

Urban Sanitary Authority (U.S.A.) Letter Book 11 Oct-31 Dec 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.

W. H. SYMONS, MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH - The Local Government Board approve the permanent appointment of Mr Symons as Medical Officer of Health at a salary of £200. 15. Mr Symons discusses his daily routine in letter 80, Jul-Oct 1897

SOUTHGATE STREET, 22 - planning permission for alterations, approved. 33

DARLINGTON PLACE, 7 - planning permission for additions, approved. 33

BROAD STREET 4 & 5 - planning permission for new shop front, approved. 33

F. H. LOCK, 46 HERBERT ROAD - writes about difficulty paying for Statutory Hospital fee. 45

VULCAN BOILER AND GENERAL INSURANCE CO., 67 KING STREET, MANCHESTER - they have inspected the boiler at the destructor and find it to be in satisfactory working order. A thorough inspection is now needed. 52

H. E. BALL, NEW WESTGATE BUILDINGS - writes to cancel his chairman's licence number 32, so that it can be taken by someone else. 54. He also writes in Jul-Oct 1897 65

JAMES WHITEHOUSE - writes on the invoice of Reuben Hall the Chemist, Sussex Place, Widcombe to say that he is very sorry but he cannot pay the bill due for the Statutory Hospital at present but will be able to do so in about three weeks. The coloured invoice contains an advert for Izal. 57

LORRIANE HOUSE, CLEVELAND WALK - planning permission for additions, approved. 63

ART GALLERY, GUILDHALL - planning permission, not approved. 63

FOUNTAINS BUILDINGS - planning permission for eight houses, not approved. 63

POWLETT PLACE - planning permission for eight houses, not approved. 63, approved, 98 for 4 houses, see also 133

J. O. WHITE, SOUTHGATE STREET - is sorry that he cannot send the money as promised but without fail will send it next week. He was the landlord of the Golden Lion. 65

LAM BROOK - Mr Couch of the Lambridge Mill would like copies of the notice prohibiting the throwing of rubbish in the brook, writes Mr Fortune, City Surveyor. He would also like them distributed to the dwellers in Cottage Place. 80

PULTENEY STREET RESIDENTS' PETITION - against the alteration of Sunderland Street and opening it up as an entryway to Henrietta Park. Hand written signatures. 90

MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL, UPPER BORO WALLS - letter from George Hext, Secretary to Bath Roadcar and Tramway Co., about possible damage to the hospital from tramcars. 92, 113

PICCADILLY, LONDON ROAD - planning permission for workshop, amended plan, deferred. 98

PERA PLACE - planning permission for seven cottages, deferred. 98. Not approved, 133. See 136

FREDERICK EAMES, THE HERMITAGE, WELLS ROAD - says 'cash is rather tight' and asks whether he might be allowed to let 'the bill' for £7:0 :7 stand until December 14th. Dated 26th November 1897. 103

ASSEMBLY BILLIARD ROOMS - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, writes accompanying a notice of nuisance (about sanitary arrangements) at the above. Notice not kept. 104, 104a. In 104a, the notice was served upon Mr Jackman, trustee of the estate of Mr Sumison. Now occupied by Mr Castle, the rooms are leased by the Assembly Room Billiard Co. to Mr Lawson Howes, who granted a sub lessee to Mr Sumison, whose trustee now rents to Mr Castle. Mr Fortune asks to whom should he send the notice? 104a

LILAC PLACE, HOLLOWAY, 1 - Mr Fortune City Surveyor sends Mr Moger a copy of a notice to mend a dangerous wall at these premises. Notice not kept. Accompanying letter only. 104

EMILY M. DANIELS, WALCOT BOOT STORES - sends a cheque but accompanied it with this business invoice as a notelet. 114

CATSLEY PLACE, 9 - Mr Symons, Medical Officer of Health has inspected it. 'Will you kindly do what you can to prevent further loss of time in making it more fit for the poor people who have to live there. I saw enough of numbers 7 and 8 to know that I will have to serve similar notices for them. Mr Craven's specifications do not go far enough and we must certainly insist upon the windows being made to open on top. The rooms are so small.' 125. 146 shows it to belong to Mr Pond of 15 Camden Cottages. He owns 1, 3, 7 and 9 and also 4, 5 and 6 Back Lane, Larkhall. See also 150. Also Jun-Oct 1893 75

ALBERT PERRY, COAL MERCHANT, 3 NORTHUMBERLAND STREET - he cannot meet the bill for the Statutory Hospital as business has been very quiet all this year. He hopes to be able to pay within one month of Christmas. 129

MR SHEPPARD PLANS TO BUILD 20 HOUSES IN BRICK LANE - letters referring to this. 133

MILSOM STREET, 27 - planning permission for a lavatory, approved provisionally. 133

LANSDOWN PLACE, 14 - planning permission for a lavatory, approved. 133

BROOKLEAZE PLACE, LARKHALL - planning permission for new W.C. etc, approved. 133. Also 4, 23, 50, 82, 119, 132, Jul-Oct 1897 207, Oct-Dec 1897 168, 173

ROSE HILL, LARKHALL, 17 - planning permission for additions, approved. 133. For more on housing at Rose Hill see 155, 185, 214

SEWER AT 36 PARK STREET - Charles Fortune, City Surveyor, sent this letter to accompany a report he made about this sewer. 143, 183, 186, 215

THOMAS SWIFT, HAZEL COTTAGE, ROSE HILL, LARKHALL - writes that he has been unable to find a place for his pigs in order to take them off Rose Hill. He asks the council to give him a little longer. 145. See 155

ROSE HILL, LARKHALL- cottages in substandard condition – 155, 185, 214. See 133

LAYING OF UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE CABLES IN CHELTENHAM - the Town Clerk of Cheltenham writes that 'the National Telephone Company have asked permission to open and break up our streets and lay telephone wires thereunder'. He asks to know what type of agreement Bath have come to with them. 148, 153, 211

CORN MARKET, WALCOT STREET - Mr Fortune writes that he has served the owner with a notice to improve sanitary accommodation, December 1897. 155

MISS E. BOLDESON, STAYING AT THE PULTENEY HOTEL - writes that as a visitor to Bath for some years, she has always admired its cleanliness. However this time, a large number of dogs running unattended have made a mess of the pavements some of which are not fit to walk upon. She also heard newspapers called for sale on a Sunday, which disappointed her. Letter addressed to H. Graham Montagu, the Inspector of Nuisances. 161

THE CLEANSING OF PERSONS ACT 1897 - newly passed. The Local Government Board circular draws attention to this new act, whereby any person infested with vermin may be cleaned and their clothes cleaned, upon their application to the authority. This is not charitable relief, and no such person applying is to be deprived of any right or privilege. It is a statutory obligation upon the council to provide the service for free. 166

WINCHESTER/CANTERBURY ROAD APPORTIONMENT - Mr Fortune, City Surveyor, sends details of the costs to the owners to be charged for the Private Street Works to these roads. 180, 189

BAKEHOUSES INSPECTED IN BATH 1897 - W. H. Symons, Medical Officer of Health, writes that in the past few months to December 1897, 65 bakehouses have been inspected within the city of Bath in accordance with the Factory and Workshop Act (1895). Structural alterations will be needed in 25. Most of the defects are due to enclosing as a bakehouse which was formerly a yard. Detailed description in the letter. 181

CENTRAL SUPPLY OF 39 WESTGATE STREET, 6 CHEAP STREET, AND 9 STALL STREET - S. Fox Andrews sole proprietor. He writes on headed business memorandum about the electrical fixtures of 9 Plato Street, Dolemeads.198. See May-Oct 1894 262, 265 for more on Plato's Buildings. Also Nov 1894-Mar 1895 11, 35

PLATO'S BUILDINGS 9 - Mr Fox Andrews writes about the electrical fittings. See previous entry.

MALVERN BUILDINGS - Private Street Works. Costs to the owners for apportioning this road. 193, 201, 202, 203. See 204

MALVERN BUILDINGS PETITION FROM PROPERTY OWNERS - 16th October 1897. They are complaining about being charged for upkeep of the local roads. In particular, Fairfield Park Road is not in a fit state to be taken over as the land to the eastern end is about to be built upon so the traffic will be heavy. They say that in other parts of Bath an estate is laid out and the houses built first, with the road laid after all of the heavy work is done. Concerning Malvern Buildings, it is a cul de sac and so gets little traffic. Levelling the road and filling the holes ought to do for several years to come. They are prepared to put in gutters at their own expense. They point out that they have paid for pitching, paving, steining, scavenging watering and lighting at Malvern Buildings, yet only the lighting has ever been done there. They therefore ask for the charges to be reduced. Signed by the owners and ratepayers, who are not necessarily the residents of the buildings: Joseph Bird, Avon View; James Batstone, Claremont Bakery; James Higgs, 35 Malvern Buildings; Amelia West, 34 Malvern Buildings; Frederick George Rhymes, 17 Malvern Buildings; George Goldsworthy, 13 Malvern Buildings; John Robert, 1 Malvern Buildings; Henry A. Fry? 7 & 8 Malvern Buildings; and Henry Mortimer, 5 Malvern Buildings. 204. See 201-204

CRYSTAL PALACE - letter from the Vestry of Camberwell, London, regarding the future of the Crystal Palace. A resolution has been passed by the Conference of London Local Authorities that this is an opportune time for the Government to secure the Crystal Palace and its grounds as a place of instruction and recreation for the nation in order to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Two representatives from Bath must attend a meeting at the Mansion House, London, in the New Year to consider the best way for the government to promote the acquisition. 209

CREMATORIUM - the Town Clerk of Camberwell who wrote concerning the Crystal Palace above, also sends a report for the Burial Authority on the introduction of a crematorium. 210

FREDERICK E. GAY, ASSISTANT CITY SURVEYOR - the very familiar hand behind all of the letters written from the office of Charles Fortune, City Surveyor. Mr Gay is writing on his own behalf in this letter, for the first time. He has been assistant to Mr Fortune for many years, has been recognised as such and has taken both professional work indoors and outdoor surveying work. A clerk was appointed some years ago to do the purely clerical work. Mr Gay has now found out that Alderman Ricketts, Chairman of the Surveying Committee has written to the deputy town clerk stating that Gay is considered merely a clerk and not as an assistant surveyor. The post of assistant surveyor does not exist, he has been told, and his name is to be struck out of the yearbook. He explains the circumstances of his appointment, his work and his studies and asks Mr Moger to do what is right. 217