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Gentlemen

Seeing an Advertisement in the Mercury  
Saying you was in want of a person to undertake the  
management of your Workhouse at Lawkland  
I therefore have taken the Liberty of writing to you  
to Enquire some Particulars respecting it, as I make little  
Doubt of Doing your Business to your satisfaction  
if Terms should suite, as I have frequently made out  
the Deputies of Property & Assessed Taxes the Books  
for poor Rates Highways &c. have not been Governor of  
Any Workhouse, but know something of Towns Business  
I shall be obliged if you return me a Line by the Post  
mentioning the Salary intended. Terms on which an  
agreement would be Desired if regular Expenses going  
on the Overseers Business how long before wanted I could  
come over if it should be likely to suite.

I am Your Humble Servant

As we have five children  
The youngest 3 years old  
that would not be more  
2 or 3 to go with us  
Age forty can get a  
recommendation if required

Wm Priestley

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To the Overseer of the Poor  
For the Township of  
Lowland  
Near  
Settle

Post  
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To the Overseer  
of Sawkland,  
Pitford near Little.

Wm  
M Brown  
Addington



Sir

Addingham, n. Supton,  
26.<sup>th</sup> Feb 1823.

On looking over the Leeds Mercury  
of the 22<sup>d</sup> Instant, I observed an Advertisement  
for a Governor of your Workhouse, for which Place  
I beg leave to become a Candidate. I am a mar-  
ried Man forty two years of Age, without Chil-  
dren, and flatter myself to be fully competent to  
undertake the management of the above Establi-  
ment. I am at present engaged in the Duties of  
a School in this Village, but should prefer a  
Situation of the above description. Testimonials  
respecting Character &c may be had on Application  
to the Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Coates, Addingham. A few Lines  
stating Particulars of the Situation will be thank-  
fully received by You,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. Braime.

To the Overseer of  
Lanctons.

Addingham, March 28<sup>th</sup> 1823

Sir,

I have taken the liberty to trouble you with these lines in answer to yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> Instant; and to inform you that I can not think of undertaking the Management of the Workhouse for no less a salary than thirty five pounds per year; if therefore you think I shall have any chance for the situation you will give me advice accordingly

I remain

Sir

Your most obedient servant

R Braime

Mr. Thomas Ingleby  
Leeklands

Capon Mill 29<sup>th</sup> Mar: 1723

Sir, I think Mr. Beaver Tho. Cur  
& his Wife suitable people to take the  
Management of your Workhouse - Tho.  
is well qualified to keep the House acct.<sup>ts</sup>  
& in other respects he is able to manage  
what is required on his part - He knows  
Weaving & he knows husbandry very well  
in short he has a good general Idea (as  
most men) of any thing, & his Wife is a  
very clean Woman, orderly in her House  
& can Cook & manage the things belonging  
to a House as well as most Women.

They had the management of our  
Apprentice House upwards of four years  
(where there was 60 to 80 Apprentices)  
with the assistance of two Servants -

If they are fortunate enough to be elected  
I have not the least doubt but they  
will give satisfaction - I am, Sir

Your mo<sup>st</sup> Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>  
Tho. Capstick  
Bookkeeper  
To Sam<sup>l</sup>. Greg<sup>o</sup>

Sir,

I was Surgeon for Cotton Mill the time  
Tho. Carr & his wife was there, and believe Mr. Capstick's  
account to be true

William Wildman Surgeon

Sir

I had to come to Clapham  
this morning and thought  
of coming to Lawkland

But I understand your workhouse  
does not go forward therefore  
I thought it of no use

But if it does go forward you  
may write to to me if you please  
and I will <sup>come</sup> to Lawkland any time  
you appoint me then talk about  
wage your mo<sup>st</sup> obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>

Tho Carr



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LONDON

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To the Overseer of the Parish,  
of Lankland,  
near Jettle.

10 March  
J. M. Manchester  
Leeds

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To the Curseer of the Parish of Sawkland,

Sir,

A fortnight has now elapsed since I replied to an Advertisement in Mr. Baines's Paper, respecting the Situation of a Waster to your Poor-house, I referred you to the Rev. & Mr. Hodgkinson of Otley, who wrote to Mr. Dodgson of Skipton, to explain my Character and capability of fulfilling the Situation.

I paid the Postage of the Letter, and not being favoured with your answer I am apprehensive the Letter has miscarried, I am waiting in great suspense for an answer, and shall feel myself greatly obliged by you favouring me with one.

I am, Sir, Your most Obedient Servant

Leeds. March 9<sup>th</sup> 1823

7 Green Row - Mal Gate

Samuel Winkler

As I observed in my former letter I am well aware of  
my Capability of fulfilling the Situation in every respect  
according to the tenor of the Advertisement, and have to  
beg as a favour you will favour me <sup>with</sup> an Answer to satisfy me  
if there is any probability of my being appointed to fulfill  
the Situation —

March 25<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Geo. Shackleton  
Wellington  
New Zealand  
Settle

Post Office <sup>near</sup>

For: 3/6  
See to



Luds March 18<sup>th</sup> 1823

Sir I received your letter on Monday  
last, and find ~~that~~ that an Election do not  
take place till about the middle of next  
month. I find the quantity in the Workhouse  
are not so many as I expected.  
and in respect of the house I con-  
sider myself able to manage them. You  
mention about the Master setting the paupers  
their work, but I am sorry to find you  
did not mention what sort of work. I sup-  
pose it must be Cotton Weaving a thing I  
am very well acquainted with. I consider  
my Wife able to give Satisfactory assistance  
The Management of such a Concern. you  
mention that the Master & Mistresses will  
have to find their own Tea & Sugar &c

so according to your statement we cannot  
undertake such a Situation under Forty  
Pounds per Annum if any Proposals meet  
with the Approbation of the Gentlemen  
of your Community you may apply to John  
Hobblethwaite Esq Woodhouse Lane Leeds  
a Gentleman that is very well acquainted  
with our Character and Abilities

I am Sir your Humble Servant

Henry Catterall

Shaws Yard Cross Parish Leeds

To the Treasurer  
of Lawkland  
near Settle

Post Paid

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Leds February 19<sup>th</sup> 1823

Sir  
Seeing an Advertisement in the  
Leds Mercury that you was in want  
of A Governor to undertake the Management  
of the Workhouse at Lawkland I  
beg to know the Salary given and  
the Particulars of the engagement  
such a person will have to fulfill  
I shall be able to produce a good  
Character I am a Married man without  
Children and were an about Thirty Six  
Years of Age my Wife is fully Competent  
to undertake the Management of a large  
concern as she has been among Cooking all  
her Life



Please to give me an <sup>early</sup> answer and state  
the number of Saupers in the Workhouse  
I am Sir your Obedient Servant

Henry Catterall  
Shaws Yard  
Cross Street  
Leeds

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1837  
MAY 31  
NEW YORK

South  
at New York

The Corner of the Poor  
Sawklana  
No 122  
York<sup>e</sup>  
said

Sawklana



Methuen 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar 1823

Dear Sir

In consequence of seeing an advertisement in ye Leeds Mercury that I had not the opportunity of coming over. I now take this liberty to address you. They leave to state that for the last fifteen years have lived with the late Mr Peter Wilson and his Exors of this Town as Clerk Agent the reason of me being out of employ am sorry to say owing to their late embarrassment in Circumstances I observe the Election is appointed on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst. - I shall be grateful if you will by return of Post drop me a line stating the nature & Value of the Situation and also whether you would have any objections to agree for a Term of Years should I be so fortunate as to meet your approbation you may rely upon my utmost exertions to give you every Satisfaction - I am a Married Man 45 yrs of Age & a Son & Daughter both grown up aged at present in Situallibus -

For three successive years acted as  
perpetual Currier poor & Surveyor of the  
Highways made the Assessments & Collected  
them during in Mr Wilsons Employment,

I have had a short interview with  
Mr John Shillito (Farmer of this place)  
who I believe is known in your Neighbour-  
hood but he could give me only little  
information any reference you could  
wish he will be able to furnish you with,  
or others if required. Waiting yours  
Remain Dear Sir

Your most Obedt Serv

W<sup>o</sup> Atha

Please to address  
Methley Mr.  
Ferrybridge

Mr. J. Shackleton  
Lawnland  
nr. Settle  
Yorkshire

Wm. Mark  
James Francis  
Chapman

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To the Overseers of the Poor of Lambland -  
Gentlemen)

James Spencer aged 58 and Isabella his Wife 57 are  
desirous of offering their services as Master & Mistress of your Poor House  
He is a weaver by trade and can write & keep accounts his wife while a  
widow was Mistress of our Poor House two years and we believe conducted  
herself honestly while in that situation, and we think they may suit  
you -

William Tule - Constable -      March 26 1823 -  
Rich<sup>d</sup>. Harrison (Visitor)

Wm Ashburner Guardian

To the Overseers &c I have only to state that  
should you elect me as Guardian of your Poor  
I shall and my wife undertake the same for  
£20 per annum I am your humble servant  
James Spencer, S<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

12 Dec 11

James Spencer  
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post paid

for the Overseer  
at Lawkland  
nr. P.M. Le  
Yorkshire

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I have seen an advertisement in the  
Lancaster paper, stating the want of  
a Governor for the workhouse at Lawkland  
but not perceiving thereby any particulars  
respecting a salary &c. I have to request  
that you will acquaint me by the first  
post with particulars, and also whether  
it be necessary for me to attend at that  
time when I shall offer myself as a fit  
person to fulfil the <sup>office</sup> with proper testimo-  
nials of my character. I have a wife  
but no family <sup>at home</sup> they being grown up, and my  
occupation in life has been for many  
years past a Schoolmaster.

I am your O<sup>b</sup>d<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

James Spencer  
Byrne  
W. Lane

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1723



To the Overseers of the  
Poor of Larkland  
Near Settle

12 March

Gentlemen  
seeing an advertisement in the newspaper  
that you was in want of a Master and Mistres  
at your Workhouse I beg leave to inquire what  
Salary you intend giving for at present my  
wife and me are Governours of the Workhouse at  
Tide but if we can meet with a better Salary we  
intend to remove and we have no Childer and  
if you please to send me a few lines by return of  
post to let me know and if you require personal  
attendance I can come on the day of Election and  
bring my Character along with me

Yours &c John Kitson

Tide Workhouse March 10<sup>th</sup> 1723

Direct to Tide near Bradford

Mr Shackleton

Overseer of the Poor, of the Parish,  
of Lambland,  
near Settle.

Paid

29 March

Mrs. Shackleton,  
Sir,

In answer to your Letter dated the 11<sup>th</sup> Instant, so far  
as regards the keeping of Accounts I am persuaded I shall be  
found capable to any extent, in respect to enforcing the regulations  
you mention and paying strict attention to the Business and  
Rules of the House, whatever instructions are laid down to me,  
or injunctions be given, if invested with proper power and Authority,  
I shall take due care every thing is done in a regular and  
proper manner, So far as regards my Wife, I am persuaded  
few Women are to be found more capable to fulfill the situation,  
as regards Cooking, Chauling, and keeping the Linnen &c in repair,  
I am persuaded two People without any Incumbrance could  
scarcely be found more capable to fulfill such a Situation,  
it may not appear well to sound our own Trumpet so loudly,  
but these circumstances are well known to those by whom we  
are known, & it is in such a number of People there are both  
Women or Children that will want Garments of every Description  
cutting out to the best advantage and seeing to the making of  
them, provided there are made in the House my wife is  
Capable to manage that department.

In regard to Salary I am totally at a loss what to say I  
have advised with several Friends and all appear equally at a loss,  
I am willing to take it as low any other Person, and our joint  
expectations being required, to fulfill the Duties of your  
Establishment, It is supposed you will not consider 25<sup>th</sup> Per  
Annuum too much for such a Situation, when you take in  
Account what is required for us to find, independant of wearing  
Apparel &c, I am induced to state this low Sum, for two reasons,  
first, because it is a part of the Country we should wish to live in,  
a second reason is, I have been informed I shall find liberality  
in your proceedings, that if you find our exertions tend to your  
Interest, which I doubt not but you will, you will take it into  
consideration to add a little at a future Period to the Salary  
now mentioned, It will be our mutual study to conduct  
ourselves with strict Honesty and decorum to gain respect and  
give every Satisfaction.

Allow me again to say Sir, I am willing to take the  
Situation at the lowest Salary given in, though probable  
should a smaller Sum have been given in, it may be by those  
not so capable of fulfilling the Situation, and it is considered  
for the honour of two People, to appear in any way

respectable the sum I have mentioned will not be considered  
exorbitant or in any way Extravagant.

I'm hopes of which, and waiting your answer soon as  
Convenient,

I am, Sir, Your Obedient, Humble, Servant,

James Winchester

Leeds March 26, 1820.

Please to direct me at Mr. Hardcastles  
Station,  
Cross Paris St,  
Leeds

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To y<sup>e</sup> Overseers of the Poor  
of the Parish of Sawkland,  
Post Office near Settle.

21 Feb 17



To the Overseers of the Parish of Lawkland,  
Gentlemen,

Seeing an advertisement in the  
Banner Paper of Saturday last of a Person being wanted  
as Governour of your Poor House, I beg leave to offer  
my Services, not doubting from the Advertisement  
I am competent to undertake the Situation in every  
respect, in respect to Age I am as well as my Wife in  
the Maturity of Life, no Children, and both capable  
of fulfilling an engagement of the kind and I  
have no doubt but to be able to give entire satisfaction.

My Character may be known by applying to  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Hodgkinson of Oby, as well as my  
Ability to fulfill the Situation, Mr Hodgkinson is  
acquainted with my making this application, and in

consequence of which He will write to Dr. Rogers of  
Wrighton respecting the Quakers, I have no doubt but  
you and the Prisoners will have every satisfaction  
respecting my Character and respectability, as well  
as capability of fulfilling the situation in Question.

Waiting your Answer,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Most Obedt<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

James Winchurst

Leeds Feb<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> - 1823

at Mrs. Aetherlands,

Green Row,

and Gate.



27 Feb

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Post Paid

To the Overseer of Lowthland  
near Little

Yorkshire

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Leds February 24 1823

Sir

In looking over the Mercury I found that you will be in want of a Governor and Governour in your workhouse on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March next, the Advertisement states that one that as a wife and no family will be preferred, I am, for fifty five years of age and my wife forty three and no family and with respecting to Testimonials of Character. The names of the Gentlemen you will find on the other side, Sir you will mind I was a Candidate for the situation of Chief Constable, for the Borough of Leds and them is the Testimonials I shall lay down before you, or if needfull I can get fresh ones, will you be so kind as to inform me what the salary is to the above, and if I chance to get the situation I will assure you I shall make myself very usefull in the Towns Business you will mind there is so many people looking out for such like situations, that it would be harttise coming over to your Place to see about it, if you will inform me, thus, that if your Townshipp will display the exherences of me coming over, I shall be very glad to wate upon them on or before the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March and I will give them the greatest satisfaction, and by so doing sir I am your most Obed<sup>t</sup> & Humble servant William Aldred