and seventy; the expense of its erection is said to have amounted to one hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and forty pounds, to be discharged by a toll upon the passengers. It is situated nearly at an equal distance between the Bridges of Westminster and London, and commands a delightful prospect of the river Thames, from the latter to Whitehall; it also affords a station suitably distant, from whence the intelligent traveller may explore the majesty of that incomparably grand piece of Architecture, St. Paul's Cathedral. *

It was formerly a reproach to England, among foreigners, that so capital a river as the Thames should have so few Bridges; those of London and Kingston being the only two it had, from the Nore to the last mentioned place, for many ages. This inconvenience was in some measure owing to the dearness of materials for building stone Bridges in those days, and also perhaps more to the fondness which the English had for water carriage, and the preservation of navigation. Since that period, the great increase of riches, commerce, and inland trade

* Guthrie's Geography.