

# City of Cambridge.

In Common Council, May 5, 1874.

Ordered,

That the Mayor, the Mayor, be  
authorized and requested, in the name  
and on behalf of the City of Cambridge, to  
petition the Railroad Commissioners for  
permission to widen the North Avenue  
Bridges over the Fitchburg Railroad, so  
as to make it the full width of said  
Avenue, and to carry the water and  
gas pipes in said Avenue, across  
and over the Railroad by the side of  
said bridges, as now carried

Sent up for concurrence,  
Attest J. W. Carter, Clerk,

In Board of Aldermen, May 6, 1874.  
Concurred.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk

Order  
Mayor to Petition Railroad  
Commissioners  
(May 5, 1874.)

Approved, May 8, 1874 -  
Elihu S. Bradford  
Mayor

**SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE. FITCHBURG RAILROAD.**

C. L. HEYWOOD,  
Superintendent.

Boston, Mass., May 5<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Hon. Isaac Bradford

Mayor, City of Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of April 30<sup>th</sup> did not come to hand until today on account of my absence caused by sickness. Both papers have been submitted to the Directors and they have directed me to write you that they must forbid the City erecting any new structure over, or upon, the Railroad land at the Cambridge station, until some satisfactory arrangement can be agreed upon between our Corporation and the City.

We are compelled to take this action, as the proposed structure which you propose to erect is forbidden by law, and will also

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increase the risk of accidents to  
an employee, and may cause  
the destruction of the entire Bridge  
by fire.

Respectfully,

C. L. Heywood 

Re: your  
To City Societies?



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MAYOR'S OFFICE,

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1874 -

To The Honorable  
The City Council of Cambridge -

I have the honor to present a communication from the Supdt. of the Fitchburg R.R., entering protest against the widening of North Avenue railroad bridge at Porter's Station which is now under process of alteration by order of the City Council, on the ground that the statutes of the Commonwealth forbid a present construction of bridges over railroads of a less height than 18 ft. — the bridge at Porter's station being only 14 ft. in height, as it was erected at a date prior to the passage of the controlling statute. The opinion of the City Solicitor on this subject I also append; by which it

appears that the secure course  
for the City to pursue in the  
premises will be to petition  
the Railroad Commissioners for  
the necessary permission.

Isaac Bradford,  
Mayor.

Read and sent up.

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Attest J. W. Cotton, Clerk.

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Dear Sir:

Your communication of to-day inquiring whether the provisions of Chapter 308 of the acts of 1869 and of Chapter 276 of the acts of 1870 have any application to the proposed widening of the bridge over the Fitchburg R.R. near Porter's Station in this city has been received. As you express a desire to hear from me in time to take action in the Common Council this evening if necessary I have given to the matter such attention as the limited time would permit.

The subject is not entirely free from doubt but I strongly incline to the opinion that it would be imprudent to widen as proposed without asking the consent of the Railroad Commissioners as provided

In the statutes above named  
I am

Yours very respectfully  
J. M. Hammond  
City Solicitor

To His Honor the Mayor.

Communication 315  
From the Mayor -  
Nov. 5, 1874 -

in relation to the  
Fitchburg R.R. Bridge  
on North Avenue