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One thing that was never denied us, it is gratifying to know, is the patriotism of our forefathers; in witness whereof, read the following. It's part of a letter written home by a Hessian officer "at Philadelphia on the Neck," under date of January 18, 1778:

"One of the few good consequences of this war is, that more forests will be destroyed and the air will become purer. A man from this city, by the name of

it 200 years ago, "the famous Derby River which comes from the Cumber by Derby town, wherein are several fulling-mills, corn-mills, etc."

Here our road bifurcates at the Buttonwood Hotel; the R turn goes to Lansdowne on the Baltimore Pike (we shall refer to it at some later date); we take the left between the ancient inn and Paxon's modern restaurant.

There has been a tavern on the site of the Buttonwood ever since George Wood moved the hearts of the justices in his favor by setting forth in his petition for a license that he had "laboured for some years under almost continued Indisposition of Body and thereby rendered incapable of taking the necessary care of his plantation," and that he had a large family to maintain, etc. This was in 1730. George Wood's plea reads quaint by the light of modern days.

A FINE ROAD.

The time is not very far gone when it

OLD CHESTER.

Of course, you are aware that Chester is the oldest city in Pennsylvania. The Swedish village of Upland stood here when the first batch of Penn's people reached our shores; and right glad they were of its existence, for the Upper Delaware was frozen over and they had to stay here for the whole of the winter of 1681-82 before they could proceed to what is now Philadelphia.

Let us walk down Market street toward the Delaware.