REPORT
OF THE
CHIEF ENGINEER
ON
PRICES OF MATERIALS, EAST RIVER BRIDGE,
JUNE 28, 1872.

To the Chairman of the Executive Committee New York Bridge Company:

SIR:—

I am in receipt of the following resolution of the Committee, dated June 24, 1872:

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be requested to examine and report, at the earliest possible date, whether the prices paid for stone, lumber, and other materials, and for labor, have been reasonable and just, and whether the same have been used in the construction of the bridge, or have been necessary therefor.

In answer to the above, I beg leave to reply that notwithstanding an order from the President of the Company given at the commencement of the work, that the Chief Engineer should have nothing to do with the making of any contracts or purchase of any supplies, I am, nevertheless, personally cognizant of nearly every transaction that has taken place in the way of making contracts or purchasing supplies. I know that all contracts have been made in a judicious manner, and have resulted to the best interests of the Company.