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The Board took into consideration a letter received from the Poor Law Commissioners on the subject of the employment of prisoners in the workhouse in return for food and lodging afforded to them.

It was ordered by the Guardians of the Elham Union, at a meeting of the Board, held on the 26th day of April 1844.

That the Master of the Workhouse of the Elham Union, do not carry ^{with} adults, persons not suffering under any temporary or permanent infirmity 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 persons, to perform the following tasks of work, that is to say:-

To break stones for two hours.

Provided that no such person shall be employed against his will for the performance of such tasks 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 capacity it shall appear not to be more than

James Dick & Thompson
Wm. to the Guardians

It was further ordered by the Board.

That the Master of the Workhouse, do keep the able-bodied men in the workhouse yard and not allow them as hitherto to work in the new garden.

Agreed on behalf of the Guardians present.
Thomas Mount.
Chairman

The Clerk states that the arrangement made with the Medical Officers to attend the Paupers in the Union for the ensuing year, was as follows.

Wm. Pitts

and John Toke the sum of £115. for attending the Workhouse, and the Parishes of Elham, Arise, Paddeston, the Springs, Elmsted and Helling - and to attend Midwifery Cases when ordered at 10/- each Case.

Mr. Wm. Peterson - the sum of £30. for attending the Paupers in the Town of Folkestone, Parish of Folkestone, (Marriage Street, Springfield), Kenton, except Druggate, in both one, Home Street, and Trington, excepting the houses adjacent to the Midwifery Cases Office.

Mr. Edward Jones the sum of £48 for attending the Paupers in the Parishes of Hythe, Sallwood, Druggate, in Cheriton, Folkestone Parish and Folkestone, and that part of the Parish of Trington near to Hythe. Midwifery Cases at 10/- each Case.

Mr. H. W. Clark the sum of £24 for attending the Paupers in the Parishes of Lynper, Sallings, Heston, Tringford, North Street, Postling, Midwifery Cases when ordered at 10/- each Case.

signed on behalf of the Guardians, present

Wm. Pitche Resident Chairman.