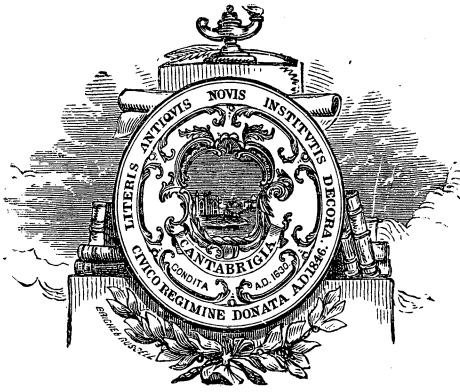




CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

In Board of Aldermen,

May 14. 1883

The Joint Standing Committee on Roads and Bridges, to which was referred the petition of William Gore, praying for a hearing in the matter of the award of the contract for Street Paving for the current year, - and which was instructed to report the reasons why said contract was not awarded to the lowest bidder, -

Replies,

That a hearing has been accorded to the petitioner before your committee, as prayed for. From his statement there made, it appeared that he is a resident of Worcester Mass, where he has a large contract for the city paving, the appropriation for that purpose being \$40,000. - He has also a contract for paving in the City of Chelsea, and one for the Boston and Albany Railroad Superintention. The petitioner further stated to your committee that he did not purpose to remove

to this city in case the award was made to him. It was his intention to put a competent man in charge of the Cambridge work, and to visit this city, once or twice a week to look after the same. The petitioner's bid was two cents lower, per square yard, on street paving, than that of Mr. Dillingham, the prices being the same upon other paving. There was but one other bid, and that higher than either of these two.

In view of the fact that Mr. Gue, although slightly lower than Mr. Dillingham, is a resident of a city forty miles distant, where he has a larger interest to look after than is involved in the contract to be given by this city, and has also other important work to divert his attention from the work to be done here, your committee judged that the interests of Cambridge would be best served by awarding the paving to one of its own citizens who has satisfactorily performed the work for several years past, and who instead of giving an occasional and brief attention to it, will as he has heretofore done, give an immediate personal supervision to his duties, working himself with his men.

Your committee deem it of the first importance that the contractor having charge of the street paving should be easily accessible to the committee on road, and

bridges, which could not be the case if ^{he} were a resident
of Worcester, and had also large contracts in other places,
to take up his attention from the work to be done here.

The award of your Committee, of the paving Con-
tract for 1883, to Mr. -Willingham, was made with a
conscientious regard for the interests of the city, acting
as it is believed any individual member would have
done in any private business transaction of his own.

The result of the hearing has only served to
strengthen the Committee in its opinion that the
award was properly made, and it therefore asks
to be discharged from the further consideration of the
matter of the petition aforesaid.

S. S. Shepley
Geo. W. Gale
C. F. B. Bennett
Charles W. Henderson

Committee on Roads
and Bridges

Report accepted, and Committee discharged.

Sent down for concurrence.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk

In Common Council May 23 - 1883
Concurred Attest Wm Pike Clerk

Approved May 24th 1883

James H. Fox



Mayor

Report
Committee on Roads,
& Bridges - in petition
of William Gore for
a hearing in the matter
of the award of the city
paving contract for the
current year.
May 14/83

Cambridge, Apr³⁰. 1883

To the Honorable, the City Council,
of the City of Cambridge,

The undersigned respectfully prays that a hearing may
be accorded to him in the matter of the award
of ^{the} Paving Contract for the current year.

Wm Gove

In Board of Aldermen. April 30, 1883.
Referred to the Committee on Roads and
Bridges, with instructions to report the reasons
for not awarding the contract to the lowest
bidder.

Second demand for concurrence.

Attest: Justin A. Jacobs. City Clerk.

In Common Council May 9, 1883
Concurred

attest Walter W Pike Clerk

May 4

Approved May 10th 1883

James A Fox

Mayor

PETITION

*of Wm Ene**for a hearing in the
matter of the annulment of the
Paving Contract.**April 30 1888.*

*In Common Council,**188**Referred to the Committee on**Attest:**City Clerk.*