

Office of City Engineer,

City Hall.

March 1st 1871

To The City Council,

Gentlemen:

On the 12th day of Dec. last a report was made by me to the City Council, detailing the progress which had been made towards the completion of work contemplated under an order passed the 6th of April last directing the re-numbring of the several streets in the City, and asking for further time in order to present the same in such a manner as to result in anticipated convenience and benefit.

The work has now been completed by the preparation of plans of the different streets of the City, upon which are shown the buildings, the vacant or unoccupied lands, the numbers now observed where any exist, and the numbers proposed to be adopted under a general, uniform system.

But little attention has heretofore been given to order or regularity in applying numbers to designate the locality of buildings. To introduce a system, therefore, which shall possess uniformity, radical changes are in some cases inevitable, not only in the numbers now existing, but in numbring from adverse directions, and very frequently by changing the sides of streets now recognized by odd numbers, to those of even numbers, and vice-versa.

As it seems highly desirable that the effort thus

advanced should be perfected, I would respectfully ask that the matter be referred to a committee for more critical examination, and would suggest that notice be given by publication in the Cambridge papers, to all parties and persons having any interest in the changes proposed to be adopted, on the plan to be established, that the same is now ready for inspection and subject to such alterations as may be deemed desirable.

When this is done, and the matter thus far advanced, the question next in importance to consider is the manner in which the proposed system shall be carried into effect, so far as to become a great public convenience.

I take the liberty here to suggest, as the only means by which it can be rendered general, that an appropriation be made by the City Council for the purpose and that a contract be made with some responsible person for executing the same in full.

Very Respectfully Submitted

J. G. Chase
City Engineer

In Accord of Aldermen. March 1, 1871 -

Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. Sent down for concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council March 7, 1871.
Concurred, Attest J. W. Cotton
Clerk

March 8, 1871

Approved

H. R. Harding

Mayor

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Re-opening Streets
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