

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book Jan 1897-24 Feb 1897. This set runs from 1892-1905. They are catalogued to December 1897. The letter numbers are given at the end of each subject entry. Some letters are bound out of date order in this book. 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 GATEHOUSE, PUBLIC ANALYST** - his clerk writes that Mr Gatehouse sends his compliments and wishes Mr Moger a 'Happy New Year'. 2

**OLD ORCHARD, 9** - H. Graham Montagu, the Inspector of Nuisances, writes that the overcrowding at this address 'is not abated, their excuse being that they cannot get another address'. 3

**LONDON TERRACE** - London barristers Johnson and Son of 5 Gray's Inn Square, London, write on behalf of their client Mr Adams, to say that he assents to the proposals for redevelopment. 6

**REV. J. J. S. BIRD, VICAR OF COLERNE** - was served with a notice to abate a nuisance at Cedar Lodge, Lambridge, to wit a foul drain 'a short length of old stone in very bad condition situated between the sewer and that portion of the house drain nearer the house.' 7, 30, 91 (a long and detailed letter in which he says he has just spent £300 on a new system of drainage at Lambridge and there is no holder of property in Bath more anxious to further the efforts of the committee than himself).

**MALVERN BUILDINGS** - the residents had made a petition, which Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, asks Mr Moger to attach to the agenda for the next Surveying Committee meeting. Petition not here and topic unknown. 7b. See Mar-Apr 1897, 100, 104

**PICCADILLY, LONDON ROAD, 1&2** - planning permission for additions between these houses, not approved. 7b. See Mar-Apr 1897 39, planning permission for workshop at rear, approved

**TRIM STREET, 16** - planning permission for additions, approved. 7b

**PULTENEY GARDENS** - planning permission for new houses, not approved. 7b. See 98

**PULTENEY STREET, 10** - planning permission for addition, approved. 7b

**ROBERT BUSH, OF 1 WINIFRED'S DALE** - writes a note asking that an enclosed letter of appreciation, (not present) be placed before the Lighting or other committee. Addressed to the Mayor of Bath. 8

**MARIE RUSSELL, 14 WESTMORELAND BUILDINGS, BATH** - a little girl who was at home in bed with measles. The doctor came, diagnosed Scarlet Fever, had her admitted to the Statutory Hospital, had their living room sealed up and caused the family to have almost the whole of their house disinfected and distempered and painted. The girl has now been alone in an empty ward at the hospital for two weeks and the staff say that she is not infectious, allow visitors to touch her and keep her isolated from infectious people, saying that she has measles and they do not know why she is there. The father, Mr Andrew Russell, went to the hospital and asked the doctor to examine her, but the reply was that 'as the child is now peeling on her hands, Dr Field cannot say that she has not had scarlet fever'. She has never been away from home, and the father fears that she may die from pining for home and has complained to the Local Government Board, who have sent a copy of his

letter and an official investigation ensues. From the Local Government Board, officially, with a typed copy of the letter to them from Mr Andrew Russell, written from 67 Victoria Terrace, Bristol Road, Gloucester. 10

**MR SINNOTT, ST KILDA, WESTBURY-ON-TRYM** - writes to say that he encloses the rents from 1, 2 and 3 Bellevue Cottages, collected by his man, with cheque for balance, £22:4:9, which he trusts Mr Moger will find correct. 14. See 37

**H.M. CHIEF INSPECTOR OF CANAL BOATS** - will call on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January to enquire as to the execution of the Canal Boats Act in the borough. Delayed from November the previous year, see Oct-Dec 1896 volume, 184, 187. 19.

**G. WALKER, COAL FACTOR, 10 MONMOUTH STREET** - writes to ask Mr Moger for the deeds of Hucklebridge Court, Narrow Quay, to be given to the bearer of this note. Dated 8<sup>th</sup> January. Written on the note in another hand, 'Received the above deeds this 8<sup>th</sup> January 1897 from Mr Moger' signed G. Walker, in the same hand as the original note.

**MR RANSOM, 10 BLOMFIELD STREET, WESTBOURNE TERRACE** - Writes that in case the Authority require a lecturer on hygiene, he encloses his card. There is a Blomfield Street, Westbourne Terrace in Bayswater, London. 33

**HEN AND CHICKEN COURT** - Stone King, Solicitors Stone King write that they find that the tenants have not yet vacated the premises, yet they gave instructions for them to be turned out some time ago. 35, 69. See Mar-Apr 1897 75 where Mr Gatehouse, Public Analyst, writes that Charles Moxham first floor, front room and James Allen, top floor, front room, still occupy apartments at 1 Hen and Chicken Court.

**BELLE VUE COTTAGES, EAST TWERTON, 1, 2 & 3** - Mr Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes to ask if the yard, kilns etc of these cottages are included in the purchase from Mr Sinnott. 37. See 14

**HIGH COMMON, GAS LAMP** - from J. Stone, Town Clerk, referring to a letter about a gas lamp being placed on the path leading across High Common from Cavendish Place to Sion Hill. It had been read out to the Watch Committee and he was directed to send it to the Surveying Committee for consideration. 50

**ARCH UNDER HENRIETTA STREET** - planning permission for new W.C., approved. 52

**SYDNEY BUILDINGS** - premises in occupation of James Stokes (no house listed). Mr Graham Montagu, Sanitary Inspector, has taken a sample of water from the pump in the yard and found it to contain impurities. At the bottom is the address J. Ayton Esq, Bath Brewery, Bathwick Hill, who may be the owner. 55

**JOSEPH BASTER, CLIFF EDGE, BEECHEN CLIFF** - writes a long letter about the condition of the river and the need for dredging. He says that in 1806, a section of the river between Pulteney Weir and Victoria Bridge; the busiest most contracted out part of the river and the most neglected, was taken by John Blackwall and engineer of some celebrity. He found the depth to be 10ft. By 1897, the depth is now 4 foot, the rest being filled up with solid rubbish. Mr Baster estimates that about 100,000 tonnes of rubbish need to be dredged from the river to prevent further flooding and aid navigation.

He suggests that the entire centre channel in this section be dredged to 8ft, with a graduated margin on each side from 7ft to 3ft. He goes into detail about the costs and machinery needed. 63

**CALLENDER CABLE AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY** - of Belvedere Kent, offices at 90 Cannon Street, London. Written on headed business paper that the contract sent to them for electric cable by the Authority is not what was agreed. 65, 99, 123, 147, 167. Also Mar-Apr 1897, 5

**STATUTORY NOTICE ISSUED FOR FOUL SANITARY CONDITIONS** - Widcombe School, Millbrook Place. They have six days to install enough W.C.'s for the infants. 78, 120

**STATUTORY NOTICE ISSUED FOR FOUL SANITARY CONDITIONS** - Dolemeads School, Middle Lane. They have six days to install enough W.C.'s for the infants. 78, 120

**MUNICIPAL ELECTRICAL ASSOCIATION** - of Huddersfield write to invite Bath to join the Association and to tell them that a meeting on fire risk in electrical stations is to be held at Westminster Palace Hotel on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1897. They enclose a list of authorities who have already joined the association. 92, 113, 129

**GEORGE BIGGS, PAIR OF GATEWAYS AND DRAIN AT WESTON** - Midland Railway write to say that they have written to the clerk of the rural district council about this. 97

**CLAVERTON BUILDINGS, 8** - planning permission for covering part of the yard, approved. 98

**WIDCOMBE PARADE, 12** - planning permission for addition at rear, approved. 98

**ANGEL PLACE, LOWER BRISTOL ROAD, 4** - planning permission for new shop front, approved. 98

**ST. JAMES' PARADE, 5** - planning permission for W.C. at rear, approved. 98

**HIGH STREET, 23** - planning permission for alterations, approved. 98

**PULTENEY GARDENS** - planning permission for new houses, amended plan approved. 98. See 7b

**NORTH PARADE BREWERY** - planning permission for new window, approved. 98

**CALTON ROAD, 8** - planning permission for alterations, approved. 98

**MUNICIPAL OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION** - invitation to the annual general meeting and annual dinner, 1897. 100, 197

**NEW BOND STREET, 9, ALTERATIONS TO EXTERIOR** - hard to read letter with an illegible signature asking permission to alter the exterior of this property to include 'two flaps to open and also power to open and make use of for the purposes of lifting food into and delivering food from during the prescribed hours'. Someone has written 'Slush' at the top of this letter. 107

**GAY STREET, 2** - Solicitor J. Timmins writes on behalf of Mr Perry who recently purchased this house. He asks whether the 'pine/pinc?' end wall and garden wall facing Queen's Parade Place belong to the corporation? The walls were built by the corporation when 1 Gay Street was demolished some years before. 104

**DESTRUCTOR** - Mr Ricketts writes to Mr Moger to say that Mr Massey of Stoddard Massey and Warner is visiting him today (2<sup>nd</sup> February 1897). 'As he will be here, I think it advisable that he go to the destructor to make an examination to see that all is going right. What do you say for sending for Vincent?' 108

**OLDFIELD PARK ESTATE** - Mr C. J. Hole writes that he sold his interest in this land to Mr Harding, Builder, of Twerton. On the back in pencil is written '12 Feby 96, Sinnott to Hole. 25 Feby 96, Hole to C. Harding H Clark'. 114, 141

**C. F. METZGER, CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER** - for the new Bath Corporation Electric Light Works in Dorchester Street sends a hand written letter of his own achievements and printed testimonial from J. E. H. Gordon and Co. 118.

**THE FINE ART AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** - 10 Clare Street, Bristol, writes to enquire about insuring the electricity generating station. Telegraphic address 'Piquancy' Bristol. 122

**J. LONG & SON, BUILDER** - of Railway Road, Bath, ask when the Conveyance of land at Oldfield Road will be completed as they wish to proceed with the work at once. 127, 143, 154, 156

**EXETER SEPTIC TANK SYSTEM AT PRESTON, LEAKED REPORT** - the town clerk of Preston writes to Mr Moger that he has had a letter from Mr Radford regarding sewage works in which Radford says that Mr Moger showed him a copy of a report made for Preston by Doctors Voelcker and Pilkington. The town clerk says that this was an entirely private report which was not even circulated to members of Preston Council. He asks whether Mr Moger will favour him with the source from which this printed copy came. 132, 136, 158 (where Mr Radford writes from Nottingham to return the copy of the report lent to him by Bath)

**CONVEYANCE OF LAND FROM THOMAS JOLLY TO JACOB LONG, 12 OCT 1895** - J. Long, Builder, asks Mr Moger to return the document which had been lent to him. 138 (two letters, 23 Dec 1896 and 15 Jan 1897). See also 153

**GRANT OF BELGRADE, OLDFIELD ROAD FROM W J WILCOX TO MISS SECOMBE 5 AUG 1890** - J. Long, Builder, asks Mr Moger to return this document which was lent to him. 138 (two letters 23 Dec 1896 and 15 Jan 1897). See also 153, 173

**UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE CABLES** - the National Telephone Company write to ask how the matter of underground work is progressing as they are very anxious to begin work. 139, 157, Mar-Apr 1897 9, 59, 113, 190

**CHEAP STREET, 20, 21, 22-** a resolution has been passed at the Surveying Committee for permanent street lights opposite these properties. Letter gives details of construction of lights needed. From Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. 140, 174, 199

**ELECTRIC LIGHTING ACCOUNTS** - Mr Metzger, City Electrical Engineer writes to say that the December Quarter bill to the Electric Light Company has been paid out of the loan account for which the Authority are paying heavy interest. 145

**JUNCTION ROAD** - Mr Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes that he understands that the roadway at Junction Road is soon to be taken over by the council and that notices will need to be put up there to that effect. 146, 151

**BELGRAVE CRESCENT** - Mr Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes that he understands that the roadway at Belgrave Crescent is soon to be taken over by the council and that notices will need to be put up there to that effect. 146, 151

**OXFORD ROW, 5** - planning permission for alterations, approved. 148

**MESSRS SPEARS BACON FACTORY, SOUTHGATE STREET** - planning permission for alterations and additions, approved. 147

**INN AND BREWERY, VILLA FIELDS** - planning permission for a new inn and brewery, approved. 147

**COTTAGE, REAR BRUNSWICK PLACE, COMBE DOWN** - planning permission for a new cottage, approved. 147

**PULTENEY GARDENS** - planning permission for 18 new houses approved. 147. See 7b and 98. Also Aug-Sep 1896 1, 88, 124a

**WESTGATE STREET, 31** - Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes that a resolution was passed at the Surveying Committee to allow a Patent light to be installed opposite 31 Westgate Street, to open at right angles to the footway. Not to be used after 10am. He asks Mr Moger to communicate with Mr Gardiner of Barton Street on the subject. 166

**VINEYARDS, 10** - Miss Anne Grace Perrett is moving here in one month's time from 13 New Bond Street. Official notification under the Factory Act from the Factory Department, Whitehall. 169

**MARY ANN FISHLOCK, ENGINEER'S ARMS, LOWER BRISTOL ROAD** - Police Constable 24 James Baker reports that on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 1897 she did throw a quantity of ashes into the river Avon. From Lieut. Col Reginald T. Gwyn, Chief of Police. 173

**FOUNDRY PLACE** - with reference to a case U.S.A vs Stevens, the rents of three houses in Foundry Place in February 1897 were 5/-, 3/- 2 pence and 3/- 3 pence per week. 182.

**GREENFIELD BUILDINGS** - with reference to a case U.S.A. vs Stevens, the rents in Greenfield Buildings in February 1897 were 4/- and 3/- 9 pence per week. 182

**PETERSBURG PLACE** - with reference to a case U.S.A. vs Stevens, the rents of the houses in Petersburg Place in February 1897 were 3/- and 2/- 6 pence per week. 182

**HALES TERRACE** - with reference to a case U.S.A. vs Stevens, the rents for three houses in Hales Terrace in February 1897 were 4/- 6 pence per week and one at 3/- 6 pence per week. 182

**OLIVE COTTAGES** - with reference to a case U.S.A. vs Stevens, the rents for two houses known as Olive Cottages were 5/- 3 pence a week and 4 /- 6 pence per week. 182

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**THE MAGNETITE SEWAGE AND WATER PURIFICATION CO LTD** - of 22 Barton Street, Manchester, write to introduce their system of sewage disposal. 183

**PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO COMPULSORY PURCHASE OF LAND FOR STREET IMPROVEMENT** - the Board of Trade send a formal notice to be advertised in two consecutive weekly newspapers here, to advertise the public inquiry and also for a sanction to borrow £7,500 for street improvement. 192

**THE SANITARY INSTITUTE** - invite Bath to send two delegates to the Autumn Congress and Exhibition in Leeds in the autumn of 1897. 196

**ABBAY GREEN, 9** - planning permission for new window approved. 200

**ONEGA LODGE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD** - planning permission for new building adjoining it, approved. 200. See Mar-Apr 1897, approved provisionally. 39

**BANK, CAMDEN ROAD** - planning permission for two houses adjoining and (?) approved. 200

**WESTMORELAND TERRACE, BRISTOL ROAD, 9** - planning permission for shop front, approved. 200

**CANTERBURY ROAD** - planning permission for coach house and stable, deferred. 200. See Mar-Apr 1897, not approved, 39

**TYNING ROAD** - planning permission for pair of new villas, approved. 200