

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book 3 Mar 1896-13 May 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.

TRACEY VILLAS, LYNCOMBE VALE, 1 & 2 - Mr Fortune sends Mr Moger a letter which accompanied the details of abatement of nuisances (not mentioned in the letter) at these properties for Mr Moger to take the appropriate action. 8a

JOHN F. THOMAS, LOWESTOFT - application for the position of Medical Officer of Health from Mr Thomas, the Medical Officer of Health for Lowestoft. 1

H. MAINWARING HOLT, MALTON - application from Mr Mainwaring for the position of Medical Officer of Health. 4, 64

10 BOLINGBROKE ROAD, WEST KENSINGTON, LONDON W - the writer, signature illegible, who lives at this address, applies for the position of Medical Officer of Health. 6

J. HOBSON, GLENDALOUGH, MORLAND ROAD, CROYDON - application for the position of Medical Officer of Health. 13

SOMERSET HOUSE, MONMOUTH - application for the position of Medical Officer of Health from the resident, signature illegible, April 1896. 16

BATH CITY ART, SCIENCE & TECHNICAL SCHOOL, NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GUILDHALL - an invitation to the opening of the school by the Mayor, at 2.30 on Tuesday 14th May 1896. The Mayor will unlock the door and the invitation is for an inspection of the building, then proceeding to the Guildhall by means of the connecting door on the first floor. At 7.30 in the evening, the exhibition and school will be open and the ticket admits bearer and friend. 19

GREEN STREET, 1 - H. Thornley, the resident of 4 Devonshire Buildings, writes to complain that the broad step at the front door of 1 Green Street has been narrowed. She believes that she should have been asked first, before any alterations were made. 21 (two letters), 22, 28, 69 (reply from N. Thornley, of Lonsdale, Combe Down, that is was cut away by order of the Surveying Committee), 113, 119, 155

D. P. H. LAMB, THE LOWLANDS, BUNGAY, SUFFOLK - writes to apply for the position of Medical Officer of Health. 24

OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for four new villas, approved provisionally. 25. See Dec 1895-Apr 1896, 239

CORNER OF UPPER EAST HAYES - planning permission for new show room and shop, approved. 25. See Dec 1895-Apr 1896 239

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE - planning permission for two houses, approved. 25

DARLINGTON PLACE, 4 - planning permission for additions, approved. 25

KENSINGTON SCHOOLS, EAST HAYES - planning permission for alterations, not approved. See Dec 1895-Apr 1896 182, 214

C. FRANCIS & SON - Mr Fortune tells Mr Moger that the Surveying Committee have accepted Mr Francis's tender for supplying Portland cement and asks him to prepare the necessary contract. 30. Letter 8 mentions other contracts for road products but does not mention names of companies.

EXAMINATION OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES - Inspector of Hackney Carriages Mr S. Turner, of Perry & Co., Bristol, says that he will be happy to inspect the Hackney Carriages at the Cattle Market at 11 o'clock 'on Wednesday next' after 13th April 1896. 31. Letter 29 from the Chief of Police states that he will station extra officers there. Cab drivers were temperamental and there could be violence if they were told that their vehicles had not passed the roadworthiness test. This would effectively make them unemployed. 29 and 31. Also May-14 Jun 1897, 78

H. ALFRED ROECHLING - Civil Engineer, 14 Market Street, Leicester. Writes to ask about the design of the new destructor, as he is interested in it. 32

W. HAZELDINE, WHEELWRIGHT - Mr Fortune writes to ask Mr Moger to prepare a contract for Mr Hazeldine, who has won the wheelwright tender. In the Bath Post Office Directory his address was 10, Angel Place, and there was also a Charles Hazeldine, Wheelwright, at 9 Midland Terrace. 33. See 159. Also Aug-21 Sep 1896 86 where three carts have been ordered from him costing £21.00 each. Also Jan-24 Feb 1897 152

BATH ELECTRIC LIGHTING ORDERS, 1896 - Prof Kennedy of the Board of Trade has valued the land in question, but wants to have a local valuation done, as land valuation 'is a local matter and one depending on local knowledge'. 34. See 35 (five letters and telegram), 36 (two letters), 40 (two letters), 42, 58, 66, 67, 71. See Jun-Jul 1896 81, 102. For complete referencing of the vast number of letters on the topic of the Electric Lighting Provisional Order issue see May-Oct 1894 244, 254.

H. J. JENKINS - Medical Officer of Health for Lytham, writes to ask whether the position is still open, having seen two contradictory notices recently. He says that the Lancet announced that Mr Charles Hayes had been appointed. He signed himself J. H. Jenkins. 15th April 1896. 39

HALF MOON INN, BATH BREWERY - on headed paper of Bath Brewery, about the unsanitary state of the urinal at the Half Moon, for which they have received a Statutory Notice. Work will start soon, they say. 48

W. DOWSON - applies for the Medical Officer of Health job, with testimonials and references. He is the Medical Officer of Health for Bristol. 51.

JOSEPH WILLIAM GILL, DOWNGATE, LISKEARD, CORNWALL - applies for the post of Medical Officer of Health. 54. In 96, he asks for his documents back, not having got the job.

PERCY T. ADAMS, MAIDSTONE - applies for the post of Medical Officer of Health. 53

T. M. LEGGE, 180 PICCADILLY, LONDON - applies for the post of Medical Officer of Health. 56. See also 153

WATER SUPPLY AT BURNT HOUSE - the Bath & District High Level Water Company write that 'the only objection to carrying out the particular extension is that it would be useless', because it would only serve two houses and the owners say that because the wells are not condemned, they will not take the Company's water. 57, 87

HENRY GOULD, LIVERY MAN, LANSDOWN MEWS - writes that he is disappointed to hear that only one livery stable keeper has said that there would be enough cabs in Bath to deal with the crowds on Bath Race Days. He does not want, as the cabmen also do not want, outsiders coming in and taking business from the locals. 59

TRACEY VILLAS, 1 & 2 - The owner, John Withy Of Hartington Villa, Wells Road, writes that he has received a statutory notice for work to be done at these houses and gave it his immediate attention, but his tradesman was ill and Easter intervened and he has now been summonsed. He complains about the arbitrary behaviour of the surveyor and the discourteousness of the action, when the work is in hand. 62

DR J. COLLINS, ROYAL HOSPITAL, CHELSEA - writes asking for the return of his testimonials, as he sees that he has not got the job of Medical Officer of Health. 70

WOOD PAVING COMMITTEE - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor asks Mr Moger to summon the Committee on Monday 27th April 1896 at 3pm to consider tenders. 72

PLEASURE GROUNDS COMMITTEE ESTIMATES FOR YEAR ENDING 25th MARCH 1897 - dated April 1896. From J. Stone, Town Clerk, to Mr Alderman Sturges, Chairman of the Committee. Wages, £315; Rent, water and taxes, £40; Shrubs, plants etc, £25; repairs, £20; Work at Crescent View, £152; Iron fencing Beechen Cliff, £69; Subscription to band, £30; Commission and sundries, £50, total £701; then the laying out of Henrietta Park, £375, bringing the total to £1076. 73

WEST MEDINA CEMENT WORKS, NEWPORT - sent a letter giving the name of the members of their firm: Richard Plews, Charles Watson Low, and Arthur Henry Douglas. The name of the surety given on their recent tender was Arthur Douglas. 75, 127, 173. See Jun-Jul 1896 183, 189, 197 and Aug-21 Sep 1896 5, 17, 35

W. H. SYMONS, 80 HOLMDALE ROAD, WEST HAMPSTEAD - formerly of 130, Fellowes Road, NW London. Writes to say that he will leave testimonials, diplomas and birth certificate at Mr Moger's office. He has been appointed as the new Medical Officer of Health according to a form later in the letter book. He has been in practice as a doctor for just two years. He was 41 years old at the time of application. He has been appointed for one year, initially, at a salary of £200. He was previously a chemist and belongs to the Institute of Chemistry. 76, see form with this information at 93, In 94, he sends a hand written letter agreeing to pay £20 if he relinquishes his new post without giving one month's notice. 76, 93, 94. See Jun-Jul 1896

GEORGE'S TERRACE, DOLEMEADS, 6 - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 77

BATHWICK STREET, 3 - planning permission for addition at rear, approved. 77

CAMDEN GARDENS - planning permission for new building estate, not approved. 77. See 121

CHEAP STREET - planning permission for new premises at 20, 21 and 22 Cheap Street, not approved. 77

T. H. GODFREY, INGLENOOK, STOCKTON ON TEES - sends a hand written postcard asking for details of the Medical Officer of Health position. 80

WILLIS VS VILVEN - a letter from W. L. Edwards, Commercial Auction Mart, at 3 Bruton Street. He says Mrs Willis will now accept the rent due, of £10, with Court Fees and a further sum of £10 and possession of the house and premises in Devizes. Within 14 days. Mrs Willis will release Mr Vilven from all liability if they comply with these terms. Letter dated 28th April 1896. 81

H. GOULD & H. J. CLARK - two people who have agreed to sell property in Hedgemoor Park to the Authority. Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, writes to Mr Moger, asking him to draw up the necessary stamped documents. 82. A letter at 99 from Solicitor Arthur Withy, regarding Genoa Villa, Hedgemoor, says he will draw up the contract as soon as possible. 82, 99. See Oct 1892-Feb 1893 87, 89, 97

ALFRED WRIGHT, TOTARANUI, SELDEN ROAD, WORTHING - has applied for the position of Medical Officer of Health and thinking that he must not have got it, asks for his papers back. 89

TYTHERINGTON STONE CO., THORNBURY - return the recent contract unsigned, as some appears to be incorrect. 91, 130

LAMBETH POTTERY, ROYAL DOULTON FACTORY - write on headed business paper to say that the members of the firm are Sir Henry Doulton and Mr Henry Lewis Doulton. They have been awarded a contract to supply pipes. 97, 135, 165. See also Jun-Jul 1896 108, 192

QUEEN'S PLACE, PULTENEY ROAD - Mr H. Graham Montagu, Inspector of Nuisances, has tested a sample of water from the well here and found it to be impure. 100

GWR SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, WESTMINSTER - write to say that they have heard that the Authority propose to compulsorily purchase a piece of land and property at the river at Widcombe, but that they need this property for the operation of the Kennet and Avon canal, which the GWR owned. They say that it may be necessary to deposit a petition, to give time for negotiation, but 'you will quite understand that the Petition will not be deposited in any hostile spirit'. The second letter mentions that the property has been taken off the purchase list and an agreement has been made to make a towing path under the new bridge, to substitute for the existing bridge. 105, two letters, see also 132, which is also two letters plus an acknowledgement card.

UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE CABLES - a letter from the National Telephone Company, about an agreement to lay underground phone cables in Bath, as were recently done in Portsmouth. The author, Mr Gervais, suggests that the pipes be laid in the trenches to be dug by the Post Office, at the same time. 107, 136. Also Aug-21 Sep 1896 134, 135

MALTHOUSE COTTAGES, TWERTON, 1& 2 - George Hall Sinnott, Solicitor, says that Mr Henry Sinnott has told him that the land recently purchased by the Authority behind Mr Sinnott's house (see Jun-Oct 1893), now contains a 'heap of breeze' which is on fire. This is doing considerable damage to his property. 109

OLD KING STREET, 5&6 - Payne and Fuller, Solicitors, of this address write about the smoke test done by Mr Spackman on the sewers at 5 Old King Street. There were many leaks. Payne and Fuller say that many people have complained of sore throats at the address and that there have been many bad smells. Much money has been spent on the drains at the back, but it turns out to be the sewers at the front. He expects it to be rectified forthwith. 121

FRED CHAPPELL, 13 ST MARK'S STREET - writes that in reference to his bill for the Statutory Hospital that he has forwarded £1:0:2, being half of the money owed and the remaining £1 will be paid later this month. 124

THE WOMEN'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOCIETY - 'For promoting the Eligibility of Women to elect and to serve on all Local Government bodies'. The society writes on headed paper asking for a reply to questions asked in a form set, but not kept in the archive. There were no women on the council at that time in Bath. 129

WESTGATE STREET, 20 - planning permission for additional frontage, deferred. 137. See 181

STALL STREET, 1 - planning permission for new premises, deferred. 137. See 181, and Jun-Jul 1896, 14

TYNING LANE, WALCOT - planning permission for eight new houses, approved provisionally. 137

GREEN STREET, 18 - planning permission for alteration to shop front, deferred. 137, see 181

MARGARET'S BUILDINGS, BROCK STREET, 3 - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 137

MACAULEY BUILDINGS, 5 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 137

THE PRIORY, BATHWICK HILL, ENTRANCE LODGE - planning permission for alterations to the lodge, approved. 137

HAYESFIELD TERRACE, WELLS ROAD, 7 - planning permission for alterations, not approved. 137. See 181

UPPER BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for new villa, not approved. 137. See 181

FRANK LAMBORN - licensed cab driver number 30. He had criminal convictions by April 1896. Mentioned as such in letter from Chief Constable to Mr Moger, listing those cabmen with convictions in the last 12 months. 148

ERNEST BASSON - licensed cab driver no.29. He had criminal convictions by April 1896. Mentioned as such in letter from Chief Constable to Mr Moger, listing those cabmen with convictions in the last 12 months. 148

W. H. SHEPPARD - licensed cab driver no.18. He had criminal convictions by April 1896. Mentioned as such in letter from Chief Constable to Mr Moger, listing those cabmen with convictions in the last 12 months. 148

W. GLOVER & SONS, WARWICK - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor asks Mr Moger to draw up a contract between the Urban Sanitary Authority and the company for two watering vans. These watered the roads to keep the dust down. 150, 178, illustrated headed paper at 184. Also Aug-21 Sep 1896 where three carts have been ordered at £21:15:0 each, 86, 108, 148. See Oct-Dec 1896 22a, 233 (an order for seven more carts). Mar-Apr 1897 13

JAMES WOODWARD, LICENSED CAB DRIVER - mentioned by Chief Constable as licensed only cab driver convicted between April 14th 1896 and May 16th, April 1896. 152

ALFRED MULLINS - writes from New Inn, Southgate Street, to say that as others are being granted a license to take people from the countryside to the races, he also would like a license. It does not say where he comes from, and he is a visitor as a haulier to Bath, but when he is driving goods into Bath, he also takes in gentlemen who want to make the trip, and waits for them to take them home again. 154

F. G. FISHER- AVENUE MEWS, COMBE DOWN - writes to complain that he was not granted a license to take people to the races because the rule said you had to be a ratepayer of Bath. At Combe Down, he is a heavy ratepayer, but obviously outside the radius set. 158

BATH CITY WAGON WORKS, LOWER BRISTOL ROAD - engraved letterhead, with picture of the works with wagons outside. Proprietor William H. Hazeldine. He has been given a contract for wheelwright work for the Authority. 159. See 33

MR JOLLY, 2 NEWCOURT, CAREY STREET, LINCOLN'S INN - A Mr Hill writes to ask for a cheque in settlement of Mr Jolly's recent work, which he fears has been overlooked. This is the Mr Jolly, son of Mr W. Jolly the department store owner and mayor. Mr Moger's own son is also a barrister at Lincoln's Inn. Both men are given paid legal work from the Authority. 161. See Nov 1894-Mar 1895 167

DANIEL BILLETT, KING'S ARMS INN, MARSHFIELD - a regular haulier to Bath, he says he has a stable at Beehive Yard. He writes to ask for a license to carry local people to the Bath Races. 162

INNACURATE TELEGRAM - there has obviously been one, and Mr Moger complained on 13th May. Perhaps in connection with the Electricity Provisional Order, which incurs many telegrams back and forth which are important. Two were received, one on the 11th and one on the 12th, which were very important. The subject was not mentioned, but the Authority had complained to the GPO and the GPO in London replied and apologized. 170. See the telegrams at 151 and 156.

WESTGATE STREET, 20a - planning permission for additional frontage, not approved. 181. See 137

GREEN STREET, 18 - planning permission for alterations to shop front, approved provisionally. 181, see 137

BAYFIELD HOUSE, BATHWICK HILL - planning permission for new conservatory, approved. 181

QUEEN SQUARE, 1a - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 181

CAROLINE HARRISON, 22 BROAD STREET - writes to say that she has two properties in Broad Street, 22 and 22a and five cottages behind in Morgan Court. She asks for a street lamp to be placed at the end of the passage there. She thinks this might stop the 'bad smells and dirt there' which presumably means sewage. She will do her best to keep the passage clean. Walcot at this time was a slum area. 22 Broad Street still exists, originally one Georgian house, with two small shop fronts, which were 22 and 22a. Morgan's Cottages have been demolished for the YMCA and its square. 186

LAND AT SALTFORD FOR SEWAGE WORKS - Mr W. Jolly says 'Brinkworth has seen some land still nearer, just around the bend in the river at Saltford, which can be bought'. He wants Mr Radford to look at it soon. He says if Mr Radford agrees, then 'we can get a provisional order signed or a witness offer to sale of land before the next committee and no one would know or tell them the purpose for which it is wanted'. Written by his hand on his headed paper from Home Lea, Lansdown. 188. See Jun-Jul 1896, 27, 36. See also Nov 1894-Mar 1895 120, Mar-Jul 1895 18, 98, 111, 118, 129, 169, Apr-May 1896 176, 195. Jun-Jul 1896 36, 41. See Mar-Apr 1897, 233

HENRY BENNETT WOODS, FLY PROPRIETOR - 12 James Street West. Writes to thank the Authority for the ban on giving outsiders licenses to drive people to Bath Races, which favours the Bath cab men, of which he is one. 193