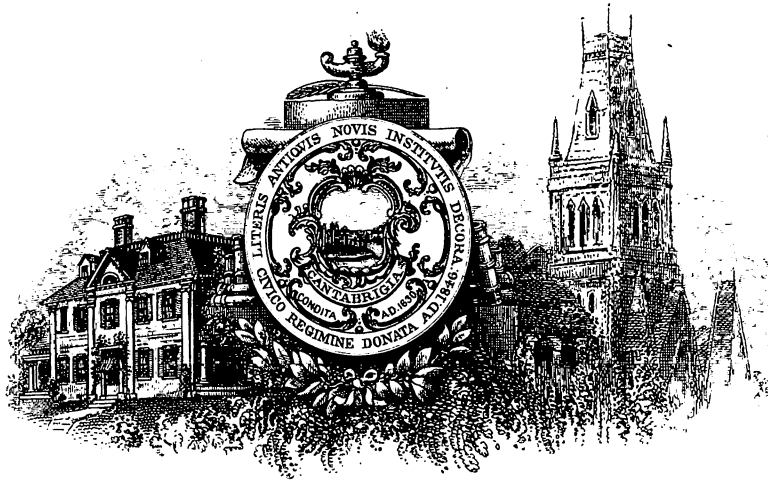




City of Cambridge.
Mayor's Office.

Cambridge, May 24, *1887.*
J. A. Lowell & Co. Boston

To The City Council.

Gentlemen:--

I herewith enclose a copy of an Act of the Legislature recently approved by the Governor, compelling the building of the new bridge between Cambridge and Boston.

By the terms of the Act, the Mayors of the cities of Boston and Cambridge, together with one discreet person to be chosen by them, are made commissioners to build the bridge. I am happy to announce to you that the Commission has been fully organized by the choice of Leander Greeley of Cambridge as the third commissioner.

The city engineer of Boston, Mr. Jackson, has been chosen by the Commission as the engineer for the construction of the bridge, and Mr. *Walter H.* French has been chosen clerk for the Commission.

Instructions have been given the engineer to proceed at once with all possible dispatch to prepare detailed plans and specifications, so that bids may be obtained and contracts made for the work; and the engineer is now engaged in this work.

The Act provides that the two cities shall raise and pay, upon the requisitions of the Commission, the expenses incurred. There

will be some expenses incurred at once. I, therefore, request that the city of Cambridge should make an appropriation from which may be taken its share of the expenses so incurred. The estimated cost of the bridge will be about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars ~~on~~ ^{for} each ~~side~~ ^{city}. Cambridge cannot yet appropriate this sum and keep within her debt limit, but I would suggest ~~that she~~ ^{an} appropriate ^{of} so much as she can ^{make} within that limit; and that this communication be referred to the Committee on finance for their consideration and report.

Yours respectfully,

Wm. Russell.
Mayor.

In Board of Aldermen May 25-1887
Referred to the Committee on Finance
Sent down for Concurrence

attest Walter H. Pike City Clerk

Suburban Council May 25, 1887.

Concurred:

Attest: Conrad J. Manning
Clerk

May 26, 1887 approved

Wm. Russell, Mayor.

Communication
from the Mayor in relation
to a bridge and avenue
across Charles River.

May 24. 1887.

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, *June 1.* 1887.

The Committee on *Finance,*

to which was referred ~~the petition~~ a communication from the Mayor, requesting an appropriation for "the construction of a bridge and avenue across Charles River," in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 155 of the Acts of the year 1882. and also of the recent Act of the year 1887. in relation thereto. Reports,

Recommending the adoption of the accompanying vote appropriating the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the purpose of constructing said bridge and avenue; - and authorizing the creation of a city debt for a like sum, payable in not exceeding thirty years from the date of issue, and at the rate of interest not exceeding four per cent, per annum.

For the Committee.

Edward R. Cogswell.

Committee on Finance,
upon communication from the Mayor
in relation to "the construction of
a bridge and avenue across Charles
River"

Order recommended, appropriating
\$ 100,000.—for the purpose.

June 1, 1887.

Ad. C. 99 mch.

June 1 =

Passed to a 2nd meeting