

street to the required grade, under the direction of the
Supt. of streets, but cannot see why they should and
will not assume any liability incurred by the adoption
of the new grade - Your petitioners have found two
principal objections urged by your committee against
the adoption of the proposed grade: the first that it
is not a public benefit, and the second that the new
building benefitted is located in the town of Somerville
and consequently that the taxes thereof will not accrue to
the City of Cambridge - It may be suggested in con-
nection with this that the North side of Gore St. at this
point, a few years ago, was a mere marsh com-
paratively valueless to the owners and returning to the
City a trifle of taxes where now substantial buildings
are standing and a large and increasing business daily
transacted netting the City a large amount in taxes -

On the South side immediately opposite their main
buildings your petitioners have lately erected a series
of dwellings, adding considerably to their taxable property;
while immediately abutting upon the street at the point
where the most filling is to be done to bring the street
to the prescribed grade they are transforming an un-
healthy and unsightly quagmire an acre in extent
into high ground available for business and very
available for taxation - Fronting this spot on Gore St.

To the Hon Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the
City of Cambridge.

The subscribers, owning the property abutting on the whole of one side of the street and a large part of the other, wishing to extend and enlarge the improvements made thereon to advantage, some time ago petitioned your honorable body that the grade of Gore St. from near Sixth St. to the R.R. crossing might be established, in order that their property so improved might be made practically available. The committee, to whom the petition was referred, after an extended and deliberate consideration of the matter, have been pleased to report recommending that the grade be established, provided the petitioners assume all liability incurred in raising the street to the grade established and also raise the edgestones and fill the street to the grade at their own expense. Your petitioners are not prepared to accept the conditions imposed upon them by the report of your committee, but are willing to assume a fair share of the expense and to that end proposed to your committee, through their chairman, that, if the City would reset the edgestones and cover the street with the usual dressing of stone, they would fill the

they have at an expense of not less than 250 dollars constructed a sidewalk 180 in length widening the street to its proper dimensions and making it fit and safe for public travel a job properly belonging to the City to do. While little has been done for their benefit (the street even in front of their premises not being always kept in adequate repair) much has been required of them as their share of the expense of the many improvements for the public benefit. Their taxes have been steadily increasing with the increase of their improvements until they are this year assessed upwards of 1200 dollars and while no fault is found that they should be taxed they consider it only just that a small portion of the fund so contributed should be used in the public road to make that road available for their use as well as that of the general public. That their new building should be located in Somerville instead of Cambridge may take from the treasury of Camb. City the amount of taxes paid to Somerville but it should be remembered that it is merely the extension of a building already located in Cambridge and that it facilitates and increases the business done therein and so increases the taxation in Cambridge. It will be remembered also that as much if not more has been asked of Somerville as of Cambridge and a ready

consent has been accorded to their request. As much or more of the proposed filling is in Somerville as in Cambridge and the town assumes the whole expense -

Your petitioners respectfully pray that the adopted report of your committee may be reconsidered and that the grade of Gore St. at the point previously named be established they furnishing the necessary filling to raise the street to the grade and that the City furnish the usual stone dressing and raise the edge stones to the required grade.

John P. Spure & Co

In Common Council Oct. 6, 1868
Referred to Joint Standing Committee on Roads & Bridges and
Sent up for concurrence - Attest J. W. Otton Clerk

In Board of Aldermen, Oct. 7, 1868.

Concurred -

attest J. W. Otton A. J. for cols.
city clerk.

Received of
John P. Spure & Co.
the sum of \$100.00
Oct. 11, 1868.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, ^{as Surveyors of Highways.} Sept. 16. 1868.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the part of this Board, to which was referred the Petition of John D. Squire & Co. and Mary A. Dooley, that the grade of Gore Street, between Sixth Street and the Railroad Crossing, may be established, has considered the same and would respectfully

Report, That the change of grade prayed for is solely for the benefit of John D. Squire & Co. A Plan of grade drawn by the City Engineer, dated July 15, 1868, is herewith submitted, and the Committee would recommend that the grade be established according to said Plan, provided John D. Squire will raise the edge stones and fill said street to the grade, all to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Streets, and will agree to save the City harmless from any claims for damages on the part of the abutters, on account of the change of grade. I. F. Woodbury, for the Committee.

Cambridge May 12th 1868.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor & Aldermen

The subscribers abutters on both sides of the westerly end of Gore St. Ward Three, intending to build thereon respectfully petition that the grade of said street may be established at that point, namely between sixth St. and the railroad crossing -

John P. Quinn & Co
Mary T. Dooley

In Board of Aldermen, May 13. 1868.
Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges in the Hall of this House.
Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

Petition
of John D. Squire & Co.
Graced of Good St.
May 13. 1860.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, Oct 14. 1868

Ordered,

The Committee on Roads & Bridges to whom was referred the Communication of J. P. Squire & Co. in reference to a Report of your Committee upon a petition from same parties, have given this Communication a careful consideration, and would respectfully Report. That from the facts as stated in the Communication referred to, they feel there is perhaps an injustice in their former report upon the subject, whereby they recommended that the grade of Gore St from near Sixth St to ^{Somerville line} R. & B. Company should be established by the City, & raised at the expense of the petitioners - they therefore would recommend, that so much of the prayer of the petitioners be granted - asking of the City to furnish the Stone Dressing for the Street after being raised to established grade by the petitioners - and that the City raise the edge Stones to the required grade.

Your Committee would recommend that this report be considered as an Appendix to their former report on same subject.
J. F. Woodbridge

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Oct. 14. 1868.