

commending him as every way capable (as an Engineer) and worthy of all trust.

(Signed) F. W. LINCOLN,
President S. B. R.

(No. 5.)

Boston, 26th March, 1844.

Sylvester Chesbrough, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—

Your brother Louis has informed me, that you are now unemployed, and would like to take charge of the construction of some Railroad now commencing. From my acquaintance with you, while in my employ, in constructing the T. and B. Railroad, and since, while constructing the Columbia Railroad, I can, with confidence in your ability and integrity, recommend you to the favorable notice of any corporation who may want an Engineer to construct a Railroad.

I am respectfully,

Your friend,

(Signed) THOMAS B. WALCH,
President T. B. R.

(No. 6.)

Office of the L. C. and }
C. R. Company. }

CHARLESTON, 25th July, 1842.

E. S. Chesbrough, Esq.

DEAR SIR,—

Your relations as Resident Engineer, and those of John McRea and Mr. Wm. Graham, your assistants, having terminated in consequence of the completion of the Railroad as far as Columbia, I cannot permit the separation to take place without expressing to you the high sense entertained of the professional ability of yourself and assistants, and of the zeal and perseverance with which you have discharged the varied responsibilities devolving on you. I beg that you will convey the above testimonial on my part to Mr. McRea and Mr. Graham, and that you will accept for yourself, and in their behalf, the high consideration and regard entertained personally for each of you.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES GADSDEN,
President L. C. and C. R. R. Company.

(No. 7.)

Extract from the first Monthly Report of the Water Commissioners of the City of Boston, No. 20, pages 4 and 5.

"On the 25th, the Commissioners having held frequent previous consultations on the subject, and having given deliberate consideration to the selection of an Engineer, decided

on dividing the work to be executed into two departments—the first to consist of the Aqueduct leading from Long Pond to a reservoir in Brookline or Brighton; and the second to consist of the line of pipes from that reservoir to the city, with the reservoir and distributing pipes in the city, each to be under the charge of a Chief Engineer, who shall be independent of each other. They also decided on inviting E. Sylvester Chesbrough, Esq., then employed on the Pawtucket Branch Railroad, to take the charge as Chief Engineer of the first of these departments. They subsequently, after conference with Mr. Chesbrough, in reference to the nature of the duties to be performed, and the manner of executing them, completed an arrangement with him, by which he agreed to enter immediately into the service, at a compensation of \$3,000 per annum."

(No. 8.)

Extract from a Pamphlet, entitled "Celebration of the introduction of the Water of Cochituate Lake into the City of Boston, October 25, 1848," (prepared by order of the City Council of Boston,) page 27.

"It remains only for me to perform the grateful duty of acknowledging the obligations which the Water Commissioners are under, for the cordial co-operation of all those who have been associated with them in the prosecution of the enterprise. To the skill, energy and assiduity of the Chief Engineers, Messrs. Whitwell and Chesbrough, and of the Consulting Engineer, Mr. Jervis, we are eminently indebted, for the promptness and success with which the work has been carried forward, and the satisfactory manner in which it has been executed."

(No. 9.)

Extract from "Proceedings of the Louisville, Cincinnati and Charleston Railroad Company, 1838," pages 56 and 57.

"The Senior Resident Engineer, E. S. Chesbrough, has, as heretofore stated, been charged with the general direction of operations in the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, and continued to be so, till those operations were suspended; when his services (always invaluable) were availed of in South Carolina, on that portion of the work in progress of construction. The evidences of intelligence and skill with which the work was constructed by him, under my instructions, and of the great industry with which it was prosecuted, I am satisfied will be apparent on an examination of the Archives of this department, in the office at Lexington."