OLD BAAL'S BRIDGE (Engraved by E. J. Roberts)

There is much controversy regarding the name. In Irish it was "Drehid Meal Limenagh"; namely, The Bald Bridge of Limerick, but in acts of Parliament it was referred to as Baal's Bridge. It was the scene of a battle between the O'Brien's and John de Burgo of Galway in the 14th century. Due to the scarcity of building land the bridge had houses built on it by its owner, the Earl of Shannon. After the siege the houses on the east side were demolished. Those on the west side remained until the bridge was finally demolished in 1850.