

Cambridge, May 12, 1859.

To the Honorable Mayor, Aldermen
and Common Council, of the City
of Cambridge:—

The undersigned long a citizen
of Cambridge, respectfully asks the
attention of your Honorable Board
to the proposition or rather the sugges-
tion which he has to make.

Taking into view the constantly
increasing numbers of its inhabitants,
together with the added wealth yearly
accumulating, it is well that heed be
taken for the future accommodations
that will be found necessary for the
health, convenience, and recreation of
said increase yet in the future, as
well as to the adornment of Cambridge,
allied as she is by Historical and
Revolutionary incidents.

I therefore respectfully suggest
to your Honorable Board the favoring
the purchase by the City of the whole
area of land on both sides of the
Grand Junction Rail Road, lying

Notice of J. W. Briggs.

Purchase of land for a

Public Park.

May 10, 1859.

between Hampshire Broadway, and Cambridge streets south and north, and Portland and Court streets, west and east, to be laid out as a public Park, or common, to be dedicated to the free use of the citizens of Cambridge and their descendants, forever.

The purchase now by the City can be made cheap, in comparison to what such land may be had for in years to come.

The utility of such a course on the part of the City, cannot fail to be appreciated by every citizen. While other cities are looking forward and taking measures for their several benefits, especially New York, and even London, who says she is not the London of 1800, on account of the immense increase of her population, and who proposes to expend one hundred millions of dollars for her enlargement) let not Cambridge, the time-honored seat of learning, be deprived of land in its healthful, pleasant,

as well as useful and recreative adornments.

Let not the golden opportunity be lost. Now is the time to add to classic Cambridge, a Park which shall not only be "a beauty forever," but a blessing to the poor as well as to the rich, to the young and the aged, to fathers, mothers, and little children.

Very respectfully,
J. N. Bang

In Board of Aldermen. May 10, 1859 -

Laid upon the table.

Attest. Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.