

• City • of • Cambridge. •

May 15. 1888.

Hon. Wm E. Russell,  
Mayor of Cambridge.

Dear Sir:- It is not probable that I shall be able to be present at the meeting of the Board of Aldermen this evening; and therefore I desire to state, respecting the tree on Clinton Street, that I do not think public necessity or convenience require its removal as petitioned for, and if the abutters equally interested are not agreed, then the tree should not be sacrificed.

I am, very respectfully,

Edw. W. Hinchas

Chairman Com. on R. & B.

Cambridge, May 8, 1888.

To the Honorable, The Board of Aldermen.

Gentlemen:--

I herewith return without my approval the order of your Board adopted May 1, 1888, directing the Superintendent of Streets to remove the tree on Clinton Street, opposite the dividing line between numbers 21 & 23 on said street. The tree is a handsome shade-tree in sound condition,--being one of a line of trees that add much to the beauty of that street. In my opinion, the removal of the tree would be an injury to the street, and against the public interest. Its removal has been requested by only two persons, who own estates in its vicinity, on account of some trifling injury the tree causes their estates. One of the petitioners, Mr. Sawyer, has, since the order was adopted by your Board, changed his mind and believes now that the removal of the tree would be an injury to him, and he desires that it be not removed. In my opinion, this City should be careful to preserve shade-trees now in its public streets, and make some effort to fill the many bare places on the streets by the planting of new trees each year, and should not remove any healthy, vigorous shade-tree until, after mature consideration, it seems to be ~~an improvement~~ of public benefit or necessity. Even if the interest of the only petitioner that remains would be served by the adoption of this order, it



seems to me that that interest must yield to the general interest of the whole public.

Very respectfully  
W. E. Russell

To the Honorable, The Board of Aldermen.

Mayor.

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Cambridge, Dec. 28 1887

To the Honorable, the Mayor, and Aldermen,  
of the City of Cambridge

The undersigned respectfully pray ~~that~~ that two trees  
situated in front of the estate of Chas. C.  
Sawyer, 21 Clinton St, may be removed.

C. A. Sawyer  
H. N. Cotton.

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PETITION

of *Charles H. Sawyer* <sup>et al</sup>  
for *removal of trees.*

*Dec 28* 1887

*in dissent.*

*O. J.*

In Board of Aldermen, *Dec* 28 1887

Referred to ~~Committee on~~  
the next Board of Aldermen

Attest: *Walt W. Phi*

City Clerk.



# City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, May 1. 1888.

~~Ordered,~~

Whereas,

In the opinion of this Board the public necessity and convenience require the removal of the tree hereinafter mentioned, and public notice thereof having been given and a hearing thereon having been had according to law,

It is therefore hereby

Ordered,

That the Superintendent of Streets be directed to cause the removal of the tree standing on the northeasterly side of Clinton Street, nearly opposite the dividing line between nos 21 & 23 on said street.

The expense thereof to be charged to the appropriation for Shade Trees and Public Grounds.

—attest Walter W. Pike City Clerk

Order

for the removal of a tree  
standing on sidewalk opposite  
No. 21 Clinton St.

May 1. 1888..



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, May 1. 1888.

Standing  
The Committee on Roads and Bridges,

to which was referred the petition of Char. A. Sawyer  
and another, praying for the removal of a tree at  
no 21 Blinton Street,

Reports,

Recommending the  
adoption of the accompanying order for the removal of  
said tree.

For the Committee,  
Edw. W. Hinkes  
Chairman

## REPORT.

*Standing*

Committee on

*Roads & Bridges**recommending the removal of a  
tree at no. 21 Clinton St.**May 1. 1888*