

Moseley Iron Building Works,

IRON BUILDERS,

AND MANUFACTURERS OF PLATE, SHEET, AND SHAPE IRON.

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Boston, Feby. 23 1869

To the Board of Aldermen of the
City of Cambridge
Gentlemen -

We respectfully
petition that the Order to advertise for
proposals for building an Iron Draw in
the West Boston Bridge, may be so
modified as to allow of Plans and Estimates
for same being considered, which differ
from those which the Committee have
submitted with their Report.

We cordially acknowledge the courtesy
and fair hearing allowed us by the Committee;
but we believe all their objections to our
Plans can readily be obviated, between the
present time and the time when decision
is to be made. Therefore we ask that the
Order be so worded as not to exclude us.
In its present form, no bids could be enter-
tained by them, except for the "Chicago Draw".

Inspection of the Report shows that
the Committee's objections to our Plan apply

only to the Turn-table. We proposed to
use one of our own construction; which does
not commend itself to them because the weight
of the Draw is borne largely by the track and
not the Pivot. While our experience
shows this plan to be easy of operation, we
have another Plan of Turn-table, which
meets every requirement of the Committee and
the City Engineer, in this respect. It has
been ten years in use upon two Drawbridges
built by Gen. Moseley, to perfect satisfaction.

The Table is built by Messrs. Sellers
of Phila. who have constructed thousands
of them for Locomotives as well as Draw-
bridges.

We wish to present this, in combination with
our Bridge; and believe we can thus give
a better structure than the one proposed.

Had time allowed, this would have ^{been} done before
the Report; but our Engineer was absent
from home till the very day of the Committee's
final meeting; and learned their objections
too late to prepare plans for obviating them.

Hoping that we shall not be excluded
from a hearing, we remain.

Very respectfully,
The Moseley Iron Building Works
Per Ambrose Eastman Secy.

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Feb. 24. 1869