

60 Bway N.Y. Room 324

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Dear Theodore :- I am sorry you did not find me here. I've been imprisoned in Bklyn since Tuesday week, excepting a few hours on two occasions, by the preparations for final settlement of Kings Co. bills.

If I remember rightly mother told me that when she first ferried over Susquehanna river at Harnsburg, about 1814 I think, the piers for the old bridge were just above water in process of building. I believe the bridge was completed in 1816. It was built by Burr the Inventor, or under his supervision.

Rock bottom, Piers founded on log-cisks filled with stone to maintain about one foot of low water. Shell of river boulders mostly squared Icebreaker 45°. squared stones with cramp irons. The Pier shell filled with dry stone. Piers 25 ft thick. Spans about 210 ft in clear. Two carriage drives and two foot walks