

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book Jun-Jul 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.

MR DUNN'S DAIRY, 7 SUSSEX PLACE - Mr Montagu, of the General Sanitary Inspector's Department, has tested the milk in Mr Dunn's churns and reports the following poor quality over several years; 1883, Aug 20th, 'milk genuine but of very poor quality'. 1884, Jan 17th, 'milk deprived of 23%'. 1893, Nov 14th, 'milk of the lowest possible quality'. 3, 7, 35. In letter 7, Mr Gatehouse, the City Analyst who tests the milk, writes that the milk to be prosecuted is not number 5, as Mr Moger has written, but number 4. Test sample number 5 is poor but is proper milk. Number 4 is deficient in fat. He hopes that Mr Moger has not made a mistake. Mr Dunn was the unfortunate resident and shopkeeper of the house inundated when the Authority made a new conduit for the stream at Widcombe. Half of the house had to be rebuilt. For the ongoing case Dunn VS U.S.A. and Bradbury U.S.A., see 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 and Dec 1895-Apr 1896 134, 146 (2 letters).

SAMUEL BASKETT - a labourer, full name Thomas Samuel Baskett, who died in the floods at Dolemeads on 27th January 1895. His brother Alfred Baskett writes that he has himself only now been able to come to Bath and find out more about his brother's death. His brother seems to have fallen through defective railings outside the Smith's Arms at Dolemeads. The Bath Chronicle article of 24th January says that it is not clear how he fell in. Some say that he walked backwards to lean on the railings and fell in as the top bar of the railings was missing, others that he went to look at the river and overbalanced and fell in. It says 'the river fence at this place is in a disgraceful condition and ought to have been rendered secure long ago. It divided the narrow road from the river and the wonder is that more accidents have not occurred at this point.' He left a widow and five children. His brother has been supporting them. He now finds that the railings were owned by the Corporation and is making a claim for some financial help. 13

KINGSMEAD SQUARE, 9 - planning permission for alterations, approved provisionally. 14

STALL STREET, 1 - planning permission for new premises, approved provisionally. 14. See Apr-May 1896, 137, 181

BATHWICK STREET, WEST SIDE - planning permission for building line of street, recommended. 14, see 58, approved, see 121, deferred. See 165, 210 and Aug- 21 Sep 1896 1

SAVILE ROW, 1 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 14

PIERREPONT STREET, 11 - planning permission for new bathroom and W.C., not approved. 14. See 58, approved.

HAYESFIELD PARK - planning permission for alteration of approach, not approved. 14

NEW INN, SOUTHGATE STREET - planning permission for rebuilding, approved provisionally. 14

LAMBRIDGE, 7- planning permission for additions, approved. 14. See 165

WINE STREET - a Mr W. Robinson has had an accident there. Mr Fortune sends his messenger and asks Mr Moger to give him the letter from Mr Robinson, which he must have done, as it is not in Mr Moger's correspondence. 15

A. J. CANDY, FARMER, BATHAMPTON - has received a letter about the poor quality of his milk, Henry Holdsworth, Dairyman. He writes that his cows are being fed on grass and have plenty to drink, and the milk goes straight into the churns at 4.30am. The afternoon milking provides better milk, he says. He cannot understand why the milk should be poor. He supplies Henry Holdsworth, Dairyman of Queen's Place, Widcombe, who has had the poor result and passed the inspector's letter to Candy. 35

WALTER CRAVEN, SANITARY INSPECTOR - Mr Craven, of 4 Frankley Buildings, writes to the Authority to ask whether the extra 5/- per week that he has received for the last two years for extra work carried out will be forthcoming as he has not had it this year, yet carried out the extra work as agreed. He quotes salaries for other authorities for similar positions, which are obviously higher than his own.

JAMES WOODWARD, WATERMAN'S ARMS, 3 BROAD QUAY - has had his Hackney Carriage license stopped, for causing an obstruction with his break in Burton or Bruton Street. He very respectfully apologises and asks that it be reinstated as it is causing him heavy losses. 42

JAMES POULSOM, COAL MERCHANT AND HAULIER, 2 BROAD QUAY - appeals against having his break license revoked. He says that it was wrongly said of him that he would use it to break young horses. He has bought a first class break and his horses are from 4 to 10 years old and fully broken in. 43. See 180

BELGRAVE CRESCENT/SEYMOUR ROAD - petition from residents asking if something can be done about the large amount of children, 20 or so, who congregate and make noise and disturbance and go into peoples' gardens there. Signed: Geo W. Sanderson, 24 Seymour Road; H. J. Harding, 27 Belgrave Cres; Alfred Thomas Sear, 28 Belgrave Cres; James Aycliffe Button, 26 Belgrave Cres; David H. Shepherd, 25 Belgrave Cres; Thomas Robbins, 14 Belgrave Cres; Dorothy Power, 12 Belgrave Cres; Henry Bailey, 18 Belgrave Cres; Geo Butt, 21 & 22 Belgrave Cres (owner); Emily E. Atwell, 15 Belgrave Cres; Belville Penley, 16 Belgrave Cres; H. Everitt, 25 Seymour Road; Frederick Godwin, Lyndhurst Cottage; W. A. Keates, 28 Seymour Road; William Bridle, 26 Seymour Road; Fanny Fear, 33 Belgrave Cres; Bessie Griffen, 32 Belgrave Cres; W. Withers, 19 Seymour Road; Chas E. Wells, 9 Belgrave Cres. 55. See 64, the Police Chief's letter to Mr Moger saying that he has given special instruction for the police to pay special attention to the area. It is always impressive how fast they acted to put things right in the 1890's. 55, 64

ST JAMES'S PARADE, 16 - planning permission for new shop front, approved. 58

KENSINGTON NURSERY, LONDON ROAD - planning permission for additions, approved. 58

HANKLEY VILLA, OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for extension of bay window, approved. 58

WOODLANDS, CAMDEN ROAD - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 58

PERCY K. STOTHERT - of Stothert and Pitt, hand written letter from 3 Park Lane, to a Mr Chaffin, about a strip of land. 59

WALTER PITT- hand written letter, on company paper of Stothert and Pitt, to Mr Moger, offering to meet the Committee at the Green Tree Yard, at 11.10, June 23rd, 1896. 63

POLICE CONSTABLE 31, THEODORE LOVELL - Albert Noble, Chief Constable writes that P.C. Lovell will attend the Sanitary Committee meeting on the Monday following 26th June 1896, as requested. 78

NATIONAL CYCLISTS UNION - of 57 Basinghall Street, London, had previously written to the council asking to erect a danger board at the bottom of North Road, for cyclists. He has received a favourable reply and writes to say thank you. 69, 114

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE, PARKES MUSEUM, MARGARET STREET - invitation from the institute to the autumn congress 1896, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 79. However the Authority booked for the Congress of British Institute of Public Health at Glasgow in July instead, one delegate, confirmation of booking, 113, also Aug-21 Sep 1896, 3

WILLIAM AND HENRY FARMER, DOLEMEADS ESTATE - The Authority have been trying to find out who now owns the remnants of the Farmer estate. William Farmer writes from Yuroke, Australia, to say that he has just received the correspondence about purchasing the Farmer land at Dolemeads for widening Spring Gardens. He is, he says, the only surviving son of Henry Farmer and that he was entitled to share his interest in the property and a share in the late Mrs Sherston (Sherriston?)'s interest. She was his aunt. However, he is not, as far as he knows, the owner of any part of the Dolemeads Estate. Being so far away, and not having anyone to represent him in England, he says that it is possible that he has a claim on the Estate, which would be very acceptable, as he is old and nearly destitute. Letters can be sent to him care of Messrs Fink, Best and Hall Solicitors, Rialto Collins St, Melbourne, Australia. 84a, loose in book.

BELGRAVE CRESCENT - unmade road. Mr Pratt of 10 Belgrave Terrace, Camden Road, says that he wrote to Mr Fortune over a month ago, objecting to being charged for the road, when it is 'in so unfinished a state'. He has heard nothing back and was not told that his objection was raised at the meeting, despite residents being told that their objections would receive that consideration. 88

DIPHTHERIA - the British Institute of Public Health, 20 Hanover Square, write that in view of the prevalence of the disease, a special Diphtheria issue of the Journal of State Medicine is being issued, priced 3s 6d. 106

BOILER AT THE DESTRUCTOR- the Boiler Insurance and Steam Power Company of 67 King Street, Manchester, send their report of ordinary inspection for the destructor boiler (a brief letter). This is not a thorough inspection. Their inspector examined the boiler whilst it was working and found that 'both safety valves require to be overhauled and made to work more freely than they do at present'. On decorated, engraved, headed paper. 107. See Oct-Dec 1896 43 and Jan-Feb 1897 191. See Mar-Apr 1897 41 for further report

MR BENJAMIN JEFFERIS, LAMBETH POTTERY - Royal Doulton send a mourning letter to say that Mr Jefferis died 'after a short but painful illness at Plymouth on Wednesday 17th inst'. They have appointed our Mr T. Hemming Jones in his place and ask that customers accord him their kind support. 108, 192. See also Apr-May 1896 97, 135, 165, Aug-21 Sep 1896 66, and Oct-Dec 1896 244

MR JESSE SALMON - Mr Withy, Solicitor, sends Mr Moger a letter, addressed to him in his capacity as a solicitor, rather than as clerk of the U.S.A. With it he sent the will of the late Mr Salmon. Will not in letter book. 111

GEORGE SPEAR, BACON CURERS, 5 SOUTHGATE STREET - on decorated headed paper showing the first prize awarded in London by the British Dairy Farmers Association for Smoked Wiltshire Bacon in 1890. The letter itself is a brief acknowledgment of one received. The notepaper is of interest. 115

STEPHEN AMBROSE, THE YARD, AT OLD BRIDGE - Mr John Ricketts, Solicitor, writes to Mr Moger that at the recent meeting of the Scavenging Committee, it was stated that Ambrose occupied the yard by reason of a resolution of the Authority. He asks Moger to look up the resolution, as it must be put an end to (the compulsory purchasing of land and property for flood prevention). 117. See Aug-21 Sep 1896 154 and Oct-Dec 1896 46, 69, (2 letters), for more on Mr Ambrose.

MOGER OF LINCOLN'S INN - sends a telegram to his father F. H. Moger of the Urban Sanitary Authority, 'Batheaston' settled all points satisfactorily. Settled out time accepted, entry granted hire agreed. No number, in position 119a

POWLETT ROAD, BATHWICK - planning permission for new building estate to be called Powlett Road, deferred. 121. See 165, 210 and Aug-21 Sep 1896 1

CAMDEN GARDENS, WALCOT - planning permission for new building estate, approved provisionally. 121

CORNWELL ROW, WALCOT, 11 & 12 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 121

BLUE LODGE BUILDING ESTATE, REAR OF PARK LANE - planning permission for new estate, deferred. 121. Also Aug-21 Sep 1896, 88, where not approved.

COMFORTABLE PLACE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for building the terrace to be known as Comfortable Place, deferred. 121. Approved provisionally, Oct-Dec 1896 216

THORNBANK PLACE, OLDFIELD PARK, 6 - planning permission for amended plan, approved. 121. See Nov 1894-Mar 1894, 14, 232. There have been many problems with planning permission for the building of this street, more than any other, with endless alterations required for each house. So many, indeed, that one wonders whether the builder wasn't a Mason and the councillors were. 121

SOUTH HAYES, 3 - planning permission for additions, approved. 121

MILSOM STREET, 11, 12, 13 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 121

BELVEDERE, 29 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 121

BATH STATUTORY HOSPITAL, ADMISSION OF PATIENTS FROM BRADFORD-ON-AVON - letter from James Clark, Clerk to the Bradford Union, asking that patients be admitted from Bradford, as they recently were. There would not be very many, he points out. 137

SHARP AND KENT, ENGINEERS AND ELECTRICIANS, 34 VICTORIA STREET, LONDON - writes to advertise their Safety Concentric Wiring System, which they hope might be used for the new electric street lighting for Bath. Their telegraphic address was 'Megavolt, London'. They also had a branch at Don Chambers, Lord Street, Liverpool. 140

THE MAGNETITE SEWAGE AND WATER PURIFICATION CO., 33 BARTON ARCADE, MANCHESTER - send a plan (in letter book) of their sewage system and a letter saying that they have installed and run under contract, sewage works at Tyldesley Urban District Council, Lancs, and also built one at Springfield U D C, Yorkshire. 141

WESTHALL INN - from Henry Mortimer, Auctioneer, saying that if the Authority is selling the inn then he has a client who would be interested. 152. See 209, where a deputation of the public is bringing a memorial to the Authority regarding the selling of the Westhall Inn. 152, 209, 83. See Aug-21 Sep 1896 173, petition against renewal of license after demolition and rebuilding. See also Oct-Dec 1896 247 and Mar-Apr 1897, 91, 92, 93, 105, 133, 138, 144, 151, 176 and May-14 Jun 1897 3, 16, 50, 59, 105, 123, 132, 136, 148, 200. Jul - Oct 1897 55, 148, 168, 200. Oct-Dec 1897 3, 36, 135

JOHN BARTRUM - 13 Gay Street- writes that 'as an old man, weak in legs but heart whole', asks for road improvements near Northgate, where older people may rest while crossing as 'the pedestrians cannot judge by which way the vehicle intends to travel.' 157

J&J PATON, ADVERTISERS, 143, CANNON STREET, LONDON, PUBLISHERS OF 'THE HOLIDAY HOME REGISTER' - They are compiling the winter edition and wonder whether Bath would like to take four pages, as Malvern have done, to advertise the city. 162

WESTWOOD ESTATE - Henry Mortimer, Auctioneer of 20 Monmouth Place, sends particulars of the Westwood Estate. It was addressed to Messrs F. H. and R. A. Moger, Solicitors, and not to the U.S.A. as such. Mortimer has unusual old fashioned hand writing for the time. 163

BATHWICK STREET - planning permission appraisal of new building line, approved provisionally. 165. See 14, 58, 121, 210 and Aug- 21 Sep 1896 1

POWLETT ROAD, BATHWICK - planning permission for new building estate, to be called Powlett Road, approved provisionally. See 121, 210 and Aug-21 Sep 1896 1 where it is deferred again

PERA PLACE- planning permission for amended plan of gradients for new street, Pera Place. 165. See May-Oct 1894 35 and 1 Aug-21 Sep 1896 1, not approved

HIGH STREET, LANSDOWN ROAD, 8-9 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 165

ORANGE GROVE, SOUTH SIDE - planning permission for alterations to these houses, approved provisionally. 165

STRATTON HOUSE, PARK LANE - planning permission for additions, approved. 165

THE GLEN, ENTRY HILL - planning permission for additions, approved. 165

NEW VILLAS, OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for two new villas, approved. Does not say which ones. 165. See Aug-21 Sep 1896 154a, approved.

BLUE LODGE BUILDING ESTATE, PARK LANE - planning permission for new estate, approved provisionally. 165. See Oct-Dec 1896, 49

BELLEVUE PLACE, LANSDOWN ROAD, 3 - planning permission for additions, approved. 165

LAMBRIDGE, 7- planning permission for additions, approved. 165. See 14

RATE RECEIPT BOOKS PRINTED BY H.J. HARDING & CO, 2 NEWARK STREET - an estimate, for 41 rate receipt books, 250 receipts in each, numbered in two places and quarter bound on paper as sample, for one year, £2:17:6. For 2 or 3 years, £2.15.0 each rate. Letter on printed decorated business notepaper, pale brown, with flowers etc. At the bottom of the page, it says 'The above heading is a specimen of our New Style Engraving at one-third the cost of Copper-plate Engraving. There is also a letter giving estimates for Rate Application Forms, and then one for estimates for account books. All numbered together as 173. See also Aug-21 Sep 137, where they enquire if they may be granted a small share of future favours, as it is sometime since they have been granted any corporation work.

W. E. KNIGHT, PRINTER AND STATIONER, 18 GREEN STREET - estimates for printing rate sheets, three years at £15:19:0 per annum. 175, with a reference from Mundy Brewer and Mundy, Stock and Share Brokers and Accountants of 16 Milson Street at 174

W. T. DUDLEY, GENERAL PRINTER & STATIONER, NORTHUMBERLAND PLACE - estimate for printing rate books, receipts and remands £16 per annum. 176

PREATER & CO., ARTISTIC & COMMERCIAL PRINTERS, 4 BARTON STREET - estimates for printing rate books and receipts and demands is £30 per annum, £50 for two years and £75 for three. 177

E. R. BLACKETT, PRINTER, ENGRAVER AND STATIONER, 9 STALL STREET - estimate for supply of rate books, demand notes and receipt books is £8:10/- for each half yearly rate. He enclosed a sample of paper to be used for the receipt and demand notes (not kept). 178

F. CURTIS & SONS, PRINTERS, 9-10 BRIDGE STREET - estimates for rate books, receipts and demand notes with detailed particulars, £7:7/- for each year, over three years. 179. See Oct-Dec 1896 53, for engraved headed notepaper showing new shop at Bridge Street.

COMPARISON OF ALL TENDERS FOR RATE BOOKS, RECEIPTS AND DEMAND NOTICES, 1896-7 - by Mr Moger, on one piece of paper. All were priced using slightly different criteria. He has written to accept Mr Dudley's tender. Not numbered but sits in position 179a

RICHARD PLEWS, SOLICITOR, 24 ROOD LANE, LONDON, E.C. - as a solicitor he is a member of Charles Francis and Sons, Portland Cement Manufacturers, to whom Mr Moger had sent a new form of draft contract to be advised upon. He replies with his detailed analysis. 183, 189. See Apr-May 1896 75, 127, 173

ALLEN TO BATH CORPORATION - letter from Stone King, Solicitor, to say that the conveyance is now ready and they would be glad to know whether the Messrs Moger are prepared to complete. Property not mentioned. 186

WINCHESTER AND CANTERBURY ROADS, APPORTIONMENT - from Payne and Fuller, Solicitors, saying that their clients would like to settle their share of the costs for the apportionment of Junction Road and for that of these streets at the same time. 191

BEAR BREWERY YARD - Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes to ask Mr Moger to issue the necessary Notice of Abatement of Nuisances, one of which is for the yard. 192a. See 201 for the covering of a manure pit (the reply from William Howland)

JAMES STREET WEST, 16 - Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes to ask Mr Moger to issue the necessary Notice of Abatement of Nuisances, one of which is for this address. This usually means sanitation. 192a

MAJOR CHRISTOPHER D. BRICKMAN, J.P., 6 GROSVENOR PLACE - hand written letter to say that he has a committee meeting to attend on Monday afternoon, so will not be able to accompany the Royal Procession to Saltford. Written on black edged mourning paper. 194

KINGSTOWN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF DUBLIN, WATER SUPPLY - from the Town Clerk of Kingstown. He says that 'water supplied to Kingstown and other Townships in the County of Dublin is obtained from the Vartry Waterworks, which are the property of the Corporation of Dublin. Disputes have frequently arisen between the Commissioners and the Corporation respecting terms on which the supply is given, and the matter is at present engaging the attention of Parliament.' He is 'anxious to find out the terms for water supply for the more important towns of England.' 198

SOMERSET LANE - dispute over ownership of grass verge and positioning of stones. 21, 28, 51, 88a (loose), 166, 208, see also Aug-21 Sep 1896, 53 (letter from Edwin Hearn, the owner, who writes from 27 Great Chapel Street, Westminster, on black edged mourning paper), 85

CAPTAIN FORESTER'S BATHWICK ESTATE AT VILLA FIELDS - copies of letters to and from Mr Fortune, City Surveyor and Mr Farwell, of 11 Laura Place, regarding plans for the setting out of the new estate. The cloth plan sent is not in the letter book, but is referred to in detail, it would be the most up to date design- 'You will observe that it is proposed to widen the road from A to E a road at present a public highway and leading to the Boathouse; also to widen the public highroad known as Powlett Place from B to C to cut a new road from B to D being a continuation of Powlett Place, and also a new road from C to G all these roads to be made 36 feet wide 20 feet being for carriage way and 8 feet on each side for footpaths the Carriage ways to be metalled with black rock or Binegar stone and steam rolled. The paths to be laid with tar asphalt and the Gutter courses and curbs to be formed of pennant stone, crossings to be put of solid pennant stone. The sewers for the house drainage are shown by red lines on the plan and the drains (which will take the surface water only of the roads) by blue lines all these drains and sewers to be 9 inch glazed socket pipe, jointed with Portland cement and with manholes and lampholes at the respective points shown...(sic).' 210, several letters