

To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Cambridge.

Gentlemen,

At the suggestion of your fire
riding officer, I present for your consideration, the
following statement in relation to the estate of
Mrs Gregory on Brighton street in ward one, to wit:

That part of said estate, on which the contemplated
improvement is to be made, rents for four
hundred dollars per year, including what is known
as the Bee Parson and the Hall. Should thirteen
feet be taken from those buildings, it will be seen
by inspection, that it would destroy the property
and almost ruin the income now derived
from it, as there would be left enough of
the buildings to warrant any expenditure of money
to render them profitable hereafter.

Should the board decide to move the buildings
back thirteen feet, I apprehend that the Bee Parson
park would be full down and become worthless,
and thus deprive Mrs Gregory of a rental of one
hundred and sixty dollars per annum, the sum I
ascertain from her agent it now brings.

The Hall part as I term it, may perhaps be moved
without much damage. I requested Mr Mellen
to examine the premises, and he reports to me
that the expense of moving the buildings the
required distance, would amount to not less
than five hundred dollars, with the risk also of
failing to move the Parson park.

I believe the number of square feet it is pro-
posed to take is eleven hundred and fifty four,
and the price per foot, as I understand Mrs Greg-
ory puts at two dollars, and as I may be allowed
to express my own opinion about, I must say

I think is a reasonable bearing. Some years since I think Mr Reese paid to the then owner, one dollar per foot for some buck land belonging to the same estate, running to a depth of some twenty feet. It appears also, that from Mr Reed's own statement, he paid for his land on the opposite side of the street about two dollars and a half per foot, and taking these two purchases into consideration, I believe Mr Gregory's price is quite reasonable.

No true estimate can be in relation to the destruction of the buildings, whether they are cut off or an attempt should be made to move them. The only way therefore by which an approximation can be made in those cases is to predicate the damages by the income of the estate, which now rents for a sum equal to the interest of more than six thousand dollars.

I therefore in behalf of Mrs Gregory, respectfully submit the following estimate of damages.

1154 feet of land at 2.00 per foot	\$ 2,318
Damage to buildings, if destroyed	2,000
If partially destroyed	1,500
	<u>\$ 5,818</u>

and which is respectfully submitted

By J. C. Edwards.
for Mrs M. P. Gregory

Oct 29th 1862

In Council of Aldermen. Oct. 29. 1862.

Read and placed on file -

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Brighton St.

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cleaned by Mrs. Gregory -

Oct. 29. 1862.