

City of Cambridge.

In Common Council, May 2^d. 1860

Ordered, The Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred, "an Ordinance, providing for the appointment, and prescribing the duties of City Solicitor" have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report: that by a careful consideration of the subject, they have come to the unanimous conclusion, that an ordinance creating such an office is unnecessary at the present time.

The course heretofore pursued appears to them the most judicious, and least expensive. No professional gentlemen, qualified for the office of City Solicitor, could be expected to accept the office, with a very small salary, probably not less than one thousand dollars per annum, and then his election would be subject to all the party and sectional feelings which exist in all towns and cities; and it would be a matter of great doubt whether the office would always be filled by a suitable person -

The practice now, and heretofore existing, of referring matters to the Mayor, or a committee, with authority to employ counsel, the committee believe is a good one, and least expensive to the City. The amount paid by the City for professional services, for the years, 1857, 1858 and 1859, was six hundred seven dollars, and thirty three cents, or two hundred two dollars and forty four cents

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per common a fact honorable to the City; and a forcible
enquiry against the necessity of an Ordinance pro-
viding for the appointment of a City Solicitor. The com-
mittee therefore report that such Ordinance is inexpedient
the objection is respectfully submitted.

Wm. Wm. Chamberlain
for the Committee

Resolved and Res up in concurrence.

Oliver Johnson. Secy. Clerk.

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Concurred

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk