

Cambridge, April 6th 1887

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Aldermen,

of the City of Cambridge.

The undersigned respectfully pray that the entire width of Linden Street as accepted by the City may be carefully preserved from any permanent encroachments by buildings or any other constructions.

Elizabeth B. Manning

George C. Francis for Meehan & Francis

W. H. Niles for himself

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Petition
of E. D. Cleaving & Co.
Linden St.

April 6. 1871.

City & Engineers Office,
Cambridge April 6th 1870

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen,
Gentlemen,

In regard to the matter of encroachment upon Harvard and Linden Streets, mentioned in a communication made to your Hon. Board March 30th and referred to the City Engineers with power, the following additional report is now made.

According to the intimation therein expressed, and in accordance with the authority conferred, work was suspended, (as proceeding within the bounds of Harvard St.) on the morning following the reference of said communication, and remains suspended.

Since that time I have had an interview with Mr. Harris, the architect employed upon the construction of the proposed building. The plans were exhibited and have been examined by me. It is proposed to occupy, if permission be granted for the purpose, a width of about five feet of the sidewalk upon Harvard St. for the purpose of obtaining an area beneath the same, by which light will be conveyed into the basement of said block of buildings, and for the proper foundations for support of the sidewalk covering. The area required for light is about 3 feet in width, and in addition, sufficient space is required for a substantial foundation wall of two feet thickness, with brick and stone piers upon the line of street to receive the granite coping to be laid flush with

The grade surface of the sidewalk; Into this granite which surrounds the area openings, is rabbeted the covering of patent Hyatt lights, constructed of iron and glass.

The design is properly conceived, substantial, and ornamental. I discover no objection to it if properly carried out.

Herewith is presented in further illustration of the improvement, a tracing from the plan as proposed, and I recommend the prayer of the petitioners, Messrs Ryder and Harris, Architects, setting forth the desire of the owner Mr. Polton, be granted, under direction of your Hon. Board or such person as may be delegated for the purpose.

An examination of the plans above referred to, led to the discovery of a further contemplated encroachment upon Linden St. by the construction of a bulkhead within the street for the accommodation of the basement story. This design was condemned, and a promise was received from Mrs. Harris that the said bulkhead should be removed to the rear of said buildings, and constructed upon land of the owner.

Thus the matters named in said communication with reference only to the modifications relating to Harvard Street encroachment, and that contemplated on Linden St, have been considered, and are hereby resubmitted.

Very Respectfully,

J. G. Chase
City Engineer

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Enclosed upon
Howard & Lincoln Sts.

Apr 6. 1870.