

EXPERT APPRAISERS
OF REAL ESTATE

TELEPHONES
2338 MAIN AND 3490 FORT HILL
JOHN HOLLAND, PRES.

HOLLAND & CO.

REAL ESTATE BROKERS

MEMBER REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE
85 DEVONSHIRE STREET
BOSTON. 9, MASS.

INVESTMENTS
FACTORIES, FACTORY SITES.
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MANUFACTURING SPACE
STORES & STORAGE
COUNTRY ESTATES

Jan. 13, 1921.

Cambridge City Council,
City Clerk's Office.

Gentlemen:

We wish to withdraw our offer made some time ago with the City of Cambridge, to purchase the Reed Street School House, located on Reed St. North Cambridge, as our client, The American Guaranteed Tooth Co., have purchased a building elsewhere, as their time was limited, and they would not wait the delay carried out by the City Council.

Kindly release my offer through your regular channel, and oblige,

Yours truly,

Holland & Co.

 Pres.

JVH/H

Communication from Holland
& Co. Real Estate Brokers
withdrawing offer to purchase
Reed St. School House

January 18, 1921
Referred to Committee on
Public Property &
Public Institutions
Frederick H. Banks Clerk

In City Council
MAY 31 1921
Report of "Leave to Withdraw"
accepted.

Frederick H. Banks City Clerk

South Acton, Mass.
August 13, 1920.

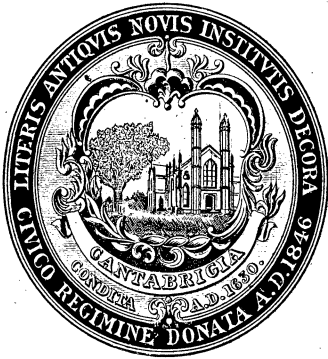
Gentlemen: -

I understand that
the farm owned by the
City of Cambridge in South
Acton is for sale would
you consider \$1600.00 cash
for the farm?

Yours truly,

H. W. Bursaw

South Acton
Mass.



Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts

August 16th, 19 20.

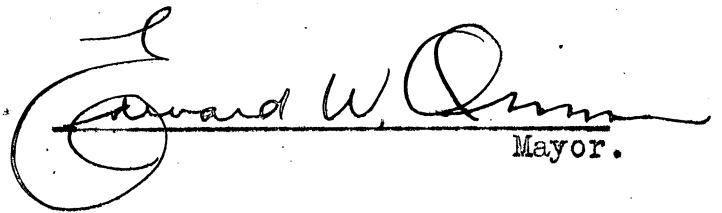
To the

Honorable the City Council of the

City of Cambridge:-

I submit herewith a communication from H.W.Bursaw of So. Acton, Mass. dated August 13th, submitting an offer of \$1,600. cash for land owned by the City of Cambridge in So. Acton.

Respectfully,


Mayor.

NEW PURSANT
relative to city land
at So. Acton.
Aug 16, 1920.

In City Council Aug. 19, 1920
Referred to the Council on
Public Property and Public
Improvements
J. J. Quinn City Clerk.

In City Council MAY 1 1921
Report of "Leave to Withdraw"
accepted.

Fredrick H. B. City Clerk

Cambridge Board of Trade

698 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

CAMBRIDGE 39, MASS.



Chairman,

Committee on Public Property
& Public Institutions,
City Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

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E. B. ROBERTSON

January 12, 1921

Chairman,
Committee on Public Property
and Public Institutions,
City Hall,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Early in October of last year a representative of the American Guaranteed Tooth Company, Inc., of 883 Boylston Street, Boston, became interested in Cambridge as a place in which to establish their new plant. The president of this concern is Dr. S. Myerson.

After looking over the district they were shown the Reed Street Schoolhouse in North Cambridge, which has not been in use by the school committee for some time.

The assessed valuation of this building was approximately \$5600. This valuation, however, was placed before a considerable amount of material had been removed from the building, following its disuse by the school authorities. I am informed that the probable valuation today is considerably less than the above named figure. At any rate, early in November an offer was made by the American Guaranteed Tooth Company of approximately \$4500., which offer I think you will find is considered a fair one by Mr. Haverty.

This firm has endeavored many times in the past three months to have some action taken by the City Council so that they

can move their place of business from Boston to Cambridge. Dr. Myerson said he has been unable to get any information in regard to the matter. They have got to move from where they are very shortly and have had several offers from districts outside of Boston. They would, however, like to come to Cambridge, and we should like to have them. It is their intention to occupy the building as it stands for a short time, and then within a year to build in addition. They will employ about 100 people within a few months.

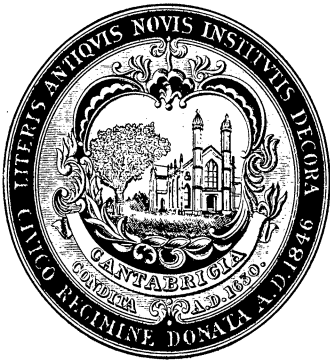
Would it not be possible for you to have this matter taken up with your committee as soon as possible so that Dr. Myerson will know one way or the other whether or not the city is willing to accept his offer of purchase. I think you will agree with me that three months seems a rather long time for the City to decide whether it wishes to sell a building which is not being used.

Your earnest consideration of this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

M. F. P. Nichols

Secretary



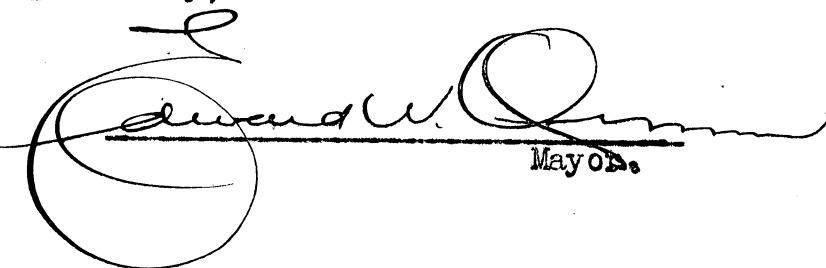
*Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts*

December 28th, 19 20.

To the Committee on Public Property of the
Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:—

I transmit herewith a communication
from John V. Holland, dated Dec. 28th, 1920, submitting an amended
offer in amount, \$5,700.00 for the purchase of the Reed Street
Schoolhouse property in Cambridge.

Respectfully,


Mayor.

Cambridge, Mass. Dec. 28th, 1920.

To the

Committee on Public Property

in City of Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:—

May I respectfully call your attention to a communication from me dated Nov. 12th, 1920, making an offer of \$4,000.00 for the purchase of the Reed Street School property.

I understand this communication is now before your committee. And I am writing at this time making an amended proposal, offering \$5,700.00 for the property.

I sincerely trust that this proposition may be settled and the sale authorized at meeting of the City Council this date, which I understand is to be the last of the present members.

Respectfully,

John V. Holland

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F.H. 3490*

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November 12, 1920.

Hon. Edward Quinn,
Mayor of Cambridge,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Quinn,-

In regards to school property on Reed Street, North Cambridge, which belongs to the City of Cambridge, I have a written offer of \$4000, with a check of \$500 from the American Guaranteed Tooth Co., Joseph Myerson, Treas., for the school house property situated on Reed Street, Cambridge. Will you kindly take this matter up with the City Council, and give me an answer as soon as possible.

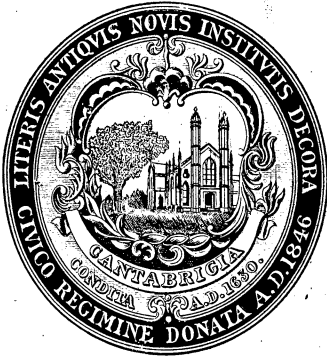
Also have a letter from Mr. Myerson, stating that he will paynd a regular commission on the passage of the deeds provided the sale is made.

Very truly yours,

John C. Holland

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*Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts*

November 16th, 19 20.

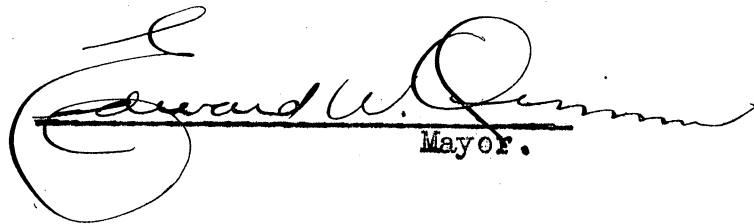
To the

Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:-

I transmit herewith a communication
from John Holland 85 Devonshire st. Boston, Mass. dated Nov. 12th,
1920, stating that he has a written offer of four thousand dol-
lars for the Schoolhouse property situated on Reed st. Cambridge.

I recommend that this matter be given consideration so that
so that Mr. Holland may have an answer to his offer as soon as pos-
sible, as he requests.

Respectfully,


Mayor.

Communications
from Mayor transmitting
one from John Holland -
offer for Schoolhouse Property on
Reed Street.

Sept 1918

Discontinued

Jan 1919

referred to Mayor

Referred to Public Property
and Public Institutions

in City of November 23, 1920

Referred to the Committee on

PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

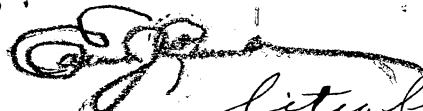
Thomas J. Conrick

Asst. City Clerk City Clerk

In City Council Nov. 23, 1920.

Referred to the Committee on
Public Property and Public
Institutions

Attest:


City Clerk.

WILSON, JUGGINS & MURPHY

HOWARD A. WILSON
FRANCIS JUGGINS
THOMAS F. MURPHY
WILLIAM J. CRONIN

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW
308 SEARS BUILDING
BOSTON

December 9, 1919.

Honorable Edward W. Quinn,
Mayor of Cambridge,
City Hall,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

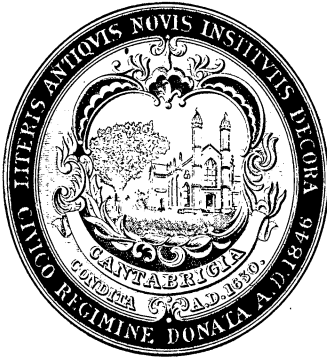
In answer to your letter of December 8, I wish to advise you that after conference with the people who are interested in the property now belonging to your city in Acton, if you can give us the assurance that an offer of \$1500 for the property will be accepted, without any adjustment of taxes and always assuming that the acreage is the same as shown on the Gourley plan made by the City Engineer, I am instructed to authorize you to make that offer to the City Council at its meeting today. This is positively the highest figure my people will pay for the property and think that it is more than its full value for most purposes.

Yours truly,

HAW/C



1897
\$7000



*Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts*

December 9, 1919.

To the Honorable the City Council
of the City of Cambridge:-

I transmit herewith a communication from Howard A. Wilson, Esq. offering to purchase parcel of land located in the town of Acton, Mass. and owned by the City of Cambridge for the sum of Fifteen Hundred (1500) Dollars.

Respectfully,

Edward W. Quinn
Mayor.

Communication

from Mayor transmitting one from
H. A. Wilson rel. to purchase of
City land in Acton, Mass.

In City Council *Dec. 9, 1919*
Referred to the Committee on
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
STANDARD INSTITUTIONS

[Signature]
City Clerk

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Present at next meeting

WILSON, JUGGINS & MURPHY

ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW

308 SEARS BUILDING

BOSTON

HOWARD A. WILSON

FRANCIS JUGGINS

THOMAS F. MURPHY

WILLIAM J. CRONIN

Cornell
ans. Jan 17-20

January 16, 1920.

Honorable Edward W. Quinn,

City Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:

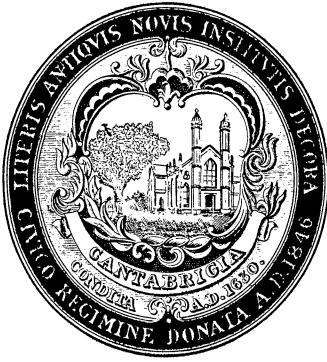
There has been so much delay in acting upon my offer in connection with the land in Acton belonging to the City of Cambridge, that I feel in justice to every one concerned with the matter I should say to you that unless the offer is acted upon favorably by next Tuesday that you treat the offer as withdrawn.

Yours truly,

Howard A. Wilson

HAW/C

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Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts

January 17th, _____ 19__ 20.

To the

Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:-

I transmit herewith a communication
from Edward A. Wilson, Esq. dated Jan. 16th, 1920, concerning proposed
purchase of land in the town of Acton belonging to the City of Cam-
bridge.

Very truly yours,

Edward W. Quinn
Mayor.

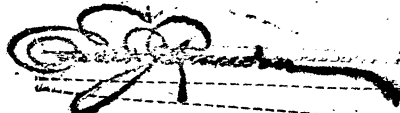
COMMUNICATION

from the Mayor, transmitting
one from Edmund A. Wilson Esq
relative to purchase of land
in town of Acton.

January 1920.

In City Council January 20, 1920

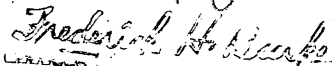
Transferred to the Committee on
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND
INSTITUTIONS


City Clerk

In City Council

MAY 31 1921

Report of "Leave to Withdraw"
accepted



City Clerk

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SHOT"



MURRAY BALLOU, PRES.

E.B. DRAKE, VICE PRES. & TREAS.

American Powder Mills

GUNPOWDER MANUFACTURERS

BOSTON, 131 STATE STREET.

CHICAGO, 7 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET. ST. LOUIS, ~~BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING.~~ 2036 RAILWAY EXCHANGE BUILDING.

~~DES MOINES, 319 W. GRAND AVE.~~

Boston, March 20, 1918

Hon. Edward W. Quinn, Mayor,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

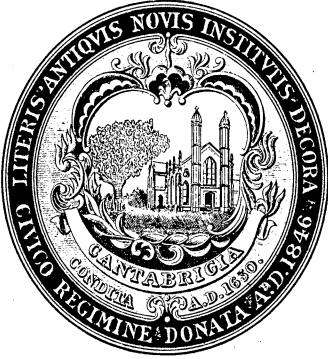
We beg to submit to you a cash offer
for thirty (30) acres, more or less, of land owned
by the city of Cambridge and located in the town
of Acton, Mass. For this property we agree to pay
the City of Cambridge fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre.

Yours very truly,

American Powder Mills,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Murray Ballou". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned below the printed name of the company.

President.



*Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts*

March 21st, 19 18.

To the

Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:-

I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Murray W. Ballou, President of the American Powder Mills, submitting an offer of fifty (\$50.) dollars per acre for thirty (30) acres, more or less, of land owned by the City of Cambridge, and located in the Town of Acton, Massachusetts.

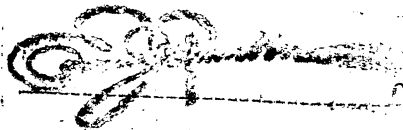
Respectfully,

Edward W. Quinn
Mayor.

CONTRIBUTION

from the Mayor, transmitting
one from Murray W. Ballou
President of American Poudre Mills
submitting an offer for land
owned by the City in Acton Mass
March 1918.

In City Council March 26, 1918.
PUBLIC PROPERTY AND
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

 J. J. Black


MAY 31 1921
Report of "Leave to Withdraw"
accepted.

Frederick H. Black
City Clerk

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SHOT"



MURRAY BALLOU, PRES.

E.B. DRAKE, VICE PRES. & TREAS.

American Powder Mills

GUNPOWDER MANUFACTURERS

BOSTON, 131 STATE STREET. 2036 RAILWAY EXCHANGE BUILDING
CHICAGO, 7 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET. ST. LOUIS, BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING.
DES MOINES, 319 W. GRAND AVE.

Boston, April 14, 1919.

Mr. Daniel J. Toomey,
Clerk of Committees,
City of Cambridge,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of April 11th we have to advise you that our offer of March 20, 1918 for land owned by the City of Cambridge and located in the town of Acton, Mass. still holds good. That is, that we offer you \$50. per acre for thirty, acres more or less; terms cash upon delivery of deed with clear title.

Yours very truly,

American Powder Mills,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read 'Murray Ballou'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes. It is positioned over the printed name 'Murray Ballou' and the word 'President'.

President.

BALLOU, PRES.

Ans'd. May 19, 1915.
For Mayor's consideration.

E. B. DRAKE, VICE PRES. & TREAS.

American Powder Mills

GUNPOWDER MANUFACTURERS.

BOSTON, 131 STATE STREET.

CHICAGO, 7 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET. ST. LOUIS, BANK OF COMMERCE BUILDING.
DES MOINES, 319 W. GRAND AVE.

Boston, May 19, 1915

His Honor the Mayor,
Timothy W. Good,
Cambridge, Mass.

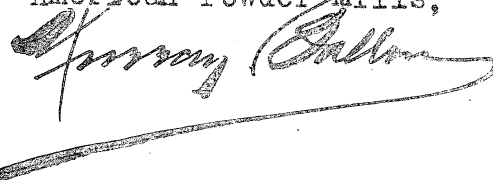
Dear Sir:-

We understand that the City of Cambridge desires to sell its real estate located at South Acton, Mass. which has in the past been used for sand purposes. It is also our understanding that there is about 31 acres in this property. This being the case, we beg to offer you the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per acre for the whole tract, cash to be paid upon delivery of papers with clear title.

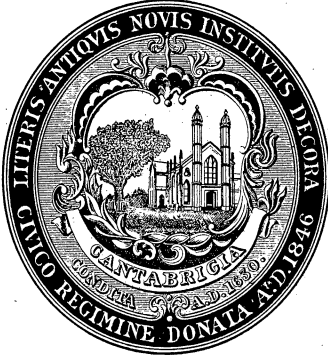
Kindly let us hear from you at your convenience, and oblige,

Yours very truly,

American Powder Mills,



President.



*Office of the Mayor
Cambridge Massachusetts*

May 21st, 1915.

To the

Honorable the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:-

I transmit herewith a communication from Mr. Murray Ballou, President, American Powder Mills, submitting an offer of Fifty Dollars (\$50.) per acre for a parcel of land owned by the City of Cambridge, and located at So. Acton, Mass.

Respectfully,

Timothy W. Goddard

Mayor.

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COMMUNICATION :

from the Mayor, transmitting
one from Mr. Murray Ballou of
American Ponder Mills
relative to purchase of land in
South Acton, Mass.

May 1915

May 25, 1915.
Board of Aldermen

Referred to Committee on

Public Property

Sent to the Common Council for concurrence

Ed. Prudden City Clerk.

IN COMMON COUNCIL

May 25, 1915

CONCURRED

ATTEST Wm. A. Cormican CLERK

MAY 31 1921

In City Council

Report of "Leave to Withdraw"
accepted

Fredrick H. Beale City Clerk

City of Cambridge

In City Council May 31, 1921.

The

Committee on Public Property and Public
Institutions

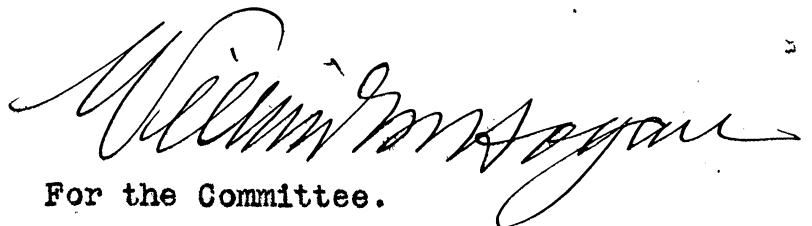
to which were referred sundry communications

Reports

Recommending leave to withdraw on

the following:-

- 1 H. W. Bursar relative to City land at South Acton.
- 2 Holland & Co. withdrawing offer to purchase Reed St. Schoolhouse.
- 3 Edward A. Wilson relative to purchase of land in Acton.
- 4 Murray W. Ballou (2) relative to purchase of land in South Acton.


For the Committee.

REPORT

Committee on Public Property
and Public Institutions
recommending leave to withdraw
on sundry communications.

- 1- H. W. Bursar relative to land at S. Acton
- 2- Holland & Co. relative to Reed St. Schoolhouse
- 3- E. A. Wilson relative to land at S. Acton
- 4- M. A. Ballou " " " " " "

Report received, and
recommendation **ADOPTED.**

Attest: Fredrick H. H. H.
City Clerk.