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1 December 1854 – 10 June 1855

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1 & 2 Vic., Cap. 56; 10 & 11 Vic., Cap. 31; 10 & 11 Vic., Cap. 90; and
12 & 13 Vic., Cap. 104.

MINUTE BOOK.

Mountbellew Union.

THE MINUTE BOOK, in which shall be entered the statistical information laid before the Board of Guardians relating to the inmates of the Workhouse, the collection of the Rates, and the state of the Finances of the Union; Minutes of all Orders received from the Commissioners for administering the Laws for Relief of the Poor in Ireland, and of all Letters received from the Commissioners or other parties relating to the business of the Union, and of all directions given by the Board of Guardians thereon; Minutes of the production and examination of the Register, and all other Books and Accounts which are required to be periodically produced, examined, and signed; Minutes of the Reports of the Visiting and Finance Committees, and of the Clerk, the Master, and other Officers of the Workhouse, and of all directions given by the Board thereon; Minutes of all monies received and paid, all orders and checks given, all accounts examined and allowed, and all salaries ordered to be paid; a statement of the number of cases of provisional relief, and of applications for relief, brought before the Board and considered and decided on by them; as well as all other business, proceedings, and transactions of the Board of Guardians, at any of their Meetings.

Order of the Poor Law Commissioners.



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ALEXANDER THOM & SONS, PRINTERS AND PUBLISHERS, 87 & 88, ABBEY-STREET,
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Mountbellew UNION.

Population in 1851, 22,790

Present Net Annual Value, £

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 25th day of November 1854

Number of inmates for which accommodation is provided.	So. that can be received in each building.	Total So. 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,	700	180													
Temporary Buildings, . .															
Additional Workhouse, . .															
Permanent Fever Hospital, .															
Fever Sheds,															
Total,	700	180													
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return,			10	37	1	10	37	50	21	5	10	187	In Workhouse } 33 Hospital, } in Fever } Hospital } 2	In separate } Wards, } in Wards } with other } Inmates, } 2	
Admitted during the Week, . .			"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	1	Total, } 33 Total, } 2		
TOTAL,			10	37	1	10	38	50	21	5	10	188			
Discharged during the Week, . .			"	"	"	"	1	"	"	"	"	2			
Died,			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
Total Discharged and Dead, . .			"	"	"	"	1	1	"	"	"	2			
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,			10	37	1	10	38	55	20	5	10	180			Corresponding week last year 270 decrease 84

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 25th day of November 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.
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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. forward							TOTAL,						

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Friday the 1st day of December 1854

PRESENT: In the Chair,

Sord Blombeck

Other Guardians:

Sir Michl. D. Bellaw Cant *Richd. Burke*
Denis H. Kelly *James Shingate*
John Cheevers *John C. Evans*
Michl. Carr
Thomas H. Mahon
Wm. Cruick
John Carr
James Blaker

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 & Vic., c. 81.

The Workhouse Register was produced, examined, and authenticated, from No. 1444 to No. 1447 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. 1 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 only two Guardians viz Denis H. Kelly & Tho. H. Mahon Esqrs having attended on Friday last there was no meeting of the Board on that day

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, - - - - - £ 159.9.0

Paid during the week, - - - - - £ 3.14.8

And that the Balance on the Account in favor of the Guardians was - £ 455.19.7

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.
Michl. Keane	Killeoran	80	8	6				98	11	2			
"	Tanghory	46	11	6				37	11	4			
					127						136	22	6
Michl. Kilgannon	Clontarreen	14	11	"				91	10	15			
"	Ballinaskill	15	6	10				176	5	8			
"	Galtra	3	5	9				188	3	10			
"	Mountbellew	69	10	3				189	10	5			
					102	16	10				557	10	11
Andrew Joyce	Killiam	314	19	"				78	17	6			
"	Castleffrench	114	"	"				136	19	11			
					78	19					215	17	11
Thomas Johnston	Clynbrack	74	14	"				79	2	9			
"	Amaght	15	5	"				91	15	11			
					84	19					170	18	2
Patrick O. Kelly	Castletlone							208	17	11			
"	Monaghan							254	14	3			
"	Dunaglassann							282	15	3			
"	Croloa							258	11	"			
											1002	15	"
					348	14	10				3082	10	7

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 £ 0. 7. 2 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. 3. 0. 1/2 d. 25 Nov

Debit Provision Account, and Credit Invoice Account. 18 Nov £ s. d. 10. 1. 3/4
 The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was 25 Nov 16. 10. 8 1/4
 Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account.
 And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was - 1. 6 1/2
 Average cost in Infirmary, - - - - 2. 1 1/4
 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:

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 200 lbs Bread | 1 Cwt Soap |
| 20 lbs Meat | 14 lbs Starch |
| 1 Ton Indian meal | 2 Mould Candles |
| 150 Gallons Milk | |
| 3 Cwt salt | |
| 1 lb Tea | |
| 8 lbs Sugar | |
| 4 lbs Pepper | |
| 5 lbs Dip 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 day of ; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief was

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

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.						By 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. forw'd.						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:

			£	s.	d.
Imp Bills	B. Reilly Salary as Clerk to 29 Sept 22	10			
do	Pat ^r Joyce " Master do	20			
do	Anne J. Joyce " Matron do	10			
do	Rev. John Burke " R. C. Chaplain do	12	10		
do	Rev. Wm Leahy " P. Chaplain do	2	10		
	Est.				
	Debit Clothing Account and Credit Treasurer with the several sums as above.				
do	Martin Lohan Salary as A. Officer to 29 Sept 22	7	10		
do	Andrew Geraghty do "	7	10		
do	John Carr do "	7	10		
do	Wm Draper Sundries since 12/8 "	1	2	4	
Imp Bills	John Banest horse hire Est. 2/8 to 30 Nov 22	1	15	4	
do	Rich ^d Kelly Printing & advertising to 29 Sept 22	10	5	9	
do	Edgort Kilgannon Lime 20 Nov	3	10		
do	John Laylor wages as Sailor	1	12		
do	Miell Fahy Carpenter work	1	6	8	
do	Hugh Mallarky Sundries	2		9	
do	B. Reilly Clerk Petty Disbursement	4			

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

3. Workhouse Invoice Account

		£	s.	d.
Invoice	James Leonard Infants 3 rd to 5 th Dec 5	5	10	3
do	Francis Keogh do 4	22	19	8
do	Samuel Creghan do "	8	19	8
do	Thomas Blackall Bread 25 th Dec 12	14	14	
do	Michael Moran Milk & Inf 29	18	14	
do	L. S. Mangau Meals 29	6		
do	Martin Gahery Oat meal 3	14	6	

Debit 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:

Visited the House & found all regular. The iron Collars in some of the principals of the roof have got off from having shrunk they ought to be wedged & secured with a strong spike in each. The return of the parsnips and onions from the grounds are most creditable, and the Pigs are in capital condition. It appears a great pity not to give a winter digging to the soil that requires it, but with our present numbers it would be impossible; if the Poor

Law

Mr St George Johnston and his solicitor appeared this day before the Board, and so did Mr O'Kelly Rate collector. There was much confusion in the account, and Mr Johnston produced the following Receipts, but there are other items (of Rates) for which he does not consider himself liable. Some of these receipts appear to have been credited to erroneous parties and Mr O'Kelly will make good the amounts except £8. 10 which is still due the amount for which Mr Johnston does not consider himself liable must be decidedly low.

Law Commissioners would sanction the employing 12 men for a week our own boys, we think, could do the rest; and it is a pity to let the season pass without doing what in the evening crop would three-fold repay the expenditure.

Signed / Denis H Kelly,
24 December 1854 Thomas H Mahon

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

Visited the house; found each department perfectly clean and orderly, and each of the officers appear anxious to keep his or hers department in perfect order.

We recommend to the Board the former Visitors suggestion of having men employed for a week or ten days to do some heavy work in the grounds so that the boys could get thro' the remaining in good time before frost sets in.

Signed / James Blake
John Carr
1st Dec 54 John C Evans

Resolved that the Collars be secured as recommended by the Visiting Committee; and that the Poor Law Commissioners be requested to sanction the employment of men for the purpose stated by the Committee.

On the report of the Master,
Ordered that 50 Barrels of Lime be procured for Agricultural purposes, and that two timber troughs be had for the boys & girls to wash themselves daily in.

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:

176th M. /54
23rd Nov. /54

Circular from Poor Law Commissioners
Calling for a return of the numbers vaccinated
in the Workhouse during the year ended 30th
Sept. 1854

35th 159 /54
22nd Nov. /54

Circular requesting to be furnished
with a statement showing the Rates & Poundage
amounts of all Rates made in the Union
from 1st January 1853 to 25th March 54

39th 1498 /54
26th Nov. /54

Letter acknowledging the Receipt
of Minutes of proceedings of the Board
on the 7th instant, by which it appears
that only one of the Collectors lodged the
amount of his Collection on the previous
Saturday & that Mr Joyce another of the
Collectors had not attended on the previous
Tuesday for the examination of his accounts
In reference thereto the Commrs request

The attention of the Guardians to the
importance of urging the Collectors to greater
efforts than they appear to be making & of
Compelling them to attend regularly for the
examination of their accounts

The Collectors being in attendance for the
inspection of their Books (except Joyce & Odell) the
Board strongly urged them to a more active discharge
of their duties

Ordered that Collectors Joyce & Odell
be required to attend on this day fortnight
for the examination by the Board of the state
of their respective Collections

35th Nov. /54

Read letter from the Clerk of the Ballinasloe
Union stating that the Ballinasloe Board of
Guardians are prepared to issue a Draft for £1132.5.5
being the balance in favor of Mt Bellew Union
under ^{adjustment} ~~reservation~~ order provided the Guardians
of this Union give cheques in their favor for
£83.4.8² due to Ballinasloe by Mt Bellew under
Adjustment order, of £581.18.2¹ on account
of Debt (£1181) due by Mt Bellew under reservation
order, at resolution passed by the Ballinasloe
this effect, accompanied the letter

Resolved

That two Cheques for £583.4.8² &
£581.18.3² respectively be now drawn in favor of
Ballinasloe Union on the conditions stated by
them in their letter

Received from Auditor notice of Audit
for the 8th inst

On the report of the Committee appointed to take stock

Resolved that the following articles be Cancelled

Tin measures - quarts pints & pints	739
Tin Platters	86
Tin Basins	7
Tin Cans	13
Shovels	14
Coal boxes	8
Scumming buckets	28
Scrubbing do	67
Lime do	41
Hand do	3
Blacklead do	4
<i>in all</i>	<u>1010</u>

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	2
Ditto disallowed	0
The number of applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	5

The number of cases of provisional Out-door relief was	0
Do. do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians	0
The number of other applicants in the Relieving Officer's Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	0
The number of applicants for whom relief was not ordered	0

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)

Mr. St. George Johnston and his Solicitor appeared this day before the Board, and so did Mr. O'Kelly, late Collector.

There was much confusion in the account and Mr. Johnston produced the following Receipts; but there are other items for which he does not consider himself liable - Some of these Receipts appear to have been credited to erroneous parties, and Mr. O'Kelly will make good the amount, for which ~~Mr~~ except £1.6.10 which is still due, the amount for which Mr. Johnston does not consider himself liable must be decided by Law.

Receipts produced

Townland of Ballaghmagrooher

Ellen Donohoe	✓	£ 2.15.2	Rates made 24 Jan. 51 4 Dec 51 4 12 Jan 52	32
Pere Devaney	✓	14.11.4	Rate made 12 th Nov. 52	
Ellen Foy	✓	14.11.4		do
W. of John Laker	✓	15.7		do
		<u>£ 5.10.7 1/2</u>		

Townland of Cloonweelaun

St. Geo Johnston	✓	2.2.3	Rate made 12 Nov 52	
Pere Devaney	✓	7.4.4		do
		<u>2.9.7 1/4</u>		

Grp Total £ 7.11.3 1/4 for which Mr O'Kelly is liable
1.14.1 or see Clerk's report - 5th Juny 55
£ 5.17.2 byrd by Mr O'Kelly

A charge against the Matron having been preferred by the Porter and both parties brought before the Board - he preferred further charges of great impropriety in the conduct of the Establishment, which the Board cannot believe to be well founded as they have the highest confidence in both Master and Matron, and have always found the house in most satisfactory order, and he appears so perfectly insubordinate that it is impossible that he and the Master can go on together and the Guardians pray the attention of the Commissioners thereto and that they will take such steps for his dismissal as may be requisite.

On

On the suggestion of Mr. O'Brien, Poor Law Inspector,
Resolved that one of the Pigs be killed, and given to the Sumates on Christmas day.

That James Thorngate and M. Linn Esqrs. be appointed a Visiting Committee for the ensuing week.

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on
day of Friday the 8th
December 1854.

(Signed)

B. Heill

Clerk of the Union.

14 and 15 Vic., c. 68,
[No. 27.]

MINUTES of PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS of the Mount Bellus
UNION, on Fri day, the 1st day of December 1854,
—continued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET:—MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT, 14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68; and
NUISANCES REMOVAL AND DISEASES PREVENTION ACTS, 1848 & 1849.

An Estimate of Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officer of the Killieroran
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:

Ordered, That the Medicines be procured from
the Contracting Messrs. Boyleans Brothers Dublin.

An Invoice of Medicines forwarded by the Contractors, for the
Dispensary District, in pursuance of an Order of the Board in their Minutes of
having been received from him, the Clerk laid the Invoice before the Board, and (was directed to
forward the same, or reported that he had forwarded the same, as the case may be,) to the Medical
Officer of the District, retaining a Copy of the Invoice for the use of the Guardians.

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:

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:)

	<i>Killieroran</i>	Dispensary District		
<i>Vamp'd Bal</i>	Account of <i>Mr. French</i>		for Salary to 29 Sep 53	Amount £ 20 -
<i>do</i>	<i>A Cunningham</i>	Porter	<i>do</i>	1 -
<i>do</i>	<i>Mr. E. D. Kelly</i>	Rent	<i>do</i>	1 - 5
	<i>Blonbrock</i>			
<i>do</i>	<i>Dr. Herons</i>	Salary to 29 Sept 53		20 -
<i>do</i>	<i>Patte Harde</i>	Rent	<i>do</i>	1 - 5

[This at the end of each half-year, in pursuance of Articles 28 and 29 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts, dated 16th December, 1853.]

An Account of the Expenses incurred for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, for the half-year ended 185 , having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all the Expenses of the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total Expense incurred for each Dispensary District for 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 vacancies 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 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 1, 2, and 3, of the General Regulations for Dispensary Districts.—The Clerk was also directed to supply Check Books of Medical Relief Tickets, (Forms E 1 and E 2,) in pursuance of Article 27 of the Dispensary Regulations, to the new Members of the Committees; namely:—

_____ Dispensary District, No. _____ 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 or the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts, 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 were made on them respectively as follows:)

Please Letter from _____ dated _____ stating that

M. Hellew Chairman
M. Hellew
As Secy. of Board of Guardians

(Signed) _____
M. Hellew
 Clerk of the Union.

Mount Pellem UNION.

Population in 1851, 22,790

Present Net Annual Value, £3,115

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the 2nd day of Decr. 1854.

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, 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.				Total.	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Hospital on the above date.		No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date.
Workhouse,	700	189													
Temporary Buildings,															
Additional Workhouse,															
Permanent Fever Hospital,															
Fever Sheds,															
Total,	700	189													
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return,			10	37	1	10	38	55	20	5	10	185	In Workhouse Hospital, 35 In Hospital, 2	In separate Wards, 1 In Wards with other inmates, 2	
Admitted during the Week,			1	4						1	1	8			
TOTAL,			11	41	1	10	38	55	20	6	11	193	Total, 35	Total, 2	
Discharged during the Week,			1	1						2	1	5			
Died,															
Total Discharged and Dead,			1	1						2	1	5			
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,			10	40	1	10	39	55	20	4	10	189			

Corresponding week last year decrease 277 88

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 2nd day of December 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.							Et. 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. forward							TOTAL,						

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on Friday the 8th day of December 1854

PRESENT: In the Chair, *Sir Michl D Hellew*

Other Guardians: *Denis H Kelly*
John C Evans
William Bruce and
Michl Carr Esqrs

The Minutes of last Meeting were read and Signed.

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 £ 50 s. 13 - 6 1/2

£ s. d.

Debit Provision Account, and Credit Invoice Account.

The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was - - 16 - 15 - 10 1/2

Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account.

And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was - 1/8 3/4

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:

- 210 lb Bread
- 21 lb Meat
- 150 Gal Milk
- 1/2 lb Tea
- 12 lb Sugar
- 1 Gal Porter
- 4 lb D. Candles
- 2 lb M. 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 2nd day of Dec; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief was

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

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. £ s. d.	By Order on Contractors.		RELIEF DISTRICT.	Name of Relieving Officer.	By Check on Treasurer. £ s. d.	By Order on Contractors.	
			Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.				Article and quantity.	Value. £ s. d.
No. I.					By 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.

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

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:

N^o 479 9/54
4 Dec^r 54

Circular from Poor Law Commissioners requesting to be furnished with a return respecting the Rates made and any new Rates made in the Union down to the end of November

N^o 41-316-1854
7 Dec^r 54

Letter acknowledging the Receipt of Minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians on the 1st instant containing a resolution requesting the Commissioners sanction the employment of 12 men for a week or 10 days to dig ground attached to the Workhouse and in reference to the Commissioners bills raise no objection to the course proposed under the Circumstances stated in the Minutes

N^o 41-316-54
7 Dec^r 54

Letter referring to the Minute contained in Minutes of proceedings of the Board on the 1st inst. stating that Charges have been preferred by the Porter at the Workhouse against the Matron which the Guardians believe to be not well founded & requesting the Commissioners attention thereto with a view to the Dismissal of the Porter. The Commissioners request that the particulars charged against the Matron may be stated on the Minutes & on receipt of this information they will take the subject again into consideration

Ordered, That the Charges of the Porter now received in writing be transmitted to the Poor Law Commissioners

1st Dec^r 54

Read Letter from the Education Office stating that the Commissioners of National Education have on the recommendation of the Agricultural Inspector awarded the following Gratuities: viz:
45 lb. Pat. Sugar Master Agriculturist:

2 lb. M. Lewis Teacher of the School for the half year ended 30th Sept 1854.

16 Dec^r 54

Letter from Balmaloe Union acknowledging the Receipt of Cheques for £58 & 45 80. and £58. 18. 2 and enclosing the Treasurers receipt for £1452 - 5 - 5 being the amt of cheque issued by Balmaloe Union in exchange

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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 - - - - - 1

Ditto disallowed - - - - - 2

The number of applicants admitted to the Workhouse was - - - - - 2

The number of cases of provisional Out-door relief was - - - - - 1

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 - - - - - 1

The number of applicants for whom relief was not ordered *Repealed* 1

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.)

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14 and 15 Vic., c. 68.
[No. 27.]

MINUTES of PROCEEDINGS of the BOARD of GUARDIANS of the Mount Bellew
UNION, on Fri day, the 7th day of December 1854,
—continued.

SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET:—MEDICAL CHARITIES ACT, 14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68; and
NUISANCES REMOVAL AND DISEASES PREVENTION ACTS, 1848 & 1849.

*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:*

*An Invoice of Medicines forwarded by the Contractor, for the
Dispensary District, in pursuance of an Order of the Board in their Minutes of
having been received from him, the Clerk laid the Invoice before the Board, and (was directed to
forward the same, or reported that he had forwarded the same, as the case may be,) to the Medical
Officer of the District, retaining a Copy of the Invoice for the use of the Guardians.*

*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 15
day of Decr. 1854.

(Signed) [Signature]
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 28 and 29 of the General Rules for Dispensary Districts, dated 16th December, 1853.]
An Account of the Expenses incurred for the service of each Dispensary District in the Union, for the half-year ended _____ 185____, having been submitted to the Board, the Clerk was directed to furnish to the Committee of each Dispensary District a statement of all the Expenses of the District which have been included in the half-year's accounts. The following is the total Expense incurred for each Dispensary District for 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 any vacancies 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 give the prescribed Notification to the Members elected, and to the Medical Officers of the respective Dispensary Districts, in pursuance of Articles 1, 2, and 3, of the General Regulations for Dispensary Districts.—The Clerk was also directed to supply Check Books of Medical Relief Tickets, (Forms E 1 and E 2,) in pursuance of Article 27 of the Dispensary Regulations, to the new Members of the Committees; namely:—

_____ 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 or the Nuisances Removal and Diseases Prevention Acts, 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 were made on them respectively as follows:)

Recd a Letter from _____ dated _____ stating that _____

(Signed)

B. Keilly

Clerk of the Union.

Travellers Relief UNION.

Population in 1851, *22,790*

Present Net Annual Value, £ *31,805*

STATE of the WORKHOUSE for the Week ending Saturday, the

9th day of *Decr* 1854.

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.				Total.	No. of Lunatics in Hospital on the above date.	
Workhouse,	<i>700</i>	<i>192</i>												
Temporary Buildings,														
Additional Workhouse,														
Permanent Fever Hospital,														
Fever Sheds,														
Total,		<i>700</i>												
Remaining on previous Saturday, } as per last Return,			<i>10</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>18</i>	In Workhouse Hospital, } <i>35</i> In separate Wards, } In Fever Hospital, } <i>2</i> In Wards with other inmates, } Total, <i>35</i>	
Admitted during the Week,			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>		
TOTAL,			<i>10</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>		
Discharged during the Week,														
Died,														
Total Discharged and Dead,														
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE,			<i>10</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>75</i>

Corresponding week last year

RETURN OF DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 9 day of *Decr*, 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.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	Pt. forward	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>
No. II.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	No. X.						
No. III.	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	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	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	TOTAL	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

COPY of MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on *Friday* the 15 day of *December* 1854

PRESENT: In the Chair, *Lord Clonbrock*

Other Guardians:

Mr. Michl. D. Kellew
Charles Fitzgerald Esq.
William Cruise 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. 1677 to No. 1679, 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:

The Clerk reported that the sum of £7.11.0¹/₄ charged against Mr O'Reilly, rate collector, has been reduced by a credit of £1.14.1

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.
Michl. Keme	Killowren Tangaroo					26	11	9	
						24	11	9	
									47
Michl. Keganon	Chapelton Rushmartin Dunlop Mount Bellew					50	15	12	
						50	8	8	
						66	6	38	
						119	7	11	
									355
Andrew Stone	Killium Castlemore	12	14			66	3	66	
		57	19			65	11	5	
				14	13				167
Thomas Stone	Obanoch Cunnagh					67	19	52	
						97	19	52	
									146
Patrick O'Reilly	Castlemore Mount Dazel Derryglas Castlemore					198	10	11	
						150	15	1	
						242	12	11	
						194	15	0	
									786
						64	13		1436

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 £ 18 10 s. 8 1/2 d.

£ s. d.

Debit Provision Account, and Credit Invoice Account.

The Cost of Provisions and Necessaries consumed was - - - 17 11 5 1/2

Debit Maintenance Account, and Credit Provision Account.

And the general average Cost of an Inmate for the week was - 1/3

Average cost in Infirmary, - - - - 2/4

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:

300 lb Bread
 24 lb Meat
 150 Gallons Milk
 1 lb Tea
 12 lb Sugar
 5 lb Scented Candles
 2 lb Scented 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 4 day of Dec; whereby it appeared that in that week the Total Expenditure in Out-door Relief was

In money, - - - - £ s. d.
 In kind, - - - -
 Total, - - - - 1/2

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.

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

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:)

42326. 1854
14th Decr 54

Letter from Poor Law Commissioners stating that Mr O'Brien, Poor Law Inspector, had been instructed to hold an inquiry upon oath into the truth of the charges prepared by the Posters against the Master & Overseers of the Workhouse.

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Mr Joyce, Collector, appeared before the Board for the examination of the state of his collection,

15 Decr 54

Read letter from Mr O'Reilly, Collector, stating that being unavoidably obliged to be in prison he could not attend before the Board on his day as required, but he forwarded his Books for examination.

The Clerk laid before the Board the audited abstracts of the Accounts of the Union for the last year ended 29th September last, which were signed by the Chairman.

That Denis O'Reilly and Michael Carr Esq^{rs} be appointed a visiting Committee.

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