OF BRIDGES.

rivers will afford safe riding for the ships, render the maritime parts of the town extremely pleasant, and facilitate the passage of boats and barges up the river towards Keynsham and Bath. The objections of stench and infection are utterly nugatory. The rivers of Bath, Exeter, and many other places, are dammed up without offence or complaint, which cannot be occasioned here, as the river will be ever in motion. To all other advantages will be added a communication between Clifton and Ashton parishes, and the counties of Somerset and Gloucester.

On the banks of both rivers are several dockyards, and dry and floating docks for building and repairing the ships. There are two or three by the Froom, besides the various docks at Wapping by the Avon, where is also a spacious wet-dock with double gates, lately built to keep ships constantly afloat. Below these, beyond Limekiln-dock, towards the Hot-wells, is a large floating-dock, that will contain forty sail of stout ships deeply laden, and which in January, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-nine, received a sixty-four gun-ship with ease through its gates. Here are also other docks: