

Cambridge, January 14th 1874

To the Mayor

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

Before taking final
action on the order introduced at the last
Meeting of the Board, and passed to a second
Reading, authorizing the Committee on Roads
and Bridges to Contract for the purchase
of a gravel bed in Lexington at a price
not exceeding \$1500. per acre, I would
request the Board to inform themselves as
to the value of the bed and the expediency
of passing the order.

The farm, of which this bed
forms a part, contains forty acres, and
has a good house, barn and carriage house
on it - The owner has been endeavoring
to sell ^{the whole} during the past year for \$20,000. -
He has recently given the control of it
to another person (it has not been sold)
and it is now proposed that the City
of Cambridge shall purchase 15 or 20

acres of the parcel at not exceeding \$500.
per acre, and the Aldermen are urged
to act quickly in order to secure it at
the price -

I suggest whether it does
not require looking into before passing
such an order -

Respectfully Submitted,

C. T. Welch

In Board of Aldermen, Jan. 14, 1874 -
Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges - Sent down for concurrence.

Concurred,

Attest
Subscribed and sworn to
Jan. 14, 1874,
J. W. Cotton, Clerk,

approved, Jan. 23, 1874 -
Laac Bradford
Mayor.

Communication of
E. B. Welch vs Gravel Banks
in Lexington -

Jan'y 14, 1874.