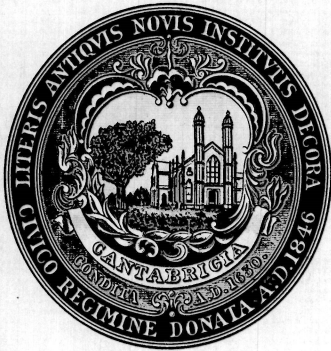




Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts

August 4th, 1900.

To the

Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:-

The Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.) appropriated for reconstruction of Pearl street will not be quite sufficient to defray the expense of properly rebuilding the street. The removal of trees; the resetting of curbstones, and the laying of cross walks over streets entering Pearl street, together with the increased price for vitrified brick, and the increase in the cost of labor over last year of substantially one-ninth, on account of the eight hour law, have all operated to make the expense of rebuilding the street exceed the original estimate made by the Street Department.

I believe the work should be carried to Putnam avenue, the new rails of the road having been laid to that point. It is impossible to estimate the expense with exactness, and I would therefore recommend;

1st:- The consolidation of the Harvard Square and Pearl street appropriations.

2nd:- The transfer to said consolidated appropriation of the unexpended balance of the appropriation

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made for Portland street, the latter named street having been completed inside of the appropriation.

3d:-- The transfer to said consolidated appropriation of any and all revenue received from the Boston Elevated Railway Company, on account of the construction of said street.

The transfer of the appropriation previously made for Harvard Square ought not to delay the completion of the work there; for the Square cannot be rebuilt until the Boston Elevated Railway Company shall have laid its new rails, and these cannot be obtained before the middle of September, and, before that time the expense of reconstructing Pearl street will have been definitely ascertained, and probably the original appropriation for Harvard Square will remain intact after the Elevated Railway Company shall have paid its proportional part of the expense for the construction of Pearl street.

Respectfully,

Edgar B. Campbell
Mayor.

Communication from
the Mayor with refer-
ence to appropriation
for reconstruction of
Pearl Street.

In Common Council
Aug. 7, 1900
Placed on file.

ADOPTED.

Sent to the
Board of Aldermen for concurrence.

Attest

Edward A. Conahan
Clerk.

IN BOARD OF ALDERMAN

Aug 8 1900

CONCURRED

Attest

Albert W. Pearl
City Clerk