

Cambridge, Nov. 13th 1874,

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Aldermen,
of the City of Cambridge

The undersigned respectfully pray

that the building
On Magarine Street, a part of which is on
land recently taken by the City for the widen-
ing of said Street, may remain as it now
stands until the first of May 1875; as on ex-
amination the building is found unworthy of
the repairs that would be required in the
cutting off of a portion of it; and the season
is ^{now} so far advanced as to make it undesirable
to commence the erection of a new building
the present season. The award made by the
City not to be affected
by it remaining.

Jos. A. Holmes

We the undersigned occupying the above
described premises join in the above petition.

As the season is so far advanced that it
would be a serious loss and inconvenience to our
business to cut off or remove the building at the
present time.

Jay F. Dodge

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 14, 1874
Resolved, together with the accompanying letter,
to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, in
the face of this Board.

Attest: Justus A. Jacobs, City Clerk

Attest:

J. J. Jacobs, A. Alderman

Superintendent of

Highway in State

Nov. 14, 1874

Cambridge Port Nov. 14. 1874.
Dear Sir,

By an order recently passed, the City have decided to widen Magazine Street by taking a strip of land belonging to my estate. The carrying out of this Order will involve the cutting off of the front of the provision store now occupied by Messrs. May and Dodge, as there is not space in the rear of the building to allow of its being moved back; an examination of the building shows that it would be unwise to do anything with it in the way of cutting off or remodelling; it will therefore be best to remove and rebuild. The season is too far advanced to do this to advantage, and besides, it would seriously incom-

moderate and injure the present occupants, as the present and coming months are rather the harvest time for that business.

I have therefore come to the conclusion to ask the indulgence of the City Fathers in allowing the building to remain as at present, to a time extending out beyond the first of May next coming. Such remaining not to affect the Award made by the City, but only accord to me as a matter of favor. If in your view the interests of the City will allow of such indulgence, will you please favor the petition I shall send to the Board of Aldermen. If on the other hand you consider that the interests of the City require the immediate cutting ^{off} or removal, then, I shall expect that you

will act on the ground that private interests must give way to public requirements, and our relations of kindness and friendship will in no way be affected thereby.

Yours truly,
J. A. Holmes

Wm. L. Whitney Esq.
Cambridge