

Cambridge, Oct. 4, 1871.

To the Honorable, the City Council
of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned, having learned that the Committee on Roads and Bridges has decided to report in favor of taking his land on the South-
east side of Franklin Street for the purpose of
widening said street, respectfully remonstrates
against such taking as not required by the
public necessity and convenience, while it dam-
ages his estate in such a manner that the award
of damages will afford him no compensation, to
wit by bringing the line of the street nearer to his
dwelling house which is already too ^{near} ~~close~~ to the
street.

If the undersigned had encroached upon Frank-
lin Street, he would offer no objection to the
proposed widening, but he submits that having
placed his fence more than fifty years ago
upon the line of Franklin Street, as originally

laid out by the corners of the land through which
said street and green. Street were laid out,
and said owner having long afterwards given
deeds so as to make encroachments upon
the westerly line of Franklin Street, he is in
no wise in fault.

He further submits that the end desired by
the petitioners for the acceptance of said street,
to wit: the raising of the same between two and
three feet for the greater part of its length, as
proposed, can be obtained by accepting it from
Putnam Street to a point about 250 feet west-
erly of Pleasant Street, at which point the
present grade of the street agrees with the pro-
posed grade. Franklin Street will then be in
the same condition as very many of the streets
in the city, which are not accepted through-
their whole length, and the remaining portions
of the street can be accepted hereafter, when
the public necessity and convenience demand
it, with no more expense than at present.

Otherwise an expensive fence $17\frac{1}{2}$ feet in length,
newly painted, must be removed, and other and

serious damage inflicted upon the undersigned
by the removal of trees and shrubbery, which
removal is not desired by the petitioners for
the acceptance of said street.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin A. Jacobs.

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Reverend Amos
of Justin A. Jacobs.
Franklin Street,

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