

HILLMAN & BOND Copy Letter Book, August 1933 to April 1934

Summarised by Team member Diane Shaw (Jan 2012)

Names and Addresses:

Mr H S Abrahamson, 5 Cobb Terrace
Mr A Baker, Angel Inn
Mr Reginald Walter Baker, 21 Broad Street (Restaurant Proprietor)
Mr Bannister, Thatchcombe, Rocombe
Mr C P Beer, The Tudor (café) also 29 Broad Street (pays rent to the Misses Marder)
Mrs Belben, Theo's Cottage, Cobb Road
Mrs E W Boalch, 17, Marine Parade (also Mrs D Boalch)
Mr W G Boalch, Bridge Street (*taylor*)
Mr F Boswell, Sherborne Lane
Mrs Bradley, Launchycroft
Mr J Bragg, Bridge Street (bought 37 Coombe Street when Mr Gush died)
Mr R K Brewer, 11 Broad Street
Mr E R Brewer, 38 Broad Street
Mr F G Britten, 19 Marine Parade
Mrs Case, Somerset House, Silver Street
Mr A G Case, Broad Street
Mr Castle Smith, The Corner Cottage
Mrs Chadwick, The Moorings, Woodmead Road (letter re purchase of Southfield)
Mrs Myra Channon, 4, Marine Parade
Mr F (or P) Chase, The Chalet
Mr Clarke, 11 Broad Street
Mr Click, 1 Mill Green
Mr C Cook, Cedar Cottage
Miss Alice Cook, No 2 Jordan Cottage (sister of the above)
Mr Arthur Edward Coombe,
Mrs Phyllis Mina Coombe, 33A Silver Street, The Orchard, ("married woman", put forward to be a justice)
Miss Coombes, 10 Windsor Terrace
Mr W J Cooper, St Kilda
Mr A D Cozens, 26 Corporation Terrace
Mrs Cracknell, 23 Coombe Street
Mrs Crisp, Cathole Cottage, Yawl
Mr R Curtis, 2 The Lynch
Miss Dean, Cottrell, Venlake, Uplyme
Mrs R (*Rosanne*) Driver, Westfield, Cobb Road
Mr East, Tudor House, Church Street
Messers Emmett & Co, 56 Colway Mead
Mr W Emmett, Ferndown Road
Mr J Enticott, 31 Corporation Terrace
Mrs Evans, Knapp Cottage, Sidmouth Road
Rev George Frederick Eyre, West Hill, (*Silver Street*)
Mr F Froom, Middle Mill Farm
Mrs Fowler, 18 Corporation Terrace
Mr J Fowler, 55 Silver Street
Mr P Foxwell, Bridge Street
Mr W W Foxwell, 3 Church Street
Mrs Gabb, 7 Cobb Road

Mr W Gaitch, The Hut, Woodmead Road
Mrs Geake, Temple House, Broad Street
Mr E C Gale, 29 Broad Street
Mrs Beatrice Golding, Hatchet
Mrs Gollop, 18 Sherborne Lane
Mrs Govier, 51 Silver Street
Mr G V Govier, 17, Colway Lane
Mr S E Govier, 50 Broad Street
Miss Gumbrell, Restharrow, Uplyme (*may be boarding*)
Mr J B Gush, 37 Coombe Street, (died Jan 34)
Mr L D Haddon
Mr C Hallett, East Cliff
Mr C Hallett, The Cobb
Mr G Hallett
Mr E Hallett, Drop Anchor
Mr P J Hallett, 10A Coombe Street
Mr F J Halliday, 16a, Coombe Street
Mr W Hardy 6 Silver Street (Later Hill Road)
Mr E Harris, Selway, Yawl, Uplyme
Mr Samuel Harris, Colway Manor (retired butcher)
Mr J E Harris, The Alcove
Mr R Harris, Ware Farm, Uplyme
Mr R L Harris, 65 Broad Street
Mr Frederick Hawker, 20 Church Street (Engine Driver)
Mr Hallett, Rhode Barton Farm
Mr H W Hallett, Ferndale
Mrs Healey 24 Colway Lane
Mrs Hellier, Rocombe, Uplyme
Mr Henderson, Avondale House, Uplyme
Mr Henderson, The Manse, Sherborne Lane (Baptist Minister)
Mr George Henley, 45 Broad Street (Chemist)
Mr W T Hill, Silver Street
Mr W H G & Mrs Hodder, 17, Millgreen Court
Mrs Hodder, 20 Marine Parade
Mr G T Hollington, Sunnydene Cobb Road.(Quarters rent of £27-10-0 paid to the estate of F E Radford)
Mr A Holman and Mrs Holman, 3 Sherborne Lane
Mr A Holmes, Broad Street
Mrs H Holmes, 12 Millgreen Court
Mr & Mrs R Holmes, 13 Millgreen Court
Mrs Hosack, 63, Colway Mead
Brian Mansfield Hynes, Holmlea
Miss M E James (decd) Southfield
Mrs Kirby, Woodmead Road
Rev H Knowles, Verette, Ferndown Road (Congregational Minister)
Mr Albert Lane, Ravello, Uplyme Road
Mr A R Leaver, Cobb Crest
P Lee Esq., Spindles, Haye Lane
Mr Henry Long 13 Sherborne Lane (retired postman)
Mr Bert Marchant, Church Street, Uplyme
Miss Mabel Henrietta Marder, Raymond House

Mrs Marker St Agnes House, 6 Pound Street (later Casita? View Road)
Mr Martin, Georges Square
Lt Col J Masters, Bailey Gate, Yawl, Uplyme
Mrs Medley, 4 Silver Street
Mrs Miles, Summerhill (House) – letter re lease
Mrs E S Moore, 15 Broad Street
Messrs J & P Moore, 6, Church Street
Mr H J Moore, Church Street
Miss Munro, Fairfield
Mrs Nash, Reeth, Pound Road
Mr Frank Newberry, Marder Almshouses
Mrs Frances Jane Osment (wife of George William Osment), 18, Mill Green (died 3rd inst.? December 1993?)
Mr W F Osment, London Inn
Mr J B Owen, Glenmire
Mrs Parker, Pound Street
Mrs M Pike, 4 Jordan
Mrs Pomeroy, 2 Coombe Street
Miss Mary Prall 5 Ozone Terrace
Miss C Prescott, Woodhouse, Uplyme
Mr F Paul, 29 Broad Street
Mr Frank Glover Radford (addressed as "Dear Glover"), Silver Street (d.30.01.1934)
Mrs G (?)Radford, Haydn House 19 Broad Street
Miss Reeves, Georges Square
Mr F Rice, 48 Colway Mead
Mr H Ridgewell, Burwood, Avenue Road, (Later 7 Church Street?)
Mrs Rogers, Theo's Cottage, Cobb Road
Mr A E Rowe and Mrs Rowe, Aspley House 28 & 29 Marine Parade
Mr William Ryder, 9, Marine Parade
Mrs Vivien Charlotte Lifford Sanders, Pathlyme
Brig-General G H Sanders, Pathlyme
Mrs Sanders, View Road
Mrs Sartin, 1, Georges Square
Mr A L Sole, 33a, Coombe Street
Mr C J Stapleforth, Queens Armes, Charmouth
Mr L T Staples, Lyme Regis
Mr W Stote, 24 Colway Mead
Mr T W Symes, Coombe Street
Mr (Rev) Synge, Rotherfield, Woodmead Road
Miss Templeman, 9 Pound Street
Mr B Tidwell, Jordan House
Mr T L Tidwell, Windy Ridge, Avenue Road
Mr R Tindall, White Ley, Uplyme, ? later Rhode Hill Bungalow, Uplyme, then 59, Holywell Road, Oxford
Mr W Toms, 28 Corporation Terrace
Mrs Wallis, 9 Pound Street (*moved from Sunnymead, Hulham Road, Exmouth, Dec. 33, following death of husband W R Wallis - stayed at Stile House during the move*)
F L Walter Esq, Thornhill Cottage, Uplyme
Mr A A Warner, Horndean, Lyme Regis
Mr Washer, Ivydene, Charmouth
Mrs Watson, 40 & 41 Broad Street

Mr Williams, Broad Street
 Mr G R Williams O.B.E(?). (Electrician) 9 Coombe Street
 Mrs Willmott, Broadway House
 Mr Alben Wiscombe, 36 Broad Street (Builder & Contractor)
 Mr F Wiscombe, 53 Broad Street
 Mr A J Woodroffe, Rhode Hill (Borough & County Justice)
 Mr G H Worth, Devondore, Sidmouth Road

List of Magistrates (Letters to the Magistrates' Association S.W.1)

14 September 1933	20 March 1934
Mayor G H Worth, Devondore, Sidmouth Road	Mayor G H Worth, Devondore, Sidmouth Road
Ex-mayor R W Baker, 21 Broad Street	R W Baker, 21 Broad Street
S Harris, Colway Manor	S Harris, Colway Manor
G Henley, 45 Broad Street	G Henley, 45 Broad Street
H Long 13 Sherborne Lane	H Long 13 Sherborne Lane
A Wiscombe, 36 Broad Street	A Wiscombe, 36 Broad Street
A J Woodroffe, Rhode Hill	A J Woodroffe, Rhode Hill
	Mrs P M Coombe 33a Silver Street
	G F Hawker, 20 Church Street

17-Aug-1933

To: Miss Gumbrell Restharrow, Uplyme – security for a mortgage i.e. a house in Uplyme Road opposite the Railway Station, valued at £1200a upwards.
 To: Lt Col J Masters D.S.O. - letter sent (on behalf of Mr Washer?) re overflowing cesspit, habit of trespassing, and interest owed.
 Re: Washer and Col Masters, Bailey Gate, Uplyme – letter to Col Masters solicitors in London.
 To Mr Washer that Col Masters had called and stated that he was not prepared to pay any interest to Mr Washer.
 To: Miss B E Batten, Lufton Manor, Yeovil, letter sent stating that no reply had been received for a letter sent “16th inst” re payment of fine of £1. Unless payment is received on or before 6th September “I shall be compelled to issue a warrant for distress to enforce payment” (*cheque was received on 6th September*).

September

To: Lt Col J. Masters, Bailey Gate Uplyme, re “purchase of the property known as The Bungalow, Uplyme”.
 To: (6th September) Miss B E Batten, Lufton Manor, Yeovil, acknowledgement by Magistrates Clark of cheque for £1 “in payment of a fine imposed by the Borough Magistrates in respect of the summons against you for driving your motor car along the Marine Parade”

To: Mrs M Pike, 4 Jordan, with reference to abusive conduct towards Mrs Beatrice Golding of Hatchet informing that any repetition will result in immediate proceedings being taken.

To: Miss Batten re Ordinary Summons P.O. 3/-, the Plaint Fee & s.a.e. for the Plaint Note.

Re: Conveyance of Burwood to Misses Gumbrell of Croften Lodge, Theydon Bois, Essex re Westfield (Sidmouth Road) Acting for Messers A & F Wiscombe in the purchase of above land for £220, deposit cheque £22.

To: Mrs Driver, Westfield, Cobb Road. Letter querying the "Insurance of Westfield" as a copy is required by Mrs Lane to put with the deeds.

To: Mr? Gumbrell re a bungalow owned by "Cobb House Ltd", a company consisting of Rev G.F. Eyre and his family and mentioning a mortgage and security for £500, the Company would be willing to pay 4½%.

To: Mrs R G Driver - Alliance Assurance policy – "Mr Albert Lane of Ravello" is interested in the above policy as mortgagee.

To "My Dear Wallis". "I am very sorry to get your letter and to hear that you are in such poor health and also in straits for money". He goes on to make suggestions to help resolve the money issues.

To A & F Wiscombe that a cheque for £191-17-00 from Mr & Mrs King has been sent to the Midland Bank.

To Midland Bank with cheque confirming that it is the balance of the sale of the plot of land at Westfield.

Letter to Miss Gumbrell re purchase of Burwood, Woodmead Road

Letter of reference for Messers C Hallett & Son – "genuine bona fide business as builders and contractors".

Letters to mother & brother (Rev E.F.S. Ramsbotham, Miller Rectory, Didcot, Berks).

To Mrs Willmott, Broadway House, "Dear Madam, Mr N P Brown called on us and asked us to prepare and send you a notice to quit the shop in Pound Street held by Mrs Wyatt as tenant under you. We accordingly enclose same which you should date & sign & deliver to Mrs Wyatt on the premises"

To Miss Reeves, Georges Square - Informs her that she cannot pass the charge for the increase of Water Rates to her tenant Mr J C Curtis as his present rent exceeds that charged under the Rent Restriction Acts.

To W Gaitch, The Hut, Woodmead Road "Re: Staples Account

We are much obliged by your letter of yesterday enclosing 2/6 further on account..... We trust you will now see your way to pay the balance, now only amounting to 3/9 during the coming month to finish the matter."

October

To: R Tindall, White Ley, Uplyme "We are instructed by Mr Joyce of the Ferneberga Garage to apply to you for immediate payment of his account amounting to £8-3-5..."

To Miss Gumbrell re security – Cottage in Coombe Street.

Re: Philpot Estate: Mrs Chadwick (Woodmead Road)

To: R W Burridge, Acting Agent, Queen Anne's Bounty, 5, Princess Square, Plymouth (Re Uplyme 132 & 145 R A Washer)

Re apportionment of Plots of land purchased from Mr A E Hillman

To Miss Gumbrell re mortgage on a property in Coombe Street

Plaint notes for recovery of debts

Tradesman:	Debtor
Mr H K Brewer, Broad Street	Mr Hosack
Mr P Foxwell, Brown's Stores	Endicott & Tindall
Mr G Williams, Coombe Street	Mr Forty

To Mrs Parker, Pound Street, Lyme Regis Re: Accident policies re Mr H F W Parker and Mr G K Parker
“....There is no need specially to mention the driving of a Motor Car, but we shall want to know if the policies are both to also cover motor cycling”

To Mrs Chadwick, Lyme Regis re her purchase of “Southfield” from Miss M E James. “Miss James is very seriously ill and we are instructed she is quite unable to sign any deed or document. The suggestion is made that Mrs Chadwick should deposit the purchase money in a joint bank account in the names of Mr Ramsbotham and Miss James’ solicitor to be handed over “if and when Miss James or her personal representatives are in a position to execute a conveyance.”

To: G W Lickford Esqre, Local Taxation Officer, The Castle Exeter,

“At the court of Summary Jurisdiction for the Borough held yesterday, Mr Roger Tindall was convicted for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of drink. I accordingly enclose the licence duly endorsed, together with particulars of the conviction...” (*Written as Clerk to Justices*)

To: County Court, Axminster re Joyce v Tindall

“ enclosing papers for issue of default summons...”

To: P. O'Donnell: Re Purchase of a plot of land and contract for building a house (A & F Wiscombe).

To: Miss I Matravers 47 Furnham Road, Chard (30th October), “We are instructed by Mrs Hynes of Holmlea House in this town to write to you in respect of your illegally leaving her employment without any notice. Our client has of course been put to some expense & inconvenience by your conduct & will hold you responsible for the amount of this so that when ascertained, she can make her claim against you.”

(Letter to Mrs Hynes in November “I have received the enclosed letter from your late parlour maid. In the circumstances it hardly seems worthwhile to pursue the matter any further).

November

To Mrs Wallis, Sunnymead, Hulham Road Exmouth “Dear Mrs Wallis.

At a meeting of the Borough Magistrates held this morning, a vote of sympathy with you and your family was unanimously passed by those present, in respect of the recent death of your late husband, who has so long been a valued member of the Bench. (*Mr Wallis died on 28th October*)

To: Clerk of the Crown, Lord Chancellor's Office, House of Lords. Letter referring to the concerns of the Borough Justices with a view to forming a panel under the Provisions of the Childrens & Young Persons Act, 1933, the question of the number of Justices on the Commission was considered owing to a feeling of some difficulty as to the panel.

“I was directed to draw the Lord Chancellor's attention to the matter and to bring to his notice the name of George Henry Worth, Reginald Walter Baker, George Frederick Hawker (20 Church Street, engine driver, who if it is so desired may be considered as a representative of ‘Labour’)

I am also to put before his Lordship the names of two women Mrs Vivien Charlotte Lifford Sanders, wife of Brig-General G H Sanders of Pathlyme and Mrs. Phyllis Nina Coombe, wife of Arthur Edward Coombe of 33A Silver Street.

My Bench trust his Lordship will see his way to make appointments at an early date.

I am, .Sir, Your obedient Servant,...

(*Mr Baker, Mr Hawker & Mrs Coombe were appointed*).

To: Dr J Strong, Mr Tindall has now paid his fine and costs...I enclose cheque for £1-1-0, the amount ordered by the Bench to be paid to you towards your fee in connection with the matter.

To: Miss Templeman, 9, Pound Street: re “your letter passed to me by Mrs Wallis of 26^{ult}, addressed to her late husband, I am not aware what your tenancy is & what notice you should give...” “I do not think any objection will be taken to your leaving at Xmas.”

To: Mr Parkhouse (Jackson & Parkhouse, 15a Bedford Circus Exeter): Re Wallis

“Thank you for your letter of the 30th ulto, which I waited to answer until today, as yesterday I went down to Exmouth to see Mrs Wallis and the family. I am afraid the former is much upset to find she does not benefit at all as it appears to me there is no doubt the estate will be insolvent. I enclose a

copy of the relevant portion of the Will from which you will see that Mr Wallis appointed the Pound Street houses to his four children by his second wife by name. Of these the eldest daughter Vera is dead and it seems to me that her share, becomes unappointed and therefore falls to be divided between all the six children of the deceased and I should not think the assignment of their reversions by the elder sons would include this one sixth of one quarter of the Pound Street houses, but that may be a point for further consideration.

The younger children Bryan R Wallis and Brenda Wallis are not yet of age. Cecily is now Mrs Bailey and has expressed an opinion that the houses should be retained for the present – they are all well let.....

.....In regard to the three elder sons, they are, I believe, all abroad, the eldest was a sailor and I heard from him about a year ago from the States. Healey the second is in the Air Force and is believed to be in India. Hugo, the youngest is in the Royal Tank Corps, married in this Country but is now in India.

To: Miss Templeman, 9, Pound Street: "I am very much obliged for your letter of yesterday intimating that you will take advantage of my offer to release you from the tenancy of 9 Pound Street on Christmas next."

To Mrs Wallis (*at Exmouth*), concerning various matters re Mr Wallis' estate including: "In regard to Shamien (*house on Pound Street*), Mrs Radford tells me it is let for a year till about July or August, but I have arranged to allow Miss Templeman, in the next door house, to give it up at Xmas so that it will shortly be available if you would care to go there temporarily."

To: Mr F Chase Esq. "On behalf of myself and my co-executors of the late Mr F E Radford, I beg to give you formal notice not to allow any article of furniture, linen, plate etc. to be moved from the house, without express instructions or sanction from the executors. I am only writing this as a precautionary measure and a matter of form."

To: Miss Templeman: Mrs Wallis is considering the possibility of occupying 9 Pound Street "IF possible & convenient for you she would like to look over the house on Monday morning....."

To: Mrs Warburton: "At the Court this morning when the summons against you for throwing rubbish in the river was heard, the magistrates decided to inflict a fine of 10/-. Will you please let me have this amount at your early convenience."

To: Mr P J Hallett re completion of purchase of a cottage in West Street Colyton.

To: Mr Ramsbotham's mother re mortgage interest due to her from Mrs Hellier & Mrs Hallifax.

To London solicitor: "A client of ours has heard that your clients the Misses Lister formerly of High Cliff in this town are willing to sell the field of 1 acre adjoining Clappentail Lane here. If this is so, our client is prepared to offer £200 provided the property is freehold & subject to no outgoings other than ordinary rates, taxes & tithe rent charges."

To: Mr W Hardy, Hill Road ".... received a cheque from Mrs B Tidwell in payment of 4 weeks rent to Jordan House. We enclose a cheque for £2-8-0 in respect thereof."

December

To Mr W Gaitch, The Hut, Woodmead Road: "We are in receipt of p/o 2/- further on account herein. We had hoped you would have been in a position after over two months without a payment, to have paid the whole balance. We return the statement duly brought up to date & trust you will let us the (*sic*) remaining 1/9 at the end of the week."

To: Rev H Knowles, Verette, Ferndown Road (Congregational Minister) & Mr Henderson, The Manse, Sherborne Lane (Baptist Minister) [re: Burr ridge Charity] The Congregational Minister & the Baptist Minister each has the right to nominate three persons to receive a blanket on New Year's Day. They are to attend The Town Hall on New Year's Day at 12 Noon.

[On 17th January, 1934, a cheque for £4.00 was sent to Mr L D Haddon "in payment of your account for the Burr ridge Charity blankets".]

To: Messers Nantes & Co, Solicitors, Bridport re W J Cooper, Properties in Coombe Street, Lyme
Regis: "Relating to an abstract sent to Mr Ramsbotham to attempt to confirm the title in Messers JC & RH Palmer to the George Inn. It seems to us that to give Mr Cooper a good title to the last named property it is necessary to show that it was duly vested in Messers RH Palmer and HRC Palmer at the time of the conveyance to Mr Cooper in 26th of October 1928."

To: Mr A Holman, 3 Sherborne Lane, "...our client Mr W Boalch – requesting regular weekly instalments of payment of account – as otherwise we have to take the necessary steps for recovery."

To: Mrs Wallis (Exmouth) [re move to 9 Pound Street] "I'm sorry about the cooking arrangements, I don't quite understand about the gas you want upstairs but if there is anything wrong with the skylights, they ought to be repaired. The rateable value of 9 Pound Street is £18.

To: Mrs Darby, Blake Holt, Parkestone, Dorset, re Uplyme Nursing Association "...we are acting for the above in reference to a purchase by them of a site for a bungalow for the District Nurse. We understand that Major J A Prescott Mr [?] R J Woodroffe & yourself are to hold the land on behalf of the Association.

To: Messers Nantes & Co, letter trying to explain what is required to prove that the George Inn was include in the vesting of Palmer property in Messers RH & JRC Palmer.

To: R Compton Bishop re A H Hodder " re P.O.S.B. received from the Admiralty presume your costs have been duly paid & the £75 is clear money for myself & the mother on the boys behalf?

To: Mrs Hodder: re bills left relating to Albert Hodder

Dr s Lumsden & Cook	£10.10.00
Byatt milk	£ 4. 6.04
V. Symonds	£ 2.18.04
Mrs Cox	£ 6.06.06
Hospital expenses paid	£ 1.17.00

Letter requests her to visit him to discuss which of the expenses are 'directly and solely due things that have been done for the boy', and to consider how much money they are justified in withdrawing from the fund.

To: Mrs Wallis (at Stile House, LR): Miss Templeman, acting on instructions received from Parkhouse, has handed me the key of No 9 Pound Street, which I herewith enclose. Parkhouse writes me he is willing to have the skylight fixed & unless it is a big job, the gas put upstairs, but he is very anxious you should sign the agreement.

To: Sun Insurance re Policy A. Hodder "The insured reports that a dress and underslip belonging to his wife has been damaged by fire & we shall be obliged if you will send us a form of claim."

January 1934

To: Drs Lumsden Cook & Chamberlain, Springfield "No doubt you will recollect the serious damage done to the above boy last Good Friday when he lost a large part of his hand through playing with a detonator.

His parents have received an ex gratia grant from the Admiralty of £75 and this has been put in a Post Office Savings Bank Account in the joint name of Mrs Hodder and myself. There are certain bills including that of yourselves, which must be paid out of these and I enclose 2 £5 notes and 1 10/- note in payment of your account which please return receipted.

Among other bills which Mrs Hodder is anxious to pay are bills for milk, extra meat, also one for a weekly 2/2 for ovaltine, a dozen eggs and a lb of butter.

This I am paying to date, but I am anxious if possible to preserve some of the money for the boy when he is a bit older and I shall be glad if you can tell me whether you think this large payment

is really necessary, as I intend to tell Mrs Hodder that it cannot be allowed to continue indefinitely and she must do the best she can with what she has got."

To: Sun Insurance re Policy A. Hodder "Referring to your letter.....we now return the Claim form completed. We have seen the garment & there is certainly a small hole, probably caused by a small cinder, but the question of damage appears to depend on the point of view & it is stated that the slip cannot be repaired as the hole would run. We have not (t?)roubled to alter the salvage column as it is quite clear what the insured is claiming. He is quite a respectable person."

(On January 11th a cheque for £1 was sent to Mrs Hodder at 20 Marine Parade "in respect of your dress which was recently burnt.")

To: Mrs E W Boalch: "We have at last heard from the District Valuer that in his opinion your house, 17 Marine Parade is worth £485 for stamping purposes."

To: [Hugo (Hamilton) Wallis] dated 26th January 34, addressed to R T C (*Royal Tank Corps*) Ahmednagar Deccan India . " My Dear Hugo Thank you for your letter of the 13th inst. I quite thought Mrs Wallis had written to you telling you of your father's death at Exmouth at the end of October. I wish I had thought to do so.

Mrs Wallis has moved back to Lyme & is at present living at 9 Pound Street. She is left very badly off, as your father's estate is insolvent & except for Nos 8 & 9 Pound Street & Stile Lodge, all the Wallis' property in Lyme passes away from your father's second family - The houses I've mentioned go to them, except a small fraction which would have fallen to you & your brothers, but for your assignments. With kind regards & good wishes – Yours sincerely Harold John Ramsbotham."

To: Mrs Fowler, " F.E. Radford decd We have pleasure to enclose a cheque for £100 in respect of the legacy bequest to you by the above."

To: P Chase Esq. "Mrs F G Radford has informed me that there is a large bed pan belonging to her in one of the locked up cupboards at the Chalet. I have authorised Mrs R.G. Radford, to call at the house at some time convenient to yourself to fetch this away, as Mrs Radford requires it for her invalid husband. Yours..."

To: Mr C Hallett "Our attention has been drawn to the rubbish left by you on the part of the beach belonging to the late Mr W.R.Wallis & his trustees. We understand that the work you have been doing to the old Lifeboat House is now complete & we would ask you to see that the latter is cleared away. Other people seeing all this left where it is, are taking the view it is an authorised rubbish dump & this we do not wish to appear to sanction.

February

To: Messers A & F Wiscombe "Mrs Driver called today in reply to a letter demanding payment of your account of £37-11-5. She states she is not prepared to pay as she has not got a satisfactory supply of hot water and that she will defend any action you care to bring as she is advised the work has not been properly done. We presume you would wish a summons to be issued." (*See Mrs Driver's Radio, below*).

To: Mr A Wiscombe: Affidavit for issue of summons against Mrs Driver.

To: Mrs Aylward (20 Chichester Road, Tonbridge, Kent) to inform her that the house lived in by her late brother Mr J B Gush, 37 Coombe Street had been sold at auction for £325. It had been purchased by Mr Bragg.

To: Mrs Hodder " When I agreed a month ago to make some allowance for milk for your boy, I did not name any sum & it was my intention only to pay for the milk, but I have seen Mrs Cox in

reference to the matter & through some misunderstanding, it seems you were under the impression I would meet her bill up to 4/1½ per week.

This being so, I am willing to pay her account for 16/6 & also Mr J Harris's for 3/10½. I accordingly propose to withdraw £1 from the Savings Bank & I enclose for signature by Albert & yourself. Unless some real emergency arises connected with the latter, I shall make no further advances."

To: Mrs Gollop (18 Sherborne Lane) reminding her that the interest on the mortgage to the late Mr Radford's estate was due on the 5th November last. "The amount would appear to be 17/6, payable on 5th May & 5th November each year. We shall be glad to receive the overdue amount at your earliest convenience and future payments on the due dates.

March

Mr E C Turner, Uplyme: The charge against you for leaving your car in a dangerous position in Broad St was heard by the Bench this morning, when it was decided to impose a fine of 10/-. Kindly let me have this at your very earliest convenience.

April

To: Mrs Govier "Mrs Marchant called this morning & agreed the terms as follows:

1. To pay our charges for the Agreement.
2. To pay £1-6-0 in respect of the expenses in connection with the birth. This sum will be paid over to you, less the 3/6 outstanding on the Court costs.
3. Her son to pay 3/- a week until & including the 23 February next & thereafter 5/- a week until the child attains 14.

Will you please arrange for your daughter to call to sign the Agreement.

Mr W G Fowler Bankruptcy Petition

To: Mr W G Fowler "Dear Sir, We have heard that within the last day or two & since your decision to file your petition in bankruptcy, you have removed certain goods from Cobb Lodge. Please note that, if this has been to avoid handing such things to the Official Receiver, it may get you into serious trouble.

We trust the information given us and the suggestion made is contrary to fact".

To Drs Lumsden, Cook & Chamberlain explaining about Mr Fowler's bankruptcy and asking for detailed particulars of any amounts owed to the doctors.

To: Mr W G Fowler (addressed to Greenacres, Sidmouth Road) "It has occurred to us that although you are now at present 'living in' you may wish us to write to the Official Receiver asking that you should be allowed a bed and bedding." We assume you may require this at some future time, even though it may necessitate storing it at the moment....."

To: Mr W G Fowler – requesting information on the 12 months from 27 September 1932 re amount earned and the Unemployment Benefit received. Requests him to obtain a written valuation (from Mr Gale?) of "your watch and the silver cruet held by Mr Paul". Also the amount paid by Mr Joyce (lodger) per week prior to him making a loan (to Mrs Fowler). The letter continues "The official Receiver agrees that you are entitled to the double bedstead, mattress & bedclothes for same, & your wearing apparel."

October 6th To: Official Receiver: Re W G Fowler - Debtor's wife died on 4th October, therefore we are having considerable difficulty in getting any further information for the Statement of Affairs. The debtor knows practically nothing about the running of Cobb Lodge and we have found it practically

impossible to obtain information to prepare the Deficiency Account....."it seems probable that the debtor has been insolvent for some few years although he was unaware of it."

To: The Official Receiver: Re W G Fowler

Re valuation of the watch & cruet ... "he saw Me Gale yesterday, he stated that he was of the opinion that the watch was worth £1 and the cruet 25/-, he declined to put it in writing as he was not a licensed valuer."

"It is stated that the watch is only of rolled gold and if so we assume that £1 is the value, but with regard to the cruet the question is whether there is any demand for a good class article or whether as the holder points out that nearly everyone nowadays uses the 'Woolworth' variety.

Mr Paul has given us a valuation for the watch but, of course, he could not do so for the cruet as he is the holder. We however got him to agree to its being valued at £2.

To: Mr W G Fowler "Dear Sir, "We have today heard from the Official Receiver that if your friends wish to purchase the watch for you at £1 they may do so."

To: Mr Fowler - informing him that "the Official Receivers will not insist on your attending the First Meeting of Creditors on the 20th inst, but you will, of course, have to attend the Public Examination on 16th November"

To: W. Rockwood Cooks (Cocks) Esq., Official Receiver, Exeter Bank Chambers, Broadgate, Exeter. Includes P.O. for friends' purchase of Mr Fowlers watch."With regard to the First Meeting of Creditors we shall be glad to hear whether you can see your way to dispense with the debtor's attendance seeing that he can ill afford the expense & that it is unlikely any creditor will attend."

To: The Official Receiver, Exeter Re W G Fowler No 45 Of 1933 "...re proof of debt lodged by Mr Joyce, the corporation were pressing for payment of rent & rates in March last and it was in respect of this that Mrs Fowler borrowed the money. The Council, owing to Mrs Fowler's ill health treated the matter more leniently than they would otherwise have done, but if the money borrowed from Mr Joyce had not been forthcoming a distress would have had to be levied for the rates, etc. In these circumstances seeing that the furniture is taken as part of the Debtor's estate it seems only reasonable that Mr Joyce's proof should be admitted.

To: Official Receiver acknowledging receipt of cheque for £1-1-0 re "fee for assisting the debtor with his statement of affairs."

To: Official Receiver re W.G. Fowler "Miss Mary Prall of 5, Ozone Terrace has called on us today stating that she has an IOU for £16-0-0 lent by her to Mrs Fowler on 1st March 1930 to enable the latter to pay her rates etc. The amount outstanding is £10 (there having been two repayments one of £1 and the other of £5 the same year) & Miss Prall wishes you to prove for the amount. Miss Prall is a lady whose word can be relied upon although we have no evidence that the money was used for payment of rates, it would be about the time of year when the Council would be pressing for the rates."

To: Registrar in Bankruptcy, re W.G. Fowler "We now send you proof of Miss M Prall, together with P/O for 1/6 & IOU annexed to proof."

To: Mr W G Fowler "We have now received a refund of the £10 lodged at the time of your petition, together with our costs in connection with the matter. This as you know was advanced by your son-in-law Mr Rist [*sic*] (see following letter) and we shall be pleased if you can let us have his address in order that we may refund the greater part to him or pay it as he may authorise."

To: Mr L Wrist, Flat 2, Halden House Park Place, Torquay: "In reference to the bankruptcy of Mr W G Fowler, the furniture reached sufficient to pay the preferential debts & expenses & to refund the £10 deposit & we have accordingly received this along with our costs from the Official receiver.

On the occasion of his public examination we paid Mr Fowler's return fare from our own funds & this was not recoverable in our bill. We accordingly are deducting this from the £10 and are sending you our cheque for £9-15-6, the receipt of which please acknowledge."

Mrs Driver's Radio

To: Mrs Driver, Westfield, Cobb Road (27th October) Dear Madam, "We have been consulted by Mr G R Williams in reference to your letter to him of the 24th inst. & the return of the wireless set he sold you in June last for £12-12-0. This he cannot possibly accept after this lapse of time & he instructs us to state that it is the 1933 model and that the 1934 was not released until the 1st of September this year. In these circumstances our client declines to give any credit for the set or to accept its return & must ask you to have it removed from his premises at your early convenience."

To: Mrs Driver, Westfield: "Mr G R Williams has handed me your letter to him of yesterday. He tells me he does not understand your meaning at all & that his bill is quite in order & that unless you let him have a cheque for the full amount, he will have to take proceedings. What have you done about the wireless set, I wrote to you about ten days ago? I hope you are now better than you were, Yours very truly"

To: Mr G R Williams: "We have heard from Mrs Driver as to your account & she says she will come & see us about 12 noon on Saturday. She also says 'In the meantime please ask Mr Williams to put his account in plain English & show **credits**. It is almost £7 more than his written estimate.' It would probably be as well, if you could give us a call & show us your account so that we can discuss it. What happened about the wireless set Mrs Driver returned?"

To: Mr G R Williams (O.B.E.): "Mrs Driver is better from her recent illness & called here today in reference to your account. She left us with a full statement of your account amounting to £24-14-4, as to several items of which she raises questions, but there is not perhaps very much in total between you and her, but we informed her we had no authority to make any reduction whatsoever on the subject. In regard to the wireless set for which she has already paid you 14 guineas, she declines to remove it from your premises and states she will deduct the price of it from your account when the same is agreed. Mrs Driver is however prepared to purchase a £12.12.0 new model from you provided credit is given for the old one. We shall be glad to see you on the matter at your earliest convenience."

To: Mrs Driver. "I have seen Williams again & he states he cannot allow anything from his account. The items you have marked with a query, he states are all to do with the special switches you ordered & he reiterates that the bill is in order.

In regard to the wireless set, he is not prepared to give you any credit, but will let you have a 12(guinea) model in exchange for the old one you returned, if you so wish. I return his bill. I'm afraid if you can't agree on this & he sticks to what he says, you'll have to fight it out."

To: Mrs Driver: "I was sorry to hear you had been ill again & hope you will soon be better. Williams called today & informed me he was perfectly willing to let you have a £12 guinea set in place of that you have retained. This price will not include any fixing, & will be for the set delivered to your house & no credit can be given off his bill. Should he send it?

To: "Mr G R Williams: Mrs Driver called & asked me to tell you that you could send the 12 guinea set by Tuesday, but they would not – as she put it - pay 14 guineas for it. IF you don't send it on these terms on Tuesday, Mrs Driver will deduct the 14 guineas already paid you for the old set from your account against her. It seems to us the matter largely turns on the value of the set Mrs Driver has returned & whether you could easily resell it at the same price or very near."

To: Mrs Driver: "Dear Mrs Driver, I was glad to hear that you & Williams had come to terms over the wireless set. There now remains his account & I hope you will now see your way to let me have a cheque to settle this, as it has been outstanding some time. He cannot see his way to make any reduction. I hope you are well again in spite of this awful wind.

To: "Mr G R Williams: Mrs Williams brought to us the enclosed letter & cheque. Unless you decide to accept the latter in full settlement, you should send her a statement showing this amount receipted on account & also showing the balance due.

To: Mrs Driver: Mr Williams, the electrician has handed me a list of outstanding accounts for collection. Included in these is his claim for £4-14-4 against you. It certainly seems to me that he is

entitled to this amount & though in the circumstances, I shall not act for him in the matter, I feel sure he will issue a summons if you do not pay by the end of the week, which I hope you will see your way to do.

To: Mr Williams (22nd January 1934), letter re recovery of debts includes “Mrs Driver states she will not pay unless you supply more details & in any case she won’t pay the 2 guineas extra for the wireless set”.

To: Mr A Williams: Affidavit for issue of summons against Mrs Driver.

To: Mrs Driver, letter notifying her that Mr Wiscombe and Mr Williams are issuing summons against her.

[Judge Lindley found for Mr Williams and awarded him the balance of £ 4-4-0 plus costs but deducted £1 from the award as he may have had some sympathy with Mrs Driver – From “Electric Lyme” by Martin Roundell Greene]

m. v. Mado

To: The Captain of the Mado: “Dear Sir, We have been consulted by Messers S Curtis and R A Homyer of this town in reference to their claim for assistance given to your ship the ‘Mado’ when in difficulties off Lyme Regis. Our clients with other men on that occasion saved the vessel from going on shore and we understand they have made a claim for £50 for their services. Unless this amount is paid or some agreement arranged with our clients we shall have no alternative but to take legal proceedings.

To: Messers Pike Ward Ltd re m.v.Mado: .Dear Sirs, We have received a letter from the master of the above vessel dated yesterday on your notepaper. I have seen our clients thereon. The seven men other than Messers Curtis & Homyer are all prepared to accept 10/- for their services, but on behalf of the two named we would point out that besides doing as much as the others in moving the vessel they did work for the master for a day and a half. In these circumstances we think you will agree they should be further remunerated and without prejudice, we are prepared to advise them to accept £2 ea. for their services & we trust your client will see his way to meet them in this way.”

To: Messers Pike Ward Ltd “ We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday & we feel that in view of our client’s having put forward such a moderate proposal as to take £7-10-0 in full settlement & your asking for a still further reduction of the amount, that it is only right that if the suggested figure is accepted it should be received clear of all deductions. In the circumstances, we trust you will see your way to add a sum of 10/6 to your offer to cover our charges.

To: Messers Pike Ward Ltd “We are much obliged for your letter of yesterday & have seen our clients, who instructed us to accept your offer. We accordingly enclose receipts for £6-0-6 & should be glad to receive your cheque, as promised.”

To: Messers Pike Ward Ltd: Letter acknowledging receipt of a cheque for £6-0-6.