

# REPORT.

CITY ENGINEER'S OFFICE,  
St. Louis, February 11th, 1865. }

To the Honorable Board of Common Council  
of the City of St. Louis :

GENTLEMEN—On the 7th instant, I received the following communication from your clerk, viz :

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL,  
St. Louis, February 7th, 1865. }

TRUMAN J. HOMER, Esq., City Engineer :

SIR—The following is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Council this day :

“WHEREAS, it has become indispensably necessary to erect a bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis, for the accommodation of the citizens of Illinois and Missouri and the great railroad traffic now centering in this city ; therefore, be it

“Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed from this Board to take the subject into consideration, and to report such information to this Board as shall appear proper for a thorough understanding of the great interests involved, and to recommend such action as shall appear necessary in the premises.

“And be it further Resolved, That the City Engineer be and he is hereby instructed to report to this Board, at an early day, such information as he may be able to furnish touching the erection of a bridge, as above mentioned ; said report to be in print or in manuscript, as he shall deem best, accompanied by general plans and approximate estimates of cost, according to the present prices of labor and materials, and also according to the prices of 1860.

“Very respectfully,

“A. R. BOWMAN, Clerk.”

In compliance with the instructions contained in the second resolution, I submit the following report, as the result of such attention as I have been able to give the subject, while discharging my other official duties.