As to the old Navigating Bridge over Susquehanna River
of Pennsylvania.

By an act of Legislature approved Apr. 2, 1811, the Governor of
the Commonwealth was authorized to subscribe 70 or 90 toward
the building of a new bridge.

An act authorizing the election was passed Apr. 3, 1809.
The company was chartered July 6, 1812, and organized
Aug. 8, 1812.
The first stone was laid Dec. 2, 1812.

A report of Directors July 30, 1813, says that they have
contracted with Mr. Theodore Burr to build said bridge
for $15,000, of which $5,000 is stock, residue in proportion
as work progresses, he to find all materials and
have bridge completed Dec. 1, 1815.

At date of
report 2 arches finished up to where work commenced
and a third arch being in progress. The arch of stone on hand. It is
will be started when low water permits. From the superior qualifications of the Burr
as a bridge builder, aided by an industry, and per-
severance seldom equaled, there is every reason to believe
that the bridge will be finished within the time specified
in the contract.

The first toll was received by the Co. Oct. 16, 1816.
The bridge & toll house were completed in 1817 at a
total cost of $19,213.

The bridge is built upon the "Burr Plan" and is
"separated by Fortier Island. Its total length, including
the island, is about two thirds of a mile; width fifty
feet, and has an elevation of fifty feet."