

To the City Council of the City of Cambridge

The Trustees of the Dana Library respectfully pray that the ordinance in relation to the Library may be altered and amended so that it shall hereafter be called the Cambridge Public Library

There are many reasons which influence the Trustees to this course, among which are the following. The present title of the Library is a misleading one; for by it many are led to believe that it is a private library; others have the impression that it is supported by funds derived from private benefactions; and still others, that it was originally established by a citizen of Cambridge, and his name given to it in consequence.

The history of the Library does not, in the view of your petitioners justify these conclusions. The Library is the property of the City. It is supported wholly by the City, with the exception of the income of one thousand dollars, bequeathed by the late Isaac Fay, Esq. The funds for its support are derived from taxation of the citizens; and it is as free to all the people as the schools or the streets.

Your petitioners therefore believe that a change of name will be beneficial in many ways. It will

lead to a better understanding among our people, of their relations to the Library; and also of its connection with the city government upon which it relies for support; and thus result in a higher appreciation, and a more general diffusion of its benefits among all classes of our population. And we are not without hope, that, when it becomes thoroughly understood that it is the public library of the City of Cambridge, there will be those among us who will recognize its value, by benefactions of money or books, or works of art.

In conclusion we venture to repeat, that the library is a public one; that it is entirely free; and is the exclusive property of the City. We submit therefore to the Council, that the title proposed is the most fitting one that could be given to it.

Respectfully, in behalf and by order of
the Trustees of the Dana Library

John S. March
Secretary of the Board

April 2, 1879.

In Board of Agedmen, April 2, 1878.
Referred to the Committee on Ordinances,
Sens-adopted for concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Concurred,
Approved April 11. 1879
Attest,
J. W. Cotton, Clerk

Saml Lutton Mayor

Petition of
the Trustees of the
Yana Library
April 2. 1879.

City of Cambridge,

In the year One Thousand
Eight Hundred and Seventy-nine.

An Ordinance
in amendment of an Ordinance in
relation to the Dana Library,

Be it ordained by the City
Council of the City of Cambridge, as
follows:

Section 1. Section One of Chapter Six
of the revised ordinances is hereby amended
by striking out the words "Dana Library"
at the end of the second line, and inserting
in place thereof the words "Cambridge Public
Library."

Section 2. Section Eight of said Chapter
Six is also amended by striking out the
word "Dana" in the eighth line, and insert-
ing in place thereof the words "Cambridge
Public"

In Board of Aldermen April 30. 1879.

Passed to be enrolled.

Attest - Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

In Common Council May 14, 1879,

Passed to be enrolled, Attest, J. W. Cotton, Clk,

An Ordinance
in Amendment of an
Ordinance in relation
to the Dana Library.

Apr 23, 1879

April 23, 1879 -

Read and

J. C. C., Apr 30, 1879
Tabled one week

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Apr 23. 1879

The Committee on Ordinances, which has referred a communication from the Board of Trustees of the Dana Library, praying that the name of said Library may be changed to that of Cambridge Public Library,

Reports, Recommending the passage of a accompanying Ordinance in amendment to the Ordinance in relation to the Dana Library, in accordance with the prayer of said communication,

For the Committee;

M. G. Howe

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Committee on Ordinances,
in petition of Trustees of
David Lebray,
Apr 23. 1879.