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# MINUTE BOOK.

*Mountbellew Union.*

*B. Rully 26/3/53*

THE MINUTE BOOK, in which shall be entered all Letters received from or written to the Poor Law Commissioners, minutes of all monies received and paid, all orders and cheques given, all accounts examined and allowed, all salaries ordered to be paid, as well as all other business, proceedings, and transactions of the Board of Guardians, at any of their Meetings. The entries of money transactions shall be afterwards posted in the Ledger, and a note of reference made in the margin of the Page in the Minute Book, to the folio in the Ledger to which they are so carried.

*Order of the Poor Law Commissioners.*



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OF WHOM MAY BE HAD  
THE BOOKS AND FORMS REQUIRED BY THE IRISH POOR RELIEF ACTS.

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The Minute Book in which shall be entered all business transacted at the meetings of the Council of the County Council, and all other business of the Council, shall be written in this book. The entries shall be made in full, and shall contain the names of the members present, and the names of the members who have spoken, and the names of the members who have voted, and the names of the members who have abstained from voting. The entries shall be made in the order in which the business is transacted, and shall be signed by the Chairman of the Council, or by some other member of the Council, at the close of each meeting.

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*Mount Bellew* UNION.

Population in 1851, . . . 22,769

Present Net Annual Value, £ 31,807:10:0

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853.

Number of Inmates for which accommodation is provided.	No. that can be accommodated in each building.	Total No. in each building on the above date.	Able bodied.		Aged and Infirm persons, and adult persons, above 15 years of age, but not working.		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age.		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age.	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age.	Infants under 2 years of age.	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.		OBSERVATIONS.
			Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Boys.	Girls.				Number in Hospital on the above date.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date.	
Workhouse, Temporary Buildings, . . .	700	434												
Additional Workhouse, . . .														
Permanent Fever Hospital, . . .														
Fever Sheds, . . .														
Total, . . .		436												
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return, . . .			27	137	7	15	63	103	35	10	14	432	In Workhouse Hospital, 59	In separate Wards, 1
Admitted during the Week, . . .			2	6	"	1	2	1	"	"	2	16	In Fever Hospital, 1	In Wards with other Inmates, 1
TOTAL, . . .			29	143	7	16	65	104	37	10	16	448	Total, 59	Total, 1
Discharged during the Week, . . .			1	3	"	"	1	1	3	"	"	6		
Died, . . .			"	1	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	3		
Total Discharged and Dead, . . .			1	4	"	"	1	2	4	"	"	9		
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE, . . .			28	139	7	16	64	102	33	10	16	435		

*Corresponding week last year decrease 93*

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.	
	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.		Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.
No. I.	1	1			1	1	Bt. forward	2	2			2	2
No. II.	1	1			1	1	No. X.						
No. III.	1	1			1	1	No. XI.						
No. IV.							No. XII.						
No. V.							No. XIII.						
No. VI.							No. XIV.						
No. VII.							No. XV.						
No. VIII.							No. XVI.						
No. IX.							No. XVII.						
Car. forward	2	2			2	2	TOTAL,	2	2			2	2

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Friday the 20 day of May 1853

PRESENT: In the Chair,  
Other Guardians:

*Denis H. Kelly Esq.*  
*Sir, Mich<sup>d</sup> Bellew Bart*  
*Charles Filgate and*  
*William Conice Esq.*

*The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Signed.*

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Notices of Marriage between the parties hereunder named having been received from the District Registrar by the Clerk, were duly read at the Board this day in accordance with the 15th section of the 7 & 8 Vic., c. 81.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 112 to No. 144, both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman, and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Out-door Relief Register was produced, examined, and authenticated from No. 404 to No. 409, inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Clerk's Report on the execution of Orders previously made by the Board was read, to the following effect:

The Clerk reported that there were only two members of the Board in attendance at the Board Room on Friday last, namely C. H. Kelly and John Cheevers Esqrs, and consequently that there was no business transacted.

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of Meeting, with the proper Debits and Credits, as ordered on that day.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received during the week, - - - - - £

Paid during the week, - - - - - £

And that the Balance on the Account the Guardians was - £

The Book was signed by the Chairman.

The Weekly balance-sheets of the several Collectors were laid before the Board, their accuracy having been first ascertained and authenticated by the Clerk.

The Lodgments made of Rates collected in the several Electoral Divisions appear to have been as follows:—

Name of each Collector.	Electoral Divisions arranged in Collectors Districts.	Collected and Lodged.			Total.			Remaining.			Total.				
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
Mick Keane	Killieroa	"	"	"				20	13	3/4					
"	Taughboy	"	"	"				21	17	5/4					
											42	10	9		
Mick Kilgannon	Cloonkeel	41	2	6				115	9	11					
"	Ballina Hill	3	19	1				69	18	3/4					
								45	2	"			185	8	2 3/4
Andrew Joyce	Killiam	"	"	"				36	2	1/2					
"	Castlegrench	"	"	"				87	5	7/4					
											123	7	2		
Thos Johnston	Clonbrock	5	3	10				11	7	1/2					
"	Annagh	26	10	7				160	19	3/4					
								31	14	5			172	7	8 1/4
M Kilgannon	Castro			17	3			38	1	8 1/2					
"	Mount Bellac	31	11	9				115	7	8					
								32	9	"			158	19	4 1/2
Mick O Kelly	Castlegrench	31	16	11				110	18	9 1/2					
"	Mount Hazel	24	7	4				181	12	5 1/2					
"	Derryglacow	84	14	1				213	18	9 1/4					
"	Coolin	79	10	3				126	1	8 1/2					
								224	8	"			632	10	8 1/4
								329	14	"			1310	3	10 3/4

NOTE.—A total is to be inserted in Red Ink at the foot of each Collector's District, as well as for the entire Union.

Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions with the respective amounts lodged.

The Clerk's Account of petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £ was produced and passed.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:

1. The Weekly Relief List and Abstract.
2. The Provision Check Accounts.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the week, was £ 25:10 s. 10/4. 14 chary

13 s. 9. 1/4 7 chary £ s. d.

Debit Provision Account, and Credit Invoice Account.

The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was - 14 chary - 25:11: 6 3/4

Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account. 7 chary 25:9:7

And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was - 1 1/2

Average cost in Infirmary, - - - - - 2 1/2

Average cost in Fever Hospital, - - - - - "

The Master's estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:

500 <sup>th</sup> Bread	3 <sup>th</sup> Candles
14 <sup>th</sup> Meat	3 <sup>th</sup> Starch
10 cwt Indian meal	1 <sup>th</sup> mould Candles
2 cwt Out meal	
275 Gallons new milk	
1/2 <sup>th</sup> Tea	
4 <sup>th</sup> Sugar	
1 cwt Rice	
10 cwt whole meal	
10 <sup>th</sup> Pepper	
100 Boxes Turp	

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his Signature:

1. The several Clothing Accounts.
2. The Medical Officers' Books.

The Out-door Relief Lists and Weekly Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature.

The Abstract of the Out-door Relief Lists was also produced by the Clerk, having been duly entered up by him for the last week ended Saturday, the 14 day of May; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure on Out-door Relief was

In money,	-	-	-	6	£	s.	d.
In kind,	-	-	-	-			
Total,	-	-	-	6			6

Credit each Relieving Officer, as per Receipt and Expenditure Book.

The requirements of each Relieving Officer for the ensuing week having been duly considered and estimated by the Board, checks on the Treasurer and orders on Contractors, were duly signed and delivered to each of them, of the following amounts and value, respectively:

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.	
		£	s. d.	Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.			£	s. d.	Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.
No. I.						Bt. forward					
No. II.						No. X.					
No. III.						No. XI.					
No. IV.						No. XII.					
No. V.						No. XIII.					
No. VI.						No. XIV.					
No. VII.						No. XV.					
No. VIII.						No. XVI.					
No. IX.						No. XVII.					
Car. forwd.						TOTAL,					

Credit Treasurer with Checks.

Debit each Relieving Officer with Checks and Orders.

On the Report and recommendation of the Finance Committee the following Bills having been duly examined, and found to be correct, and in accordance with the several Orders, were directed to be paid, and Checks for the several amounts were duly drawn on the Treasurer, and Signed, namely:

1. Clothing Account. £ s. d.

Debit Clothing Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

2. Establishment Account.

Thomas French for advertising to			
16 April 1853	1	4	9
B. Reilly Clerk Petty Cash	2	1	1

Debit Establishment Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

3. Workhouse Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

*[Faint wavy scribbles]*

Debit Workhouse Invoice Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

4. Out-door Relief Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

*[Faint wavy scribbles]*

Credit Treasurer and Debit Out-door Relief Invoice Account with the several sums as above.

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read—(this on the first meeting in every month.)—  
Number of successful cases.

The Report of the Visiting Committee was read, and Orders were made thereon as follows:

*[Faint wavy scribbles]*

*[Faint wavy scribbles]*

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:

Ordered,  
That a Tailor be employed for a few weeks as some new clothes for the inmates are wanted.

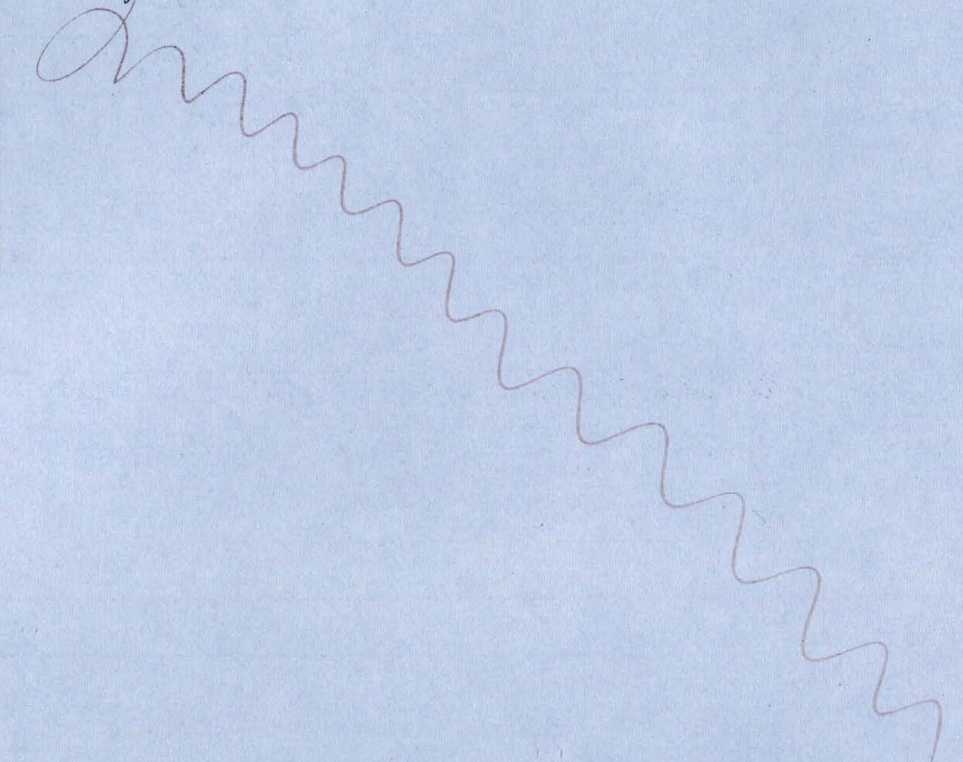
The Master reported that Pat-Crowe against whom a warrant was issued for absconding with the Union clothes, had been admitted provisionally to the Work House & he wished to know if the prosecution is to be proceeded with?

Ordered— That the warrant issued for Crowe's apprehension be executed & he prosecuted

Ordered. That the following articles be procured for the use of the House.

- 2 Tons straw
- 6 Lime Brushes
- 12 sweeping do
- 6 Hand do

The following Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:



The following Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect, or Orders made on them respectively as follows:—

236 20/53  
7<sup>th</sup> May 53

Circular from Poor Law Comm<sup>rs</sup> requesting to be furnished with a return with respect to the Annuities (2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment) reserved to prior to and during the period from 2<sup>nd</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 53.

22, 239/53  
19 May 53

Letter sanctioning the appointment of Mr Matthew O'Kelly to the office of Revising Valuator in the Union on the terms specified.

235 9/53  
6 May 53

Circular requesting to be furnished with a return respecting the Rates made and any new Rates agreed upon in the Union.

29. 116/53  
10 May 53

Letter forwarding for the information of the Guardians a copy of a letter which the Commissioners have addressed to

to the Board of Guardians of Ballinasloe Union relating to the ~~various~~ relief of Peter Forde who was recently admitted into Mount Bellew Workhouse.

31. 686/53  
19 May 53

Letter referring to the Resolution contained in Minutes of proceedings of the Guardians on the 8<sup>th</sup> ultimo, suggesting the discontinuance of the services of the Protestant Chaplain to the Union Workhouse, on the ground that there are only two Protestants in the workhouse, and forwarding for the information of the Board of Guardians a copy of a letter which the Commissioners addressed to the Reverend Mr. Leahy, on the 5<sup>th</sup> instant; and also stating that the Commissioners have received a letter in reply, from which it appears that the Parish Church is more than three miles distant from the Workhouse, and that one of the Protestant Sumates of the Workhouse is an old infirm person who has not long been out of the sick ward, and who could not be sent to Church—

7 May 53

Read letter from Waterford Union, forwarding a copy of a Petition to Parliament adopted by the Guardians of that Union, praying that the salaries of the Medical officers engaged under the Medical Charities Act, be paid out of the consolidated fund.

A copy of this Petition having been made it was

Resolved. That it be signed, on behalf of the Board, by the Presiding Chairman, and that its presentation be intrusted to the County Members—Capt<sup>n</sup> Bellew and Sir Thomas J Burke Bart.

Resolved. 10

That the Tender of Messrs Ross and Murray, to furnish and fix a water cistern with connecting Pipes and Cocks for the supply of water to the Hospital and the Male and Female yards at the Workhouse for the sum of £22:12/- per Estimate, accompanying Tender - be accepted.

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	-	-	-	15
Ditto disallowed	-	-	-	"
The number of applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	-	-	-	7

The number of cases of provisional Out-door relief was	-	-	-	1
Do. do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians	-	-	-	"
The number of other applicants in the Relieving Officer's Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	-	-	-	"

The number of applicants for whom relief was not ordered Rejected 3

The Bonds and other securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon, as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year.)

11  
Notice of Motion,

I will on this day fortnight move that, there being but two Protestant Inmates in the Workhouse - one a child aged 12 year, the other a person in health and able to walk to the Protestant Church of Moylough or Castleblakem, there be no Protestant Chaplain to the Mount Bellaw Workhouse and consequently no salary for his services be borne by the Union -

(Signed) M. D. Bellew

20<sup>th</sup> May 1833

Read letter from William Cruice Esq offering to advance £6 towards enabling Mary Broderick, and her three children, all inmates of the Workhouse to emigrate to America where her husband is at present, provided the Guardians would give an equal amount out of the Rates of the Castleblakem Division to which she is chargeable, to be applied in sending her off,

Resolved.

That the offer of Mr Cruice be accepted and that the Commissioners sanction be requested to the proposed expenditure out of the Rates.

Resolved.

That John C. Ewens and Michael Carr Esqs be appointed a Visiting Committee for the ensuing week

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS of the Mount Bellew  
UNION, on Fri day, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853,  
—continued.

MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT,—14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68.

*An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Dispensary District, approved by the Committee of Management, was laid before the Board, with a  
Requisition from the Committee for the supply of the same, and Directions were given thereon  
as follows:*

*On application of the Committee of Management of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Dispensary District, the following supplies of Books, Stationery, Forms, or other requisites, were  
ordered to be supplied:*

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ the  
day of \_\_\_\_\_ 185 .

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Union.

The following Accounts of expenses, (or statement of Salaries due, as the case may be,) under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and Directions were given for Payment thereof (or such other directions as may be given:)

Dispensary District, \_\_\_\_\_  
Account of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: Amount £

[This at the end of each half-year, in pursuance of Articles 22 and 23 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts.] An Account of Disbursements made by the Guardians during the half-year ended \_\_\_\_\_ for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all Disbursements for the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total disbursement for each Dispensary District in the half-year ended \_\_\_\_\_ 185 .

\_\_\_\_\_ District, . . . . . £  
\_\_\_\_\_ District, . . . . . £

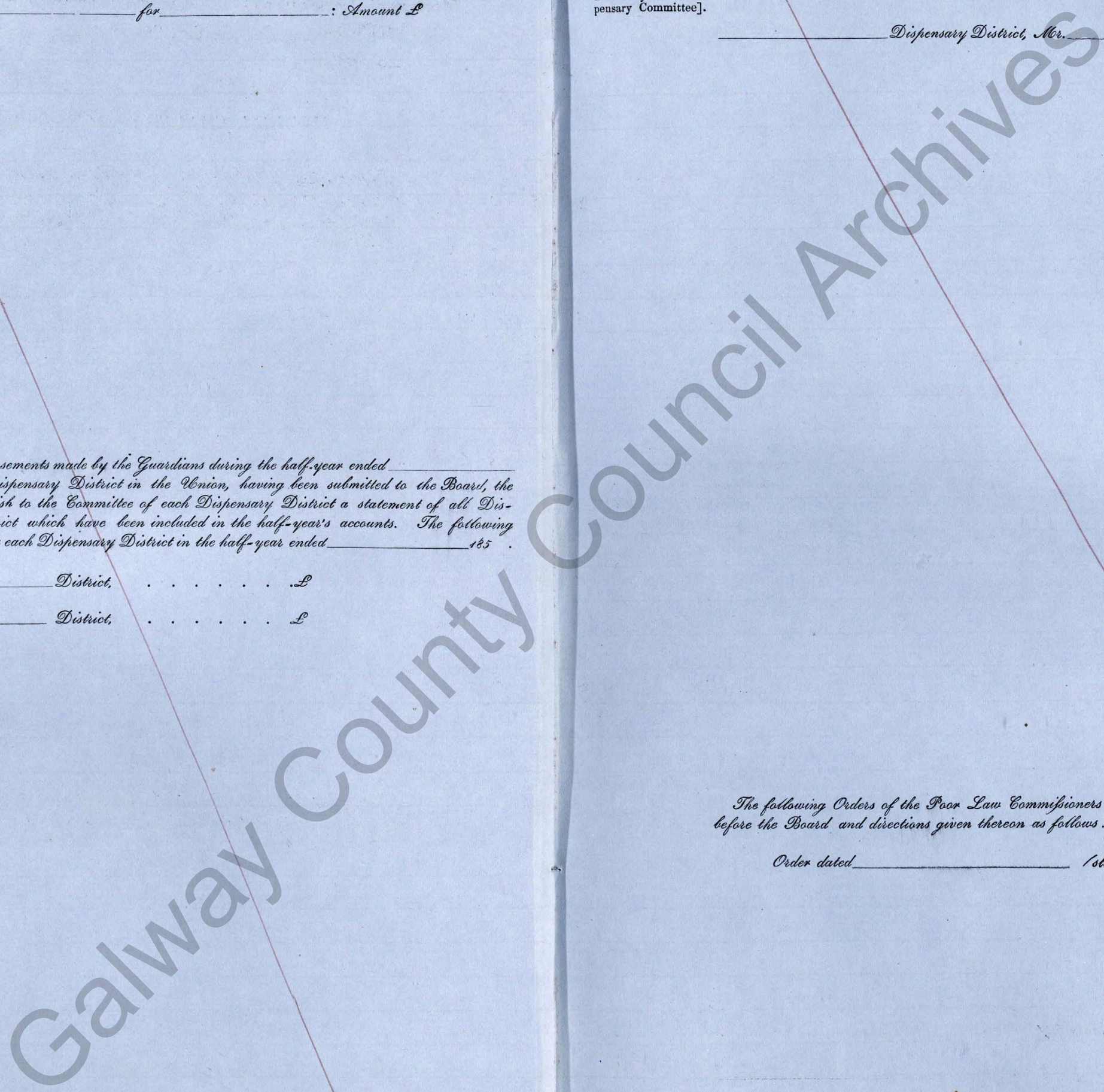
[This to be entered on the occasion of every appointment of a new Committee, after the annual Election of Guardians, and on the occasion of any election to fill a vacancy in a Dispensary Committee].

The Board elected the following Peate-payers to be Members of the Committees of Management of the following Dispensary Districts, respectively:—the Clerk to make a Posturn accordingly to the Poor Law Commissioners, and to issue the prescribed Notification to the Members elected, and to the Medical Officers of the respective Dispensary Districts, in pursuance of Articles 9, 10, and 11, of the Order declaring Dispensary Districts:—

Dispensary District, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

The following Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board and directions given thereon as follows:

Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ (state subject,)



The following Letters on matters arising under the Medical Charities Act, from the Poor Law Commissioners and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively as follows:)

Read Letter from \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_ stating that \_\_\_\_\_

Next Meeting of the Board of Guardians will be held on Friday the 27 May 1853.

*Clonbrock* Chairman  
*M. May*  
*W. J. Smyth* J. Guardians

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
 B. Reilly  
 Clerk of the Union.

21 Mount Bellew UNION.  
 Population in 1851, . . . 22,769 Present Net Annual Value, £ 31,807:10:0

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 21 day of May 1853.

Number of inmates for which accommodation is provided.	So that can be accommodated in each building.	Total No. in each building on the above date.	Able bodied.		Aged and Infirm persons, and adult persons, above 15 years of age, but not working.		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age.		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age.	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age.	Infants under 2 years of age.	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.		OBSERVATIONS.
			Males.	Fem.	Males.	Fem.	Boys.	Girls.				Number in Hospital on the above date.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date.	
Workhouse	100	438												
Temporary Buildings														
Additional Workhouse														
Permanent Fever Hospital														
Fever Sheds														
Total		439												
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return,			28	39	7	16	80	102	31	10	10	435	In Workhouse Hospital, 10	In separate Wards, 1
Admitted during the Week,			1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	10	In Fever Hospital, 1	In Wards with other inmates, 1
TOTAL,			29	41	8	17	81	105	32	10	11	445	Total, 10	Total, 1
Discharged during the Week,			2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Died,			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Discharged and Dead,			3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,			27	39	6	16	80	105	32	10	10	439		

Corresponding week last year 538  
 decrease 119

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 21 day of May 1853, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under 10 Vict. c. 31, s. 1.		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1.		Total relieved out of the Workhouse.	
	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.		Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Number of cases relieved.	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her.	Cases.	Persons.
No. I.	1	1			1	1	Bt. forward	1	1			1	1
No. II.	1	1			1	1	No. X.						
No. III.	1	1			1	1	No. XI.						
No. IV.							No. XII.						
No. V.							No. XIII.						
No. VI.							No. XIV.						
No. VII.							No. XV.						
No. VIII.							No. XVI.						
No. IX.							No. XVII.						
Car. forward	1	1			1	1	TOTAL,	1	1			1	1

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Friday the 27 day of May 1853

PRESENT: In the Chair, *Lord Clonbrock*  
 Other Guardians:  
*Dennis H. Kelly*  
*Richard P. L. L.*  
*Charles Filgate*  
*Ralph J. A. Smyth Esq.*

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Signed.



Notices of Marriage between the parties hereunder named having been received from the District Registrar by the Clerk, were duly read at the Board this day in accordance with the 15th section of the 7 & 8 Vic., c. 81.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 1125 to No. 1244, both inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman, and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Out-door Relief Register was produced, examined, and authenticated from No. 1 to No. 4, inclusive, by the signature of the Chairman and countersignature of the Clerk.

The Clerk's Report on the execution of Orders previously made by the Board was read, to the following effect:

*That he had complied with the orders of the Board given him on the last day of Meeting*

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to the last day of Meeting, with the proper Debits and Credits, as ordered on that day.

The Treasurer's Book of Receipts and Payments was produced, by which it appeared that there had been received during the week, - - - - - £

Paid during the week, - - - - - £

And that the Balance on the Account the Guardians was - £

The Book was signed by the Chairman.

The Weekly balance-sheets of the several Collectors were laid before the Board, their accuracy having been first ascertained and authenticated by the Clerk.

The Lodgments made of Rates collected in the several Electoral Divisions appear to have been as follows:—

Name of each Collector.	Electoral Divisions arranged in Collectors Districts.	Collected and Lodged.			Total.			Remaining.			Total.										
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.								
Mick Keame	Killivoran									20	13	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Taughboy									21	17	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
													40	10	9						
Mick Kilgannon	Clonkeen									115	9	11									
"	Ballymuckill									19	18	3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>									
													185	8	2 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>						
And <sup>w</sup> . Joyce	Killian									36	2	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Castliffrench	10								77	5	4									
													10								
															113	7	2				
Thos. Johnston	Clonbrony	1	11							9	16	1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Annagh	26	10							134	9	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
													28	1							
															144	6	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>				
Mick Kilgannon	Castra									38	1	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Mount Bellew									115	17	8									
															153	19	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>				
Mick O'Kelly	Castleblackemy									110	18	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Mountnazel									181	12	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Drumglassum									213	18	9 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
"	Coole									125	1	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>									
															632	10	8 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>				
																	38	1			
																			1272	2	10 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>

NOTE.—A total is to be inserted in Red Ink at the foot of each Collector's District, as well as for the entire Union.

Debit the Treasurer and Credit the several Electoral Divisions with the respective amounts lodged.

The Clerk's Account of petty Disbursements made by him since last Meeting, amounting to £ was produced and passed.

The following Books were exhibited by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:

1. The Weekly Relief List and Abstract.
2. The Provision Check Accounts.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

By which it appeared that the Cost of Provisions and Necessaries received during the week, was £ 23, 18 s. 8 1/4.

£ s. d.

Debit Provision Account, and Credit Invoice Account.  
The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was - - - 25, 10, 3 1/4

Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account.  
And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was - - - 1/1 1/3  
Average cost in Infirmary, - - - - - 2/4  
Average cost in Fever Hospital, - - - - - 1/4

The Master's estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:

400 lb Bread  
18 lb Meat  
15 cwt Indian meal  
2 1/2 cwt Oat meal  
300 Gallons new milk  
4 cwt salt  
10 cwt whole meal  
100 Boxes Turp  
3 lb Dept Candles  
2 Cwt soap  
14 lb Starch

2 lb Mould Candles

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature:

1. The several Clothing Accounts.
2. The Medical Officers' Books.

The Out-door Relief Lists and Weekly Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him, and authenticated by his signature.

The Abstract of the Out-door Relief Lists was also produced by the Clerk, having been duly entered up by him for the last week ended Saturday, the 7 day of May; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief was

In money, - - - - - £ 0/-  
In kind, - - - - -  
Total, - - - - - 0/-

Credit each Relieving Officer, as per Receipt and Expenditure Book.

The requirements of each Relieving Officer for the ensuing week having been duly considered and estimated by the Board, checks on the Treasurer and orders on Contractors, were duly signed and delivered to each of them, of the following amounts and value, respectively:

RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer.		By Order on Contractors.	
		£	s. d.	Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.			Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.		
No. I.						Bt. forward					
No. II.						No. X.					
No. III.						No. XI.					
No. IV.						No. XII.					
No. V.						No. XIII.					
No. VI.						No. XIV.					
No. VII.						No. XV.					
No. VIII.						No. XVI.					
No. IX.						No. XVII.					
Car. forwd.						TOTAL,					

Credit Treasurer with Checks.

Debit each Relieving Officer with Checks and Orders.

On the Report and recommendation of the Finance Committee the following Bills having been duly examined, and found to be correct, and in accordance with the several Orders, were directed to be paid, and Checks for the several amounts were duly drawn on the Treasurer, and Signed, namely:

1. Clothing Account. £ s. d.

£	s.	d.

Debit Clothing Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

2. Establishment Account.

£	s.	d.

Debit Establishment Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

3. Workhouse Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

Credit Workhouse Invoice Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.

4. Out-door Relief Invoice Account.

£ s. d.

Credit Treasurer and Debit Out-door Relief Invoice Account with the several sums as above.

The Clerk's Report of Vaccination was read—(this on the first meeting in every month.)—  
Number of successful cases.

The Report of the Visiting Committee was read, and Orders were made thereon as follows:

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The Master reported that Mr. Baker having failed to put up the Ventilator in Bake House, as ordered on the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, he had to strip a few slates.

That the Pump failed in the supply of water on the 25<sup>th</sup> instont and gives since only a partial supply: in consequence of this the Master had to get some water drawn from the Town.

That the change recommended by Visiting Committee in hours for the Boys school—namely work until 2 o'clock after which hour school to be open—works much to his satisfaction. by this change the Master can if the Board approves of it get a class of Boys over 15 years who instructed dairy at school.

That the Milk supplied within the last few days was inferior in quality and deficient in supply. in consequence of the deficiency the Master had to use Coffee in lieu.

And that the Rice supplied on yesterday being of an inferior quality the Master had it returned.

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:

Ordered. That the Master get a slator to put up Ventilator in Bake House: that perforated Zinc frames be substituted for some of the panes of glass in the Windows of the Boys and Girls schools which are made not to open; and that the Carpenter be directed to put them in.

That the Commissioners attention be drawn to the want of water in the Pump in Mens yard.

That the plan proposed by the Master with respect to the literary instruction of a class of Boys over 15 years be adopted.

The Board having sent for the Milk and Rice Contractors, had before them the latter whom they cautioned not to send again an inferior quality of Rice to the House, on pain of putting his Bond in suit. The Milk Contractor not having appeared the propriety of taking further proceedings against him was adjourned.

The following Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:

The following Letters from the Poor Law Commissioners and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect, or Orders made on them respectively as follows:—

33.344/53  
26 May '53

Letter from Poor Law Commissioners forwarding for the information of the Board of Guardians a copy of a communication received from Mr. Thomas Johnson Poor Rate Collector explaining the cause of his delay with the collection, in which he states that he expects to have collected £120:9:10 before the close of this month, and requesting that the Clerk will report on the Minutes of proceedings of the Guardians next morning after close of the month if that amount has been lodged by collector Johnson.

26 May '53

Letter from Education Office forwarding the following extracts from the Sub-Inspector's report of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant on the Girls School  
"The teacher's literary acquirements are good.  
"and her method of conducting school is very good.  
"The school has improved in general knowledge and in organization—"

17 May 1853

Read letter from James W. Kewenagh Esq. Head Inspector of National Schools, stating that being engaged in a tour of general inspection, by direction of the Commissioners of National Education of the Workhouse Schools, he had with this view examined the schools in Mount Bellew Workhouse, the details of which were given in the Inspector's Observation Book, from which it would appear that on the whole and considering the short period that the House has been in operation, the condition of the schools is exceedingly hopeful,

On the recommendation of Mr. Kewenagh ordered that the following articles be procured for the use of the schools,

- 2 Maps of the United States
- 2    "   of Australia
- 1 Map of Palestine
- 50 Copies of the Fuchs's Servants' Manual
- 1 Black Board to be made of Mahogany

20 May '53

Read letter from Mr. Gibson stating that he expected to have no difficulty in sending off the Workhouse Girls selected for Emigration to Quebec, without much delay

Resolved, That a cheque be this day drawn for £80 in favor of the Master of the Workhouse for Emigration purposes—the sum of £1. for each of the proposed emigrants to be forwarded out of this amount to A. C. Buchanan Esq. Government Emigration Agent at Quebec to be given by him to the emigrants on landing there,

The Board having had under its consideration the satisfactory state of the schools as reported by the Inspectors of National Schools, and from time to time, by the Visiting Committee; and having also had before them a letter of the Poor Law Commissioners, dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1852 in which they recommended an increase in the salaries of the schoolmaster, and schoolmistress, to £20 and £18, respectively,

Resolved,

That the salaries of those Officers be now increased from £16 for the schoolmaster, and £15 for the schoolmistress, to the amounts recommended by the Commissioners in their communication above referred to,

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	-	-	6
Ditto disallowed	-	-	4
The number of applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	-	-	10

The number of cases of provisional Out-door relief was	-	-	1
Do. do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians	-	-	1
The number of other applicants in the Relieving Officer's Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	-	-	4

Rejected 2

The number of applicants for whom relief was not ordered      No apply 3

The Bonds and other securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon, as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year)

Resolved, That Patt Whyte, be appointed Tailor at the Work House at 8/- per week,

The Medical Officer submitted a list of Medicines required for the use of the Work House Infirmary,

Ordered, That the Medicines &c as required by the Medical Officer be procured from the Contractors Messrs. Boyleau, Brothers, Dublin.

That Charles Filgate and D. H. Kelly Esqrs. be appointed a visiting committee for the ensuing week

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET.

MINUTES of PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS of the Mount Bellaw  
UNION, on Fri day, the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853,  
—continued.

MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT,—14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68.

*An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of the  
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Requisition from the Committee for the supply of the same, and Directions were given thereon  
as follows:*

*On application of the Committee of Management of the  
Dispensary District, the following supplies of Books, Stationery, Forms, or other requisites, were  
ordered to be supplied:*

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of June 1853.

(Signed) B. Reilly  
Clerk of the Union.

The following Accounts of expenses, (or statement of Salaries due, as the case may be,) under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and Directions were given for Payment thereof (or such other directions as may be given:)

Dispensary District \_\_\_\_\_  
Account of Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_: Amount £ \_\_\_\_\_

[This at the end of each half-year, in pursuance of Articles 22 and 23 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts.]  
An Account of Disbursements made by the Guardians during the half-year ended \_\_\_\_\_ for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all Disbursements for the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total disbursement for each Dispensary District in the half-year ended \_\_\_\_\_ 185 .

\_\_\_\_\_ District . . . . . £  
\_\_\_\_\_ District . . . . . £

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[This to be entered on the occasion of every appointment of a new Committee, after the annual Election of Guardians, and on the occasion of any election to fill a vacancy in a Dispensary Committee].

The Board elected the following Rate-payers to be Members of the Committees of Management of the following Dispensary Districts, respectively:—the Clerk to make a Return accordingly to the Poor Law Commissioners, and to issue the prescribed Notification to the Members elected, and to the Medical Officers of the respective Dispensary Districts, in pursuance of Articles 9, 10, and 11, of the Order declaring Dispensary Districts:—

\_\_\_\_\_ Dispensary District, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

The following Orders of the Poor Law Commissioners under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board and directions given thereon as follows:

Order dated \_\_\_\_\_ (state subject,)