A means of fulfilling the old economic law that the men necessary for the onward march of civilization in any given epoch are produced by that epoch, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was founded in 1861. Because Massachusetts was well-situated as a natural raw material source, (the summer resort industry was not then begun) it was growing to recognize more and more its utter dependence upon commerce and manufactures for its high rank among the commonwealths, the old Bay State was chosen for the home of the new school and Boston, justly famous then as now for its culture and appreciation of the intellectual, was chosen for the definite purpose of the school.

Back in 1846, fifteen years before the founding of the Institute, John Amory Lowell, first treasurer of the Lowell Fund, asked Henry Rogers, brother to William Barton Rogers, to formulate for him a plan for a School of Arts to be established under the Lowell Institute Fund and in the ensuing correspondence between the two brothers was formulated the first plan for a "Polytechnic School in Boston."

Restrictions to the Lowell Fund prevented any further action and the matter rested for some years. Meanwhile in 1848 and 1857 the Lawrence and Sheffield Scientific Schools were founded. For some reasons these schools failed to meet the demand and on February 48, 1859, there was held a meeting in the Boston Society of Natural History to consider the formation of a School of Arts, and the first memorial of three petitions, failed because of the low valuation which was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate. Another petition was published, and a third memorial was presented. With the second memorial, a bill was presented, but, backed by many educational and business interests, it was lost in the Senate.