Office of City Engineer

Cambridge May 24, 1871.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen.

Gentlemen.

Under the ordinance relating to maintaining the lines of streets, it becomes my duty, as provided in Sec. 3 of said ordinance, to report to the Mayor and Aldermen continued disregard of the correct lines of public streets. Parties frequently apply to the City Engineer for the correct line of a street upon which it is contemplated to make an improvement or Erect any structure. This information is always imparted, often requiring much time and cost, when the right is assumed or taken to occupy permanently a portion of the street with the trimmings of a building or fence, a portion of the posts themselves and their cappings, or otherwise. Of this class of encroachments, there has just come to my knowledge the erection of a fence on Brattle St. opposite premises owned by the Massachusetts Episcopal Theological Seminary, and the fence now being erected on premises of Mrs. James Greenleaf; also the fence recently erected at the corner of Main and Remington Sts. by Alex. Ramsey. It is true the encroachments here named amount to from one to three inches only; but if permitted

to continue I know not why the occupancy of the public street may not be claimed, by all those desiring its improper use, for as many feet instead of inches.

Respectfully Submitted
J. G. Chase
City Engineer

In Board of Aldermen. May 24. 1871.
Referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges. on the part of this Board
Attest. Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

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from City Engineer.

Encroachments on Streets.

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