

Feb. 6. 1873.

To J. Warren Cotton,

Clk of the Common Council:-

Sir:-

I hereby request you
to retain until the next meeting of the Common Council
the Order in relation to the Shapen Congregational Society's claim for damages. and I
hereby give you notice that I intend at the next
meeting to move a reconsideration of the vote by
which said Order was adopted.

John W. Forley

Cambridge Jan. 11th 1873.

Mr Snow

Allow me to give the facts regarding the land taken to widen Mason Street. The Society do not wish to make expense, but the award is not such as ought be accepted. I would like to leave it to judicious Referees, and the City may appoint them.

Six months before we commenced to build, I sent a petition to the City Council, in which was mentioned that we were about building a permanent "Stone Church" building, and if the City purposed to widen Mason Street, desired to be informed, as the location of the building would be determined thereby.

The communication was submitted to the proper Committee; both Committees met on the premises, discussed the matter, and some weeks after the City Committee reported inexpedient to widen Mason Street, and so informed the Society. After the heavy foundation and cellar were completed, (some \$5000.- expended), notice was served that the street was to be widened. Fortunately we had crowded the building from the street very considerably, still it defeated our plans to considerable extent, especially requiring alterations in our Chapel arrangements, disappointing our cherished plans in that particular.

The case is ready to be heard, and we have no fear of the result as "we have the right", notwithstanding the assurance of eminent Counsel of the strong points in the case.

~~Now~~.

Now for the value of the land
over

The Society paid in January 1867, 50 cents per foot for the entire lot, add the interest and taxes, and the cost is 75 or 80 cents. this is fair as no income was derived from the land. The City have taken from the best part of course. = add to this the amount paid for grading and filling that part taken by the City, which the Society paid some 6 or \$700. = for, a month only before it was taken, and the cost will be quite near 1.00 per foot. this last expense the City would have incurred, had we not filled the land.

3400 feet of land is taken = the award is about \$2200. = for ~~the~~ the land and grading. We will accept \$3000. = if no more delay or expense is made.

or will accept the suggestion of one of the Assessors, that the matter be referred to the City Solicitor & City Clerk with full power.

Will you do me the favor to consider this matter, and if it approves itself to you, take the necessary steps to reach a settlement. If so please do so at your next meeting, as Mr. Russell says it must be heard in order at once before the Commission.

Respectfully,

W. A. Saunders

for Shep. Con. Society. }

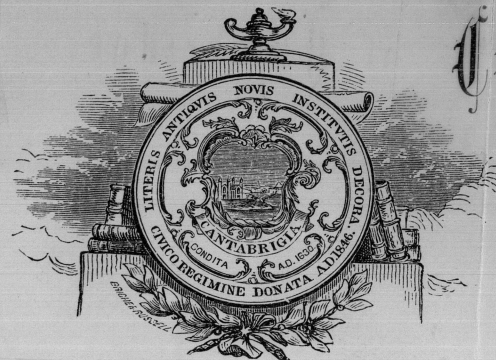
Communication

from Shepard Corp. Soc.

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City of Cambridge.

OFFICE OF

Clerk of Committees,

Feb. 28. 1873

At the meeting of the Com.
on Roads & Bridges held 27th inst,
it was
Voted,

To agree with
the Shepard Cong. Society's proposal,
the City to pay \$2,000., and the
Society to withdraw its appeal,

Attest J. Warrenton
Clerk of Com.

To
Hon. C. I. Russell
Counsel

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Jan^y 29th 1873

Ordered, That the committee on Roads and Bridges be and hereby are authorized to agree with the ~~Congreg~~ Shepard Congregational Society for settlement of said society's appeal from award of damages for widening of Mason street on payment by the city to said society of the sum of three thousand dollars, if in the judgment of said committee such settlement is expedient-

Feb. 5. 1873. Adopted. Sent - closed for
commencement.

Attest, J. W. Cotton, City Clerk
In Common Council Feb. 5, 1873

Concurred, Attest, J. W. Cotton, Clerk

Approved, Feb. 12, 1873.

Isaac Bradford
Mayor.

Mason St.

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Damages to Staph and
Congregation of Society

Jan 29. 1873.

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Received

Gift of Copyright

In Board of Trustees

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