

We the Undersigned respectfully petition his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cambridge to allow the use of the Common for the game of football which has been prohibited for the following reasons.

1. Injury to the trees —

2. Danger to passers-by —

In the former petition the above statements were made without any attempt at proof. It is plainly impossible to injure trees with a rubber football. As regards ourselves we naturally avoid the trees —

That passers-by are injured or are liable is a false accusation. No passer-by has ever been injured in any way by the ball. It is moreover the custom, which is strictly adhered to, to suspend the game while ladies are passing. The game is only played one hour a day. It appears to us unjust to prohibit football while baseball is allowed; a game universally acknowledged to be injurious to grounds & dangerous to those passing, so much so that it

was prohibited from the greater part
of the Boston Common Play Ground—

We would add that the Common
is the only available ground on
which it is possible to play foot-
ball. The Ground adjoining the
"Scientific School" is not fit for the
game and could not be made so
under 2 Years. We ask that a hearing
may be granted us—

We respectfully subscribe ourselves.

Henry R. Grant—

Edward C. Simmons.

Francis C. Faulkner

W. Burghyn

— and many others. —

Morton H. Price

Arthur B. Ellis.

R. Kidner

In Board of Aldermen. Dec. 8, 1873.
Referred to the Committee on Public Property.
with instructions to give the Petitioners a hearing.
Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

Petition
of Henry R. Grant & Co.
Fishkill in Council

Oct 4, 1873.

Use of Common for foot-ball

To his Honor the Mayor and the Board
of aldermen of the City of Cambridge.

We the undersigned respectfully beg
that the accompanying petition may be
granted.

names	residence
Mary E. Howe	2 Garden St.
Archibald M. Howe	4 "
Jas Murray Howe	4 "
J. J. Hastings	5 "
Wm. D. Vaughan	8 "
Maria D. Fay	9 "
Ellie Weston	9 "
Geo. H. Palmer	3 "
William Mills	1 "
Louisa L. Ware	7 Waterhouse
Mrs E. L. Hodges	1 "
Mrs. M. E. Cate	16 Garden St.
Mrs Theo L. Parker	18 Garden St.
Mrs John Read	22 Garden St.
Mrs. A. Holm D. Hamer	26 " "
Mrs E. & J. J. J. J.	
Mrs. W. B. Goodwin	Follen St.
Francis Bowen	" "
Mrs. Howard J. J. J.	" "
Mrs. J. M. Whittemore Jr.	15 Follen St.
Mrs. P. J. Jackson Jr.	" "
B. Pickman Mann	" "
Alfred Wood	

Jos. A. Ruggie
 H. S. Wright
 P. E. Cassean
 H. S. Eustis
 John P. Adams
 M. R. O'Connor
 George H. Lyon
 John H. Balch
 J. S. Winchell
 Edmund R. Prescott
 C. B. Porter
 J. H. Whitton
 C. H. Billings
 C. A. Pearson

Harvard Sq.

430 Harvard St —

In Board of Aldermen. Dec. 8, 1873.

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 a hearing.

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Petition
of Mary E. Howard
Follower in Census
Oct. 8, 1873.

Protest
of B. Pickman against
Football on Common

Oct. 29. 1873.

Received of B. Pickman, Oct. 29, 1873,
a protest against the use of the Common for
Football on the Common, and a petition
for its removal.

B. Pickman Mann

Recommends measures of relief from the depredations of Insects, and offers his services to Farmers, Gardeners, Merchants, Housekeepers, and others, at reasonable rates, for the detection, identification, and destruction of insects injurious to vegetation and to property.

Fee for information in person or by letter, two dollars. Assistance and correspondence offered freely to entomologists, and the like solicited from them.

Instruction in the elements and principles of Entomology and Botany will be given by lectures, demonstrations, or otherwise.

Mr. MANN can be found at his office, No. 19 Follen Street, Cambridge, Mass., from three to five o'clock in the afternoon of every Tuesday. Persons interested in the subject of Entomology are cordially invited to call.

25 Oct. 1873.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Cambridge:

Gentlemen.

Lately I signed a petition that the use of the "Old Cambridge Common" should be allowed for games of Foot-ball, but I did so under the impression that it was only for chance games that the Common was wanted. As I learn that it is proposed to have regular "match games" I hereby withdraw my name from the said petition, and petition that the use of the Common be not allowed, for I fear the destruction of the trees and the ruin of the sward.

Respectfully, B. Pickman Mann

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 5, 1873.

~~Ordered,~~

The Committee on Public Property
to which were referred, petition of Henry R.
Grant et al for use of the Common for
the game of football, and petition of
Mary C. Howe et al in aid of the same,
having heard the parties,

Reports

recommending
that petitioners have leave to withdraw,

For the Committee,
Jesse H. Collins

Accepted.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

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No Football on the Common
Nov. 5, 1873.