

## Hillman & Bond Copy Letter book, Dec 1924 – Feb 1925

Summarised by Team member Julie Critchinson (July 2010)  
Some additions by Graham Davies.

December 2 1924 Hillman & Bond sending their Smith Premier typewriter, by passenger train, to Bristol for repair of small letter "o", and overhaul of the machine. Request for repair ASAP & return of typewriter by passenger train, with the account.  
H & B using The Solicitors Law Stationery Society Ltd, London WC1.

2.12.24 Mrs Arbury recently purchased Pickle Plot from Mr Radford.

2.12.24 Mr T L Staples purchaser of Monmouth House from Mr Barrett was butcher until last year when he sold business to Eastmans subsequently carrying on as poulterer and greengrocer.  
GD – HJR's letter to Mr Barrett also adds that Mr Staples' mother and two brothers run a fair sized farm, selling eggs, butter & poultry.

2.12.24 Completing purchase of No 35 Silver St by Messrs H and A Warren from Eyre, Westhill, LR.  
GD - There was some street widening done in front of this property shortly after the fire, which is referred to in earlier deeds.

2.12.24 Miss Haseley, Holm Close advised and accepted 1/- per week from Mrs Sole.

3.12.24 Re Mrs E J Briscoe decd. name Emily not Emma. Her son Maj Briscoe at 18 Broad St.  
GD - "Dear Major Briscoe, By some almost inconceivable blunder, which I very greatly regret, your mother's name has been written Emma instead of Emily ....." This led to return of documents from the probate office and re-swearing of affidavits!

Dec 3 HJR writes to M C Preston (GD - Matthew Colback Preston was a solicitor & notary public, residing at Burton House, Pound Street), sending him copies of the grant of the right of way from Broad Street to the houses called Teneriffe & Madeira. It would appear from his letter that Miss Philpot granted this right of way, and the owners of the properties were clients of Mr Preston.

3.12.24 Claim against Mr Dawkins by Mr E Stafford, Black Dog Hotel, Uplyme asking about Mr Bazley's £12.6. 9 bill.

Dec 4 HJR refers to his charwoman in a letter to Col Bullen! HJR is struggling to remember who called at his office? To collect something (not specified) for Col Bullen. His charwoman, "knows nothing as to the boy".

4.12.24 Letter to A W M Greenfield, head of LR Secondary School. Burridge trustees to give prize annually of 30 shillings.

5.12.24 Mr S H Harris to purchase small field in Uplyme for £100 from Mr G H Morrish.

8.12.24 Draft agreement for apprenticeship between S H Harris, Broad St and Mr Franks and his son.

8.12.24 Transfer of Gibraltar Lodge to Mrs Pinkney for £1525.00 - list of costs.

8.12.24 Re purchase of yard at Church St by Mr Hoore of 6 Church St for £175.

9.12.24 Letter to Mr Towell? Broad St asking that proposed recipients of blankets from Burrige charity attend Town Hall on 1st Jan at 12 noon to receive them.

Independent minister, vicar and Mr Ives of Silver Street each to nominate 3 persons.

9.12.24 Draft apprenticeship form sent to Mr W Franks, Lower Abbey farm, Axminster.

10.12.24 Mr and Mr H W Hallett Ferndale, LR anxious to complete purchase of Rose Nursery and small field, Squires Mead. The vendor is Mrs Barrett, Braintree, Essex.

11.12.24 Letter to A Clarke with title deeds to Mrs Coopers cottages in Silver St and mortgage to trustees of A O F.

11.12.24 Letter to G F England 17 Woodmead Rd asking if he would sell or let 2 cottages to Mr Stock? as coastguard giving up tenancy of said cottages.

12.12.24 Letter to H W Clarke, Stile Lodge - stat. declaration for application for naturalisation of father Van Heede.

Also letters to Mr M H Neale, Westhill and A J Woodroffe, Ware on same subject

Full name Rev. Jules Joseph Lewis Van Heede.

12.12.24 W F Warren 21 Coombe St asked to quit the premises as tenant. Owner R Hodden.

Dec 12 Sale of Slopes farm from Cartwright to Knight sometime in last 6-12 months.

16.12.24 Letter to Mr Cyprian Taylor, RC School LR asking if his address should be given to Mr J Stuart who says he is related through his mother - answer No!

18.12.24 Payment of £3 as loan instalment from Mrs Fowler of Cobb Lodge.

19.12.24 Re death of Miss G M Taylor in British Columbia - sister of Mr Taylor other family Miss Taylor Evans a cousin in New York.

20.12.24 Letter to L D Haddon 26 Broad St sending £6.7.2 from County Court judgement re Tipton.

23.12.24 Sale of The Bakery at Uplyme for £1200 from Mrs Salter and daughter to Messrs Brewers Bros.

23.12.24 Letter to Fleming, Weirside, re possibility of buying 7 Cobb Rd from Mrs Pipper for £600 or less.

30.12.24 Receipt of £17.10.0 for rent of premises in Bridge St from Mr P Foxwell 1/4 rent Brown's Stores.

31.12.24 Rent for Brown Stores sent to Mrs McMichael 59 Westbourne Park Cres, Paddington.

31.12.24 Rider, old coastguard who lives at 9 Marine Parade.

31.12.24 E H Wallis, Holmcroft, unsuccessful application for possession of 6 Monmouth St.

1.1.25 Sale of Monmouth House to M T L Staples of Road Street for £910.

3.1.25 Mr L D Hadden Broad St charges for his purchase of Albany House.

5.1.25 Mrs Harding moving on Lady Day to Stafford Cottages, Uplyme - stone or brick built and thatched with corrugated iron over.

6.1.25 W G Berry 19 Church St.

6.1.25 Mr J Holmes No 29 Church Street - deeds of Nos 28 & 29 Church St purchased from reps. of late Dr Barrett.

6.1.25 H C Parham, 64 Pound Street sent cheque for 4 guineas re Burridge charity.

6.1.25 Miss L R Roper 56 Broad Street deeds of Nos 26 & 27 Church St.

6.1.25 Mr P J Hallett 42 Silver Street deeds to Nos 22, 23, 24, 30 and 31 Church Street.

7.1.25 A C Drake No 14 Church Street reappointed probation officer. The Mayor Ald. James Bragg No 8 Bridge Street appointed borough rep on County licencing committee.

8.1.25 Mr J Billen, View Rd - deed of gift to his son is bungalow, View Rd LR to Rev A V Billen Leeds.

13.1.25 E A Washer, Clovelly, view Rd mortgage holder for Mr Billen.

15.1.25 Mr F Sansom given notice to quit No 43 Broad St owned by F B Watson because of large rent arrears.

16.1.25 Mrs Maunder recent purchase of Lower Holcombe Farm, Uplyme.

20.1.25 Messrs Brewer completed purchase of premises at Uplyme from Mrs Harris, Cannington Farm.

22.1.25 to Col Bullen - reappraisal of value of Catherston Farm as Mr Walbridge taking it at decreased rent.  
22.1.25 letter to H M Tax Dorchester re estate of Dr W H Barrett: Yard, Coombe Street purchased by Mr F Strattan(now deceased), No 11 Broad Street, purchaser Mr A Clarke, Pickle Plot purchaser Mrs Arbery, 7 Marine Parade bought by Miss Fraser, Teneriffe, pur. Mr H C Perham, Gibraltar Lodge - Mrs Pinkney, Monmouth House Mr T L Staples, Yard adjoining Rose Nursery purchaser Mr J C Moors, Rose Nursery and land purchaser Mrs F H Hallett.

23.1.25 Henley estate - sale to Messrs A F Wiscombe.

23.1.25 Letter to J S Grattan, No 25 Marine Parade re death of his brother Frank. His widow wants return of money taken after the death, and proof of partnership in her husband's business.

24.1.25 Mr F Newbery of the Marden Almshouses accused by Mr H Fowler and wife also of almshouses, of having stolen a blanket.

26.1.25 Mr Jack Grattan and his brother Fred produced £398.10.0 in notes, gold and silver taken from his brother Franks house. Jack says it is money owed to him by Frank for loans beginning in 1920.

27.1.25 Letter to N Applin, Beer, re lobster pots made by Mr Sidney Curtis, Church St. Applin purchased 30 at 2/6 each, 5/- still outstanding, 32 more pots available at 3/- a piece or £4.16.0 in all.

27.1.25 Owner of Rose Nursery Mrs F M Hallett of Ferndale, View Rd, LR Husband is builder who want to build there.

31.1.25 Mr Henry Austin, Pinhay Cottages completed purchase of plot of land, Gore Lane, Uplyme.

1.2.25 Death of Francis Coles.

1.2.25 Letter to A Hodder, No 20 Marine Parade, re Mr Wallis's dangerous wall and building.

2.2.25 Mr Lane, Ravello LR.

4.2.25 The final effects of Mrs Vivian deceased to be auctioned by Mr Radford.

4.2.25 Mr F E Radford executor of the late Mrs Annette Hillman.

4.2.25 re A E Hillman - land at Venlake, Uplyme identity of Thomas William Alfred Gollop and Matthew Mark Gollop.

10.2.25 Letter asking Mr R Vibart? of Camborne to return a gun to Mr F E Radford "of this town".

11.2.25 Letter to Mrs Castle-Smith, Guildhall Cottage, LR re death of Mr Preston.

11.2.25 to Mr Stock re Coastguard Cottages. Mr England want to sell both officers House and the cottages. Can sell Nos 10 & 8 at £400 and £350 respectively. Officers House - £1250 or £1200 if part of garden given up for England to build bungalow.

11.2.25 electricity to be supplied to Mrs Bosanquet, La Valette Uplyme.

11th death of Mr M C Preston of the practice.

12.2.25 Mr Miles, No 9 Sherborne Lane, asked to cease molesting and paying unwanted attention to Lilian the daughter of Mrs Seaward.

12.2.25 Mrs Castle-Smith of Drill Hall Cottages.

12.2.25 Mr Stork offer Mr England £350 for No 9 and £300 for either No 4 or No 10 coastguard Cottages if vacant.

13.2.25 Mr E O Robinson No 38 Broad St.

13.2.25 Mrs Hallett, No 42 Silver Street, sent documents and deeds of cottages in Church St bought by her son P J Hallett.

14.2.25 Mr C Hallett, No 6 Cobb Rd, asked to sign conveyance of plot of land Westhill Rd to Miss Castle-Smith.

14.2.25 Mrs Preston, Burton House LR.

16.2.25 Mr Radford does not wish to sell gun to Vibart and says his idea of a sportsman is very different from that of Vibart's.

23.2.25 Mr W E Case, East Cliff getting in arrear in payments on behalf of Miss Gollop.

23.2.25 HJ Ramsbotham taking steps to recover £562 he paid as surety for Capt. and Mrs Bond. Now divorced, and the Capt in Ceylon.

24.2.25 HJ Ramsbotham a "part-time, a very part-time official" as clerk to the borough justices at salary of £50 per year.

25.2.25 Conveyance of Drop Anchor from Miss Hanbury to Mr C Hallett, No 6 Cobb Rd.

25.2.25 Mr C Newley, Coombe Field, Axminster threatened with summons if £2 not paid by Saturday - money owed to A E Symmonds Uplyme.

25.2.25 Mrs Bowditch, Windsor Terrace sent money owed from Miss Searle Bristol.

26.2.25 Mr Samuel Crabb, Ozone Terrace asked to sign for £23 in Post office account of late Mr Preston or will go to nephew Albert Henry Crabb.

27.2.25 Mr B H Stock, West Cliff forwarded £100 for Drop Anchor.

27.2.25 Wages paid to E Gollop and H Karslake, servants to Mrs Banister.

27.2.25 Mr J C Curtis, Georges Court in arrears with rent.

3.3.25 Mrs Telman, The Bungalow, Sidmouth Rd receipt for coal.

4.3.25 Transfer of Nos 30 & 31 Church Street from Mr P D Hallett, No 42 Silver Street, to his sister Mrs Moulton, Exeter.

6.3.25 Fee of 10/6 due to Hillman and Bond: Staples re Monmouth House; Owen re land in Coombe Street; Hillman re land at Venlake and house on above land.

6.3.25 to Mr. P J Hallett, No 42 Silver Street, deeds and papers relating to Nos 22, 23 & 24 Church Street.

7.3.25. Manageress, White Rise Laundry L R re Mrs J Banister decd. and your request for £1.2.11. Mr F Banister would like an explanation.

9.3.25 Mr Stock West Cliff LR . Mr England is now prepared to accept £350 for No 9 Coastguard Cottage. He will sell you another for £325 but it is not vacant.

9.3.25 Mrs Brandreth, Portland Lodge, LR. I found the enclosed card in my office this morning after you left.

9.3.25 Rev. V N Willson, The Vicarage, LR Mr Wallis has seen me in reference to a piece of land adjoining the schools which you want to purchase. This land is not Mr Wallis's absolute property but he is tenant for life and is prepared to sell it for £80 provided the purchaser pays all the costs.

12.3.25 Mrs Preston, Burton House, LR I believe Mrs Craigie's will is in your late husband's office. I could communicate with Mr Atherton myself if you so wish.

17.3.25 Mr A E Symonds, The Smithy Uplyme. Herewith plaint note yourself v Newbery. You must attend the court and make your case when you should get judgement.

18.3.25 Mr C J Walbridge, Catherston Farm Charmouth. The lease of your farm is to be changed according to Col. Bullen.

20.3.25 Mr McDonmel?, Woodmead Rd. LR re Launchycroft Meadow conveyance by Mrs Barrett, her son and her daughter for £675.0.0 and with taxes £673.7.0

23.3.25 Mr H A Jewell, Yawl, Uplyme re possible sale of your Mineral Water business as a going concern.

26.3.25 Mr M Gale, Monmouth House, Monmouth Street, LR Mr Jewell has sent us the enclosed cheque. In future he must pay you directly.

26.3.25 Mrs Hicks, No 7 Silver Street, re moneys on the life of your late husband I can come and see you tomorrow between 2.30 and 4.30.

28.3.25 Mr Harding, Churnside, LR Mr Wallis is not prepared to sell the piece of land to the school managers.

28.3.25 Mr G Griffin, Church Street LR re letter to Mr H Major.

30.3.25 Mr A E Rowe, Marine Parade L R We have received the enclosed from the Inspector of Taxes and our charges are 5/-.

1.4.25 Mrs Dawson, Roman Catholic School, Silver Street, LR re Mr Taylor. I had a talk with your new priest about him the other day.

1.4.25 Mr J Holmes, No 29 Church Street, re your new insurance policy.

2.4.25 Mr G Griffin, Photographer, Church Street, another letter from Mr Major saying work is to be free of charge.

3.4.25 Mrs Preston, Burton House, L R re late husband's estate and Hingerline? Trust. I have no money of yours in hand.

3.4.25 Mr J F Hodder, No 16 Marine Parade, you are required to give up possession of the Old Lifeboat house forthwith but you may rent it from the Syndicate by arrangement.

4.4.25 Mr G R England, Woodmead Road, re Mr Stock's enquiry about lease of Nos 9 & 10 Coastguard Building. He wants them for his gardener and chauffeur to live in.

6.4.25 Mr B H Stock, West Cliff, LR Mr England may be able to lease the houses to you in a few days' time. The problem is not hearing from the Government Dept.

6.4.25 Mr Lane, Ravello, Uplyme Road LR I enclose revised policies in respect of Sherborne Lane houses.

7.4.25 Mr Donnell? Woodmead Road LR re Launchycroft documents.

5.4.25 The Vicar, The Vicarage, LR herewith cheque for £40 tithe rent charges collected to date.

16.3.25 to M R C Marsh, Winter House Charmouth requesting half years rents due to Col Bullen and his son.

16.4.25 Miss Gardiner, No 7 Church St LR re will of late Miss Elizabeth Drake a home drawn will.

17.4.25 Mr Bagnham?, 30 Broad Street re cheque for £26.5.4 half years tithe rent charge in Cathest4 Lewesdon,

17.4.25 Mr A Bennet, No 20 Corporation Terrace, cost of repair to William's motor cycle. Possible summons to County Court if payment not made.

17.4.25 Mr W W Foxwell, Treales House, LR re lease of the house.

18.4.25 Mrs Pinkney, Gibraltar Lodge re purchase of the house and my fees of £26.

20.4.25 Messrs H & A Warren, LR re tithe rent charge on Foxenhole and for purchase of the cottage adjoining your house in Silver Street from Mr Eyre.

20.4.25 Messrs H Paul & Sons, No 40 Silver Street, payment of account £6.15.9

20.4.25 Mrs G Williams, No 10 Millgreen, re money for repairs to your motorcycle. Our charges in the matter 4/-.

20.4.25 Mr A Hodder, No 20 Marine Parade, re your will to be signed in front of witnesses.

21.4.25 Mrs M Gale, Monmouth House, Monmouth Street LR re draft partnership agreement.

21.4.25 Messrs Jackson re Cobb buildings and failure to sell last Friday Mr. W R Wallis would be glad to know what is the lowest price his sister and nieces would be prepared to accept for their shares.

21.4.25 Mr Webb, Church Street LR re payment of mortgage interest of £3.2.9 I owe you.

22.4.25 Mr Caleb Austin, Westhay Farm, Morecombelake, we are duly in receipt of your cheque for £87.10.0 for half year's rent of your farm due to Lt J Bullen.

22.4.25 Mr F B Watson, No 10 Church Street, re application for an ejectment order against Mr F Sansom at the next sitting of the Justices.

25.4.25 Mrs Hicks, Silver St LR re money from your late husband's policy.

25.4.25 Messrs Rippen Estate agents re £4000 Mr Lane is prepared to pay for St Andrews LR.

28.4.25 Mr E A Washer, View Rd LR re 11 Lester Hill Ilminster conveyance of this property.

29.4.25 Mr A G Case, Broad Street, re payment of rent to Mr W R Wallis of this town..

30.4.25 re purchase by Mr F Larcombe of Church Street Uplyme for £250.

1.5.25 to Mr Lane, Ravello, LR re St Andrews. Mr Allen will accept £4000 subject to formal contract completion on 24th June.

2.5.25 re No 8 Cobb Rd, I write as the owner and on behalf of the tenant, Miss A Clarke, re falling cliffs causing damage to this house and next door. We would like a reduction in the annual value for rateable purposes.

6.5.25 A H Hinton Esq Hotel Alexandra re renewal of policy value £4000, (furniture 3000, plate etc in private use £500, stock in trade £500.

7.5.25 GB Wilson Esq BA, United Kingdom Alliance, 1 Victoria St London SW1  
Conservative and Unionist Club, No 4 Coombe St -132; Liberal Club, No 15 Church St -50; Town Club,  
No 56a Broad Street -150; Golf Club, Timber Hill – 145; Masonic Lodge of Freemasons, Broad Street – 57.

11.5.25 Mr F Larcombe, Church Street, Uplyme re purchase of cottage in Woodhouse Lane.

13.5.25 to Mr F B Watson re No 43 Broad Street, Herewith notice to quit for services on Mrs Sanson. Copy needed when making the application for ejectment.

13.5.25 to Mr W D Saunders, Post Office Uplyme, re workmen's compensation. Your annual premium will be increased to £1-1-9 next March on the Wage Certificate.

14.5.25 to Col. Bullen re a return for super tax and non-payment of rent by Mr J Gillingham.

15.5.25 to Mr E Clarke, No 8 Marine Parade, re No 10 Marine Parade. We understand you have let the property to Mr Bruce of the Post Office. Please check and sign the agreement enclosed.

18.5.25 Mr E A Washer, Clovelly, View Rd LR re drains on your two new houses in View Road.

19.5.25 to Mr Stock, West Cliff LR herewith conveyance by Messrs Wiscombe and their mortgage to yourself of the house you recently purchased from them.

20.5.25 to Mr C Austin, No 11 Marine Parade re Miss E Drake deceased, we now have probate after some difficulty with alterations and scratching out in the will itself. You can now pay for the funeral expenses and pay the balance to those entitled thereto.

21.5.25 to Lloyds Bank LR re Mrs B Cooper - Hadleigh Villas. We have received the title deeds of the above and certify that the same is in order. Our charges are 10/6 plus 2/- fee for attesting Mrs Cooper's signature of the mortgage.

21.5.25 re insurance policy for View House valued at £1000 now owned by Mr Brian Henry Stock of 2 West Cliff LR. The other two houses are still insured by Mr Wiscombe 13287898.

22.5.25 to Mr J E Stevens, Assistant Overseer Lushays, Chideock re C J Walbridge and Sporting Rights in Catherston and Whitchurch. It also seems to refer to Poor rate for both areas? This money to be allowed off next half year's rent paid by Walbridge for Catherston Manor Farm being £90-11-2.

25.5.25 to Miss C F Harding, Stafford Cottages, Uplyme. re insurance policy endorsed to cover the removal of your furniture to Stafford Cottages. the future annual premium will be 2/6 but you are only charged an extra 4d for the portion of the year to Xmas and we accordingly return this balance of 2d in stamps.

25.5.25 Mr Tipton, Hillside Cobb Road LR. I am instructed to take out a summons against you for 2 quarter's rent on behalf of Mr Radford.

26.5.25 re cottage, Woodhouse Lane to Mr F Larcombe, Church St LR. Miss Larcombe is ready to complete so let us have the balance of purchase money at your early convenience.

27.5.25 re life policy for Mr A T Baker, The Garage LR first premium £12-18-4  
Mrs Holman, Sherborne Lane LR £14-1-6 Messrs Radford and Radford receipt?  
The Secretary, Bridport & District Cooperative Society 33a Coombe Street LR. Herewith my post? book as a member of the LR Coop Soc for alteration of the number. Harold Ramsbotham  
A H Hauton Esq, Hotel Alexandra. Enclose the two new policies with premiums - £1-12-5 against burglary £3-2-2 against fire.  
Mr W E Case, East Cliff LR. We shall be much obliged if you will kindly send the amount due to Miss Gollop which you have recently allowed to get badly into arrears.

29.5.25 Mr J C Curtis, Georges Square LR. Much obliged if you will pay us a substantial amount of rent as you are once again slipping seriously into arrears.

2.6.25 Mrs Holman, No 3 Sherborne Lane, We are in receipt of your £1 Treasury Note. Our clients Radford and Radford can only accept payment by instalment if it is paid regularly.

3.6.25 Mr C H A White, Three Cups Hotel LR. We have received £25 from Mrs Eddolls? and are today sending her her rings and a receipt. From this we are deducting £21 due to us in respect of costs and stamp duty in connection with the purchase of your bungalow from Mr Washer and herewith send you £4.

3.6.25 Mr A T Baker, The Garage LR. We enclose a note of our charges in respect of the mortgage of your policy to Mr Ramsbotham.

4.6.25 Mr F Larcombe, Church Street Uplyme. re cottage Woodhouse Lane re policies for this and adjoining house belonging to your wife's sister Miss V Moulding. Rattenbury should now pay his rent to you.

4.6.25 Mr Harris, Colway Manor LR. Miss Clarke claims money £150 belonging to her is being held by Mrs Harris. Please give me a call sometime so we can come to some satisfactory arrangement.

5.6.25 Mrs Hallett, Ferndale, View Road LR. We send you the title deeds etc relating to Rose? Nursery and filed adjoining. We are retaining the conveyance to Mrs Marker until payment of the balance is paid to you.

8/6/25 Miss Coode Woodmead LR. The insurance company require the enclosed to be filled in

9.6.25 Mr G E Halliday 2 Coastguard Buildings LR Amount due to you from Mrs Blakiston £11-4-6 less our charges of 10/6.

10.6.25 Mrs Brown, No 32 Sherborne Lane, We have been consulted by your neighbour Mrs Gillingham in reference to insulting and abusive language you have used about her recently. Further conduct of this kind will cause her to impose a summons against you.

11.6.25 Mrs Cooper Belmont LR I return you cheque for £240 as the sum should be £460 As the usual deposit is 10% Mr Paul says it is his mistake.

11.6.25 Mr C Austin, No 11 Marine Parade re Miss E Drake decd. We have prepared the final account. If you find it in order we will send off the cheques to the various interested parties.

11.6.25 Martineau Solicitors re St Andrews LR and Mrs Margaret Cooper who is giving Mr Lane £4600 for the property