

Hillman & Bond Copy Letter Book 1927, 23rd February – 13th December

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This book is in a much better condition than many of the other copy letter books. Only a small proportion of the letters are not legible.

Before the start of this book a relative of Mr Ramsbotham Miss Mary Anne Wackerbarth (a cousin of his mother) had died on 8th February 1927 in Middlesex. Administration was granted to Anne Kemble Wackerbarth. Some of the near family of the deceased who may be entitled to a share in the event of intestacy are in India & Australia or New Zealand. Mr Ramsbotham spends much time on sorting our issues relating to the settling her affairs, corresponding with his sisters and various legal offices.

Mr Ramsbotham was also busy with other probates and administrations in this book: Probate: Miss Katherine Susan Eastment, Miss G E M Eastment, W G Berry, (administration), Miss Muriel Hillman, Frank Bruce Watson, Rhoda Grace Foxwell, Miss E M Hicks (administration)

Many letters in the book are addressed to SFO, Southampton The Sun Fire Office originated in 1708, known as the Exchange House Fire Office. This office used the Sun symbol as its firemark and became commonly known as the Sun Fire Office. The business was taken over by the Company of London Insurers in 1710 and formally constituted as a partnership known as the Sun Fire Office. In 1891, the office changed its name to Sun Insurance Office Ltd. However in 1927, Hillman & Bond are still using the old acronym in their copy letters. They are the local agents for the Company.

There are several letters giving tenants notice to quit and quoting the "Rent Restriction Act".

Topics

Walter Healey Wallis: son of William Rendall Wallis & Elizabeth Catherine née Chapman, his birth was registered in Kingston Surrey in Q4, 1897 (Healey was spelt Healy).

1st March, (p. 19) To: A Squadron, No 2 Wing, (R A F) Halton "Dear Healey, Thanks for your letter of the 25th ult. I am sorry to hear you have made a fool of yourself & got into a mess. I enclose cheque (I've no notes for £3 & give you clearly to understand that until my debt is wiped out, I can do no more for you. It is quite ridiculous. I shall be quite pleased to see you when you come home, but mind you not a penny. I believe Hugo is home now or coming today."

8th June (p. 355) To Sgts Mess, Administrative Section, R A F Halton Bucks, "My Dear Hedley, I was rather surprised and a bit annoyed to get your letter this morning as I was hoping you were really going to pay off a big slice of your debt, before coming for more. However you seem to have been unlucky, so I am enclosing £2 herewith. This leaves you (including tomorrow) owing me £17-14-11, so I hope you won't want anything more for some months. I was away for a few days at Whitsun & feel the better for it.

26th July (p.532) To No 4 Hut A Sqdn., R AF Halton Camp, Bucks. Thanks very much fir your letter, I am very glad to hear you got a rise both for your sake & mine, & hope you will again succeed. Probably under the circumstances you are wise not to come on leave this summer. I really can't send you £10 at present, as you are already £14-11-11 to the bad, but I enclose cheque, which I hope you will find no difficulty in cashing, for £3-6-1. I include the shillings & pence to get round figures, You will then owe me £17-18-0 & you must let that be substantially reduced before asking for any more. Thanks for cutting from the Daily Mail. It strikes me as very feeble and rather silly."

22nd Oct (p.822) To: Administrative Section, R A F Halton Bucks. Your letter dated 18th only arrived yesterday & I have been away for a day or two. I see the time by which you wanted the money is already past, so I hope you have managed to make some arrangement. You know you still owe me nearly £12 &

I had hoped to get the amount fully reduced before putting out any more. However I don't want to be hard on you & so enclose £1 note. I'm sorry you found it necessary to tell lies about your increase of pay, but I shall think no more about it."

Mr A H Granger v Mr A H Granger

4th March (p. 31) Mr A H Granger of the Pilot Boat Hotel is owed money by his brother. Mr Ramsbotham has received a postal order from F A Granger for 5/- further on account. "He states that he will try & increase the amount when he can, but that it is absurd for you to expect anything like £2 a month as suggested by us last month

7th March (p. 37) To: Mr F A Granger Marine Dept. Southern Railway, Southampton Docks "We received your letter of the 5th & regret our foolish mistake. We have now handed the 5/- postal order to our client who states he cannot accept such ridiculously small instalments & instructs us that unless we receive either the whole amount due or at any rate £1-15-0 balance of £2 monthly instalment, we are to issue a summons against you in the County Court Monday next.

16 March (p. 65) a letter to A H G to say F A G cannot pay anymore this month and asks for definite instructions as to whether he is to issue a summons or not.

17th March A H G is sent an affidavit to sign for the issue of a summons against his brother.

13th April (p. 163) To F A G "We were today informed by the Axminster County Court that you have made an offer to pay off a debt to your brother at 10/- per month. A H G instructs us that he cannot accept less than £2 per month. If you will at once notify us that you are prepared to offer to pay as above, we will get a consent judgment put in operation. Failing this we shall be compelled to proceed.

21st April (p. 180) F A G then offers £1 per month which is not accepted so the County Court is instructed to sign judgement & issue execution.

21st April (p. 181) To: The Registrar County Court Axminster, "we herewith enclose Proscipes for signing Judgment & issuing execution herein, together with Postal Orders for £1-19-6: Judgment fee 12/6, Execution fee £1.7.0.

2nd May (p. 220) To: A H G, "We herewith enclose notice of defendant's offer to pay by instalments of 10/- a month, As this is not acceptable to you it will be necessary for you to attend before the Magistrate at the Police Station, Axminster, on Wed 11th May at 10.30 a.m. for you to be able to press for a larger order to be made you must be able to state your brother's position and approximate earnings.

17th November (p.894) To Mr A H G, Yourself v F. A. Granger "We have now received £5 from the County Court in respect of the instalments paid in by the defendant. The costs were £2-0-8 & the plaint fee £1-5-0. These we have deducted from the £5 & enclose our cheque for £1-14-4. The costs & fees referred to will eventually be repaid by your brother.

Mrs Cooper and the Sale of St Andrews:

Mrs Cooper is the wife of Dr Cooper and lives in Belmont. She purchased St Andrews in 1925, and is now selling the property by auction. Charles E Cornford, a solicitor of Waveney, Sandown, Isle of Wight is Mrs Cooper's brother.

26th Mar (p. 92), To: Mrs Cooper, Belmont "I am putting your deeds of St Andrews in the post. They are as follows:

1	Abstract of title		
2	Conveyance	dated 30 June 1898	C Benett to J H Allen
3	Reconveyance	do 2 May 1903	Matthews & Others to Henley
4	Conveyance	do 7 May 1903	Henley to Allen
5	Agreement	do 2 nd June 1925	Allen to Lane
6	Conveyance	do 2 nd July 1925	Allen & Another to Cooper
7	Certificate of redemption of	land tax	
8	do	do	Tithe rent charge

14th May (p. 265) To C E Cornfold Esq re St Andrews. "Referring to your call here this morning, I note on looking at the plan on the particulars you left me that the 'drive' leading to the house occupied by myself, past the house owned by Mrs Ronald, is not included in the sale. This was not conveyed to Mr Caddy or Mrs Ronald, only rights of way being granted to them & I would venture to suggest that it should be included in Lot 4...If the property were sold as shown on the plan, this bit would be left belonging to Mrs Cooper

27th July (p. 533) To Mrs Cooper L R: "I am surprised at your letter of even date. I have no recollection of why the words were inserted in the draft or why taken out. If you wish it I will put the matter before Mrs Ronald, but certainly not in the way you put it in your letter, but I cannot honestly advise her to agree to your proposal which personally I don't consider reasonable. There seems to me no evidence whatsoever that any such agreement as you allege, was made. As regards myself, I bought bona fide from Caddy without any notice of any such thing as is now suggested & there is no reason why I should agree to it. If when any repairs are necessary, I would consider it & might share the expense as a favour to yourself.

2nd Aug (p. 545) To: Charles E Cornford, Sandown, Waveney Isle of Wight. "I am obliged for your letter of even date and certainly desire that any question outstanding between myself and Mrs Cooper should be amicably settled. I admit I was irritated at the tone of her letter to me, with the calm assumption that I was in some way to blame & the further assumption that the depreciation of the property was serious through the [illegible]. I am perfectly clear that I should not have inserted in the conveyance to Mr Caddy and Mrs Ronald such a provision as appears in the draft unless I had been definitely instructed to do so & it and it seems to me probable, in fact practically certain, that the words were copied into the draft direct either from another draft or a precedent book & taken out before engrossing, as forming no part of the agreement. All my instructions, so far as I can see from the letters & can remember appear to have been received from Mr Caddy. I may or may not have spoken to Mr Paul on the matter but I certainly never wrote him. I really cannot see what question there is to submit to the Law Society, but if you wish to submit one, I think it would be best for you to prepare it and let me agree it before sending it. The matter is somewhat complicated from a personal point of view by my having purchased my little house from Mr Caddy, but in any case I don't see how Mrs Ronald, who certainly had no notice of the alleged agreement, can be expected to contribute to the cost or maintenance of the accommodation drive. Mr Caddy, of course, has no further interest in the matter.

6th Sept (p. 640) To: Charles E Cornford Esq. "....I do not think I have the document you refer to. I handed all I had to Mrs Cooper some time ago. I do not suppose that Mrs Ronald ever signed any contract, as I believe the arrangement so far as she was concerned, was entirely with Mr Caddy."

9th Sept. (p656) To: Charles E Cornford Esq. re: St Andrews. I am obliged by your letter of yesterday. You appear to be under some misapprehension when you talk of agreements & drafts. As I think I wrote before I have not got any & do not suppose any agreement in writing was made either with Mr Caddy or Mrs Ronald by Mrs Cooper. If there was one, Mr Paul probably has it. In regard to the latter part of your letter I enclose the plan on the draft conveyance Caddy to myself & shall be glad if you will return it at your early convenience. Mr Caddy also owned the piece of land I've marked with a cross in pencil.

13th Sept. (p. 667), To: C E Cornford Esq I of W. "I am obliged by your letter enclosing draft statement for the Law Society. I have slightly revised same where there appears ambiguity or perhaps a slight bias against myself, which was probably quite unconscious. I have not spoken either to Mr Paul or Mr Caddy on the matter

6th Oct. (p. 766) To Mr Cornford, re St Andrews "I am obliged by your letter. I see no objection to the question as now drafted, though I think it very doubtful whether it will draw an answer that will be much use to any of us. I want you to understand quite clearly that in no case shall I approach Mrs Ronald, but shall undertake any liability that may be suggested as if her house belonged to me as well as my own.

Mr W J Cooper, exchange of land with Dorset County Council.

Mr Cooper is a builder, living at St Kilda's in Silver Street. The Clerk to the County Council was J L Torr, Esq. It is not clear exactly where this land is situated, references are made to "Woodmead

Estate" and rights affecting "Providence Place". It is probable however that it refers to land on the south side of Hill Road. The 1937 OS map shows two fields here with a 'wavy' boundary and a 'panhandle' to the west. Later insertions show the field boundary straightened up and eight houses built fronting Hill Road. Also it appears that the access to Providence Place has been altered to be lower down Hill Road than previously with a new more direct access which may well be the 7ft 6in strip referred to. The Police Station built about 1929 and Police houses are in the area of the lower field. There is also reference made to "conveyance of the Allotments to Gale" The 1903 O S map shows the lower field marked as "Allotment Gardens" (this was before Hill Road was laid out). Jack Wiscombe's Memories includes Hill Road As I first remember Hill Road it was just a track, very rough and steep and hardly ever used. Where the police station and houses now are was a field and allotments. On the opposite side of the road the Grammar School was built, a collection of ex-army huts. These became the Woodmead Halls and were demolished to make way for the Leisure Centre and car parks.

1st April, (p.114) To: The Clerk to County Council, S J 34/3 Exchange W J Cooper, "We are in receipt of your letter, with enclosures mentioned. Without to the plans before us, it is extremely difficult to follow exactly what is proposed. It also appears that the exact amount of land to be given up by either party is not yet settled. In these circumstances, it certainly seems to us that the most convenient way of dealing with the matter will be, to wait till this latter point is settled & then for you to submit draft contract with plan to us for approval.

4th April To: The Clerk to the County Council,: "In reply to your letter of 2nd April, on that day we saw our client and his agent, Mr H Cooper of Bridport & it appears that our client cannot agree that there is any doubt as to the hedge being his, and he told us the evidence is all in favour of that hypothesis. We understand his agent & the County architect are still in communication on the subject & that there is also a question as to the exact position of our client's boundary on the west side of the County strip.

28th April): The Clerk to the County Council "We shall be glad to hear from you as to the above matter. We understand our client's agents wrote to the County Architect some two weeks ago but has received no reply, though his letter raises an important point as to area of the land to be exchanged."

30th April (p. 213) To: The Clerk to the County Council, "We have received your letter of yesterday & its enclosure with considerable surprise. We assume that there is a misprint in the first line of para. 39 of the enclosed extract from the minutes & "unable" not able was intended. We are taking our client's instructions on the matter & will write you further in due course.

30th April (p. 213) To: Mr W J Cooper, Proposed Exchange with County Council. "we have today heard from the County Council as to the above, & apparently though they are prepared to admit that the hedge is yours, they are not prepared to allow you the extra 7ft. 6 ins. required to enable you to put up eight houses. We are sending the minutes of the Standing Joint Committee as sent to us to your agents Messrs F Cooper & Sons, in order that they may consider the position and advise you further."

26th May (p. 314) To: The Clerk to the County Council, "We are obliged by your letter of yesterday & are pressing our client in the matter."

1st June (p.337) To Messrs F Cooper 7 Sons, Architects, Bridport "As promised, we now send you the letter from Mr Matthews, the County Architect to yourselves. We are writing Mr Torr on the whole matter today."

1st June (p. 339) To: Clerk to County Council, "In further reference to your letter of the 25th ult, we have now had an opportunity of seeing our client & his surveyor in the matter. We have found it extremely difficult to follow the arrangements that have been made, which certainly appear to us astoundingly harsh towards our client, though we understand he has agreed to them. Before entering into a formal contract, we should be glad to know if we may take it the terms are as follows – based mainly on the minutes, (dated 30th Oct 1926) of the Standing Joint Committee

1. Our client to give up the portion colored (sic) blue on the enclosed plan 5594½ sq. ft. which is to be taken at the value £400 per acre, which works out for the plot at approximately £51-7-4.
2. The County Council to give up the part colored (sic) pink which we understand is in area 1207½ sq.ft. (the 400 sq. ft. colored brown being deducted from the 1607½ sq.ft. shown on the plan) which at £600 works out at £16-12-6 approximately
3. The County Council to pay £34-14-10 for equality of exchange.
4. Our client to pay the County Council according to Minute 48. (1)

This seems a little obscure, but apparently asks our client to pay for a share of work recently done by the County Council.

5 Nos 3, 4 & 6 of the said Minutes to stand

We cannot but feel that under the circumstances, it will be much easier for you to draw the agreement than for us & if you agree as to this we shall be glad if you will let us draft contract in due course. Our client feels rather dissatisfied with the way this little matter has been prolonged, though the fault is not all on one side. We shall be obliged if you will return the enclosed plan, which is the only one we have for use & reference in this matter.

15th June (p. 381) To: Clerk to County Council, "We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday and regret we still find difficulty in following the proposals. We have looked carefully at your letter of the 25th March last to our client & the County architect's letter of 23rd March to our client's agents & also the extract of the Minutes of the Standing Joint Committee of 23rd April last, which you recently sent us, and it certainly appears to us that they do not agree with what you say as to area in your letter of yesterday. According to the Minute, the County Council waive the ownership of the dividing hedge, which therefore is agreed to be our clients. Taking the letter of 23rd March, the area to be given up by the County Council is 231 square yards less 33 or say 200 sq. yds. and that to be given up by our client 557 sq. yds. Although we think you are not allowing sufficient for the land coloured brown on the plan, we are prepared to advise our client to accept the figures we have set out in this letter on hearing from you that you agree."

17th June (p. 389) To Mr W J Cooper "We have again heard from the Council And we have been unable to obtain any further concessions from them. Please let me know whether you will accept their terms or whether you wish to withdraw from the negotiations altogether."

18th June (p. 396) To: Clerk to County Council, "We duly received your letter of the 16th & have seen our client thereon & he has agreed to accept your terms as set out in your letter of the 14th inst. We cannot however, leave the matter without expressing our surprise at the interpretation put upon the Minutes of 23rd April. It never occurred to us that the words 'the Council waive the question of ownership of the dividing fence' meant anything but that they admitted that our client was the owner of the entire fence & we are quite sure no one else would & could have attached any other meaning to them. As we have said before, we feel our client has been very badly treated & it was only with reluctance we advised him to agree to the terms offered him & we most certainly should not have done so, had he not proceeded so far with his building & lay out as to make it practically necessary to him to have your strip of land. However it is unnecessary to say any more & we await your draft contract."

27th June (p. 424) To: Clerk to County Council, "We are in receipt of your letter of the 25th inst for which we are obliged. We do not think as a matter of fact our client will build on the land to be given him by the County Council, as it is almost certain to be used as a sort of forecourt or garden ground. The whole of the Woodmead Estate is now sold & we doubt if from a practical point of view it is worth approaching the late owner. The County Council can convey free from all restrictions & we don't quite see that it is worth their while to raise any questions."

12th July (p. 485) To: Clerk to County Council, "We shall be glad to hear from you in this matter as our client is pressing us to get it completed & it has been very much delayed already."

2nd Aug (p. 542) To: Mr W J Cooper, "We have at last received the draft of the formal contract between yourself and the County Council, "We shall be obliged for the loan of your title deeds so that we can complete clause 4 of the draft contract. We enclose the latter so that you may see the exact position. On completion the amount payable by you will be £43-4-2. Please return the draft at your early convenience, at the same time letting us know —

1. Whether the note inserted by clause 7 is satisfactory to you
2. Whether as we understand you agree to what is stated in clause 9(i)
3. Whether clause 9(ii) & the conditions will affect you. It appears to us that practically they will not.

We observe there is no arrangement as to the payment of our costs, & you may think it worthwhile to insert a clause that these shall be paid by the County Council."

6th August (p. 563) To: Clerk to County Council, "Referring to your letter of the 29 ult. We now send you draft contract revised. Our client will not object to possession being given on exchange of contracts. We have not made a copy of the plan."

11th August (p. 573) To: Clerk to County Council, "We received your letter of yesterday & quite agree your alteration in the contract. Our client is away from home but we learn he is expected back tomorrow. We have engrossed our part of the contract & will obtain his signature & forward you as soon as possible, when no doubt you will send us the other part in exchange."

11th Aug (p. 573) To: Mr W J Cooper, "We herewith enclose contract for signature by you... The County Council do not object to you taking possession of the strip to be conveyed to you as soon as the contracts are exchanged & we presume, if they wish, you will give them similar facilities."

13th August (p. 583) To: Clerk to County Council, "Referring to our letter of the 11th inst., we have now obtained our client's signature of the contract & he will send same. On receipt of the other part signed by you on behalf of the Council, we will let you have abstract of title."

15th August (p. 583) To: Clerk to County Council, "We are in receipt of your letter of the 13th inst [illegible] mine of the same day. We have not [illegible] the contract but will do so on hearing from you. In the meantime I enclose [illegible] of title. The abstracted deeds are here & can be seen at any time by appointment. If & when you examine them, perhaps you would bring the conveyance to Mr Gale & his conveyance to the C. C. for an inspection, which will save us a journey to Dorchester."

27th August, letter from Mr Ramsbotham's clerk Mr Long to Mr Ramsbotham who is away on holiday: The County Council's representative examined these deeds today, and also brought their two deeds for examination. I see the Conveyance of the Allotments to Gale was never signed by him although he enters into certain covenants. On raising the point however I was at once met. By the man who came, with the observation that they raised the point to you when they purchased from Gale. There does not seem to be anything to call for Requisitions.

30th Aug (p. 620) To: Mr W J Cooper, "The County Council's solicitors have [illegible] enquiring whether the land which you are exchanging with them [illegible] right of way, light or other easements. We assume the reply is in the negative except for any right of light in Providence Place. There used to be a shoot discharging into the field from Providence Place, but my take is that you have or will deal with this. Can you inform us the amount of the Land Tax, Tithe (if not redeemed) or rates payable on the field. Perhaps you can let us have the receipts."

30th Aug (p. 621) To: Clerk to County Council, "We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday's date & enclose replies to your Requisitions. We also enclose one Requisition on Title on behalf of our client."

7th Sept. (p. 647) To: Clerk to County Council, "....The fence referred to in No 3 must be erected before completion in accordance with the provisions of the deed of 27th Sept. 1922 & the conveyance to the Council."

9th Sept. (p. 656) To: Clerk to County Council, "....we note & agree that the County Council cannot be pressed to erect the fence referred to."

21st Sept. (p. 700) To: Clerk to County Council, "...we herewith return draft approved. On hearing from you that you agree our very slight alterations, we will have one part engrossed & send it to you for execution by the County Council. We shall have to send the other part of the engrossment for [illegible] by Lloyds Bank.

3rd Oct. (p. 747) To: Clerk to County Council, "We have been expecting to hear from you in reply to our letter of the 21st ult. & should be glad to do so."

4th Oct (p.752) To: Mr W J Cooper, "We herewith enclose engrossment of the Deed of exchange for execution by you in the presence of a witness."

17th Oct (p.809) To: Mr W J Cooper, "We should be glad if you would give us a call to sign the duplicate deed of exchange with the County Council & so enable us to complete the matter."

18th Oct. (p. 810) To Lloyds Bank, L R, "We now send you the two parts of the deed of exchange, executed by Mr Cooper, which requires execution by the Bank. Please get them executed at your early convenience & return them to us in due course."

22nd Oct. (p.821) To: Clerk to County Council, "We now forward you the conveyance & duplicate herein duly executed by our client & the Bank. On hearing from you that both parts are sealed & stamped, we will let you have £43-11-8 as requested.

22nd Oct. (p.821) To: Mr W J Cooper, "We have today received the deed of exchange duly executed in duplicate by Lloyds Bank & have forwarded same to the County Council for sealing &

completing. The amount payable by you under the deed is £43-4-2 plus 7/6 half stamp duty & we shall be glad if you will let us have your cheque for this amount at your very early convenience, when the whole matter can be closed up."

25nd Oct. (p.825) To: Clerk to County Council, "We duly received your letter of the 22nd & now send your cheque for £43-11-8 as requested in your letter of the 3rd inst. In return we shall be glad to receive one part of the deed of exchange duly executed & stamped."

Parish Churchyard:

Canon P J Dale was the Secretary & Treasurer of the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance. Mr W E Bigg, The Close, Salisbury was the Lord Bishop of Salisbury's legal advisor.

3rd May, (p. 222) To: Mr W E Bigg, The Close Salisbury "I enclose a copy of a letter addressed to Rev E J Synge of L R, who is the secretary of our Parochial Church Council. No doubt Canon Dale will let you have the relevant letters or copies thereof. The land referred to is at present vested in three trustees & was conveyed to them nearly 20 years ago when Churchyard was threatened with a disastrous slip. Two of the three trustees have now left the town & the trust is at present controlled by P.C.C., it is felt the land should be conveyed to a permanent body. Subject to what you think, I will send you the deeds & do all I can to assist you in the matter."

3rd May, To Mr Synge "I enclose what I think you require to send to Harding. I am not quite clear as to the plan. Does it mean that all the portion edged red is the property of the P. Ch. Council.? I have written to Bigg & will report in due course as to Church Cliff."

17th May, To: Mr Synge, Rotherfield, Woodmead Rd, re Church Cliff, "I enclose a letter I have today received from Mr Bigg. Please let me have the deeds & I will send them to him. I do not understand his reference to two trusts. There is nothing in either Canon Dale's letter or mine suggesting two trusts."

18th May, To: Mr Bigg Esq re LR Church Cliff Diocesan Board of Finance." I duly received your letter & have obtained the deeds from the secretary of the P.C.C. As you will see there is a conveyance of certain land to the Rev Wm Jacobs, the then Vicar of L R, Col. A J Kelly & Mr J E Hill of a piece of land called Church Cliff. The late Mr Osborn resolutely refused to define his area, but there is an ordnance sheet, which I also enclose, in which someone has marked what they thought was the land in question, but I don't know who or on what authority. There is an old deed handed over to Canon Jacob, conveying the property to two older members of the Osborn family – predecessors in title of the vendors to Jacob, Kelly & Hill. I also enclose a yearly lease of part of the Foreshore lease to Mr Jacob Messrs Randall and Beer who were, I believe the then Churchwardens of L R. Both the latter are dead & Canon Jacob no longer Vicar of Lyme. It is desired by all concerned that the conveyance & lease should be made to some more permanent body. Kindly acknowledge receipt & let me hear from you in due course."

8th June, (p. 357) To: Mr Synge, Rotherfield, re Church Cliff, "I enclose a letter I have received from Mr Bigg.the Board of Finance are not keen on taking over the property. I don't see any other course than that suggested by Bigg..."

14th June, To: W E Bigg, Diocesan Registry, Salisbury. Re Church Cliff, Rev E J Synge has asked Mr Ramsbotham to draw Mr Biggs attention to two clauses in the provisions of the P.C.C. (Powers).

Measures 1921. "The council in this case are very anxious to become the owners in question and only wish the Diocesan Board of Finance to act as 'holding trustees...' "I inform you that the possession of the land in question is essential to the proper protection of the Churchyard. Perhaps with these facts before you, you would further consider the matter & again lay it before the Board..."

23 June (p. 410) To Mr Synge Rotherfield L R re Church Cliff. "I enclose a further letter from Mr Bigg. The position appears rather anomalous, but as the P.C.C. can't hold land except through the Board of Finance, I don't quite see what can be done, though I greatly doubt the soundness in law of the position taken up. In the meanwhile, a recommendation is coming forward from one of the Committees of the Town Council, that the P.C.C. be approached with a view to the Town Council obtaining control of the property in question, whether by gift, purchase, lease or otherwise."

23 June (p. 411) To Mr Bigg "We will refer the matter to our P.C.C.
There were no further letters on this subject in this book.

Mr Start & the Osborn Auction

9th June, (p.362) To Mr W Start, Cathole Lane, Yawl "In reference to your purchase of the cottage & gardens in Cathole Lane from Mrs Osborn & her daughter, we have been expecting you to call & pay your deposit of purchase money. We are preparing the deed of conveyance to you & hope to be ready to complete next week though we can quite well wait until the 24th if you prefer.

17th June, (p.389) Mr W Start, "In reference to your recent purchase of your cottage & that thereto adjoining, we should be glad if you would let us know whether you will continue the insurance against fire with us. The property is at present insured for £500. We shall be glad of any reply at an early date, as in any case we have to make some adjustments on the 24 inst., on which day we trust to receive the purchase money, £320, in exchange for which we will hand you the conveyance, an abstract & some earlier deeds.

21st June, (p 404) Mr W Start, "We have received though only yesterday, your letter of the 11th inst. We regret that our clients cannot see their way to release you from your contract to purchase your cottage etc & we must request that you shall complete the purchase on the due date. As you are presumably aware, you are responsible for the purchase money & the costs incurred by ourselves & the auctioneers & any loss there may be to our clients on a resale, if you withdraw, you will have to make good. We suggest, therefore, that you should reconsider(the) matter from that point of view &, if you cannot conveniently raise the whole of the purchase money, you might take up a mortgage for the balance. If , however, you feel convinced that you cannot arrange matters in this way or any other, we suggest that you should sign an undertaking, waiving any possible claim you may have to the property or any part of it, as this would materially increase its value & enable us to sell for a better price. We regret what has happened & I shall be glad to hear from you or, if you prefer it, to see you, as to what you can do in the matter.

5th July, (p.460) Mr W Start, "We are somewhat surprised that we have not heard from you in reply to our letter of the 21 ult. We are anxious to know what you intend to do in the matter & trust we may hear from you either that you are going to complete your purchase very shortly or that you have definitely decided not to do so. In the latter case we should be obliged if you will sign the enclosed document before a witness, who should sign where indicated, & return to us in the accompanying envelope. We will then endeavour to resell the property & let you know how much you have to pay.

20th July, (p. 516) To: Mr Wm Start, Cathole Lane Uplyme, : "We regret the somewhat foolish and obstinate attitude you are adopting in the matter of the property you agreed to purchase from our clients Mrs and Miss Osborne. The latter are anxious to give you every consideration, but they cannot allow matters to drift indefinitely. We must ask you to let us have and answer to our letter of the 5th inst. Without further delay, or if you wish to let us know an evening in the next eight days, when it will be convenient for you to meet Mr Radford & ourselves , to come to some decision. 0Failing a reply within a week, we shall have to take the necessary proceedings in Court to enforce our client's rights against you."

30th Sept. (p. 740) To Mr W Start, "As we believe you are aware our clients have sustained a loss of £80 on the resale of these cottages in addition to the extra costs incurred thereby. We understand that Messrs Radford & Radford offered to release you from your obligations subject to your making an immediate payment of £5-5-0 towards the costs. As however you have not accepted this offer we shall have no alternative but to proceed against you for the full amount unless the £5-5-0 is paid by return of post.

Frank Bruce Watson decd. 28th May

22nd June (p. 405) To: Life Association of Scotland "We are instructed to obtain letters of Administration We understand all information is to go to Mr V H Allen of this town who is assisting Mr Watson's widow to obtain a statement of the position of his affairs."

22nd June (p. 405) To: The Actuary, Motor Union Insurance Co, A letter similar to the above.

24th June (p. 414) The Roadways Transport Development Ltd "We have referred your letter to our client. Mr Watson died intestate leaving a widow & one infant son & we do not know whether the widow has

decided to continue the business, or whether she will dispose of it. The deceased died suddenly in active business, it may be some little time before we can give any clear statement as to our client's position.

25th June (p. 415) To Mrs Watson, Broad St, Mr Ramsbotham explains that he has received a letter from the Roadways Transport Development Ltd and reminds her that there is an instalment of £59-16-0 due tomorrow as her late husband had an agreement to pay hire purchase for his Reo Char-a-banc. No doubt she was seeing her way to pay this. The company was enquiring as to her intentions with regard to the vehicle & "would be glad to hear definitely what you intend. They state that they understand you are intending to carry on the business & that no doubt some satisfactory arrangement can be made between you & themselves. They added that no doubt you will hold the vehicle to their order & keep it in proper running order. Mr Ramsbotham stated that he had informed them that the only people with an interest in the estate of the late Mr Watson were Mrs Watson and their infant son.

27th June (p. 425) To: The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, asking for forms to settle letters of Administration on widow/mother of minor, and appoint a guardian as co-administrator.

29th July, (p. 517) To: Messrs VA Allen & Co, LR, re F B Watson decd: enclosing a letter from Roadways Transport Development Ltd about the charabanc, which Mr Ramsbotham believed they were dealing with. Also an Inland Revenue affidavit which we have taken as far as we can without further instructions.

4th August, (p. 555) "We enclose a further letter from the Roadways Transport Development Co Ltd as to the cha-a-banc. Will you please ask Mrs Watson to deal with the matter. Can you expedite in any way the obtaining of the necessary information to enable us to prepare the papers to lead to grant of administration."

15th August (p. 586) To: The Roadways Transport Development Ltd "We are in receipt of your letter & have seen our client's agent thereon. We were instructed all letters were to be referred to him and this was done with yours of the 19th ult. & 2nd inst. We understood he was dealing with the matter. It appears he & Mrs Watson were under the impression that provided the latter continued to pay the instalments all would be in order. She has decided to keep in the business & if you will send draft agreement you require, we will get her to sign same if in order. We regret there has been any misunderstanding in the matter."

26th August, (p. 613) We enclose letter from R T D Ltd , together with Form of Agreement for signature by Mrs Watson.

19th September, (p. 686) To: Messrs VA Allen & Co, A further letter has been received from The Roadways Transport Development Ltd & is enclosed. Mr Ramsbotham needs more figures before he can apply for the administration of the estate.

19th November, (p. 900) To: Messrs VA Allen & Co, F B Watson decd. In reply to your query, the business formerly carried on by the above is now owned & carried on by his widow Mrs Edith May Watson of 40 Broad Street Lyme Regis.

Mrs Cooper & Mr C W Stapleforth

7th Nov. (p. 858) To: C E Cornford Esq, I of W, St Andrew's L R, Cooper to Stapleforth "We are instructed by Mr Stapleforth of Charmouth to act for him in the purchase of a plot of land from Mrs Cooper near St Andrew's for £500."

17th Nov (p. 894) A later letter to Mr Cornfold from Mr Ramsbotham explains that his client "cannot accept the title only from 1925, as it might hamper him if he wanted to sell again. Our recollection is that the title from 1898 or 1903 is quite simple & we must act on whichever of these two the plot is under. A deposit has already been paid to Mr Paul, who stated when giving our client his receipt that the only restriction was that the house to be built must exceed £1000 in value. Our client has shown him photograph & plans of proposed house."

25th Nov (p. 932) To: C E Cornford, "....Thank you for sending us a print of the General Conditions. In view of the fact , mentioned in our letter of the 17th, that your agent stated there were no conditions other than that the house to be erected should cost at least £1000, we must ask that the contract be completed on the original basis & have accordingly revised the contract with that in view."

28 Nov (p. 940) To: C E Cornford This letter is mainly illegible, but ends "I am sorry that any question of this kind has occurred between Mrs Cooper & myself."

30th Nov (p. 953) To Mr C W Stapleforth "We have been in correspondence with Mrs Cooper's solicitor since the day you called here. A few days ago he sent us a draft contract containing several restrictions, the most important being that the house & land are not to be used for trade or business purposes except for a doctor or surgeon. We have pointed out that this is quite contrary to the terms on which you purchased & have asked that all conditions be withdrawn."

30th Nov (p.954), To: C E Cornford "We are in receipt of your letter with enclosed revised contract. We think you have somewhat missed the point of our letter, we were not going into the reasonableness of the conditions proposed but merely wish that our client should have what he offered to buy namely a piece of land free from all restrictions except that the house to be erected must be at least £1000 in value & the plans shown to the vendor beforehand. We think it most improbable that our client will want to build more than one house on the plot nor would he be likely to object to the fence. Clause 3 must be deleted as our client must be free to use the land & house for any purpose he pleases and to sell it unrestricted. In regard to the costs paragraph 8, it had not occurred to us to make any charge to your client for approving and obtaining the execution & stamping the deed & we quite appreciate your point as to the [illegible] stamp & there is practically no difference between us as to this. We return draft revised again & trust you will accept our alterations by return of post, as the matter has been outstanding already longer than we could have wished.

7th Dec (p. 980) To Mr C W Stapleforth "We herewith enclose a copy of a letter we have received from Mrs Cooper's solicitor. We have replied that we cannot accept the very strained interpretation that they are trying to put on Mr Paul's language, and that you require a conveyance free from restrictions except that any house you build will cost over £1000 and be approved by Mrs Cooper or her agent, which has already been done. The question arises whether you will press for performance of the contract or whether you will take the plot on their terms at a reduced price, or a sum as agreed damages for breach of contract. We shall be glad of your instructions on the matter, as there is always an element of doubt, when these matters have to go to court."

7th Dec (p. 981) To: C E Cornford "....We cannot accept the very strained interpretation you put upon the language of Mr Paul's letter of the 1st ulto, particularly in view of the fact that you have already accepted our amended clause 2 of the contract. Our client's great point has always been that the plot must be free of restrictions as to user, though the house he wishes to erect is pf the value stipulated. We are taking our client's instructions on the matter & will write you further in due course.

8th Dec (pp 984 & 985) To Messrs Bridgman, London (agents to Hillman & Bond) "Difficulties have arisen between our client in proposed purchase of a plot of land & the proposed vendor. Our client requires the plot for trade purposes, though he also intends to build one or more houses on it. As you will see the dispute turns on the meaning of Messrs Paul's first letter to our client. What is meant by 'no restrictions' & how much is meant by the words 'the house'. Our client maintains that he is entitled to a conveyance free of restrictions as mentioned in the letter referred to. We enclose the draft contract with the various emendations & you will follow the line of argument from the correspondence. Our client is quite firm that he never told Mr Paul he would only put one house up, also that had he known the proposed restrictions he would not have offered the price for the property. In reply to our letter to him of yesterday, he called this morning & he instructs us to obtain specific performance. We have not added to our last letter to Mr Cornford & before doing so, we should be glad of your opinion as to whether an action for specific performance would succeed. Also, if it did, whether the sending of the letter would restrict our client to one house, even though this could be used in conjunction with any business. Before we write again to Mr Cornford, we should be glad of your views on the matter.

9th Dec (p. 987) To: C E Cornford "We are in receipt of your letter of yesterday with enclosure. Our copy draft contract was quite correct. We very much regret that there seem to be so many misunderstandings over this matter. The whole point of our alteration of clause 2 to the word 'any' was to make it quite clear that our client should be free to erect any number of houses on his plot & we fail to understand how you missed this. If we has realised it was possible to attach any other meaning to our revised form of words, we would have endeavoured to be more explicit.

12th Dec (p. 997) To Mr C W Stapleforth "We sent instructions to our London Agents to consider framing a writ for specific performance of the contract in this matter against Mrs Cooper & the purport of their reply is, that though they consider the plot was sold without restrictions, it is hard to say what view would be taken of the words 'the house' used in Mr Paul's letter. In the meanwhile, Mr Cornford, Mrs Cooper's solicitor, has written offering to release you from the contract & to retain your deposit & [illegible] we do not think you ought to accept this unless it is accompanied by an offer to pay you a sum sufficient to cover our costs & the loss & inconvenience to which you have been put, we do feel , that if any offer of the latter kind can be obtained, you ought to consider very carefully whether it would be wise to begin an action for specific performance, which involves necessarily considerable delay & as to which there must be an element of doubt. In any case we do not think you should do so, without first taking the opinion of counsel on the matter."

12th Dec (p. 999) To Messrs Bridgman, London "We are in receipt of your letter of the 10th, & thank you for your opinion. In the meanwhile we have had further letters from the vendor's solicitor, the last of which includes an offer to refund his deposit & to let the whole matter drop. We are putting this with your views before our client, as we think if he were paid a small sum to rather more than cover our costs, he would, in all the circumstances be well advised to agree. We cannot but feel he probably let Mr Paul think he only intended to erect a private house.

Mr Loveridge's Accident

14th Sept (p. 673) To: Mr Badcock, Lymington. Re Mr F Loveridge of 6 Mill Green, L R "We have been consulted by Mr F Loveridge of 6 Millgreen, L R in reference to his claim against you for injuries received through one of your vehicles colliding with the front of "Rathlyme" (DS - later the Buena Vista Hotel), Pound Street, L R . From the information before us there appears to be no question but what our client has a claim against you, and we trust that it may be possible to arrive at an amicable settlement. Our client is still under the doctor & is likely to be so for another fortnight or longer. " (p. 683)

16th Sept To: Messrs J F Lance & Son, Haulage Contractors, Lymington, Hants "We have been in communication with Mr E H Badcock re the injuries sustained by Mr F Loveridge through a lorry collision. Mr Badcock's solicitors however inform us that the lorry was the property of & in the charge & under the control of your firm. We have therefore to make a claim against you in respect of the injuries sustained by our client & we trust that it may be possible to arrive at an amicable settlement....."

26th Sept, (p. 719) To Messrs Berrymans, London E C 2, "WE are afraid you cannot have the full facts before you, in view of your statement that there is not a shadow of ground for alleging negligence on the part of your clients. We entirely fail to see how your clients can in any way repudiate liability. However we have instructions to take the necessary proceedings and must enter an action for damages, unless your clients are prepared to compensate our client for the injuries he has sustained.

30th Sept.(p. 740)To: Mr Loveridge " Re accident claim. "We have had a further letter from Messrs Lance & Sons's solicitors & shall be obliged if you will give us a call. They do not admit liability, but enquire what your out of pocket expenses are.

3rd Oct. (p.750) Messrs Berrymans. "We duly received your letter of the 27th ulto, & have now had an opportunity of seeing our client thereon. As you are no doubt aware our client was asked to show your clients, or their employees, the way to a residence in Pound Street, L R , & he was taken up on their lorry. Our client and another man held back the swing doors at the entrance to the residence & the lorry endeavoured to pass through, but struck one of the pillars causing it to fall on our client. Apart from this surely if your clients like to take the risk of negotiating a narrow entrance to a residence, instead of unloading the lorry in the usual manner from the street, they must accept responsibility for any damage resulting therefrom. Our client has been incapacitated for five weeks, during which he has lost "34.2.3 in wages, also had to meet our costs £1.11.6. Although our client returned to work on Friday last he still feels the effects of the accident & we shall certainly enter a claim for damages unless your clients are prepared to settle the matter amicably.

11th October (p. 785) Messrs Berrymans "Re your letter of the 5th inst. The Clerk to the Axminster Board of Guardians has seen us in reference to the above matter. The Board granted certain relief to our client during his incapacity & the Clerk has been instructed to take the case up, but he thought we ought to first notify you in case your clients are disposed to make a settlement, without recourse to proceedings."

Addresses

Mr Annear, Tybryn, Charmouth Road
Mr A T Baker, The Square, L R
Mrs Baker, Broad Street
Mr Baynham, 30 Broad Street
Mr Baynham, Hadleigh Villa, Silver Street
Mr J T Berry, 37 Church Street
Mr R C Berry Esq., Hon Sec L R Golf Club
Mr S Blackmore, Windsor Terrace
Mrs Bosence, 22, Broad St
Mrs Bowditch, Penn Farm, Charmouth, Bridport
Mrs Bragg, Bridge Street
Mrs E Broom, 4 Millgreen
Mrs F Britton 32A Broad Street (Renting, was from Mr FE Radford & Mrs O'Neil, now Mr Staples
Mr F R Burge, Broad Street
Mrs Burlingham Pied a Terre Marine Parade
Mrs Chappell, 19 Millgreen
Mrs Chick, 43 Church Street
Mr C Cook, Cedar Cottage
Mrs Coombe, The Orchard Silver Street
Mr A D Cozens, 26 Corporation Terrace
Mr J C Curtis Georges Court (renting)
Mr G Draper, Ware Cottage
Mrs Cecil Ursula Duncan, Little Park
Mrs England, 1a Coombe Street
G S Eastment Esq, Under Cliff, L R
Mr F W Farnham, Woodville
Mrs Farrent, Woodmead Road
Mr J Fowler, 53 Silver Street
Mr P Foxwell, Bridge Street
Mr G W Govier, 5 Monmouth Street
Mr A H Granger, Pilot Boat Hotel
Mr Greenfield, Cranbrook View Road (schoolmaster)
Mrs Griffin, Windsor Terrace
Mrs Hallett, Silver Street
Mrs E Hallett, Drop Anchor, East Cliff
Mr E Hallett, 6 Cobb Road
Mr & Mrs H W Hallett, Ferndale, View Road.
Mr GE Halliday, Coastguard Buildings
Mr T M Halliday, Georges Square (tenant of Miss Reeves)
Mr E Harris, Ware Farm
Mr R H Harris, Corporation Terrace
Mr C Hitchcock, 6 Georges Court
Mr G Hoare, Woodhouse Cottage, Uplyme
Miss Hoare, 2, Coombe Street
R Hodder, 20 Coombe Street
Mr & Mrs R Holmes, 9 Coombe Street

Mr W R Huxford, Sherborne Lane
Mr F G Isbell Broad St
Mr F D Jefford, 30 Sherborn Lane
Miss Jones Milton, Manor House Charmouth
Sir John Kempe, Coram Court
Dr E Le C Lancaster, Pennard, Colway lane
Mr Lane, Ravello, Uplyme Road
Mr E J Leeming, Stile House
Miss Marder, 29 Broad Street
Mrs Marker, Tybryn, Charmouth Road
Mr F C Marsh, Winter House, Charmouth
Miss Mead, Three Corners, 1 Walley Lane, Uplyme
Mrs Moon, La Casa, Ozone Terrace (leased from Mr Wallis)
Miss E Moss, Cathole Farm
Miss Munro, Fairfield
Mr M H Neale, Arundel, Hill Rise
Miss Osborn, 5 Marine Parade
Mr L Pain, 8 Sherborne Lane (living with aunt)
Mr J Perry, Millgreen
Mrs Pettitt, Bethel House
Mrs Philipps, View Road
Mr F E Radford, Sunny Dene, Boscombe, Hants
Mr H Ridgewell, 12 Cobb Road
Mrs Ronald, Holm Craig
Mr C M Round, New Inn
Mrs Rowe, 13, Silver Street
Mrs Rowe, Apsley House
Mr A Rowe, 28 Marine Parade
Miss Silva, West Hill Road
Mr G Simmons, 26 Sherborne Lane
Mr W H Spiller, Slopes Farm
Mr L T Staples, Broad Street
Mrs Stewart, School House, Charmouth
Mr B H Stock, Westcliff (West Cliff)
Rev / Mr Synge, Rotherfield, Woodmead Road
Mr Cyprian Taylor, 1, Woodbine Terrace, Seaton, Devon P543
Mrs Turner, 11 Silver Street
Mrs F Turner13 Silver St
Mr R Warren, Church Street
Mr E A Washer, View Road
Mr Wallis, Ridware
Mr E H Wallis, Holmcroft
Mrs Webb, 11 Church Street
Mr Welch, 10 Corporation Terrace
Mr S W R Wellman, 12 Broad Street

February 27th (p1)

Letter to Messrs Bridgman, London (legal advisors to Hillman & Bond) re Lyme Regis Seawall. In March 1926, the Town Council entered into a contract with a consulting engineer, Mr Pimm, re certain proposed work of sea defence and got so far as provisionally to accept a tender for the work proposed by him and subject to sanction by the Ministry of Health to the necessary loans for carrying out the work. The Ministry refused to sanction such loans. After several schemes were looked at, and a survey carried out, sanction was given for a temporary repair of the wall and a loan of £1250 sanctioned for the purpose.

These works were carried out by Mr Pimm. The point that is causing me considerable difficulty is, as whether in the circumstances that have arisen, my Council are still liable in any way to employ Mr Pimm as I think the majority of the Council may be anxious to get rid of him.

Could you give me your opinion as to whether:

- (a) In the event of the Council deciding to carry out a scheme by loan they are bound to employ Mr Pimm
- (b) In the event of their deciding not to attempt to borrow but merely to do the least that is necessary by direct labour, they are in any way bound to him.
- (c) If they wish to get rid of him what steps should be taken.

On the 1st March, Mr Ramsbotham writes again "I am very much obliged for your letter of yesterday & am glad my opinion on the matter is confirmed."

Radford & others are selling 21 Marine Parade to Mr Eyre to convey to Cobb House Ltd.

To: Mr J L Baker, 23 Broad Street, re Mr A E Foot, "We have now engrossed the apprenticeship deed in connection with the above and it is ready for execution. If you & Mr Foot & the apprentice will call here at times convenient to yourselves we will attest the execution & get the deed stamped & completed.

To: Mr R Holmes of Coombe Street re Miss J Brown, "I have heard from the Regimental Paymaster of the R. A. that you have recently been discharged from the Army. The money payable by you under the order made by the Borough Justices in 1920 to the above woman in respect of the child born to her, namely 6/- per week, now becomes payable to me and I shall be glad if you will be good enough to let me have the amount on each Monday beginning on the 7th prox. (DS - next month), when I will see that it is paid to Mrs Brown who has charge of the child.

March (p16)

Mr Washer of View Road is building a house for Mrs Pinkerton, and her London solicitors are late in sending stage payments.

Miss Dewé has sold The Orchard, Silver Street to Mrs Phyllis Mina Coombe, the wife of Mr Arthur Edward Coombe.

To: Mr W Barrett, (p. 38) Orchards, Whitchurch Canonicoram, Mr Ramsbotham has received a letter from Mr Barrett asking if he would act as an agent regarding properties owned by Mr Barratt in the Whitchurch area. Mr Ramsbotham wants more information on what his duties will be before he can give a quote for his charges. If he is simply to collect the rents or to pay the outgoings as well and see to the matter of repairs etc. "All the houses are, we believe, insured through our agency and presume these payments will be included in the accounts." It appears Mr Ramsbotham will be working on behalf of Mr Barrett's daughter. "Would your daughter wish for quarterly or half-year settlements?" He suggests his charge for the least work would be a minimum of 4% of the amount collected, but if more agency work is required, say 5%.

Mr W R Huxford has been keeping a horse on land belonging to Mr Stapleforth at High Knapps at a charge of 5/- a week, but has not paid since the previous July. Mr Ramsbotham asks for payment in full by the end of the week or proceedings will be taken (p. 41). Mr Huxford then asks for a reduction in the amount due which Mrs Stapleforth refuses as "the horse has been having hay for some time past & that you agreed the amount & have given her the trouble of pressing you through us." However she has agreed that although he owes £8-15-0, she will accept £8 provided he pays and removes the horse by the following Saturday, (p. 75).

Mr E O Robinson is leasing a shop at 38 Broad Street to Messrs Gale Bros of Silver Street.

To: The Clerk of The Peace, Dorchester Licensing Act "...The Mayor (the Rev G F Eyre, Westhill) was appointed as the representative of the Borough Bench on the Compensation Authority. Mr A E Drake of Church Street, Headmaster of the Elementary School is still probation officer."

To: Messrs William Morey & Sons, Bridport "We are instructed by Mr H Toms of this town to inform you that he must hold you responsible for the expenses he is being put to owing to his being knocked down by your motor car PR 6851 on Thursday 17th inst, as you were backing out of the Parking place at the bottom of the town. Our client has been under the doctor since the accident & we shall be glad to hear that you are prepared to pay him his expenses and damages."

Miss Cox (p. 93) of Newhaven L R is trying to sell Mentone

Mr & Mrs Furbear of Colway Manor Cottage have lent some baby's clothes to Mrs White of Kingston Russell near Dorchester at the time of her confinement last September. These have not been returned and they have instructed Mr Ramsbotham to ask for their return. If she does not send them back in a parcel by the following Thursday or he will be compelled to take proceedings. Mrs White replies that she has the clothes packed and admits their ownership but that she is holding the goods against a debt due to her sister. Mr Ramsbotham responds that she has no right to do this. By 9th May the clothes have still not been returned so a letter is sent saying a summons will be issued unless the parcel is received by Saturday next. On the morning of 16th May the parcel of clothes arrived at the office of Hillman & Bond to be passed to Mr & Mrs Furbear. Mr Ramsbotham's charges were 5/-.

Mr Ramsbotham wrote to Miss Dewé after she left Lyme Regis about insurance cover for her new house. He ended with "Mr Coombe's solicitor was a very decent (*illegible*) as far as I can tell, though a little inclined be patronising – a way Londoners often have to us poor rustics."

Mr P Foxwell paid a quarter's rent of his shop & premises in Bridge Street of £17-10-0. Mr Ramsbotham deducts his commission of 17/6 & insurance premiums of £1-16-0, leaving £14-16-6. He then sends a cheque for half of this, £7-8-3 to Miss Clarke of Bristol. The other half is sent to Mr & Mrs Michael of St John's Wood.

To: Mrs B Hallett: (p.104) "We have been consulted by Mr & Mrs Cooper in reference to your use of the entrance drive leading to their new house, over which you have a right of way to your back door." It appears that Mrs Hallett has been making use of the drive for shaking mats, beating carpets & sawing & breaking wood, thus not only causing considerable annoyance to them but also causing damage to the surface.you only have the right to walk to and fro over and to do nothing further...."

During April Mr Ramsbotham writes another letter to Mrs Hallett "....we are very much surprised that you have continued to do the various things complained of by Mr & Mrs Cooper" He explains that the latter do not wish to be hard on her or to have any unpleasantness with a near neighbour but they cannot allow you to continue."We should be pleased to discuss the matter with you if you care to give us a call." To Mr W J Cooper, St Kilda, Silver St, "Mrs Hallett called here today and states that she will continue to beat her mats etc. She does it on her property & has a right to do so.

Mrs F Turner of Silver Street is purchasing 13 & 13^A Silver Street from the Oddfellows

April (p112)

To: Mrs Cullen, (p. 113) Hunters Lodge Hotel, Re: Miss Amy Johnson (possibly a request for a reference). "I have known her now for a good many years, her late father and then her mother having been my tenants for some fourteen years of a house adjoining my offices. I believe her to be a respectable girl & I should be very surprised to hear that she was not strictly honest, but my knowledge of her is somewhat superficial. Her home is not the best & I think it is desirable for her sake that she should be away from it for work and yet not too distant.

Mrs Duncan of Little Park L R: Buying 5% war stock

Mr J Searle, Conservative Club, Re Oddfellows to Turner, conveyancing of 13, Silver Street is now ready for execution by the trustees

To: Mr F E Radford, Boscombe Hants small comment at end of letter, "The Ministry of Health are discouraging the High Knapps scheme"

To: Messrs A & F Wiscombe Re 3, Combe St, sale from Mr F E Radford to A & F Wiscombe.

To: Mr F E Radford, Sunny Dene, Boscombe Hants re Westhill Estate "I have heard from some London solicitors who want an abstract of inspection of the conveyance of the above to yourself, Milward & Lane. I understand from Glover (Radford) that you have this yourself. I should be glad if you can send it to me, so that I can pick up an odd guinea or so for abstracting & producing."

The Sec, Dorset Law Soc. (Poor Person's Dept.), Top o' Town House, Dorchester, Re H K Powell, refusing work offered because the practice did not do divorce work.

To: Mr Wallis, Ridware, Mrs Mood has seen Mr Ramsbotham re the lease of "La Casa". She and the owner Mr Wallis do not agree on the terms of the lease, she states that they agreed that Mr Wallis was responsible for the outside repairs & she only inside & also that the lease was to contain an option to her to renew it for a further period of seven years. Mr Wallis has told Mr Ramsbotham the lease was a 'repairing' lease making Mrs Moon responsible for repairs both in and out, and with no mention of an option to renewal.

Messrs Rooke & Sons, 48 Lincolns Inn Fields re Lyme Regis Baptist Church, We have received your letter and have seen the Bank Manager and the Rev H B Case thereon. The Bank wishes someone to covenant to pay and Messrs Clifford Sanders, Mr Albert Wright & Mr Herbert William Caddy all of LR are willing to do so.

Messrs Bridgeman & Co, EC4, Re: Miss Muriel Hillman "....we have every reason to believe that Miss Hillman is still alive". "Mrs Bowditch ...We will ask Mrs Lugg how her Mother is."

To: Mr T Searle, 9 Monmouth St, We have been consulted by Mrs Bass accusing Mr Searle of insulting (often) and assaulting (on at least one occasion) her son, Leslie and calling after his young sisters with filthy language and expressions in regard to them. "Proceedings will be taken against you if this continues."

To: (p. 137) Mrs Lugg, Penn Farm, Charmouth "The chief clerk of the Lunacy Office has asked us to report on the state of health of Mrs Bowditch. We trust we can say mentally and physically she is quite well. Mrs Lugg replied: "In answer to yours received this morning I am pleased to say Mother is very well, Dr Lumsden wrote a certificate for me to send to Herrison (Dorset Mental Hospital), & she was finally discharged at the Committee meeting a month ago today."

To: Mr Radford, Boscombe, Hants, re No 3 Combe Street.

Wiscombe has enquired about a cellar which he let to Toms & which, I gather runs under his house and also No. 2 which belongs to Miss Hoare. It is approached from the passage which runs down to the river. Toms pays 4/- a week for house and cellar. This to be included in details of sale.

To: District Manager, General Accident, Fire and L A Co, Bristol W Morey & Sons v Toms "We received your letter & have seen out client & made enquiries from eye witnesses of the accident & we cannot agree with your statements. Mr Toms is not stone deaf, & though he has lost the site (sic) of one eye, his other eye is satisfactory. He admits he may have replied no when asked if he was hurt, but he was too dazed to know what he was saying. His head was somewhat severely cut and bled a great deal, and he had to have the doctor. Eye witnesses stated that your insured's car was backed recklessly from a parking place & knocked our client heavily to the ground We regret the attitude adopted by you & fear there will be no alternative for our client but to take proceedings though he is open to any reasonable offer. 27th April Mr Ramsbotham writes again saying that he has advised his client to accept payment of his out of pocket expenses as follows: Dr Cook, 10/6, Ourselves £1-1-0 (entirely without prejudice to our

client's claims). However when the money is received and a letter sent to Mr Toms, the figures are reversed and he is given £1-1-0 to cover the Doctor's costs.

To: Mrs Webb, (p.148.) 11 Church Street, Cheque for half year's interest on Dorset House enclosed £3-4-10

To: The Solicitors Law Stationery Ltd, "Please engross the enclosed draft on parchment & return to us at your early convenience."

Received from Mr WR Huxford, Sherborne Lane, £8, re Stapleforth.

To: Mr F E Radford, re 32 & 32a Broad Street enclosing conveyance to Mrs Staples to be executed by Mr Radford and Mrs O'Neil, and 3 Coombe Street, Wiscombe states the cellar & store (of 3 Coombe St) goes under 2 houses, entered only from door in passageway to river. Mr Toms is likely to buy 3 Coombe Street.

To: Mr Clarke, 11, Broad Street, re Ancient Order of Foresters Mr Cook has applied for £150 to be advanced on a mortgage of his house on East Cliff. Mr Ramsbotham and the trustees feel that the interest rate of 3½% is too low and suggests 4%, rising to 4½ after 6 months.

Mr B H Stock of L R is owed money by Mr A Partridge of Musbury and by Mr T Roberts who bought a car from Mr Stock and has not finished paying for it.

To: Mr F E Radford, re property deeds. Letter ends with "It was a sad thing Violet Talbot (née Bond) dying so young. She was buried here yesterday (18th April 1927).

To: Mr Lane, Ravello, asking him to sign a statement that there is a right of way across Bow House drive for the houses 32/32A Broad St.

To: Mr J C Curtis, (p. 173) Georges Court In arrears of rent to Miss Reeves, either you must pay these or go.

To: Mr Radford, "conveyancing of 3 Combe Street cellar to "young Mr A J (Alfred John) Toms" is complete....

Mrs Moon is sent a revised draft lease for La Casa Ozone Terrace "which we think meets your wishes."

To: Miss Reeves, re her tenant Curtis, rent is owed, also Curtis is asking if would she agree to allow gas to be put into the house for cooker and lights? 18th May, Miss Reeves has said that he can put gas into house if it costs nothing to her. In regard to the rent, she suggests that "during the summer, when she feels you are able to do so, you should get ahead of the rent."

To: Messrs Orchard& Son of Exeter, re House at Rose Nursery details of conveyancing, Mr & Mrs H W Hallett (client) selling to Devon Gas Assoc. £250 debentures in company to go to Mr Hallett.

Mr W C Annear, Mrs Marker wishes to give him notice to leave the house he rents because he does not keep it or the garden in a proper state.

To: Mrs F Britten tenant of 32A Broad Street, the rent is to be paid to Mr LT Staples who has just bought the house.

Mr A W M Greenfield wishes to sell his house in View Rd to Mr S L Watton. (p.190).

Mrs F Turner, 13 Silver Street re purchase & mortgage 13 & 13A Silver Street

Messrs Bartlett & Sons ...Re Cedar Cottage "...some months ago our client Mrs Cook gave notice to your client Mrs M Brain to pay off the mortgage of £200 on the above property." Mrs Cook would now like to complete matters as early as possible.

Mr M B Berks London The Court has imposed a 10/- penalty for riding motorbike without lights.

J H J Brooks, London, Summons for not showing Road Fund licence, case adjourned.

WH Coates Esq, Grimsby, 10/- fine for obstruction of Highway

To: Mrs Jack Curtis "...Please note it is quite untrue that I have refused to let part of my house No8 Cobb road to your husband because I consider either him or yourself of unsatisfactory character....only I was & am under the impression that Mr Stock was making some arrangement for a house for you both."

To: Mr F Newberry, Marder Alms Houses, Mr J Curtis also of the Marder Alms houses has complained about Mr Newberry's insulting & threatening behaviour to him, "causing considerable worry to the old man". Unless this ceases he will take proceedings.

To: The Branch Manager, Sun Insurance Office, 29th April 1927, Policy No 15723306, Love "The insured wishes to increase the first item of this policy from £1350 to £2000. They also wish to insure the shop front & marble slab for £200 against damage. A new shop front is being fitted. (DS - 35 Broad Street).

May (p 216)

Messrs Van H Allen & Co (as agents for Mr L T Staples) is leasing 32, Broad Street to Mr W C Annear.

To: Mrs Hallett, Ferndale, View Road, the conveyance to the Devon Gas Assoc. for signature (p.227).

To: Messrs Orchard & Son: Mrs Hallett & Devon Gas Assoc. Mrs Hallett wants full sum (£695) before completing as the debentures will go to her husband, or £425 and the debentures if they are ready.

Messrs Withers, Bensons & Co, Strand WC2, re purchase of Old Cottage Hospital L R by R W Baker, from trustees. £156 deposit paid to Messrs Radford & Radford, agents for the trustees.

To: L J P Cave Esq, Holme Cleve, re codicil to be prepared, no details.

To: Lady Clarina, requesting clarification of her wishes regarding a will being drafted for her.

To: Mr F D Jefford, 30, Sherborne Lane, re payment due to S Sanders

To (Dr) C R Mogg Esq, Tottenham ..."Our client Dr Lancaster was very surprised that you left Charmouth without making any arrangements to repay him what he had lent you. Kindly send us the money by return of post as otherwise our client will be compelled to issue a summons for the full amount. (Mr Ramsbotham has been trying for some time to find Dr Mogg for Dr Lancaster as he left the area without leaving an address." (p. 242).

To: Mr RH Harris, Corporation Terrace re W G Berry decd. Mr Harris is asked to go with Mrs Berry and Mrs Morrish to sign various papers then together take them to a Commissioner for oaths in Axminster, The papers need to be returned to Mr Ramsbotham who can the file for probate.

To: Mrs Cave, Holm Cleve, (May 10th) re adding a second codicil to her will giving an annuity to Mrs Byrne & a legacy to Tapper.

To: Mrs Cave, Holm Cleve, (May 11th) I enclose a copy of your will, You have already provided for paying for the removal of Jane Spaul's furniture, and you have also left £25 to Miss Pavey..

S F O Southampton, Putting in claim for damage to clothes of Mr Pain who lives with his Aunt at 8 Sherborne Lane. (p 252)

To: The Controller, Estate Duty Office, Somerset house, London "Mes Elizabeth Osborn is still alive and has not remarried. The Misses A M (Ada Mary), A F (Annie Florence) & E.E. (Eva Elizabeth) are also still alive. Miss A F Osborn married some few years ago to Mr William Andrew of Wellington Somerset

13th May, (p 263) S F O, Southampton re policy – Mutter. Miss Mutter and Mrs Pain are sisters and live together with the son of Mrs Pain who is about 30 years old and an elementary school teacher. The three have been living together for some time "it was certainly the intention that all the household furniture etc. should be covered by the policy." Another letter was sent on May 18th enclosing a proposal form completed by Mr Pain and also asking for changes to the policy, "building increased from £250 to £350, furniture reduced from £250 to £150. You will note that the premises (8 Sherborne Lane) are now wholly covered by corrugated iron". 20th May, letter to: Mr L W Pain, enclosing revised policy in respect of the interests of Miss Mutter & Mrs Pain, a life policy, in the name of Mr Pain for £100 (premium 5/-) and also a cheque for £2-22-0 in settlement of the original claim.

Miss Dewe re insurance of Fordland, her new house in Lymington, & mention of article on Lyme in May issue of the National Review (?Cobb Royal). Both you & I came in for honourable mentions!"

To: Mrs Johnson The Cottage, Rocombe, Uplyme, Mr Isbell requests £1-9-10 you have owed him for two years. A summons will be issued if not paid by end of week.

To: "My Dear Wallis" Stock is interested in buying the tennis court in front of Ozone Terrace. I don't know whether, like the rest of the Terrace, it belongs to the trust. He would be prepared to enter into a covenant not to build on it. Alternatively he might take it on a lease & remake the actual court, if you'd care to consider it.

To: Mrs Bosence, 22 Broad Street, (Landlord Mr A Lane), "We are instructed to send you the enclosed notice of increase of rent from the 24th of next month...we are to draw your attention to the terms of the lease under which the interior should be thoroughly done up this year, before the 24th of next month."

To: Lloyds Bank, re Greenfield & Watton, "We should be very much obliged if you will send the three enclosed deeds to your branch at Corn Street, Bristol for production to Messrs Burges Sloan Ware & Scammell, solicitors

- 1) Conveyance Philpot to Hallett dated 14th March 1923
- 2) do Hallett to Mr A W M Greenfield, 27 March 1924
- 3) Mortgage Greenfield to Lloyds Bank, 2nd April 1924

To: Mr Cook, Cedar Cottage, letter confirming insurance policy against fire with Sun Insurance. The property is insured for £400, the premium being 6/- per annum payable on 24th June.

To: Mr Radford, Boscombe, re Westhill Estate, Miss Silva's solicitors who are acting in respect of her purchase of Cameron's bungalow, require an acknowledgement from yourself & Lane of her right to production of the conveyance by Hawkshaw to you Milward & Lane & the certificates of redemption of the land tax and tithe." (p. 294)

To: Miss Osborne, 5, Marine Parade "I understand you are having some of the Darby property put up for sale by auction next week, I should be obliged if you could send me the title deeds so that I may prepare the necessary conditions of sale."

To: Estate Duty Office. Re Thomas E D Philpot decd. "We are acting for a client who purchased part of the Woodmead estate of the above at L R, who is now selling his house. The purchaser's solicitors have asked us to satisfy them that all claims for duty arising on the death of the above on the 20th of

February 1916 (this date was wrong and was corrected to 4th April 1918 in a later letter) have been satisfied."

Sun Insurance re H C Ball, 16, Coombe Street, a small claim for damage to contents "the building is very old".

To: Mr Radford, Boscombe, Thanks for the acknowledgement re Westhill. . Also, "I never expected St Andrew's to sell. I think Mrs C. has got a white elephant." (p.302)

To: Mrs Arnopp, 9 Burges Road (Hill ?), East Ham, "Please can you let me have the interest due to me on the mortgage of No 6, Sherborne Lane.

To Mr Lane, "Miss Silva has purchased the bungalow on Westhill Estate formerly occupied by Cameron. As the conveyance of the estate is still with you, Miss Silva's solicitors require the enclosed acknowledgement from F Radford & yourself of her right to have it produced to her at any time.

To: Mr MW Hallett, Ferndale, View Rd, Letter enclosing the debenture for £250 received from the Devon Gas Association, with another for £50 from a previous purchase to follow.

To; Messrs Bridgeman & Co, Letter re Old Cottage Hospital, asking their views on the legality of several points, including the legality of the documentation of the appointment of the last two trustees in February 1927.

To: Miss Osborne, Marine Parade re deeds "I have worked through the deeds you left here. So far as I can see those which we think relate to the Brewer's house & the cottage show a title in James Darby & Gaius Derby your two great uncles. I believe Gaius died intestate & that you have letters of Administration to his estate. if so, his elder brother James would have taken as his heir-at-law. In regard to the other houses – they were mortgaged to James Darby (probably your great-grandfather in 1833 - he died in 1841.) Presumably he or his successors went into possession & I think I've seen a probate of this will as well & I expect he left them to his son James Darby the younger. Perhaps you can verify these statements. (p. 309)

To: Mrs S A Stapleforth, (p. 312) The Black Dog Hotel, Uplyme Enclosed cheque encl. for £6-12-8. made up of: Keep of a horse for Huxford £8-0-0, less charges for railway carriage – 19/4 and Mr Ramsbotham's commission 3/0.)

To: Mr A Clarke, 11 Broad Street LR, enclosing cheque (£71-3-11) for rates.

To: Miss Munro, Fairfield, "I have paid out the following amounts for you for the half-year,
Insurance Fairfield, cottages & contents £15 - 7- 6
Half year's rent of watercourse . 10- 0
Rates Fairfield, Poor Rate .21-12- 2
District Rate ..12 - 4-9
Cottages Poor Rate 4 - 2- 2
District Rate 2 - 6- 9
£56-1- 4

To: Geoffrey Bond, Lymington Geoffrey is about to be declared bankrupt, having "got into the hands of money lenders". Mr Ramsbotham suggests he asks his brother John for help. "If you like, I will write to John either for you or as well as you, though I'm afraid I'm not exactly 'persona grata' with him. (DS – John & Geoffrey are the sons of the Mr Bond in "Hillman & Bond".)

June (p 336)

To: The Controller, Estate Duty Office, Somerset House, re T E D Philpot decd. "We have not got the Provisional Valuation No of the property, but we can hardly believe you have any difficulty in identifying it. Mr Philpot owned a building estate, which at the time of his death was partially developed & was known as the Woodmead Estate. We don't know how we can give any further particulars."

To: Mr Bowman, EC4, This letter has been written because Bowman and Ramsbotham are mutual friends/acquaintances of John Bond, brother of Geoffrey, see letter above. Geoffrey is only 25yr old and needs help, will Mr Bowman be able to influence John to help his brother? (p. 345)

To: Messrs Morgan Squire Ltd, Leicester (DS - Morgan Squire was a department store). Re Mrs A A M Bond decd. (mother of the above John & Geoffrey) "We understand that the late Mrs Bond left no assets & that no will was proved or Letters of Administration granted. In any case, we did not act in any such matter, though we used to act for her in her lifetime."

To: Sun Insurance Office , Southampton re Boalch, "This property is now occupied by the insured as a private residence & also as a tailor, The tailoring business is quite a small one & the insured will not be likely to favour an increase of premium."

To: Mr Bowman, EC4, re Geoffrey Bond, I quite agree with you, it may do him some good to go through the court. I am glad his brother is willing to give him some help. If you see John Bond again, you might see what arrangements he is prepared to make to repay me. I gather he is very well off now. (p.354)

To: Geoffrey Bond, Sunny Side, Lymington (p.356) "....When you wrote me before, I also wrote my London agent Mr Bowman, a very old friend of your father & mother, & I have now heard from him in reply that though your brother John is unwilling to pay this money lender's debt of yours, he says he is willing to help you to a start in Kenya or some other colony.....there will be nothing for you but to go through with whatever inconvenience there may be."

To: Mrs Radford, Saddle Street, Thornccombe owes £14-11-8in arrears of rent to Mrs Bragg of L R . Please let us have all or part of this amount or we will take proceedings against you for obtaining possession of the premises & recovery of arrears.

Lyme Regis Cottage Hospital, "...the conveyance is duly executed by all parties." (p.360) (DS - The sale of the Church Street site to R W Baker)

10th June. Completion account for Greenfield to Watton of purchase price £1150.0.0.

To: Mrs Radford, agreement of repayment of debt (see above) in instalments.

To: Miss Marder 29, Broad St, suggesting that she allows the Post Office to put "the bracket" on the wall, and charge them "1/- per annum as an acknowledgement of their encroachment on your property. I do not think I need make you any charge in this matter." (p.369)

To: Miss Osborn, 5, Marine Parade " I herewith send you the three conveyances of your Uplyme properties for execution by yourself & your mother...." (p. 375)

To: Mr V Preston re Lease of 61, Broad St. Draft of lease to rent from Mrs Arbery. We shall be glad to hear you agree the terms before engrossing. To: Mr Arbery: Mr Preston is not happy with the clause requiring him to redecorate throughout before leaving. (DS, NB Mrs Arbery was the daughter of James Farnham, and sole heir of her brother, owning several properties in L R.)

To: Mrs Wallis, Ridware LR. re: Case's agreement. He took on a 3 year lease in March 1919, and is entitled to 6 month notice.

To : Accountant Bank of England: "Hillman & Bond have been consulted by Mr T Wood of Pennsylvania USA about money that may be dormant in this country of which he entitled, Names involved are Capt Richard Spence(Spencer?) and Mr Thomas Andrews (Andros?). John Tancket, (DS possible Tancate), grandson of Right Hon Baron Aylmer died July 1846, (p.387)

Mr M Brewer, Baker, Uplyme: re purchase of house and shop in Uplyme by his mother for £481-10-0., (p.390)

To: Mrs Turner, Coombehayes Farm, " We have now got the conveyance of the cottages at Uplyme , which you recently purchased form Mrs & Miss Osborn, ready to hand over to you in exchange for the balance of the purchase money - £193-10-0.re purchase of cottages in Uplyme from Mrs and Miss Osborn.

To E A Washer, View Rd L R, listing the stage payments for his work building a bungalow for Mrs Pinkerton, he has received £600 with £48 still to be paid.

To: Lloyds Bank, L R, re Old Cottage Hospital, "The Vendors' solicitors are ready to complete the purchase & send us the deeds in exchange for a banker's draft for £1403-18-8."

To Mr R W Baker, Broad St, LR re purchase of Old Hospital, "The solicitors to the Trustees are ready to complete the purchase. We understand you have made the arrangements for completion of the payment due of £1403-18-8." (p.395)

To Mrs Wallis, Ridware LR, requesting help with filling in forms with details of rents etc Sherborne Lane & Buildings 25 and 25a Church St., also21 Millgreen (occupied by Mrs Snow – but no record of rent paid)

To: Mrs Johnson The Cottage Rocombe Uplyme. "I have been expecting to hear from you with your quarterly instalment of the interest. I trust nothing has gone wrong to prevent your sister-in-law sending to you. Whatever else is done, I cannot allow the interest to fall into arrear, though as you know, I am willing to meet you reasonably as to repayment of the principal. (p. 416)

To: Mr V Preston 61, Broad St, enclosed counterpart lease for this dwelling for execution.

To: Mr W J Boalch, Guild Hall House, Church Street, re policy for cover of additional shop risk.

To: The Visible Writing Machine Co Ltd, enclosed payment of account of 1/9.

To: Mrs Goldsworthy, 9 Monmouth Street, re sale of her house and old Cottage Hospital to Mr R W Baker of Cosy Café.

To: Mr M Brewer, Baker, Uplyme, re purchase of shop and house by Mother.

To: Miss Osborn, Marine Parade, enclosing cheque of £739-9-0 made from purchases by Mrs Brewer (£535-0-0) and Mrs Turner (£215-0-0) less costs. (p 424)

To: Lloyds Bank, checked leasehold papers for cottages at Jericho, title is in order. Charged 10/6

To: Lloyds Bank, re R W Baker – Old Cottage Hospital, "we now send you the deeds....duly completed & stamped. (p. 429)

To: The Manager, Lloyds Bank, re shop and premises at Uplyme, for Mrs Brewer: "We have perused the title to the above property & consider it is in order, but advise taking out insurance.

To: The Manager Lloyds Bank, re W Caddy - 5 & 6 Windsor Terrace , "We return conveyance of the above from Mrs Henley, her mortgagee & trustees which appears to be in order.

To: Mr P Foxwell, Bridge Street, enclosing receipt for cheque (£17-10-0) as quarters rent on shop & premises in Bridge street.

Miss A M Clarke of Bristol and Mrs McMichael of London are each receiving half of the money received from Mr Foxwell re Browns Stores in Bridge Street (pp 434, 466)

To: Mrs Johnson, The Cottage, Rocombe, Uplyme: a receipt for the insurance premium and £5 -1-0 interest due to Mr Ramsbotham. Also requesting "a small contribution towards S Sanders, Isbell and F Paul's accounts."(p. 434)

July (p. 442)

To: Mr J N Arbery Esq, Wantage, enclosing counterpart lease for 61, Broad St LR, duly executed by Mr Preston and stamped.

To: Mr Long, Church Street, (p. 456) £1-5-0 as share of mortgage interest on Old Schools.

To Mrs Eyre, Westhill, a cheque for £3-15-0 enclosed as the shares of the mortgage interest on the Old Schools belonging to her daughter and two sons.

To: Miss Wood, Southernhaye, (p. 457) £1-5-0 as share of mortgage interest on Old Schools.

To Mr Synge, Rotherfield, Woodmead Rd, L R: and to Mrs Synge £2-10-0 their share of mortgage of Old Schools.

To Clerk, County Council, re the need for conveyance documentation when Mr F A Mariette gives up land to improve the road L R to Charmouth.

To: Mr R Warren, Church Street, Mr Govier has requested Hillman & Bond to start proceedings to recover a debt of nearly £11 from Mr Warren. Mr Ramsbotham will give Mr Warren a further day or two to pay a substantial instalment and make arrangements to pay off the balance. (p. 466)

To: Messrs Bridgman & Co: re Muriel Hillman. "We are in receipt of the copy will of the late Mrs Hillman. When Mr S Hillman took over the trusteeship from Mr Radford, he divided the surplus over £850 between Miss May (Madeline) and Miss A (Annette) Hillman, keeping £850 to pay the £40p.a, to the Mental Hospital. The income from the £114 odd is paid to Mr F G Radford as receiver. The total maintenance is more than the income of the two sums mentioned & is, we understand, made up by Mr S Hillman from his own moneys." (p. 471)

To: a lady in Marlow re Mrs Clarke of 8 Marine Parade, L R about booking rooms 9th – 30th August at 7 guineas a week. A letter was then received saying they would be delayed and asking Mrs Clarke to relet the rooms and free them from their obligations. Mrs Clarke was able to do this for two weeks, but is asking for payment for the third week.(p.475)

To: Mr J C Curtis, Georges Square, Mr Ramsbotham is about to send a quarter's account to the house owner Miss Reeves "We are most anxious not to show your six or seven weeks in arrears, as we shall have to do, unless we receive a further payment from you on Monday morning. Kindly see that we get a further payment in that time." (Mr Curtis paid in full.)

To Mrs Gollop, 17 Corporation Terrace L R. Debt of £2-3-2 to Messrs Northover and Gilbert. As her husband has been ill, this may be why the account has not been paid. "Our client however feels thatyou must let us have at least an instalment or proceedings will have to be taken against you."

To: Mr W R Huxford, Sherborne Lane LR. Mr W R Wallis, asking for half yearly rent for stable in Millgreen, £6 owed.

Mr A G Case, Broad St, LR. Mr W R Wallis, asking for half yearly rent for stable in Millgreen £7 owed.

Mr R W Camplin, Corporation Terrace, L R, owes £44.8.3 to Northover and Gilbert.

To Mrs Bragg, Bridge Street, L R. Miss Radford will visit tomorrow with £8 to pay towards her account.

To: Palmers Brewery: Acknowledging money paid towards insurances, with new instructions re the Cobb Arms.

To: Manager Sun Ins Southampton. re Palmers Cobb Arms and Cottage £1100, with stables at £100, occupied by Mr T Ridgewell. (p.487)

To Mr J C Hunt, re Mrs Berry 19, Church St, L R. anxious to obtain a mortgage of £500 on her home, shop and bake house. She still has the business carried on by her husband of baker and confectioner.

To Mrs Goldsworthy, asking for details of tenancy of 9 Monmouth St, as Mr R W Baker who has bought the cottage from the old Hospital Trustees has been unable to obtain from them or their solicitors or agents any definite information.

To Mrs Sole, 34 Coombe St, L R. Mr Case is asking for payment of debt incurred when he fitted up her shop.

To: Mr S James, 9 Millgreen L R: Notice to quit his unfurnished room owned by Mr J Perry by 23rd July (a week away).

To: Mrs Stote, Hatchett, L R (p. 500) collection of debt. (£10-0-3 owing to Northover & Gilbert with comment you most likely cannot pay all at once).

To: Mr Mariette, St Albans L R. I have received and enclosed the agreement and cheque for £5 as agreed, with the County Council for compensation for the land taken from you for the new Lyme – Charmouth road. It is signed by Mr Torr.

To: Mr TG Hains, 43, Coombe Street: re Braggs account, Mr Haines has claimed that a debt he owes Mr Bragg is not his but Mr H Searle's. Mr Searle disagrees, and Mr Bragg has pointed out that Mr Haines has already paid more than one sum on account since closing his shop and business of fried fish, which suggests that it is his debt. He can pay reasonable instalments; say 5/- a week if paid regularly.

To: Mrs Goldsworthy, 9 Monmouth St, 18th July re Mr Baker' s query about her tenancy (see above), "We think it might be more satisfactory if we might see the written agreement & make a copy for Mr Baker." (p. 506)

To: Messrs Vine and son, Exmouth: re Colway Cottage, LR. When Dr Spurr bought it in 1905 and converted it from long leasehold to freehold. Land tax presently £1-10-0 and tithe rent charge 9/4 pa. The property is less than an acre, & the client thinks it is 3 roods and 23 poles. There are no ground rents or restrictions. The price is to be £1,800 and completion is not fixed until Lady Day next. On hearing from you we will send you draft contract.

To Sun FO, Southampton. re Palmer policy, Cobb Rd,. We have received the new policy but regret we have to return it, as it does not carry out the instructions. You will see that item 1 was to be increased to £1100 not the whole insurance. As a minor matter, the road where the property is situate in Cobb Road not Cobb Street. (p.510).

To: Mrs Bragg – LR: re payments from Mrs Radford. Details involved. She is now agreeing to pay £2 per fortnight to repay debt (£11-6-6), and an Uncle from Chard is coming to live with her and will help.

To: Mr W Clarke, Yawl Farm, Uplyme “....our client Miss Whitham of The Crossways Yawl Uplyme , we hereby give you notice that she intends on the 25th day of December next to quit & deliver up possession of the premises...”

To: Mr R W Baker, Broad Street, re Mrs Goldsworthy, 9 Monmouth St., “....we enclose the tenancy agreement with the Hospital Committee. The arrangement with the rates seems rather peculiar, but we have verified it with Mr Clarke & find it is so. It appears, therefore, that except by agreement, no change can be made until Sept 1928.”

To: Mrs Goldsworthy, 9 Monmouth St. “We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday, enclosing the note given you by Sir John Kempe as to the rent of your cottage (p.515)

To: District Inspector: Min Health Insurance Dept., Mrs Raymond, widow, is arranging for the stamping as instructed by your last letter. A description of how she gained nothing but debt after her husband's death and needed money to maintain the Cinema and Tea Rooms. “Under the circumstances we think no claim should be made for these stamps prior to the death of Mr Raymond.” (p. 529)

To: Sir John Kempe, Coram Court, L R (p. 531). Re workmen's Compensation Policy for the Cottage Hospital. Can you confirm that a fresh policy has been taken out with another company.

August, (p. 544)

To: Mrs Sole, 34 Coombe St, L R. (p. 544) Notice to quit flat in 34, Coombe St. As you are most probably aware, the premises being part of a house constructed since April 1919 are not affected by the Rent Restriction Act.

To: Messrs Vine and son (p. 549). Re Sale of Colway Cottage, Spurr to Ellis “.... We are prepared to accept your conditions, except as to the plan. We have no plan of the property & can only agree to supply one in two conditions. Either a tracing from the ordnance must be accepted with the usual qualification that it is for identification only or one can be prepared by a surveyor at your client's expense.” (DS Messers Vine opted for the tracing of the ordnance map.)

To Mr T A Hussey SE 9, re Mrs Hiscock 21 Corporation Terrace letter cancelling rooms booked in April gave very short notice. Mrs Hiscock will try to re-let but she must hold you responsible for the amount you agreed, making allowance for any re-let

To: Mr M C Warburton Fidac Woodmead Rd, Mr Sole has offered to repay his debt to Mr Case by instalments of 2/- per. week. Debt = £3-11-6 so this will take a long time, but advises that he takes it. Mr Sole should be allowed to stay in the premises until the end of Sept.(p.555)

To: Mr Stevens, 42 Bedford Row, London W C 1 (p. 559) re Henley Estate “Your letter of the 3rd inst. As to lawn tennis was wrongly addressed to the Town Clerk of Dartmouth, who has now forwarded it to me. There is a tennis & croquet club here but the courts are near the river, not far from Colway mead & I doubt if they would be interested. It has occurred to me that the place in question could very well be laid out for tennis courts & perhaps a bowling green. I think it possible the Council might consider the matter, though personally I should far rather see it run as a private Venture, though I do not know who to suggest your approaching.

To Mr Stevens (London) (p. 572) “I am desired by the mayor, the Rev G F Eyre, Westhill LR, to say that if you are likely to be in Lyme again at all soon he would like to meet you & discuss proposals as to the land near the Cement Works or he would come & see you when next he is in London. I do not know what he has in his mind but it might be worth seeing him. You will

recollect the name as the purchaser of the freehold interest in Herne Lee. (Mr Stevens was a solicitor in London with Messrs Petch & Co, 42 Bedford Row, who was a trustee of the late Henry Cornish Henley)

To: Mr C J Cooper, Englefield, Yawl, Uplyme, re 6 Cobb Road, Mr Cooper is selling the property to his mother.

To: Mrs Cooper, Holm Lea, Rainham, Kent, re 6 Cobb Road, "Acting on the instructions of your son, Mr C J Cooper of Uplyme, we have prepared & completed a conveyance by him to you of the above, We now send you the deeds & papers relating to the property as follows:

1847	23 rd Feb	Conveyance – Lidden (DS or Liddon) & Others to W. Pinney
1870	28 th Dec	Conveyance Wheaton & Others to Hodder
1898	4 th April	Conveyance Hodder to Cooper With two deeds dated respectively 19 Nov 1910 & 4th Aug 1927. Fire insurance policy with Liverpool, London & Globe Copy conveyance Hodder to Hodder Old bill & old contract (p. 566)

To Miss Osborne, Marine Parade, "I have seen Glover Radford this morning & I understand he has arranged the sale of the freehold interest of Library Cottages (V D note s) to Mrs or Miss Hoare for £275. In order to enable me to prepare the conveyance, I shall require the conveyance to your grandfather & great-uncle & any earlier deeds... & also the various probates of them and your uncle Gaius & your father.

To: Mr Hallett, Monmouth Street, re collection of £2.18.3d debt for him from Mrs Norman. A cheque, minus fee (4/3), is enclosed. (p. 571)

To: Mrs M Cooper, Kent: re: Acknowledging payment for work done for 6, Cobb Rd LR

To A G Case, Broad St, LR. Re: asking for payment of debt (not quoted) owed to Mr Wallis

To Wallis, Ridware. re: Bert Case has paid the £7.10.0 half year rent to 24 June last. Commission deducted at 1/- per £1. (also with respect of Huxford's £6) leaving £6.16.6 cheque enc.

To Mr R H Harris Corporation Terrace, re: W G Berry decd Mr J D Berry has asked us to issue a summons against the executors of the above for the agreed amount of £6.15.0 due to him from them, which he alleges you offered to pay him by monthly instalments of £1. We have persuaded him to allow the matter to stand over till the end of the week & trust you will see your way to let us have the amount by that time. (p. 585)

To Superintendent's Office, Dorset Constabulary Bridport and Clerk of CC, Council Offices, Dorchester, Identical letters "I herewith enclose list of applications by farmers claiming exemption from license duty for dogs." (p.589)

To Mrs Raymond, The Cinema . A representative from the Ministry of Labour and Health called re. Nellie Cozens insurance. They want their pound of flesh! This amounts to £8.12.9.. The only concession they make is that they are prepared to let you pay in 2 or 3 instalments during the next 3 months.

To The Post Office Engineer Exeter, We are instructed by Dr Spurr of Colway Cottage L R to give you notice to remove the stay (DS - a support for a telegraph pole).

To: Mr W H Hallett, View Rd. re agreement between Mrs Hallett and "your father" No details.

To Mr A Davis, Coventry. I duly received your letter in which you explained the circumstances under which you threw the egg, which unfortunately hit a passing motor cyclist. The bench after hearing the evidence tendered by the cyclist & the policeman & having your letter read to them, decided to inflict a fine of £1. (As clerk to Borough Justices.)

To District Insp. Min of Health See letter above: re Payment by Mrs Raymond for insurance for Nellie Cozens. She considers your judgment is harsh, but will pay. Will you agree to her paying £3.16.4 now and the remainder (£4.16.5) at the end of September

To: Mr P R Chick, Oxfordshire. The summons against you for writing on the Marine Parade was heard this morning , it was decided to inflict a fine of £1.

To: Messrs Gale Bros. LR. Mr Taylor has sent cheque for £9. He is anxious that proper arrangements are made for the lease of the premises & that he may be in a position to sublet with your permission & that of Mrs Case.

To: The Borough Electrical Engineer, LR. re Bracket at Colway Cottage. We are directed by Dr Spurr to give you notice to remove the bracket attached to Colway Cottage. Our client has contracted to sell the house to Mr Ernest Edward Ellis. So far as our client is concerned the bracket can remain so long as he retains possession & we have no doubt it will be possible to arrange with Mr Ellis in due course, as we believe he will wish to be supplied with current.

Mr George Simmons, 26 Sherborne Lane LR. Owes to £11.0.0 Mr W R Wallis of this town for rent arrears. If you cannot pay all at once, reasonable instalments may be acceptable.

To Messrs Jackson & Parkhouse: Re buying and selling bonds for Mr Wallis and Miss M E Wallis. (p.601).

18th August (p. 602) to the 5th September (p. 639), Mr Ramsbotham is away on holiday and the business appears to be run by Mr Long, his clerk, who keeps Mr Ramsbotham informed about matters in the office. Mr Long types his letters, Mr Ramsbotham is still writing them by hand.

To H J Ramsbotham Esq. Re: Income Tax Return(enclosed) which Mr Ramsbotham will no doubt look through and sign, and return to the Inspector together with an enclosed letter & envelope. Also enclosed are letters from Thompson and Lady Clarina. "The Income Tax form has taken me nearly all day to complete particularly as I had a visit from Mr Wanklyn this morning re some scales which he wishes to inspect in a box at the Town Hall, & then a quarter of an hour on the telephone with the Mayor who wished to know about the bore & whether there was anything further respecting the sea wall.. I am Sir, Yours ffly,

To Mrs Hallett. Ferndale LR. Re: Enclosure of conveyance to Mr and Mrs Cheesworth [no house name given] for signature. Also enclosed is an agreement in duplicate to be signed by Mr Eli Hallett DS- (? father-in-law) and Mrs Hallett. (p.604)

To: G Simmons, 26 Sherborne Lane LR. Re repayment to Mr Wallis. The suggested 10/- per month is insufficient. He will accept £1 per month, to be paid on the 3rd of the month, starting Sept.

To: (Mr Ramsbotham) Dear Sir 23rd Aug. Re: List of items. Mr Long has added Dorset House to the Tax Return and posted it to the Inspector
Mr J T Berry called about his claim.

Sessions to be held tomorrow: Tim Parker is summoned for assaulting a nephew of Mrs Phillips. Mr Parker's son was having his dinner with other lads at the golf links. One or other of them hid his dinner, he went home told his father who came up to the Golf Club and clouted the (nephew). The Council is meeting tomorrow, agenda enclosed speaks for itself.

Cheeseworth, the completion takes place tomorrow

Glover has sold the cottages at Yawl to Miss Moss for £300, I propose to alter up Start's engrossment & send it to the stationers.

They are making good progress with the redecoration of your room. I really think it might be well to let them patch up the ceiling in the downstair (sic) front room & also the holes in the paper in my room, it does not look quite what it ought to. P.S. The daily press made a full splash of the motor cyclist & the egg. (p. 609)

To: (Mr Ramsbotham), 25rd Aug Dear Sir, Your letter with the cheques etc arrived second post today, & I am glad you approve as to the redecoration , as there have been a number of uncomplimentary remarks during the last few days, probably however due to the fact that people see the decorators at work. However I was very surprised that a man (a gardener) who was registering his baby in the telephone room should suddenly exclaim "They don't provide you with a very posh office." As a matter of fact there is very little the matter with the telephone room.

Sea Wall I am nearly fed up with this matter, but I enclose certified copy of minutes & letter for signature & you will be able to send same direct to Ministry. I have written them today that the Council agree to their requirements.

Parker was defended by Cecil Forward but fined £1 & costs 12/6.

Pettitt I wrote the two persons who booked rooms, but one replies very aggressive & and the other ignores it. I doubt whether we can succeed. In haste, I am, Sir Yours ffly,

To Mr R H Harris Corporation Terrace LR. FC Berry dec'd. Mr J T Berry will accept £1 a month, providing it starts next Monday.

Further letters were sent to Mr Ramsbotham on 26th, 27th & 30th August.

September (p. 625)

To: Messrs Nantes & Sanctuary. Bridport. Client, W J Cooper has received tithes demand which should be sent to Mr A Bennett the purchaser of White House. The tithe on Mr Cooper's land has been redeemed. A second letter was sent on 6th Sept. Lyme Regis Tithe No 240, Late Executors Drayton "We have now looked up our copy of the tithe apportionment map & we think it is quite clear that this number represents the garden of White House recently purchased by Mr Bennett."

To: Dr Vickers Uxbridge. Mrs Farrant of Woodmead Rd LR claims that he still owes them for one week's rent, £6-15-0.

To Mrs Emily Sole. Giving notice to her to quit and deliver up possession of 34 Coombe St, LR owned by Mrs Bridget E Warburton. She is to leave on 12th September. On October 15th Mr Ramsbotham wrote a letter to Mrs Sole "As our client and his wife are anxious to avoid any hardship to you or any unpleasantness, he has instructed us to inform you that they are prepared to allow you to continue as tenants until you obtain suitable accommodation, provided you pay us the rent regularly and punctually every Monday morning and also the arrears due. The amount payable on Monday next is £2.1.5."

6th September Mr Ramsbotham returns from his holiday.

To: Mr G F Smith Esq, Eastleigh, Hants. Re: Red Lion Hotel. "I am in receipt of your letter as to the above which I will bring before the Licensing Justices, and will let you know what action they take in the matter. The licensee is Mrs Slater, you most likely talked to her son who assists her in the business. (p. 639)

To Miss Munro, Mapperton, Beaminster." I received your letter as to giving Harris notice. You are quite correct as to him being entitled to a year's notice from Michaelmas. Before I actually give this, I shall be glad to know if it is to be given on the grounds that he is not cultivating according to the rules of good husbandry as, if so this has to be stated in the notice. Failing this, Harris will be

able to claim compensation for disturbance, presumably £25, one year's rent though this may be subject to modification by an arbitrator." (p. 644)

To: Mr F N Cheeseworth, Ferndown Road, Charmouth Road, "We herewith send you a note of our charges in connection with the recent purchase of your house from Mrs Hallett.

To: Lloyds Bank, LR. re Miss K S Eastment, decd. "We are instructed to act for the executors of the above and to prove the will."

To: Turberville Smith & Co. re: non-payment of rent to Mr Farrant by Mr Vickers (Uxbridge solicitors) (p. 648)

To: Mr A Burge, Carpenter Charmouth. Enclosing 9/- PO, for fees for appearing at L R police court 17th August and expenses allowed you for damage to clothing.

To Mr G Hoare, Golf Links L R. 3/6 PO enclosed for fee as witness in Phillips v Parker heard at L R Police Court.

Mrs Philips, View Rd L R. enclosed PO 9/- {costs 4/- + doctors fee 5/-} for the case against G Parker.

To: Messrs Bridgman & Co, London, re: Death of Miss Muriel Hillman "We have just heard that the above lady has recently died at the Mental Hospital at Dorchester. We presume it will be necessary to take out letters of administration in respect of the fund in Court. We are awaiting instructions as to what is to be done & as to her belongings. (p 652)"

Mr M C Warburton, Fidac, Woodmead Rd, dated 8th September. Pooles Court Field. In reference to your enquiry as to the price of the above we have today heard from Messrs Petch & Co. the solicitors concerned who refer us to a letter sent to Mr Ramsbotham as town clerk and by Love(?) & Son, Auctioneers & agents of Church(Street?) in which they stated they were prepared to recommend a sale of this field at the price of £1350. At an earlier date we believe they spoke of £900. Would you like us to make them a definite offer?

To Mr R L Harris: As solicitors and Agents for Miss Annie Katherine Munro of Fairfield, L R, we hereby give you notice to quit the 2 pasture fields adjoining Fairfield of which you are her tenant by 29 September 1928. You have failed to cultivate the holdings in accordance with the rules of good husbandry. She fears that the ministry of Agriculture or the County Committee will hold her responsible and she will be liable to penalty (sic).

To: Messrs Nantes & Sanctuary are still not convinced that L R Tithe No 240 is the Garden of White House, Mr Ramsbotham suggests that "An inspection of the site with the map would we feel sure at once prove our assertion." (p. 655)

Mr R Hodder 20 Coombe Street, enclosed draft will, "will you kindly fill in the names & other gaps & return."

To: Mr A G Case, Broad Street. Receipt for rent of workshop paid to Mr W R Wallis.

To: Miss Munro, Mapperton, "I have duly given "young Harris" [of Rhode Barton Fm] notice & today he called to see me on the matter. He seems a little bit aggrieved at being given notice & he asks whether you are prepared to withdraw the notice & allow him to come out at the due date, which he undertakes to do. His idea is, of course, to save any trouble about either admitting he is farming badly or attempting to obtain compensation. I think you could meet him on this point, as you will get possession on the due date & there will be no claim on either side & no feeling of any unpleasantness." (p. 661)

To Messrs Petch and Co. re R H Torbock. Field No 265, L R ".A client of ours has enquired as to your lowest possible price for the above field – not the same as recently enquired as to No 269 (Re letter above to Mr Warburton, dated 8th Sept.) We are aware that Mr Love wrote Mr Ramsbotham sometime since that the price would be £2,500, but we thought that possibly you might be prepared to accept slightly less in view of the value put upon the field by District Valuer."

To Miss Gumbrell, Rest Harrow Uplyme. "I duly received your letter in which you inform me you expect to have about £500 to £600 to invest in a mortgage shortly. A client of mine is anxious to obtain a mortgage of up to £600 & the security offered is property in Coombe Street, consisting of two shops let together to the Bridport and District Co-operative Society at £65 p.a., the tenants paying the rates, with two flats over which are at present let at 17/- & 11/- per week, the Landlord paying rates. This sounds all right from an income point of view but property in Coombe street is not perhaps very reliable & I should prefer you should have a valuation before agreeing to lend on it. The fee for this would be paid by the borrower in any event. (p. 664)

To Mrs Vine, Taunton. Re Mrs Johnson, who rented a property from him for 15 years or so at £35 to £38 p a. She let her rooms as apartments. She found it difficult to keep up payments. I have no personal experience of her capacity.

Mr R L Harris, Rhode Barton Farm, L R to say Miss Munro has agreed to let him stay [*on her fields*] until September 1928.

To: F Beech Esq. Birmingham. Mr Beech had agreed to rent Coram Cottage for the month of August from Miss D W Silva for the month of August for £20 inclusive. You do not appear ever to have stated you were not coming. We must ask you to let us have a cheque for £20 before Saturday.

To: Turberville, Smith and Co. re; Vickers and Farrant. There was a witness that Mrs Farrant did not relet the rooms after Dr Vickers left them. He still owes her the rent. (p. 671)

To Mr Arbery Wantage. Re J W Farnham dec'd, valuation of buildings.. "We have now seen the District Valuer with Mr Radford & he has offered to drop the value of the Sherborne Lane Cottages £520, but he feels he must stand out for £1,000 and £100 for shop and the Silver Street Cottage. We shall be glad to hear that you are prepared to accept our advice in this matter."

To: (1) Dr R West, Street, Somerset, Failing to show licence fine 4/-; (2) B J Day Esq Basingstoke, for obstructing Broad Street fine 10/- (As Clerk to Borough Justices.)

NB Twelve days later it was discovered that the above two letters had been sent to the wrong recipients when a postal order for 4/- arrived from Mr Day. Another letter was sent to him apologising and asking for the extra 6/-.

To: Messrs Petch and Co. re R H Torbock. Field No 265, L R "...letter of yesterday. It was on the 2nd of Feb that Mr Love quoted £2500 as the price for the above field, having lowered the value from £2900 which he had quoted earlier."

To B Tidwell, 2 Jordan House, L R. re Haddon's account, mainly illegible.

To Miss Gumbrell, Rest Harrow, Uplyme. L R. Re She does not want to take on the mortgage on the Combe Street properties. Mr Ramsbotham suggests a small bungalow at the bottom of Woodmead Rd, let at 14/- per week, and 2 cottages in Silver Street, let at 8/- and 14/- per week. You should have a valuation & only let two thirds of such value be advanced. As Miss Gumbrell had declined to take on this mortgage, Mr Ramsbotham then wrote to Messrs Nantes, Mansell and Howard in Bridport to see if they had any clients who may consider it.

To Mr Warburton, Fidac, Woodmead Rd, L R. The lady is not prepared to make an advance on properties in Combe Street, shall I approach Bert Lane? (p. 676)

To Miss Osborne, Marine Parade L R, re "the sale of your interest in Library Cottage to Miss Hoare, under provision of the wills of your Uncle Gaius and your father all the 'Osborne' property which is not yet sold rests in the Public Trustee. It is, however, open to your Mother and sisters and yourself to appoint new trustees who will be trustees for sale on the statutory trusts & hold the proceeds to be divided as before. There is no reason why all four of you or any two or three should not be appointed. I should be glad if you will let me know..." A letter to Miss Osborn dated 7th October "I have now completed the sale of Library Cottage to Mrs Hoare for £275 ..."

To H Stapleforth Black Dog Inn, Uplyme (p.680). Enclosing PO 2/6 for allowance due for expenses as he acted as witness in the summons of Mr Ellis for obstruction of the highway.

To: Lady Clarinda in Munich re the signing of her will, letter ends "I am Your Ladyship's obedient servant..."

Mr H E Foxwell, L R. Re: forms for withdrawal of deposit, sale of stocks and realising of Saving Certificates for signature by you and Miss Foxwell are to sign. Mr Ramsbotham suggests that the proceeds are paid by crossed warrant to Mr Foxwell and then to Lloyds Bank.

To Messrs Vine & Sons, re Colway Cottage. "...your client the purchaser of this property does not wish to retain the orchard at the back of the garden. A client of ours, who is desirous of purchasing a small plot of land in this town, would be glad to know the lowest price he is prepared to accept for this plot. Our client's intention is to erect a house or pair of small houses on the land."(p. 688)

Miss Gumbrell. "I have today heard of another security which I think might suit you better than the two I recently put before you. A new house in course of erection on the Woodmead Estate. Its cost of building will be £800 to build; the site must be worth about £100. The owner is a man who has recently returned from Australia and is settling down here. The house is being built by Mr W J Cooper of this town whose work is always satisfactory & well done..."

To: The Solicitors Law Stationery Society, Ltd. "Please re engross the enclosed on parchment substitute & return to us at your earliest convenience." (p. 710)

To: Miss Hillman, Tavistock Place, Russell Sq. London, W C 1, "Thank you for your letter. I do not quite gather which of you proposes to be the administrator of your sister Muriel – possibly the other & Mr F Radford would be the 'bondsmen'. I do not think it should take long to get the matter through."

To: Mr H Ridgewell of Cobb Road - Mr Ramsbotham is trying to arrange a mortgage of £500 for Mr Ridgewell for a new house to be built on the Woodmead Estate. "We have today seen the ladies we spoke of in reference to the proposed mortgage.... & they are prepared to advance \$500 at 5½%. Of course this cannot be advanced until the house is completed, but arrangements could probably be made to advance an instalment, say when the roof is on & the balance on completion of the house, if you wish.

To: Miss Osborn: I have now drafted the appointment of new trustees of the Osborn property & I think it wise to put the properties in a schedule. They appear to be:

- 1) Your house & two adjoining
- 2) Cottage at end of Combe Street occupied by Brown & store near by
- 3) Library Cottage ground rents – about to be sold
- 4) Land near Cathole. Is that about 1½ acres let to Mr W Clarke?

In an old schedule of your father's property, there is also mentioned land at Wadley Hill Uplyme & stable & orchard let to Start. I believe these lots were sold. Who now occupies the store referred to in No. 2?

Three letters, re Mr Cyprian Taylor is a gentleman with a history of mental problems who is living in Catholic Church premises where Mrs Dawson keeps an eye on him. His problems trouble Mr Ramsbotham over several years.

To: Father Palmer, R C Presbytery, Newton Abbot, on 23rd September (p. 712) "A Mrs E M Neilson of Dawlish Warren called on me last night. She states she is a cousin of Mr Cyprian Taylor and seems much perturbed as to his position. She seems to have taken a great dislike to Mrs Dawson... I told Mrs Neilson, who by the way seems to know you quite well, as much as I cared to about Mr Taylor. She is shortly going to Torquay, & will probably give you a call to discuss the matter.

To: Mrs Dawson, R C School, on 3rd October (p. 747) "I received the enclosed bill from Mrs Haddon. I should be glad if you will let me know how Mr Taylor is & whether the bill is in order. I had a call from an excitable woman, a cousin of Mr Taylor's, a Mrs Neilson about a fortnight ago. I understand she saw him & you & is anxious to persuade him to move. Have you heard further of or from her."

To: Mrs Dawson R C School. 24th Nov, (p.924) Mr Ramsbotham has had a letter from the National Provincial Bank that they have £24 in hand which they could apply for Mr Taylor's benefit, if desirable." He enquires if there is any special thing which Mr Taylor requires, "such as clothing of any kind which he cannot very well get from his ordinary income." A letter to the bank a few days later implies that the money is from Miss Mary Taylor (his sister who died in 1919 for whom Mr Taylor was the executor, with Mr Ramsbotham's help). Mr Ramsbotham has spoken to Mr Taylor "who tells us he is at present in want of clothing, books & also new & better spectacles".

Mr B H Stock is trying to purchase The Rosary (Pound Road). The Charity Commissioners have to give their permission to this sale. They issue a notice that they will allow the sale provided no objections or better offers are received meanwhile in the next month. (p. 716)

To: Mr A G Case, 51 Broad Street, "we are instructed by Mr W R Wallis to give you notice to quit & deliver up possession of the workshop and premises in Millgreen..."

To: Mr P A Richards, 1 Ozone Terrace, "As Solicitors and Agents for & on behalf of Mr W R Wallis, we give you notice to quit on the 25th day of march 1928 Or at the end of the year. This notice is given with a view to you making arrangements to continue his tenant, if you so wish, at an increased rent under the Rent Restrictions Act...A similar letter went to the tenant of Stile Lodge, Stile Lane

To: Miss Hillman, Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich, London, re the will of her sister Muriel Hillman, She will administer the will, with her surviving sister and Mr Radford as the bondsmen.

To: Miss Osborn, "Miss Moss has today completed her purchase of the cottages at Yawl & paid me the balance of her purchase money. As requested by you I am deducting my costs of £3-3-6 therefrom & herewith enclose cheque for £296-16-6..."

To: F M Eastment Esq. Drayton Court, Langport, Somerset re Miss K S Eastment decd "We have now received the valuations of the house & effects from Mr Radford, who puts the house at £880 & the effects at £116.

October (p. 741)

To: Mr Fred Norman, Cathole Lane, Uplyme "We are instructed by Miss Elsie Moss of Cathole Farm, Yawl, Uplyme to give you notice to quit and deliver up possession of the cottage in Cathole Lane on Monday 10th October."

To: Mr P Foxwell, Bridge Street – Mr Foxwell has sent a cheque for £17-10-0 for a quarter's rent of house, shop & premises in Bridge Street owned by Miss Clarke and Mr & Mrs Michael, Mr Ramsbotham sends him a receipt.(p.743)

To: Mr Wallis, Ridware, a letter saying that 'Bert' Case (see letter in previous month) has been to see Mr Ramsbotham and suggested that if Mr Wallis withdraws the Notice to Quit, he would be prepared to pay £20 per annum. "I told him I would put it to you. He appears much worried about losing his house, shop & stores." (DS - He was paying £15 p.a.)

Mr Ramsbotham is acting for Major Biscoe who has agreed to sell his house, Sea View, 18 Broad Street to a Mr Lloyd. Major Biscoe purchased it from the administrators of the late Miss B Henry in March 1923. At this time Messrs Forward of Axminster were able to produce three deeds which were:

- 1) 1908 March 16th E H Wallis to H A Huxtable & T Pearce, mortgage, with reconveyance dated 28th September 1911 enclosed
- 2) 1911 October 6th Memo of deposit by E H Wallis to Lloyds Bank
- 3) 1915, January 6th Mortgage E H Wallis E H Wallis to Lloyds Bank

which was not handed over, though Miss Henry does not appear to have been interested in any other property referenced to therein. There also appears to have been a second mortgage, which is included in the acknowledgement in the conveyance to Miss Henry dated 16th January 1915. Mr Ramsbotham is asking Messrs Forward & Sons for any information they can give. Mr Ramsbotham also asks Mr Wallis of Holmcroft if he knows in whose possession the deeds are now. Further enquiries were not successful and Mr Ramsbotham recommends to the purchaser's solicitors "In view of the fact that the conveyance of 29th September, 1917 will be handed over, we do not think you need hesitate to accept the title."

To: Mrs Webb: a cheque for £3-4-10, for the half-year's interest on the mortgage of Dorset House.

To: Mrs Burlingham, re her lease of Bay Cottage from Mrs Rowe.(p.782)

To: The Headmaster, Lyme Regis Grammar School, "I hope to be able to attend the Speech Day at the 'Grammar School; on the 27th October. Burridge Prize I am one of the Trustees of the Burridge Educational Charity' & the trustees always give 30/- per annum for a prize at the school. I thought it wise to let you know as to this in case you have not had any particulars given to you on the matter. I do not think it was placed to any particular subject but it was at the Headmaster's discretion." (p.796)

To: Miss Gumbrell, (p.800) "Mr Ridgewell, the mortgagor of the house on which you have promised to lend £500 informs us that the roof is now being put on & he would like to have his first advance of £250. Is the mortgage to be a joint one to the Misses Mary & Emily Gumbrell?

To: Mr George Simmons (p. 822) "As solicitors and agents for Mr W N Wallis of Ridware, L R, we hereby give you notice to quit No 26 Sherborne Lane, L R ... on Saturday 29th of October 1927...."

November (p. 841)

To: Messrs Van H Allen & Co (p. 848), Stapleforth to Biscoe "We enclose skeleton draft of contract for sale & purchase of land near the Railway Station."

To: Messrs Van H Allen & Co (p. 884), Stapleforth to Biscoe, Major Biscoe is unwilling to hand over a cheque before Mr Stapleforth makes a start on building a road to the plot, and requests that Mr Ramsbotham holds on to it. The £40 deposit cheque was released on 22November.

To: Mr H W Hallett "We have now seen Mr W R Wallis re the possible sale of the Old factory with the stables & land adjoining. This property is not Mr Wallis's actual own property, but belongs to a trust of which he is tenant for life. He is not prepared to accept or advise the acceptance of anything less than £1000. We shall be glad to hear from you what your client wishes in the matter."

To: Dr Spurr, re "your purchase of a house at Winchester."

To Mrs Goldsworthy, (p. 922) "... we are informed by Mr Baker that you have not paid him any rent in respect of No 9 Monmouth Street. We shall be glad if you will let us have the sum of £8 being one year's rent"

December (p. 955)

To: Miss Hillman, as a postscript to a letter relating to the probate of Miss Hillman's sister, Mr Ramsbotham says "I was glad to hear young Bond was in Ceylon & doing fairly well. Is he with your brother or his?" (DS – 'young Bond' is Geoffrey, son of Mr Arthur Bond, and younger brother of John Bond. He had been declared bankrupt' in May of this year. 'Your brother' is Stanley Hillman, son of Mr R W Hillman. Both John Bond and Stanley Hillman were plantation managers in Ceylon. Stanley Hillman had been married to Phyllis Bond, a sister of John & Geoffrey.)

To: H Lynde Esq, re Cooper to Pilcher, 6 Cobb Rd, L R "We are instructed by Mr C J Cooper on behalf of his mother, Mrs Martha Cooper to act in the matter of a sale of the above freehold premises to your client Mrs Pilcher for £325.

To Mrs J C Leeming "Dear Madam, we are instructed by Mrs Turner of Coombehayes Farm, Uplyme to state that she cannot allow you to continue to molest & interfere with her son Fred Turner...."

To: Mr Case, Sherborne Lane re the nomination of 4 persons who may receive blankets at New Year from the Trustees of the Burridge Charity.

To: The District Valuer (p. 1000A) (this letter refers to the house Under Cliff / Undercliff on Cobb Road, which was co-owned by Miss K S & Miss G E M (Daisy) Eastment, and which has to be valued for Estate Duty purposes). After agreeing that a Valuation by the District Valuer will be necessary, Mr Ramsbotham ends... "May we point out that the house is situate (sic) in the slipping area near the Cobb & that this is largely the reason for the fall in value since the house was purchased by the deceased & her sisters."