

HOUSE....No. 60.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of
the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

The petition of the undersigned, inhabitants of that portion of Cambridge called East Cambridge, respectfully represent :

That they have seen a bill, which has passed several stages of legislation in one branch of the Legislature, entitled an act to establish the Hancock Free Bridge, and they would express their desire, that the principle of a free bridge should be, in this instance, sustained by the Legislature ; but as the location of the Cambridge terminus is of great importance to the interests of East Cambridge, they respectfully ask the attention of the Legislature to that point, and request that provision may be made, that the interest of all the different sections of the town of Cambridge shall be provided for.

By the provisions of said bill, the corporation will have power to locate the terminus in Cambridge, at any point between Canal bridge and West Boston bridge ; and, as the interest of the proposed corporation, so far as it respects location, may be entirely adverse to that of your petitioners, it may be so placed as not to accommodate the general travel so well as a more central point, and seriously

injure nearly one third of the estates of the town of Cambridge, which will be compelled to pay a large portion of the expense, if the town should be required to contribute to its support, besides suffering in the value of their property. The peculiar situation of the lower part of Cambridge Port, and the village of East Cambridge, one being on the road to West Boston bridge, and the other near canal bridge, will, we think, convince every member of the general court, that it is proper that the location of the Cambridge terminus should be near the centre between the two settlements named, so that it may as nearly as practicable accommodate both.

Cambridge, March 28, 1836.

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