

GBR 56 : Board of Guardians Minutes, Berwick-upon-Tweed Union. Summary catalogue entries.

LEVEL	REFERENCE	TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Volume	GBR 56	Berwick Board of Guardians minute book outlining the business of the Guardians in administering Poor Relief in the Berwick-upon-Tweed Union	<p>During the period covered by this volume, the following served as Guardians or paid officers of the Union.</p> <p>1883-1884 William Allan, farmer, Newburn, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft parish; John Carr, hotel owner, 43 Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, 59 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, 1 Palace Green, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, 23 Castlegate, Berwick parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kyloe parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kyloe parish; John Landels, farmer, West Loanend, Longridge & Loanend parish; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood & Thornton parish; Henry G McCreath, manure merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); William Moor, farmer, St Cuthbert's, Cornhill parish; George Peel fish merchant, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Russell, draper, 57 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; Walter Tait, farmer, Shellacres, Twizel & Grindon parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, 2 Ravensdowne, Berwick parish; Andrew Trotter, miller & farmer, Horncliffe Mill, Horncliffe & Norham Mains parish; Joseph Weatherston, slater & plasterer, 2 Greenside Place, Berwick, Berwick parish; William Wood, farmer, Duddo, Duddo & Felkington parish; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>1884-1885 William Allan, Norham parish; James R Black [James Black], farmer, Cheswick, Ancroft parish; John Brown, farmer, Ancroft Town Farm, Ancroft parish; John Carr, hotel owner, 43 Hide Hill, Berwick parish; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], grocer, 59 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; Adam Darling, manure manufacturer, 1 Palace Green, Berwick parish; Thomas Darling, gentleman, 23 Castlegate, Berwick parish; William Hindmarsh, farmer, Beal House, Kyloe parish; George Hogg, farmer, Goswick, Holy Island parish; John Jackson, farmer, Fenwick Granary, Kyloe parish; John Landels, farmer,</p>	1 Oct. 1883 - 31 Aug. 1885

			<p>West Loanend, Longridge & Loanend parish; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden], farmer, Shoreswood, Shoreswood & Thornton parish; John Lumsden, farmer, Castle Heaton, Cornhill parish; Henry G McCreath, manure merchant, Main Street Tweedmouth, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); Robert Marshall, farmer, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward) [first name given as John in 1880]; Thomas Marshall, farmer, Unthank, Tweedmouth parish (rural ward); George Peel fish merchant, Sandstell Road Spittal, Tweedmouth parish (urban ward); James Russell, draper, 57 Bridge Street, Berwick parish; David Tait, farmer, Scremerston Town farm, Ancroft parish; Walter Tait, Twizel & Grindon parish; Andrew Thompson, ship owner, 18 Quay Walls, Berwick parish; James Turner, slater & plasterer, Horncliffe, Horncliffe and Norham Mains parish; Joseph Weatherston, slater & plasterer, 2 Greenside Place, Berwick, Berwick parish; William Wood, Duddo & Felkington parish; Matthew Young, Hope Villa, seed crusher, Berwick parish.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Ralph Forster; Robert Crossman; Henry Gregson; Captain Forbes; Captain Theodore Williams. Dr Fluker; Rev Charles Baldwin – from December 1881; Lt Col J E Forster – from April 1884;</p> <p>Medical Officers: Thomas Fraser (Workhouse); James Mackay. Berwick District Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District); James Lambie (Islandshire District); District) John Paxton (East Norhamshire District) Matthew J Turnbull [Matthew Turnbull], Coldstream (West Norhamshire District);</p> <p>Relieving Officers: John Crosby (Berwick and Tweedmouth); Joseph Scott (Norham and Islandshires).</p> <p>Master of the Workhouse: John Rutherford.</p> <p>Clerks to the Board of Guardians: Edward Willoby; Assistant Clerk Henry Alder Peters [Henry Peters].</p> <p>The parishes: Ancroft; Berwick on Tweed; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth; Twizel.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/1-11	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 1 October 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; William Allan; John Brown; David Tait; Thomas Darling; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison].</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p>	1 Oct.1883

			<p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce and firewood during the last quarter.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); George Craik & Sons (iron founders); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; Thomas Weatherston (plasterer); George Brown (undertaker); M & A Smith (butchers); Elias Pearson (baker); Berwick Parish (poor rates for Workhouse); R Douglas, Town Clerk, (charges for Garden lease); Gibson F Steven (advertising, printing); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Davidson (grocer); William Richardson (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); W G Carr & Son (druggists); Ralph Thompson (joiner); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Mark Graham (mason); James Hope (plumber); Ralph Thompson (stones, tools); Hadden, Best & Co (stationery); James W Plenderleith (stationery); Berwick Advertiser; George Macaskie (advertising); E Willoby (Justice Clerk's fees, half year's postage etc); John Crosby (half year's postage etc); Joseph Scott (half year's postage etc); Phoenix Fire Office per T Thompson; Garden: Berwick Corporation (1 year's tithe 1883); Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (rates, garden tithes); Berwick Parish (poor rates – garden tithes); John Rutherford for W Wille (6 pigs). Non Settled Poor: John Scott [Relieving Officer] (12s , chargeable to Alnwick</p>	
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			<p>Union).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Rutherford [Master] (removing lunatic to asylum).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Berwick Corn Exchange (half year's rent of station).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries:</p> <p>Hannah Rutherford, Matron;</p> <p>Ellen Crosby, Nurse;</p> <p>Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant;</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter;</p> <p>Hannah Scott, Porteress;</p> <p>George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>John Crosby, School Inquiry Officer, had made in the past quarter payment of fees for the education of children of non-paupers in Berwick and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Paxton; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Horncliffe and Kyloe.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the township of Felkington was tabled.</p> <p>Medical and Relieving Officers' quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; to be payed in two equal instalments as shown.</p> <p>Letters from the Local Government Board:</p> <p>1 Reply to the Guardians' request for agreement to them doing repairs to Berwick Parish property [Grangeburn Mill] and defraying the cost from rent payments. The Board considered that the proposal was not possible; the</p>	
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			<p>Guardians were not authorised to incur the expenditure and the Board could not empower them to do so.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had asked the Board whether the Churchwardens and Overseers could incur the cost of the repairs and if not, how they could be accomplished.</p> <p>2 Notification of payment of the parliamentary grant (£106 10s) towards the salaries of the Medical Officers.</p> <p>3 Copy of the General Order made in pursuance of the Poor Law Conferences Act 1883.</p> <p>Letter from the Newcastle Borough Asylum, Gosforth, stating that because of the increased number of their own patients, that Berwick patients should be removed from the Asylum on 31st December. However, they would be prepared to retain them after that date, subject to a fortnight's notice of removal on either side.</p> <p>The Meeting were informed that the Justices of Northumberland intended to consider, at the next Quarter Sessions, a scheme for enlarging the County Asylum.</p> <p>It was agreed to inform the Borough Town Council of the above and suggest the desirability of taking steps to secure for the Borough a permanent Asylum, to which all Borough lunatics could be sent.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, necessaries and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>Recommendations from the Workhouse Committee:</p> <p>1 That application be made to Berwick Corporation to repay the rates assessed upon the Guardians in respect of the tithes upon the Workhouse Garden, ordered to be paid on that day.</p> <p>2 That the Local Government Board be asked to sanction the introduction into the Workhouse dietary for Wednesday's dinner the usual allowance to the not able bodied inmates of 2ozs of meat per head, which was inadvertently omitted in the existing dietary tables.</p> <p>Agreed that an advertisement be placed for two weeks in the local newspapers requesting offers from people willing to accept boarded out children.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/12-22	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 15 October 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; James Russell; Thomas Darling; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Allan; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had posted and entered up the several accounts in the Union ledgers for the past half year and the Meeting authorised the various transfers between accounts. [details of transactions between accounts and with the parishes contained in ledger].</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer;</p>	25 Oct. 1883

			<p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kyle; David Lowrie, Horncliffe; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and Services: J Rutherford [Master] (petty charges). In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging vagrants); St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Boy's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children) Non- resident Poor Account: Treasurers of Alnwick, Belford and Glendale Unions. Lunatics Account: Dr Fraser (examination and certification of two lunatics); Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of Borough and County patients); Newcastle City Asylum (maintenance of Borough patients). Extra Medical Fees: Dr Fraser; Dr Mackay; Dr Paxton. Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Vaccination Officer; Joseph Scott, Vaccination Officer; Dr Fraser, vaccination fees; Dr Heagarty, vaccination fees.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Butler, aged 24, Chapel Street, pneumonia, necessities; Mary Trotter, aged 60, sprained ankle, necessities; Thomas Somerville, aged 23, Chapel Street, phthisis, 1 pt cod liver oil; Susan Woods, aged 17, High Street, childbirth, necessities; George Anderson, aged 63, West End, heomiptysis [?], necessities; Margaret Laidler, aged 63, West End, heomiptysis [?], 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers:</p>	
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			<p>Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Dr Heagarty's quarterly return of visits to boarded out children was tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 They had considered the request by for extra medical fees in respect of Esther Norris's confinement. She had had dangerous puerperal fever and they were satisfied that the fee was warranted.</p> <p>2 Letter received from the Local Government concerning the letting of Grangeburn Mill. It gave the opinion that the only fund, from which expenditure for the purpose of repairing parish property could legally be defrayed, was rent received from letting the property.</p> <p>Agreed to accept the opinion by arranging that the rent received for the current year and as much of necessary from future rent should be available to the next tenant to undertake the repairs deemed necessary by the Guardians.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to instruct Mr Stevenson, architect, to prepare specifications and advertise for tenders for the repairs, to be presented at the next Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The Committee approved of the conditions of letting the property, subject to the reception of the tenders for repairs. They authorised that the letting be advertised on on 19th and 23rd October; offers to be received by 27th October and considered at a special meeting of the Committee on 29th, prior to the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>3 After examination of the steam cooking apparatus, the Committee authorised the Master to employ Mr Fender, engineer, to re-pack the flanges of the three cooking pots.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, the Meeting approved the minutes of the Committee.</p> <p>Letter received from George Culley, Local Government Inspector. It forwarded a letter from the Master of Belford Workhouse concerning the statements made by Berwick Guardians re the non-treatment of itch in Belford Workhouse alleged</p>	
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			<p>by Alexander Sample, vagrant. He stated that Sample's statement was incorrect. He had not been relieved in or discharged from Belford casual wards as he had stated.</p> <p>The Board accepted the request of Newcastle Union that they give non- settled relief to John Mahone, residing at Spittal.</p> <p>They agreed to the use of the Board Room on 1st November for a Local Inquiry under the Turnpike Acts by an Inspector of the Local Government Board.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/23-27	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 29 October 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; David Tait; John Brown; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee tabled a certificate of expenses legally</p>	29 Oct. 1883

			<p>incurred by them. Payment was approved.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Non-resident Account: Morpeth and Newcastle Unions. Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Berwick District Registrar's fees); Joseph Scott (Berwick District Registrar's fees); Registration Expenses: John Crosby (Berwick District Registrar's fees); School Attendance Committee: John Short, Attendance Officer, (quarter's salary); G F Steven (printer).</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Trotter, aged 60, High Street, sprained ankle, necessities; Alice Allan, aged 22, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Edward Currie, Cornhill, unable to work.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Tweedmouth was tabled.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>The Board accepted the request of Tynemouth Union that they give non- settled relief to Robina Grainger, residing in Woolmarket, Berwick.</p> <p>The Master reported the following: 1 Five vagrants were admitted to the casual wards on Sunday 21st October. All stated that they had been discharged from Alnwick casual ward on that morning, having been admitted on the previous Friday night. The Guardians asked the Clerk to write to Alnwick Union to ascertain whether it was their practice to discharge vagrants on Sundays and whether the five vagrants were discharged as they alleged. 2 Mr Murray, blacksmith, Shoreswood, wished to take on as an apprentice John Robert McDowell, aged 13, orphan, currently in the Workhouse. The meeting agreed to the apprenticeship on the usual terms. They asked the Master to inform Murray and arrange for the binding to take place.</p>	
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			3 Twenty sacks of oatmeal were required for the Workhouse. To be obtained and presented to the next meeting of the Workhouse Committee for decision.	
Item	GBR 56/28-35	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 12 November 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Matthew Young; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for the first four weeks of the quarter, for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); T W Morrison (draper); Paxton & Purves (draper); T H Pattison (painter); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); James Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); William Redpath (draper); W A Johnston & Co (drapers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent); T J Grahame (mealseller); George Douglas (farmer). Non Resident Poor Account: Sunderland Union.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the</p>	12 Nov. 1883

			<p>Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Duddo, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Minutes of two meetings of the Workhouse and Finance Committee were tabled: First meeting at which four Guardians were present to consider offers for a seven years lease of the parish property of Grangeburn Mill and lands. Only one offer had been received from the current tenant, Alexander Hattle, offering arent of £25 per annum. The Committee recommended that the offer could not be accepted but they would reconvene on the following Monday to consider an amended offer or have an interview with Mr Hattle. Second meeting, as arranged, seven Guardians present. Mr Hattle attended. He declined to amend his offer of £25 per annum. The Meeting considered the offer was too small, considering the intended outlay on the buildings. On the motion of Mr J Carr, it was agreed to recommend to the Churchwardens and Overseers that that they should keep the property in hand for one year, arranging for the cultivation of the land in the meantime. It should also be suggested to the Churchwardens and Overseers the expediency of negotiations for the exchange of with the Corporation of this property for the Workhouse garden should be considered by them. The question of declining to accept the the tender for the repairs to the property should be deferred until the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>Two letters on the matter were read to the Board Meeting. 1 Letter from S? M Cook, Assistant Overseer, writing on behalf of the Churchwardens and Overseers, following their meeting. Mr Peters [Assistant Clerk to the Guardians] had attended and reported the content of the resolution made by the Workhouse and Finance Committee. The Overseers, acting on the advice of the Guardians, had unanimously agreed to let it for one year and ask the Guardians to enter into negotiations with the Corporation for an exchange</p>	
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			<p>[of properties].</p> <p>2 Letter from Mr Hattle. He stated that the Guardians seemed to place a great weight upon the outlay. He said they must be aware that the repairs were very necessary and that he, as tenant, would have the outlay in the first place. He said that they should consider that it was not the usual way of doing business, rather a new style. He offered a rent of £30 pa and hoped they would accept that.</p> <p>After consideration of the Minutes of the two Meetings of the Workhouse and Finance Committee and the two letters, it was decided:</p> <p>1 not to accept Mr Hattle's offer for the proposed term of seven years and referred to the Overseers that they might arrange for the occupation of the property for one year.</p> <p>2 not to proceed with the repairs at present and that those whose tenders were approved, be informed of the decision.</p> <p>3 the Board, at their next meeting, consider the expediency of negotiating the exchange of the two properties.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing that the aged, infirm and imbecile inmates be given two ounces of meat on Wednesdays in addition to the prescribed diet. The item had inadvertently been omitted from the dietary tables.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had written to Alnwick Union in the terms requested at the last meeting. Their reply stated that the Alnwick Board did not at present consider it advisable to make any alteration in their system of discharging vagrants.</p> <p>The Clerk undertook to inform Mr Culley of the correspondence that week.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tender of T G Grahame to supply the Workhouse with 20 sacks of new made oatmeal at 41s per sack.</p> <p>Notice received from the District Auditor that he would audit the Union Accounts for the half year ended on 29th September on 28th November.</p> <p>The Meeting was informed that the present orders for outdoor paupers (except non-resident poor and boarded out children) would expire the at the next meeting.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/36-44	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 November 1883	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Hogg; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black. George Culley, Local Government Inspector.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 1 December from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p>	26 Nov. 1883

			<p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Catherine Patterson (cleaning of Tweedmouth pay Station); John Main (cleaning of Spittal pay station); Share of audit stamp. School Attendance Committee: Share of audit stamp.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Dr Mackay's district: Hannah Cuthbert, Church Street, heart disease; Ann Chambers, age 43, Chapel Street, imbecile; Jane Emery, age 29, Church Street, imbecile; Elizabeth Jamieson, age 59, Sallyport, sickness; Mary Ann Jamieson, age 56, Ness Street, sickness; Robert Kerr, age 50, Church Street, paralysis; Euphemia Kinghorn, age 55, Railway Street, sickness; Jane McCormack, age 60, Hatters Lane, imbecile; Henry Nicholson, age 32, Church Street, imbecile; Minnie Scott, age 24, Church Street, imbecile; Rachael Ann Swanson, Woolmarket, sickness; Isabella Veitch, age 46, Infirmary Square, imbecile; Ellen Young, age 53, Foulford, diseased wrist.</p> <p>Dr Heagerty's district: Jane Black, age 49, West End, paralysis, no change, necessities; Robert Bryson, age 41, Ord Moor, amentia, no change, necessities; Joseph Cockburn, age 34, Spittal, amentia, no change, necessities; Margaret Dixon, age 48, Church Road, loss of leg, no change, necessities; William Elliott, age 53, Church Road, spinal weakness, no change, necessities; Robert Gibson, age 30, East Ord, lameness, no change, necessities; Jane Hogg, age 53, High Gate, melancholia, no change, necessities; Margaret Laidler, age 16, West End, hernophysis, weak; James Purves, age 35, High Gate, paralysis, no change, necessities;</p>	
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			<p>Thomas Richardson, age 41, Ord Moor, chronic bronchitis, no change, necessaries; Elizabeth Sinton, age 46, Well Square, hermal [sic] tumour, no change, necessaries.</p> <p>Dr Paxton jr's district: Ann Blain, age 21, Tindle House, anemia [sic], totally; Jane Brown, age 49, Birch Hill, perenephric abscess, incurable, nil; Isabella Cairns, age 42, Norham, nearly blind, wholly; Elizabeth Clough, age 52, Norham, general debility, wholly; Margaret Dunn, age 48, Shoreswood Colliery, debility, totally; Mary Ann Robson, age 38, Norham, lame arm partially; Mary Stevenson, age 58, Shoreswood Colliery, lame arm, totally; Mary White, age 44, Norham, general debility, partially.</p> <p>Dr Lambie's district: Margaret Foster, age 23, Haggerston Barns?, epilepsy, chronic, none; George Marshall, age 58, Fenwick Steads, paralysis, totally, none; Mary Ann Sibbit, age 58, Kentstone, debility, partially, none; Christian Stamp?, age 40, Holy Island, strumous? constitution, frequently bad, none.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>George Murray, blacksmith, Shoreswood attended to complete the binding of John Robert McDowell, now aged 14, to him as apprentice. It was agreed that the term of the apprenticeship would be five years and the premium £5, with an outfit of two suits of clothing. The necessary formalities were completed.</p> <p>The following letters were received from Glendale Union: 1 Application requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Sarah Gibson, age 79, now residing at Lowick Low Stead. She had settlement and was recently residing in Berwick Union and in receipt of relief. It was agreed to accept chargeability and authorise non-resident relief of 1s per week until 25 March 1884. 2 A request that Berwick Union administer non-settled relief of 5s per fortnight</p>	
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			<p>to Mary Younger, residing at Tindle House. Agreed.</p> <p>George Culley, Local Government Inspector, read the report he had put in the Visitors Book.</p> <p>He had inspected the Workhouse and found the wards and beds clean. He found that of late no steps had been taken towards improving the accommodation of the Workhouse. In connection with this, he understood that the Guardians were experiencing difficulty in letting Grangeburn Mill. He hoped that it would be possible to exchange that property for the garden, now rented from the Corporation.</p> <p>In a letter sent to the Guardians on 21 October 1882 he had recommended that the ventilation of the soil pipes of the water closets. This had not been done and he had also found that the water supply was still occasionally shut off.</p> <p>Report dated 14 November 1883.</p> <p>The Inspector urged the Board of the necessity of their either taking steps to improve the present Workhouse or erect a new one elsewhere.</p> <p>In response to their correspondence concerning vagrants he stated that he was aware that adjoining Unions were not detaining all vagrants over Sundays. He had advised and requested them to do so.</p> <p>He was informed that notice had been given that at their next meeting, the Guardians would consider the expediency of them or the parish of Berwick acquiring ownership of the Workhouse garden, thereby making it available for additions to the Workhouse.</p> <p>It was agreed that at that meeting they would consider how to provide asylum accommodation for the lunatics from the Borough portion of the Union.</p> <p>The Inspector's suggestion for the ventilation of the soil pipes of the water closets was referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/45-53	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 10 December 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr; William Allan; George Peel; Matthew Young; William Wood; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; James Russell; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; John Brown; John Landels; David Tait; Robert Marshall.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker</p>	10 Dec. 1883

			<p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: J Dunlop & Son (drapers); M Cowe (grocer); T J Grahame (mealseller); R Hood (butcher); E Pearson (baker); J Grey (spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); A Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); J Stoddart (grocer); A T Gunn (draper); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; G Douglas (milk seller); E Whitehead (milk seller); D M McGregor (Borough Surveyor).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Doherty, age 55, Chapel Street, asthma, necessities; Ellen Elliott, age 54, Ancroft, heart disease, no change; Martha Kerr, age 58, Bishop's Entry, melancholia; Isabella Elliot, age 33, Well Square, catarrh of chest, a wreck, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical</p>	
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			<p>Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>The District Auditor completed his audit for the half year ending 29 September on 1st December and his signed statutory financial statement, was tabled, along with the following recommendations:</p> <p>1 A gas regulator be provided for the Workhouse.</p> <p>2 The Local Government Board to be informed of the additional supply of water to the Workhouse required to flush drains and put out fire etc and requested to approve the cost.</p> <p>3 The Workhouse Medical Officer be asked to make a recommendation that beer should be given to the inmates employed in certain household work; pursuant to Article 108 the Guardians to resolve on this and the other extras given to such inmates.</p> <p>The suggested provision of a gas regulator was referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 They recommended that Mr McGregor, Borough Surveyor, be paid £1 1s for preparing specifications for additional water supply and superintending the work.</p> <p>2 They had considered the District Auditor's suggestion concerning extra allowance of food for those inmates employed in household work and suggested:</p> <p>Four women employed in the laundry in the forenoon – at 10am each receive 5ozs bread and 1 pint of coffee or ½ pint ale.</p> <p>Two women employed in the cookhouse – in lieu of the fixed diet for able bodied females each to be allowed the same as the fixed diet for non able bodied females.</p> <p>They asked that the Guardians confirmed this. They added that for the time being not more than six women be employed in the laundry and two women in the cookhouse.</p> <p>3 They had considered the report of Mr Culley on his recent visit to the Workhouse.</p> <p>His recommendation concerning the ventilation of the soil pipes of the water closets would entail work to 26 WCS. This would require a large outlay which</p>	
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			<p>the Committee felt they could not justify and thought it best to defer consideration to a larger meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>The Board Meeting accepted the Committee's recommendation of payment, as above, to the Borough Surveyor.</p> <p>The Clerk was instructed to report the work undertaken to provide additional water supply and the purpose of this to the Local Government Board and request their approval of the payments made to the contractors and Borough Surveyor.</p> <p>They postponed to the next meeting the recommendation that the washerwomen be allocated an allowance of ale in the absence of a recommendation from the Medical Officer.</p> <p>After consideration of the minute concerning the WC soil pipes and the recent considerable outlay in putting the WCs in good order, a resolution proposed by Henry McCreath, seconded by William Wood, was passed unanimously that nothing more be done.</p> <p>The Clerk reported receipt from the Town Clerk of the lease to the Guardians of the Greenses Gardens for a term of five years from 11th November 1882 [sic] at a rental of £29 per annum.</p> <p>Pursuant to notice given, they considered the expediency of negotiating an exchange of the Parish property of Grangeburn Mill and land for the Greenses Gardens.</p> <p>They noted the difficulty of obtaining a satisfactory offer for the lease, the outlay of £65 required to put the buildings in good order and the proximity of the property to other lands belonging to Corporation of Berwick. If it was in the hands of the Corporation, it was likely that by combining it with an adjoining farm or otherwise, they could increase its letting value.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry Christison, it was resolved to appoint a Committee consisting of The Chairman, Matthew Young, David Tait, John Brown, Thomas Marshall, John Carr and George Hogg. They would ask the Farm Committee of Berwick Corporation to sanction a Meeting of the two Committees to discuss the propriety and willingness of the Farm Committee recommending to the Corporation the exchange of the two properties or some other land at present owned by the Corporation.</p> <p>They then considered the question of providing asylum accommodation for for</p>	
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			<p>male lunatics from the Borough portion of the Union.</p> <p>A letter had been received from Newcastle City Asylum notifying that all Berwick patients must be removed by from the Asylum by 31 December.</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted the County Asylums at Morpeth, Durham and Carlisle. The Cumberland and Westmoreland Asylum at Garlands, Carlisle offered to take the patients for probably two years at 14s per head per week.</p> <p>They were also informed that the town council were negotiating terms to secure a right of admission for Borough lunatics in Northumberland County Asylum. It was resolved in the meantime to accept the offer of the County Asylum, Carlisle, and propose notice of removal of six months by either party.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers were instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the transfer of patients from Newcastle to Carlisle.</p> <p>Application from Belford Union, requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Andrew Gibson, his wife and children, now residing at Dukesfield. A medical certificate had since been received, certifying his permanent disability. It was alleged he was born in Berwick Union and had settlement by residence in Kyloe parish. Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, was asked to inquire into the grounds of settlement and report.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee had obtained tenders and a sample for supplying the Workhouse with 40 yards of waterproof sheeting. It was agreed to accept the offer of W Redpath, West Street, as per sample at 3s per yard.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat etc will expire on 29 December. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day, the inmates of the Workhouse would have beef, plum pudding and beer and a distribution of tobacco and snuff.</p>	
	GBR 56/54-60	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 24 December 1883	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Brown; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; John</p>	24 Dec. 1883

			<p>Jackson; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Hadden Best & Co (books & forms).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Jane Johnston, age 38, Spittal, debility, necessities; Isabella Elliott, age 33, Well Square, cough, quite able to work; James Callan, age 54, West End; special weakness, necessities; Mary Stewart, age 23, West End, childbirth, necessities; Bridget Dunlop, age 50, Walkergate Lane, dysentery, necessities; Andrew Gibson, Dukesfield, loss of arm, permanently disabled.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: Robert Wood (Church Street) – rounds & flanks of beef @ 9s 11d per stone, houghs of beef @ 5s 4d per stone, legs of mutton @ 10 ½ d per lb, suet @ 7d per lb. Elias Pearson (Church Street) – indoor fine bread @ 5 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor</p>	
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			<p>district.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had attended a meeting of the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick Parish and informed them that there was no prospect of the Guardians reaching agreement with the Town Council for an exchange of Grangeburn Mill and land for Corporation property. The Churchwardens and Overseers had resolved to recommend to the Guardians that the property should be sold.</p> <p>Agreed that this proposal be taken into consideration at the Meeting fixed for 21st January.</p> <p>The Master reported that that he was only able to obtain a limited supply of skim milk until the calving season.</p> <p>Thomas Fraser, Medical Officer, had written recommending that children on tables 3 and 4 of the dietary should be given half a pint of tea at supper instead of an ounce of treacle, as at present provided in the authorised tables, to continue until a sufficient supply of milk is obtainable.</p> <p>It was agreed that that this should be provided to children under nine.</p> <p>The Master informed them that Raiph Dodds, St Mary's Villa, wished to present the Workhouse inmates with tea and cake on Old Year's Night.</p> <p>The Chairman wished to provide the inmates on New Year's Day with a dinner of beef and plum pudding and the Vice Chairmen added fruit for the children.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/61-71	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 7 January 1884	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; James Russell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Brown; George Peel; George Hogg; John Carr; Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor</p>	7 Jan. 1884

			<p>funerals, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce and firewood during the last quarter.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessaries and miscellaneous for the past quarter were presented.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the past quarter for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Co; William Redpath (draper); Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Johnson & Co (brewers); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); Thomas Weatherston (slater & plasterer); James Hope (plumber); Ralph Thompson (joiner); D Fender & Son (millwrights); Thomas Spaven (ironmoger); J Paxton & Son (saddlers);</p>	
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			<p>George Brown (undertaker); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); J Shaw & Sons (publishers); Garden: Thmas Spaven (ironmonger); Firewood: Ralph Thomson (joiner). Out Relief Account: John Crosby; Joseph Scott. Extra Medical Fees: Dr MacKay; Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott; Dr Heagerty;</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Robert Dryden, age 45, Parliament Close, entric [sic] fever, 2lbs beef; Robert Dryden, as above; Grace Spence, age 16, West End, entric [sic] fever, 10 ozs port wine, 7 pts milk; Grace Spence, as above except ½ pt port wine; Agnes Spence, age 49, West End, entric [sic] fever, 2lbs beef; Agnes Spence, as above; Thomas Spence, age 12, West End, entric [sic] fever, 10 ozs port wine, 7 pts milk; James Callan, age 54, spinal weakness, necessaries; Mary Stewart, age 23, West End, childbirth, necessaries; James Weddel, age 51, West End, heart disease, weak, 1 ½ lb beef; David Horan, age 26, Palace Street, pthisis, 1pt sherry.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; Lambie MacKay; Paxton; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Drs Heagerty and MacKay presented their quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children.</p> <p>Reported: 1 Half yearly return from Northumberland County Asylum concerning the state and condition of the inmates placed there by the Union. 2 Receipt of the transfer orders for the removal of the 13 male lunatics from</p>	
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			<p>Newcastle City Asylum to Cumberland County Asylum, duly signed by two Visitors of the Cumberland Asylum and endorsed by two Lunacy Commissioners. The patients were transferred on 4th January.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board: 1 Approved the expenditure incurred for the provision of additional water appliances for the Workhouse. 2 Agreed the form used by Superintendent Garden as an outdoor relief list for vagrants.</p> <p>The Special Committee, instituted at the meeting of 10th December to negotiate with the Corporation of Berwick concerning the possible exchange of Grangeburn Mill and lands for the Greenses Garden or some other property, reported: James Black, the Chairman, Matthew Young, David Tait and John Carr had met with the Farm Committee of the Corporation on 17th December. The Farm Committee stated that they did not wish to exchange the Greenses Garden; they considered it valuable for building and that value would have to be taken in to account in any negotiation. They would accept nothing less. Therefore any prospect of negotiating an exchange for Grangeburn Mill and land was useless. The Meeting discussed various other sites and their Committee proposed some land adjacent to the cemetery. The Special Committee did not feel justified in taking the matter further without authority from the Board. They had viewed the land by the cemetery. David Tait remarked at length on the meeting and on the undesireability of proceeding at that time to to acquire a site for a new Workhouse. He then proposed, seconded by John Brown, no further steps be taken concerning an exchange of land. this was passed unanimously.</p> <p>John Garden, Assisting Relieving Officer for Vagrants presented his annual report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the police and given tickets for the casual wards for 1883. Males 1215; Females 67; Children 40; English 689; Scotch 380; Irish 228; Foreign 25; Came from Scotland 534; Came from England 768; Total 1322; Total in 1882 – 2582; in 1881 – 3021; in 1880 – 3421. The figures showed a decrease of 1240 compared with 1882 and a steady decrease for the three previous years, being only slightly more than a third of the figures for 1880. He considered that satisfactory and hoped for a continuing decrease. During the</p>	
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			<p>year a number of people applying for tickets were the worse of drink; they were detained at the Lock Up and sent out of town the following morning. The police have attended the neighbourhood of the Workhouse at the time vagrants were discharged and as far as possible prevented them from begging.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer of Health for the Workhouse [Thomas Fraser] was read. The replies to the printed inquiries were affirmative and satisfactory.</p> <p>The Medical Officer for the Workhouse had certified that Jane Kay, 78, was suffering from mental disorder. It was therefore ordered that she be detained in the workhouse until until it could be certified that she could be lawfully discharged.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/72-77	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 21 January 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; James Russell, John Carr; Andrew Thompson; George Peel; John Brown; George Hogg; Robert Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Wood; Joseph Weatherston; John Landels; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates); Thomas Thompson, ironmonger, (stone hammers); Garden: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway and district rates); In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); Berwick Boys National School (as above); St Cuthbert's RC School</p>	21 Jan. 1884

		<p>(as above); Non-resident Account: Alnwick Union; Gateshead Union; Glendale Union; Morpeth Union; Newcastle Union; Sunderland Union. Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of patients); Newcastle City Asylum (as above); John Crosby Transferring 13 patients from Newcastle to Carlisle). Vaccination Expenses: Dr John Paxton (vaccination fees); Dr Matthew Turnbull (as above); School Attendance Committee: John Short, School Attendance Officer, (quarter's salary). Collectors Poundage and Salaries Account: George Laidler (Berwick); Henry J Williams (Ancroft, Kyoel);</p> <p>Receipts: Parliamentary Grant in aid of fees paid to Registrars); Glendale Union (non-settled relief); Alnwick Union (as above).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: D Storar, age 26, Palace Street, pthisis, 1 pt sherry; Mary Young, age 42, Chapel Street, bronchitis, necessities; Mary Young, age 42, Chapel Street, bronchitis, necessities; George Anderson, age 14, West End, enteric fever, 1 ½ lbs beef, 7 pts milk; George Anderson, age 14, West End, enteric fever, 7 pts milk, necessities; Robert Dryden, age 45, West End, enteric fever, necessities, 7 pts milk, 2 lbs beef; Robert Dryden, age 45, West End, enteric fever, necessities, 2 lbs beef; Agnes Spence, age 49, West End, enteric fever, necessities; Grace Spence, age 15, West End, enteric fever, 7 pts milk, ½ pt port wine; Grace Spence, age 15, West End, enteric fever, necessities, 1 ½ lbs beef, 7 pts milk; James Callan, age 55, West End, spinal weakness, Necessaries; Catherin [sic] Tobin, age 59, Kiln Hill, partial paralysis, totally, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>On the admission to the Workhouse of Jane Kay, at the last meeting, it was agreed that as her goods and chattels were of little value and not more than the cost of the maintenance by her niece, Mrs Brown of Scremerston, the latter could therefore retain them. They had now been informed that they were greater in quantity and value than represented. It was ordered that the previous agreement be withdrawn and Mrs Brown be asked to account for and give up all the property in her possession belonging to Jane Kay.</p> <p>Adam Darling gave notice that, at the next meeting, he would propose that a deputation be appointed to visit and examine the lunatics chargeable to the Union at Northumberland and Cumberland County Asylums and that the members be paid reasonable costs.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/78-84	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 4 February 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Andrew Thompson; Thomas Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Joseph Weatherston; Robert Marshall; John Carr; David Tait; Thomas Marshall; George Peel; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officer: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 2 February from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly</p>	4 Feb. 1884

			<p>advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Storie & Lisle (clothiers); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (vaccination fees); Joseph Scott Norham etc Districts, (as above). Registration Expenses: John Crosby Berwick District, (registration fees); Joseph Scott Norham etc Districts, (as above). Workhouse Loan: Matthew Young (third instalment of of loan of £530 and one year's interest).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Non-settled Relief was received from Tynemouth and Newcastle Unions.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Robert Dryden, age 45, West End, enteric fever, necessities; Robert Dryden, age 45, West End, enteric fever, necessities; Grace Spence, age 16, West End, enteric fever, necessities, 1 ½ lbs beef.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>As notified at the last meeting by Adam Darling, it was proposed Henry McCreath that a deputation consisting of the Chairman and two Vice Chairmen, accompanied by Dr Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: 1 As requested, they considered the purchase of gas appliances for the Workhouse made by Carnaby & Co. They recommended not to purchase them, as the amount of gas saved would not justify the expense. 2 The Local Government Board letter, forwarding the statement of the auditor</p>	
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			<p>that in the Workhouse vagrants were offered porridge for breakfast and supper instead of gruel or broth, was discussed. The Committee said that gruel was not made in the Workhouse, was not part of the dietary and that the difference of cost for the extra quantity of oatmeal required for porridge was very trifling. They recommended to the Board of Guardians to apply to the Local Government Board for their approval of porridge being given in the Workhouse to vagrants. In compliance with the request from the Local Government Board, they reported the quantity of potatoes used in potato soup was:</p> <p>adults – 1lb potatoes to 3 gills of soup; children 9 to 16 – 1 lb potatoes to 2 gills of soup; children 5 to 9 - ¾ lb potatoes to 2 gills of soup; children 2 to 5 – ½ lb potatoes to 2 gills of soup.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed to adopt the report of the Committee; the Clerk was asked to forward the Committee's observations on the dietary to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, notifying payment of £330 12s due to the Union for the year ended 29th September, for the grant by Parliament for the cost of lunatics in asylums.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted correspondence between him and Cumberland and Northumberland Asylums concerning his request for admission of a male lunatic resident in Berwick Borough. Cumberland Asylum would not accept any such cases. Northumberland Asylum accepted him on condition that 16s per week was paid for him.</p> <p>The Clerk was requested to inform the Town Council of the facts.</p> <p>Letter received from Glendale Union, informing them of the death of Joseph Steel on 13th January, a non-resident pauper belonging to Berwick Union. His widow and six children had been granted relief of 7s per week and asking if they would continue to pay relief.</p> <p>Agreed that they be informed that Berwick Board appeared to be prohibited from giving non- resident relief to the widow for the twelve months she is irremovable from Glendale Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/85-91	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 18 February 1884	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; James Russell; Adam Darling; John Brown; Robert Marshall; John Landels; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry</p>	18 Feb. 1884

			<p>Christison]; Thomas Darling; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden].</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Charles Baldwin; Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Robert Wood (butcher); Elias Pearson (baker); Scremerston etc Coal Company; James Grey (spirit merchant); John Brough (pavior); John Stoddart (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller)</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Joseph Scott (removing lunatic); John Crosby (removing lunatic).</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p>	
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			<p>The death of Eleanor Scott, a pauper lunatic, in Cottingwood Asylum on 9th February was reported.</p> <p>Correspondence between the Local Government Board and the Master of the Workhouse concerning the report of the District Auditor after his last visit was reported.:</p> <p>Indoor Relief List – the day of discharge was not counted.</p> <p>Master's Day Book – this was completed monthly, not weekly.</p> <p>After hearing the explanations of the Master, the Local Government Board had stated that every day during which the pauper was an inmate should be entered in the Indoor Relief List irrespective of the time of admission or discharge.</p> <p>Entries of all goods received should be entered in the Master's Day Book on the dates of delivery and receipt respectively. The Book should be made up weekly and they had pointed out how this could be done.</p> <p>The Master told the Meeting that in future he would comply.</p> <p>Application from Newcastle upon Tyne Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of Justices, of Alice Weatherston, single woman, aged 40, a pauper lunatic in Newcastle City Asylum. The Guardians were satisfied that she had settlement at Horncliffe, was not irremovable from Newcastle Union and accepted the application.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the forms had been completed to apply to the Local Government Board for consent to the sale of the property of Grangeburn Mill and lands, belonging to and situated in the Parish of Berwick upon Tweed. The forms had been signed by a majority of the Churchwardens, Overseers and by certain other inhabitants. He reminded the Guardians that they had already resolved to carry out the wishes of the Parish Officers.</p> <p>The Meeting resolved to apply the Common Seal to the forms requesting the Local Government Board to consent to the sale. Form copied in Minutes.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their returns for January to June 1883 and supplementary returns for 1882. The returns were satisfactory and no proceedings by the Board were required.</p> <p>The Meeting accepted an offer by George Pratt, Berwick, to contribute 10s per week towards the maintenance of his son, an inmate of Morpeth Asylum, who was chargeable to the Union.</p>	
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			<p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Thomas Sloan, late of Tweedmouth, pipemaker, for neglecting to maintain his three step-children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment.</p> <p>Agreed at the next meeting, to consider the terms of appointment for the expediency of appointing an Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, from 25 March.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/92-96	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 3 March 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]. Ex Officio Guardian: Dr Fluker. Medical Officer: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	3 March 1884

			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Margaret Docherty, aged 34, Crawfords Alley, childbirth, necessities; Mrs Leithhead, aged 35, Palace Green, cystitis, 2lbs beef; As above.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>A substituted valuation list for the parish of Berwick was tabled.</p> <p>Received from George Culley, Inspector, a comparative statement of the indoor and outdoor relief given in the first weeks of January 1883 and 1884 by the Unions in the North Eastern District.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums, including those for the School Attendance Committee, required from the parishes for the next half year, which they recommended for approval. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse and Finance Committee recommended that: The Workhouse inmates be provided with Sankeys Mission Hymn Books for use at Sunday evening services; Sale of firewood at the Workhouse be advertised in the local newspapers. Agreed that these suggestions be implemented.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25th March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>Letters received: 1 Reply from the Local Government Board agreeing to vagrants having porridge for breakfast and supper instead of gruel and to the quantities of potatoes to be</p>	
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			<p>used in the preparation of potato soup as stated in the minutes of the meeting on 4th February.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Newcastle Union to accept, without an order of Justices, the chargeability of Alexander Allan, 76, an inmate of the Workhouse, recently residing for five years in Byker, in Newcastle Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/97-102	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 17 March 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; Andrew Brown; David Tait; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison; Robert Marshall; Andrew Thompson]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessities shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias</p>	17 March 1884

			<p>Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Johnson & Co (brewers); James Grey (spirit merchant); George Douglas (milk seller); D[?] Mills (pinter). In Maintenance Account:</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs Leithead, aged 35, Palace Green, debility, 2lbs beef; Mrs Leithead, aged 35, Palace Green, cystitis, 2lbs beef; John Doherty, aged 59, Crawfords Alley, bronchitis, necessities; E McGinty, aged 46, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessities; Mrs Harvey, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Holy Island, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Ancroft was tabled.</p> <p>The Master reported that he had been able to source enough skim milk to provide the ordinary supper dietary for children aged 2 to 9. The Clerk was asked to inform the Local Government Board.</p> <p>On the motion of Andrew Thompson, seconded by Dr Fluker, it was resolved to re-appoint John Garden, Superintendent of Police for Berwick upon Tweed Borough on the terms agreed at the last Meeting.</p> <p>The following were tabled: 1 Letter from the Local Government Board enclosing a copy of the Order issued to call a Vestry meeting to consent the proposed sale of Grangeburn Mill and lands; meeting fixed for the next Friday. 2 Circular from the Vestry of St Mary, Islington suggesting a petition to Parliament suggesting the the introduction of a clause into the Companies Act</p>	
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			<p>Consolidated Bill providing preferential payment rates and taxes. To be considered at the next meeting.</p> <p>3 Circular and pamphlets from the Association Promoting the Boarding Out of Pauper Children. Agreed that the requested information be provided.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 29 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk tabled a return of attendance of the Guardians at the meetings held during the current year of office to date.</p> <p>The current rates of relief to outdoor paupers was due to expire at the next meeting when the usual summer rates of relief were due to resume. Ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p> <p>A meeting of the School Attendance Committee was fixed for the same day.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Johnson, of Berwick, labourer, for neglecting to maintain his wife and four children who had therefore become chargeable to the Union and admitted to the Workhouse.</p> <p>Agreed that application be made to the Justices, to recover the cost of relief of the bastard child, recently born of Jane Richardson, for an Order on the father of the child as provided by Sec 5 of The Bastardy Act 1875.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/103-112	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 31 March 1884	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; David Tait; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; Adam Darling; George Hogg; Robert Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; John Brown; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; George Peel; John Carr.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p>	31 March 1884

			<p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The sums paid to the following Unions for the non-settled poor by the Relieving Officers in the past quarter were given: Glendale, Newcastle, Tynemouth, Alnwick.</p> <p>John Crosby's School Inquiry Officer's Book showed that he had paid for the education of non-paupers' children from the parishes of Berwick and Tweedmouth.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce and firewood during the last quarter.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Co; James Hope (plumber); Gibson & Steven (printing & advertising); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Johnson & Co (brewers); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Alex R Lowrey (farmer); James Renton (farmer); George Douglas (farmer); John Fender (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); David Fender & Son (millwright); Ralph Thompson (joiner); George Brown (undertaker); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); Thomas Weatherston (plasterer); Hadden Best &</p>	
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			<p>Co (publishers); J W Plenderleith (stationer); Berwick Advertiser; E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices, postage & sundries); John Crosby (postage & sundries); Joseph Scott (as above); Firewood: Thomas Renwick (old rope) Thomas Baxendale (wood); A Henderson & Son (old twine); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws, wood) Garden: Robert Roxburgh (corn merchant. In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging vagrants).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Dr MacKay [Berwick District]: Ann Chambers, age 44, Chapel Street, imbecile; Jane Emery, age 29, Church Street, imbecile; Hannah Cuthbert, age 33, Church Street, heart disease; William Smith, age 44, Church Street, imbecile, totally; Minnie Scott, age 26, Church Street, imbecile; Henry Nicholson, age 33, Church Street, imbecile; Elizabeth Jamieson, age 60, Sallyport, sickness; Mary Harvey, age 60, Eastern Lane, rheumatism; Mary Ann Jamieson, age 57, Ness Street, injured side, partially disabled; Ellen Young, age 53, Foulford, [?] wrist, partially disabled; Hannah Walker, age 51, Foulford, blind; Martha Kerr, age 59, Bishop's Entry, melancholia; Euphemia Kinghorn, age 57, Railway Street, indigestion, partially; Jane McCormack, age 62, Hatters Lane, imbecile; Mary Oliver, age 50, Woolmarket, amputated leg; R A Swanson, age 55, Woolmarket, debility; R Turner & wife, age 60 & 57, Ravensdowne, epileptic & mania, incapable of taking care of themselves;</p>	
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			<p>for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Horncliffe, Kyloe.</p> <p>John Crosby, Relieving Officer submitted his quarterly return of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within his district.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>A statement by George Culley, Inspector, giving the expenditure of the Boards of Guardians in the North Eastern District for the year ended Michaelmas 1883 was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions, necessaries and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee reported that they recommended that Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Committee, be paid £10 for his services over the past year. On the motion of David Tait, seconded by Henry McCreath, this was agreed, authorisation to be requested from the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Reported:</p> <p>1 The Vestry Meeting of of the parish of Berwick upon Tweed had resolved not to give consent for the Guardians to sell the interest of the Parish in the property of Grangeburn Mill and its lands. The Local Government Board to be informed.</p> <p>2 Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to the re-appointment of Superintendent Garden as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants for one year, salary £10.</p> <p>3 Notice received from the County Asylum of the death of Agnes Fulton on 17 March.</p> <p>As agreed the Board discussed the circular from the Vestry Clerk of St Mary, Islington, suggesting a petition to the House of Commons to insert in the "Companies Acts Consolidation" bill a clause providing for preferential payment of rates and taxes. Approved; the Clerk to to prepare a petition for signature at</p>	
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			<p>the next meeting.</p> <p>Tabled a circular from the Central Association for stopping the sale of intoxicating liquors on Sunday and enclosing a form of petition. Agreed that the Guardians were not called upon to interfere in such a matter and that the circular lie upon the table.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against Alexander Miller, of Byker, Newcastle to recover relief directed to be given to his mother, Elizabeth Miller.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/113-126	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 14 April 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Carr; Joseph Weatherston; John Brown; John Landels; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Russell; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The accounts for the past half year were tabled. [for details see ledger GBR 56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as</p>	14 April 1884

			<p>required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kylloe, David Lowrie, Horncliffe; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition fees indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (as above). Non resident Poor Account: Glendale Union (relief paid in past quarter). Lunatics Account: Dr Fraser (certifying 2 lunatics); Dr Lambie (certifying lunatic); Northumberland Asylum, (quarter's maintenance borough patients); Cumberland and County Asylum (quarter's maintenance borough patients); Newcastle City Asylum (as above). Extra Medical Fees: Dr Fraser; Dr Mackay; Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (vaccination fees); Joseph Scott (vaccination fees, rents to householders for 11 vaccination stations); Dr Heagerty (vaccination fees); Corn Exchange Company (half year's rent of vaccination station) School Attendance Committee: Edward Willoby (one year's salary). School Fees: John Crosby (Inquiry Officer); Joseph Scott (Inquiry Officer).</p> <p>Received from the following Unions for the non-settled poor: Glendale, Alnwick.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers:</p>	
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			<p>Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Berwick, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Drs Heagerty and Mackay submitted their quarterly return of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended that Edward Willoby be paid £20 for his services to the Committee for the past year, being the sum paid for the past eight years. Agreed.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 Drs Mackay and Heagerty had submitted three claims of £2 for extra medical fees for attendance on paupers during childbirth. From their statements and the report of John Crosby, Relieving Officer, they agreed the charges were justified.</p> <p>2 They drew attention to the cost for books in the school accounts and raised whether better arrangements could be made. The Guardians agreed that the extra medical fees be paid. They considered it inadvisable to change the arrangement made by the teachers to supply the books.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing that the Clerk be paid £10 for his services to the School Attendance Committee over the past year.</p> <p>Report by Dr Thomas Fraser of his visits to the County Asylum, Morpeth, on 27th March and to Carlisle Asylum on 28th March, was tabled. At Morpeth there were 5 males and eighteen females. Males: four were in good health; one looked poorly. Their mental condition was unchanged and there was not much hope of recovery. Females: twelve were in good health; four were not looking strong; one was very ill. Only two showed signs of improvement; one would soon be discharged, the other was on a fair way to recovery. At Cumberland County Asylum there were 13 males who had been transferred from Newcastle Asylum in January. Eleven were in good health; two were</p>	
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			<p>feeble. One was almost recovered from his mental illness and would soon be discharged. Only one other had any hope of recovery.</p> <p>At both institutions the Committee were given every facility for interviewing and examining the patients and observing the arrangements for their care and comfort. None of the patients made any complaint of ill treatment and they seemed sufficiently clothed, fed and comfortably lodged.</p> <p>As directed at the last meeting, the Clerk had prepared the petition to Parliament desiring the addition to the "Companies Acts Consolidation Bill" of a clause providing for the preferential payment of rates and taxes. This was approved - to be signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the senior Member for the Borough for presentation.</p> <p>Henry Christison drew attention to the large amount of arrears in the monthly statement of the Collector of Rates for Berwick to be discharged as unrecoverable and uncollected. It was resolved to ask the Collector to attend the next meeting to explain the items.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year. The Overseers of the parishes were directed to arrange for payment. [For details of amounts see GBR 556].</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by Henry McCreath, it was unanimously agreed that the thanks of the Board be given to James Black for his services as Chairman over the past year.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, a like vote of thanks was given to the Vice – Chairmen, Thomas Darling and Andrew Thompson.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/127-134	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 28 April 1884	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; William Allan; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; Thomas Darling; John Brown; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; James Turner; John Jackson; James Russell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison].</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Lambie [James Lambie]</p> <p>Chairman: Resolved that until a new Chairman was elected, Matthew Young</p>	28 April 1884

			<p>would take the Chair. On appointment, James Black took the Chair.</p> <p>Election of Guardians Ancroft: David Tait, Scremerston Farm, farmer; James Richardson Black [James Black], Cheswick, farmer; John Brown, Ancroft T[own] Farm, farmer; Berwick upon Tweed: Thomas Darling, 23 Castlegate, gentleman; Adam Darling, 1 Palace Green, manure manufacturer; Matthew Young, Hopeville, seed crusher; Andrew Thompson, 18, Quay Walls, ship owner; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], 59 Bridge Street, grocer; John Carr, 43 Hide Hill, hotel keeper; James Russell, 57 Bridge Street, draper; Joseph Weatherston, 2, Greenside Place, slater & plasterer; Cornhill: John Lumsden, Castle Heaton, farmer; Duddo & Felkington: William Wood* Holy Island: George Hogg, Goswick, farmer; Horncliffe & Norham Mains: James Turner, Horncliffe, slater & plasterer; Kylloe: John Jackson, Fenwick Granary, farmer; William Hindmarsh, Beal House, farmer; Longridge & Loanend: John Landels, West Loanend, farmer; Norham: William Allan* Shoreswood & Thornton: George R Lumsden [George Lumsden], Shoreswood, farmer; Tweedmouth (Urban Ward): Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath], Main Street, Tweedmouth, manure merchant; Robert Marshall, Kiln Hill, Tweedmouth, farmer; George Peel, Sandstell Road, Spittal, fish merchant; (Rural Ward): Thomas Marshall, Unthank, farmer;</p>	
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			<p>Twizel & Grindon: Walter Tait*</p> <p>*Guardian qualified to act where no guardian was elected for a parish [the above were the Guardians elected the previous year].</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by Henry McCreath, it was unaimously resolved that James Black be appointed Chairman of the Board for the following year. James Black accordingly took the Chair.</p> <p>On the motion of Dr Fluker, seconded by James Russell, it was unaimously resolved that Thomas Darling and Andrew Thompson be appointed Vice Chairmen of the Board for the following year; Thomas Darling had the preference.</p> <p>Appointment of Committees: Workhouse and Finance Committee Thomas Darling; James Black; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Andrew Thompson; Henry Christison; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; James Russell; Robert Marshall; Henry McCreath; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; David Tait; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh. Assessment Committee Elected Guardians: Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; David Tait; James Black; John Brown; Ex Officio Guardians: Henry Gregson; Lt Col J E Forster; Robert Nicholson. School Attendance Committee Elected Guardians: James Black; John Brown; George Hogg; James Turner; John Jackson; William Allan; George Lumsden; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Henry Gregson; Rev Thomas Procter; Capt T Williams; Robert Nicholson.</p> <p>The dates of the first committee meetings were fixed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	
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			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Non resident poor Account: Morpeth, Newcastle, Sunderland, Belford Unions.</p> <p>Received by the Treasurer the following payments: Berwick (contribution); Tynemouth Union (non-settled relief repaid).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Collector's monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of Holy Island.</p> <p>As requested George Laidler, Collector of Poor Rates for Berwick parish, attended to discuss the reasons for the irrecoverable and recoverable arrears due on 25th March. The Guardians were satisfied with the reasons given but they directed that the Churchwardens and Overseers should be requested to avoid a recurrence by providing a list each month of those in default and to take action more promptly to enforce payment.</p> <p>The following letters were received: 1 From the Local Government Board asking what was proposed in relation to Grangeburn Mill and land following the decision of the Vestry Meeting's decision on 21st March. On the motion of Henry McCreath, it was resolved to appoint a Committee, consisting of Thomas Darling, Andrew Thompson and Matthew Young to request to meet with the Churchwardens and Overseers to discuss the course to be pursued in respect of the property and report the result.</p>	
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			<p>2 From Lieutenant Colonel Milne Home, MP, reporting that he had presented their petition.</p> <p>3 From Newcastle Union declining to accept, for the reasons stated, the chargeability of Alexander Alan [Allan]. The Collector was directed to apply to the sons of the pauper to repay the cost of his relief.</p> <p>4 From Carlisle Asylum, notifying the discharge of Adam Mossman, now recovered.</p> <p>5 Letter from Jane Cowe Gibson, late an inmate of the Workhouse, stating that a portion of the wages earned by her were held by the Master. Agreed that they be used to purchase necessary clothing for her on her obtaining employment.</p> <p>The meetings for the annual examination of the outdoor poor were fixed: Berwick District – 14th May 10am Board Room; Spittal pay station 2pm; Tweedmouth pay station 3pm.</p> <p>Islandshire District – 20th May Cat Inn, Cheswick 11am; Plough Inn, Beal 1pm.</p> <p>Norhamshire District – 27th May Fisher's Arms, Horncliffe, 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham, 1pm.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Richardson, coal miner, Unthank Square, to contribute 2s per week towards the relief of his mother, Margaret Richardson.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/135-141	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 12 May 1844	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Marshall; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; Robert Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Lambie [James Lambie] Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessities shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	12 May 1884

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); W & A Johnson & Co (drapers); James Dunlop & Son (drapers); Elias Pearson (draper); W S Dods (butcher); Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary (annual subscription); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); T M Morrison (draper); George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); E Willoby [Clerk] (one year's salary as Clerk to Assessment Committee, allowance for conducting annual election of Guardians, Garden: Berwick Corporation (half year's rent & insurance); John Fender (store pigs); In Maintenance Account: Lunatics Account: ?Joseph Scott [no name given] (removing lunatic to asylum); Newcastle City Asylum (additional charge for A Weatherston), ?[not specified]; Dr Matthew Turnbull (certifying lunatic). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, Joseph Scott, Norham etc District; Registration Expenses: John Crosby, Berwick District, (registrars fees); Joseph Scott, Norham etc District, as above; E Willoby [Clerk] 1 year's allowance for use of offices).</p> <p>Payments received: John Crosby, Collector to Guardians; Newcastle Union, (non-settled relief repaid).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Cairns, age 42, Norham, wholly disabled; Robert Turner, age 43, Horncliffe, heart disease.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical</p>	
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			<p>Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Duddo, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Report of the Sub-committee appointed at the last meeting re Grangeburn Mill and lands.</p> <p>As requested, they had met with the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick parish to discuss the best course of action re the above.</p> <p>Present were: Thomas Darling, Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; - Guardians; T H Pattison- Churchwarden; T Purves, J Carr, R Weatherhead, R Roxburgh – Overseers.</p> <p>The Churchwardens and Overseers stated that they were unanimously of the opinion that that the property should be let. After discussion, the meeting agreed that application should be made at once to the Local Government Board for permission to lease the property for a period of seven years. They considered it advisable that no time be lost in obtaining the approval of the Local Government Board and the necessary forms, to allow the property to be advertised.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, the Guardians agreed to proceed as recommended.</p> <p>The following letters were laid before the Board:</p> <p>1 Letter from the Local Government Board sanctioning payment to the Clerk of £20 for his services to the Assessment Committee for the past year. Payment approved.</p> <p>2 Letter from the same Board enclosing an extract from the report of Mr Frereond[?], Visiting Commissioner in lunacy, of his visit to the Workhouse on 10th March, for their consideration.</p> <p>COPY</p> <p>There were 25 patients on the imbecile list, 11 males, 14 females. All were of the quiet and harmless class, and in his opinion, fit cases to be treated in a workhouse. Mary Sanderson, who had been mentioned by his colleague, had improved considerably and at that time did not require removal to an asylum. As reported before, the accommodation for women was good, but there was no change in that for men. They still sat in the same dull, cheerless room, where wood cutting was done. It was a great pity that a better place could not be found. He had no complaints and they seemed to be well treated.</p>	
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			<p>3 Letter from John M D Patterson, Berwick concerning the effects handed to him by the late John Buglass. He said that he had sold the herring boat the previous summerbut had not yet received payment for it. Mr Pattersonwas asked to provide a statement of the account.</p> <p>4 Letter from John Fender, Castlegate, offering to deliver to the Workhouse the new milk required at 3d per quart. The offer was accepted, to start when G[eorge] Douglas, the present purveyor left the town.</p> <p>On the certificates of the Workhouse Medical Officer – it was ordered that George Simpson, age 53, and Eleanor Johnson Drummond, age 47, both suffering from mental disease, be detained in the Workhouse until it was respectively certified that they could be lawfully discharged.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/142-148	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 26 May 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; Walter Tait; George Peel; John Landels; Adam Darling; David Tait; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Robert Marshall; Matthew Young; John Brown; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions and necessities shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Robert Scott, Porter, and his wife, Hannah, Porteress were paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non-settled poor.</p>	26 May 1884

			<p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 31 May from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoie; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Parish (poor rate of Workhouse); Catherine Patterson (cleaning pay station); John Main (as above); Garden: Berwick Parish (poor rate of garden); Firewood: North British Railway Company (20 tons old sleepers); Mutter, Howey & Co (carting sleepers); Thomas Baxendale (firewood).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: George Armstrong, age 42, 32, Golden Square, carbuncles, totally, 2lbs beef, 1pt port; George Armstrong, age 42, 32, Golden Square, carbuncles, totally, necessaries.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Tweedmouth was tabled.</p> <p>Letters received from: 1 The Local Government Board acknowledging receipt of the request to sanction the appointment of Joseph Scott, Receiving Officer, as School Attendance Officer for the Cornhill and Twizel School Boards, which they refused. They asked to be informed as soon as he had relinquished the post. He was asked to comply and furnish the Guardians with proof of having done so. 2 Her Majesty's Inspector of Workhouse Schools requesting the returns of the standards reached by pupils sent to school from the Workhouse. The Master was instructed to ask that the forms be completed by the teachers</p>	
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			<p>concerned.</p> <p>3 Mr J H D Patterson, Berwick, giving the result of the disposal of the boat and nets belonging to the late John Buglass. Once full payment was received the balance, (£6 13s 5 ¼ d), would go to the deceased's representatives.</p> <p>4 Northumberland County Lunatic Asylum notifying the death on 18th May of Grace Thompson, a lunatic chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>5 Application from Newcastle upon Tyne Union requesting that they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of James Forster, aged 60. The Guardians were satisfied that he was legally settled in Tweedmouth and accepted the application.</p> <p>Also was received the Annual Report of the Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary and 60 forms of recommendation for patients. The latter were distributed to Guardians present, John Crosby, Relieving Officer, and the remainder to the Clerk for use of the Board.</p> <p>George Culley, Inspector, had placed in the Workhouse Visitors Book a report of his inspection of the Workhouse. He found it clean. The water supply was still occasionally shut off. There were 6 water closets whose soil pipes required ventilation, four of which were carried down inside, instead of outside the building.</p> <p>Passed to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/149-154	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 9 June 1884	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; James Turner; Thomas Marshall; Matthew Young; Joseph Weatherston; James Russell; George Hogg; John Carr, Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Peel.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p>	9 June 1884

			<p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non-settled poor.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); W S Dods (butcher); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; George Douglas (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller). Non-resident Poor: Gateshead Union.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: George Armstrong, age 42, Golden Square, carbuncles, totally, necessities. George Armstrong, age 42, Golden Square, carbuncles, totally, 1pt port, 2lbs beef; Robert Somerville, age 28, Weatherly Square, hernoptises[?], necessities; Robert Somerville, age 28, Weatherly Square, hernoptises[?], totally, 1pt cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes of of the Union, except Robert Yetts of Holy Island who had not sent reports for April and May. The Board were informed that he had been away from home on account of ill heaith and only recently returned.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the townships of Duddo, Norham Mains and Twizel were tabled. A meeting was arranged to revise these and other lists and hear appeals.</p>	
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			<p>Letter received A L Miller, Clerk to the Cornhill and Twizel School Boards stating that Joseph Scott had resigned from the post of School Board Officer on 28 May. The Clerk was asked to inform the Local Government Board of the above.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: The Committee recommended that the two piggeries in the garden be re-laid with cement; the Master would supply broken stones and arrange for them to be laid; the roofs to be covered with tiles; the Master to obtain an estimate from Mr Dickson, plasterer, for the next Board meeting.</p> <p>The meeting accepted the offer of Robert Dickson, plasterer, for £7 10s 6d, to roof the pig sties with good old tiles and lay cement floors.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Thomas Darling, Vice Chairman, it was unanimously resolved to record the Board's appreciation of the courteous and energetic manner in which George Culley had filled the office of Inspector of the Local Government Board for several years past and the great advantages his services had been to the Board. They also congratulated him on his promotion to Commissioner of Woods and Forests. – To be sent to him.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/155-159	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 23 June 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; James Russell; Matthew Young; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Darling; George Peel; Andrew Thompson; Robert Marshall; John Brown; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Darling; Walter Tait; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained</p>	23 June 1884

			<p>their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Isabella Elliott, age 30, Well Square, phthisis, very weak, beef 1 ½ lbs; Isabella Elliott, as above; Elizabeth Wood, Spittal, debility, very weak, beef 1 ½ lbs; Robert Somerville, age 28, Weatherly Square, hernoptises, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill and Shoreswood were tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: Robert Wood, Church Street – rounds & flanks of beef @ 9s 9d per stone, houghs of beef @ 4s 9d per stone, legs of mutton @ 10d per lb, suet @ 5d per lb. Elias Pearson, Church Street – indoor fine bread @ 5 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 5d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 1s 8d per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 9 ½ oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 9 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3lbs 15 ozs for 6d. Agreed.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that a cement gutter be laid to lead</p>	
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			<p>from the children's yard, past the back door of the girls' dayroom, across their yard into the imbeciles' yard into a trap at the north side of it. This would convey away the stagnant water which was accumulating in the first two yards. Agreed and authorised the work.</p> <p>Letter received from George Culley, thanking the Guardians for the courtesy they had always shown him and sending them and the Officers a kindly official farewell.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee tabled a certificate of expenses legally incurred by them. Payment was approved.</p> <p>The Clerk was authorised to apply to the Justices for an Order to remove Graham Sloss, widow, and her 5 children [sic] to their last place of legal settlement.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/159-169	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 7 July 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; Matthew Young; James Russell; Joseph Weatherston; David Tait; George Peel; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Union's accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see GBR56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The invoice account was debited with the value of garden produce and firewood during the last quarter.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next three</p>	7 July 1884

			<p>weeks.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee tabled a certificate of expenses legally incurred by them. Payment was approved.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; S J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant Collectors of Rates: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kyoie, Robert Scott, Porter; Hannah Scott, Porteress; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William S Dods (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; William Redpath (draper); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; John Fender (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); Alex R Lowrey (farmer); Berwick & Co Gas Light Co; H E Nicholson (plumber); Robert Dickson (plasterer); Ralph Thompson (joiner); D Fender & Son (millwrights); Hadden Best & Co (books & forms). Garden: Robert Dickson (slater & plasterer); James Gilroy (seed</p>	
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		<p>potatoes); H E Nicholson (plumber); Waite Brothers (seedsmen); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (joiner). Nonresident Poor Account: Sunderland and Morpeth Unions; In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging vagrants). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (quarter's salary vacc. officer); Joseph Scott (as above); School Attendance Committee: J Strauss & Sons (register); J Short (Attendance Officer's salary).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Dr Mackay and John Crosby's quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>Received from the asylum at Garlands, Carlisle, the half yearly report on the condition of inmates, placed there.</p> <p>Letter received from Robert Scott, porter and Hannah Scott, porteress, tendering their resignation from 30 June 1884.</p> <p>It was agreed to accept the resignations and seek to appoint a man and wife to replace them at a salary of 25 s per week, payable to the man, with apartments, fuel and necessaries for both. Advertisements for applications were to be placed twice in the Scotsman and Newcastle Daily Journal and once in each of the local papers, for consideration at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that on 27th June, John Crosby, Relieving Officer, had presented a certificate, signed by Dr Mackay. It stated that he had visited and examined the child of Esther Fairbairn of Berwick, widow. He found it in a starved condition, undergrown, thoroughly emaciated and suffering from a fatal disease of the bowels brought on by neglect and starvation. With the concurrence of the sitting Magistrates, the Clerk had arranged for the child to be brought to the Workhouse Infirmary for treatment. The mother was placed under</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/170 -176	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 21 July 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; James Russell; John Brown; David Tait; William Wood; Walter Tait; George Peel; John Jackson; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardian: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the necessary orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: The Scotsman (advertising) In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition fees for indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (as above). Non-resident Poor Account: Newcastle Union; Belford Union; Glendale Union;</p>	21 July 1884

			<p>Gateshead Union; (all relief advanced in the past quarter). Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (quarter's maintenance of lunatics); Cumberland County Asylum (as above); Dr J Paxton (certifying lunatic). Extra Medical Fees: Dr D Heagerty; Dr J Mackay. Vaccination Expenses: Dr Paxton (vaccination fees); Dr J Lambie (as above); Dr D Heagerty (as above); Dr J Fraser (as above).</p> <p>Received from: Glendale Union (repayment of relief advanced to non-settled poor).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Tabled: 1 Trial balance sheet of past Quarter's accounts. 2 Dr Heagerty's quarterly report of visits to boarded out children. 3 Northumberland County Asylum's half yearly report on the condition of inmates, placed there. 4 Notice of the death in above Asylum of Margaret Moor on 18 July.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that before the cement gutter (see minute 23 June) was laid in the specified yards they had again inspected them and submitted to the Meeting: 1 Estimate of Robert Dickson, plasterer, - to form a cement channel to lead from downpipe in the young women's yard, through the girls' yard to a trap in the imbeciles' yard; cost £1 17s 6d. 2 Estimate of H E Nicholson, plumber, for an alternative scheme to extend spouting[?] along roof of young women's dayroom, past store room, and into down pipe in High Greens; cost £2 12s. The Meeting decided to accept Robert Dickson's estimate.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, in reply to their letter of 8th July proposing that Grangeburn Mill and lands be relet. They referred to the Guardians letter of 22nd January, to inquire what arrangements for repair of the property had been made. They also asked for an explanation as to the reason for the property being allowed to get out of repair, given that the last lessee had entered into the usual covenant to repair.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/177-181	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 28 July 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Andrew Thompson; Matthew Young; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Landels; Adam Darling; David Tait; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Joseph Weatherston, James Russell; James Turner. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk, after inspecting the Workhouse books, was authorised to issue orders for the articles contained in the Master's estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight.</p> <p>The Relieving Officers were authorised to issue orders for payment of relief and the Clerk to pay the salaries of the present Porter and the expenses of the candidates for the post.</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: R Scott, Porter, 5 week's salary to 2 August. H Scott, Porteress, as above.</p> <p>Candidates Expenses: Peter Munro, Buckhaven; W H Merrillees, Craiglockhart; M Walsh, Alnwick.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they discussed sending a deputation to the to the Conference to be held at Gilsland. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Dr Fluker, it was decided to abandon the proposal.</p>	28 July 1884

			<p>They then interviewed the candidates for the posts of Porter and Porteress at the Workhouse.</p> <p>George Lumsden proposed, seconded by James Russell, that Robert Todd and his wife be appointed.</p> <p>David Tait proposed, seconded by James Turner, that William H Merrillees and his wife be appointed.</p> <p>George Hogg proposed, seconded by John Brown, that George Smith and his wife be appointed.</p> <p>For Robert Todd and his wife: George Lumsden, James Russell, Thomas Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; John Landels; Adam Darling; Andrew Thompson; Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker – 9 votes.</p> <p>For William Merrillees and his wife: David Tait; James Turner; Matthew Young; - 3 votes.</p> <p>For George Smith and his wife: George Hogg; John Brown; The Chairman; - 3 votes.</p> <p>Robert Barker Todd & Margaret Ewart Todd were therefore appointed at a remuneration of 23s per week, with the use of the Porter's Lodge and necessaries for both officers; their appointment to start on 3rd August.</p> <p>On the application of the Workhouse Medical Officer; it was ordered that Janet Elliot, aged 6, and Eleanor Johnson Drummond, aged 47, both suffering from mental disease, and Margaret Cummings, aged 14 days, suffering from an infectious disease, be detained in the Workhouse until certified, respectively, that they may be lawfully discharged.</p> <p>The Master reported the particulars of deficiencies recently occurring in the sleeping accommodation for vagrants.</p> <p>Referred to the Workhouse Committee for consideration and report.</p> <p>Reply received from the the Inspector of Poor at Duns, enclosing an extract and statement giving particulars of the case of Elizabeth Cummings, alleged to have been improperly removed from Duns to Berwick.</p> <p>The Meeting was satisfied that the Guardians had been misled by the statement of Cummings and that there was no sufficient reason to doubt the correctness of the Inspector's account. Agreed that the Clerk reply withdrawing the claim for repayment of expenses and threatened further proceedings.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/182-188	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 18 August 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black; [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; John Carr; Thomas Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Matthew Young; William Allan; Robert Marshall; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby</p>	18 Aug. 1884

			<p>[John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; Thomas Wight (china merchant); Berwick Sanitary Authority (Highway District Rates); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Fender (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); Border Brewery Coy; W J B Weatherhead (solicitors-Guardians v Fairbairn); S J Rutherford ([?] pauper); H J Williams (inquiry into lunatic's settlement); Garden: Berwick Non-resident Account: Tynemouth Union (relief advanced). Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (registrar's fees, Berwick District); Joseph Scott (registrar's fees, Norham & Islandshire District); Registration Expenses: John Crosby (registrar's fees, Berwick District); Joseph Scott (registrar's fees, Norham & Islandshire District);</p> <p>Repayment of relief received from other Unions: Alnwick; Tynemouth; Newcastle.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes except Cornhill, whose Collector was unwell.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Alexander, age 59, Unthank, thigh fracture, unable to work; Isabella Bookless, age 30, Norham, childbirth, improving.</p> <p>Letter from the Local Government Board approving the appointment of Robert Barker Todd as Porter at the Workhouse and agreeing the salary and other allowances.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that application be made to the Local Government Board to sanction payment of the account due to the Berwick Warder for advertising. It had not been presented within 3 months from the expiry of the last half year, as required by law. Agreed.</p> <p>The Vaccination Officers submitted their returns showing the number of births registered, the numbers of those vaccinated or accounted for during the half year ended December 1883. The returns accounted for the total number of births and was, therefore satisfactory.</p> <p>The District Auditor gave notice that he would audit the accounts of the Union for the half year ended on 25th March on 10th September.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment.</p> <p>On the certificate of the Workhouse Medical Officer it was ordered that Charles Worthington, aged 31, suffering from a contagious disease, be detained in the Workhouse until it can be certified that he may be lawfully discharged.</p> <p>It was ordered that George Bolam, boilermaker, of Newcastle and William Bolam, farm servant of Tweedmouth be asked to contribute 1s 6d each per week towards the relief being given to their parents, George Bolam and his wife. If they did not do so, John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against them.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/189-197	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 1 September 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Andrew Thompson; John Carr; James Turner; Joseph Weatherston; James Russell; David Tait; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; George Hogg; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p>	1 Sept. 1884

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 30 August from the following parishes: Ancroft; Cornhill; Duddo; Felkington; Grindon; Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyloe; Loanend; Longridge; Norham; Norham Mains; Shoreswood; Thornton; Tweedmouth (Ord township); Twizel.</p> <p>Robert B Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Share of District Audit stamp £4 5s; Garden; R B Middlemiss (manure); School Attendance Committee: Share of District Audit stamp 5s.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Cornhill (July), Ancroft, Kyloe (August).</p> <p>Medical certificate was presented for the following who was granted relief:</p>	
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			<p>Isabella Bookless, age 30, Norham, childbirth, wholly.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, enclosing a revised order for the letting by the Guardians of Grangeburn Mill and lands, in the parish of Berwick. They asked to be informed of the name of the lessee, the length of the term, the annual rent and the date of the lease.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk advertise the letting of the property; term – 7 years, conditions as specified by the Local Government Board; to be advertised for the next 2 weeks in the local newspapers, offers to be made prior to the Meeting on 29th September.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 They had examined the Clerk's calculations of the estimated sums required from the parishes for the next half year, which they recommended for approval.</p> <p>2 Letter from George Bolam, Newcastle, stating that he was out of work and uable to pay 1s 6d towards his parents' support. They were investigating this and, if it was correct, the Collector was to withhold proceedings.</p> <p>3 Letter received from the wife of Samuel Collins, lunatic. At present sufficient evidence cannot be obtained to adjudicate on his settlement.</p> <p>4 The Committee had inspected the boys' wards and yard, the young women's day room and yard not used and the vagrants' wards and yards for the purpose of suggesting possible additional accommodation for men (including imbeciles) and for vagrants. They had instructed the Master to present his suggested scheme to the Inspector on his next visit.</p> <p>The Guardians approved the Clerk's calculations, mentioned above.</p> <p>Letter had been received from the Engineers' Office of the North Eastern Railway, Gateshead, stating that George Bolam had left them on 15th August. The Board approved the Committee's proceedings.</p> <p>Letter received from Robert L Yetts, Collector of Poor Rates, for Holy Island, tendering his resignation from the post and that of Assistant Overseer, on the grounds of failing health, from the end of the current half year.</p> <p>His resignation was accepted; they agreed to inform the Churchwardens and Overseers of Holy Island of his resignation as Assistant Overseer. The post was to be advertised once in the local newspapers, salary £20 per annum.</p> <p>Appointment to be made on 29th August.</p>	
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			<p>Notification received from the Garlands Asylum, Carlisle, of the death of David Johnston on 24th August, a patient, chargeable to the Union.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/198-202	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 15 September 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Robert Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; James Grey (spirit merchant); John Fender (farmer); Elizabeth Whitehead (farmer); Lunatics Account: George Richardson (removing lunatic). Extra Medical Fees:</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	15 Sept. 1884

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Horncliffe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>It was reported that the District Auditor had completed the audit of the Union's accounts for the half year ended on 25th March. The duplicate statutory financial statement and loan account were tabled.</p> <p>Duddo township had been wrongly charged with the school fees for the past half year for a non paupers child attending Duddo School but resident in Twizel township. This was rectified.</p> <p>The Auditor's suggestion that the Clerk keep postage books for the sole use of Guardians in their various offices was accepted.</p> <p>Circular recieved from the Local Government Board and accompanying order authorising the transfer of stocks into the new stocks being created by the Treasury.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 4 October. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>Letters were tabled from James and Alexander Dumble of Morpeth concerning the non payment by them of contributions of 1s per week each towards the relief given to their parents. Both sons were asked to pay 5s fortnightly until the arrears were discharged.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Newcastle Union to accept, the chargeability of Thomas Davidson and his two children, for some years past resident in Newcastle, and now in Berwick Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/203-212	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; David Tait; James Russell; Thomas</p>	29 Sept. 1884

		<p>on 29 September 1884</p> <p>Marshall; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; George Hogg; Thomas Darling; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; S J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Robert B Todd, Porter; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Warder (advertising); Phoenix Fire Office (insurance premium); Hadden Best & Coy (postage book); J Shaw & Sons (law book); Garden: Berwick Corporation (one year's tithe on garden); Joseph Scott (expenses inquiring into settlement); John Rutherford (removing pauper to Wooler). Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing lunatic to County Asylum).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p>	
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			<p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Ann Pratt, age 30, High Gate, childbirth, necessaries; Thomas Pringle, age 30; Spittal, phthisis, weak, necessaries 1 ½ lb beef; Thomas Pringle, as above.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Paxton. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Cornhill, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the township of Twizel was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee gave a list of the tenders selected for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc. and recommended acceptance. Agreed. An amended tender for the supply of coffins from Thomas Miller was accepted.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled 1 As agreed at the meeting on 1 September, the Master had discussed with the Local Government Inspector, when he visited on 16 September, his suggestions for additional accommodation for adult male inmates and vagrants. The Inspector advised that the Guardians should submit their suggestions to the Local Government Board, including the tracings made by the Master, with a statement of the purpose of the alterations. Young men's yard and day room: have not been required or used for several years. Suggested - add a first floor over the day room and adjourning store room. To be converted into boys' yard, day room and bed room. Present boys' day room - to be adapted into a wood cutting room in lieu of the men's day room, at present used both as a work room and sitting room. Present boys' bed room – converted into a female vagrants' bed room and bath room. Present female vagrants' bed room and bath room – provide increased sleeping accommodation for male vagrants; the yard would be correspondingly increased; total accommodation for male vagrants increased from 13 to 23.</p>	
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			<p>Decided that the tracings be given to Mr Gray, architect, and that he be asked to provide an estimate of the probable cost for further discussion at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that William Gray, architect, estimated the the cost of the suggested alterations at £85. Decided that a copy of the Minutes and tracings be sent to the Local Government Board and asking for their approval for a sum not exceeding £100 to be spent on the alterations.</p> <p>Minutes of the Workhouse Committee [continued]: 2 The Master reported that the 15 steam valves in the Workhouse had become defective and needed replacing to prevent waste of steam. He submitted a sample of a valve with a compound seating [?bearing]. The Committee agreed that these valves be provided and that Mr Fender, engineer, be employed to do the work. 3 The Committee recommended that the Master buy two ½ pint bottles of Bond's Marking Ink at 25s per half pint. Previous low priced ink had not proved successful.</p> <p>The Board approved: Purchase of the improved valves and fitting by Mr Fender. As the Master had received a circular from Pocock Brothers, London, for marking ink, said to be efficient, at 12s 6d, per pint, purchase of one bottle, in preference to the Bond's ink.</p> <p>The Master reported an increase in the number being relieved in the casual wards. It was considered advisable to ascertain by circular how far the prescribed regulations were being carried out in other Unions in the County.</p> <p>Two offers had been received, for a period of seven years, of the tenancy of Grangeburn Mill and lands from: John Jeffrey, Allanton, at a rent of £31; Alexander Hattle, present tenant, at a rent of £30. On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by George Lumsden, unanimously decided to accept the latter; the Clerk to prepare the lease to Alexander Hattle for a period of 7 years from 11th November, rent £30 pa.</p>	
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			<p>In accordance with notice given, the Meeting appointed a Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Holy Island. Applications received: Thomas Brown, schoolmaster, Holy Island; Joseph H Graham, retired schoolmaster, Tweedmouth; John Short, school attendance officer and inspector of nuisances, Ord. On the motion of George Hogg, seconded by George Lumsden, unanimously agreed that John Short, Ord Cottage, be appointed to the post at a salary of £20 per annum payable quarterly.</p> <p>Order received from the Local Government Board authorising payment within an extended period of the account to the Berwick Warder.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee were authorised to direct the issuing of orders for goods required for the Workhouse in the first week of the half year starting on the following Monday.</p> <p>Letter received from Joseph Scott, Horncliffe Cottage, resigning from the posts of Assistant Overseer and Collector of Rates for the parish of Cornhill on account of recent severe illness and the infirmities of years. He thanked the Guardians for their courtesy and consideration over the past 31 years. His resignation was accepted with extreme regret to be intimated in writing. Agreed to appoint his successor at the next meeting; to be advertised in the local papers at a salary of £14 per annum.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/213 -225	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 13 October 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Allan; Thomas Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait; Matthew Young; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Walter Tait; Adam Darling; William Hindmarsh; John Jackson; James Turner; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Marshall; John Landles [sic]. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter; Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained</p>	13 Oct. 1884

			<p>their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, repairs, indoor funerals, and shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>The Union's accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see GBR56].</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee tabled a certificate of expenses legally incurred by them. Payment was approved.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer, Collector of Rates, Cornhill; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Parish Officers: Robert L Yetts, Holy Island; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kylloe, David Lowrie, Horncliffe; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: David Mills (printer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston etc Coal Company; William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); John McCall (undertaker); John Stoddart</p>	
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			<p>(grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Alexander Cairns (farmer); Border Brewery Company; John Fender (milk seller); Elizabeth Whitehead (milk seller); H E Nicholson (plumber); Robert Dickson (plasterer); Ralph Thompson (stone hammers); E Willoby, Clerk, (proceedings before Justices, postage & sundries); Pocock Brothers (marking ink); T L Donaldson (stationer); Berwick Advertiser; G F Steven (advertising); Border Counties Gazette; Garden: John Fender (6 store pigs); T L Graham (boxings for pigs); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: Edward Dawson (lodging vagrant); St Cuthbert's RC School (Tuition fees for indoor children); St Mary's national School (as above). Lunatics Account: Dr Paxton (certifying lunatic).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Drs Mackay; Heagerty; Paxton.</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Drs Heagerty.</p> <p>School Attendance Committee: John Short (Attendance Officer, quarter's salary).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; MacKay; Turnbull; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes except the late Collector of Cornhill.</p> <p>Drs Heagerty and Mackay's quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children were tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>The Committee were satisfied that Dr Mackay should be paid the extra medical fee he had claimed for attendance on Mary Corney [?], based on the statements made by him and Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer.</p> <p>This was accepted by the Board.</p> <p>Also tabled: 1 The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p>	
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			<p>2 Annual statement of the District Auditor concerning the Officers' securities. 3 Acknowledgement from the Local Government Board of the Guardians' proposals for additions to the Workhouse which would receive attention.</p> <p>Contribution orders to be sent to the overseers of the parishes of the Union to meet the expenditure of the Board for the next half year were agreed. These were to be paid by two equal instalments on 15th November and 31st January, totalling £3020.</p> <p>Contribution Orders were also sent to the overseers of the parishes comprising the district of the School Attendance Committee requiring them to pay their contributions up to 29th September 1885 on 15th November, totalling £32 10s.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they dealt with the appointment of a Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Cornhill. Applications and testimonials had been received from the following;</p> <p>1 David Lowrie, Assistant Overseer, Horncliffe; 2 Charles Wilson, plumber etc, Coldstream; 3 John Scott, Clerk to Commissioners, Coldstream; 4 John Short, Inspector of Nuisances etc, Ord; 5 Thomas Rule, Assistant Overseer, Norham; 6 Thomas C Steel, gardener, Crookham; 7 Alexander Lounton, solicitor's clerk, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Alexander Lounton was proposed by Henry McCreath, and Joseph Weatherston; John Short by David Tait and Thomas Marshall; Thomas Rule by Walter Tait James Turner.</p> <p>Voting: Alexander Lounton – Henry McCreath; Joseph Weatherston; John Carr; William Hindmarsh; Thomas Darling; George Lumsden; Dr Fluker; Rev Procter. Eight votes. John Short – David Tait; Thomas Marshall; James Black; Henry Christison; William Allan; Matthew Young; George Hogg; Adam Darling; John Jackson; Robert Marshall; John Landles. Eleven votes. Thomas Rule – Walter Tait; John Turner. Two votes. John Short, Ord Cottage, was appointed Collector of Poor Rates for the parish of Cornhill; salary £14 per annum, payable quarterly. He was also Assistant Overseer for the parish.</p>	
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			The Clerk reported that he had contacted 12 Unions to inquire about their procedures in the detention of vagrants. To date he had had three replies. It was agreed to await further replies before considering the matter.	
Item	GBR 56/226-235	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 27 October 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; James Russell; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Adam Darling; George Hogg; John Brown; William Allan. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master's accounts for the Workhouse in the last quarter for provisions, necessities and miscellaneous for the past quarter and clothing and petty common charges for the past half year were presented.</p> <p>The Union's accounts for the past half year were presented. [for details see original volume GBR 56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert B Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Crosby (half year's postage; Joseph Scott (as</p>	27 Oct. 1884

			<p>above); Newcastle Daily Journal; Non Resident Poor Account: Relief paid to non-resident poor – Glendale, Morpeth, Newcastle, Sunderland Unions. Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of patients for the past quarter, Borough & County patients); Cumberland County Asylum (as above, Borough patients); Dr Fraser (certifying lunatic). Extra Medical Fees: Dr Fraser. Vaccination Expenses: Dr Turnbull (vaccination fees). Collectors Poundage: John Crosby.</p> <p>Received relief repaid: Alnwick, Glendale Unions.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statement was laid before the Board for the parish of Cornhill.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Tweedmouth was tabled.</p> <p>Notice received from the County Asylum of the discharge of Isabella Strother, recovered, and Alice Weatherston, both from the County portion of the Union.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board to the Guardians' proposals to provide improved accommodation for lunatics and vagrants. The proposals did not commend themselves to the Board. However, they would defer decision until after their inspectors, Dr Mouat and Mr Knollys, had made their proposed visit to the Workhouse and the Board had received their report on the sanitary conditions in the Workhouse and on the subject generally. Resolved that the Local Government Board be informed that Mr Knollys be asked that the Chairman and Vice Chairman should accompany the inspection.</p> <p>The Clerk had received replies from 9 other Unions concerning the detention of vagrants and summarised the replies: Detained vagrants two nights and one day - Yes 7 Unions; Professionals. [? professionals] only 2; No 3. Detain vagrants admitted Friday nights over Sundays – Yes 2; No 8; Uncertain -</p>	
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			<p>2. Increase or decrease – Increase 6; Decrease 4; No change 2. Average numbers in wards on Sundays – 7 to 8. After consideration, it was resolved that the Master be authorised to discharge on Sunday mornings as many vagrants admitted on Friday nights, as [?if] in his discretion the accommodation was insufficient.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/236-241	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 10 November 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; David Tait; John Carr; Robert Marshall; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next fortnight and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Firewood: North British Railway Coy (old sleepers). Non Resident Account: Tynemouth Union (relief paid to non resident). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Registrars fees, Berwick District); Joseph Scott (as above, Norham District). Registration Expenses: John Crosby (Registrars fees as above); Joseph Scott (as above, Norham District).</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Palmer, age 35, West End, enteric fever, 2 lbs beef, 7 pints milk; Thomas Palmer, as above.</p>	10 Nov. 1884

			<p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all parishes.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board: 1 Agreed the appointment of John Short as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for Cornhill parish. 2 Agreed the appointment of John Short as Collector of Poor Rates for Holy Island parish; to be paid a salary of £20 per annum. 3 Notification of payment of £106 10s being a share of a Parliamentary grant towards the salaries of Medical Officers for the year ended 25th March.</p> <p>The meeting was informed that John Short, with his approved sureties, had entered into the bonds required for the above posts.</p> <p>The District Auditor had given notice that he would audit the Union's accounts for the past half year on 17th November.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that at the next meeting the present orders for relief to outdoor paupers (except non-resident poor and boarded out children) would expire and would have to be renewed for a further term. Notice was given that at the next meeting that in renewing out door relief, the Guardians would increase the relief from 23rd November until 27th March next, except in non-resident, boarded out, and other special cases. The increase to be 6d per week for those receiving 3s per week and under; for those above 3s an increase of 1s provided the relief is intended for more than one person; widows with children dependent upon them be given 2s per week for each child. Ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p> <p>The Clerk reported the necessity to appoint a Guardian to the Assessment Committee, caused by the death of Andrew Thompson. Agreed to make the appointment at the next meeting.</p>	
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			On the motion of David Tait, it was resolved to record in the Minutes, the Guardians' sense of loss at the death of Andrew Thompson and their appreciation of the valuable services rendered as their Chairman for several years and recently as Vice Chairman. They also desired to convey their condolences to Mrs Thompson on her bereavement.	
Item	GBR 56/242-251	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 24 November 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; James Turner; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Tait; Robert Marshall; John Landels, John Brown; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; William Allan; George Hogg; Joseph Weatherston; James Russell; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; Lambie [James Lambie]. Also present – Mr Knollys, Inspector. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: James Dunlop & Son (drapers); John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William S Dods (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; T M Morrison (draper); Paxton & Purves (drapers); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Fender (milk seller); William Burgon (milk seller); Border Brewery Company; W A Johnson & Coy (drapers); Berwick etc Gas Light Coy; J Rutherford [Master] (removing paupers); Catherine Patterson (cleaning pay station); John Main (cleaning pay station);</p>	24 Nov. 1884

			<p>George Macaskie (advertising). Garden: Corporation of Berwick (half year's rent); T J Graham (boxings); Firewood: Mutter & Howey (carting sleepers); John Irvine (cross cut saw); Allan Bros (sharping saws).</p> <p>Non resident Poor Account: Gateshead Union (relief for 2 non resident paupers).</p> <p>Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing Lunatics).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Berwick Corn Exchange (half year's rent of station).</p> <p>Received:</p> <p>Parliamentary grant in respect of medical officers' salaries.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p> <p>Dr MacKay: [Berwick]</p> <p>Ann Chambers, age 44, Chapel Street, imbecile;</p> <p>Jane Emery, age 29, Church Street, imbecile;</p> <p>Hannah Cuthbert, age 33, Church Street, heart disease;</p> <p>Mary A Jamieson, age 51, Ness Street, debility etc;</p> <p>Martha Kerr, age 59, Bishop's Entry, melancholia;</p> <p>Euphemia Kinghorn, age 51, Railway Street, sickness;</p> <p>Thomas Leddy, age 33, High Street, heart disease;</p> <p>Henry Nicholson, age 33, Church Street, imbecile;</p> <p>Mary Oliver, age 50, Woolmarket, amputated leg;</p> <p>Minnie Scott, age 26, Church Street, imbecile;</p> <p>William Smith, age 44, Church Street, imbecile;</p> <p>Rachel A Swanson, age 55, Woolmarket, debility;</p> <p>Isabell Veitch, age 47, Infirmary Square, imbecile;</p> <p>Hannah Walker, age 51, Foul Ford, blind;</p> <p>Helen Young, age 54, Foul Ford, diseased wrist[?].</p> <p>Dr Heagerty: [Tweedmouth]</p> <p>Jane Black, age 55, West Street, paralysis, no change, necessities;</p> <p>Robert Bryson, age 44, Ord Moor, dementia, no change, necessities;</p> <p>Margaret Dickson, age 49, Church Road, loss of a leg, no change, necessities;</p> <p>William Elliot, age 58, Church Road, spinal weakness, no change, necessities;</p> <p>Robert Gibson, age 34, East Ord, lameness, no change, necessities;</p>	
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			<p>husband.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by David Tait, it was unanimously resolved to appoint Henry McCreath to the Assessment Committee in place of the late Andrew Thompson.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board informing the Guardians that they had received the report of their Inspectors, Mr Knollys and Dr Mouat, on their inspection visit to the Workhouse on 28 October. In view of their conclusions they had requested Mr Knollys to confer with the Guardians. Mr Knollys, who was present for that purpose, gave the conclusions of the report on the inspection by Dr Mouat and himself.</p> <p>They drew attention to the deficiencies of accommodation in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The sick wards generally and the fever wards in particular. 2 The day room and yard for male inmates, especially in respect of male imbeciles. 3 The day room for boys. 4 The wards for male vagrants. <p>Mr Knollys stated that Dr Mouat was the Medical Inspector of Workhouses; he had great experience both at home and abroad.</p> <p>He then read extracts from the report. He alluded to the fact that three different Lunacy Commissioners had reported on the deficiencies in the accommodation for male imbeciles. He referred to the different proposals for improving the Workhouse, discussed by the Guardians from time to time. He pointed out that the Architect and Inspectors of the Local Government Board, who had assessed the Workhouse, considered that it was unwise to spend more money in trying to improve the present buildings.</p> <p>In reply to an inquiry on what the consequences might be if the Guardians resolved to do nothing, the Inspector stated that the Local Government Board, in view of the several reports made, could not take responsibility for allowing the present state to continue. They would insist on steps being taken and he had been tasked to encourage the Guardians themselves to take action.</p> <p>After discussion of the issues presented, on the motion of Adam Darling, seconded by Henry Chritison, it was resolved that the Guardians be provided with a copy of the extracts of the report, as read by Mr Knollys, and that the matter be specially considered at their Meeting to be held on 22nd December.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/252-256	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 8 December 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Turner; David Tait; Thomas Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; John Carr; George Peel; James Russell; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Alexander Henderson [Stamp Distributor] (share of Audit Stamp). School Attendance Committee: audit stamp.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth Wilson, age 25, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; Thomas Palmer, age 35, West End, enteric fever, convalescing, necessities;</p>	8 Dec. 1884

			<p>Thomas Palmer, as above; George Denham, age 48, west End, debility, convalescing, necessities; George Denham, as above.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for all the parishes.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted the engrossment of the lease of the Berwick Parish property of Grangeburn Mill and lands to Alexander Hattle for a term of seven years from 11th November, annual rent £30. The Common Seal was affixed.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>Agreed that on Christmas Day the inmates of the Workhouse would receive beef, plum pudding, and beer in place of the usual Thursday diet and tobacco and snuff.</p> <p>Agreed that the next meeting, at which the Workhouse question would be discussed, would start at 1 30pm.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/257-263	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 22 December 1884	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Jonn Carr; James Turner; James Russell; George Hogg; George Peel; Adam Darling; Robert Marshall; John Jackson; John Brown; Joseph Weatherston; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Wood; John Landels; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p>	22 Dec. 1884

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William S Dods (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; Border Brewery; John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); John Fender (milk seller); William Burgon (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Garden: John Fender (straw etc).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Catherine Lovell, age 21, Black Bull Yard, childbirth, necessaries; Thomas Palmer, age 35, West End, enteric fever, convalescent, necessaries; A Flood, age 50, Hatters Lane, hemeplegia [sic], necessaries; James Armstrong. age 8, Castlegate, chronic, ½ pt cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>The Meeting was informed that the District Auditor had completed his audit of the Union accounts for the half year ended on 29th September on 20th December and the Clerk tabled a signed duplicate of the statutory financial statement.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat etc will expire on 3 January. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was instructed to request the District Paymaster to remit to the Collector the pension due from time to time to a Workhouse inmate named Trotter.</p> <p>The Master reported that Ralph Dodds, St Mary's Villa, wished to provide the Workhouse inmates with a treat of tea and cake on the last night of the year. The Chairman of the Board wished to provide the inmates with a dinner of beef and plum pudding on New Years Day and the Vice Chairman to add a supply of fruit for the children.</p> <p>These kind offers were accepted by the Meeting.</p> <p>In accordance with the notice given to each Guardian, the Meeting proceeded to discuss the accommodation provided in the Workhouse and the comments made by Mr Knollys, Inspector on 24th November. Each Guardian had been given a copy of the extracts from the Inspectors' Report read at that meeting. The Guardians visited the wards reported on.</p> <p>On reassembling, the Clerk submitted a letter from Mr Dawson, Lodging House Keeper, saying that he had seen in the local paper a statement by the Master that vagrants had been refused admission to his lodging house for want of accommodation. He stated that this was not correct; he had ample accommodation for all the vagrants sent to him; those concerned were refused admission because of their filthy condition.</p> <p>The meeting ascertained that the vagrants concerned had been sent to the lodging house without first being admitted to the casual wards and bathed. They directed the Master in future to send all vagrants in excess of the number who could be accommodated in the Workhouse, to the Lodging House, having taken care that they were first bathed and fed.</p> <p>Comments made to the Meeting:</p> <p>The Infirmary had been erected within a comparatively recent time on approved plans.</p> <p>Mr Brigham's agricultural implement works were at least 50 yards distant and therefore too far to be a cause of any real complaint.</p> <p>There was ample accommodation in the female wards.</p> <p>The directions given to the Master above would in future prevent overcrowding in the casual wards.</p> <p>With the approval of the Local Government Board, the Workhouse has been provided with costly steam apparatus and other appliances, too recently to derive the full benefits from the expenditure.</p>	
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			<p>Owing to the depressed state of agriculture and of trade generally, the financial position of the ratepayers made it an inopportune time for an addition to the rates. These were increasing from recent highway legislation and other causes at a time of a decreasing rateable value.</p> <p>There were grounds for expecting new legislation which might have the effect of introducing important changes in the administration of the Workhouse and in those liable to pay local rates.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by Dr Fluker, it was resolved on these and other grounds, that the suggestion of erecting a new Workhouse at the present time be not further entertained.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/264-272	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 5 January 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; David Tait; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; William Allan; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, clothing, indoor funerals, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Union's accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see original volume of GBR56].</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next two fortnights and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians;</p>	5 Jan. 1885

		<p>Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; Parish Officers: Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; John Short, Holy Island & Cornhill; R B Todd, Porter; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Hadden Best & Coy (forms); John Shaw & Sons (forms). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (vaccination officer); Joseph Scott (as above); John Lambie (vaccination fees).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kyoel, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Dr Mackay and John Crosby submitted their quarterly returns of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within their districts.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Shoreswood was tabled.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Workhouse with provisions and clothing and the outdoor poor with bread, oatmeal etc as follows: Robert Wood (Church Street) – rounds & flanks of beef @ 9s 2d per stone,</p>	
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			<p>houghs of beef @ 4s 5d per stone, legs of mutton @ 9 ¼ d per lb, suet @ 4d per lb.</p> <p>Elias Pearson (Church Street) – indoor fine bread @ 4 ½ d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 4 ¼ d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 1s 8d per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 5 lbs 9 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 4 lbs 2 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 9 ozs for 6d.</p> <p>Thomas J Grahame – 20 sacks oatmeal 38s per sack.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>It was reported that a male inmate of the Workhouse required admission to a lunatic asylum. Morpeth could not take him, but Carlisle would do so on the same terms as other patients admitted from the Union.</p> <p>Agreed.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against James Wastle, mason, Berwick, to maintain his daughter, Sarah Wastle, who was an inmate of the Workhouse and chargeable.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/273-283	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 19 January 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; John Carr; James Turner; Matthew Young; David Tait; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Brown; William Allan; James Russell; Joseph Weatherston.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Dr Fluker</p> <p>Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p>	19 Jan. 1885

			<p>Payments were ordered for:</p> <p>Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Stoddart (grocer); Storie & Lisle (clothiers); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Elias Pearson (baker); William S Dods (butcher); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); David Fender & Son (millwrights); Berwick Parish (poor rate); J Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; J Renton (farmer); A R Lowrey (farmer); J Fender (farmer); William Burgon (farmer); Thomas Miller (undertaker); H E Nicholson (plumber); R Dickson (plasterer); R Thompson (joiner); Garden: Berwick Parish (poor rate); Firewood: K Thompson (joiner).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition fees for indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (as above).</p> <p>Non-Resident Account: Belford, Morpeth, Newcastle Unions (relief advanced in past quarter);</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of Borough patients for the past quarter); Cumberland etc County Asylum (as above); John Crosby (removing lunatic).</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: James Mackay (Berwick District); Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District).</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Daniel Heagerty (Tweedmouth District); John Paxton (East Northhamshire District); M J Turnbull (West Northhamshire District).</p> <p>Berwick Parish Property Account: Willoby & Peters (stamp).</p> <p>Collectors Poundage: George Laidler (Berwick); H J Williams (Ancroft, Kyloe).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p> <p>Mary Dickson, age 4, Infirmary Square, bronchitis, ½ pt cod liver oil;</p> <p>Ann Connolly, age 30, Church Street, childbirth, 1 pot of Liebeg;</p> <p>Ann Connolly, as above;</p> <p>Thomas Harrison, age 35, West End, enteric fever, 2 lbs beef;</p> <p>Gordon McLean, age 27, Black Bull Yard, scalded leg, necessities;</p> <p>Elizabeth Smith, age 45, Ravensdowne, permanent rheumatism.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Dr Heagerty submitted his quarterly return of visits to the homes of the children boarded out within his district.</p> <p>The half yearly statement of the Medical Officer for the Workhouse [Thomas Fraser] was read. It was agreed to refer it to the Workhouse Committee and ask them to consult with the Medical officer concerning his negative replies to the printed inquiries 1, 2, and 7.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board:</p> <p>1 Notification of the payment of £346 16s, the Board's share of the Parliamentary Grant towards the cost of lunatics in asylums for the past year.</p> <p>2 Request that they be informed of the Guardians consideration concerning the accommodation in the Workhouse, especially the reported deficiency in the infirmary, the men's day room and the vagrants' wards. The Clerk reported that he had replied by sending copies of the Minutes of the Meeting referred to and reminding the Local Government Board of the scheme sent to them for providing better accommodation for male inmates and casuals.</p> <p>3 Circular letter re the transfer from County Asylums to Workhouses of chronic and harmless lunatics. Enclosed was the opinion of the Medical Superintendent of Northumberland County Asylum that Jane Dixon, 53, admitted in 1881, was suitable for care in a workhouse infirmary with a paid nurse.</p> <p>Agreed that the Clerk inform the Board that the Guardians agreed to the transfer of this patient to the Workhouse imbecile wards under the charge of a paid attendant.</p> <p>The Clerk read the half yearly returns of the Superintendents of Northumberland and Cumberland Asylums, giving the present state and condition of inmates maintained in them at the cost of the Union.</p> <p>He also reported notification of the death of George Todd on 16th January at Cumberland Asylum.</p> <p>John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer for Vagrants, presented his annual report of the number of vagrants and tramps inspected by the police and given tickets for the casual wards for 1884.</p> <p>Males 1844; Females 75; Children 60; English 1061; Scotch 463; Irish 431;</p>	
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			<p>Foreign 24; Came from Scotland 861; Came from England 1118; Total 1979; Total in 1883 – 1322; 1882 – 2582; 1881 – 3021; 1880 – 3421.</p> <p>Comments: The figures showed an increase of 657 on the previous year, though there was a considerable decrease on the average of the past five years (2465). The increase had undoubtedly partly been caused by the depression of trade on the Wear, Tyne and Clyde and also from the railway works at Marshall Meadows and Cornhill. A good many had come on the pretence of seeking work at these. In fact, they were not wanting the work and did not remain more than a day or two. Others were decent working men on the road, who in those dull times had difficulty in getting employment and were driven to seek shelter in the casual wards. A few of these refused tickets on hearing that they would have to stay in the Workhouse the whole of the following day; the great majority did not seem to care whether they stayed one night or two. Several of those who were footsore, said it would be a rest for them and seemed not to mind the detention.</p> <p>Letter received from Thomas Rule, Norham. This concerned payment for his duties as Collector of Poor Rates for Norham and Norham Mains. The District Auditor had rejected expenses for attending Justices' meetings and audit etc being charged separately in the receipt and payment books of the Overseers for the two parishes. He asked that his salary be amended to include those expenses (£4). He also asked the Board to consider changing the mode of payment from poundage to a fixed salary. He drew attention to the amount he had received for collecting the poor rates and to compare that with the remuneration of other Collectors in the Union. This, he stated, would lead to a considerable increase in his salary. The average he had received over the past five years was – Norham £12 7s 2d, Norham Mains £3 9s 11d. Agreed to consider it at the next Meeting.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse Committee, they agreed to ask the Local Government Board to agree the use in the Workhouse of a supplemental medical relief book, adapted to record the consumption by the Workhouse inmates as medical extras - bread, ale, tobacco and snuff. This would require their names to be entered once in each quarter.</p> <p>The Meeting authorised the purchase of the last edition of "Penfold on Rating"</p>	
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			<p>for the use of the Board and Assessment Committee.</p> <p>On the certification by the Workhouse Medical Officer, it was ordered that Agnes Carr 27, Margaret Douglas 69, Jane Mills 65 and Sarah Wastle 30, all suffering from mental disease, be detained in the Workhouse until it was certified that they could be lawfully discharged.</p> <p>On the application from Belford Union they accept chargeability, without order of removal, of Christiana Steel, widow, and her five children, Etal. Prior to the death of her husband on 13th January 1884, they were all in receipt of non-resident relief from Berwick Union having settlement in the parish of Twizel.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/284-295	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 2 February 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; David Tait; George Hogg; James Turner; John Carr; Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Robert Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Russell; John Brown; Joseph Weatherston; George Peel; William Wood; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Fraser [Thomas Fraser]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black. Also present: W E Knollys, Local Governmnt Inspector.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p>	2 Feb. 1885

			<p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 7 February from the several parishes of the Union [within the County of Northumberland].</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Workhouse Loan Account: Matthew Young (4th instalment of loan and interest). Supplies and services: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (highway & district rates); Garden: As above. Non-resident Poor Account: Sunderland Union (relief advanced). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Berwick District); Joseph Scott (Norham & Islandshire District). Registration Expenses: John Crosby (Berwick District); Joseph Scott (Norham & Islandshire District). School Attendance Committee: Expenses of Committee; John Short (quarters salary – school attendance officer);</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Received: Relief repaid from Lanchester, Tynemouth and Newcastle Unions.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Harrison, age 35, West End, enteric fever, very weak, necessities; Thomas Harrison, age 35, as above; Ellen Masterson, age 56, Ravensdowne, bronchitis, necessities; Mary Dickson, age 4, Infirmary Square, bronchitis, necessities; Ann Connolly, age 30, Church Street, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kylee.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board concerning the proposed new build / alterations to the Workhouse.</p>	
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			<p>Having regard to to the reports made from time to time from their Inspectors, they did not feel justified in sanctioning the alterations proposed by the Board of Guardians in their plan submitted on 1st October 1884. They regretted that the Guardians were not prepared at present to proceed with building a new Workhouse to replace the current, most inconvenient, structure. As they considered that it would soon be necessary to undertake a new build, they could not agree to alterations which could only be temporary. They were therefore, unwilling to sanction expenditure other than the smallest possible sum. As they considered some alterations were indispensable, they had instructed Mr Knollys, Inspector, to confer with the Guardians on the matter.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse Committee was then tabled: 1 As requested, the Committee had discussed with Dr Fraser on the replies he had made in his half yearly statement: - Deficient ventilation and warmth. During the past quarter, Dr Fraser had found the temperature in the wards to be as low as 35 degrees. He considered that it should not be less than 50 degrees. That could be done by keeping better fires. The committee have asked the Master to ensure this. - Deficient accommodation. A ward in the female infirmary was occupied with three cases of whooping cough; a case of measles had occurred. There were no wards in which to isolate the cases. 2 The Committee had been informed by the Master that at present only three quarts of skim milk was obtainable. Dr Fraser recommended a better supply of new milk. It had authorised the Master to purchase new milk to make up the shortage in skim milk. 3 The deficiencies reported concerning ventilation and lavatories referred to those which the Local Government Inspector had brought to the notice of the Guardians as structural defects.</p> <p>Mr Knollys, Local Government Inspector, who was in attendance, remarked on the following: 1 Excess in numbers of vagrants. The present practice adopted by the Guardians was irregular. It could subject the Master to a surcharge in respect of the food given to vagrants sent to the Lodging House to sleep. The proper practice was for the Assistant Relieving Officer not to give orders of admission in excess of the accommodation provided. Those who could not be housed in the casual wards should be referred to and relieved by the Relieving Officer. 2 Deficiencies in the day room accommodation for male inmates. He suggested that the Guardians consider, as a temporary expedient, that the boys be</p>	
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			<p>removed from their present wards to a portion of wards on the south side of the female lunatic wards. A portion of the present yard there be fenced off. The present boys' day room could be used as a work room for the men.</p> <p>3 The infirmary. Nothing could be suggested to improve this building. Its defects could only be remedied by a new building.</p> <p>Upon the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by the Chairman and David Tait, it was unanimously resolved that as a temporary expedient, the Guardians act upon the suggestions now made by the Inspector and do their best to carry them out.</p> <p>The Meeting instructed the Master and John Crosby, Relieving Officer, to deal with the vagrants in the manner described. They requested the Workhouse Committee, at a special meeting, to consider and report to the Board on the best plan to be adopted to carry out the suggested change to the boys' accommodation.</p> <p>The Meeting then considered the application by Thomas Rule, Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for Norham and Norham Mains for increased remuneration.</p> <p>The Clerk read the letter from Thomas Rule which was presented and minuted at the last meeting. He reminded the Board of the Local Government Board Orders of 6 October 1882 by which Mr Rule was entitled to receive as Assistant Overseer for the two parishes annual salaries of £3 3s and £4.</p> <p>After consideration, Henry McCreath moved, seconded by William Wood, a resolution which was agreed That it was desirable that Thomas Rule should be paid a fixed salary for each township in respect of his duties as Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer. The salary should be £20 per annum for Norham and £5 for Norham Mains, to begin from 29 September 1884. The Local Government Board should be requested to issue Orders authorising the payments.</p> <p>Letter received from J A Campbell, Medical Superintendent, Garlands Lunatic Asylum, Carlisle. He said that the Asylum now had more accommodation for female patients and offered to take up to 20 female patients at 14s per week who could be kept for not less than 5 years. He thought that they were probably aware that in the Northern Counties Asylums accommodation was at present defective, some were enlarging and some having to send patients considerable distances. If the Board of Guardians wished to take advantage of his offer, to let</p>	
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			<p>him know at an early date.</p> <p>The Meeting decided to decline the offer; the Lunacy Commissioners had expressed concern at patients being placed at a distance inaccessible to their relatives.</p> <p>On the recommendation of the Workhouse and Finance Committee, it was resolved to ask the Local Government Board to sanction payment of a bill of £1 1s to Dr James Mackay for attending the Petty Sessions in July and June 1884 to give evidence in the prosecution of Esther Fairbairn by the Guardians, for not providing food for her infant child, whose health was thereby seriously injured.</p> <p>To ensure a larger supply of stones to be broken in the casualls' yard, the Clerk was asked to propose to the Urban Sanitary Authority that at least 200 cubic yards of stones at 1s per yard would be broken [for their use], provided they they arranged the provision of stones, and their removal at regular intervals upon request.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board saying that proposed form of supplemental medical relief book would receive consideration.</p> <p>The estimate of the amount required by the School Attendance Committee for their expenses in the current quarter was presented.</p> <p>At the end of the Meeting, the members, accompanied by the Inspector, visited the wards which it was suggested could be adapted for the use of the boys.</p>	
	GBR 56/296-304	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 16 February 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; David Tait; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; James Turner; H G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Thomas Marshall; George Peel; John Brown; Joseph Weatherston, George Hogg, James Russell.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: None.</p> <p>Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p>	16 Feb. 1885

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); Scremerston etc Coal Company; Thomas Grahame (mealseller); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (wine & spirit merchant); Border Brewery Coy; John Fender (milk seller); William Burgon (milk seller). In Maintenance Account: George Murray (apprentice fee).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Thomas Harrison, aged 35, West End, enteric fever, 7 pints milk.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Tweedmouth, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Norham, Norham Mains were tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee were tabled: As requested, they considered the suggestions of the Local Government Inspector for providing better accommodation for certain classes of inmates. A letter was tabled from the Inspector, suggesting how food and lodging care could best be provided to vagrants, for whom there was not sufficient accommodation in the casual wards.</p>	
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			<p>After inspecting the wards and a full discussion, they made the following recommendations:</p> <p>1 Casual wards – The Assistant Relieving Officer would provide food and lodging for female casuals, of whom there were very few for the greater part of the year. The yard and ward set apart for them should be added to the accommodation for male casuals. That ward to be furnished with hammock beds for 7 male casuals. In the daytime it would be available as a dayroom for male casuals.</p> <p>2 Male inmates – The deficiency in the present bedroom accommodation for aged men could be met by Ward 31, occasionally used as a work room and situated between two bedrooms, being enclosed by a partition and door, could be made use of as a fourth bedroom. It would be upwards of 1700 cubic feet and could accommodate 5 beds.</p> <p>The boys' present day room and bedroom could be converted into work rooms for male inmates, including use of the attached yard. The present door to the yard could be moved back to the east end of the passage leading to it. A door could be opened from the mens' day room into the passage. This would give the men direct access to their work rooms from the day room.</p> <p>The present old womens' day room could be used as a day room for the boys; the two wards above as their bedrooms. The yard attached to the day room would become a playground; a new door from the day room to an unused passage and staircase would give direct access to the rooms above, wards 14 and 16, containing 8 beds; ward 14 only is at present used for young women.</p> <p>3 Aged females – The Committee recommended that they be entirely removed from their present wards. Their day room and yard would be, as mentioned above, for the use of the boys. One of their bedrooms would be given to the young women to replace the one given to the boys. The other bedroom, immediately adjoining the the female imbecile wards, would be passed to them. Wards 35, 36, 37 currently part of the Infirmary, would be added to the wards above, also 38 and 39, at present only occasionally used for female imbeciles. The five wards, providing 25 beds, should then be available for both aged women and such sick paupers as the Infirmary proper could not accommodate. The only alteration necessary would be the fitting of a door and partition in the upstairs passage to disconnect the upstairs rooms from the imbecile wards. The present disconnecting door near the foot of the stairs could be removed and used in the upper passage. An excellent yard is available for the use of aged and sick, accommodated in those rooms.</p> <p>The Committee had asked the Master to obtain estimates for the suggested</p>	
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			<p>alterations, to be available for the next meeting of the Guardians. The Medical Officer had accompanied the Committee in their inspection and agreed with the suggestions.</p> <p>Estimates for the suggested work at a cost of not more than £9 17s 6d, from the tradesmen named for joinery and plasterwork in the current year, were then presented.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, seconded by Joseph Weatherston, it was unanimously agreed to adopt the recommendations and forward them to the Local Government Board for approval.</p> <p>Reply received from the Urban Sanitary Authority agreeing to assist in the provision of a regular supply of stones to break in the casual yard.</p> <p>The defective condition of the paving of the stone yard was reported. The Meeting authorised the Master to repair it by buying and laying old railway sleepers.</p> <p>The following were presented:</p> <p>1 Letter from the Local Government Board notifying payment of £9, being money repayable from the Parliamentary Grant for additional fees paid to the Registrars of Births and Deaths in the year ended 29 September 1884.</p> <p>2 Letter from Northumberland County Asylum notifying the death of Mary Ann Grant on 11th February 1885.</p> <p>3 The Vaccination Officers submitted their returns of births registered during the half year ended June 1884 and supplemental returns for 1883. The returns were satisfactory and no proceedings by the Board were required.</p> <p>John Robert McDowell, apprenticed on 26 November 1883 to George Murray, blacksmith, Shoreswood, attended. A letter from his master was read. It claimed the second moiety of the premium of £5; it also said that finding the boy "too light", he desired his term to be extended for another year.</p> <p>The Meeting agreed the payment but considered they were not authorised to extend the term; any extension was between the master and apprentice.</p> <p>The Meeting authorised the purchase of books and forms required by the Officers after 25th March and also other articles for use in the Workhouse.</p>	
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			Agreed at the next meeting, to consider the terms of appointment for, and the expediency of appointing an Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants, from 25 March.	
Item	GBR 56/305 -311	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 2 March 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; George Hogg; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Russell; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Paxton [John Paxton]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Non-resident Poor Account: Glendale Union (relief advanced in the past quarter).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical</p>	2 March 1885

			<p>Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Berwick, Holy Island, Kyoie, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Cornhill, Holy Island were tabled.</p> <p>The Medical Officer for the Workhouse had certified that Agnes Jamieson, 19, and Margaret Lamb, 41. were suffering from mental disease. It was therefore ordered that they be detained in the Workhouse until until it could be certified that they could be lawfully discharged.</p> <p>After considering the facts in the report from Superintendent Garden, it was resolved that John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised and directed to to prosecute John Moran, Church Street, Berwick, out pensioner and Catherine Moran, his wife, for wilfully neglecting to provide adequate food and medical aid to their child, aged 2 ½, whereby the child's health had been seriously impaired.</p> <p>The Guardians considered the the desirability of them being able to use for the conveyance of sick poor to the Workhouse, the invalid ambulance, newly obtained by the Urban Sanitary Authority. The Clerk was asked to discuss with their Clerk possible terms for its use.</p> <p>Reply received from the Local Government Board to their request, agreed at the last meeting, for sanction to be given to proposals for alterations to the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Local Government Board stated that they would sanction the alterations to the wards, suggested by the Guardians, but only as a temporary measure. They had made the decision with much hesitation. It must be understood that the provision of a new Workhouse was only temporarily postponed, with the reservation that the present decision could be rescinded at any time. In accordance with the provisions of sec 8 of Statute 29 and 30, Victoria: chap 113, the Board consented to expenditure not exceeding £9 17s 6d on the works in question.</p> <p>It was resolved that the proposed alterations would be carried out forthwith. The</p>	
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			<p>necessary orders to the carpenter and plasterer were issued that day.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board authorising payment of of £1 1s to Dr Mackay for fees in respect of attendance at the Petty Sessional Court as a witness against Esther Fairbairn, widow, for neglecting her infant child.</p> <p>A query had been raised concerning the account of Glendale Union, minuted earlier. The Clerk explained that in respect of a charge for relief of £1 15s given to John Tait of Shidlaw, the pauper having failed to send the usual half yearly report, the Board had in September 1884 ceased to pay relief to him. The officers of Glendale Union had overlooked this. The Meeting decided that the sum be deducted from the account. However, they were willing to authorise an application to the Local Government Board for a sanction to to Berwick Union to repay the relief given by Glendale Union to the pauper, up to the current date.</p> <p>Letter received from the Urban Sanitary Authority stating that provision had been made for a regular supply of unbroken whinstone for dellivery to the casualls' yard. The Master reported that the paving had been completed.</p> <p>They then discussed the terms of re-appointment of the Superintendent of Police for the Borough as Assistant Relieving Officer for vagrants from 25th March. Agreed that the terms would remain the same for a year at a salary of £10. To be ratified at the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk gave a statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding.</p> <p>The Clerk presented his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; referred to the Workhouse and Finance Committee for comment.</p> <p>The Chairman presented a letter received by him from the Local Government Board. It asked that he provide them with the observations of the Guardians on a communication made to that Board by the Clerk which referred to the extent to which the duties of the Clerk could be performed by the Assistant Clerk. The Chairman had received a copy of the letter which was read to the Meeting. They decided to postpone consideration of their reply to the next meeting.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/312-318	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 16 March 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; William Wood; George Peel; John Brown; Robert Marshall; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Joseph Weatherston; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; John Carr. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and in-maintenance.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); John Fender (farmer); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company; James Gray [sic] (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; William Burgon (milk seller); James Renton (farmer); Dr Mackay (fees for attending Petty Sessions).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Flaharty [?], age 16, Chapel Street, suppurating ears, necessities; John Flaharty [?], as above; Robert Somerville, age 29, Weatherly Square, phthisis, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	16 March 1885
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			<p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Tabled: Printed statements, prepared by the Local Government Inspector: 1 - expenditure by Boards of Guardians in the North Eastern District for the year ended Michaelmas 1884; 2 – number of paupers receiving indoor and outdoor relief in the first week of January 1884 and 1885.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by Robert Marshall, it was resolved to re-appoint John Garden, Superintendent of Police for Berwick upon Tweed Borough, to the office of Assistant Relieving Officer for the relief of the casual poor for one year from 25th March at a salary of £10 pa.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled: 1 The Committee examined the Clerk's calculation of the sums to be contributed by the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year. It agreed that their approval of its correctness should be given to the Board. 2 It recommended that the Board authorise purchase of seven patient hammocks for the ward to be adapted for male casuals. 3 It inspected the work in progress to alter the Workhouse, sanctioned by the Local Government Board. They suggested that the girls be provided with a passage to their dayroom, separate from that now used by the boys. This could be done by the erection of a fence across the upper portion of the south imbecile yard. The window from the girls' passage looking into that yard could be made into a door; the fence could be provided with access to the imbecile yard from the intended new passage.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, it was resolved to approve the proceedings of the Committee. 1 The Board approved the acceptance of the Clerk's calculations of the sums required, and they were signed by the Chairman. 2 The purchase order for the hammocks was issued. 3 The Master was authorised to construct the proposed doors and fence.</p> <p>The Meeting was informed that notice had been sent to every Guardian of the</p>	
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			<p>intended application by the Assessment Committee for the consent of the Guardians to the Committee appearing as the respondents in an appeal to the Borough Quarter Sessions by James Smith of Tweedmouth against the poor rate assessed upon him in respect of Bailliffs Bat, Crows Bat and Gardo salmon fisheries.</p> <p>Minutes of the Committee were submitted which showed that that these fisheries were assessed at a gross and rateable value of £366; the appeal was made to decide upon a claim to deduct the Tweed Tax of 20 per cent, in ascertaining the gross estimated rental of the salmon fisheries. The case is intended to be a test case and the decision will affect the rateable value of the salmon fisheries throughout the Union.</p> <p>It was resolved on the motion of David Tait, seconded by George Lumsden, that the Guardians assented to to the Assessment Committee appearing as respondents to the appeal in the name of the Guardians. The Clerks were instructed to take such steps as were necessary to defend the appeal and support the assessment made upon the appellant in respect of the fisheries.</p> <p>The Meeting then considered the communication received by the Chairman from the Local Government Board and laid before the last meeting, concerning the extent to which the duties of the Clerk could be undertaken by the Assistant Clerk.</p> <p>The documents were read again and the Clerk explained the objects he had in view, when writing to the Local Government Board.</p> <p>It was resolved on the motion of David Tait, seconded by John Brown, that the Guardians expressed themselves satisfied with the manner in which the duties of the office of Clerk were performed by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and had been since the arrangements were in force; it was their desire that they should be continued.</p> <p>The Chairman was authorised to inform the Local Government Board of the resolution.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing to issue an order to enable the Guardians to pay the Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer of Norham and Norham Mains the respective salaries of £20 and £5 pa.</p> <p>The contracts for supplying provisions and clothing will expire on 28 March. The form of advertisements for tenders was approved and the Workhouse Committee were authorised to consider and report to the next meeting.</p>	
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			<p>The return of attendances of the Guardians at the meetings held in the current year to date were tabled.</p> <p>The present orders for relief to outdoor paupers would expire at the next meeting, when summer rates should be reassumed. It was ordered that that all cases of outdoor paupers be entered in the Relieving Officers' Application and Report Books and in the Relief Order Book for consideration by the Guardians at their next meeting to which the matter is adjourned.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/319-334	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 30 March 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Marshall; John Carr; James Russell; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Robert Marshall; John Hogg; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; David Tait; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief, in-maintenance and education of the children of non-paupers.</p> <p>The Union's accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see GBR56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funeral, furniture and property, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p>	30 March 1885

			<p>The School Attendance Committee tabled a certificate of expenses legally incurred by them. Payment was approved.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Company; Margaret Cowe (grocer); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); H E Nicholson (plumber etc); Thomas Strother (carpenter); Robert Dickson (slater & plasterer); Elias Pearson (baker); Robert Wood (butcher); John Fender (milk seller); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy); Berwick Infirmary & Dispensary (annual subscrip[tion]); John Stoddart (grocer); James Grey (spirit merchant); Border Brewery Company; Thomas Miller (undertaker); D Fender & Son (millwrights); William Burgon (milk seller); Ralph Thompson (sharpening); D Fender & Sons (sharpening); Berwick Advertiser; Border County's Gazette (advertising); GF Steven (advertising); Knight & co (publishers); Hadden Best & Coy (publisher); TL Donaldson (stationer); E Willoby [Clerk] (proceedings before Justices, half year's postage); John Crosby (half year's postage); Joseph Scott (as above); Mills & Co (printers); Garden: William Willie [sic] (7 store pigs); Mutter Howey & Co (garden manure); Firewood: Ralph Thompson (sharpening tools). In Maintenance Account: Mary Connelly (lodging vagrants). Vaccination Account: Berwick Corn Exchange Company (half year's rent); School Attendance Committee: John Short, Attendance Officer, (quarter's salary, postage).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Ellen Crosby, Nurse; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; R B Todd, porter.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Dr MacKay: [Berwick] Ann Chambers, age 44, Chapel Street, imbecile, necessities; Hannah Cuthbert, age 33, Church Street, heart disease, necessities; Jane Emery, age 29, Church Street, imbecile, necessities;</p>	
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			<p>2 Account from Mr Middlemass, Alnwick, for non-resident relief of £2 15s to John Tait and his wife. Payment authorised by the Guardians and it was resolved to apply to the Local Government Board for their sanction under the circumstances previously recorded.</p> <p>3 Letter from Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority suggesting that the Board should have the use of the recently purchased ambulance litter, for the conveyance of the Workhouse sick poor; the Board was asked to pay half of its cost – (£15). The Meeting agreed, subject to the necessary approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>4 Letter from the Town Clerk informing them that the Corporation had agreed to grant a building site on part of the Greens Garden from 25th March to John Buglass. The Land Steward would visit to point out the land which it had been agreed to lease to Buglass.</p> <p>The sub-tenant [of the land] attended and informed the Meeting that building materials had been forceably laid on the ground in his occupation the previous Friday.</p> <p>It was agreed, before giving any response to the sub-tenant, to await the visit of the Land Steward.</p> <p>The Master was instructed in future to discharge on the following morning after admission male casuals in charge of female casuals, who were in receipt of out relief from the Assistant Relieving Officer.</p> <p>John Crosby, Collector to the Guardians, was authorised to take proceedings before the Justices against George Lilburn, draughtsman, of Berwick, for neglecting to maintain his wife and three children who had become inmates of the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter of resignation received from Ellen Crosby, Nurse in the Workhouse from 27th April 1885.</p> <p>Agreed to accept her resignation from that date. They would proceed to appoint her replacement on the same terms at the next Meeting; the post to be twice advertised in the three local newspapers.</p> <p>The School Attendance Committee recommended that E Willoby be paid £10 for his services as Clerk to the Committee.</p> <p>Approved, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/335-346	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 13 April 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Joseph Weatherston; David Tait; John Carr; Robert Marshall; John Brown. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Further accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see GBR56].</p> <p>Balances and transfers between accounts for the past half year were presented. [for details see GBR56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced a list of linen drapery required for the Workhouse and an order was issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non-settled poor.</p> <p>Payment of salaries was ordered for: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Union Collector. Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull.</p>	13 April 1885
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			<p>John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Parish Officers: John Short Holy Island & Cornhill; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains; Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kylvie, David Lowrie, Horncliffe;</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (tuition fees for indoor children); St Cuthbert's RC School (as above). Non-resident Poor Account: Belford Union; Glendale Union (both relief paid in past quarter). Lunatics Account: Dr Heagerty (certifying lunatic); Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance for borough and county patients); Cumberland County Asylum (borough patients). Extra Medical Fees: Dr Heagerty; Dr Mackay. Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (Vaccination Officer); Dr Thomas Fraser (vaccination fee); Dr Heagerty (as above); Sundry householders (rents for vaccination stations).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; MacKay; Turnbull. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Duddo, Horncliffe, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Drs Heagerty and Mackay tabled their quarterly reports of visits to boarded out children.</p> <p>The Meeting had intended to appoint a nurse for the Workhouse, but no replies had been received to the advertisements placed in the local papers. It was decided defer this to the next meeting and advertise twice in the Newcastle daily papers and the Daily Scotsman.</p> <p>Letters received from the Local Government Board: 1 Sanctioned the appointment of John Garden as Assistant Relieving Officer for the relief of vagrants for a further year. 2 Order fixing the remuneration of the Collector of Poor Rates and Assistant Overseer for the townships of Norham and Norham Mains.</p>	
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			<p>3 A further letter was produced and read. In connection with it, a minute made at the last meeting of the Workhouse Committee was read: For reasons stated in the letter, the Local Government Board declined to sanction the adoption of the suggested Supplemental Medical Relief Book. They had also asked whether the allowances of bread in the dietary table for the aged infirm and imbecile inmates were found insufficient. The Committee found that 89 inmates in the course of the past week were fed according to the table. Of these, four imbeciles and six infirm people were allowed by the Medical Officer extra 6 ozs of bread daily. In view of this, the Committee did not recommend any alteration to the dietary table.</p> <p>The Meeting adopted the opinion of the Workhouse Committee concerning the dietary and asked that the Local Government Board be informed.</p> <p>The Assessment Committee recommended to the Board that Edward Willoby be paid the annual salary of £20 (the amount paid for the last 9 years) for his service to the Committee over the year to 25th March.</p> <p>Agreed; to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that at the Borough Quarter Sessions the Recorder had heard and dismissed with costs the appeal by James Smith in respect of the assessment made upon him as an occupier of salmon fisheries. The Recorder had assented to state a case for the opinion of the Superior Court. The appellant's solicitors had given notice that the case would be applied for. The Meeting authorised the Committee to continue to appear as respondents.</p> <p>The Clerk again submitted his calculations of the sums required from the parishes to meet the expenditure of the Board for the ensuing half year; the Overseers of the parishes were directed to arrange for payment. [For details of amounts see original volume of GBR 56].</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by John Brown, it was unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Board be given to James Black for his services as Chairman for the past year.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/347-356	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 27 April 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Matthew Young; David Tait; Thomas Nevins; James Russell; John Jackson; George Peel; John Paxton; John Carr; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Hindmarsh, Robert Marshall;</p>	27 April 1885

			<p>John Brown; Joseph Weatherston; Thomas Darling; Andrew Waugh; William Wilson; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. On the motion of James Black, it was resolved that Matthew Young take the Chair until a Chairman be elected. Matthew Young took the Chair. On appointment as Chair for the ensuing year, James Black took the Chair.</p> <p>Election of Guardians Ancroft: David Tait, Scremerston Farm, farmer; James R Black [James Black], Cheswick, farmer; John Brown, Ancroft Town Farm, farmer; Berwick upon Tweed: Adam Darling, 1 Palace Green, manure manufacturer; Thomas Darling, 23 Castlegate, gentleman; Matthew Young, Hopeville, seed crusher; Henry Lindsay Christison [Henry Christison], 59 Bridge Street, grocer; John Carr, 43 Hide Hill, hotel keeper; James Russell, 57 Bridge Street, draper; Joseph Weatherston, 2, Greenside Place, slater & plasterer; William Wilson, 40 Hide Hill, gentleman; Cornhill: Thomas Nevins, West Heaton, farmer; Duddo & Felkington: William Wood, Duddo, farmer; Holy Island: George Hogg, Goswick, farmer; Horncliffe & Norham Mains: James Turner, Horncliffe, slater & plasterer; Kylloe: John Jackson, Fenwick Granary, farmer; William Hindmarsh, Beal House, farmer; Longridge & Loanend: John Landels, West Loanend, farmer; Norham: John Paxton, Norham, surgeon;</p>	
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			<p>Shoreswood & Thornton: George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]* Tweedmouth (Urban Ward): Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath], Tweedmouth, manure merchant; Robert Marshall, Tweedmouth, farmer; George Peel, Spittal, fish merchant; (Rural Ward): Thomas Marshall, Unthank, farmer; Twizel & Grindon: Andrew Vaughn, Riffington, farmer. *Guardian qualified to act where no guardian was elected for a parish [the above was the Guardian elected the previous year].</p> <p>On the motion of Matthew Young, seconded by David Tait, it was unanimously resolved that James Richardson Black be appointed Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. James Black took the Chair.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Henry Christison, it was unanimously resolved that Thomas Darling and Matthew Young were appointed as Vice Chairmen, Mr Darling to have the preference.</p> <p>The following Committees were appointed: Workhouse and Finance Committee. Thomas Darling; James Black; Adam Darling; Matthew Young; Henry Christison; John Carr; Joseph Weatherston; William Wilson; James Russell; Robert Marshall; Henry McCreath; George Peel; Thomas Marshall; David Tait; George Hogg; William Hindmarsh. Assessment Committee Elected Guardians – Matthew Young; Adam Darling; David Tait; James Black; John Brown; Henry McCreath. Ex Officio Guardians – William Orde; Colonel J E Forster; Robert Nicholson. School Attendance Committee Elected Guardians - James Black; John Brown; George Hogg; James Turner; John Jackson; John Paxton; George Lumsden; Thomas Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians – William Orde; Rev Thomas Procter; Captain T Williams; Robert Nicholson.</p> <p>The dates for the first meetings of the Committees were fixed.</p>	
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			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non-settled poor.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Non Resident Poor Account: Relief advanced by Morpeth, Newcastle, Sunderland Unions.</p> <p>Receipts received from the following Unions for relief repaid: Alnwick, Glendale, Tynemouth, Newcastle.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mrs David Piercy, age 51, Horncliffe, abscess of breast, wholly disabled.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>A supplemental valuation list for the parish of Berwick was tabled.</p> <p>Mr Crosby's quarterly report of visits to a boarded out child was tabled.</p> <p>As agreed at the last meeting, they then considered the appointment of a nurse for the Workhouse to replace Miss Crosby.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the applications and testimonials received from 15</p>	
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			<p>candidates and read a descriptive list of them. To facilitate the proceedings, three Guardians had met on the previous Friday and examined 14 of the applications. They recommended that the following be considered at the meeting:</p> <p>Ellen McLoughlin, 26, nurse in Lanchester Workhouse; M A Harwood, 31, late nurse in Sherif [sic] Hill Fever Hospital, Gateshead; C Nicholson, 27, nurse in Greenock Infirmary; M Smith, 33, nurse in Newcastle Infirmary.</p> <p>The latter was unable to attend. It was recommended that the other three be invited and repaid their third class rail fares.</p> <p>All attended and after seeing the infirmary and sick wards, were informed of the existing arrangements for the post. Miss Nicholson then withdrew her application and the other two applicants expressed dissatisfaction at being expected to cook their own food.</p> <p>It was therefore considered expedient to defer the matter to the next meeting and request the Workhouse Committee to consider whether to select other candidates to appear before the Board (third class rail fares offered) and suggest any improvements which could be made to the existing arrangements. The three candidates who had attended were paid their rail fares.</p> <p>Arrangements were made for the annual examination of the outdoor poor: Berwick District – 13th May, 10am, Board Room; Spittal pay station, 2pm; Tweedmouth Pay station 3pm.</p> <p>Islandshire District – 19th May, Cat Inn, Cheswick, 11am; Plough Inn, Beal, 1pm.</p> <p>Norhamshire District – 26th May, Fishers Arms, Horncliffe, 11am; Victoria Inn, Norham, 1pm.</p> <p>The following letters had been received from the Local Government Board: 1 The Board would consider the Guardians' proposal to contribute towards the cost of the litter recently purchased by the Urban Sanitary Authority. 2 Agreed the payment of £10 to the Clerk for his services to to the School Attendance Committee over the past year. 3 Refused to agree the payment of the additional costs for the recent alterations at the Workhouse.</p> <p>Letter received from the Commissioners in Lunacy, enclosing for their information an extract from Dr Heagerty's last quarterly report re Prudence</p>	
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			<p>Armstrong, 71, Tweedmouth. It stated she was fairly healthy, occasionally noisy – had no bed, lay on a long settle without any bedclothes, which she had torn up. Although she was not dangerous to herself or others, he thought she should be under some restraint. Mr Crosby, Relieving Officer, was asked to urge her sons to take charge of her and failing this, or her voluntary removal to the Workhouse, to take steps for her removal to an Asylum.</p> <p>The Clerk was ordered to apply to Belford Union to accept, the chargeability of Robert Winter, 62, living at Brock Mill and for 5 years prior to 12th May last, residing without relief at Detchant in Belford Union.</p> <p>The Guardians authorised the necessary expenses to obtain corroborative evidence re William Bain, a Workhouse inmate, being settled by residence in Newcastle Union.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/357-365	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 11 May 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Wilson; James Turner; Matthew Young; Robert Marshall; Thomas Marshall; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait; John Carr; John Paxton; George Peel; James Russell; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: None. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, indoor funerals, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non-settled poor account</p> <p>Payment of £10 to E Willoby, Clerk, salary for his services to the School Attendance Committee over the past year, was agreed.</p>	11 May 1885

			<p>Request received from the Clerk of Peace for Northumberland for payment of the General County Rate and General Police Rate by 23 May from the parishes named in the schedules annexed to the precepts.</p> <p>Agreed payment of £10 to E Willoby, for his duties as returning officer for the election of Guardians for the current year.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Dunlop & Son (drapers); William S Dods (butchers); W Carlton & Co (hammock manufacturer); Elias Pearson (baker); John Fender (milk seller); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; James Grey (spirit merchant); William Burgon (milk seller); Newcastle Chronicle; Newcastle Journal; Garden: Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy [? account]; Berwick Corporation (half year's rent of garden); Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby (registrar's fees Berwick District)); Joseph Scott (as above). Registration Expenses: John Crosby (registrar's fees Berwick District)); Joseph Scott (as above).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Ellen Crosby, nurse, from 25 March to 27 April.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Ann Miles, age 23, Knowehead, childbirth, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Kylee.</p> <p>They then resumed consideration of the appointment of a nurse for the</p>	
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			<p>Workhouse.</p> <p>At the request of the Board, the Workhouse Committee had examined the applications and testimonials of the applicants for the post. They had recommended the following additional applicants attend this meeting and be offered third class rail fares. Florence Murdoch, Giffnock; Jane Craighill, Chester-le-Street; Phoebe Thompkins, Gosforth. They considered that the arrangements regarding the duties of the nurse should remain an open question.</p> <p>The applications and testimonials of the three candidates above and testimonials received since the Committee Meeting were read to the Board. The three candidates named above visited the infirmary and sick wards; the Guardians then replied to several queries. Henry McCreath, seconded by James Russell, proposed the appointment of Miss Florence Murdock. Henry Christison, seconded by David Tait, proposed Miss Ellen McLaughlin. Matthew Young, seconded by George Peel, proposed Mrs Phoebe Thompkins. For F Murdock – H McCreath, J Russell, T Darling, J Turner, T Marshall – 5 votes. For E McLaughlin – H Christison, D Tait, J Carr, W Wilson, J Paxton, R Marshall, J Brown, G Lumsden – 8 votes. For P Thompkins – M Young, G Peel, J Black – 3 votes. As no candidate had an overall majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes was withdrawn. Miss Murdock kept the same 5 votes plus J Black and G Peel – total 7 votes. Miss McLaughlin kept the same 8 votes plus M Young – total 9 votes. Miss Ellen McLaughlin was therefore appointed nurse at the Workhouse, salary £30 per annum with rations and apartments the same as her predecessor. It was agreed that in future the Nurse's dinner would be cooked for her. The Workhouse Committee were to take this into consideration; also agreed that the expenses of those who had travelled for interview that day would be paid expenses – Miss Murdock, Glasgow, Mrs Thompkins, Gosforth, Mrs Craghill [sic], Chester-le- Street.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board which stated that it did not</p>	
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			<p>appear necessary for them to have to give approval for a contribution by the Board of Guardians towards use of the invalid ambulance purchased by the Urban Sanitary Authority.</p> <p>The Local Government Board had forwarded the report by Commissioner in Lunacy of his visit to the Workhouse.</p> <p>There were 13 males and 18 females, total 31, classed as imbecile or insane. None appeared to require removal to an Asylum. Thomas Bell Ellison was apparently so much improved that he could soon be discharged, but wished to stay a while longer.</p> <p>As before the women were lodged in a special ward which gave fairly good accommodation. The men were still distributed. The room which was previously used as a day room and work room combined, would in future be used only as a day room for imbeciles and old men. That should be a great improvement and if it was brightened up and better furnished should be tolerably comfortable. The imbeciles continued to have a good diet and be kindly treated. The men were in their working dress, which was not very tidy; he understood they all had Sunday suits. A good many of both sexes were usefully employed.</p> <p>The Clerk presented a letter from the Porter and Porteress, drawing attention to to alleged obstructions in performing their duties; in particular, they complained of the withdrawal the previous Tuesday of the assistance given to the Porteress in bathing newly admitted female paupers.</p> <p>The Master submitted a complaint against the Porter for refusing to obey orders. Having heard and considered the statements of the Master and Porter concerning the above complaints, the Meeting decided to direct the Master to restore the assistance previously given to the Porteress; certain of the Guardians undertook to see the Porter and advise him to perform his duties in an agreeable manner.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/366-370	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 25 May 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Wilson; John Paxton; David Tait, George Hogg; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; Robert Marshall; Adam Darling; John Carr; James Turner, George Peel; James Russell.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: None.</p> <p>Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p>	25 May 1885

			<p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next five weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief, and non settled poor.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board agreeing the payment to the Clerk of £20 for his services to the Assessment Committee over the past year.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (contribution to cost of ambulance); John Main (cleaning pay station); Catherine Patterson (as above); Payments to candidates [travel expenses]. Lunatics Account: John Crosby (removing 2 lunatics to County Asylum); Joseph Scott (removing 1 lunatic to County Asylum); Registration Expenses: allowance for one year in respect of Register Office.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Lockwell, age 19, Weatherly Square, phthisis.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/371-378	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 8 June 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; James Russell; Thomas Nevins; George Hogg; John Carr; Thomas Marshall; William Wilson; James Turner; Andrew Waugh; John Paxton; George Peel; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; John Jackson; David Tait. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Fraser Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief, and non settled poor.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Rutherford [Master] (petty charges of Workhouse); W A Johnson & Co (draper); John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); W S Dods (butcher); John Fender (milk seller); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Coy; George Short (draper); T M Morrison (draper); Adam Winlaw (boot & shoemaker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); William Redpath (draper);</p>	8 June 1885

			<p>Margaret Cowe (grocer); James Renton (farmer); A R Lowrey (farmer); William Burgon (farmer); Garden: G Waite Bros (seeds); Firewood: North B R Rail company (old wood).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Lockwell, age 18 [sic], Weatherly Square, phthisis, 1pt cod liver oil. William Lockwell, (as above).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Received: Annual report and state of Berwick Dispensary and Infirmary, with a supply of forms of recommendation of patients.</p> <p>Minutes of the last meeting of the Workhouse and Finance Committee was tabled:</p> <p>1 Recommended that bills be published offering £2 reward for the apprehension of the mother of the child recently found at Letham.</p> <p>2 They authorised the Master to purchase: paint for the new doors in the Workhouse, 1lb to be bought to see how far it would go; iron bedsteads; material for rugs for vagrant wards; 80 yards of scouring cloth [?]; extra ring and hook for each hammock to prevent them ejecting the inmate.</p> <p>3 Recommended, to prevent damage by rats: the flooring of the staff room and the lobby at the boys' staircase be cemented; the two WC's be lifted and repaired; three new traps (Stockton) to be substituted for three defective old Hopper traps in the boys' yard and passages.</p> <p>The Meeting [of the Guardians] approved the proceedings subject to the following:</p> <p>1 As the foundling child is now dead, the offered reward be withdrawn.</p> <p>3 A fourth Stockton trap be substituted for a defective Hopper trap in one of the Infirmary yards.</p>	
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			<p>Further Minutes:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the newly appointed nurse wished to resign from her post and tabled a letter from her.</p> <p>Miss Mc Loughlin [sic – previously McLaughlin] attended and gave her reasons (as previously told to the Clerk).</p> <p>1 She had not been supplied with the assistance necessary for the performance of her duties.</p> <p>2 She was not allowed the soap necessary for the cleaning of the wards.</p> <p>3 She was made uncomfortable by the treatment she received from the subordinates and by the way in which her food was dealt out to her; she alleged it was insufficient and not of good quality.</p> <p>Having heard Miss McLoughlin [sic] and considered the matter, the Committee resolved that it was expedient that they accept her request to be relieved of her duties on that day; that Miss Murdock be asked if she would accept the appointment, if elected, and when she could come; that Miss McLaughlin be paid her salary for the week she had worked.</p> <p>The Committee made certain suggestions to the Master concerning the assistance to be given to the nurse in future, the cleansing of the floors of the infirmary and the dietary of the nurse.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the Meeting that Miss Murdock had been contacted by letter and telegram but no reply had been received.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, the Meeting resolved:</p> <p>1 that the Board approve of the actions of the Committee and the Clerk and that the Guardians at their next meeting, appoint a nurse for the Workhouse.</p> <p>2 that the Workhouse Committee be authorised to accept the services of Miss Murdock as nurse with a view to her appointment being ratified at the next Meeting [of the Guardians]. If she declined the post, they were authorised to engage a temporary nurse and to take further steps as they considered expedient to fill the post.</p> <p>3 that the Local Government Board be informed of Miss McLoughlin's resignation and be requested to to authorise payment of 11s 6d for her week's service.</p> <p>The Meeting accepted the request of Glendale Union to accept chargeability and ordered non resident relief for William Douglas and his wife, two aged paupers, recently receiving relief from Berwick Union, who had moved to stay with their daughter at Hay Farm, in Glendale Union.</p>	
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			<p>The contracts for supplying bread and meat etc will expire on 27 June. The Workhouse Committee were authorised to obtain tenders and report to the next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk gave his quarterly statement of the sums requested from the parishes, the amount paid and the amounts outstanding. He was ordered to ask the Overseers of Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains and Twizel to pay the precepts due, forthwith.</p> <p>It was agreed on the motion of John Carr, seconded by George Lumsden, that Alexander Lownton, of the Clerk's office, be employed to undertake the duties of John Crosby, Relieving Officer, whilst incapacitated by illness.</p> <p>The Board expressed their thanks to: Mrs Sanderson, The Elms, for her gift of 12 jars of marmalade for sick inmates. The Vicar of St Mary's for copies of "Home Words" for use of inmates belonging to the Church of England.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/379-385	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 22 June 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; George Hogg; George Peel; William Wilson; John Paxton; Andrew Waugh, James Russell. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Dr MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, furniture and property, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the first week of the quarter and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Crosby [John Crosby]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non settled poor. [minuted at end of this Meeting]</p>	22 June 1885

			<p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages. [minuted as above].</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Haddon Best & Co (books & forms); Joseph Scott (sundry payments at District meetings); Barbara Carr (travelling expenses of candidate for nurse).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Ellen McLaughlin, nurse, one week's salary.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Mary Ridpath, age 39, Horncliffe, phthisis, 1 bottle cod liver oil; William Lockwell, age 19, Weatherly Square, phthisis; William Browne[?], age 30, 20 Chapel Street, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Berwick, Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental or substituted valuation lists for the parishes of Ancroft, Horncliffe, Kyloe, Norham, Norham Mains were tabled.</p> <p>Minutes of the Workhouse and Finance Committee Meeting on 11th June was tabled: 1 Letter received from Miss Murdoch, stating that she could not accept the post of nurse at the Workhouse, having decided to go to a military hospital. 2 The Committee discussed the duties to be performed by the nurse. It was explained to them that the nurse would have entire charge of the infirmary; the Master and Matron would see that it was kept clean and in good order, and report any defects to the Workhouse Committee. 3 The Chairman and Clerk were to engage a temporary nurse for one month. 4 Before advertising, Barbara Carr, Garlands Asylum, a former candidate, was</p>	
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			<p>to be asked if she was available and willing if elected, to accept the post. She was to be asked to come and meet the Committee at 1pm before the next Board Meeting and offered travelling expenses.</p> <p>From Minutes of their Meeting on 15th June: 1 The Clerk informed them that he had engaged Mrs Jane Downes as temporary nurse for five weeks from that day at 15s per week. 2 He had not received a letter from Barbara Carr of Garlands. 3 The Committee confirmed the appointment of Mrs Downes as temporary nurse and they accompanied her to the sick wards.</p> <p>From Minutes of their Meeting on 22nd June: Letter tabled from Miss Carr indicating her acceptance of the post, stating that she would attend this Meeting.</p> <p>Miss Carr joined them, having seen the sick wards. She stated that, if appointed, she intended to remain in the post for some time. She would have to give a month's notice and would not be available until 27th July. She was paid 15s 6d expenses. The Meeting recommended to the Board that she be appointed to the post of Workhouse Nurse.</p> <p>Letter received from the Local Government Board, agreeing the payment to Ellen McLaughlin for her services and the allowance of rations. It also enclosed the forms to be completed in respect of the next appointment.</p> <p>Miss Carr attended before the Guardians. She presented her testimonials and replied to questions. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by George Hogg, it was resolved that the Guardians approved and confirmed the proceedings of the Committee and authorised the Clerk to report to the Local Government Board: 1 the temporary employment of Mrs Downes, requesting their assent to payment of salary and allowances to her. 2 payment of travel expenses to Barbara Carr for her attendance that day. 3 Barbara May Marr Carr be appointed Nurse at the Workhouse, salary £30 pa, similar allowance of rations and apartments as her predecessor; to commence on 27th July and give a month's notice of resignation.</p>	
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			<p>The Workhouse Committee recommended acceptance of the tenders for supplying the Union with bread, meat etc for the quarter as follows: W S Dods – rounds & flanks of beef @ 9s per stone, houghs of beef @ 4s 6d per stone, legs of mutton @ 9 ½ d per lb, suet @ 5d per lb. Elias Pearson – indoor fine bread @ 5d per 4 lbs, indoor seconds bread @ 4 ¾d per 4 lbs, indoor flour @ 1s 9d per stone, outdoor seconds bread @ 4 lbs 12 oz for 6d, outdoor flour @ 3 lbs 12 oz for 6d, outdoor oatmeal @ 3 lbs 3ozs for 6d. Agreed.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/386-397	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 6 July 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; William Wilson; James Turner; John Paxton; William Wood; George Peel; David Tait; Robert Marshall; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; Matthew Young; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Andrew Waugh; James Russell. Ex Officio Guardians: None. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>Accounts for the past quarter were presented. [for details see original volume of GBR56].</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, clothing, building and repairs, furniture and property, indoor funerals, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Scott [Joseph Scott]; Alexander Lounton [temporary] were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief.</p>	6 July 1885

			<p>Payment of Salaries: Edward Willoby, Clerk to the Guardians; Henry Alder Peters, Assistant Clerk to the Guardians; John A Woods, Treasurer; John Crosby, Relieving Officer, Collector to Guardians; Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer; John Garden, Assistant Relieving Officer, vagrants; Thomas Fraser, Workhouse Medical Officer; District Medical Officers: James Mackay; Daniel Heagarty; James Lambie; John Paxton; Matthew J Turnbull. John Rutherford, Master of the Workhouse; Hannah Rutherford, Matron; Sarah J Rutherford, Lunatic Attendant; R B Todd, porter; George Suthren, barber.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Margaret Cowe (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); W S Dods (butcher); Scremerston & Shoreswood Coal Company: W L A [?] Johnston & Coy drapers); Berwick & Tweedmouth Gas Light Coy; John McCall (undertaker); William Wilson (boot & shoemaker); W C Caverhill (ironmonger); James Grey (spirit merchant); AR Lowrey (farmer); John Fender (milk seller); William Burgon (milk seller); James H Archbold (plumber); William Henderson (carpenter); D Fender & son (millwrights); Firewood: Thomas Renwick (old rope); Mutter Howey & Coy (carting wood); Ralph Thompson (sharpening saws). Non resident Poor Account: Belford Union (relief paid in past quarter). Lunatics Account: Alexander Lownton [temporary Relieving Officer] (removing lunatic). Vaccination Expenses: John Crosby; Joseph Scott. School Attendance Committee: John Short (attendance officer – salary).</p> <p>Received relief repaid by Lanchester Union.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief:</p>	
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			<p>Mary Redpath [sic], age 39, Horncliffe, phthisis, bottle cod liver oil); William Lockwell, age 18, Weatherly Square, as above. James Aitchison[?], 37, Old Hill, consup????, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay; Turnbull; Lambie. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island, Horncliffe, Kyoie.</p> <p>Tabled a circular informing re the Annual Conference on Poor Law Administration to be held at Gilsland that month.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that 150 iron bedsteads in the Workhouse be repainted at an estimated cost of £4 10s, the work being done by the inmates.</p> <p>They also reported that they had engaged the temporary nurse for a further two weeks (6 weeks in all) until the starting date of the new nurse.</p> <p>On the motion of David Tait, these recommendations were approved.</p> <p>A minute from the Assessment Committee was presented. It asked that approval be given to the employment of T H Hedley & Sons to value the property in the Parish of Berwick. This had been circulated to each Guardian. A letter from the Assistant Overseer to the Assessment Committee, detailing the terms on which Hedleys were prepared to value certain classes of property, was read.</p> <p>The Chairman submitted to the Meeting motions for and against the granting of the application. Neither were supported by a majority of the Guardians present. Resolved on the motion of Henry Christison that the matter be further considered at the next meeting and in the meantime the Churchwardens and Overseers of Berwick Parish be requested to give the reasons why they desire the valuation, to what extent, and the probable cost.</p> <p>Letter received from John Crosby, Vine Cottage, Berwick, tendering his resignation from the posts he held, Relieving Officer, Registrar of Births and Deaths, Vaccination Officer, Enquiry Officer for the Berwick District and Collector to the Guardians for the whole Union.</p>	
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			<p>His state of health had compelled him and he asked them to relieve him of his duties immediately. He also expressed his heartfelt thanks for the kindness and courtesy he had experienced during his 22 years in post and in particular during the past four weeks when he had been unable to fully discharge his duties. On the motion of the Chairman, it was resolved to comply with his request and accept his immediate resignation. The Clerk was asked to write expressing the great regret of the Guardians at his having to resign and their opinion that he had been an excellent officer of the Board.</p> <p>They then considered the steps necessary to fill the posts. On the motion of David Tait, seconded by John Brown, it was resolved:</p> <p>1 To fix a salary of £100 per annum to be apportioned: - Relieving Officer £80, Inquiry Officer £5, Vaccination Officer £10, Collector to Guardians £5.</p> <p>2 To advertise separately for a Registrar of Births and Deaths to be appointed on 20th July.</p> <p>3 The other appointments to be made on August 4th; applications to be received by 25th July; a meeting of the whole Board to be held on 27th July for consideration and selection.</p> <p>4 The posts to be twice advertised in the local newspapers.</p> <p>It was resolved that Mr Alexander Lounton, who had been acting for the past four weeks as Deputy Relieving Officer should, with the Clerk's consent, be employed as Temporary Relieving Officer for the next four weeks.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/398-404	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 20 July 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; James Russell; Thomas Nevins; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; George Hogg; David Tait; William Hindmarsh; John Jackson; Thomas Darling; William Wood; James Turner; William Wilson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Paxton; John Brown; Matthew Young; Joseph Weatherston; Robert Marshall; George Peel; Andrew Waugh.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p>	20 July 1885

			<p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Lounton [Alexander Lounton]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non settled poor.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Advertiser (printing, advertising); Border Counties Gazette (advertising); The Scotsman (advertising); Haddon Best & Coy (books etc).</p> <p>In Maintenance Account: St Mary's National School (fees for tuition of indoor children); St Cuthbert's R C School (as above).</p> <p>Non-resident Poor Account: Glendale, Newcastle and Sunderland Unions.</p> <p>Lunatics Account: Northumberland County Asylum (maintenance of Borough and County lunatics); Cumberland County Asylum (as above for Borough lunatics); Dr Fraser (certifying lunatic); Dr Heagerty (as above);</p> <p>Extra Medical Fees: Dr Mackay, Dr Heagerty;</p> <p>Vaccination Expenses: Dr Heagerty (vaccination fees); Representatives of the late John Crosby (Berwick District); Dr Lambie (Islandshire District); Dr Paxton (East Norhamshire); Dr Turnbull (West Norhamshire).</p> <p>Registration Expenses: Representatives of the late John Crosby (registration fees);</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Collectors Poundage: Representatives of the late John Crosby.</p> <p>Salaries: Parish Officers: John Short, Holy Island & Cornhill; Thomas Rule, Norham, Norham Mains. Robert Lambert, Tweedmouth; George Laidler, Berwick; Henry J Williams, Ancroft & Kylee;</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: William Lockwell, age 19, Weatherly Square, phthisis, 1pint cod liver oil.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagerty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/405-407	Minutes of adjourned Meeting of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 27 July 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; John Carr; James Turner; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; David Tait; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; William Wilson; Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; James Russell; Thomas Nevins; George Hogg.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardian: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: None.</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p>	27 July 1885

			<p>The report of the Special Committee appointed at the last meeting was presented.</p> <p>The Meeting was held on 21 July. Present were: James Black; Matthew Young; Thomas Darling; David Tait; Henry Christison; William Wilson.</p> <p>They heard the evidence of: Mr Rutherford, Master; Mr Todd, Porter; Alexander Livingstone, George Campbell, John Brown and the inmates' report.</p> <p>In respect of the Master's complaint that the Porter had used violence to a vagrant, they considered that the Porter had been of the opinion that he was justified in using force for the purpose of compelling the vagrants to do their allotted tasks and in some cases he used violence for that purpose.</p> <p>In respect of the complaint that he had struck Campbell, an imbecile, and blackened his eye, the Committee were not satisfied that it had been caused by a blow. They had come to the conclusion that Campbell was swearing and the black eye had been caused in a struggle in which the Porter put his hand on Campbell's face to prevent bad language.</p> <p>The Committee recommended that the Porter should be seriously reprimanded for using violence to the vagrants and undue force to Campbell; he should be warned that he must not use violence to any inmate. If they received further complaints on that score, they would feel obliged to dismiss him. Any disobedience and refusal to work should be reported to the Master at once.</p> <p>In respect of the Porter's complaint that the Master had written some of the entries in his book, the Master acknowledged this was correct and that he had done so when he had come in after the Porter had gone to bed. The Master said that he always had had duplicate keys which he had found in the Workhouse when he started. He used these to let himself in. The Committee considered the practice should be discontinued. They also recommended the back door should be built up.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by John Carr, it was unanimously resolved that the Meeting adopt the Report of the Committee.</p> <p>The section of the report, referring to the conduct of the Porter, was read in the hearing of the Master and the Porter. Then the remaining portion was read to the Master only.</p> <p>On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by Thomas Nevins, it was</p>	
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			<p>resolved that the back door mentioned above should be built up. On the motion of Henry McCreath, seconded by James Russell, it was resolved that the duplicate keys be handed over at once to the Clerk to the Board.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted a request from Mrs Jane Downs, temporary nurse, for a testimonial. This was deferred to the next meeting; in the meantime, the Clerk should obtain a report from the Medical Officer of the Workhouse.</p>	
Item	GBR 56/408-420	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 4 August 1885	<p>Present: Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; William Wood; William Hindmarsh; George Hogg; James Russell; David Tait; John Landells; John Carr; James Turner; William Wilson; Andrew Waugh; John Jackson; Thomas Nevins; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Robert Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; Thomas Marshall; John Paxton. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Dr Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]. Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Lounton [Alexander Lounton] (temporary); Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief, non settled poor and school fees.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next four weeks and the orders were issued.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (Highway & District Rates); John Rutherford (removing pauper); Garden: Berwick Urban Sanitary Authority (Highway & District Rates).</p>	4 Aug. 1885

			<p>Out Relief Account: John Moffett. Lunatics Account: Dr MacLagan (certifying lunatic); Alexander Lounton (removing lunatics).</p> <p>Payment of Salaries: Jane Downes, Temporary Nurse (6 weeks to July 4th).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Received relief repaid by Alnwick and Tynemouth Unions.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Elizabeth S [?]imburn, age 21, Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; William Lockwell, age 18, Weatherly Square, tumour, 1 pint cod liver oil;</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Ancroft, Berwick, Cornhill, Holy Island; Horncliffe; Kyoel, Tweedmouth.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation list for the parish of Horncliffe was tabled.</p> <p>The Meeting proceeded after due notice to fill the vacancies caused by the the resignation of the late John Crosby. The Committee of the whole Board had met on 27th July, considered the applications and testimonials of 23 candidates. They resolved the following candidates be considered by the Board: Alexander Lounton, Solicitor's Clerk, Tweedmouth; John Cruden, Inspector of Nuisances, Berwick; James T Scott, Traveller & Bookkeeper, Tweedmouth; John Moffitt, Bookkeeper, Berwick; William Robson, (late farmer), Spittal. They had been asked to attend the next Board Meeting and were informed that the person appointed must give security in the form of a Bond or Policy for two</p>	
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			<p>sums, £200 and £20, and must reside in a front street in Berwick Parish.</p> <p>Two letters had been received from the Local Government Board:</p> <p>1 Requested that the Guardians, for reasons stated, should assign to the person to be appointed as Vaccination Officer a fee for each case of successful vaccination registered by him.</p> <p>2 Pointed out that John Crosby had held the office of Collector of the Guardians for the whole Union. They stated that their Board would not now permit a Relieving Officer to hold any other office in respect of an area not wholly contained within his relief district.</p> <p>In response to these communications:</p> <p>1 On the motion of David Tait, seconded by Rev Thomas Procter, it was resolved that the person to be appointed Collector on that day be confined in his duties to the Berwick Relief District and would receive a remuneration of 8d in the £ on the sums collected and accounted for by him, without making any reduction in the total salary intended to be given to the new officer.</p> <p>2 The Meeting was informed that that the number of cases of successful vaccination in the Berwick District over the past three years averaged 402. It was then resolved on the motion of Rev Thomas Procter, seconded by John Brown, that in lieu of the intended salary of £10, the person appointed as Vaccination Officer, be remunerated by by a fee of 6d for each successful vaccination registered by him.</p> <p>The Clerk submitted additional testimonials for two of the candidates. Then each candidate was interviewed and the Meeting proceeded to making a decision.</p> <p>Andrew Waugh proposed, seconded by George Lumsden, that Alexander Lounton be appointed.</p> <p>Matthew Young proposed, seconded by William Hindmarsh, that John Moffett be appointed.</p> <p>David Tait proposed, seconded by George Hogg, that John Cruden be appointed.</p> <p>John Brown proposed, seconded by William Wood, that James T Scott be appointed.</p> <p>Votes for:</p> <p>Alexander Lounton – Andrew Waugh; George Lumsden; James Black; John Carr; Thomas Procter; William Wilson; Thomas Nevins; Joseph Weatherston; Robert Marshall. 9 votes.</p>	
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			<p>John Moffett – Matthew Young; William Hindmarsh; Thomas Darling; John Jackson; John Landels; Thomas Marshall; John Paxton. 7 votes. John Cruden – David Tait; Geirge Hogg; James Turner, James Russell. 4 votes. James T Scott – John Brown; William Wood. 2 votes. As there was not a majority, the votes given by the two Guardians for James Scott, and afterwards of the four Guardians for John Cruden, were recorded for the two remaining candidates as follows: Alexander Lounton – John Brown. Total 10 Guardians. John Moffett – William Wood; David Tait; George Hogg; James Turner. Total 12 Guardians. John Moffett was duly elected. It was resolved that John Moffett, accountant, Berwick, be appointed Relieving Officer for the Berwick District at a salary of £85 per annum. It was resolved on the motion of John Carr, seconded by George Lumsden, that John Moffett be appointed Inquiry Officer for the same District – salary £5 per annum. It was resolved on the motion of David Tait, seconded by James Russell, that John Moffett be appointed Vaccination Officer for the same District to be remunerated by a fee of 6d for each successful vaccination registered by him. It was resolved on the motion of John Carr, seconded by William Wood, that John Moffett be appointed Collector of the Guardians for the same District – remuneration by a poundage of 8d in the £ on all sums collected and accounted for by him. All the appointments were subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>They then proceeded to elect a Registrar for Births and Deaths for the Berwick Sub-District. The Chairman, seconded by George Hogg, nominated Alexander Lounton. William Hindmarsh, seconded by William Wilson, nominated John Moffatt [sic]. John Brown, seconded by William Wood, nominated James T Scott. Votes for: Alexander Lounton – James Black; George Hogg; Andrew Waugh; Thomas Darling; Thomas Nevins, George Lumsden; Robert Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; Rev Thomas Procter. – 9 votes. John Moffett – William; Hindmarsh; William Wilson; James Turner; James Russell; David Tait; Matthew Young; John Brown; John Jackson; John Landells; Thomas Marshall; John Paxton – 11 votes. James T Scott – John Brown; William Wood. – 2 votes.</p>	
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			<p>As there was not a majority, the votes given by the two Guardians for James Scott, were recorded at their request, for John Moffett, giving him a total of 13 votes.</p> <p>The Chairman declared that John Moffett had been selected for nomination to the Registrar General and, on the motion of the Chairnan, it was resolved that the nomination be forwarded.</p> <p>John Moffett was called before the Board and informed of his appointments and nomination. The Meeting agreed to his giving the required securities by means of guaranteed policies and to his being allowed to perform the duties of Relieving Officer and Inquiry Officer, by deputy until the next Saturday.</p> <p>It was resolved that notice be given that they would appoint a Collector for the Guardians for Norham and Islandshire District at the next meeting; the remuneration to be the same as that proposed for the Berwick District.</p> <p>Letter received from the Churchwardens and Overseers for Berwick Parish was then read:</p> <p>The Churchwardens and Overseers had been informed by letter of the Union Assessment Committee's view that revaluation of the property in Berwick Parish was necessary.</p> <p>In the Committee's opinion many houses in the parish occupied by their owners were not assessed at sufficient sums in comparison with similar houses let within a recent period. In Ravensdowne alone several instances were referred to.</p> <p>On receipt, the Churchwardens and Overseers had made a conscientious review to the best of their ability of all property occupied by their owners. they had been guided by many experienced people who were acting as Overseers eg Mr J Weatherston, Mr T Purves, Mr Robert Gray. They presented their list to the Assessment Committee who were not satisfied and the Overseers felt bound to withdraw it.</p> <p>They have again once more gone through the valuation list and found in it very many inequalities. Few of the houses occupied by their owners are assessed at the same sum as corresponding houses that are let at a fixed rental; they found themselves incapable of assessing public houses tied to a brewery.</p> <p>In addition, there were large public companies like the railways. In Berwick Parish, the whole of the railway including half of the railway bridge, the bookstall, station and workmen's cottages is assessed at a gross estimated</p>	
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			<p>rental of £3260; whilst in Tweedmouth, where the property has recently been valued by Mr Hedley, the railway, though of less extent, is assessed at a gross estimated rental of £4613 – a greater rental by £1353. The Overseers do not consider that they are able to properly assess the rating of machinery; this requires people who have expert knowledge. The Overseers considered that the cost of revaluation of property owned by their occupiers, tied public houses, railways and machinery would be about £150. They did not consider it necessary to value property let on annual tenancies or short lease, as the rental provided a true guide of the annual value. They considered that this revaluation would greatly benefit the ratepayers. Some properties, for instance the cricket field and the two boathouses had not been assessed. In Tweedmouth parish the revaluation under similar circumstances by Mr Hedley had increased rateable value by £2089.</p> <p>signed by Thomas Purves, Chairman of Overseers.</p> <p>It was unanimously resolved on the motion of David Tait, seconded by Robert Marshall, that the request of the Churchwardens and Overseers be granted and that the Guardians accordingly ask the Assessment Committee to appoint T Hedley & Sons to value the properties in Berwick parish as specified in the above letter.</p> <p>The Medical Officer of the Workhouse had reported favourably on the services of Mrs Downs as temporary nurse. The meeting therefore agreed to provide the requested testimonial.</p> <p>The Master of the Workhouse had refused to give up the duplicate key to the front gate of the Workhouse, unless the key was destroyed. After hearing the reasons for the Master's stipulation, the Meeting authorised the Clerk to accept the key and have it destroyed in the presence of both officers.</p> <p>The Meeting approved an amended table of rations to be provided to the Officers of the Workhouse and the Clerk was asked to seek the approval; of the Local Government Board.</p> <p>Bread - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 8lbs. Total 32 lbs. Flour - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 2lbs. Total 8 lbs. Beef - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 2lbs. Total 8 lbs. Mutton - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 2lbs. Total 8 lb. Suet - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 4 ozs. Total 1 lb. New milk - Master, Matron, Lunatic Attendant, Nurse all 3 ½ quarts. Total 14</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/421-428	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 17 August 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: James R Black [James Black]; Thomas Darling; Matthew Young; Adam Darling; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Paxton; William Wood; George Peel; Andrew Waugh; William Wilson; John Carr; George Hogg; Thomas Marshall; Robert Marshall; Joseph Weatherston; John Brown; George R Lumsden [George Lumsden]; Thomas Nevins.</p> <p>Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Fraser [Thomas Fraser]; Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay].</p> <p>Chairman: James Black.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessities, shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Moffett [John Moffett]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief, non settled poor and school fees.</p> <p>In the Berwick District, during the first five weeks of the present quarter relief in kind to the value of 5s had been given to vagrants upon tickets issued by the Assistant Relieving Officer. It was ordered that this sum be debited to the account of Alexander Lounton, late temporary Relieving Officer and credited to the vagrant's outdoor relief account.</p>	17 Aug. 1885

			<p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: John Stoddart (grocer); Elias Pearson (baker); William S Dods (butcher); Margaret Cowe (grocer); John Fender (milk seller); William Burgon (milk seller); James Grey (spirit merchant); Scremerston etc Coal Coy; County Rate (county rate, police rate) Outdoor Relief Account: Mary Conolly (lodging vagrants). Vaccination Expenses: Joseph Scott (Registrars fees). Registration Expenses: Joseph Scott (Registrars fees).</p> <p>Received: Relief repaid by Newcastle Union, Lanchester Union.</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: Sarah Allan, 22 [?age or house number], Chapel Street, childbirth, necessities; John Virtue, 48 [?age], 59 [?house number], Walkergate Lane, pneumonia, necessities.</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p> <p>Collectors monthly statements were laid before the Board for the parishes of: Duddo, Norham, Norham Mains, Twizel.</p> <p>Supplemental valuation lists for the parishes of Cornhill, Holy Island were tabled.</p> <p>In accordance with the notice given at the last meeting, the meeting appointed a Collector for the Guardians for the district of Norham and Islandshire. On the motion of George Hogg, seconded by William Wood, it was resolved that that Joseph Scott, Relieving Officer for Norham and Islandshire District, be appointed Collector for the Guardians for the same district; remuneration by poundage of 8d in the pound on sums collected and accounted for.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee recommended that Alexander Lounton be paid £2 2s a week, for his services as Deputy and Temporary Relieving Officer for a total</p>	
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			<p>period of 8 weeks, this being the rate paid to John Crosby.</p> <p>On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by George Hogg, it was resolved that he be paid £8 8s for his four week's service as Deputy Relieving Officer during the illness of the late John Crosby; for his four week's service as Temporary Relieving Officer during the recent vacancy in Berwick District he be paid, with the approval of the Local Government Board, the further sum of £8 8s.</p> <p>The Workhouse Committee reported that the Master of the Workhouse had submitted his report book which contained the following entries: 5th August 1885 – He reported</p> <p>R B Todd, Porter, for refusing to give to an inmate named Rutherford, the man that delivers the firewood, an order for firewood, when sent by the Master to get it.</p> <p>5th August 1885 – Also using abusive language to the Master when asked the reason why he did not give the man the order (Wednesday at 7am).</p> <p>6th August 1885 – Also for refusing to allow a tramp, John Scott, to wash himself in lukewarm water, the Master had to go and see it done himself. The Porter was very abusive to the Master at the time (Thursday 10pm).</p> <p>The proceedings of the Committee were as follows: The Porter was called in and the entries read to him. He alleged that he never received the order for Mr Fish's wood and that as the two inmates disagreed about the order, he brought them to the Master. He denied using the abusive language.</p> <p>Concerning the bath – he stated it was not lukewarm water; was 64 degrees. He denied using the abusive language.</p> <p>Dr Fraser recommend [sic] that the heat of the water in the bath should not be less than 80 degrees. Directions were given to the Master that this heat be maintained.</p> <p>The Committee recommended the Guardians to ask the Local Government Board to direct an official enquiry into the various disputes between the Master and the Porter and any other matter relating to the management of the Workhouse.</p> <p>The Meeting of Guardians resolved on the motion of George Hogg, seconded by William Wilson, to adopt the report and direct the Clerk to contact the Local Government Board.</p> <p>At the request of the Matron and the agreement of the Workhouse Committee, the Guardians were alerted to the alleged necessity for the reappointment of an</p>	
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Item	GBR 56/429-436	Minutes of Berwick Board of Guardians held on 31 August 1885	<p>Present:</p> <p>Guardians: David Tait, Henry L Christison [Henry Christison]; John Carr, William Wilson; Andrew Waugh; James Russell; Thomas Marshall; George Hogg; John Paxton; Henry G McCreath [Henry McCreath]; John Brown; George R Lumsden</p>	31 Aug. 1885

			<p>[George Lumsden]; Robert Marshall. Ex Officio Guardians: Rev Thomas Procter. Medical Officers: Drs Heagarty [Daniel Heagarty]; MacKay [James MacKay]. Chairman: In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairmen, On the motion of Henry Christison, seconded by John Carr, it was resolved that David Tait take the Chair.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that he had examined the books of the Master, Relieving Officers, outdoor relief lists, receipt and expenditure books and had ascertained their accuracy.</p> <p>The amount of the invoices for provisions, necessaries, building and repairs shown in the Master's Day Book, was given.</p> <p>Financial accounts for the Union and the Relieving Officers Messrs Moffett [John Moffett]; Scott [Joseph Scott]; were presented, and payments ordered as required for out-relief and non settled poor.</p> <p>Robert Todd, Porter, was paid a monthly advance of wages.</p> <p>The Master produced his estimate of provisions etc required for the next five weeks and the orders were issued</p> <p>Payments were ordered for: Supplies and services: Parish of Berwick (Poor Rate); Garden: (as above). School Attendance Committee: Alexander Henderson (audit stamp).</p> <p>Financial transactions between accounts and between the parishes and the Treasurer were recorded.</p> <p>Medical certificates were presented for the following who were granted relief: John Virtue, age 48, Walkergate Lane, pneumonia, necessaries; John Virtue, (as above).</p> <p>Weekly medical returns were received from the following Medical Officers: Fraser; Heagarty; MacKay. The necessary extracts were made for the Medical Officers of Health.</p>	
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