

which the citizens of Hartford anticipate great injury to their property and commerce.

The facts of the case are these:—

A bridge of some sort, across the Connecticut, is desirable for the accommodation of a rail-road intended to connect Boston and New York, which it is the wish of the projectors and proprietors to lay upon the best line that can be found between the two cities, so that the through-trips may be made in the least possible time. This best line would cross the Connecticut on a high level below Middletown; and one of the original plans of the road seems to have contemplated such a location. But, subsequently, this location was abandoned, and the right was asked for and obtained from the Legislature, to construct a bridge above Middletown, on a low level, and on a plan which completely stops off the navigation, excepting at a single point where provision is to be made for a draw.

In this state of things, a committee of the citizens of Hartford, actuated by a common and deep desire to protect the navigation of the stream, to which their city owes its original existence, and in a great degree its subsequent prosperity, have asked a professional opinion and estimate of the practicability and cost of constructing a SUSPENSION BRIDGE, of which the flooring shall be elevated high enough to permit the largest vessels to pass under it at full sail, and which shall so span the river as to leave its trade and current uninjured.

If this can be done, they represent that their pros-