

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book (In) 4 Oct 1892-21 Feb 1893. 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.

LODGING-HOUSES FOR THE WORKING CLASSES - letter from the Town Clerk of Rotherham with a list of questions about whether Bath had provided any housing under Part 3 of the Housing of the Working Classes Act. Note on the bottom of the letter from Mr Moger saying Bath has not. 1

GAS LAMPS - Various strengths. Town Clerk of Cardiff sent a copy of letter to all Town Clerks asking the strength of gas lamp used in public lighting. Mr Wheatley, Town Clerk of Cardiff. 3

VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE - annual inspection on field behind drill hall on Lower Bristol Road. John S. Turner, Mayor, 1892. 4

GAS USAGE BY MUNICIPAL OFFICES FOR OCTOBER 1892 - from Albert Williams, Gas Examiner's Office. 8, 35

BATH AND DISTRICT HIGH LEVEL WATER WORKS CO. 35 MILSOM STREET, BATH - example of letterhead. 10

J. LONG AND SON, BUILDER, NEWARK STREET, BATH - letterhead. 11

BELLE VUE HOUSE, NEWBRIDGE HILL, BATH, GROUND RENT - note sent by the Chalkers with their cheque for ground rent. 17

STATUTORY HOSPITAL OUTSIDE THE CITY BOUNDARIES - Town Clerk of Harrogate enquires about which powers Bath used in order to build an infection hospital outside of the city boundaries. W. Henry Wyles, Town Clerk, Harrogate. 20

ST PAUL'S SCHOOLS, AVON STREET, BATH - the Vicar of St Paul's, Avon Street, outlines why St Paul's was kept closed by the Medical Officer of Health after an outbreak of scarlet fever at a house in Avon Street, when Trinity School and Kingsmead School reopened. He gives the distance from the infected house in Avon Street to the school as 150 yards. The distance to Trinity School was also 150 yards and to Kingsmead School 120 yards. All of the elementary schools in Bath had been closed from 27th September to 24th of October and only St Paul's was kept closed after this. Rev. Angus Clerk, vicar of St Paul's, 12 Green Park. 21. See 37, 45, 82, 116

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MANUFACTORIES OF MARGARINE - request from Statistical Department, Local Government Board reminding Authority that they have not replied to inform how many manufacturers of margarine there are in Bath. 32, 48

SCARLET FEVER OUTBREAK AND CLOSURE OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN BATH SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1892 - Rev. Angus Clerk, Vicar of St Paul's schools. J. W. Morris, Hon. Secretary of Managers' Union, for Bath Church Schools. Local Government Board, Whitehall. 21, 37, 45, 82, 116

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CHOLERA - Local Government Board asks for a copy of the report Bath has prepared giving details of preparations made for preventing and containing a Cholera outbreak. 38

JULIAN ROAD, 3 & 4 - copies of tenancy agreements. 43, see also Feb-Jun 1893 124

ROYAL CRESCENT, 12 - very serious sanitary defects brought to the attention of the Urban Sanitary Authority. Request that it is sorted at once although does not state what it is. Eizak Pitman Esq, tenant 12 Royal Crescent; Clervaux Morley Saunders Esq, of 'Boracott'; and Brandis Corner, Devon, owner 12 Royal Crescent. 46, 47, 59

DAY'S PATENT GAS ENGINE - Day and Co., Engineers and Iron Founders - headed notepaper with engraved picture of Day's patent gas engine. Joseph Day and Jules Dent Young, partners in Day and Co., Engineers and Iron Founders, Spring Gardens. 52

RIVERS STREET, 2 - letter accompanying Notice to Abate Nuisance. Letter 58 concerns painting of the exterior by the Authority as promised. 55, 58

BURLINGTON COTTAGE, JULIAN ROAD - dispute over day that Authority will require property to be vacated. J. H. Williams, owner. 63

D. MCWATTERS, LIBRARIAN AND STATIONER, SAVILLE ROW AND ALFRED STREET, BATH - David McWatters. Letterhead spelt M'Watters instead of McWatters. 67

BELVEDERE PLACE, 2 - planning permission for rebuilding. Deferred, later refused, later amended plans considered and deferred. 71, 106, 119, 156, 167

ST LUKE'S SCHOOLS, FROME ROAD - planning permission for additions to school, approved. 71

ELDON PLACE, 1- planning permission for additions, deferred at first, later not approved. 71, 106

SOUTHGATE STREET, 30 - planning permission for shop front, approved. 71

DANIEL STREET, 1 - failure to pay their portion for clearing rubbish and cleansing road at back of Daniel Street. From Mrs Axford, tenant. 72, 124, 135

DANIEL STREET, 2 - failure to pay their portion for clearing rubbish and cleansing road at back of Daniel Street. From Misses Buckfitt. Letter says she will write to Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, as they have no gate into that road. 72

DANIEL STREET, 11- failure to pay their portion for clearing rubbish and cleansing road at back of Daniel Street. From Mrs Bateman. Letter says she will call and pay. 72, 124

DANIEL STREET, 12 - failure to pay their portion for cleaning road at back of Daniel Street. Mr Maurice Collins occupied house when rubbish was cleared and road cleansed, but has since left. Lives at 15 Bridge Avenue, Hammersmith, London. Present occupier Mrs Brown thinks she ought not to pay his backdated share. Mr Date of 27 Daniel Street is the landlord. 72, 124, 249

FACTORY AND WORKSHOPS ACTS 1878-1891, LISTS OF OUTWORKERS - Local Government Board requires lists of outworkers for the manufacture of articles of wearing apparel; cabinet and furniture making; upholstery work; manufacture of electro-plate; and manufacture of files. Order coming into effect on 20th November 1892 requires all employers to keep lists of all employees, whether within or without factories, and note of where they work. 75, see 215

THEOBALD AND SON, TEA & COFFEE DEALERS AND GROCERS, 7 STALL STREET, BATH - The shop is aggrieved to have had its regular order with the Statutory Hospital withdrawn. 76

BEEHIVE YARD, WALCOT, BATH - possible sale of yard to Urban Sanitary Authority by St John's Hospital (as possible place for Waste Destructor). From E. Newton Fuller, Clerk to the Trustees, St. John's Hospital. 79, 144, 172, 186

CHOLERA REGULATIONS - revoking order of regulation 'rags &c from Denmark'. 84, 85, 109, 140

ARTHUR BAKER, ARCHITECT, 12 LOWER PHILLIMORE PLACE, KENSINGTON, LONDON - letter regarding failure of local authorities to provide proper drainage and sewers and offering a better system. 86

GENOA VILLA, HEDGEMEAD, BATH - bursting of sewer and main water pipes immediately behind Genoa Villa, which has caused settlement to the walls of 18 Russel Street. The city surveyor asks that Mr George Parfitt, Consulting Surveyor, be brought in. Owner is H. J. Clark, 18 Russel Street. Part was to be demolished due to standing water in one room for two years. 87, 89, 97. See also 160. See also Nov 1894-Mar 1895, 235. In April 1896, Mr Clark agrees to sell the 'site of Genoa Villa' and land to the Authority for £100. See Apr-May 1896, 82, 99, 157, 172, 191. Jun-Jul 1896, 8, 54, 100, 130, 132, 136, 154

RUSSEL STREET, 18, HEDGEMEAD, BATH - damage by water leaking from fields below Camden Crescent and from burst water and sewage main at back of Genoa Villa. H. J. Clark, 18 Russel Street, Bath. Part was to be demolished due to standing water in one room for two years. Two serious landslides in 1881 and 1889 had demolished much of the housing in Hedgemead and half of Camden Crescent. Letter 160, concerning flooding by sewage of 1 Upper East Hayes from adjoining field written by Margaret Green, of 1 Fountain Buildings 87, 89, 97, 160. See also Nov 1894-Mar 1895 235. In April 1896, Mr Clark agrees to sell the 'site of Genoa Villa' and land to the authority for £100. See Apr-May 1896 82, 99, 157, 172, 191. Jun-Jul 1896 8, 54, 100, 130, 132, 136, 154

MILSOM STREET TRADESMEN - petition from the tradesmen asking that the offal bins not be emptied during the day when customers and their carriages are in the street. Signed by J. Knight & Sons Ltd, (upholsterers) 10 Milsom Street; R. Kendall, (Furnishing Ironmonger) 21 Milsom Street;

Gould and Son, (outfitters), 23 Milsom Street; J. Marsh, (Steele and Marsh, Chemists), 6 Milsom Street; William Ling, (Haberdasher), 3 Milsom Street; G. W. Lovell, (Fancy Draper), 2 Milsom Street; J. R. Huntley, (Provision Merchant), 1 Milsom Street; Frederick W. Fortt, (Cater, Stoffell and Fortt, Confectioner, Wine and Spirit Merchants), 4 & 5 Milsom Street; W. A. Phillips, (Ironmonger) 37 Milsom Street; John Merrikin, (Chemist), 25 Milsom Street; John Mallett and Son, (Jewellers) 36 Milsom Street; Jackman and Son, (Watchmakers), 9 Milsom Street; Jolly and Son, (Linen Drapers, Silk Merchants etc.) 11,12 and 13 Milsom Street; R. King and Son, (Linen Drapers, Silk Merchants etc.) 7 & 8 Milsom Street. 92. See Feb-Jun 1893 197, for possible solution from manufacturer of offal bins. See also Feb-Jun 1893 233

PRIOR PARK BUILDINGS, PRIOR PARK COTTAGES AND ENVIRONS - petition from residents against the noise of water from the new culvert. The noise stops sleep and disturbs health. Letter 181 concerns walls. Residents: E. J. Silversides; E. Harding; Leonard Hallow; J. W. Humphries; F. H. Gibbs; William James; Thos. G. Horseman; W. J. Hiskey; Fredr. Gay; Thos P. Collins; H. P. Joseph. 94. See also 181, 182, 190, 247

SCARLET FEVER AT INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND, DEAF AND DUMB, 8-9 WALCOT PARADE - three cases of Scarlet Fever, including A. James, who was removed to the Fever Hospital and B. James, who was sent home. This letter was copied onto the back of one from the Winchcomb Union, addressed to the Urban Sanitary Authority, warning that the dispersal of the children may cause a spread of the disease. From J. H. Stephens, Clerk to Winchcomb Union Workhouse. 95

THE BATH HERALD - the proprietor writes to inform the Urban Sanitary Authority that it is not barred from printing Corporation notices because he is a member of the Corporation, so is printing a notice in that evening's paper (6 December 1892), to that effect. Mr William Lewis, proprietor, the Bath Herald, incorporating the Bath Express. Also publishing the North Wilts and Somerset Guardian. 99, 102

LAMPARD'S BUILDINGS - mention of the 'tracing copy' of suggested improvements to top of Lampard's Buildings. Mr Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. 103

PARK LANE - request for immediate specification for walls mentioned. Mr Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. 104

STALL STREET, 11 - second notice to abate nuisance. Mr Jessop, 1 Bath Terrace, Instow, Devon, owner of 11 Stall Street. 104.

ORDNANCE MAP OF BATH - completing of, by a P. A. Nash, for £40. 105

CLAREMONT ROAD - block plan for Rivers Estate, planning permission approved. 106

ARLINGTON ROAD - 'illegible' planning permission approved provisionally. 106

'GARDINER'S' COTTAGE NEAR WOODLAND PLACE, BATHWICK HILL - planning permission approved. 106

UNEMPLOYMENT - an official letter from the Local Government Board in Whitehall. Lays out suggestions for councils to provide manual work for working class men who cannot find work due to the scarcity of employment. Suggestions are street cleaning, laying out of cemeteries and parks, and spade work at sewage farms. Letter 117, the Poor Law Union of Bath writes to say that there is no particular distress in Bath. 108, 117. See also Statutory Hospital fees letters, particularly 130.

CHOLERA - clarification letter from Local Government Board about meaning of term 'rags' in previous orders banning landing of rags from specified foreign ports into any port in England and Wales. 109, see 84, 85

WATER SUPPLY TO COMBE DOWN AND ODD DOWN - an interview has been held with the Chairman and Director of the High Level Water Co. where a satisfactory explanation was given for the previous poor water supply to these areas. Situation now much improved. 110

STATUTORY HOSPITAL FEES - request for reduction in fees. Mrs Sarah Slack writes to say that her son has been in the hospital for 10 weeks and his full wage has been taken for the 10 weeks that he has been in the hospital. The hospital is asking her to pay the fee from now on. Mrs Sarah Slack. 111

CHELTENHAM STREET, 45, 46, 47A - request from Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, to take proceedings against Mr Weeks, owner, for nuisance at the above properties. Mr Weeks, owner 45-47a Cheltenham Street. 115, see also Feb-Jun 1893 8, 58, 62, 82 and Jan-Apr 1894 16

STATUTORY HOSPITAL FEES - appeal for reduction in fees for patient Harriet Dick, from E. Chandler. Harriet Dick, inpatient at Statutory Hospital. E. Chandler, letter writer. 122

GAS EXAMINER'S OFFICE - gas used at the municipal offices for December 1892. 126. Also Dec 1892-Jan 1893 121, 126

BROOKLEAZE BUILDINGS - letter accompanying draft agreement for purchase of land at Brookleaze Buildings. 127

STATUTORY HOSPITAL FEES - request from unemployed man to have fee for his son reduced. Mr W. J. Williams of 1 Lisbon Buildings, Beechen Cliff, writes that he was not at home when his son was taken into the hospital or he would not have signed the paper that his wife was told she was bound to sign. His son is Reginald Williams. 130

BOLWELL'S BUILDINGS, 9 (JULIAN ROAD) - discussion on what to do about gable end, as next door property now demolished. 134, 187, 211

STATUTORY HOSPITAL - provision of water supply. Discussion by Solicitor for High Level Water Company of provisional contract. 139

SALISBURY BUILDINGS - purchase discussed, and that there is a clause for 'power of sale' in will of late owner, Mr Shum, a relative of the author of the letter. F. Ernest Shum, Esq, Solicitor. Mr Shum, deceased, owner of houses at Salisbury Buildings. 141, 232, 236, 246. See Feb-Jun 1893 100, 120,

121. See Oct 1893-Jan 1894 13, 17. See Oct 1893-Jan 1894 for houses 5 and 6 owned by Mr Robert Webb and being sold to authority.

HUMPHREY'S LIMITED, KNIGHTSBRIDGE, PURVEYOR OF ISOLATION HOSPITALS - an advert from Humphrey's for their isolation hospital buildings. 146

CLAVERTON PLACE, 7 - letter about serving of notice of nuisance on Mr Maggs. Letter 152 is his reply. Mr M. Maggs, Twerton on Avon, owner of 7 Claverton Place. 150, 152, 226. See also Feb-Jun 1893 74

PRIOR PARK ROAD - lighting. Letter from Mr C. Daubeny asking who is paying for and putting in street lights. Mr C. Daubeny, The Brow, Combe Down. 155

GREAT STANHOPE STREET, 7 - conversion into two houses, planning permission approved. 156

STATUTORY HOSPITAL FEES - from Mr Albert E. Pitt, 8 Abbey Church Yard. Letter from parent of child who has died that day, apologizing for not paying the reduced statutory hospital fee for his child and servant. He paid for a nurse from the RUH to 'relieve my wife's incessant toil' and although his child has died on the day of writing, will also have to move house in a few days as he cannot afford the rent. 157

PARSONAGE LANE - poor lighting and a general nuisance. Request for better lighting in the lane for female staff, from Colmer's Department Store. From Mr James Kerry, Director James Colmer Ltd. 158,239

UPPER EAST HAYES, 1 - sewage welling up in field adjoining garden. See also 87, 89, 97

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AVON STREET, 52 - planning permission for rebuilding, approved. 167

DENNIS COTTAGE, PARK LANE - planning permission for alterations, approved. 167

FIRE ENGINE - a representative from the Manchester Steam Users Association will visit the engine on Monday, 13th of February, to make an external examination of the boiler in steam.175

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY, PADDINGTON OFFICE - question of who will repair road between Bath Station and the Royal Hotel. 173, 198, 217 see also Feb-Jun 1893 31, 234, 235

COUNCIL LOANS - Messrs E. O. Preston, Tokenhouse Buildings. Bank of England sends a letter asking whether the council will want to take out a loan from a fund of £87,000 that they have set aside at 3.5% interest. Messrs E. O. Preston, Tokenhouse Buildings, Bank of England. 174

ASIATIC CHOLERA - letter from Mansion House, London, asking the Authority to prepare to train as many Cholera nurses as 'may be within your sphere of influence'. 178

JULIAN ROAD, 4 - letter from tenant Victor Blyth, who runs a decorating business. He says that he has lived in the house for 25 years and has done much to improve it. He is not being offered any compensation for being turned out prior to compulsory purchase for road improvements. He writes on December 22nd 1892 and asks to be allowed to stay until March 25th 1893. 179, see also Feb-Jun 1893 123, 127

CHELTENHAM STREET, 15 & 24 - owner writes to say why work requested is not yet done. Mr W Phippen, 12 New Bond Street, owner of 15 and 24 Cheltenham Street. 189 see also 255 and volume Feb-Jun 1893, 62

POSSIBLE NEW BRIDGE ACROSS RIVER AT DOWN HOUSE, UPPER BRISTOL ROAD - offer for sale of land for a bridge across the river to the dust heap, to save the dust carts from Weston and Lansdown having to go to Twerton in order to cross the river. Mr John Drake, owner, Down House. 193

MACAULEY BUILDINGS, WIDCOMBE HILL, 2, 5, 6, 16 - in 5 and others, spring water entered houses for three weeks. Houses 2 and 6 are homes for orphans, with 15 occupants in each. The houses do not have an adequate water supply. From J. M. Goodwin, 5 Macauley Buildings. Lucy C. Brown, 16 Macauley Buildings. 194, 196, 229. See also Feb-Jun 1893 14.

AINSLIE'S BELVEDERE, FATAL ACCIDENT ON DEFECTIVE WOODEN STEPS - Solicitor's letter representing Mrs Clapp over the death of her husband on the steps. Mrs Jane Clapp, 2 Lower Camden Place. 195, 203 see also Feb-Jun 1893

BRIDEWELL LANE, 2 - water is escaping due to defective pipework. Request for immediate remedy under the Bath Water Works Act. 199

SMALLPOX IN CASUAL WARDS AT WORKHOUSES - Local Government Board urgent circular stating that any pauper in the casual wards who is ill must be seen by the medical officer and if smallpox is suspected, must be removed to the Statutory Hospital to stop the spread of infection. If a case of smallpox occurs, they suggest that other occupants of the casual wards be vaccinated. 199

SCAVENGING FOREMAN REQUESTS PAY RISE THAT HE WAS FORMERLY PROMISED - from Thomas Taylor, Foreman of Scavengers. 200, 205

HEN AND CHICKEN COURT, WALCOT STREET - complaint about the insanitary conditions and 'filthy and disgusting habits of some of the inhabitants', from Mr Phillips, who formerly had a workshop there. Mr W. A. Phillips, Ironmonger, 37 Milsom Street. 202. See also 92 where Mr Phillips signs Milson Street petition. See Nov 1894-Mar 1895 36 for statutory notice served for installation of lavatories.

JUNCTION ROAD - parlous state of the road. From Mr William Essington Ghey, Mount Rose, Oldfield Road. 206, 207, 216

LANSDOWN ROAD - planning permission approved for a pair of semi-detached houses adjoining 'Stellenberg.' 208

DOWDING ROAD - planning permission approved for two pairs of semi-detached villas, to be 7-8 and 9-10. 208. See also Feb-Jun 1893 67, for house on corner Dowding Road/Claremont.

MONTE ROSA, WELLS ROAD - planning permission for a conservatory, approved. There is no house Monte Rosa listed in the street directory for Wells Road, so this may be Mount Rose, Oldfield Road, off Wells Road. Mr Essington Ghey. 208

BEEHIVE YARD - letter concerning memorial sent in as a protest from neighbours about the possible locating of the waste destructor in Beehive Yard. From Miss Little, 14 The Paragon. 210

GAS EXAMINER'S OFFICE - gas used in municipal buildings, February 1893. 214

FACTORY OUTWORKERS - order from Secretary of State to factory and workshop owners to keep lists of outworkers. 215, see 75

DRESSMAKERS WORKSHOP RULES - Miss Winkworth, Dressmaker, of 3 Weymouth Street, writes to ask for the list of rules that should be affixed to entrance of her workroom; having heard that a dressmaker was summonsed for not having rules visible. 219

SEWER LAID WITHOUT LANDOWNER'S PERMISSION AT LARKHALL – St. John's Hospital write to object to the Authority starting to run a sewer over their land without permission. 224, 230, 233, 234, 243, 256. See also Feb-Jun 1893 20

SEWER LAID WITHOUT PERMISSION AT WORCESTER PLACE - complaint that a sewer has been laid without permission or notice, through the gardens of Worcester Place. The three Misses Payne's, owners, are sending this Solicitor's letter threatening immediate proceedings if no compensation is forthcoming. 225. See also Feb-Jun 1893 23.

SEWER RENT AT ROYAL VILLAS, LANSDOWN - rent has increased and owner wants to know why. Frederick Sloper, Auctioneer and Valuer of Devizes, owner of Royal Villas. 235, 240, 244, 248

BATHWICK STREET, 8 - planning permission for additions to house approved. 241

CHEAP STREET, 3 - planning permission for alteration of doorway, approved. 241

WASTE DESTRUCTOR - letter asking in what form a tender ought to be submitted. From J.A. Timmins, solicitor, 5 Henrietta Street. 251

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1875 - two copies of Statutory Notices issued for 15 and 23 Cheltenham Street. Each requires rooms, passages, stairwells, wash houses to be cleansed, purified and whitewashed within seven days. Also letter with excuses from owner Mr Phippen of 12 New Bond Street. 255

CHELTENHAM STREET, 15, 23 - Public Health Act 1875, notices to make these unsanitary houses habitable within seven days by cleansing, purifying and whitewashing. Also letter with excuses from owner Mr Phippen of 12 New Bond Street. 255 see also 189 and vol. Feb-Jun, 62

PURITY OF DRINKING WATER - the Analytical Laboratory tested the drinking water on 15th February 1893 and provided a scientific breakdown of the results. The Analytical Laboratory, 36 Broad Street. 258