William Edwards, an uneducated mason of the country, who was only indebted for his skill to his own industry and the power of his genius. — He had engaged, in one thousand seven hundred and forty-six, to build a new Bridge at this place, which he executed in a style superior to any thing of the kind in this or any other part of Wales, for neatness of workmanship and elegance of design. — "It consisted of three arcs, elegantly light in their construction. The hewn stones were excellently well dressed and closely jointed. It was admired by all who saw it. But this river runs through a very deep vale that is more than usually woody, and crowded about with mountains. It is also to be considered that many other rivers, of no mean capacity, as the Crue, the Bargoed Taff, and the Cunno, besides almost numberless brooks, that run through long, deep, and well-wooded vales, or glens, fall into the Taff in its progress. The descents into these vales from the mountains being in general very steep, the water, in long and heavy rains, collects into these rivers with great rapidity and force, raising floods that, in their description, would appear absolutely incredible to the inhabitants of open and