

City of Cambridge,

In Common Council, July 28. 1858.

The joint Standing Committee on Ordinances, to whom was referred an Ordinance establishing the Salary of the City Clerk, together with the Ordinance relating to Salaries, for revision, respectfully submit the following Report:—

The Committee are unanimously of opinion, that the salaries, as now established, do not, in all cases, bear a proper proportion to the amount of service required of the several City Officers:— and that the aggregate amount of salaries has been unnecessarily increased, and ought to be diminished. The Committee, however, do not recommend that any change shall take effect before the close of the present municipal year. Under ordinary circumstances, a gentleman accepting a City office, and performing its duties, is

fairly entitled to the established salary during his term of office; and, in like manner, when a gentleman accepts such an office, knowing the established salary, he is presumed to regard it as a satisfactory equivalent for his labor, and the city is fairly entitled to his services during the term for which he was elected.

In accordance with these views, the committee consider it inexpedient to take further action on the Ordinance specially referred, and recommend the passage of a new Ordinance, which is herewith submitted.

By order of the committee.

Lucius R. Paige

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Laid upon the table, and ordered to be printed, with the accompanying Ordinances.

Attest, James M. Lechase. Clerk.

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Salaries of City Officers.

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