"The Legislature granted a charter, incorporating a number of persons belonging to this town, and their associates, for the purpose of building a bridge over Piscataqua river, by the name of the Proprietors of Piscataqua Bridge. Having made every necessary preparation, they commenced the work, the beginning of April, and had it completed on the 35th of November, so as to be passable, when they began to take toll.

The bridge connects the towns of Newington and Durham, just below the outlet of Little Bay. It is two thousand three hundred and sixty two feet in length, and thirty eight feet in width. The river over which it passes is generally upwards of fifty feet deep at high water. From the Newington shore a stone abutment extends several feet into the river. The bridge is there supported by piles, five of which were strongly framed, and braced together, and driven into the bottom of the river. String pieces were laid from the cap of one set of piles to another, and on them the planks or flooring of the bridge was secured. This mode of constructing it, extends as far as Rock Island, on which