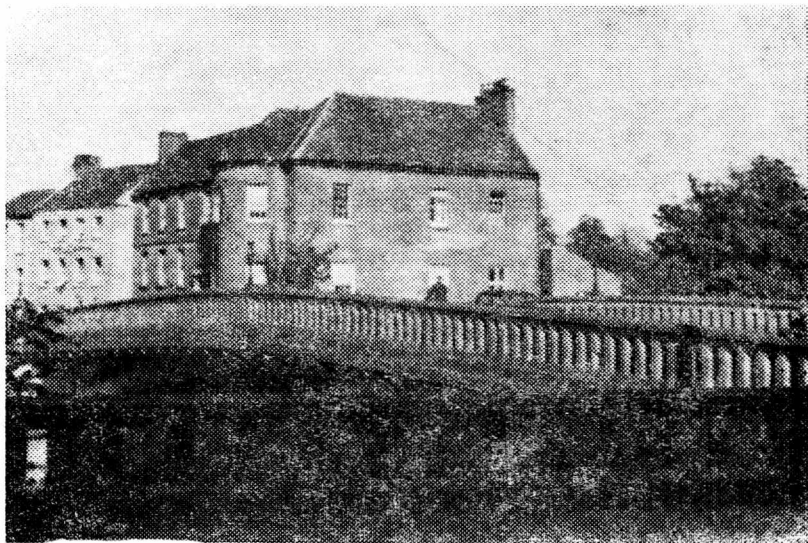


timber over the carving and so preserved it from deterioration.



ST. JOHN'S BRIDGE

A Bridge was probably in existence here before the coming of the Normans. King Mac Gillaphadraig surely had a Bridge for crossing the river below his castle. When the Earl Marshall built his Bridge, leading from his castle to his Priory, farmyard and mill, it was called John's Bridge as it still is. No doubt, there have been several Bridges here. In 1564, one was washed away by a great flood, as was its successor and Green's Bridge in 1763. On this occasion fourteen people were washed away with it as well as a little Castle and gate which stood at the west side of the Bridge. The next Bridge was built by Mr. Colles of Maddockstown, and the present one by Mr. A. Burden, C.E., in 1910.