

Railway Department, Board of Trade
Whitehall 21st December 1859.

Sir

I have the honor to acquaint you for the information of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council for Trade and in reference to your letter of the 14th Instant, that when I was at Worcester on the 14th Instant, I was informed by the Resident Engineer, W. Richards that nothing had been done to the Railway Bridge over the Severn at Worcester, since I last inspected it, and made my report of the 22nd Ult^o: and I am therefore to report, that the opening of the Permanent Railway Bridge for carrying the Worcester and Hereford Railway over the River Severn at Worcester cannot, by reason of the incompleteness of the works, be sanctioned, without danger to the Public using the same.

As I believe it is admitted that the Bridge as constructed is too weak, and that the only question that remains, is as to what measures should be adopted respecting it, I would submit for Their Lordships consideration that the Directors be requested to withdraw the second notice of their intention to open, until such time as it may be in a fit state for Public Traffic.

I have the honor to be,

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.
M. Mansel Colville
Royal Engineers

Captain Gallen Royal Engineers
