

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book May-14 Jun 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. 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.

WILLIAM WILCOX, ARCHITECT - of 1 Belmont, Bath. He was the County Surveyor of Somerset. He writes about starting work on the Electric Lighting Works. He has arranged for Mr Smith, who is Clerk of Works at the Pump Room but is under occupied to spend part of his time at the Electric Light Works for a guinea a week, providing the consent of Mr Bryden is obtained. 4

LYNCOMBE BOARD SCHOOL - Mr Argent Simmons writes to complain that the dust and refuse have not been collected from the school for at least a month. 5

DREDGING NORTH ARCH OF OLD BRIDGE - Mr Baster of Beechen Cliff writes to Mr Tuckett, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee that the time of year might be right for finishing the dredging under the north arch of the old bridge. He says the scenes yesterday with the boats there were worse than ever. 7

BATHEASTON MILL - Mr Spackman, Land Agent, writes to Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, that Mr Whittard will not be able to complete the removal of the dams by Wednesday evening next, so please can Mr Fortune keep the hatches up until Saturday. 8

ELECTRIC LIGHT BUILDINGS - a typed letter from J. May regarding various aspects of work at the new site. He has discussed these with various people. In conference with Mr Metzger and Mr Kolle, he reports on the arrangement of the main flue. In conference with Mr Wooster, he reports on the poor state of the boiler house roof, which Mr Metzger says needs replacing urgently. The site of the Men's and office W.C.'s also needs to be changed. Progress so far includes Mr Metzger clearing the coal bunkers away and moving all the coal. He is also making temporary condensing arrangements, so that the Raworth pump can be moved. No work can be done on the Engine House until this is done. Mr Metzger and his men are doing all of the clearing work and extra men need to be hired. The report ends by saying that a man fell over the wall on Friday and was drowned. Letter dated 1 May 1897. 9. See also 12, 22 and all letters in volume 7 relating to Mr Hammond and the Electric Light Works.

COUNCILLOR JOHN, 15 OLD BOND STREET - at a meeting of the Council held 4 May 1897 Mr John was appointed as a member of the Finance, Electric Lighting, Fire Brigade and Surveying Committees in place of the late Alderman Charles Frederick Marshall. 11

LYNDHURST, CRESCENT GARDENS - planning permission for additions, approved. 21

CABMEN'S SHELTER, FOUNTAIN BUILDINGS - planning permission for this not approved. 21

RAILWAY HOTEL - planning permission for addition to smoke room, approved. 21

BUILDING ESTATE MOORFIELDS - Durley Park Estate. Planning permission for this not approved. 21. Not approved again 140. See 158a. Also Jul-Oct 1897, 2b

SUBSCRIPTIONS RAISED TO BUILD LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY TO CELEBRATE QUEEN VICTORIA'S RECORD REIGN - May 1897. Printed notice with tear off bottom portion for new subscribers. On the reverse is a notice announcing the building of an art gallery and library at the Guildhall to celebrate her reign. This was in accordance with the wishes of the citizens at a recent public meeting. 24

CALTON ROAD, 87 - Mr Fortune encloses an amended notice (not kept) addressed to Mr Lee or Ley, to abate the nuisance. 25, 187

STOTHERT AND PITT/ ELECTRIC LIGHT WORKS - letter about receiving approval of the contract drawings and starting work. He lists the sureties for the work, Mr Walker Pitt, Southstoke House and Mr Percy K. Stothert, Keynsham Manor. 27

DOLEMEADS IMPROVEMENTS - Stone King Solicitors write that they noticed in last night's paper that St John's Hospital were to sell their land at Dolemeads for £30, but this is wrong. The hospital offered to sell to the Authority for £35, provided that the Corporation provide and maintain a flight of steps to the river. 43

BARBED WIRE ACT 1893 - John Stone, Town Clerk, writes that Mr W. J. Caple of Moorfields House, Oldfield Park has infringed the act by placing barbed wire fencing on his land adjoining the footpath on Beechen Cliff. 44, 52, 72

RAGLAN PLACE, 7-9 - Mr Edwin Love, Quarry Owner of Odd Down, writes of the correspondence referring to these houses, asking what the surveying committee's surveyor will require. 51

RAILWAY PLACE - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, writes that he has instructed that this portion of road be watered in future (this kept the dust down). 52b

RESERVOIR AT MONKSWOOD - W. C. Jolly of Home Lea, Lansdown, writes that the reservoir is practically completed and the Mayor has kindly consented to turn on the water on Wednesday June 2nd 1897. Carriages will leave from the Guildhall at 12 and lunch will be provided on the ground. Invitation to Mr Moger. 58, 84

QUEEN'S JUBILEE MAY 1897 - James Williams of the Municipal Offices sends a circular to the effect that the city wish to add a pendant to the Mayor's Chain in recognition of the jubilee and also to provide the mayor with an illuminated manuscript of all of the subscribers. 64

GODDARD, MASSEY AND WARNER - discuss the improvement of the fans at the destructor and the cost of running it. 81, 210

NEW WOOD PAVING - the following streets will be re-laid with wood paving under loan: Kingsmead Street, Westgate Street, Pulteney Bridge, Argyle Street, New Bond Street, Quiet Street, Brock Street, Green Street, and Upper Boro Walls. Queen Square to be newly laid. From Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. 94. Also Jul-Oct 1897 83, where the tenders from Holmes of Bath and the Prismatic Paving Co. of Worcester are discussed. Woods to be considered are Australian Kauai and Archangel Deal. Prismatic Wood Paving Co. letter at 94, 96, 101 with picture of carbolized oak blocks. 96 also includes a newspaper clipping of the tender by the authority.

HOLLOWAY - planning permission for alteration to shop front, not approved. 94

RUSSELL PLACE, BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for new building, not approved. 94

MARLBOROUGH LANE - planning permission for new villas, approved. 94

HANOVER TERRACE, KENSINGTON GARDENS - planning permission for new houses, approved. 94

DOG LANE - planning permission for alteration to stables, approved. 94

POWLETT PLACE - planning permission for four cottages, approved. 94

ROYAL UNITED HOSPITAL - planning permission for alterations, approved. 94

NEW LODGE OPPOSITE MACAULEY BUILDINGS, WIDCOMBE HILL - planning permission for new lodge approved. 94

SNOW HILL - planning permission for eleven new houses, approved. 94

MESSRS GERRISH, WHARF, DORCHESTER STREET - complaints about the smell of manure being removed from the barges and stored. Mr Symons, Medical Officer of Health, finds that it is not injurious to health. He has given directions for improvements to be made and says that Messrs Gerrish is anxious to do all that is in their power stopping short of giving up carrying the manure. 116

MONMOUTH STREET/KINGSMEAD STREET - planning permission for alteration to premises, approved. 140

BATHWICK HILL, 5 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 140

RAINBOW WOOD, WIDCOMBE HILL - planning permission for coach house and stable, approved. 140

PICCADILLY, LONDON ROAD, 1&2 - planning permission for additions, not approved. 140

RIVER BANK ALTERATIONS - Stephen Ambrose, Building Contractor of Railway Place, writes that he expects to 'set a tipping place down the river and as soon as I have made the arrangements I shall then commence to barge the bank away.' 146

PARKER VS U.S.A. - regarding Dolemeads improvements. 155, 167, 175, 189, 190, 208. Also Jul-Oct 1897 6, 13, 23, 37, 42

DAVID'S PLACE, 1 & 2 - regarding Dolemeads improvements. Does not mention the owner's name. 150

ST ERME, WELLS ROAD - planning permission for alterations and additions, approved. 159b

JUNCTION & WINCHESTER ROAD, OLDFIELD PARK - planning permission for new houses. 159b

TYNING ROAD - planning permission for pair of villas, approved. 159b

CIRCUS, 6 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 159b

WIDCOMBE HILL - National Telephone Company begs to acknowledge Mr Moger's communication regarding two telephone poles at Widcombe Hill. 160, 173a, 177

STATUTORY HOSPITAL - National Telephone Company sends letters and map concerning wayleave to run line to the hospital. 165

FOREFIELD TERRACE, 2 & 3 - F. G. Carter of 2 Forefield Terrace, Lyncombe, says that no dust has been removed from these premises since May 9th and it is now July 8th. 174

R. A. MOGER TO BE APPOINTED DEPUTY CLERK TO URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY - J. Knight writes a proposal that at the next meeting he will propose R. A. Moger for this post. 179, duplicate at 180

J. SYDENHAM & SONS, 37 BROAD STREET - letter from Sydney Sydenham, on headed business paper, about work in Park Lane. 182. Also Jul – Oct 1897 10

F. G. ISAACS JUNIOR , 1 CHEAP STREET - appointed to all committee's and sub committees of the council on which the late Alderman W. Bright deceased was a member. 185

DOLEMEADS IMPROVEMENTS - cases Swift vs U.S.A. and Pritchard vs U.S.A. and Rev. Snow and other vs U.S.A. Title deeds for these and other properties where the Authority is purchasing properties for demolition for flood mitigation are being exchanged at this time. 188, 197

THREE CROWNS, LONDON STREET - Mr Gardiner's changed plans for the pub are now to hand. 191

ROSE VS U.S.A. - Solicitor Arthur Withy's client is angry about the length of time that his properties have been empty and not bringing in rent whilst negotiations with the Authority go on. He wants compensation. 193. See Jul-Oct 1897 16, 19

SPRING GARDENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT - Messrs Done and Young are selling to the Authority and Solicitor Thomas Vezey writes that there is a slight delay in completing. 198. See Jul–Oct 1897 15, 46