

it was discontinued several years since for want of patronage. The village is located on a beautiful plain on the west bank of the Connecticut ; but it has not improved much within the last twenty years.

WALPOLE, N. H. to which a bridge leads, is on the opposite side of the river, and is noticed at page 325.

BELLOWS FALLS, on the Vermont side, 4 miles from Walpole. (See p. 324.) Proceeding up the river over a beautiful plain,

CHARLESTOWN, N. H. is reached in travelling 8 miles from Bellows Falls. It is handsomely located on the east side of the river, and is a neat village, containing a court house, jail and bank.

A fort was built for the defence of this place in 1743, on rising ground south of the church, over which the present street passes. In March, 1747, while the fort was occupied by Capt. Stevens and thirty men, a furious assault was made upon it by a large body of French and Indians, under the command of M. Debeline. The fort being composed of materials which were combustible, the enemy attempted its destruction, by setting a log house and the fences to the windward on fire. To guard against a conflagration, the besieged through great exertions, succeeded in making several subterranean passages under the parapet, with an opening at the top of each. From these passages, which were deep enough to protect the men from the enemy's shot, water, taken from a well within the fort, was thrown upon the parapet, and the plan of the enemy frustrated. A sort of *mantelet*, loaded with dry faggots, set on fire, was then forced towards the fort, accompanied with flaming arrows ; but all to no purpose. Stevens maintained his position, continued a fire upon the enemy