

Cambridge June 30th 1878.

To the Honorable The Board of Mayor & Aldermen.

The undersigned respectfully represent that certain persons, upon the occasion of Funerals, not having been employed by the undertakers to attend with carriages, and not at the request, or with the knowledge, of the family or friends of the deceased person habitually attend said funerals with their carriages and solicit persons who are present to employ their carriages, and join the train of mourners to the grave, to the great annoyance of the family and friends of the deceased, to the disturbance and hindrance of the persons employed to take charge of the funeral, and to the disturbance of the public peace, the same being on the part of the owners of said carriages a mere speculation.

As much as the 5th section of the Rules and Regulations in relation to Hackney Carriages adopted by Your Honorable Board, April 4, 1877 only prohibits unlicensed carriages from standing in any street "an unnecessary length of time" the undersigned respectfully pray that some additional regulation

May be made which will prevent the
continuance of the evil complained of
and as in duty bound
Ernest Gray -

Charles W. Lockhart -
John W. Corney.
Thomas Devens } Underwritten

In Record of Accounts. June 26. 1878.
Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.
Sent down for concurrence.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

In Common Council July 10, 1878.
Concurred. Attest. J. W. Cotton, Clerk,

Approved July 17, 1878.
Saml L. Montague, Mayor

Petition
of Charles H. Lockhart
and others, unincorporated
Carriages or Trunks

June 26, 1878

Ref^d to Chairman
& City Solicitor

Present
J. W. Cotton, Clerk
James H. ...
...

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Sept 11. 1878.

The Committee on Ordinances, to which was referred the petition of Charles W. Lockhart and others, Undertakers, praying that this Board will make such additional Carriage regulations as will prevent the attendance at funerals, of persons with Carriages, soliciting employment from the mourners and others present at such funerals, - and also interfering with the funeral procession.

Reports

That in the opinion of your Committee, the petitioners have already the power they ask for, and it is moreover their duty under existing ordinances, to maintain the public peace at funerals in their charge.

It is provided in Section 5, of Chapter 3, of the Revised ordinances as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Undertakers, respectively, as soon as informed of the decease of any person within the limits of their districts, to take the personal charge and oversight of all necessary arrangements for the removal and burial of the body of the

deceased and for the funeral procession.

Section 10 of the new Ordinance relating to Health, also provides that "such undertakers shall be responsible for the decent, orderly and faithful management of the funerals undertaken by them and for a strict compliance with the ordinances of the City in this behalf."

In view of the requirements of existing Ordinances relative to Interment, your Committee regards it as unnecessary to take any further action in the matter of accompanying petition,

For the Committee
James H. Roy

Accepted. Sent down for concurrence.

Accepted. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Concurred.

In Common Council Sept 25, 78
Attest J. W. Allen, Clk.

Approved Sept 25, 1878

Samuel L. Montague, Mayor

Report
Committee on Ordinances
on petition of
C. H. Rockhart & others.

Sept 18/78.