

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book (In) 27 Oct 1893-19 Jan 1894. 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.

DIRTY STREETS ON SUNDAYS - Mr Jevon March writes to the Chairman of the Scavenging Committee that he complained at the Town Council Meeting this day, 24th Oct 1893, about the dirty state of the streets on Sundays. 1

STATUTORY HOSPITAL - inquiry from Swindon New Town about accommodation at the Statutory Hospital. Answers given have been copied onto this letter. They ask if Bath has an Infectious Diseases Hospital. The answer, yes. How many patients can be accommodated at any one time? 'We have had over 100 patients at one time'. What is the scale of charges? From 10 shillings up to £3, 3 shillings per week. Is your Medical Officer of Health also Superintendent of the hospital? No. It also states that the hospital at Bath costs about £700-800 a year to the ratepayer. 2

HUCKLEBRIDGE'S COURT - planning permission for amended plans for stores, deferred. Approved provisionally in letter 30. 4, 30

SION VILLA, OLDFIELD ROAD - planning permission for additions, approved. 4

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE - planning permission for a pair of semi-detached villas, approved. 4

SNOW HILL - planning permission for new roads and sewers, deferred. Not approved in letter 30. 4, 30

CLAVERTON STREET, 42 – U.S.A. vs Lyddon, from Rickett, Son and Vezey Solicitors of 3, The Paragon. Letter accompanying draft and endorsement for execution by the Authority. 10, 26

STABLES BEHIND ST JAMES' SQUARE - who owns the pavement in front of the stables? Adam and Thring Solicitors, of 4, Queen Square, say that the clients own the pavement and not the U.S.A., so that the U.S.A. cannot interfere with it. Owners of houses 40, 41, 42 and 43 object to the proposed pitching work the council is to do. 12, 27, 28, 31, 33, 55, 63, 67, 146, 159, 223

URINAL TABLET LETTERING - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, asks Mr Moger's opinion on the lettering to be used. 14

NIGHTINGALE NURSERIES/REMOVAL OF MANURE FROM CITY BINS - Mr Thomas Bissell writes from Nightingale Nurseries, Grosvenor, Bath, to say that he will not be renewing his contract to remove manure from the city bins after expiry of term on 31st August 1893. 15

HOUSES UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION - year ending March 1893, under the Housing of the Working Classes Act 1890. The council have responded to an official questionnaire from the Local Government Board in Whitehall that no houses were deemed unfit for human habitation and no proceedings were made. 19

WESTHALL BUILDINGS - letter accompanying abstract to the title for properties to be compulsorily purchased for the building of the waste destructor. 22, see also 25, 43, 54, 58, 134, 139, 149, 150, 154, 180, 181, 185, 188, 204, 221, 234, 239, 241 and Jan-Apr 1894 14, 152. See also Nov 1894-Mar 1895 170

WASTE DESTRUCTOR - from W. Bennett, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Municipal Offices, Southampton, sends a rough draft of the proposed condition of contract. 283 is accompanied by a short letter saying that Mr Moger will be sorry to hear that 'our good Town Clerk R. J. Pearce died this morning', 28 Dec 1893. 24, 42, 82, 85, 87, 90, 97, 110, 283, 227, 246

PARAGON, 1a - planning permission for alterations, approved. 30

CLAVERTON STREET, 42 - planning permission for WC at rear, approved. 30. See also 10, 26

HOLLOWAY BREWERY - planning permission for four houses on site of Holloway Brewery, approved. 30

WESTGATE BUILDINGS, 19 - planning permission for shop front, approved. 30

GEORGE STAMP - recommended for a pension from St John's Hospital by Mr Moger, and Mr Blaine of Summerhill says he appears very deserving.

JUNCTION ROAD, OLDFIELD PARK - letter from Mr Kitley of Oldfield Nursery who is Honourable Secretary of St Bartholomew's Church, asking the Authority to improve the road at Junction Road, which has been neglected and is difficult to pass in bad weather. 38, see Nov 1894-Jan 1895, 105, 110. Oct-Dec 1896 94 and Jan-Feb 1897 41

WATER SUPPLY TO STATUTORY HOSPITAL - Bath and District High Level Water Works write to say that the £25 a year that they are paid for supplying water to the hospital is far too low. They ask for a cheque for £42.15 shillings, being one and a half years rent and say that they cannot go on supplying 'without a farthing in compensation'. 50, 106, 167,171

ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD - tender for the production of tramways powered by electricity. 51

'INDUSTRIES AND IRON' MAGAZINE - engraved headed notepaper from Harvey Wilks, Manager of Industries and Iron magazine, suggesting its columns as a place to advertise for tenders for the waste destructor. A cut out advertisement from the U.S.A. of the tender already placed in another publication, is enclosed. Advertising form also enclosed. 52, 89

TENDER FOR WASTE DESTRUCTOR - the U.S.A. tender for the contract, cut out of unnamed publication. There are two contracts available. 52. See 75, 76, 77, 80, 84, 98, 164 for other companies tendering. Goddard, Massey and Warner of Nottingham won both contracts, see 190, 205, etc, under Goddard.

BUILDING NURSES ROOMS AT STATUTORY HOSPITAL - James Weeks, Carpenter, Builder and Undertaker of 15 Walcot Street, writes on headed memorandum with quote for building nurses

rooms 'etc'. Lengthy detailed specification included, for building of wooden room with lead roof, hanging closets, bookshelves, 20 lockers with shelf in each and panelled doors, etc. £58:8 shillings: 6 pence. 56

ARLINGTON ROAD - infringement of byelaws, not specified. Alluded to in 228, where Charles Rumboll, Solicitor, objects to Mr E. Phillips calling the houses owned by his client in that street 'death traps with poisonous atmospheres.' 59, 88, 228. See Jan-Apr 1894 165

TREES IN PULTENEY STREET - Mr Thomas Plowman writes from 69 Pulteney Street objecting to the proposal for further trees in the street. In letter 72, he writes that his letter was not answered and asks if it was considered. Pencil note on it says it was considered and 10 new trees to be planted, with one outside 43 Pulteney Street moved. 62, 72

THEO S. McCALLUM, CIVIL ENGINEERS, MANCHESTER - write to offer his expert opinion relating to new sewage works. 64

GOVES AND FLOYD - 4 Locksbrook Road, had been sent a letter, copy of which not archived. Mentioned in letter 68

YOUNG FOX PUB, HOLLOWAY - planning permission for wash house and WC, approved. 71

HARINGTON CLUB, LOBBY - planning permission approved. 71

MILES COTTAGES, DOLEMEADS - planning permission for new cottage and addition to house adjoining Miles Cottages, not approved. 71

CHEAP STREET, 15 - planning permission for shop front alterations, approved. 71

ENGLISHCOMBE LANE - planning permission for a pair of cottages, approved. 71

BEAU STREET, 4 - planning permission for shop front, approved. 71

MANLOVE, ALLIOTT & CO LTD, COLONIAL AND GENERAL ENGINEERS, NOTTINGHAM – relating to Destructor, thanks council for their favour to tender to supply ironwork and can supply tender in the specified time. 75, 95, 108, 109, 128

W. F. MASON, LONGSIGHT, MANCHESTER - re: Destructor: thanks council for their favour but they cannot possibly supply a tender by Monday for amounts received only on Wednesday. 76, 105

GODDARD, MASSEY & WARNER, NOTTINGHAM - Won both contracts for building the waste destructor. 77; Thank council for their favour and can get tender in on time. Then write to say thank you for adopting their tenders for both contracts 1 and 2. 77, 164, 190, (in 2 parts), 205, 230, 237, 245, 246. See Jan-Apr 1894 67, 167, 199. Nov 1894-Mar 1895 6, 15, 28 and Aug-Nov 1895 where they have not been finally paid, 145, 160, 173

J. BAGSHAW & SONS, BATLEY, YORKS - ask for details for the ironwork for the destructor, as have just completed same at Huddersfield and Leeds. 80

MR J. S. TURNER - deceased, of 19 Springfield, also mourning letter from wife Maria 81, 86

BURIALS OF THOSE DYING AT STATUTORY HOSPITAL - George Strange died from small pox in the statutory hospital after being found in a common lodging house in Avon Street. The cost of his burial must be paid by the Poor Law Guardians. Lengthy letter pointing out the risk of infection if an undertaker buries the body rather than the Guardians, who could then be properly disinfected, etc. 91. 93 is a letter from Inspector of Nuisances with invoice from James Tanner, 33 Monmouth Street, Undertaker. 104, the Guardians reply that they cannot undertake the funerals of persons dying at the statutory hospital. 212, the Poor Law Union reports that under an agreement entered into with the U.S.A., the Guardians are responsible for burying paupers dying at the Statutory Hospital and also others who are not paupers who die there, as under common law, whosever roof a person dies under, they are responsible for paying for the burial. 91, 93, 104, 212

ALFRED AMOR, BUILDING AND QUANTITY SURVEYOR, OCTAGON CHAMBERS, MILSOM STREET - re: tender for destructor. 53, 92, 94, 142

WOOD & POVEY LTD, ALBION BLUE BRICK AND TILE WORKS, WEST BROMWICH - re: tender for destructor. 96, 122

HENRY PUPLETT, LONDON - re: tender for destructor. 98, 201

WALCOT HOUSE - Charles Fortune copies his letter to the owner of Walcot House telling them that they must at once construct a 6 inch covered drain to take the water that runs off their yard when carts are being washed, as this water flows across two crossings at Snow Hill. 101, 126

J. W. BARLOW, BOILER MAKERS, ROCHDALE - re: destructor, and tendering for the boiler. 103

J. W. GATEHOUSE, ANALYTICAL LABORATORY - apologizes for the late report, but it was started just before the death of his son and owing to that sad occurrence, it escaped his memory. 111

SANDERSON & CO, ROYAL EXCHANGE, MANCHESTER - re: tender for boiler for destructor. 112

GLOBE ENGINEERING CO LTD, 38 VICTORIA BUILDINGS, MANCHESTER - re: tender for boiler for destructor. 113

BAIRD THOMPSON & CO, VENTILATING AND HEATING ENGINEERS, LONDON - re: tender for ventilation for destructor. 115

LEE, HOWL & CO, TIPTON ENGINEERING WORKS, TIPTON STAFFS - re: tender for destructor. 116

JOHN THOMPSON, ETTINGHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON - re: tender for boiler for destructor. 118

T. SHORE & SON, UNION FOUNDRY & ENGINEERING WORKS, HANLEY- re: tender for water feeder heaters for destructor. 117

J. SMITH, THE LANCASHIRE STEEPLEJACK, 14 ANN STREET, ROCHDALE - also at 55 Bridge Street, Bolton. Re: tender for lightening conductors on chimney for destructor. 119, 178

LAND AT TWERTON PARK - sale of land from Midland Railway Company, Derby, to U.S.A. Mr P. S. McCallum writes to say that he is dealing with the matter recently addressed to Mr Beale and that he can call at Bath on Thursday next (written 1st Dec 1893). He appears to be an arbitrator, as he later has to put off his appointment as a case is running over in Nottingham. 236 refers to river

pollution. See also 121, 123, 130, 138, 141, 236, 244, 249. See also Jan-Apr 1894 11, 23, 25, 27, 29, 66, 78, 83. See also May-Oct 1894 138, 140, 175, 204, 220, 243, 249. Nov 1894-Mar 1895 9, 56, 62, 93, 95

J. HOPKINSON & CO, BRITANNIA WORKS, HUDDERSFIELD - writes with a hanging chart of their patent sliding valves, in various sizes. Letterhead. Chart not archived. Signed by Robert Hopkinson. 124

JAMES McILWRAITH & CO, GOVAN, GLASGOW - writes to give samples of their roofing. Letterhead, signed by himself. 125

WESTHALL BUILDINGS - Imperial Insurance Co, 10 Corn Street, Bristol. Mr Hobbs writes on 4th Dec 1893 that he visited the site on Saturday and there are three more houses than mentioned by him in the proposal on Friday. Lot 31, is really four houses, forming one side of the court, i.e. 31-34 Westhall Buildings. 'Glaspin' (?) House on the opposite side, being 35 Westhall Buildings. 127, 133,

NORFOLK VILLAS, LYNCOMBE VALE, 2 - Charles Fortune, City Surveyor writes that nuisance notice has been served and some work done, but owner refuses to do the rest. Drain laid, but part of drain between new inspection cover and sewer not finished. 129

BURTON HOUSE, COLLEGE ROAD - Charles Fortune City Surveyor writes that this house is connected to the sewers but has not paid rent or had permission to connect. Tenant W. P. Workman Esq offered some rent for the last 6 years, but, it is thought the connection is much older. Kingswood School say that the house is part of the school and beg for the charge to be dropped, saying that the school is a benevolent institution and poor. The Authority rejected this and asked for the money. The Rev. W. Brunyate, Governor of the school, said he would put it to his committee and nothing has been heard of since. Two pages of same letter archived separately as 129, 131.

SALISBURY BUILDINGS, 5 & 6 - Charles Fortune returns agreement which Mr Moger has lent him showing purchase of the houses from Mr Robert Webb. 135

BROOKLEAZE BUILDINGS - Charles Fortune returns agreement Mr Moger has lent him showing purchase of land at Brookleaze Buildings from Mr J. W. Fry and Mr J. Stone. 135

MORRIS & GOLD, LIGHTNING CONDUCTOR MANUFACTURERS, WARDROBE ST, LONDON - wish to quote for a lightning conductor for the refuse chimney at the destructor. 137

ANTLEY BOILER WORKS, ACCRINGTON, ALFRED ANDERTON AND SONS - re: supply of boiler for destructor. 140

CHARLES H. EWEN, ENGINEER, 184 St GEORGE STREET, LONDON - engraved pictorial letterhead. Re: supply of new type of smokeless boiler at destructor. 143

C. A. HAYES, BUILDING CONTRACTOR, THOMAS ST, BRISTOL - re: tender for contracts for destructor, he writes that he only has the specifications for contract 1 and asks for those for contract 2. In 195, he thanks the Authority for returning his cheque deposited. 144, 195

HAEUSLER'S PATENT VULCANITE CEMENT ROOFING - G. M. Beer writes from Pancras Chambers, 90-91 Queen Street, Cheapside London re: roof for destructor. Illustrated letterhead. 145

NEW COUNCILLORS APPOINTED - J. Stone, Town Clerk, writes to say that new councillors will be appointed from 4th December 1893. Mr Edward England Phillips, of Sydney House, Sydney Gardens, to the Surveying Committee; Mr Thomas Vincent of Marlborough Lodge to the Sanitary Committee and Parliamentary Committee; Mr Frederick Ernest Shum of 10 Darlington Place to the Surveying Committee; Mr Walter Edward Mallett of The Cottage, Wells Road, to the Surveying Committee.

WITNESSES TO ROAD COLLISION AT LARKHALL 3.30pm 20 July 1893 - between Road Car Company's break and a gas lamp in the middle of the crossing by White Lion at Larkhall. Break driven by G. Boyce of 4 Larkhall Place. Witnessed by Mr W. Singer, 15 Brookleaze Place. Afterwards, Singer said a Mr Burgess, employed by the baker's shop nearby, put a naked match to the broken gas pipe and Mr Singer was burnt on his eyebrows, hair, handkerchief etc trying to put flames out. Mr Pitman, Butcher of Upper Lambridge Street also saw collision and gave time as 3.30pm. 197. See also Jan-Apr 1894, 3.

MOURNING LETTER, ELIZA TAYLOR, FULNECK HOUSE, CHARLES ST - she writes to thank the Sanitary Committee from her family and herself for the condolences for her late husband. 15

WESTMORELAND COTTAGES, LOWER BRISTOL ROAD - complaint from Alfred Chivers about the 'abominable nuisance of smoke and soots' pouring from Mr Andrew's chimney every morning between 7 and 9am. Addressed to Mr Montagu. The solution, in 215, from Mr Andrews, appearing to refer to himself in the third person, is to carry a flue into the house. Mr Andrews would rather that not permitted, he says. 153, 215, 216. See Jan-Apr 1894 168 and Mar-Jul 1895 206

SEYMOUR STREET - wood paving. Mr Walter G. Lewis of 1 and 2 Seymour St, writes to ask whether the petition, known as a memorial, sent in last year asking for wood paving and which was consented to but not carried out, would be considered out of this year's budget. Residents prefer wood to stone pitching which is defective. 155. See Jan-Apr 1894, 58

AMBROSE WHARF AND LOWER WHARF - Charles Fortune writes under the heading 'Scavenging' with the number of loads taken to each wharf in the previous month. 333 to Ambrose and 860 to Lower Wharf. Dated 11th December 1893. 163

SEWERS IN BATH - memorandum, unsigned, in Charles Fortune's handwriting, listing Combe Down drainage, plan for diversion for sewers Pera Place, tender for Odd Down sewers, Mr W. E. Mullins' letter relating to sewers at 5 Margaret's Buildings and Twerton Boundary sewers. Probably for inclusion in next committee meeting. Stamped 18 Dec 1893. 168

GARRETT VS U.S.A. - from Dyer, Solicitor, with his costs for arbitration in this case. 173

PRIOR PARK CARRIAGE ROAD AT COMBE DOWN/MR DAUBNEY - copy of letter of complaint sent by Mr Charles Daubney, of The Brow, Combe Down, to the Local Government Board at Whitehall, about his lengthy attempt to get the pavements and road of the Prior Park Carriage Road Combe Down put right. Lengthy descriptions of all petitions and the Authority's responses. Also a request from the Local Government Board, asking for observations and enclosing the complaint letter. 174 See 175

PRIOR PARK CARRIAGE ROAD - Charles Fortune writes to Mr Moger with dimensions of the road, in sections. 175, see 174. In 197, Fortune says he presumes that Moger will tell Daubney that the Committee have resolved not to continue with further correspondence. 174, 175, 197

MR GIBBS, THE BRIARS, ENTRY HILL - writes to give his thanks to the Surveying Committee for their vote of confidence in him during his recent illness. 176

HILL & SMITH, BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS - hearing that the tender for the destructor has been given, they would like to offer a tender to the chosen builder for their ironwork. 184

BLOOMFIELD AVENUE - planning permission for a pair of semi-detached houses, approved. 191

LONGACRE, BREWERY OFFICES & STORES - planning permission for eight houses, deferred. 191

STEPHEN AMBROSE, BUILDER, RAILWAY PLACE - return of cheque which he deposited with Authority in connection with destructor, acknowledged. 194

HAYWOOD & WOOSTER, BUILDERS, WALCOT STREET, BATH - return of cheque deposited with Authority in connection with destructor, acknowledged. 196

LOAN FOR WASTE DESTRUCTOR - Local Government Board write that the papers for the terms of the repayment of the £11,000 loan for the destructor were with Mr S. J. Smith, the Board's Inspector, who has just died and the papers are 'not forthcoming' so they request a copy. 198, 200

GREEN STREET - widening of this street. Petition from residents for widening of a portion of Green Street. The opportunity has arisen after the removal of the Argos offices to Walcot Street. Signed by- James Fortt, 13 and 6a Green Street; Edgar Bave, 2 Green Street; Mary Evry, 20 Green Street; Albert Edwin(?); Geo S. Pearce, 1 Broad Street; Edward Tompkins, 15 Green Street; F. J. Marchant; G. Hobbs, 11 Green Street; A. Marshman, 10 Green Street; Ellen (Tanner?), 7 Green Street; Caple & Houghton, 7a Green Street; A. G. Hayward, 16 Green Street; G.S. Grove, 5 Green Street; Wm. E. Knight, 19 Green Street; A. Tait, or Fail, 19 Green Street; Thomas Lipton, 21 Green Street; 199

J. H. & H. BLAKE, BREWERS, TROWBRIDGE - Brewers who own the Westhall Inn, have no knowledge that the inn had changed hands and ask the authority who the new owners are and when they took over. 210

ODD DOWN SEWER - letter from Charles Fortune accompanying the specification and tender for the extension of the sewer at Wells Road, Odd Down. 211

PULTENEY GARDENS, 1 - holes in the road. Mr Charles Newman writes to ask the Surveying Committee to fill in the holes in the road at the back of his house once and for all. He has been filling them himself for 22 years. 217, 219

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL - office of the Clerk Mr Ernest Shum. Solicitor and U.S.A. committee member, Mr Shum writes that the governors of the school have passed a resolution asking him to ask the U.S.A. not to hold meetings where avoidable on the second Tuesday of the month, which suggests that meetings were held in the school. 224

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS - alterations, letter from Haywood and Wooster, Walcot Street, Surveyors. 233

MONTAGU vs RUTTER and MONTAGU vs PERRETT- two cases brought by the Inspector of Nuisances. 225, 235, 240

ALDERMAN ANTHONY HAMMOND, DECEASED - official mourning letter giving date of his funeral at Locksbrook Cemetery, Saturday after 11th January 1894 from John Stone, Town Clerk. 238

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - circular from Local Government Board in Whitehall requesting the reports for each quarter of 1893 from the office of the Public Analysts. 242. See Jan-Apr 1894, 8

STONE SEWERS AT GAY STEERT AND WOOD STREET - Adam Thring Solicitors write notifying the Authority that they are doing work on the sewers on their property at Wood Street and have found that the main sewer is a rough stone sewer. They point out that this is the same as the Authority's one reported at the bottom of Gay Street. They wanted the Gay Street one replaced with a piped sewer and were not impressed to be told that the rough stone sewer had been repaired, so would not be replaced with a pipe. They represent many owners of houses with rough stone sewers and note that if one is found, then the Authority serves the land owner with a notice to replace it at once with a pipe. Therefore, if a stone sewer is found in main streets on Authority land, they feel it is the Authority's duty to replace it with a pipe at once. 243, 250. See Jan-Apr 1894 20, 21, 28, 34, 59, 65 and May-Oct 1894 10

BATH FREESTONE QUARRY, ODD DOWN, MR EDWIN LOVE - writes to say that he has for many years supplied the stone to Mr A. Pritchard which he has in turn supplied to Bath. He got the tonnage for projects from the City Surveyor's office, saving him having to have it weighed at Combe Down. Mr Gay has now told him that he does not have the right to come to the offices to get this information and Mr Love does not know why. 35. In 36, Mr Gay, the Clerk who writes Mr Fortune's letters, explains his side. This is the first letter which gives the identity of the person who writes all of Charles Fortune's letters. 35, 36. See also Jan-Apr 1894 72