



City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen

~~MAYOR'S OFFICE,~~

Feb. 19, th 1862.

The Joint-Special Committee appointed to appear before the Committee of the Legislature in the matter of the "Cambridge Great-Bridge" & other matters, would respectfully report in reference to the Great-Bridge:-

That, upon a suggestion from the Selectmen of Brighton and in accordance with their own views and feelings, they met the Selectmen to see if some mode of superintending the Bridge in future could not be agreed upon by the parties in interest. Several interviews have been held and a free interchange of views had. The parties met with an apparent desire to settle the vexed question fairly and equitably and have agreed upon the following adjustment, subject to the approval of the Town of Brighton and the City Council of Cambridge, the same, if so approved, to be established by an Act of the Legislature, substantially like the form subjoined, a copy of which is to be laid before the Citizens of Brighton at their Town Meeting this evening, and which is submitted for your action.

John S. Bates

Geo. P. Carter

J. H. Tyler

Chas. Thos. Russell, Mayor

Lewis Davis

Wm. H. Saunders

An Act in relation to the rebuilding of "Cambridge
Island Bridge" over Charles River, between the City of Cam-
bridge and the Town of Brighton, and the future care
and support of said Bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:—

Section 1. The City of Cambridge and the inhabitants
of the Town of Brighton are hereby authorized and re-
quired to rebuild the "Island Bridge" over Charles River,
between the City of Cambridge and the Town of Brighton,
in a substantial and proper manner:— the same to be
made of the width of twenty-eight feet, with a beam in
the centre thereof, at an equal distance from each abut-
ment, of not less than thirty-two feet in width, and with
the necessary and proper draw-piers, one above and one
below said Bridge. The expense incurred in such rebuild-
ing of the Bridge and piers shall be borne by said City of
Cambridge and said Town of Brighton in proportion to the
respective valuations of said City and Town:—but all the
additional expense incurred in deepening the channel below
said Bridge, so as to admit of placing the beam in the
centre of said Bridge, shall be borne equally by said
City and Town.

Section 2. The Bridge, when it shall have been rebuilt as aforesaid, shall be divided by a line along the opening in the middle of said Draw, at an equal distance from each abutment, and said line shall forever be the dividing line between Cambridge and Brighton, at that point.

Section 3. So much of said Bridge and Draw as shall lie South Westerly of said dividing line, together with the most Southwesterly pier, shall be forever supported, maintained and repaired, and the South Westerly half of the Draw shall be raised, by and at the expense of said Town of Brighton, and so much of said Bridge and Draw as shall lie North Easterly of said dividing line, together with the most Northerly pier, shall be forever supported, maintained, and repaired, and the North Easterly half of the Draw shall be raised by and at the expense of said City of Cambridge.

Section 4. For the purpose of placing the Draw of said Bridge in the center of the same, as above provided, said City and Town are authorized and empowered to deepen the channel in said river, so far as may be necessary for that purpose.

Section 5. All acts, or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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"Cambridge Great-Bridge"

Feb. 18, 1962.