

Your Honor, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the City Council:

Through the courtesy of your action at the last meeting of the Council, I appear before you as the representative of the Cambridge School of the Drama, incorporated under the laws of Massachusetts as an educational corporation, to ask for your consideration of the school's willingness to purchase the site which we have been privileged to occupy for the past year, and which is bounded by Broadway, Cambridge and Quincy Streets.

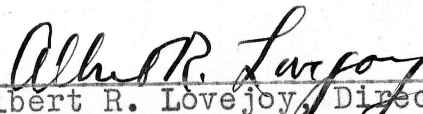
The plot contains 13,030 feet of land. The City assessment of the land on which the building stands is \$1.25 per foot. During the past year we have invested about \$5,000 in the building by way of making it suitable for the conduct of our classes. In addition, we have spent considerable money in maintaining the grounds and improving the site in general. While the school is primarily a private institution, it is also maintained for the benefit of any one in the community interested in the work we are doing and any resident of Cambridge is permitted to apply for admission.

The school has no official connection with Harvard University and is maintained wholly by private subscription and tuition fees. We do, however, have the sanction and support of the administration and certain officers of the University and these same officers are anxious for the school to continue and to function in its present location.

We are prepared to offer the sum of \$15,000 for the property as it stands. If the land was to be disposed of by the City at the price for which it is assessed, it would sell at \$16,288. We feel that considering the present low levels in the Real Estate market and further considering the fact that the organization is an educational institution bearing the name of the City of Cambridge and operating on a non-profit basis, and further considering the fact that the school charges a comparatively small tuition fee and will continue to do so, that the sum of \$15,000 is a reasonable figure.

It is understood that the City holds the land at the present time through an exchange with Harvard University and that certain agreements in the exchange called for the erection of a fire house on this site. The administration of Harvard University is favorably disposed toward our plan to purchase the plot from the City with the understanding that we would continue to use it for the sole purpose of the school. Provided the school is located on the site and nothing else, the administration would be favorably disposed toward locating the proposed fire station on another site or keeping it at its present location in Brattle Square.

I respectfully submit this proposal for your consideration.


Albert R. Lovejoy, Director of the
Cambridge School of the Drama, Inc.

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Communication from Albert
R. Lovejoy, Cambridge School
of the Drama, Inc. offering to
purchase land from City located
at Broadway, Cambridge and
Quincy Streets

August 18, 1931.

In City Council Aug. 18, 1931
Leave to Withdraw

Thomas J. Connelley City Clerk