SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF GEN. GILLMORE.

NEW YORK, February 26, 1877.

To the Directors, New York and Long Island Bridge Company, New York City:

GENTLEMEN:

In the report of your Board of Consulting Engineers recently submitted, I am on record as having expressed my preference for the three best plans of bridges before them, in the following order, upon the assumption that the plans are to be considered strictly with reference to the specifications and strain-sheets which accompanied them, viz:

1. The design of Clarke, Reeves & Co.
2. " the Delaware Bridge Company.

With certain modifications which suggest themselves, and of which the designs are susceptible, without resorting to any radical change in the character of the structures, my preference was expressed in the following order, viz:

1. The design of the Delaware Bridge Company.
2. " Clarke, Reeves & Co.

It seems proper that I should state, although I do not propose to discuss at any length, the grounds upon which my judgment in the matter was formed, with regard to the two first named designs.

The design of Clarke, Reeves & Co. is the only one submitted to us that I would be willing to recommend for adoption by your company, as it stands, and without modification.