

To the Hon. the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Cambridge, in their capacity
of Surveyors of Highways;

Gentlemen,

I desire most respectfully to ask your attention to the condition of Garden Street ~~above~~ Linnean Street. I was not one of the petitioners for the alterations that have been made in this Street, but, upon the representations of the petitioners and the opinions expressed by members of the Committee of the City Council when viewing the ground that the changes proposed would greatly enhance the value of my property, I signified my assent to the measure, and gave to the City a strip of land the entire length of my front, which was more than 230 feet, and comprised 2687 square feet of land. But this gift to the City was made upon the express condition that I should be subjected to no expense or injury by the proposed improvement. This was in August or September, 1865. After considerable delay, and an alteration of the line,

by which 597 feet more of my land was
taken, (for which I received only what
was required to defray the expense of re-
moving a whole row of trees and resetting
my fence) - the work was commenced,
- then suspended, - then renewed for
a short period, - again stopped by the
setting in of winter, - and, from that
time ~~to this~~ till now, notwithstanding
what has been done ^{this} year, the street
still remains unfinished, having been
for more than a year in a dangerous
condition, and, at long intervals, im-
passable. What has been done the
present year seems to have been con-
fined entirely to the roadway for
teams, - while the sidewalks remain
ungraded, - impassable in many places
for foot passengers, - and in such
a condition that they are being more
and more washed away and gullied
by every succeeding rain. This is par-
ticularly the case in front of my land,
where the grade of the street has been
reduced, without my consent, 4 or 5 feet,
and I have been cut off thereby from
all access to my ~~to my~~ land by car-
riage of any description, or even by

any ordinary team. This cannot surely
have been intended by the City. I most
protest against this state of things, de-
barred as I am from that easy and
convenient entrance to my land which
I formerly possessed.

The damage I am sustaining is to
~~me~~ of a most serious nature; as it
is a matter of importance to me to dis-
pose of this property with the least pos-
sible delay. In the present condition
of the Street, and without convenient
access to the land, a sale can be effected
only under great disadvantage.

Trusting that this subject will
receive the favorable consideration
of your Board, I am, Gentlemen,
with great respect,
your most obed^t Serv^t

James D. Green,

Cambridge,
June 5th. 1867.

In Board of Aldermen. June 5. 1867.
Referred to the Committee on Roads & Bridges.
Sent down for concurrence.
Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Common Council June 1876
Concurred
Attest. J. H. Hall Clerk

Petition
of James S. Green
Barclay Street.
June 3rd 1876.

The joint standing Committee on roads and bridges to which was referred the communication of James D. Green Esq. setting forth the dangerous condition of Garden St. opposite his Estate, beg leave to report as follows.

On the 25th of October 1865 an agreement was made between the Abutters of so much of Garden St. as lay between Linnean St. and Wyeth St. and the City. Whereby the Abutters were to make the ~~street~~ fifty feet wide, free of all obstructions, remove and reset all trees and fences, in consideration of which, the City agreed to accept and grade the same. And to ~~also~~ pay the sum of three hundred dollars to the Abutters in addition to the Abutters.

Your Committee find upon examination that the City has fulfilled its part of the agreement, putting the street and sidewalk in good condition at an expense of \$3800. Your committee believe that the City has done all that could seasonably be expected in this matter and they fail to see, any just cause for complaint on the part of the abutters. they unanimously recommend, that no further action be taken with the above mentioned communication. For this Committee, John V. Merriam

In Board of Aldermen, July 2, 1867.

Accepted and sent down for concurrence.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council July 30, 1867

Concurred

Attest J. H. Hall Clerk

Garden St 14
Report of Committee
James O. Green
July 2. 1867