

To the Mayor and the Board of
Aldermen of the City of Cambridge,

Gentlemen,
I respectfully call your
attention to that part of the ordinance
regulating nuisances, which says, "that the
rubbish shall be opened for the purpose
of being cleared, between the twentieth
day of April, and the first day of October
of each year, unless by the special permission
of the Mayor and Aldermen, no before ten
o'clock at night."

Since the first of October last,
persons have come into the city, and have
cleared rubbish early in the evening, and
citizens have done the same work in the day
time. Having always had some doubts as
to the meaning and construction of the portion
of the ordinance, above quoted, I have consul-
ted with legal gentlemen, and inquired
how they understood the sentence, and their
opinions have been, that after the first day of
October, no complaint can be sustained under
the ordinance, as it now reads, and that any per-
son may perform such work at any time
during the day or night, the words "no before
ten o'clock at night," having reference solely

to the month prohibited.

I will therefore, with
your permission, suggest an explanatory amend-
ment to wit, "after the word accuser, in said
section, it might read, "Not in any instance
before ten o'clock at night, or after — a clock
in the morning."

My book of ordinances being in the hands of
the District Attorney, I may not have quoted cor-
rectly.

All which is respectfully submitted

Abraham Edwards
C. Marsh

In Board of Aldermen, Nov. 3. 1847.

Referred to the joint Special Committee on
Ordinances. Sent down for concurrence.

Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk

In Common Council

November 30. 1847

Concurred by the Council
Clerk

Com. from City Marshal
Nov. 3. 1847.

City of Cambridge in Board of Aldermen
January 5, 1848.

The joint Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred the Communication of the City Marshal in relation to ~~in relation to~~ the 6th section of "An Ordinance for the Removal of Nuisances, Sources of filth &c., being Ordinance No 17, in the printed Rules and Orders, have attended to the duty assigned them and Report the accompanying Ordinance.

With regard to the order of the City Council passed November 30th, that said Committee consider the expediency of amending Ordinance No 13, "providing for the appointment and prescribing the duties of City Marshal, and establishing a City Watch," so that there shall be but one Marshal in the City, your Committee are not prepared at present to recommend any amendment of said Ordinance and would ask further time to consider the subject.

J. T. Farwell
for the Committee.

In Board of Aldermen Jan 5, 1848.

Report accepted, and further time granted.

Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk.

Report concerning Ordinance¹⁰
prohibiting Nuisances &c.
Jan'y. 5. 1848