

Cambridge, April 13 1887

To the Honorable, the City Council,
of the City of Cambridge,

The undersigned respectfully ~~prays~~ represents that he is about to fence the St Paul's Church property on the Corner of Holyoke and Mt Auburn Streets, that the deed of the lot on which the Church now stands covers land beyond the line of the sidewalk in said Mt Auburn Street, and your petitioner respectfully prays that some amicable arrangements in the matter, may be made between himself and the City

Yours
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PETITION

of Rev Wm Orr
in relation to line for fence
on Mt Auburn St

April 13 1887

Wearing

Board of Aldermen April
In Common Council, 13 1887

Referred to the Committee on
Roads & Bridges Sent down for Concurrence

Attest: Walter H. Pike

City Clerk.

In Common Council
April 13 1887
Council
attest Emma W. Manning
Clerk

Wm Orr
John Russell
Manning

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen, *June 22^d* 1887.

The Committee on *Roads and Bridges,*

to which was referred the petition of Rev. William Orr, pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, claiming land beyond the line of the Fidenale as Mount Auburn St. corner of Holyoke Street, as a part of the property of said Church.

Reports,

~~Recommending~~ That
Your Committee has investigated the matter of said petition and finds, that as shown by the accompanying plan, drawn by E. F. Bowker and dated Jan 31. 1876, a portion of the lot belonging to the Saint Paul's Roman Catholic Church, extends across the sidewalk, and into the driveway of Mount Auburn Street at the corner of Holyoke Street, about eight and one-half feet, while the area of the grounds projecting beyond the line of the street as laid out by the city, and used by the public for many years, comprises three hundred and sixty-seven superficial feet. The pastor of Saint Paul's Church desires to make some change in the property and proposes to enclose the lot within the present limits of the street, unless he can obtain in exchange therefor

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~~Ordered,~~

an equal tract of land westerly, of the church, belonging to Harvard College, as shown on the plan, such tract being four $\frac{24}{100}$ feet wide and containing three hundred and sixty seven superficial feet.

It seems to be a matter of considerable importance to the public generally, and to the owners of property in the immediate vicinity, that the width of the street and sidewalk as at present laid out should be preserved, and the offer of Father Orr to exchange the land foot for foot, is apparently a reasonable one.

Your committee has ascertained that the college authorities will release, at its assessed value the before-mentioned tract of land four $\frac{24}{100}$ feet wide and eighty six $\frac{4}{100}$ feet long, containing about three hundred and sixty seven square feet adjoining the church in the rear thereof as shown on the plan, to the City of Cambridge, the land so released to be conveyed to the Bishop of the diocese, as Comptroller

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that he shall release to the city the land now belonging to the church, and projecting into Mount Auburn Street. As this is a favorable opportunity for the permanent settlement upon equitable terms, of a long-standing and vexatious question, your committee recommends the adoption of the accompanying order authorizing it to purchase the required land of the college authorities, about three hundred and sixty seven square feet as aforesaid, and further authorizing the Mayor to transfer the same to Saint Paul's Catholic Church, whenever the authorities of said church shall legally convey to the city the land in question in front of said church. The land to be purchased by the committee to be at the price as agreed upon by the college authorities,

For the Committee,
Edw. W. Hinckley.

Chairman.

Committee on Roads & Bridges
on petition of Rev. Wm. Orr,
in relation to land of the
St. Paul's Catholic Church on
West Auburn street, used by the
city, as a part of the highway.
June 22. 1887.