



A Relieving Officer at Work

Devizes Union Relieving Office Appointment

On Tuesday last, Mr. H. Withers was appointed relieving officer to the 1st district of the Devizes Union, in the room of Mr. Maslen, resigned from ill-health. There were several candidates for the situation, but few were put in nomination.

Every guardian of the district, we have been informed, was in favour of Mr. Wilson, the master of the workhouse; and, very singular, every guardian of the union out of the district, appeared to be opposed to him. For nearly twelve months Mr. Maslen has been totally unable to perform the duties of the office; and during the whole of that time, Mr. Wilson has gratuitously performed them for him – in a manner highly creditable to himself and the satisfaction of the guardians – whilst the duties of the workhouse have been attended to with the greatest regularity.

The majority of the guardians, however, were of opinion, that in case the house should again be full, it would be impossible that Mr. Wilson could satisfactorily discharge the duties of both offices:- and hence much the larger number of them voted in favour of Mr. Withers.

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