Smedle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p> <p>The Treasurer had received from the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners £800 in Exchequer bills. He had sold them and they produced £800 1s 0d and Messrs Barnes & Winter had deducted £5 5s 0d for their cost in preparing the security. An account to be opened in the ledger entitled 'Exchequer Loan'.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a memorial to the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury asking them to extend the period of repayment of the loan from ten to twenty years and to reduce the interest from five to four per cent.</p> <p>The memorial to be produced from time to time at the Guardians' meetings until a majority of the Guardians have signed it and it will then be forwarded to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury through the Poor Law Commissioners as recommended by Sir John Walsham.</p> <p>£4 received from North Sunderland township it being the balance of cash found on Joseph Lindsay, a pauper who died in the Poor House and who belonged to Sunderland, after the deduction of the cost of his funeral.</p>	29 Jan. 1839

			Registration Bill for fees for the quarter ending 31 December 1838 was produced and certified by the Superintendent Registrar.	
Item	GBF 1/198	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 February 1839.	Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Thomas Forster, Esq.; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]. Relieving Officer's value of out-relief stated.	12 Feb. 1839
Item	GBF 1/199-201	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 February 1839.	Present at the meeting: P J Selby Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; W B Clark [William Brown Clark], Vice-chairman; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Smith [William Smith junior]. The Union to be divided into two districts for medical relief to be called East District and West District. West District: Belford; Detchant; Easington; Easington Grange; Elswick; Middleton; Adderstone; Bradford; Hoppen; Lucker; Mousen; Newstead; Outchester; Ratchwood; Warenford; Warenton; Ellingham; Chathill; Preston and Ross. East District: Bamburgh; Bamburgh Castle; Budle; Burton; Elford; Fleetham; Glororum; Newham; Shoston; Spindleston; Sunderland; Swinhoe and Tughall. A circular to be sent to the medical gentlemen that tenders for attending upon and supplying all necessary medicines and medical and surgical appliances to the poor (casual as well as permanent) of both or either of the districts for one year from 25 March will be received by the Guardians at their meeting on 9 April. On the same date election of Medical Officers to take place as well as considering the propriety of charging the expenses of the funeral of paupers belonging to other unions and dying within this Union instead of the individual townships in which they may happen to die.	26 Feb. 1839
Item	GBF 1/202-205	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 March 1839.	Present at the meeting: P J Selby Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Moffatt [Edward Moffatt]. Notice of marriage between Samuel Mills and Elizabeth Hall was read.	12 March 1839

			<p>William Hately entitled to £20 on account of his contract for work done on the Workhouse. Cheque issued.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Bolam [John Bolam], that the Clerk write to Messrs Green either to come over themselves or sent a competent person to inspect the building [of the Workhouse] and make a report as to whether it is done according to the specifications.</p> <p>Bills examined and allowed and cheque signed for the amount.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/206-208	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 March 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone, in the chair; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Manderson [George Manderson]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Watson [David Watson]; Mr Smith junior [William Smith]; Mr Bolton [Edward Bolton]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>Letter received from Messrs Green in reply to letter received by them regarding the resolution made at the last meeting.</p> <p>Circular received from the Berwick Union. Resolved that the subject of bastardy be taken into consideration at the meeting on 9 April.</p>	26 March 1839
Item	GBF 1/209-210		<p>List of Guardians returned for 1839; Ex-officio Guardians: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq. Elected Guardians: Belford, John Macdonald and Henry Leckie; Detchant, None; Easington, John Bell; Easington Grange, John Bolam; Elwick, John Wood Younghusband; Middleton, Robert Hall; Bamburgh, None; Adderstone, Edward Moffitt; Bamburgh Castle, Robert Smeddle; Beadnell, John Railston; Bradford, Edward Bolton; Budle, George Lolburn; Burton, Willibleton; m Smith; Elford, Henry Dissing; Fleetham, David Watson; Glorum, William Smith; Hoppen, George Henry Leithead; Lucker, Thomas Forster; Mousen, John Lumsden; Newham, Peter Chirnside; Newstead, Thomas Davidson; Outchester, Alexander Borthwick; Ratchwood, William Embleton; Shoston, Robert Grey; Spindlestone, Philip Nairn; Sunderland, John Johnston; Swinhoe, John Watson; Tughall, James Fawdon; Warenford, William Embleton; Warenton, Robert Thompson; Ellingham, None;</p>	

			Chathill, None; Preston, None; Ross, John Wood Younghusband.	
Item	GBF 1/211-216	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 April 1839	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Watson [David Watson], Fleetham; Mr Watson [John Watson], Swinhoe; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; William Embleton, Ratchwood; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Chirnside [Peter Chirnside].</p> <p>Chairman: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.. Vice-chairman: William Brown Clark, Esq.</p> <p>Thanks given to the Chairman and Vice-chairman for their service during the past year.</p> <p>Medical Officer: Thomas Davidson appointed for one year, salary £30 p. a. The Clerk to prepare the necessary contract.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Railston [John Railston], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], that the expenses of the funerals of paupers belonging to other unions and dying within this Union be charged to the Establishment expenses instead of the individual township in which they happen to die.</p> <p>Moved by Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon], seconded by Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick], that such expenses be paid as heretofore by the individual townships in which such paupers shall happen to die. Amendment carried. For the amendment 11 votes, for the original motion five.</p> <p>Tenders to be taken for supplying coffins to the two medical districts. 100 handbills to be printed and 50 distributed in the Union.</p> <p>The Relieving Officer to get the Workhouse cleaned and fires put on and small fenders obtained to guard against fire. The well within the premises to be fenced.</p> <p>The Auditor Had audited the accounts of the Clerk, the Treasurer and the Relieving</p>	9 April 1839

			<p>Officer and cheques were signed.</p> <p>The Registrar's bill for fees for the quarter ending 31 March was produced and cheques were signed for 43 births and 21 deaths.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/217-219	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 April 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Chirnside [Peter Chirnside]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Resolved that tender from William Logan to supply coffins to the Northern [sic] Medical District for 13s each, infants 3s 6d be accepted.</p> <p>Illegal removal of casual poor. Report from Mr Scott [George Scott] Relieving Officer, that the Overseers of Kyoel, Berwick Union, had removed George Horseburgh, his wife and two children and John Cathers, his wife and an infant child under night and left them at Belford without proper warrant of removal. The Clerk to write to the Berwick Union that if repeated application will be made to the Poor Law Commissioners in order that it may be stopped.</p> <p>Notice of marriage between William Wight and Mary Tarbit and between John Reid and Margaret Thompson were read.</p>	23 April 1839
Item	GBF 1/220-222	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 May 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark], Vice-chairman; S F Gillum, Esq., [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lockie [Henry Lockie]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>Notice of marriage between John Reid and Margaret Thompson read for the second time and between Thomas Smith and [Maria Hand] for the first time.</p> <p>Workhouse: the Clerk to write to Messrs Green re Selby Falla's account. He has completed his contract and has written to Messrs Green but has got no reply. The Clerk also to write to Messrs Green expressing the Guardians' great dissatisfaction</p>	7 May 1839

			<p>with the inspection of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; Mr Lockie [Henry Lockie]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden] and Mr Bolam [John Bolam] to be a committee in charge of furnishing the new Workhouse, and transfer what can still be used from the present Poor House.</p> <p>A special meeting to be held in a week for the purpose of appointing a master and matron for the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/223-225	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 May 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark], Vice-chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster] Adderstone; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr W Embleton [William Embleton], Ratchwood; Robert Hall; Mr W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].; Mr W Embleton [William Embleton], Warenford; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Edmund Moffitt.</p> <p>Notice of marriage between Thomas Smith and [Maria Hand] was read.</p> <p>Resolved that the salary of the Master and Matron of the Workhouse will be £12 p.a. with rations of the House together with candles and lodging. The Master to be responsible for the management of the Workhouse and keep all the accounts and reside in the Workhouse. The appointment to be offered to George Scott and his wife on the above terms. The offer turned down by George Scott.</p> <p>The Clerk to advertise twice in the Newcastle Chronicle and Journal and the Berwick Advertiser for a master and matron of the Workhouse. A special meeting to be held on 28 May to elect a master and matron.</p> <p>Mr Green [Benjamin Green] having certified that Selby Falla is entitled to receive the balance of his contract a cheque was signed for the amount.</p> <p>Mr Green appearing before the Guardians stated that he had surveyed the new Workhouse and found several things deficient. Mr Green to write to the contractors and point out the deficiencies and demand that the work be carried out immediately</p>	14 May 1839

			or he would employ a proper person to do so and deduct the expense from the contractor's account.	
Item	GBF 1/226-229	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 May 1839	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; W B Clark [William Dixon Clark], Vice-chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald].</p> <p>Cheque signed to Belford Poor House, John Brown, for half a year's rent due on 12 May 1839.</p> <p>Letter from the Lord's Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury accepting the Guardians' request for an extension of repayment and a reduction of the interest paid on the Workhouse loan.</p> <p>Copy of memorial signed by 19 Guardians as well as the reply from the Treasury..</p>	21 May 1839
Item	GBF 1/230-231	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 May 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; W B Clark [William Dixon Clark], Vice-chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Watson [John Watson]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffit]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Chirnside [Peter Chirnside]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>Alexander Johnson and his wife Caroline unanimously appointed Master and Matron of the Workhouse.</p>	28 May 1839
Item	GBF 1/232-234	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 4 June 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>William Johnson appointed Clerk in the absence of Mr Selby [Gerard Selby].</p> <p>Moved by Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Smeddle [Robert</p>	4 June 1839

			<p>Smeddle], that the Guardians do not object to the salary of the Master and Matron being £20 p.a. provided the Poor Law Commissioners will order it carried.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Sir John Walsham and ask him to recommend the Commissioners not to exceed £20.</p> <p>The Guardians wish the dietary of the Alnwick Union be adopted by this Union.</p> <p>Mr Scott [George Scott] to provide a proper person to take charge of the Workhouse until the appointment of the Master and Matron has been confirmed. The expense to be paid out of the establishment charges. Mr Scott also to provide a metal pump and get it fixed up in the Workhouse yard.</p> <p>The Clerk to take immediate steps top get the Workhouse insured in the Newcastle Fire Office in the sum of £500.</p> <p>Guardians' meeting to be held in the board room of the Workhouse in the future.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/235-238	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 18 June 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: James Fawdon, in the chair; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Dinning [Henry Dinning]; Mr Davison [Thomas Davison]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Robert Hall; Robert Thompson; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Churnside [Peter Churnside]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>The Clerk produced an estimate for the ensuing quarter and orders were signed directing the Overseers to pay the sums set opposite the respective townships.</p> <p>A committee to superintend the Workhouse was appointed: The Chairman; The Vice-chairman; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Robert Hall; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick].</p> <p>Resolved that Mr Scott [George Scott] employ Thomas Burn to hang the windows of the board room from the top.</p> <p>Resolved that a cheque be signed to the Master and Matron in lieu of their rations</p>	18 June 1839

			for the first three weeks.	
Item	GBF 1/239-240	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 July 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark], in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Watson [David Watson], Fleetham; Mr Watson [John Watson] Swinhoe; Robert Hall; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby]; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum];.</p> <p>Messrs Green requested payment of £10 to William Hately on account of his contract. Cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Auditor had audited the accounts of the Clerk, Treasurer, Relieving Officer and Medical Officers. A cheque was signed.</p> <p>Cheque signed to George Macdonald for one year's insurance of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Master and Matron for their ration for the first two week of the quarter.</p>	2 July 1839
Item	GBF 1/241-243	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 July 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark] in the chair; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smith junior [William Smith junior]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>Letter of resignation as auditor from Mr Steele as he is leaving the neighbourhood. Resignation accepted .Election of new auditor on Tuesday 13 August.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Master and Matron for their rations for the next two weeks.</p> <p>The Guardians to take I tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions for three months and milk for 12 months from 30 July.</p> <p>Resolved that for the next fortnight the paupers in the Workhouse be paid as before and considered as out-relief.</p>	16 July 1839

Item	GBF 1/244-246	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 July 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie].</p> <p>The Registrar's bill for the fees for the quarter ending 30 June was presented and certified by the Superintendent Registrar and a cheque was signed for the amount.</p> <p>Tenders accepted for three months from: John Johnson, bread Alexander Wightman, meat George Wright, coals.</p>	30 July 1839
Item	GBF 1/247-250	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 13 August 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby] Chairman; Sir John Walsham, Bart., Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Watson [David Watson], Feltham; Mr Watson [John Watson] Swinhoe; Mr Lilburn [George Lilburn]; William Embleton, Warenford; Edward Moffatt; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>James Robertson appointed Auditor of this Union.</p> <p>A copy of a letter received from the contractors Messrs David Gibson; Selby Falla and William Hatley to be sent to Messrs Green, the architects directing their attention to the letter.</p>	13 Aug. 1839
			NB TWO PAGES 250.	
Item	GBF 1/250-251	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 27 August 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle] in the chair; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Churnside [Peter Chirnside]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>The Overseers of Adderstone to take the necessary steps to get George Patrick, a lunatic belonging to that township, at present confined in Mr Kent's [Samuel Kent] asylum at Gateshead Fell, removed from there and brought into the Workhouse. He is described in a letter from Sir John Walsham as being quite harmless.</p>	27 Aug. 1839

Item	GBF 1/252-255	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 September 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark] Vice-chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Robert Hall; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr W Embleton [William Embleton] Wareford.</p> <p>The bills from William Logan; Robert Gibson and James Landreth had been objected to by the Clerk, and they were requested to attend the next meeting to explain their bill.</p> <p>The Clerk had produced an estimate of the amounts required for the next quarter and orders were signed directing the Overseers of the several townships to pay the Treasurer the sums stated on 24 September.</p> <p>Motion from W B Clark [William Brown Clark], seconded by Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]. Resolved unanimously that the printing and distribution of the extract once a quarter be discontinued. Instead a statement be sent out at the end of the year showing the state of the accounts of each township.</p>	10 Sept. 1839
Item	GBF 1/256-257	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 September 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband], in the chair; Mr Watson; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson].</p> <p>Resolved that a resignation letter from the Master of the Workhouse be taken into consideration in a fortnight.</p>	24 Sept. 1839
Item	GBF 1/258-260	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 October 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown Clark, Esq., in the chair; Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Thomas Forster; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Robert Hall; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Perigal [rev Charles Perigal].</p> <p>Cheques were signed to the representatives of the late James Gibson; Selby Falla and William Hately according to Messrs Green's statement.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk expresses to Messrs Green that the Guardians are much dissatisfied with the manner in which they have superintended the building of the</p>	8 Oct. 1839

			<p>Workhouse and that the payment of their bill to be postponed until what they have left directions to be done is finally completed.</p> <p>Resolved that the salary of the Master and Matron of the Workhouse be £20 p.a. with rations instead of £12 to commence at the expiration of six months from the date of their appointment.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/261-265	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22 October 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], Adderstone; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Thompson [Robert Thompson]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Watson [Philip Watson], Swinhoe; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Watson [David Watson], Fleetham; Mr Chirnside [Peter Chirnside].</p> <p>Cheques signed to the representatives of James Gibson and Selby Fella being the balance due to them respectively as settled by Messrs Green.</p> <p>The Auditor had audited the accounts of the Clerk; treasurer; Relieving Officer and other officers and cheques were signed.</p> <p>The Clerk to order a rate book according to the form required by the Parochial Assessment Act and the Poor Law Commissioners order for each of the townships in this Union.</p> <p>Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle] stated that William Bowie, a pauper, belonging to the township of Burton, was a dangerous lunatic. The Relieving Officer to direct the Overseers of Burton to take the proper steps to have him removed to an asylum. In the meantime the surgeon be required to examine him.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee empowered to make an agreement for the piece of ground to the east of the Workhouse for the purpose of making a garden to be used by the Workhouse.</p>	22 Oct. 1839
Item	GBF 1/266-269	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 November 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq., [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Robert Hall.</p>	5 Nov. 1839

			<p>Notice of marriage between Thomas Rutherford and Elizabeth Rutherford.</p> <p>Tenders for provisions accepted from: John Johnson, bread Joseph Reavely, butcher meat. John Davidson and George Wright, groceries.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/270-273	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 November 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Fawdon [James Fawdon]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; John Watson; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Humble; Mr Dissing [Henry Dissing]; Mr Gray [Robert Gray]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Davison [Thomas Davison]; William Embleton, Warenford; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald].</p> <p>Resolved unanimously on a motion of Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal, that Alexander Johnson and Caroline;, his wife, be suspended as Master and Matron of the Workhouse. The Clerk to report the suspension and the reason to the Poor Law Commissioners with a request that they be dismissed.</p> <p>Resolved on a motion of Mr Forster [Thomas Forster], seconded by Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle] that in consequence of the suspension of Alexander Johnson and Caroline, his wife, that George Scott, the present Relieving Officer, and Jane, his wife, be appointed Master and Matron at a salary of £20 p. a. with the usual rations, in addition to the office he now holds.</p> <p>Resolved unanimously that Gerard Selby junior be appointed joint Clerk of this Union with his father Gerard Selby.</p> <p>Letter from Rev Thomas Parker, Ellingham to the Chairman, dated 2 November 1839, accusing the Medical Officer of neglect, was read, as was Mr Davidson's [Thomas Davidson] reply to the accusations which the Guardians considered perfectly satisfactory.</p>	19 Nov. 1839

			Cheque signed to Godfrey Air for the balance of his contract and extra work on the Workhouse.	
Item	GBF 1/274-277	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 December 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Forster [Thomas Foster]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Bell [John Bell].</p> <p>Letter read from the Poor Law Commissioners requesting to know if Mr Scott [George Scott] was competent to fill both the office of Relieving Officer and Master of the Workhouse, also read was a letter from Sir John Walsham on the same subject and the Commissioners' order for the dismissal of Alexander Johnson.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Commissioners and state that the population of the Belford Union is small and unpauperized and the Guardians feel that Mr Scott [George Scott] is fully competent to hold both officers.</p> <p>The Clerk to apply to the Justices that any money due to Alexander Johnson from the Board may be retained by the Guardians and that such salary and any money due shall be paid over to Caroline Johnson to enable her to go home to America, where she is anxious to go.</p> <p>Cheque signed to Alexander Johnson for salary due when he was dismissed and sums according to his bills.</p>	3 Dec. 1839
Item	GBF 1/278-281	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 December 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Bart.; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Gray [Robert Gray]; Mr Watson [John Watson], Swinhoe; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>The Clerk produced an estimate for the quarter ending Lady Day 1840, and orders were signed directing the Overseers of the townships to pay the amounts to the Treasurer.</p>	17 Dec. 1839
Item	GBF 1/282-285	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 31 December 1839.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Bart., in the chair; Rev Charles Perigal; Edward Bolton; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Moffatt [Edward Moffatt]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall].</p>	31 Dec. 1839

			<p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Cheque signed for one twentieth part of £800 borrowed of the Exchequer Bill Loan Commissioners now due, and the proportional shares to be paid by the townships were calculated.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/286-287	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 January 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Cheque signed to Messrs Green's account for making plans etc and for superintending the building of the Workhouse.</p>	14 Jan. 1840
Item	GBF 1/288-290	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 January 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: John Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Mr Watson [David Watson], Fleetham; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Accounts audited of the Clerk; Treasurer; Relieving Officer and other officers for the quarter ending Christmas 1839 and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Cheque signed to William Hatley, joiner, for balance due to him on his contract and for extra work as settled by Messrs Green, the architect.</p> <p>Resolved that notice of an application to the Justices for an order upon George Archer of the [Plepiece?] to reimburse the Union the relief given to Elizabeth Murdy's bastard child chargeable to the township of Shoston be signed in duplicate and that the Relieving Officer request the Overseers of Shoston to get such notice properly served and to bring before the Justices the necessary witnesses on 25 February.</p>	28 Jan. 1840

			Resolution of 3 December 1839 to direct any money due to Alexander Johnson to be retained and given to his wife Caroline be rescinded, and the money may be applied for the use of the Union towards payment of the fine of £20 given to Alexander Johnson.	
Item	GBF 1/291-294	Minutes of Belford Board of guardians meeting held on 11 February 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] in the chair; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>The Magistrates are of opinion that Alexander Johnson, having served his prison sentence of three months due to defaulting of payment of fine of £20, is entitled to be paid the salary and any money which may be due to him at the time of his conviction.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Cheque signed to the Registrar of births and deaths for fees for the quarter ending on 31 December 1839 for 14 deaths and 51 births.</p> <p>Contracts for provisions were signed: John Johnson, bread. Joseph Reavely, butcher meat. John Davison, groceries. Stephen Dyden, coals.</p>	11 Feb. 1840
Item	GBF 1/295-296	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 February 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Grey [Robert Grey]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee to enter into arrangements for the carrying into effect the making of the garden.</p>	25 Feb. 1840

Item	GBF 1/297-299	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 10 March 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>The Clerk to have circulars printed and sent to all medical gentlemen residing within the Union saying that the Guardians will receive tenders on 7 April.</p> <p>Resolved that if William Logan will continue to supply the Union with coffins at the same price as last year no change should be made.</p> <p>Petty sessions: the Clerk to apply to the Poor Law Commissioners for their sanction to use the Board room for the holding of petty sessions for Bamburgh Ward after 31 March 1840. When such sanction shall be received the Clerk to apply to the Treasurer of the County every quarter for the same sum as has hitherto been paid for the use of the Justice room.</p>	10 March 1840
Item	GBF 1/300-302	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 24 March 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Mcdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Leckie [Henry Leckie]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p> <p>Orders signed directing the Overseers of the townships mentioned to pay to the Treasurer the sums stated. NB page 303 blank.</p>	24 March 1840
Item	GBF 1/304-305	List of ex-officio Guardians and Guardians of the Poor Law elected for 1840	<p>Ex-officio Guardians: Prideaux John Selby, Esq; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.</p> <p>Elected Guardians: Belford, Rev John Dixon Clark and John Macdonald. Detchant, None. Easington, John Bell.</p>	

			<p>Easington Grange, John Bolam. Elwick, John Wood Younghusband. Middleton, Robert Hall. Bamburgh, William Humble. Adderstone, Edward Moffitt. Bamburgh Castle, Robert Smeddle. Beadnell, John Railston. Bradford, Edward Bolton. Budle, George Lilburn. Burton, William Smith. Elford, None. Fleetham, David Watson. Glororum, William Smith. Spindleston, Philip Nairn. Sunderland, None. Swinhoe, Joseph Robson. Tughall, None. Warenford, William Embleton. Warenton, John Dinning. Ellingham, Rev Charles Perigal. Chathill, George Young. Preston, Thomas Forster. Ross, John Wood Younghusband.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/306-314	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 7 April 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; David Watson; Robert Hall; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Moffatt [Edward Moffatt]; Mr Railston [John Railston]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn].</p> <p>Officers for the ensuing year: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman William Brown Clark, Vice-chairman. Thomas Davidson, Medical Officer for the whole Union. The appointments to be sent to the Poor Law Commissioners for their approval</p> <p>Proceedings of Board meetings established.</p>	7 April 1840

			<p>The following persons were appointed to the Workhouse and Finance Committee: The Chairman; the Vice-chairman; the Rev John Dixon Clark; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Robert Hall; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster].</p> <p>The several accounts for the Union had been audited and cheques were signed for salaries.</p> <p>The Registrar's bill was certified by the Superintendent Registrar for fees for the quarter ending 31 March 1840 and a cheque was signed for 36 births and 14 deaths.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/315-316	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 21 April 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Rev John Dixon Clark, in the chair; Mr Perigal [Rev Charles Perigal]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; David Watson; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Hall [Robert Hall].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p>	21 April 1840
Item	GBF 1/317-318	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 5 May 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and cheques were signed.</p>	5 May 1840
Item	GBF 1/319-321	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 19 May 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: John Wood Youngusband, in the chair; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Rev Charles Perigal.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Mr Davidson [Thomas Davidson] is not paying proper attention to the sick paupers.</p>	19 May 1840

			<p>The Clerk to write to him and request his attendance at the next meeting.</p> <p>Provisions for the next three months accepted from: Joseph Reavely, butcher meat. John Johnson, bread. John Davison, groceries. George Wright, coals.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/322-325	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 2 June 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; W B Clark [William Brown Clark], Vice-chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Rev Charles Perigal; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Humble [William Humble]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Robert Hall; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Younghusband].</p> <p>Notice of marriage between Thomas Thompson and Elizabeth English was read for the first time.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Resolved that the Clerk make an application to the Poor Law Commissioners for an order to enable the Guardians to appoint an assistant overseer for Bamburgh at an annual salary of £5.</p>	2 June 1840
Item	GBF 1/326-328	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 16 June 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum], in the chair; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; Robert Hall; Mr Moffatt [Edward Moffatt]; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed</p> <p>The Clerk to write to the Overseers of Bradford, Sunderland, Chathill and Preston requesting immediate payment to the Treasurer of the sums ordered on 24 March.</p> <p>The Clerk produced an estimate for the next quarter. Orders were signed directing the Overseers to pay the sums stated to the Treasurer.</p>	16 June 1840

Item	GBF 1/329-331	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 30 June 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Rev Charles Perigal; Joseph Robson; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p>	30 June 1840
Item	GBF 1/332-334	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 14 July 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Rev John D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Edward Moffitt; Mr Robson [Joseph Robson], Swinhoe; Mr Smith [William Smith], Burton.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Registrar's bill for fees for the quarter ending 30 June, certified by the Superintendent Registrar, was presented and a cheque was signed for 57 births and 16 deaths.</p> <p>The accounts of the Clerk; Treasurer; Relieving Officer and other officers had been audited for the quarter ending Midsummer and cheques were signed for salaries.</p>	14 July 1840
Item	GBF 1/335-336	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 28 July 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Sir John Walsham, Bart., Assistant Poor Law Commissioner; Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Rev John Dixon Clark; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Robert Hall; David Watson, Fleetham.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p>	28 July 1840
Item	GBF 1/337-338	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 11 August 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark], in the chair; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle].</p>	11 Aug. 1840

			<p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Handbills to be issued for tenders to be taken in on 25 August at 12 o'clock.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/339-342	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 25 August 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Rev John Dixon Clark; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Contracts for provisions for three months were accepted from: John Johnson, bread. Joseph Reavely, butcher meat. George Wright, coals. John Davison, groceries.</p>	25 Aug. 1840
Item	GBF 1/343-346	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 8 September 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: William Brown Clark, Esq., in the chair; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Moffitt [Edward Moffitt]; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse and Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Clerk had produced an estimate for the next quarter. Orders were signed directing the Overseers to pay the sums stated.</p> <p>A special meeting to be held on 6 October for the purpose of fixing the districts for vaccination in the Union under the Act of 3rd and 4th Vic. Cap. 29.</p>	8 Sept. 1840
			NB 2 PAGES 347.	
Item	GBF 1/347-348	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 22	Present at the meeting: John Bolam, in the chair; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Robert Hall; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Rev John D Clark [John Dixon Clark].	22 Sept. 1840

		September 1840.	<p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Clerk produced a statement of the average expenditure for the three years ending 25 March 1840 pursuant to the order of the Poor Law Commissioners. The same was agreed to by the Guardians and approved and signed by the presiding chairman.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/349-352	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 6 October 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Thomas Forster, in the chair; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle]; David Watson; Prideaux John Selby, Esq.; Rev John Dixon Clark; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband];</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>A cheque was signed for the Overseers of Belford for poor rate for the Workhouse and Register Office.</p> <p>Vaccination according to Vaccination Extension Act 3 & 4, Vic. Cap. 29 was planned for the Union.</p>	6 Oct. 1840
Item	GBF 1/353-356	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 20 October 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; W B Clark, Esq. [William Brown Clark]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; George Young.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The accounts for the quarter ending Michaelmas had been audited and cheques were signed for salaries.</p> <p>The Registrar's bill, certified by the Superintendent Registrar, for the quarter ending 30 September, was presented and a cheque was signed for 60 births and 29 deaths.</p> <p>Resolved that the remuneration for each successful vaccination be 2/6s instead of 1/6s as decided at the last meeting.</p>	20 Oct. 1840

Item	GBF 1/357-358	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 3 November 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Rev John Dixon Clark; Thomas Forster; William Brown Clark, Esq.; Thomas Embleton; Mr Smeddle [Robert Smeddle].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Clerk to write to Sir John Walsham and request him to apply to the Poor Law Commissioners for an order to allow George Scott, the Relieving Officer, to pay the paupers of the county district once a fortnight instead of weekly.</p>	3 Nov. 1840
Item	GBF 1/359-360	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 17 November 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: John Bolam, in the chair; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Thomas Embleton; Prideaux John Selby, Esq.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Vaccination: resolved that a copy of the Poor Law Commissioners' letter of 2 November be sent to each of the Medical Officers and their answers be requested before the next meeting of the Guardians.</p>	17 Nov. 1840
Item	GBF 1/361-364	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 1 December 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; William Embleton.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The Poor Law Commissioners' letter of 2 November and the letters of the two Medical Officers in reply were read.</p> <p>Resolved: due to the extent of the districts, the smallness of the population and the few cases of vaccination likely to occur the resolution of the Guardians of 20 October to fix the rate of remuneration at 2/6s be adhered to.</p> <p>Mr Bolam [John Bolam] announced that he will move that a Vice-chairman be</p>	1 Dec. 1840

			<p>appointed at the meeting on 15 December to replace the late William Brown Clark, Esq.</p> <p>The following contracts for provisions were accepted: Joseph Reavelly, butcher meat. John Johnson, bread. George Wright, coals. James Bromfield, groceries.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/365-370	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 15 December 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby], Chairman; Thomas Forster; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Nairn [Philip Nairn]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Workhouse Committee and passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Exchequer loan: one year's interest upon the balance of £760 due on 1 January. Cheque signed. Instalment of one twentieth of the sum of £800 borrowed being due on 1 January. Cheques were signed and the townships were informed of their respective shares.</p> <p>Estimate for expenses for the quarter ending on Lady Day 1841 was produced by the Clerk, and orders were signed directing the Overseers to pay the Treasurer the stated amounts on 29 December.</p> <p>Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq. and Rev John Dixon Clark appointed joint Vice-chairmen of the Board of Guardians until the next election.</p> <p>Request from the Poor Law Commissioners to the Chairman to report whether Mr Scott [George Scott] was competent to fulfil the two offices of Relieving Officer and Master of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Resolved: Mr Scott [George Scott] is fully competent to fulfil the two offices. The Guardians are of opinion that in order to secure, as far as possible, the combination of an effective [?] and economical management it is expedient to make the services of an approved Relieving Officer available as resident Master of the Workhouse of a slightly pauperised and not populous Union.</p> <p>The Clerk to report the above opinion to the Poor Law Commissioners through Sir</p>	15 Dec. 1840

			John Walsham.	
Item	GBF 1/371-373	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting on 29 December 1840.	<p>Present at the meeting: Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald], in the chair; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Fawdon; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Re Ann Luke, a pauper belonging to Elford, resident at Warkworth. Certificate sent to Mr Scott [George Scott] Relieving Officer, by Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead] surgeon, Warkworth, stating her bad state of health and her inability to support herself by labour. Resolved that the case be considered at the next meeting of the Guardians.</p>	29 Dec. 1840
Item	GBF 1/374-376	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 12 January 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Stephen Fryer Gillum, Esq.; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Robert Hall; William Smith.</p> <p>Notice of marriage between Anthony Robson and Ann Patterson was read.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Resolved that the common seal be attached to the contracts of Messrs Davidson [Thomas Davidson] and Fender [Thomas Fender] re vaccination by the Chairman.</p> <p>Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband] gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the Guardians take into consideration the propriety of providing some place to lodge the vagrants passing through the Union in a state of destitution.</p>	12 Jan. 1841
Item	GBF 1/377-380	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 26 January 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark], in the chair; Thomas Forster; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; David Watson; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden]; Mr Turnbull; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr</p>	26 Jan. 1841

			<p>Marshall; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>The accounts for the quarter ending Christmas had been audited and cheques were signed for salaries.</p> <p>Cheque was signed for the registration bill for fees for the quarter ending 31 December 1840 for 44 deaths and 28 births.</p> <p>Rev John Dixon Clark to examine a house near the Workhouse for lodging vagrants and report back.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/381-382	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 February 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Smith [William Smith]; William Turnbull.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>A house near the Workhouse to be let to house passing vagrants at 1/6s p.a.</p>	9 Feb. 1841
Item	GBF 1/383-385	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 February 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark], in the chair; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Turnbull [William Turnbull]; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; Thomas Forster; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Thomas Embleton; Mr Marshall.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>A letter from the Poor Law Commissioners transmitting copy of a letter written to the Guardians by Alexander Borthwick complaining of charges made for removing a lunatic pauper from the Workhouse to an asylum was read. Resolved that this being a case which took place before the Petty Sessions the same be referred to the Magistrates to answer.</p>	23 Feb. 1841

			<p>Medical circulars to be sent to the medical gentlemen residing in or near the Union. Tenders will be taken on 6 April.</p> <p>Tenders to be taken at the meeting on 9 March. Mr Scott [George Scott] to issue a few handbills.</p> <p>Resolved that James Newbegin be appointed to assist the Clerk on the election and deliver and collect papers etc.</p>	
Item	GBF 1/386-391	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 9 March 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Prideaux John Selby, Esq., Chairman; Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark]; S F Gillum, Esq. [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; Thomas Forster; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; Mr Bell [John Bell]; Mr Borthwick [Alexander Borthwick]; William Turnbull; William Smith; Mr Lumsden [John Lumsden].</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed by the Guardians and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Cheque issued to Thomas Davidson for six successful vaccination cases.</p> <p>Contracts for provisions: Joseph Reavelly, butcher meat. John Johnson, bread. George Dixon, coals. James Bromfield, groceries.</p> <p>Circular issued to medical gentlemen on 23 February be rescinded.</p> <p>Reference to report of December 1839 stating a change in appointment of medical officers. A salary of £40 to be given to one gentleman for medical relief for the whole union, and that the whole union shall not be held by one person in future. East District offered to Mr Fender [Thomas Fender] of Bamburgh at £20 p.a. West District offered to Mr Hunt [Henry Hunt] of Belford, and not Mr Davidson [Thomas Davidson], at £20 p.a.</p> <p>The Clerk had prepared an estimate for the next quarter. Orders to be signed directing the Overseers of the various township to pay the Treasurer the sums</p>	9 March 1841

			stated on 30 March.	
Item	GBF 1/392-394	Minutes of Belford Board of Guardians meeting held on 23 March 1841.	<p>Present at the meeting: Rev J D Clark [John Dixon Clark], in the chair; Mr Bolam [John Bolam]; Mr Leithead [George Henry Leithead]; Rev Charles Perigal; Mr Macdonald [John Macdonald]; Mr Forster [Thomas Forster]; P J Selby, Esq. [Prideaux John Selby]; Mr Younghusband [John Wood Younghusband]; S F Gillum [Stephen Fryer Gillum]; W Turnbull [William Turnbull]; William Embleton; Thomas Embleton.</p> <p>Invoices examined by the Finance Committee were passed and a cheque was signed.</p> <p>Confirmation of appointments of Medical Officers: Mr Hunt [Henry Hunt] West division. Mr Fender [Thomas Fender] East Division.</p> <p>Letter from Mr Davidson [Thomas Davidson]. The Guardians regret that any misunderstanding should have taken place relative to Elizabeth Wilson's case. As the Union has now been divided into two districts nothing further can be said in reply to his letter.</p> <p>For a list of Guardians for the ensuing year see a printed list in the new minute book No. 2.</p>	23 March 1841