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COVER: The 1779 bridge built over the Severn River in Shropshire was the first major span-100 feet-constructed of iron. It has been depicted many times over the succeeding 200 years; this c1790 print is an early view of the world-renowned cast-iron bridge. See Emory L. Kemp, "The Introduction of Cast and Wrought Iron in Bridge Building," pp.5-16.