Cambridge March 6th 1852

To Lucius R Page Esq
Clerk of City of Cambridge

Sir

Yours of the 3d instant is received, announcing my Election as an Overseer of the Poor for the year ensuing.

And as I do not by any means wish for the Office, and not properly being the Candidate or knowing that I was such until the afternoon on the day of Election - and having been decidedly rejected as a candidate for reelection by my own Ward which I am to represent at the board and out of respect to the electors of this Ward and to myself I feel it to be my bounden duty to decline accepting the Office. You will therefore please inform the proper Authorities that I decline accepting the Office and accept of my most sincere respects and Esteem

Yours

Barnabas Binney

Office declined, by B. Binney
9 Mar. 1852.

In Board of Aldermen 9 Mar. 1852
Read and placed on file
L. R. Paige, C. Clk.

City of Cambridge

In Common Council Apr 5th 1852

Ordered

That Messrs Sayer, Fisk & Merchant be a Committee with such as the board of Mayor & Aldermen may joint, to ascertain what vacancies if any exist in any department of the City Government by reason of failure to elect by the inhabitants at their annual meeting, or by any other cause; and that they report at the next meeting of the Council.

Adopted — Sent up for Concurrence

Oben M Dimtar, Clerk

In Board of Aldermen Ap. 5. 1852.

Concurred & Said Mr Marrett & Chamberlin joined

Lucius R. Paige City Clerk

Order. Vacancies

April 5. 1852

City of Cambridge

In Common Council Apr 6th 1852

The Joint Special Committee who were appointed "to ascertain what vacancies if any exist in any department of the City Government by reason of failure to elect by the inhabitants at their annual meeting or by any other cause" have attended to that duty & ask leave to report that the only vacancy that exists, is that of an Overseer of the Poor for Ward Three caused by Barnabas Binney having declined to accept the office to which he was elected by the inhabitants —

All of which is respectfully submitted

Thos P. Ayer
for the Committee

Accepted - Sent up for concurrence

Ebenr M Dunbar, Clerk

In Board of Aldermen 6 Apr. 1852

Concurred

Lucius R. Paige, City Clerk

Report concerning Vacancy

6 Sep. 1852.