

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book Dec 1895-Apr 1896. This set runs from 1892-1905. They are catalogued to December 1897. The letter numbers are given at the end of each subject entry. Unless specified, all letters are addressed to Mr Moger, Clerk to the Urban Sanitary Authority. This letter book contains letters relating to the following subjects.

RUMMER TAVERN, NEW MARKET ROW - a complaint about the state of the paving outside the tavern, which allows water through into the arches beneath. From John Stone, Town Clerk. 10

RABY PLACE, 6 - planning permission for alterations at rear, not approved. 11. See Aug-Nov 1895 227

OMEGA LODGE - planning permission for new stables, approved provisionally. 11

MANVERS STREET - spikes on wall have been bent outwards and a complaint has been made of obstruction to pedestrians. Mr Fortune writes that he cannot see whether the wall was conveyed to the Authority or not. He asks Mr Moger to investigate. 16

WILLIAM RUSTON, SOLICITOR, CLERK'S DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC BUILDINGS, EALING - on headed paper. Letter enquiring about isolation hospital. 21

MRS SHEPPARD'S LAND, 1 BRIDGE PLACE, DOLEMEADS - continuing the process of purchase of properties at Dolemeads. Mr George Bartlett, Solicitor for Mrs Sheppard, says that she is not unwilling to sell if the proper price is offered, but they both object to a member of the Authority continually approaching her personally and pressuring her into selling to him privately. The member of the Authority, or his son, has succeeded in persuading other residents to sell to him. The implication is that they are inserting themselves as middle men and will then flagrantly inflate the price in order to sell on to the Authority. The land is held on a 500 year underlease, from 1817. Mr Bartlett says that 'I am prepared to advise my client to enter into a provisional contract to see to the Corporation for the sum of £250, but I will not allow her to sign a contract to sell to some other person in order that that such person may resell at an enhanced price to the corporation. 22, 22a

UNSCRUPULOUS LAND DEALS BY A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY REGARDING RESALE OF LAND NEEDED FOR FLOOD PREVENTION AT DOLEMEADS - Mr George Bartlett, Solicitor for a Mrs Sheppard, who has land and a house at 1 Bridge Place, says that she is not unwilling to sell if the proper price is offered, but they both object to a member of the Authority continually approaching her and pressuring her into selling to him privately for a lower price. The member of the authority, or his son, has succeeded in persuading other residents to sell to him. The implication is that they are inserting themselves as middle men and will then flagrantly inflate the price in order to sell on to the Authority, who are purchasing land in order to knock properties down to widen the river for flood protection. Mrs Sheppard's land is held on a 500 year underlease, from 1817. Mr Bartlett says that 'I am prepared to advise my client to enter into a provisional contract to sell to the Corporation for the sum of £250, but I will not allow her to sign a contract to sell to some other person in order that that such person may resell at an enhanced price to the corporation'. 22, 22a

LITTLE CORN STREET, 16 - Mrs H. Cavill, of 3 Livingstone Villas, Oldfield Park, writes to say that the repairs to 16 Little Corn Street will be done as soon as possible. She has ejectment orders for the tenants of the front house and work will begin as soon as they leave. There are men working in the premises at the back, implying that there are two premises, front house and back workshop. 26, 33

LAND AT DOLEMEADS BELONGING TO ST GREGORY'S MONASTERY DOWNSIDE - E. Ford writes on monastery headed paper with a line through the address, to say that he will shortly send an answer via Messrs Stone, King and Wardle, Solicitors, regarding sale of the lands. 37

PARK STREET, 25 - Mr Fortune writes that a notice (for unsanitary conditions) needs issuing for this house. There is also a letter from Dr Budd, saying that his patient, who lives in the house, is peculiarly susceptible to sewer gasses and smells and the house ought to be made sanitary as soon as possible. 33, 39

RICHMOND PLACE, 43 - Mr Fortune asks Mr Moger to prepare a statutory notice for this house. December 1895. 33

THE BARRACKS - at the back of Little Corn Street. Mr Fortune writes to Mr Moger in December 1895 asking him to prepare a statutory notice. 16 Little Corn Street receiving same in same letter. 33, see 26

UPPER HEDGEMEAD ROAD - it is proposed to build a shaft about 30 ft deep. 42, see Apr-May 1896 68

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES - Mr Cuffe Adams, new councillor, asks that cab driver Henry B. Woods, of 12 James' Street, licence number 23, be present at the next council meeting, so that he can be questioned about charging Mrs Cuffe Adams double the set fare. Woods tried to charge Mrs Cuffe Adams twice the going rate. Mr Cuffe Adams complained to him and paid him only the going rate of 1/- . 48

DOWN HOUSE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for W.C., approved. 58

KENSINGTON GARDENS - planning permission for three new cottages, approved. 58. See Aug-21 Sep 1896 154a, deferred.

ST GEORGE'S PLACE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for alteration to window, approved. 58

WALCOT BUILDINGS, 14 - planning permission for new shop front, not approved. 58

STANDARD BAKERY, LIVINGSTONE BUILDINGS, OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for additions, approved provisionally. 58

CHARLES AUSTIN AND DAVID ALDERMAN, WHEELCHAIRMEN - Justices Clerk Mr Newton Fuller writes to Mr Moger that these two cab drivers have been up before the justices for fighting in the Abbey Churchyard and have been 'ordered to enter into recognizances to keep the peace'. He says 'that Austin has been previously dealt with for a similar breach of the peace'. 68. See also Jun-Oct 1893, 217 for possible other reference to Austin, although that man was unlicensed, so may not be him. See also Apr-May 1896 187

CABS AVAILABLE FOR BATH RACES NOVEMBER 1895 - Henry Gould, livery man of Lansdown Mews writes that he has 'made enquiries of Messrs Gould, Stuckey, Ames, Goldsworthy, Tall, Humphries, Davies, Page, Adams, Boyland, Basson, Frampton, Hillary, Pollett, Phillips, Tugnett, Wood and the Bath Road Car Company and I find they can supply upwards of 150 conveyances, consisting of Breaks, Landaus, Waggonettes etc. There are upwards of 100 Licensed Hackney Carriages and about 20 others, van proprietors etc.' He thinks a 'fair price for the two race days Breaks is 1/- to 2/-, each passenger and Carriages from 2/- to 3/- each passenger and for the Horse Show Breaks from 6d and Carriages 1/- each passenger'. 69

G. D. WARRY, SHAPWICK HOUSE, SHAPWICK, BRIDGEWATER - writes in reply to Mr Moger's about flood prevention work that he advised on after 20 years of previous work in Somerset. The result was the Somersetshire Drainage Act (1877). 70a

1-5 OLD ORCHARD - St John's Hospital Clerk, Mr Newton E. Fuller, writes that the trustees had been informed that these houses 'had not been made fit for habitation although some people were living in them' and he has been instructed to draw this to Mr Moger's attention. It is not clear who owned them. In 204, someone has written in red that numbers 1-3 are unoccupied, 4 is occupied and 5 still has work needed but not done. 71, 204, 220 (2 letters)

RED LION INN, ODD DOWN - water in the well has been found to be impure. The owner, Mr Thatcher of the Welton Old Brewery Co., Midsomer Norton, writes to ask whether the water has been analysed and 'if so, wherein the impurity exists' so that steps may be taken to remedy the matter. See 104, where Mr Martin says that he has sold the Inn to Mr Thatcher. 75, 106, 104, 129, 208

MANCHESTER STEAM USERS ASSOCIATION - 'for the prevention of steam boiler explosions and for the attainment of economy in the application of steam' write to offer to service destructor boiler, for £3:3:0 per annum. 87

SEVEN STARS, URINAL - the Bath Brewery Ltd write to acknowledge receipt of a draft contract in relation to this. 88

PROVISIONS OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT 1890 - in January 1896 the following men have been appointed to the committee: The Mayor, Aldermen Clark, Sturges and Tuckett, Mr Knight, Major Simpson, Mr Bradford, Mr Silcock, Mr Henshaw, Mr Cochrane, Mr Ricketts, Mr Cotterrell, Mr Barnum, Mr Oliver and Mr Tonkin. 89

87 & 88 CALTON ROAD - Charlotte Lacey writes to say that it is impossible for her to afford a new W.C. and sink with water in the cottage she owns as she only has the 2/6 rent for it as income. She suggests that a Mr Way is responsible for upkeep. In letter 99, Mr Way says he is not. 90, 99, 196, 212

MR OSCAR WINDEBANK, 40 GREEN PARK - writes to say that several barges have discharged their loads of refuse into the river at Victoria Bridge. Addressed to Mr Morris, Chairman of the Flood Committee. 93a, 94a, 108, 110, 111, 123, 124

H. D. BRADFIELD, 2 VIRGINIA COTTAGES, WIDCOMBE - writes to complain about the barges tipping waste into the river at Victoria Bridge. 94a, see 93a, 108, 110, 111, 123, 124

GYPSIES AT ODD DOWN, 1895 - Bath Rural District Council clerk Mr W. E. Winckworth writes that 'a number of Gypsies had encamped on land situated at Odd Down and owned by Trustees of the Bruton Estate and that they had become a source of nuisance prejudicial to the health of the inhabitants.' 93. In 121, the land agents for Sexey's Hospital, Bruton, write to say that they will look into it. 93, 121. See Apr-May 1896 46

GEORGE SHELLARD, 2 DAHLIA PLACE, ODD DOWN - writes to say that he is in receipt of Mr Moger's letter and will have the water laid on to his cottages as soon as possible. 98, in 120 he writes asking what the contamination is, as he can't see how his well can be bad and others nearby are alright. On the back, Mr Montagu, Inspector of Nuisances, has written that it contains 'oxidized products of sewage matter.' 98, 120

WILLIAM NOAD, CRESCENT PLACE, ODD DOWN - handwritten letter to say that Mrs Musselwhite and Mrs Heath both agree to have water laid on and that William Noad has had an estimate from Mr Miles and will have it done as soon as possible. 102

WALTER BLACKER, BUILDER, 13 CHARLOTTE STREET - writes on business paper with details of the barges seen emptying their waste into the river at Victoria Bridge. For ten days from Tues 7th January 1896 'I have seen about eight barges full of muck each holding about 25 tonnes emptied daily into the water. That would be about 2000 tonnes. I am told that the GWR Co have been doing this more or less for years. If that be true, then that would account for the increased height of the floods of late years. The muck seems to be very heavy. The stink from it while unloading is very unpleasant. Letter 108 was dated 17th January. It must have been delivered the same day, and Mr Moger must have written to GWR the same day as GWR replied, all on 17th January. 108, 110, GWR reply in 111, 123, 124

SHAFTSBURY/ARLINGTON ROAD - planning permission for new houses, deferred. 112, see 144

WALCOT BUILDINGS, 14 - planning permission for new shop front, approved provisionally. 112

NARROW QUAY - Mr Fortune writes that the attention of the Surveying Committee should be drawn to the state of the roads at Narrow Quay. 116, 141, 145

COMPULSORY PURCHASE - Local Government Board letter acknowledging the Authority's request for a Provisional Order to obtain land by compulsory purchase at Dolemeads. 127, 159

SUSSEX PLACE, 7, BRADBURY / DUNN VS URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY - Solicitors Browne and Gill write on behalf of owner Mrs Bradbury about damage to the house caused by installation of new sewers. Authority to pay. 134, 146 (two letters). See also letters on this from 1892 to 1898 in the back of the May-Oct 1894 volume, unnumbered in bundles. See also in May- Oct 1894 numbers 104, 189, 245, 251. Apr-May 1896 20, 115

HORSE TROUGH, BATHWICK HILL - Mr Fortune writes of a plan to erect a watering trough at the corner just above Cleveland Walk. 137

ARLINGTON/SHAFTSBURY ROADS - planning permission for new houses, not approved. 144. See 112, 182

TYNING ROAD, WIDCOMBE HILL - planning permission for two new villas, not approved. 144. See 158

WESTMORELAND COTTAGES, 1 - planning permission for two new bedrooms, deferred. 144, see 158

LOWER BORO WALLS, 9, MR SAMUEL MAGGS, PLUMBER - Mr Maggs has died. He had been sent a bill for relaying wood paving but his widow argues that his death discharges any claim of the Authority against his estate. Mr Fortune asks Mr Moger to investigate. Bill and letter, 147

HALF MOON INN, HOLLOWAY - subject of a letter from Mr Fortune, who had already sent them a Statutory Notice to improve a nuisance but they had not complied. He asks Mr Moger to take the necessary proceedings. 149

NEW KING STREET, 54 - subject of a letter from Mr Fortune, who had already sent them a Statutory Notice to improve a nuisance but they had not complied. He asks Mr Moger to take the necessary proceedings. 149

SPRINGFIELD, NEWFIELD AND DAISY LAWN, ENTRY HILL - water from a tank in the field belonging to Springfield, owned by Mr Spear feeds two houses; Newfield lived in by Mrs Gibbons and Daisy Lawn. Mr Montagu, Inspector of Nuisances, has tested the water and found it to be impure. In 165, the son in law of Mrs Gibbons has opened the letter to her whilst she is away on the continent and says that if water pipes must be laid on then he is sure that she would do it straight away. He will write to her and suggest an independent analysis. 157, 165

WESTMORELAND COTTAGES, 1 - planning permission for two new bedrooms, approved. 158. See 144

BELMONT, 3 - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 158

ST JAMES' STREET, ST JAMES' SQUARE, 5 - planning permission for alteration to arch, approved. 158

TYNING ROAD, WIDCOMBE HILL - planning permission for amended plans for two new villas, approved. 158. See 144

CLARENCE STREET, WALCOT - planning permission for four new houses, approved. 158

BEAUMONT VILLA, LANSDOWN - the owners, the Dalloways, write from 6 Belgrave Terrace, Torquay, to say that the sewer rent for the villa has always been paid by the tenant, who died some time before Midsummer 1894. The house has been unoccupied since. A new lease, to a Mr Clarke, from Christmas 1896, will also include sewer rent as his responsibility. 176

WESTMORELAND PLACE, 2, MR GREENHILL - has complained that the Authority damaged the tap when relaying asphalt. Mr Fortune says that the foreman visited the site in company of the man who re-laid the asphalt and he says they state positively that no damage was done by their men to the tap. He says the work was finished eight months before.

MR AMBROSE'S CART SHED - Mr Withy, Solicitor to Mr Ambrose, writes about the dispute over right of way over land near Manvers Street on which Mr Ambrose has built a cart shed. He asks whether the public or the Authority claim right of way over it. 180, four letters. Also from Solicitor

Chesterman, who says where the land is and that it used to belong to Mr J. Bladwell, who died 22nd March 1891. 183. See Oct-Dec 1896 46 for more on Mr Ambrose.

TRINITY SCHOOL - planning permission for alterations, approved. 182

ELMS LEA, BATHWICK - planning permission for additions, approved. 182

KENSINGTON SCHOOLS, EAST HAYES - planning permission for alterations, deferred. 182, 214. See Apr-May 1896 25

ARLINGTON ROAD/ SHAFTSBURY ROAD - planning permission for amended plan for new houses, approved. 182. See 112, 144

CHAPEL ROW, 7 - planning permission for shop front alterations, deferred. 182

HENRIETTA VILLAS, BATHWICK, 9 - planning permission for addition to back of, approved. 182

LANSDOWN GROVE HOUSE, LANSDOWN - planning permission for additions and alterations, deferred. 182, 214

SPRING GARDENS - letters about the proposed building of a wall next to a bridge and compulsory purchase of land at Spring Gardens for flood defences. From Local Government Office. 195, 201

CALTON ROAD, 87 & 88 - Mr Fortune sends Mr Moger copies of notices for Abatement of Nuisances already sent to these two properties and asks him to take further action. 196, see 90, 99

THOMAS AUBREY, VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENT, 9a BROAD STREET - on headed paper, Veterinary Surgeon Aubrey writes to offer his services as vet to the Authority as he has heard that they are to keep their own horses. 203

FREDERICK J. CHAPPELL, PRINTER, 13 ST MARK'S PLACE - writes that he cannot afford the bill for the Statutory Hospital this quarter, but if they will allow him to wait until next quarter, he will be able to pay it. 206

KENSINGTON SCHOOLS, EAST HAYES - planning permission for alterations, not approved. 214, 182

LANSDOWN GROVE HOUSE, LANSDOWN - planning permission for alterations and additions, approved. 214, 182

POWLETT ROAD, BATHWICK - planning permission for new cottages, deferred. 214

LYNVALE VILLAS, ST MARK'S PLACE, 2 - planning permission for additions, approved. 214

ST SAVIOUR'S PARISH ROOM, LARKHALL - planning permission for new back and tea room, not approved. 214

DR BRABAZON, FUNERAL - the Medical Officer for Bath has died and the Town Clerk sends an official black edged notification of his funeral at St Mary's Bathwick, the Wednesday following March 16th, 1896. 216. See Apr-May 1896 92, 98, 114

ERNEST FIELD, M.D., 8 BELMONT - writes to say that he would like to contribute to the floral tribute to the late Mr Brabazon. 16th March, 1896. 215

NILE STREET, 4 - Mr Linton the resident attended the last Surveying Committee meeting relating to the laying of wood paving in Nile Street. The Committee will assemble at 4 o'clock, March 20th 1896 to inspect the street. 222

MOULD BROTHERS, BUILDERS, WESTMOERLAND WHARF AND 10 BARTON STREET - write on business paper to say that they will be laying on the City Water to the house of Mr J. Candy at 3 Queen's Place, at once. 224

MRS E. LAMB - a letter from Mr T. Vincent, of Marlboro Lodge, Victoria Park, saying that he has known Mrs Lamb for many years and has always known her as a most respectable woman deserving every sympathy. 226

MR T. VINCENT, MARLBORO LODGE, VICTORIA PARK - a letter from Mr T. Vincent, of Marlboro Lodge, Victoria Park, saying that he has known Mrs E. Lamb for many years and has always known her as a most respectable woman deserving every sympathy. 226

CHARLES MARSHALL, J. P., THE FERNS, HAMILTON ROAD, LANSDOWN - hand written note on headed paper saying thank you to Mr Moger for his sympathy following Mr Marshall's accident. 227

COODE SON & MATTHEWS, SURVEYORS - of Westminster Chambers, London, write to say that the carrying out of the large scale scheme for Flood Prevention Scheme is 'well nigh hopeless' and they feel that only a perfect scheme has any chance of going through Parliament. 228. See 225 and Mar-Jul 1895 167, Apr-May 1896 175

JOHN CHURCHILL, 8 ROYAL CRESCENT - long hand written letter, very hard to read. 230

POWLETT ROAD, BATHWICK - planning permission for new houses, approved. 239, see 214

BEECHEN CLIFF - planning permission for new building estate, approved provisionally, 28th March, 1896. 239

PULTENEY STREET, 54 - planning permission for additions, approved. 239

ROYAL OAK BREWERY, PULTENEY ROAD - planning permission for rebuilding brewery at rear of pub, approved. 239

STALL STREET, 7 - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 239

MARLBOROUGH LANE - planning permission for new villas, approved. 239

THORNBANK PLACE, 8 - planning permission for addition, approved. 239. See Mar-Jul 1895, 232

THORNBANK PLACE, 13 - planning permission for additions, approved. 239. See Mar-Jul 1895, 232

THORNBANK PLACE, 2 - planning permission for additions, approved. 239. See Mar-Jul 1895, 232

NETHERCOTE AND OAKLEY, FAIRFIELD PARK - planning permission for additions, approved. 239

KINGSMEAD SQUARE, 20 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 239

OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for four new villas, not approved. 239. See Apr-May 1896, 25

COUNTY WINE VAULTS, WESTGATE STREET - planning permission for alterations, approved provisionally. 239

CORNER OF UPPER EAST HAYES, NEW SHOW ROOM AND SHOP - planning permission applied for but result unclear, March 1896. 239. See Apr-May 1896 25

BLADUD BUILDINGS, 3 - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 239

HORSFALL REFUSE FURNACE CO. LTD - of Athenaeum Buildings, Park Lane, Leeds. Having seen complaints about the stench from the destructor in the Bath newspapers, this company respectfully send information about their superior furnace. 2 letters, 246. See 244, 245, 247

J. T. WELCH - of Lower Bristol Road, writes that he can do the scavenging work quoted for the following rates: Horse and harness without driver, 4/-6d per day; horse and harness and driver, 7/- per day; horse, harness and two men, 9/-9d per day. 247 (two letters). In response to 244, 245. In 247 second letter, he says that he will scavenge the destructor plant, for three, five or seven years. He slightly revises his prices. See also May-Oct 1894 154, and Jan-Apr 1894 159, 181 for more from him on other projects. See Jan-24 Feb 1897, for letter sent by Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, in receipt of contracts from Mr Moger with Mr Welch for general hauling and supply of horses for watering etc. 85. Also Mar-Apr 1897, 47, 53

GEORGE HAMPTON, WHEELCHAIRMAN, 26 GROVE STREET - complaints against him to the magistrates from Miss Lewin and another lady, 248, 249

URINAL, SAWCLOSE - Mr Alfred Taylor of the Noted Old Red House writes that the stench from the urinal was so appalling that it would make any ordinary man run away with fear of pestilence. 250

GEORGE WATERSON, BASKET MAKER, 38 WALCOT STREET - writes a note that he is prepared to make and repair cane baskets at the present prices until March 1897. It does not say what he was engaged by the council to make baskets for. 253