

Conditions, upon which the Townships of Austwick, Clapham and Newby and the parish of Horton in Ribblesdale (or any of them), will be permitted to unite and join with the Township of Lawkland in keeping and maintaining the poor belonging to the aforesaid places.

A visitor ~~is~~ to be appointed annually, by the ^{Guardians of the} Townships or places uniting to inspect and manage the affairs of the Workhouse generally.

A Guardian is to be appointed by each Township or place; whose duty will be to attend at the Workhouse in Lawkland, on the first Wednesday in every month by ten o'clock in the forenoon, to examine the accounts. - To pay the money due and any sum or sums that may be required in advance.

A Governor and Governess, to be hired to conduct the business of the house; whose wages together with all other particular expenses; shall be borne and defrayed by the Townships or places uniting.

with Lawkland, in proportion to an average of their respective expenditures upon the poor, within the three years immediately preceding Easter 1823.

The poorhouses recently erected at Lawkland, to be rented with the gardens and out offices at the annual sum of Twenty Guineas for the term of years the Townships or places uniting to keep the same in good and sufficient repair (main walls and timber only excepted) to pay all parochial and other rates or annual payments:— and if any alterations, improvements or additional buildings or erections, shall be made for the accommodation of a more numerous family; such alterations improvements and additional buildings; shall be deemed as particular expences: and shall be paid for by the Townships or places uniting accordingly; and shall belong to, and be the exclusive property of the Township of Lawkland; at the end or sooner determination of the above mentioned term. The rent also to be a particular expence,

and paid in the proportion mentioned
and in like manner as the Wages to
the Governor and Governess.

The furniture now in the House, to be
valued and paid for, together with such
new furniture Tools and utensils, as
may be wanted: by the Townships or places
uniting in the proportion before men-
tioned and as particular expences.

A Bond, to be executed by the Guardians
of each Township or place; to be paid
for in the like proportion; and to be
drawn for the term of years, with a pro-
viso for any Township or place to withdraw
from the firm or partnership at the end
of any three years during the aforesaid
term; having previously given 12 months
notice of such intention, and forfeiting
their share in the concern. And if at
any time, during the term for which the
Bond may be drawn; the number of
paupers sent in, shall be considered too
great for the capacity of the Workhouse;
this number shall be reduced by each
Township or place; in proportion to their
respective Rates, for the payment of

particular expenses.

The paupers sent in from the different Townships or places, shall have on their first appearance; clean and decent clothing, and to be furnished from time to time, with such clothes and apparel as shall be approved of, by the Visitor and Governor.

The maintenance of the poor as well as all other general expenses of house-keeping; to be paid by the Townships or places sending the paupers: according to the weekly average per Head.

If at any time there should be more Paupers than the House can conveniently accommodate, each Township shall withdraw Paupers from the House in proportion to the Rent they severally pay.

At a Meeting of the Owners or Occupiers of Lands
tenements or hereditaments within the Township
of Lawkland held this 27th day of Jan^r 1823 for the
purpose of entering into an agreement to unite
with the Township of Austwick and Parish of Horton
in Ribblesdale in the Workhouse at Lawkland and
providing for the maintenance and employment
of the Poor pursuant to the Statute made in the
22nd year of his late Majesty King George the 3rd
It is resolved

That the Township of Lawkland do unite with
the Township of Austwick & the Parish of Horton
in Ribblesdale for the aforesaid purposes & that
the said Township of Lawkland do adopt in all
respects the provisions, rules, orders, and regulations
and comply with all the requisites prescribed by
the said Act of the 22nd of George the third inti-
tuled "an act for the better relief and employment
of the Poor."

It is resolved

That a Bond shall be executed by the Guardians
of the Poor of each respective Township binding
the parties to the rules & regulations of the above
recited Act for the term of years and that
Mr. Picard be requested to draw the Bond.

It is resolved

That the following conditions be adopted & inserted in the Bond.

1st That the Parties uniting shall pay for the Work-house Gardens and out Offices the annual Rent of ~~£~~ 21 and all rates & annual payments with which the same may be charged and keep the same in good & tenantable repair (main Walls & Timber excepted.)

2nd Should it be deemed necessary during the above term that any alterations or additional Buildings should be erected, the Township of Lawkland shall be at the sole expence and the Townships uniting pay an additional Rent for the same after the rate of 7 per cent upon the money so laid out.

~~3rd If at any time there should be more Paupers than the House can conveniently accommodate each Township shall withdraw Paupers from the House in proportion to the Rent they severally pay~~

4th Any Township shall be allowed to withdraw from the Union at the end of any three years during the term by giving one years notice of such intention and forfeiting ^{or the half of} all right and interest in their share of the goods chattels & implements in the Workhouse.

It is resolved

That if the Township of Austwick and Parish of
Horton in Ribblesdale do agree to unite with the
Township of Lawkland a Governor & Governesse
shall be immediately advertized for, and the
housekeeping & all other concerns relating to the
united Townships shall commence on the 17th day
of April next

The Guardians of the poor of the said several
Townships and Parish shall from time to time
provide suitable conveyances, ^{to Church on Sundays} for the ~~poor~~
and infirm paupers who may be sent to the
said Workhouse and cause the others to go
to the same place

The Guardians of the poor of the said several Townships and Parish
for the time being shall from time to time provide suitable conveyances
to Church on Sundays and at other times when divine worship shall
be celebrated, for the old and infirm paupers and children who may be sent
to the said Workhouse; and to cause ^{all} ~~other~~ paupers to attend divine worship
who are able to walk thither

already, but we shall stop all further proceedings until
we are better assured of your consent than your letter
to Mr. Dawson seems to warrant.
Sir.

I am very much astonished to find
that we have not your approbation in
uniting the Parish of Hoxton & township
of Anstwick with the township of Lawkland
in the Workhouse already erected at Lawkland
We built the house ^{with your approbation &} ~~entirely for our own~~
~~use~~ we always understood it to be your wish that
~~the township of Anstwick & the township of Lawkland~~
~~some of the neighbouring townships should~~
~~the neighbourhood could build one that~~
~~incorporate with us in consequence we tried~~
~~to unite you in with them we built it~~
~~them all we found none willing except Anstwick~~
~~larger than we conceived sufficient for our~~
~~and Hoxton. Clapham with Newby have refused~~
~~township in consequence we fashioned a~~
~~portion of at each end for two cottages & we~~
~~have since found that part set apart as a~~
~~Workhouse too large for our Township &~~
~~we have never had more than 9 Paupers in~~
~~it sometimes only 5 we thought by adding the~~
~~cottages to it we could take in Clapham & Anstwick~~

Clapham has refused. Anstwick has agreed
as has also the Parish of Horton. now with
regard to Paupers going to church Lankland
& Anstwick have neither Church nor Chapel
Anstwick is two miles from Church the Work
house is $2\frac{1}{2}$ & it is the opinion of the principal
Inhabitants of Anstwick, ^{that the paupers if in the work house} will get to church
much oftener than they have done, in fact they
never do go. Horton has a Church to be sure
but I am sorry to say & I say it from the best
authority there has not one pauper attended
divine service for some years except one
and he is the Sexton, besides a large portion
of the Paupers live at a village called Selside
upwards of 3 miles from Horton Church which
is the nearest. now if we take the Paupers of
the three townships altogether they will be full as
near church as they were before. You seem still
to cling to the hope of persuading Clapham

To build a Workhouse I am very certain in my own mind they never will, ~~suppose~~ they should build one Larkland would never agree to join with them for two reasons 1st because we have a house of our own already established which answers our utmost expectations & if we were to give it up to join with another we could make nothing of it as houses are bad to let in Larkland in consequence we sh^d. lose the money expended upon it. —

2^d Because we think there is nobody in Blapham either able or willing to manage it, the tenth rule at the end of the Act of 22 of Geo. 3^d says "That all the poor persons able to go to Church shall attend Divine service every Sunday" the act does not express that Workhouses shall be built near a Church. —

Austwick and Horton also decline joining with Blapham at a Poor house for the second reason I have given above, also because there would be a house to build & land to purchase which could not be finished in one or perhaps two years & they feel confident there is no time to be lost as the poor

in the present mode of management are so very heavy & the farmers so very much oppressed by the badness of the times that they are quite unable to pay the assessments at the present high rate they are at.

I have undertaken the management of uniting the above townships under the conviction that it was entirely with your approbation, from what I have heard you say on the subject at different times both at Syleton & Kirby I have seen Mr. Gibson upon the subject he told me he was willing ~~for~~ that we should unite as above in the Workhouse at Lowkland. he moreover said that he had no doubt but you w^d. too. & in consequence of what he & Mr. Dawson said to me we have advertised for a Governor & been at some expence besides we have also some alterations & improvements to make in the house an increase of furniture and bedding which ought all to be ready at the time, We have been at some expence & trouble

Lawkland
Austwick
Horton in
Ribblesdale

We the undersigned being a
majority of two thirds of the Guardians
of the Lawkland Incorporation
(consisting of the Parishes townships
and places named in the margin hereof)
in the West Riding of the County of
York, incorporated under an Act passed
in the 22^h y III chapter 83, intituled, "An
Act for the better relief and employment
of the Poor

Do hereby signify our
assent and give our concurrence to
the dissolution of the said Incorporation
according to the Provisions of an Act
passed in the 4.th & 5.th years of the reign

of his present Majesty King William
the fourth intituled an act for the
Amendment and better administration
of the laws relating to the Poor in
England and Wales

And we request that the
Poor Law Commissioners for England
and Wales will dissolve the said
Incorporation accordingly

And we give our consent as above
on condition that the Guardians
of the future Settle Union shall take
to the same interest in the Lawkland
Workhouse, which is now vested in the
Guardians of Lawkland incorporation

Witness our hands this 10th day
of December 1836

Henry Pollard Guardian for Austwick
John Redman Guardian for Horton

(Copy)

P. Downing Street London

10th Feb. 1823

Dear Sir —

It appears to me, that it would be well worth while to enquire and examine what are the grounds upon which the People of Newby expect that they have a chance of being separated from Clapham as to the maintenance of their poor. For if it should turn out that their case is such as to offer them no reasonable prospect of success (which is very probable) they may perhaps be more disposed to listen to the plan of a more extensive union: If I should have the means of seeing Mr. Oliver Furze in London, I should be glad to converse with him upon the subject: and I will make it my business immediately to enquire about him. It seems to me that we had better wait a little to try how things may turn out — Old infirm people are not very fond of being conveyed in a Cart; and the Cart perhaps would not always be forthcoming; Besides, bad weather is always a greater obstacle when the distance is considerable whatever conveyance may be provided, than when it is small, these things would make me pause a little were I at home and I have no doubt Mr. Gibson and my brother will think

with me

I remain

Dear Sir

Your faithful servant.

To Mr. Dawson

Wm Wilson Lewis Wilson

Providence

Dear Sir -

I send you the copy of a letter which I received from Mr. Cyrus Wilson respecting your intended incorporation, by which you will see that he wishes to consult Mr. Chas. Farnham upon the subject (if Mr. Farnham be in Providence) and in a short time you or myself may expect to hear from Mr. Wilson

I remain

Dear Sir

Yours &c faithfully

As Mr. Cyrus Wilson is now being at Boston at
Easton

I was born at Eldroth green known by they name of slaiter house
and lived with my father until I got married and my business was
a miller by trade they first place I farmed show and cow keeping
of Mr Tho Clapham of gylswick Calc Lainside known by
they name of peg taylor's rent was 5 pound a year Clear of
all scements and they next place was Croy how belonging to
to William Taylor they rent was 5 pound Clear of ses
and they ^{place} place to ketseck know by they name of gibsis
they rent for ^{no ses} husbandry was 4 pound 10 shilling per year
they property of Mr Coulter of garguar and from there
to heardin lair to a plain Calc marshes and they rent was
5 pound a year they property belongs gylswick soot
they next place was to greenelocce whear I farmed show and
cow keeping for which I gave 6 pound 6 shilling but Clear
of scements they property of Mr J M Lather and from
whear to milby whear I had show and cow keeping of
of they same war further at they samrent Clear of ses
and from there to smith head hall to miller at that mill
they found meadow I paid no rent and from there to
Wennington mill to miller for Mr John marie in cog asserday
he found meadow was 4 pound per year

Now I live at milnthorpe and follow sawing but god knows
I am considered not fit for buisness and I stand in need of some
help from some quarters or other

I now farm about they went to 9 pound a year they are very
But my sure wife lives with him and I pay on half of rent
Dear in milnthorpe and I pay all kinds of services they can lay
of me this is a true account as witness my hand

Shos Calverley senior

To settle 21/2/16

Thomas Lambert

Burton Mill

Wiltshire