

To the Mayor & Aldermen of the City of
Cambridge

Gent.

We have been notified by the City Treasurer to pay the tax for the construction of a sidewalk opposite our estates on Main Street on or before the 15th of this month in default of which he says he shall proceed to sell the estates according to law.

In appearing again before you in this matter we would state that we consider the tax both unjust and illegal and that our estates were injured by the work for which this tax was levied; but as good citizens we are desirous of avoiding all contention with the City in which we reside and would on that account make the following propositions viz

To leave the whole matter to one or more referees
or

Will pay a portion of said tax say 25 per cent if the City will abate the balance

We should not again appeal to you if we did not consider the tax to be unjust and we had not been led to suppose by the former Mayor that no charge would be made to us by the City for this work - neither should we ask for an abatement if we supposed that the City had any claim either by law or equity under the circumstances

Should you conclude not to reconsider the matter we shall very reluctantly be obliged in justice to ourselves to pay the tax under protest and to take legal measures to recover back the amount.

This course we are loth to pursue and we hope on further consideration that you

will abate the tax and will instruct your Treasurer
to stay proceedings

May 8. 1866

Luther Crane
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Memorandum
Protest against Tax
for construction of Sidwell

May 8. 1811.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Aldermen
of the City of Cambridge

The subscribers respectfully pray that they may
be released from the payment of the demands
against them for the construction of a sidewalk
on Main street opposite their respective estates
and that the said demands may be cancelled on
the Treasurers Books

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In Board of Aldermen, April 4, 1866-
On the foregoing Petition it is

Ordered. That a hearing
be granted to the Petitioners on Wednesday, April 10th,
at 8 1/2 o'clock, P. M.

Attest, Justin A. Jacobs, City Clerk.

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of S. G. Davis & others.
Salemworth Assessment.

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