

Source 7

Task

7a When did the Assistant Poor Law Commissioner visit the workhouse? When had he made his last visit? Did he make a mistake over the date?

7b What did the Assistant Commissioner report about medical treatment and education in the workhouse? What do you think the Assistant Commissioner meant by 'industrial instruction'?

7c Why did the Assistant Commissioner attend a special meeting of the Guardians?

7d According to the Guardians, who was to blame for the regulations being broken?

7e Did the Assistant Commissioner agree with the Guardians?

Look back at sources 5 and 6

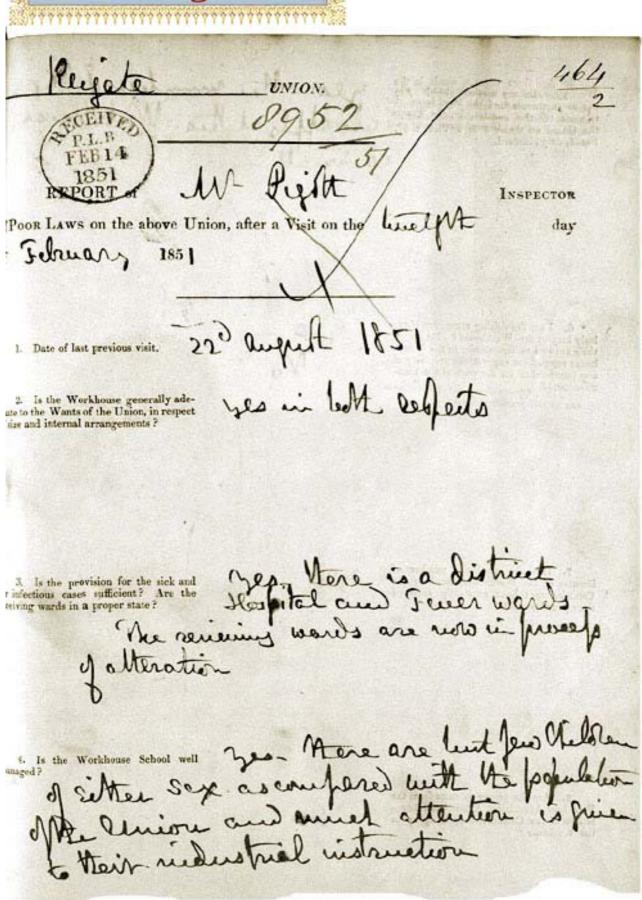
7f What evidence is there that the Board of Guardians of the Reigate Workhouse were taking their responsibilities seriously?

7g What evidence is there that the Reigate Board of Guardians were not observing all the regulations?

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This is an extract from a report by the Assistant Poor Law Commissioner on the Reigate Workhouse on 12th February 1851. (PRO ref: MH 12/12577)







13. Has any marked change taken place in the state of the Workhouse, the number of the inmates, or the general condition of the Union, since your last 14. Observations not falling any of the preceding heads.

