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Gloucester Union

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The Committee appointed to enquire into the Cases of the Able Bodied Labourers now receiving some Relief from this Union with a view to furnishing the Board with data on which it might form an opinion as to the desirability of offering to these Labourers work now going on at Bridgewater at the rate of 2^{sh} per day, and withdrawing their Relief, if the said work should be refused, report as follows -

Your Committee cannot recommend to the Board that the said Labourers should be either urged or advised to take the work in question, inasmuch as your Committee have come to the conclusion upon a very careful and detailed examination of several of these Paupers that their condition would be worse than at present if they were to move to Bridgewater, and accept of the employment on the terms offered.

Your Committee do not find that the work in question can be carried on without the occasional loss of a days labour, but even if it were, your Committee think that their opinion will still be borne out by reference to the following + calculations -

John Bacon

a Labourer at Scaton (38) 5 Children under 10 and 1 above 10, has 2 loaves, and would be willing to go to Bridgewater, if the Committee can show that he will be bettered by it -

Wages (average)	8. 0				
Cider, price to the labourer would be now nearly 3 ^{sh} but taken as to its value to the farmer.	2. 0				
+ Advantage of Potatoe ground & Garden	2. 0				
		Value of 100 bags of Potatoes	12. 10		
		Value of early potatoes or in Garden	1. 15		
				14. 5. 0	
					£ 5. 6. 9 or above 2 ^{sh} per week
		Rent of 1/2 acre	4. 0. 0		
		* Labour &c.	3. 9. 3		
		Rent of Garden	15. -		
		Labour &c do	15. -		
				£ 8. 19. 3	
					9 bags at 2 ^{sh} - 1. 2. 6
					preparing do. - 9 "
					Planting do. - 6 "
					2 hoeings - 10 "
					Taking up - 1. 5 "
					Housing &c. - 5 "
					£ 3. 9. 3

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Cont.

John Bacon

His rent was nearly 2^d weekly being in the form of
Leaton

The work proposed to be done at Bridgewater this man has
frequently worked at for his present Master, & when so employed is
allowed 3 quarts of Cider, without which he states he could not go
through this work. The value of this, purchased retail, in the shop
which he would be obliged to do, would vary from 5 to 6 shillings and
he would be at least 2^d a week the worse for moving.

His wife could not with her family take any employment.

Daniel Searle

a Less hearty & less vigorous man (41) 6 under 10 & above
has 4 loaves

Wages & Liquor	9 ^d	Rents a smaller Potatoe Ground and a larger Garden - at Bridgewater	
Advantage of Garden &c. on same Calculation	1	Rent at least	2 ^d
	10	Liquor or	5 ^d lowest
Pays rent	1. 8		7
	<u>9. 8</u>		<u>15</u>
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William Moss

a Labourer at Skute (45) Has 5 under & 2 above 10 - has
4 loaves -

Wages and liquor	9 ^d	
Advantage &c. on same Calculation	1. 4	
	10. 4	
Rent	1. 3	
	<u>9. 1</u>	P. C. <u>8</u>

Malachi Apsey a Labourer at Chardstock

Wages and liquor	9	
Has Potatoe Ground but no Garden	10	
	9. 10	
Rent	1	
	<u>8. 10</u>	P. C. <u>8</u>

Your Committee further observe that out of 10 returned
as Able Bodied labourers, receiving relief, 7 were all willing to
take the work if equal to it and likely to be bettered by it. 6 out
of those 7 decidedly incapable of performing it.

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Atty. Genl. of Massachusetts
as to work offered to
Abel-Adams' Supts
at the Massachusetts Dock
at 275. Madison

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