

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

EDGAR BUILDINGS, 9 - workshop of Messrs Deane. The government inspector has visited the premises and found that the sanitary arrangements need improving. Letter loose in front of folder, dated 1st June 1897.

SARAH M. PUCKLE, 2 MARLBOROUGH STREET - asks that the Authority send the dustmen to her tomorrow, as through the careless mess of the servant, the dust bin needs emptying again at once. The smell is very bad, she says. 1

EXTRA ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR CITY SURVEYOR – Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, writes that due to the very great increase in work he feels obliged to get an extra assistant and asks Mr Moger to grant this. 2a

LYDE HOUSE, SION HILL - planning permission for new staircase, approved. 2b

DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT CORNER OF BLOOMFIELD ROAD - planning permission deferred. 2b

MR SILCOCK, GROCER SHOP OWNER, HOLLOWAY - seeks planning permission for a new shop front. Approved. 2b

CHAPEL HOUSE, PARK STREET - planning permission for additions, approved. 2b

VICTORIA INFANT SCHOOL, GROVE STREET - planning permission for additions, approved. 2b

PULTENEY STREET, 64 - planning permission for additions, approved. 2b

DURLEY PARK ESTATE - planning permission, amended plan, not approved. 2b. See May-Jun 1897 21, 140, 158a

CRESCENT GARDENS, 4 & 5 - The City Surveyor writes about the line of the wall in front of these properties. A resolution of the Sub-Surveying Committee has directed that the wall be built in the proper line. He asks Mr Moger to communicate this to the Corporate Property Committee. 4

H. J. HARDING & CO., SOMERSET HALL - Printers. Short note on striking mauve decorated business paper. 8, 31

BERETON OR BEUTON AND THE FIRS, CLAREMONT ROAD - the author, whose name is illegible (G. V. Renuald?) writes from Clinton House, Victoria Road South, that these houses were built by his wife's father over 70 years ago. The road was first made by the Ground Landlords, the Rivers Estate. After completion of the houses he is informed, the Corporation made the path and put in the curb and the then owner of the property, W. Salter, paid the Corporation his share of the cost. It was then understood that the Corporation took over the road. The author wants to know why he is now being asked to contribute to the cost of the road. 9

SOUTHGATE STREET, 13 - the Inspector of Factories has visited from Whitehall and found the sanitary arrangements unchanged and unsuitable. He understands that planning permission for rebuilding the back of the property is about to be requested and asks for details. 10a. Loose in folder dated June 1897

GILES TANNER, BOLWELL'S BUILDINGS v U.S.A. - Mr Tanner's Solicitor Mr Phillips, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, writes that in 1892 the Authority purchased some land from Mr Tanner for street improvements and made a statutory declaration in support of the title. He would like a copy, as Mr Tanner died lately and his executors have sold cottages at Bolwell's Buildings. 11

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER, STATUTORY HOSPITAL - Ernest Field M.D. reports that for the quarter ending June 1897 60 patients were treated. 48 had Scarlet Fever, 12 had Diphtheria. There were two deaths. A child aged 5 died from Scarlet Fever. A child of one and a half died from Diphtheria. Seven of the patients came from the Rural District, two with Diphtheria and the rest with Scarlet Fever. 18

TELEPHONE TO BE INSTALLED IN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF NUISANCES - by the National Telephone Company Limited. 26

JAMES A. MARTIN, LYNCOMBE HALL - long letter to the Authority about cab fares on Lyncombe Hill. 53

TRIM STREET, 17 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 57

THE FALKLANDS, PULTENEY ROAD - planning permission for new houses, approved. 57

THOMAS THEOPHILUS STONE, LAND AT DOLEMEADS - Mr Stone's Solicitor Thomas Vezey writes with details of the land. The strip from the railway arch to the property purchased from Mr Coward is 219 feet. The Corporation were at one time prepared to pay £100 for it. The portion of the land now measures 130 feet to the present boundary with the corporation. Mr Vezey now thinks £60 ought to go to his client and £40 to the other unnamed owner, a client of Messrs Little and Lyle. 58

H. G. BALL, HAIRDRESSER AND NEWSAGENT, 2 NEW WESTGATE BUILDINGS - says he has requested the men in charge of dustcart no.16 remove the dust through the house door, which is at the back, and not through the shop door. They refuse. Therefore it is usually removed during business hours and becomes a nuisance to customers and a hindrance to business. He asks if Mr Moger can help. 65

PAVEMENT LIGHTS AT 5 BATH STREET - The City Surveyor writes that the resolution to allow the light has been passed by the Surveying Committee. He asks Mr Moger to communicate with Mr Bowden, of 3 Westmoreland Terrace, about installation. 66b

LARKHALL BROOK - letters have been sent to Mr E. N. Sheppard and Mr Harper regarding nuisance at the brook. 69. For more on trouble at the brook in previous years see Feb-Jun 1893 233, 247 and Jun-Oct 1893 4, 277

W. H. SYMONS, MEDICAL OFFICER'S DAY - Mr Symons says that he prefers a meeting in the morning. He is not usually in Bath after 1pm. He dines at 2 and generally has some engagement at home afterwards. 80. See Oct-Dec 1897 15

DURLEY PARK - planning permission for eight new houses, approved. 83a. See also May-Jun 1897, 21

WESTMORELAND BUILDINGS, 12, LOWER BRISTOL ROAD - planning permission for alterations, approved. 83a

ROYAL CRESCENT, 1 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 83a

GREAT STANHOPE STREET, 19 - planning permission for alteration, approved. 83a

SNOW HILL - planning permission, amended plan for new houses, approved. 83a

ABBEY STREET - planning permission for path and balustrade, approved. 83a

DUCK, SON AND PINKER, 3 PULTENEY BRIDGE - write to ask for the refuse men to call once a week to remove the refuse. They say that according to their foreman the dustmen call very irregularly and until last week, had not been for two months previously. 87

MR FRED HAMMOND, CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE - writes to say that he is leaving Bath tomorrow. He thanks the Mogers, F. H. and R. A. for past kindness. His last piece of work is to enclose a tracing for connection to the mains for Wellborne Cottages. His address from now on will be The Waterworks, Chepstow. 88

J. H. HEATHMAN & CO., HYDRAULIC ENGINEERS - of 2 and 37 Endell Street, London WC. Writes to offer themselves for work on the electric light building. Highly decorated engraved advertising business letterhead, with 15 drawings of ladders and water pumps on front and back. 92

HENRY WEBB, 10 PARADISE STREET, WELLS ROAD - writes to complain about the rats and the smell under his parlour. He has had to close the room for over a month. He thinks the landlord has done his best but has not found the cause. He says Mr Montague's men found the cause last Monday but wonders if anything can be done to hasten its removal, for the sake of his wife and children. 98

HEN AND CHICKEN COURT - Mr W. Symons, Medical Officer of Health, points out that he has done as instructed regarding issuing certificates for nuisances at these premises in November and December 1896. It is now August 1897. 99. Previous on this in Jan-Feb 1897 32, 69

BELGRAVE CRESCENT, 42 - planning permission for new house, approved. 104

BLOOMFIELD ROAD - planning permission for new cottage, deferred. 104

KENSINGTON GARDENS, 19 - planning permission for alterations, not approved. 104

CHEAP STREET, 2 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 104

QUEEN'S PLACE, PULTENEY ROAD, 5 - sample of water taken was found to be impure. H. Graham Montagu, Inspector of Nuisances, writes to Mr Moger asking him to communicate with the owner. 106

HOUSING OF THE WORKING CLASSES ACT 1890 - official questionnaire from the Local Government Board asking how many houses were found unfit for human habitation in the last year. The Medical Officer of Health had made two representations to the Local Authority. No houses were found unfit.

No complaints were received by the Medical Officer from the public. One case involved negotiations with the owner but no closing orders were issued. 107

GREEN PARK VILLA - The owner Mr John Butcher refers to improvements to the property and to his tenant Mr Justice. 110a

MESSRS GERRISH & CO., DORCHESTER STREET - Edward Titley, Solicitor, writes for Gerrish to complain about the Corporation using Gerrish's premises to secure scaffolding for the new Electric Light Works and damaging their wall in the process. 110, 114

SLAUGHTERHOUSES, PARSONS YARD - complaints about the slaughterhouses have been raised with the Sanitary Committee and they have passed a resolution that it is totally unfit for the purpose for which it is used. 112, 117. Also Oct-Dec 1897 5, 6

GERTRUDE SWEET, 2 DANIEL STREET - Mrs Sweet writes on black edged mourning paper to thank the Sanitary Authority for kindly reducing the amount owing for the Statutory Hospital for her little girl. She adds that the children were exceedingly happy during their stay there and she cannot speak too highly of the nurses. She enclosed a cheque for £2:16:10. 119

MRS STONE, SERVANT AT 3 MAIDA HILL WEST, PADDINGTON, LONDON - 'Sister Catherine', of this address, writes on behalf of her worker Mrs Stone. A letter has been redelivered addressed to Miss Allen of Bath, concerning Reginald Stone, Mrs Stone's eldest son who lives in Bath and was taken into the Statutory Hospital. Mrs Stone is the widow of a gentleman who died 17 years before, leaving no will. She has three younger children plus 16 year old Reginald. Her income is £40 per year. She therefore cannot pay the £8:12:0 asked by the Authority for the hospital stay. He appears to live with, or work for Mrs Stone's sisters. Sister Catherine (not her sibling) says the sisters ought to have nursed the lad themselves. They have made it clear that they will not pay the bill. Mrs Stone has lived with Sister Catherine for nearly four years and done her level best to provide for her children. 122 (three letters)

PULTENEY GARDENS, 2 - letter from the City Surveyor enclosing a copy of a notice of statutory nuisance (not present) to be sent to this address. 128, 155

SPRING GARDENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT - Messrs Duncan and Kimpton, compensation lawyers of Victoria Street, London, send a letter on behalf of the property owners saying that they are ready to treat over compensation. 136, 137

CONVERSION OF SOUTH MARKET TO FIRE STATION - Fred Amery, Builder, sends a letter confirming that he is prepared to undertake this work for £460. 158, 164, 165

WESTGATE STREET, 22 - planning permission for new shop window, approved. 174

CLAREMONT ARMS, BEACON HILL - planning permission for alterations, approved. 174

NEW AVENUE, BATH MARKET - planning permission for alterations, approved. 174

JUNCTION POWLETT ROAD AND POWLETT PLACE - planning permission for a 'Tausch'? room approved. 174

BATHWICK HILL, 20 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 174

COMFORTABLE PLACE - planning permission for new warehouse, deferred. 174, 196, 208

BRUNSWICK STREET - planning permission for new houses, deferred. 174, 208

KINGSMEAD TERRACE - residents' petition with hand signed names complaining about the burning of rubbish in the corporation yard. 175

J. T. W. WELCH, RAILWAY CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER - tenders for the next year contract emptying the street orderly bins. He has the current contract. Beautiful unusual writing and engraved business paper.177

ENGINEERING WORKERS STRIKE - Stothert and Pitt send letter regretting that they have become involved in the dispute and the strike will delay work considerably. Dated 24th September 1897. 185

NUISANCE FROM THE DESTRUCTOR - Allen and Thring Solicitors write on behalf of local residents, the Rivers Estate and Mr Williat's Charity want to know what will be done about the continual nuisance. 188

WEATHER GUAGES TO BE POSITIONED IN BATH AREA - with a view to finding out what the rainfall is, in order to understand and mitigate flooding, there is a proposal to ask local landowners to have rainwater gauges on their properties. 193, 194, 199, 210, 212, 213. Also Oct-Dec 1897 10, 27, 29, 30

BROOKLEAZE PLACE, 2, 3 ,4, 5 - Mr William Pugsley, the owner of these cottages, has asked his Solicitor Mr Arthur Withy to write to the Authority to say that Mr Pugsley is willing to do everything needed to get the properties into habitable condition and asks for details. Apparently they have been deemed unfit for human habitation. 207. Also Oct-Dec 1897 4, 23, 50, 82, 119, 132

BECKFORD ROAD, VILLA FIELDS - planning permission for three new houses, approved. 208