

To The Honorable City Council
of the City of Cambridge -

A petition having been presented
to the honorable City Council, asking
for the extension of Braintree Street,
across Concord Avenue and Garden
Street, to Shepard Street, - by the
construction of a new street across
the estate of the late Prof. Daniel
Floodwell, lying between Concord
Avenue and Garden Street, -

the undersigned respectfully
unanimously against the granting
of said petition, and the extension
of Braintree Street as prayed for therein, -
believing, as they do, -

that the proposed measure is required
neither by public necessity nor by
public convenience - two streets already
existing, which connect Concord Avenue
and Garden Street, and lie but a
very short distance apart, viz. Bond
Street and Chauncy Street - one on each
side of the proposed street, nearly parallel
with it and very near it, - which
are wholly sufficient for all

public and private uses, needs and convenience, - so that the proposed measure is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for both by public and private interests; -

That the location, as proposed, is unwise and objectionable, inasmuch as ~~the proposed street~~ Shepard Street, is ^{not} opposite a direct continuation of Craigie Street and ~~its~~ its natural extension; and inasmuch as Shepard Street is a very narrow street, much less in width than Craigie Street; - and further as the proposed street would make the extension a crooked and irregular thoroughfare; - as well as for various other reasons; -

That the proposed measure will entail upon the city a very large and unnecessary expense, not only in the original cost of the proposed street itself, but still more in the further expense which must result from the necessary widening of Shepard Street and the heavy land damages and other expenses consequent thereon.

That the proposed measure, in view of its very doubtful utility, on the

most favorable supposition; - and
of its very large cost; - and further of
the fact that it can in any event be
of merely limited and local benefit,
and that wholly of private interests; -
is opposed to the interests of the
tax-paying citizens and the general
interests of the city; -

That the proposed measure is not
desired by a majority of the owners
and occupants of neighboring Estates,
but, on the contrary is opposed to their
wishes and prejudicial to their
interests; - and is not believed by
them to be required either by public
necessity or by public convenience; -

That the Estate of your Remonstrants,
as the present existing streets now run,
has an ample frontage on Concord
Avenue upon one side, and upon
Garden Street on the other; - and is
well shaped and adapted, in its
present condition, to division into
convenient and valuable house-lots,
and every part thereof fully utilized;
but that the extension of Craigie Street
as proposed, by the construction of a new
street across their Estate, cuts your

Remonstrants' Estate in such manner
as to render a large part of it, to wit of
the portion lying South Easterly of the
proposed Street, wholly unavailable
and useless for building purposes; -
and further, that it will accordingly
be detrimental to the future and
permanent interests of the City; -

That the proposed measure will
require the demolition or removal
of the large and valuable dwelling
house now standing ^{as also of the Stable} thereon; - or will
carry the proposed Street so near to it,
as greatly to lessen its value, and
quite to destroy its convenience and
desirableness as a residence; -

That the proposed measure will very
materially injure your Remonstrants
in numerous other respects, - greatly
damage their Estate; - and do
it, in respect of its present uses,
an irreparable injury. -

For these and other reasons,
the undersigned respectfully
remonstrate against the granting
of said petition by your Honorable
Body, and against the extension
of Craigie Street, as aforesaid, -

and ask that no action be taken
thereon until your Remonstrants shall
have been notified and granted
a hearing thereon. —

Adeline Treadwell
Widow of Professor Treadwell having a life
interest in the estate and a Trustee under the will.
Francis C. Lowell

L. A. Willard.
John Noble —
Executors of,
and Trustees under, the will of the
late Daniel Treadwell —

In Board of Aldermen, May 13, 1874—
Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges. Same- desired for concurrence.
Attest. Justus A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Concurred,

In Common Council May 20, 1874,
Attest, J. W. Cotton, Clerk,

Approved, May 22, 1874 -
Isaac Bradford
Mayor

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Remembrance
of Adeline Treaswell
& others.

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May 13. 1874-