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BOSTON AND CAMBRIDGE BRIDGE COMMISSION,

926 TREMONT BUILDING,

BOSTON.

May 21, 1908.

Hon. Walter C. Wardwell,
Mayor of Cambridge,
City Hall, Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 21st, relative to appointment of Joseph H. Stack as Secretary to the Commission, with salary at the rate of $400.00 per year, I would respectfully report that the Secretary of the Commission formerly received $500.00 per year for his services. More recently—about two years ago, I have understood—some arrangement was made whereby the regular secretary received but $400.00, and $100.00 was allowed to an assistant secretary in Cambridge, whose duties are not very clear to me. Until recently, the regular secretary has been Mr. Daniel J. Byrne, Chief Clerk of the Bridge Division of this City, while the assistant has been Mr. H. P. Fielding of your city. Mr. Fielding, I understand, has recently resigned, and Mr. J. H. Holt, of your city, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Daniel J. Byrne has just been suspended from his position as Chief Clerk of the Bridge Division of this city, and consequently, from that of Secretary to the Commission; and Mr.

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Joseph H. Stack, his successor in the chief clerkship of our Bridge Division, has been also designated to act as Secretary to the Cambridge Bridges Commission, with the same salary as Mr. Byrne, $400.00.

If this is not clear to you, I shall be pleased to offer any further explanation. The salary proposed is in my judgment small for the work and responsibility involved.

Respectfully,

Guy C. Emerson

Commissioner for Boston.

May 21,1908.

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BRIDGE DEPT:-

Letter from Guy C. Emerson, explaining his position relative to appointment of Jos. H. Stack, as sec'y. Bridge Commission.

Employment of Mr. Stack approved from Auditor's letter:-