



**Thomas Street,
Horsleydown Area**
GSt Gainsford Street
RT River Thames
SB Surrey Buildings
ST Shad Thames
TC Truscott's Court

Modified detail from Ordnance Survey, *Bermondsey & Wapping 1872*; Godfrey edition, London Sheet 77.



Close-up of **SB** area in the detail above.

“In [Surrey Buildings], the drainage of which has been complained of by the parish authorities, there has been an excessive mortality from cholera—nine or ten deaths in five days. There are thirteen houses in the court, which is built up at both ends and badly ventilated. There is an open ditch at the end and the house drainage is into cesspools, with common privies in small back areas. The houses in this court and those in Truscott’s [Court] have a double set of small privies, cesspools, and small areas between the backs of them. Although there has been such mortality in Surrey [Buildings], there has been but one case (that of an infant) of cholera in Truscott’s [Court]” (“The condition of Surrey [Buildings], Horsleydown, by Mr. John Grant, Assistant-Surveyor;” Metropolitan Commission of Sewers [9 August 1849], #63).

[Grant inadvertently interchanged Court and Buildings when describing Surrey Buildings and Truscott’s Court. The Ordnance Survey map has the correct names.]