

Cambridge March 26th 1873

To his Honor the Mayor and Board
of Aldermen of the City of
Cambridge

The undersigned would
most respectfully petition your
Honorable body, for the passage
of an ordinance, instructing the
superintendent of Streets, under
the direction of the committee on
roads and bridges
at the commencement of each
financial year, to make contracts
by advertising for proposals, under
the usual restrictions and regulations,
for such material as his dep-
artment may require in the shape
of Brick, Stone, Gravel, &c &c &c
the advertisements to be inserted in
the Boston papers
and your petitioner would most
earnestly request, that your com-
mittee devise some plan, to
prevent sealed proposals being
tampered with, before reaching
the hands of the committees
having the same in charge

Daniel A Buckley

In Board of Aldermen, Decr 24. 1873.
Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges, on the part of this Board.
Attest: Justis A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

Petition

for the passage
of an Ordinance
concerning Contracts.

Decr 24. 1873.

City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, May 23, 1873.

The undersigned dissents from the recommendation contained in the Report of the majority of the Committee on Roads and Bridges in relation to the necessity and expediency of providing by Ordinance how the Committee shall advertise for proposals for contracts in the department under the charge of said Committee, and shall open and examine such proposals, - and for the following reasons: -

1st No additional legislation is required to limit the power of the Superintendent of Streets, as by the present Ordinance he can only "under the direction of the Committee, make all necessary contracts for the supply of any labor or materials he may require in the discharge of his official duties."

2^d. He considers it unnecessary, unwise, and inexpedient to provide that the Committee shall in all cases, by advertisements in the Cambridge papers and one Boston paper, ask for sealed proposals, - believing that any Committee which is fit to take charge of the department of Roads and Bridges, can safely be trusted to exercise the same good judgment and prudence for the City, which its members would use in their own business.

3^d. He considers such action a reflection upon the Committee, and an indorsement of a self-constituted Committee of Safety, which has undertaken to supervise and direct the action of the present City Government, without having any of the rights or the responsibilities which properly belong to those who have been intrusted by their fellow citizens with the management of affairs, and who, if incompetent or unfaithful, will not be suffered to remain in office.

S. F. Woodbridge

Ministry Report.
on Petition of

S. A. Buckley.

April 23, 1873.

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City of Cambridge.

In Board of Aldermen, April 16, 1873

The Committee on Roads & Bridges on the part of this Board, to which was referred the petition of J. A. Buckley for the passage of an Ordinance concerning contracts for materials used in the Street Department.

Reports, That the matter of advertising for proposals for materials for use in the Street Department, had already been considered by the Committee, and the Committee recommends, that the Committee on Ordinances be instructed to prepare and report an Ordinance providing that the Committee on Roads and Bridges on the part of this Board shall hereafter advertise for sealed proposals, and contract, for furnishing all material required for use in the Street Department. Said proposals to be made under the usual restrictions and regulations, and to be opened and examined only in presence of a majority of said Committee. Advertisements for said proposals to be inserted in the Cambridge papers and one Boston paper.

The Committee would further report that it considered the last clause of said Petition as containing an imputation that Proposals had been "tampered" with, before reaching the Committee, but the Petitioner distinctly states to the Committee that he disclaims any intention of applying such imputation to the Superintendent of Streets, and the Committee, after a hearing, find no evidence that any such imputation rightfully rests upon any other City Officer.

E. H. Shurston For the Committee,

In Board of Aldermen. May 14. 1873-

Re: committee to the Committee on Roads and Bridges, on the part of this Board, with instructions to hear the Petitioner and such evidence as can be produced in support of his allegations.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

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Com. on Roads & Bridges
on Petⁿ of D. A. Buckley
April 16, 1873.

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