

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book 1 Aug-21 Sep 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.

**EDGAR BUILDINGS, 6** - planning permission for additions, approved. 1

**HENRIETTA PARK** - planning permission for improvements to entrances, deferred. 1 and deferred again 36, deferred 88, deferred again 124a, deferred again, 154a. See Oct-Dec 1896 17. See Oct-Dec 1896 166

**HARLEY STREET SCHOOLS** - planning permission for new W.C.s, approved. 1

**OLD BOND STREET, 6** - planning permission for new front, approved. 1

**WALCOT STREET, 48** - planning permission for additions to rear, approved. 1

**NORTH PARADE BREWERY, NORTH PARADE PASSAGE** - planning permission for rebuilding, approved. 1

**ROYAL OAK, DAFFORD STREET, LARKHALL** - planning permission for alterations, not approved. 1

**DAFFORD VILLA, DAFFORD STREET, LARKHALL**- planning permission for additions to house, approved provisionally. 1

**THE FALKLANDS, PULTENEY ROAD** - planning permission for new building estate, approved provisionally. 1. Also 88, where amended plans deferred. Later approved provisionally, 124a. See later letters on the Pulteney Gardens estate, Jan-24 Feb 1897 7b and 98 and finally approved 148

**SOUTHGATE STREET, 13** - sanitary defects have been registered under Section 3 (2) Factory & Workshop Act (1895) and the Home Office, Whitehall, want to know what proceedings have been taken. 9, 33, 38

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**FREDERICK BEESLEY, M. INST.C.E., 11 VICTORIA STREET, WESTMINSTER** - extensive testimonial sent by Mr Beesley. With two accompanying letters. 13

**JAMES PROCTOR, HAMMERTON STREET IRON WORKS, BURNLEY, LANCS** - sends an advertising letter for his patent mechanical stoker and self-cleaning bars, on engraved headed paper which shows the Hammerton Iron Works building. 19

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE NUMBERS** - after an inspection of Hackney Carriages at the cattle market on 11 August 1896, the Chairman of the Hackney Carriage Committee (not named) wrote to Mr Moger that not one of the vehicles inspected had their number painted on them the requisite size. If the carriages were passed, then each driver would have to be summonsed for breaking the byelaw. 28

**RAILWAY PLACE, 3** - Mr Ambrose Ambrose has instructed his Solicitor, Mr Arthur Withy, to contact the Authority about their failure to upkeep the premises at Railway Place which he leases from them. The Authority are contracted to keep all erections and buildings, and all gates, doors, walls, bounds and fences in good order. The walls, roof, windows and floors are exceedingly dilapidated. 2. In 93, Alice Stevens writes that she and her father rent this place from Mr Ambrose and there is much detail about opening of the gates and securing them after the Authority inspected. 2, 93. See 154 for his brother Stephen of 3a Railway Place. See Oct-Dec 1896 175

**CLAVERTON LODGE, BATHWICK HILL** - planning permission for alterations, approved. 36

**STALL STREET, 9** - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 36

**JAMES STREET** - planning permission for new '?' (looks like Statling) deferred. 36

**CHATHAM ROW** - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 36

**S. G. TURNER, INSPECTOR OF HACKNEY CARRIAGES** - writes in relation to a landau recently inspected. The number is not given, so it cannot be identified from this letter. He says 'the landau is very old and shaky and the interior is also so shabby that it is not fit for any lady or gentleman. No amount of money spent on this carriage will compensate the owner.' 45

**FOWLER-WARING CABLES, NORTH WOOLWICH, LONDON** - writes on engraved business paper asking for contact details for the person to whom they should address quotations for trenching of electric cables. 58

**DAVID DENTON, DRAUGHTSMAN** - formerly of 90 Petherton Road, London. He has had an interview with Mr Moger regarding work for the forthcoming purchase of the Electric Lighting Company (see May-Oct, 244 for all other complete references to the problem, the inquiry and the purchase) and sends in ten testimonials (not kept), this letter accompanied them. 64, 73

**WILLIAM C. JOLLY** - the Mayor, writes from Home Lea, Lansdown, reiterating his son's business address as a Solicitor at 2 New Court Lincoln's Inn, London. His son is currently in Switzerland. Mr Jolly has been ill, he says he is able to sit up now, but it will be a while until he gets about again. 67

**ROBERT HENRY PAGE, 37 PARK STREET** - of Park Street and Royal Crescent Mews, Fly Proprietor and Job Master. Writes sending 5/- for two licenced badges, one for the driver and one for the conductor. 79

**THREE CROWNS, LONDON STREET** - the original Three Crowns demolished 1901, not the later one next door. Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, sends a note to Mr Gardiner asking for the tracing of the plan of the Three Crowns before noon that day. In pencil someone has written that Mr Moger has both the original and the tracing. 80

**COPYING OF PLANS DEPOSITED WITH THE AUTHORITY** - a resolution had been passed on 17<sup>th</sup> August 1896, by the Surveying Committee, that only the builder or owner of a property could inspect and copy plans. Solicitor Mr Withy writes that this has been taken to ridiculous heights. Mr John Dudley deposited plans for a sewer. His contractor called at the office and said that his clerk would call in the afternoon to copy the plans. When the clerk, Mr Freen turned up, he was refused permission because he was neither owner nor builder. Obviously, the builder is going to employ a

clerk and Mr Withy says that surely it was never intended to be construed in this way and a word from Mr Moger would put it right. The letter is also signed by J. R. Ricketts, Surveying Committee Chairman, who is also a solicitor. 87

**THE GLEN, ENTRY HILL** - planning permission for alterations, not approved. 88

**SYDNEY BUILDINGS, 8** - planning permission for additions, approved. 88

**EARLE VILLA, OLDFIELD PARK** - planning permission for additions, approved. 88

**MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL** - planning permission for addition of Sick Wards, approved. 88

**RAVENSLEA, OLDFIELD PARK** - planning permission for addition and alterations to stable, approved provisionally. 88

**CHEAP STREET, 20, 21, 22** - planning permission for rebuilding approved provisionally. 88. Not approved, 124a, approved, 154a, letter 156, see also 163, 165, 171

**ORANGE GROVE/TERRACE WALK** - planning permission for new building line at corner of these streets, approved. 88

**SOUTH SIDE LONDON STREET** - Payne and Fullers, Solicitors, write that clients who have houses on the south side of London Street want to spend some money improving them but would like to know beforehand whether the Authority is going ahead with plans to widen the street (i.e. demolish houses). 90

**ADULTERATION OF MUSTARD** - from the Local Government Board, who say that they cannot advise. 94

**PUBLIC INQUIRY PROPOSAL FOR NEW SEWAGE WORKS** - The Authority are trying to rush through a purchase of land in Saltford, without letting the neighbours know what is going on. Local Government Board refuse a request for an immediate public inquiry so that the purchase can go through on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1896 saying that there has not been enough time given and that ample time for objection by neighbours to the proposed site should have been given and statutory compliance made. The board are not prepared to entertain the Authority's suggestion. 94. See Nov 1894-Mar 1895, 120, for full details on proposal to build sewage works.

**MR GEORGE ARTHUR WALKER AND NARROW QUAY** - he writes that in February 1896 he appeared before the Surveying Committee in relation to obstruction of Narrow Quay by GWR and it was found that he owned the land. He had been asked to loan the Authority his deeds. He has not heard a result since then. He asks for his deeds back, so that he can take the matter up with the Local Government Board. He owned a steam saw mill at 46 Avon Street, with offices at 10 Monmouth Street. He lived at 8 St Mark's Place. 95, 96

**ARNOLD JOLLY, LAWYER** - of 2 New Court, Carey Street, Lincoln's Inn - son of Mayor W. Jolly and recipient of authority legal work as a result. He writes a handwritten letter to Mr Moger about a date for a conference with him. He also says that he is sorry to hear about the death of Mr Moger's managing clerk, whom he remembers very well. 103, 106

**ADVENT OF TYPEWRITERS AT GUILDHALL** - Mr W. H. Symons writes from the Guildhall to Mr Councillor Cochrane, a typewritten note, that he has two typewriters on trial, and he prefers the Remington. It would cost about £22. He asks if he may order it. 109

**ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION LTD, BUSHBURY ENGINEERING WORKS, WOLVERHAMPTON** - sends a confirmation of telegram sent in reply to a request that they can supply Gwynne's air and circulating pump at reduction of £185. 113

**BRUSH ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CO.** - office at Albert Buildings, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London. On headed business paper. They have tendered for an induction alternator and now send a list of other places that use them, in Switzerland and Germany. 114

**A MOTHER, FROM AVON STREET** - an anonymous letter about condensed milk that has been found to contain only skimmed milk and no nutrients. It was responsible for the death of a baby in the street. 'We ask you to be good enough to enquire about the condensed milk that is sold. At the inquest that was held on the poor baby that died here the other week the foreman of the jury says 'he sold it...lots of we poor people buys it for our young ones- and we did not know until then that it was no good- then what is it allowed to be sold for if no good...the words on the tins is so little that no one notices them...it is no good but to starve babies with'. 116

**COPY OF ADVERTISEMENT ASKING FOR TENDERS FOR DREDGING MUD FROM AROUND THE OLD BRIDGE** - this is near where the Churchill Bridge now stands. It was at the end of Southgate Street. The river had silted up and as part of the flood prevention, 'excavating and barging away' was to be carried out. 117, (2 letters), 165, 167

**JAMES'S LANE, 1&2** - Mr George Maggs writes from Chelsea Place, Bailbrook that his properties at James's Lane, Marks Hill, abutting Stable Lane, have been undermined by the overly heavy use of the road by the Authority 'who have monopolised it', the pressure pushing the houses out of line, and there being a steep drop to Stable Lane behind. He has been asked to repair or replace the house and feels that it is so dangerous that the house needs to be rebuilt. He wants the Surveying Committee to hear about it and for Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, to produce his correspondence between them. He writes to the Surveying Committee, so the letter ended up in the Urban Sanitary Authority files. 119, (4 letters)

**STOTHERT & PITT** - to Alderman Ricketts. Should the Authority let them the stone yard below their works then they will 'have pleasure in undertaking to provide an efficient weighbridge at the yard near the old bridge, either a new one, or the present one thoroughly overhauled and put into first rate repair'. On headed engraved paper with a picture of a crane at a harbour, with 'Titan for Building Harbours' underneath. Typed letter with stamped with a copy of Walter Pitt's signature. 120

**T. FREDERIC INMAN, KILKENNY HOUSE, SION HILL** - writes to complain about 'the intolerable nuisance of the smell and smoke from the destructor. Everyone I speak to complains of it but says that it is useless to appeal to the authorities. I have already complained to the Inspector of Nuisances.' Having recently visited the park, he 'found the smoke there very bad and made enquiry of those employed in the Park and found from all the strongest expression of the annoyance...and of the constant complaints of visitors to the Park'. This is impacting on the letting of houses in Bath. He

owns rental houses and finds himself unwilling to tell people about this. 121, 172. See Oct-Dec 1896 3 for analytical tests of the air as a result of complaints.

**JAMES GOULD, BUILDER, 57 WEST AVENUE** - copy of letter to him from Mr Fortune, City Surveyor. Copy sent to Mr Moger. Gould has started the damp course of new houses adjoining Morley Villas, with a material that is not 'hard and incombustible.' He is therefore required to attend the next 'meeting of the Surveying Committee to show cause why these portions of the wall should not be cut out or the walls pulled down'. 124

**MR AMERY, BUILDER, GROVE STREET** - copy of letter to sent to him by Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. This copy was sent to Mr Moger. 124

**BLOOMFIELD AVENUE** - planning permission for pair of houses, approved. 124a

**BELL INN, WALCOT** - planning permission for alterations to approach of yard, approved. 124a

**NEW BOND STREET, 9** - planning permission for alterations, approved. 124a

**FRANCIS HILYER, 2 UPPER LAMBRIDGE STREET** - writes to say that he was away when the memorial protesting about the replacement of the good pennant path with an asphalt one at Eldon Place was signed, or he would also have signed it. He 'strongly objects to and protests against the proceedings. If it were carried out, it would be a depreciation of that long rank of workmen's dwellings and a lessening of the property value.' 127, see 128

**MR F. YOUNG, 17 KENSINGTON** - writes to support the objections of the residents of Eldon Place to the replacement of the pennant pavement with an asphalt one. 128, see 127

**FREDERICK F. BENNETT, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT** - of 13 Victoria Street, Manchester- writes that with the dissolution of the partnership between Messrs Bennett and Druce, he, the senior partner, has decided to start practicing as a Consulting Engineer. Mr Roger Hammond acted in this capacity for Bath at that time. 130

**JAMES COLLINS & SONS, CAMDEN MILLS, BATH** - has been sent a notice and replies that he did not know it was an infringement of the Public Health Act 'to throw a little light dust into the river'. He says that he has taken steps to prevent it in future. 'It seems a little anomalous that the Authority can pollute the river with sewage to any extent and nearby'. He has written crossways at the top 'poison us but at times without let or hinderance, yours truly, James Collins'. 131

**FRASER & FRASER LTD, MANUFACTURER OF STEAM BOILERS, LONDON** - hand written letter headed Public Wash-Houses and Baths. They have 'carried out the engineering work for a good many and if you will allow us to do so, we shall be glad to give you or your architect a scheme for this work'. 133

**E. COMPTON, FLY PROPRIETOR, 18 GUINEA LANE** - a long letter about being refused a licence for the two day horse show because his vehicle had the number on the back panel, not the front. He says two other licenses were issued to Mr Boyland, and Mr Basson, who have it on the back panel and he called at the police station and asked Chief Inspector Noble if there was anything wrong with having it on the back panel and he said 'no that is where our men look for it first'. When he called for the license the boys in the office said 'well, are you going to have it on the pannels?' 142

**BRITISH INSULATED WIRE CO., PRESCOT** - confirmation of telegram, saying that a misunderstanding as to type of box required for cable caused their tender to be higher than it should have been, can (Bath) have the tenders reconsidered? 145, confirmation and two telegrams.

**THORNBANK PLACE, 1, PROPOSED BAKEHOUSE** - blue print for proposed bakehouse, with letter from Herbert Matthews, Architect, of 1a Broad Street. 152

**CALLENDER'S CABLE & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED** - head office 90 Cannon St, London. Writes that Mr Hammond has told them their tender for supply and laying of mains at Bath has been accepted subject to modifications. They desire to place on formal record that they accept the modifications. 153

**NORTHGATE STREET** - Mr Stephen Ambrose, of 3a Railway Place, has apparently erected street lights at Northgate Street, without permission. 154. See 2, 93, for his brother Ambrose Ambrose and Jun-Jul 1896, 117, for more on S. Ambrose. See Oct-Dec 1896, 219, a letter on his headed paper about an unknown subject.

**URSULA MOODIE** - Letter from the Medical Officer of Health, W. H. Symonds, about the child Ursula's case. She had Scarlet Fever. It appears that she died after being discharged from hospital and has infected her sister. Mr Symonds says that the full correspondence has been laid before the Hospital Committee this morning and the committee was fully satisfied that the Medical Officer of Health at the Sanitary Hospital had used 'every possible precaution to make sure that she was not discharged in a desquamating condition' however, the hospital agree to take her sister Mabel into the hospital, presumably (although not specifically said) free of charge, 'without admitting any neglect'. Dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 1896

**F. OR T. COOMBS, OF 13 ST ANNE'S BUILDINGS, ST ANNE'S STREET, WESTMINSTER** - writes asking if there is any work as a dynamo or switchboard attendant at the new Electric Light Station. He was previously employed by the Oldham Electric Light Co. for three years and prior to that by Westminster Electric Light Co. He was recently in business with his brother, but that did not favour them with success and he is looking to get back into the electric light business again. 162

**MR F. MOGER'S EXPENSES AS CLERK TO URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY** - Mr Sturges, Mayor, of Brindley Villa, writes to Mr Marshall, forwarding a batch of Mr Moger's bills. He has marked the ones that he considers overcharges. He asks Mr Marshall to do likewise and then forward them to Mr Ricketts, Mr Shum or Mr Moore for inspection. 166

**PLAN OF DORCHESTER STREET, 1896** - hand drawn on graph paper, showing shops, hotels, streets that no longer exist, etc 108

**REQUEST FOR BENCHES, HEDGEMEAD PARK AND CLAVERTON STREET** - Miss E. B. Sydney of 5 Belvedere writes to say thank you for the bench placed at the Lansdown Road entrance to Hedgemead Park. It has been well used by many older residents. She asks if the same is possible for the residents of Widcombe, at Claverton Street, at the entry to the Halfpenny Bridge. 169

**WESTHALL INN TO BE SOLD TO BE DEMOLISHED AND REBUILT** - petition from local residents who object to the licensed premises here, saying that there are already three other pubs within a quarter of a mile and the temptation to workmen ought to be lessened. The pub name is not mentioned, but

earlier correspondence about the sale of the Westhall, its position as the only pub on this site and the age of the present Westhall Inn on this site, indicate that this is the pub. The pub only a few yards away is the Hop Pole, also still in existence. Signed by: Rev James Lunt, Rector of Walcot; Rev John Stedman, Vicar of St John's; Rev Edwin Simon, Percy Chapel; George Hancock, Linley's Park Gardens; S. C. L. Fuller, Kilbrannan, Audley Road; Sydney Fussell, Allington, Audley Road; J.M. Ostler, Dalehurst, Combe Park; C. S Ellery, Engineer at gas works, Oldfield Park; Alfred W. Griffin, 4 Saville Row; Alfred Withy, Selworthy, Lower Weston; S. Tanner, Fernbank, Newbridge Road; Fran. J. Robinson, Kynance, Newbridge Road, Superintendent of the Westhall Mission; Benjamin Turvey and Sons, Locksbrook; William Langford, Kelso Villa, Gas Works; John Glover, 1 Stanley Terrace, Locksbrook; Rev Angus Clerk, Vicar of St Paul's; John Quick, Rector of Bath; Gilbert James, Vicar of St James's; Rev T. L. Sissmore, Holy Trinity; H. J. Gower, Minister of Manvers Street Baptist Church; J. Turner-Smith, Minister of Argyle Chapel. 173, See Jun-Jul 1896 83, 152, 209