



C.P. Sept 12th 1839

[Duty Free.]  
**Whitehaven Union.**

**CONTRACTS for PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, &c.**

*Notice is hereby given,*  
THAT the Guardians of the Poor of the Whitehaven Union will meet at the Board Room, at the Savings Bank, Whitehaven, on THURSDAY the 26th Day of September next, at Eleven o'Clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving Tenders, to supply the Workhouses of Preston Quarter and Whitehaven, and Out-Door Paupers of the Union, with Bread, Flour, Meat, Cheese, Butter, Potatoes, Milk, Groceries, Soap, Candles, Coals, and other Articles of Consumption, from the 25th Day of September, 1859, to the 24th Day of December next, inclusive. And with ready made Clothing, Shoes, and Clogs, for Men, Women, and Children; Bedding, Linen, and other Articles, from the said 25th Day of September, to the 24th Day of December, 1859; and for the Funerals of the Poor during the same Period. N.B.—The Guardians will be prepared to receive Tenders for the Supply of the separate Workhouses, respectively.

Printed Tenders, containing the Descriptions and Qualities of the Articles required, the Terms, Stipulations, and Conditions under which they are to be supplied and paid for, may be had on Application to the Clerk to the Guardians; and none but such Printed Tenders will be received. The Tenders must be clearly and legibly filled up, Sealed and directed to the Clerk to the Guardians, and delivered on or before Thursday the 26th of September, instant, by Ten o'Clock on that Day.

The Guardians reserve to themselves the right of rejecting the lowest or any other Tender.

By Order of the Board,  
**JOHN B. POSTLETHWAITE,**  
Whitehaven, Sept. 9th, 1859. Clerk.

C.P. Mar 17th 1840

[Duty Free.]  
**WHITEHAVEN UNION.**

**ELECTION OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.**

**NOTICE** is hereby Given, that the Board of Guardians of the Whitehaven Union, will, on the 26th Day of March, Instant, proceed to the Election of Medical Officers, for the Five several Districts comprised within the said Union, from the 25th Day of March, 1840, to the 24th Day of March, 1841, at the following Salaries, viz. :—

For the Whitehaven District, comprising the Township of Whitehaven, One Medical Officer, at.....	52	10	0
For the Saint Bees District, comprising the several Townships of Preston Quarter, Sandwith, Hensingham, St. Bees, Rottington, and Lowside Quarter, One Medical Officer, at.....	45	0	0
For the Harrington District, comprising the several Parishes of Harrington, Distington, Arieedon, and Lamplugh, and the Townships of Moresby, Par-ton, and Weddker, One Medical Of-ficer, at.....	30	0	0
For the Egremont District, comprising the several Parishes of Egremont, Haille, Cleator, and St. John's, and the Township of Ennerdale, and Kinniside, One Medical Officer, at.....	21	0	0
For the Gosforth District, comprising the Parishes of Gosforth, Ponsoy, and Saint Bridget's, and the Township of Netherwasdale, One Medical Officer, at.....	12	0	0

By Order of the Board,  
**J. B. POSTLETHWAITE,** Clerk.  
Whitehaven, March 12, 1840.

C.P. Mar 24th 1840 (a)

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE WHITEHAVEN UNION.**

A special meeting of the Guardians of the Whitehaven Union took place in the Savings' Bank on Thursday last, convened for the purpose of taking into consideration the minute of the Poor Law Commissioners relative to the manner in which Mr. Brunskill had acquitted himself during his quarter's probation as Assistant Overseer of this township, upon which depended the confirmation of his permanent appointment to office.

The meeting was very numerously attended, there being not less than twenty-seven Guardians present. Sir John Walsham, the Assistant Poor Law Commissioner, was also present. Robert Brisco, Esquire, of Low Mill House, discharged, as usual, the duties of chairman.

At one o'clock the ordinary business of the board was suspended, and the clerk read the minutes of the preceding meeting, after which he commenced reading a copy of the circular recently issued by the Commissioners in London, respecting the liability of stock in trade to be rated for the relief of the poor.

Sir John Walsham thought the Secretary had better not proceed with the circular at present, as it would not be properly understood.

Mr. Jefferson enquired if farming stock were liable to be rated; because, it appeared, if they were not his brother and himself, in consequence of living out of the township of Whitehaven, would altogether escape being rated for stock in trade? Mr. J. stated that an attempt was made about 45 years ago to rate stock in trade in this town, and also the shipping belonging to the report, but they did not succeed.

Sir John Walsham explained the cause of the circular being issued, which was in consequence of a late decision in the Court of Queen's Bench, to which the circular related.

After a brief conversation, during which it was apparent that the rating of Stock in Trade would be by no means satisfactory, Sir John stated that in Sunderland Stock in Trade, as well as the Shipping in the Port, was rated, though he did not exactly know upon what principle, but he believed it was attended with inconvenience.

It was finally agreed that the circular should be laid on the table.

Sir John Walsham presented a copy of bye-laws and standing orders, which he recommended to the attention of the Union. They were practical and he hoped would be found useful; they had been copied by the Newcastle Union, and he had recommended them to other Unions under his superintendance for their adoption.

The Chairman said that, with the permission of the Board, he would look them carefully over, and state his opinion on them at a future meeting.

The Chairman's proposition was agreed to. The Clerk commenced reading several notices of marriages, when the Rev. John Jenkins asked Sir John Walsham if they were not listening to an illegal publication of the bans of marriage. The Rev. Gentleman stated, at some length, that he had sometime ago refused to marry a couple who came to him from Harrington. They held the opinion that they had a right to be married at any church within the Union, after they had got permission from the deputy Registrar. Both the Registrar General and the Deputy Registrar told him he was wrong, but being conscious that he was right, he had persevered in his opposition. The Rev. gent. alluded to the opinion of the Attorney-General, and to a recent decision in the Court of Queen's Bench, which confirmed his opinion, and he had also obtained the opinion of Mr. Justice Patteson on the subject. The reading of the notices of marriages did nothing more than merely supersede the publication of the bans under the old law.

Sir John Walsham said that all notices of marriage must be read to the Board of Guardians; the mere reading of them did not at all affect the question, as he understood it; but if Mr. Jenkins would be kind enough to write down his opinion, he would communicate it to the Registrar General, and require his answer, which he would convey to the board.

The Rev. John Jenkins assented. The Rev. H. Lowther bore testimony to some of the evils connected with these marriages, and mentioned an instance in which the ties of consanguinity had been grossly violated by an uncle marrying his niece.

The chairman said that he should now call the attention of the Board to the business of the day. Sir J. Walsham was present, but as he might probably soon have to leave them, he should at once direct their attention to the minute of the Poor Law Commissioners respecting the manner in which the assistant overseer, Mr. Brunskill, had discharged the duties of his office since his appointment, and the Board would have to take it into consideration whether they would recommend or discontinue him. He had that morning been presented with a letter on the subject by the overseers of the township of Whitehaven, which, with their permission, he would read. Mr. Brisco then read the following letter:—

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