

COPY OF LETTER BOOK. ELHAM UNION WORKHOUSE

May 6th 1842

Letter 1

Letter regarding admission of two boys to Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary Margate.

Letter 2

Half a £5 note sent to Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary as payment by Guardians for boys admission. Other half to be sent on acknowledgement confirming admission. Boys to follow.

Letter 3

Letter to Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary that boys came back 'lousy' and complaining of mismanagement.

Elham Union

The Board of Guardians
Elham Union

Dear Sirs
I am directed by the Board of Guardians
to inform you that a Pauper of the name of
John Sedgewick stating himself to belong to
the Parish of Elham in the Elham Union
is now in the Union Workhouse and
it is your duty to enquire if you have any
information of him and if you do not
maintain him in the Workhouse as a pauper
he shall be removed from the said Parish

I have the honor to be
Dear Sirs
Yours Obedient Servant
J. Thompson Clerk

a) Pauper of another parish

Letter Bk 2

Elham Union
Tullwood B. Aug 1841

To the Poor Law
Commissioners
Somerset House
London

Dear Sirs
I am directed by the Board of Guardians
to enquire of you whether you will sanction the
expenditure of Forty Pounds or thereabouts from the
Poor Rates of Elham Parish in emigrating a pauper
woman and her family (7 Children) belonging to this
Parish now in the Union Workhouse. Her Husband
sometime ago absconded to the United States of America
and left her destitute. She is very desirous of being
sent out to him and the Rate-payers of Elham
Parish are equally desirous that it should be so
for if she continues here the expense must be
added to the Parish. The rate-payers would gladly
pay the above sum for the purpose of getting
this woman and her family to her Husband.
The Guardians also consider it desirable to
emigrate this family.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sirs
Yours Obedient Servant
J. Thompson Clerk

b) Emigration to United States of America

Letter Bk 1

To the Two Law Gentlemen,
Commissioners
Towers
House
London

Elham Union

Dated 28th Aug 1841

The Board of Guardians have had the enclosed papers laid before them, resolved to raising a sum of money viz £20 from the Poor Rate of Holywell Parish for the purpose of emigrating a poor family belonging to this Parish to Canada. I am directed by the Guardians to inform you that they see no objection to this sum being applied from the Poor Rate of Holywell Parish for the said purpose.

I am Gentlemen,
Yours very obedt Servant
Robt Thompson
Clerk

a) Australia

Letter Book 1

To the Secretary
to the Colonial
Land and Emigration
Company
9, Park Street
Westminster.

Elham Union

Dated 14th Nov 1841

I am directed by the Board of Guardians to apply to you relative to a woman and her 4 children who are in the Elham Union Workhouse. She wishes to obtain a free passage to Hobart Town New South Wales. Her husband is a convict there, has a free ticket to get his living in any part of the Colony but not to leave it. He has been there 7 years.

The woman's name is	Ann Miller	years	36
Her children	Ann		11
	Elizabeth		12
	John		10
	James		5

The Guardians will thank you to inform them prior to Thursday next whether the woman's wishes in this respect can be accomplished.

I am the Servant
Robt Thompson
Clerk

b) Canada

Letter Book 2

ELHAM UNION

A notice of Application for an Order of Bastardy was signed by the Guardians present on William Hatches charged with being the putative father of a male bastard child of Mary Hughes belonging to the Parish of St. Leonard Hythe.

Also an Application for Order to the Magistrates of the Borough of Hythe to cause the said William Hatches to reimburse such Parish for the Maintenance and Support of the said Child.

a) Bastardy Order

Minute Book C

The Messrs
of the Poor
Elham

Elham Union
Lymington June 26th 1840
The Board of Guardians particularly wish you to make all the enquiry you can to find out what has become of Thomas Featherstone who has left his wife and Family chargeable to the Parish of Elham now in the Union Workhouse. The Board request that you will send them with any information that you may obtain relative to Featherstone.

I am Gentlemen

Your Obedt Servant
Robert Thompson Clerk

b) Desertion By Husband

Letter Book I

Mr William Hill
of the Poor
Elham

Elham Union
Lymington June 26th 1840
I am directed by the Board of Guardians of the Elham Union to inform you that your father Richard Hodge is now in this Union Workhouse and that unless you can make some arrangement to support him out of the Workhouse that the Board will call upon you to repay the cost of his maintenance in the House. Please to inform the Board what course you intend to pursue.

I am Sir

Your Obedt Servant
Robert Thompson Clerk

Mt Rainbow
10 Pall Mall
London

Elham Union
Saltwood Kent May 6 1842
Sir I herewith transmit to you the recommendation
of the Chairman of the Board of Guardians for
the admission of two boys into the Royal Sea
Bathing Infirmary at Margate.

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your very Obedt Servt
R Thompson Clerk

Mt Rainbow
16 Pall Mall
London
Royal Sea
Bathing Infirmary
Office

Elham Union
Saltwood Kent 13th May 1842
Sir I herewith enclose the half part of a five pound note,
the remainder I will forward to you when you acknowledge
the receipt of this letter, being the payment of the
Guardians of this Union on account of Featherstone
and Burrett two boys about to be admitted into the
Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary at Margate. The
Boys will be conveyed to the Infirmary in the course
of a day or two. I presume they will be admitted.

Your very Obedt Servt
R Thompson Clerk

Memorandum 19th May 1842. Forwarded Mr. Rainbow the
Remainder of the £5. note. R.T.

Joseph Rainbow Esq
Royal Sea Bathing
Infirmary Office
16 Pall Mall
London

Elham Union Kent
Lyons 10th 1842
I am directed by the Board of Guardians
to lay the following communication before
you relative to two boys Richard Burrett and
Thomas Featherstone who were sent to the Margate
Sea Bathing Infirmary from the Workhouse
in May last. Viz. That Thomas Featherstone one
of the boys has returned with the itch and
his head very dirty and that neither of the
boys appear to have reaped the least benefit,
but in fact are not so well as before they
went there. The Board consider that there
must have been some mismanagement in the
Infirmary with regard to those boys and feel
it their duty to lay the subject before you
waiting your reply thereupon.

I have the honor to be &c
R Thompson Clerk

1 Mother
to the
Children
Boston
1840

The Board took into consideration a paper concerning
the employment of ^{children} in the workhouse in relation
to food and lodging afforded to them.

It was ordered - by the Guardians of the Union
Union, at a Meeting of the Board, held this 26th
day of April 1844.

That the Master of the Workhouse
of the Union Union, do not carry ^{male} ^{persons}
not suffering under any temporary or permanent
infirmary of body, being an occasional poor person who
shall be released in the said workhouse, in return for
the food and lodging afforded to such person, to perform
the following tasks of work, that is to say:

To beat stones for two hours.

Provided that no such person shall be detained
against his will for the performance of such task of work
for any time exceeding four hours from the hour of
breakfast, on the morning next after admission.

And provided also that such amount of work
shall not be required from any person to whose age,
strength, and infirmity it shall appear not to be adapted.

Witness my hand & the seal of the
Guardians

It was further ordered by the Board.

That the Master of the Workhouse do keep
the able-bodied men in the workhouse ^{hard} and
not allow them as hitherto to work in the sub-
jardens.

Witness my hand on behalf of the Guardians
present.

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The Clerk states that the account made to the Medical Officers by the Surgeon in the Quarters for the ensuing year, was as follows.

and Sydenham

To have the Sum of £115. for attending the Workhouse, and the Parishes of St. Mary, Bersey, Paddeston, the Springs, Elmsdale and Helling. and to attend Midwifery cases when ordered at 10/- each case.

Mr. John Coleman - the Sum of £30. for attending the Paupers in the Town of Colchester, Parish of Colchester, New Kings (Livingfield), Keriton, except Langgate, in Hook and Horse Street, and Frampton, excepting the houses adjacent to the Midwifery Cases to be

Mr. Edward Jones the Sum of £48. for attending the Paupers in the Parishes of St. Peter, Safford, Langgate, in Chelton Colchester Parish and Colchester, and that part of the Parish of Frampton near to St. Peter. Midwifery cases at 10/- each case.

Mr. St. W. P. Cook the Sum of £34. for attending the Paupers in the Parishes of Lyng, Safford, Helling, Frampton, Market Street, Postling. Midwifery cases when ordered at 10/- each case.

Signed on behalf of the Guardians, present
Jesse Pickett Residing Chairman.