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It is a notable fact that a cast iron bridge of three spans of 82 ft. 8 in. each was actually constructed as early as 1755 at
many years prior to the Coalbrookdale bridge, at a foundry in
Lymes. It was not however erected on its site intended site
the scheme being then abandoned. As early as 1779 Mr.
Callibe designed an iron bridge with a single span of 65 6 ft.
Three years later Mr. Montfort prepared two wrought iron arches
of a span of 213 1/2 ft. each passing the stream in Lyme. A another
design published in the same year by Mr. Whitley was for a single
arch of 65 ft. or 315 1/4 ft. In 1810 Mr. Scowcroft exhibited
a design for a footbridge where the Puts des Chauledes now
stands. Which was to have a single span of 426 1/2 ft.

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