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*Downing,*

*April 6th, 2 P. M. 1795.*



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THOMAS PENNANT

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April 6th. 2 P. M. 1792.

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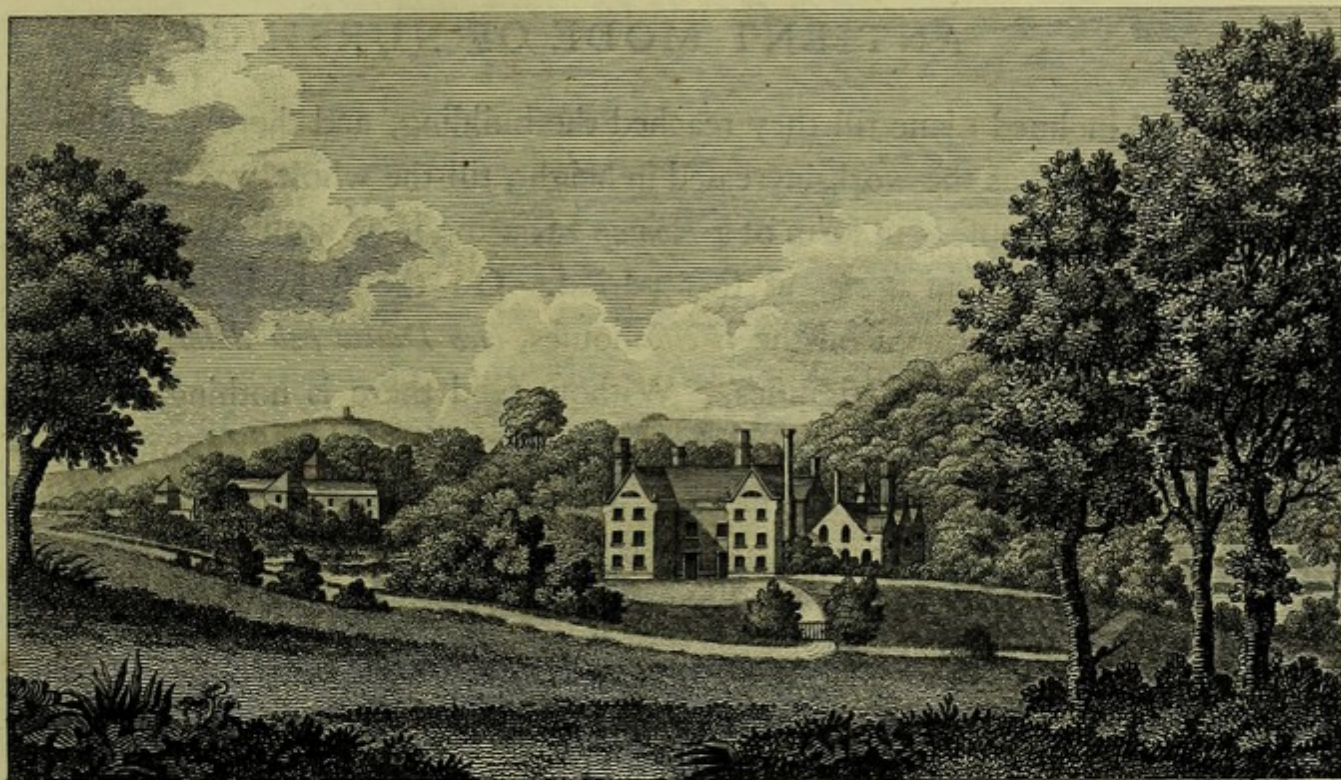
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## DOWNING.

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I NATURALLY begin this little history with the account of *Tre Eden Owain*, the place where I first made my entrance into this busy world. The principal house in this township, *Downing*, was built in the year 1627. It certainly had no pretensions to the *English* name of *Downing*, which doubtlessly was a corruption from *Eden Owain*, the *Tre* or township in which it stands. The founder was *John Pennant*, son of *Nicholas Pennant*, a younger son of *Hugh Pennant*, of *Bychton*. He married the heiress of the place, and built a house, which was much too large for the estate. The stones were brought from *Nant-y-bi*, a dingle opposite to the house. There is a tradition, that the stones were rolled along a platform from the top of the quarry, raised on an

B inclined

DOWNING.



## ANTIEN T MODE OF NURSING.

inclined plane till they reached the building, and there were elevated as the work increased in height, till the whole was finished. The house is in form of a *Roman H*, a mode of architecture very common in *Wales* at that period. On the front is the pious motto frequent on the *Welsh* houses, *Heb Dduw heb ddim, a duw a digon*, which signifies, 'Without God there is nothing, with 'God enough.' There were only four generations of this branch; *Thomas*, the last, died in 1724, and was buried in *Whiteford* church, on *June* 6th of the same year. He bequeathed his estate to my father, who made the house his residence; his own father being living, and the house much better than our paternal.

### MY BIRTH PLACE.

To prevent all disputes about the place and time of my birth, be it known that I was born on *June* 14th, 1726, old style, in the room now called the *Yellow Room*; that the celebrated *Mrs. Clayton*, of *Shrewsbury*, ushered me into the world, and delivered me to *Miss Jenny Parry*, of *Merton*, in this parish; who to her dying day never failed telling me, 'Ah, you rogue! I remember 'you when you had not a shirt to your back.'

### ANTIEN T MODE OF NURSING.

I WAS, according to antient custom, put out to nurse at a neighboring farm-house, called *Pentre*, covered with thatch, and which at present would be deemed a cottage. My nurse's maiden name was *Pennant*; and from the time of this great event she resumed it, notwithstanding she had long used that of her husband, *John Pierce*, a freeholder of above a hundred a year. He and she were fond of this charge, which was ever esteemed a peculiar favor and honor. The affection and connection is still retained in many parts of *Ireland*; but what is unfortunate in more civilized *Wales*, both seem at present almost extinguished.

OF



AFFECTION OF  
FOSTER FATHERS,  
&c.

OF the affection between the foster-father, foster-mother, and foster-brother, the instances were frequent. The fidelity of *Robin ap Inko*, foster-brother to *Jevan ap Vychan*, of the house of *Gwedir*, in the reign of *Edward IV.* was a most noted one. In a fatal feud between *Jevan* and his brother-in-law *Rys ap Howel*, the latter, expecting a fray, provided a butcher to murder *Jevan* in the confusion of the battle, and to him he gave orders in these terms. The butcher not being acquainted with *Jevan*, *Ap Rys* said, ‘Thou shalt soone discern him from the rest by his stature, and he will make way before him. There is a foster-brother of his, one *Robin ap Inko*, a little fellow, that useth to match him behind: take heed of him, for be the encountre never soe hot, his eye is ever on his foster-brother;’—and so it happened. *Robin* suspected the treachery, and seeing the butcher watching his opportunity, came behind him and knocked him on the head in the moment in which he had come behind *Jevan*, and had aimed one at that of his beloved foster-brother. The patrimony of his faithful follower was in the parish of *Llanderfel*; and to this day retains the name of *Tyddin Inko*.

IN those days there was great competition for the honor of fostering the children of great men. The parson of *Llanvrothen* near *Traeth-mawr*, had taken a child of *Jevan ap Robert* to nurse. This so grieved the wife of *Rys* (her husband having more land in the parish than *Jevan* had) that she determined to have the poor parson put to death. A woman was sent to his house, who was kindly taken in. At midnight she set up hideous cries, pretending that the parson had attempted to ravish her. This only was a pretence for revenge: the woman had, as the historian says,

HORRID MURDER.



## DOWNING HOUSE.

to her brethren three notable rogues 'of the damned crew fit for any mischief, being followers of *Howel ap Rys*.' These watched the parson, and as he went one morning to look to his cattle, cruelly murdered him; the sequel is told in the *Welsh Tour*, vol. i. p. 291, and the proper end of the villains.—These extracts are taken from the history of the *Gwedir* family, a curious publication, for which we are indebted to my true friend the Honorable *Daines Barrington*.

WHEN I came into possession of *Downing*, by the death of my excellent father *David Pennant*, the house had partly transomed, partly slated windows. By consulting a drawing of it in that state, may be known the changes made by myself. With the estate, I luckily found a rich mine of lead ore, which enabled me to make the great improvements I did. The grounds were much hurt by a vile road running in front and on one side of the house, and through the middle of the demesne, to the hamlet called *Gwibnant*, or *the meandering glen*. The house was planted up almost to the door, which gave it a very melancholy gloom. But I soon laid open the natural beauties of the place, and by the friendly exchange Sir *Roger Mostyn* made with me, enlarged the fine scenery of the broken grounds, the woods, and the command of water. The walks in the near grounds, the fields, and the deep and darksome dingles, are at least three miles in extent, and the dingle not ill united with the open grounds, by a subterraneous passage under the turnpike road. I am not a little flattered by the admiration of those who visit the place. Mr. *Boydell* has published a fine engraving of the house among his *Welsh* seats. I have, as a head-piece to p. 1. of this Work, given it in the prettiest representation.

GWIBNANT.

MY





# GROUNDS near DOWNING.

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My grounds consist of very extensive walks along the fine swelling lands, beneath the shady depth of the glens, or through the contracted meads which meander quite to the shore. The views are various towards the hills, and the antient *Pharos* on *Garreg*. Over the channel of the *Dee*, the *Hilbree* isles, on one of which had been a cell of *Benedictines*, dedicated to our Lady, and dependent on *Chester* and possibly the hermitage called *Hilburghey*, which in the second of *Edward III.* received ten shillings a year from a charity belonging to the castle at *Chester*. The dreary woodless tract of *Wiral*, a hundred of *Cheshire*, stretches eastward as far as its capital, chequered with black heaths, and with corn, a bad return to the prospect of our wooded slope; yet formerly was so well cloathed as to give occasion to this distich:

GROUNDS.

VIEWS.

From *Blacon* point to *Hilbree*

A squirrel might leap from tree, to tree.

But our sea view is animated with the sight of the numerous fleets entering and sailing out of the port of *Liverpool*, now swelled into a vast emporium, from (a century and a half ago) a most insignificant fishing town.

In the near view below the house are the ruins of the abbey of *Molandina*: notwithstanding they are not very considerable, they do not want their beauties. Let me confess that this is a trap for antiquaries, the name derived from *Mola* being a deserted mill, antiquated by myself as an *imposture innocente*. Above this is a spreading oak of great antiquity, size, and extent of branches: it has got the name of the *Fairy Oak*. In this very century

FAIRY OAK.



century a poor cottager, who lived near the spot, had a child who grew uncommonly peevish; the parents attributed this to the *fairies*, and imagined that it was a changeling. They took the child, put it in a cradle, and left it all night beneath the tree, in hopes that the *tylwydd tég*, or *fairy family*, or the *fairy folk*, would restore their own before morning. When morning came they found the child perfectly quiet, so went away with it, quite confirmed in their belief. *Shakspeare* and *Spenser* allude to this popular fiction. *Spenser* is particularly allusive to the above:

And her base elfin breed there for thee left,  
Such men do changelings call, so chang'd by fairies theft.

Besides this oak is another, on a spot within the pleasure-grounds called *Mount Airy*. It probably is of superior age to that I have just mentioned; it is truly picturesque, and has in it furrows so deep, and of aspect so uncommonly venerable, as to render its shade as worthy of the solemn rites of the *Druids*, as those of *Mona* in its most prosperous days. At a small distance below are three ever-green oaks, of a considerable size; I do not know how they came there, for the wood in my father's time was in a state of nature. Below those is a very antient towering oak of great size; and in a dingle, near the field called the *Coxet*, is a tree of the same species of great size and beauty, yet retaining the very habit of a vigorous sapling. These and a fine *Spanish* chestnut are the boast of my *Sylvan* shades. If I digress beyond them let me mention a most antient pear-tree, which gives name to a field, *Coitia Pren Gellig*; the stem has not a relique of sound timber, it consists entirely of rotten





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rotten wood, yet bears annually most plentiful crops of a choaky pear.

THE house itself has little to boast of. I fortunately found it incapable of being improved into a magnitude exceeding the revenue of the family. It has a hall which I prefer to the rural impropriety of a paltry vestibule; a library thirty feet by eighteen; a parlor capable of containing more guests than I ever wish to see at a time, *Septem, convivium; novem, convivium!* and a smoaking-room most antequely furnished with antient carvings, and the horns of all the *European* beasts of chace. This room is now quite out of use as to its original purpose. Above stairs is a good drawing-room, in times of old called the dining-room, and a tea-room, the sum of all that are really wanted.—I have *Cowley's* wish realized, a small house and large garden!

THE library is filled by a numerous collection of books, principally of history, natural history and classics. My own labors might fill an ordinary book-room; many of them receive considerable value from the smaller drawings and prints with which they are illustrated on the margins, as well as by the larger intermixed with the leaves; among the latter are several drawings of uncommon beauty, by that eminent hand Mr. *Nicholas Pococke*. These relate either to the *Ferroe* isles, or to *Iceland*, others to the distant *Tibet* or *Boutan*. I was favored, by *John Thomas Stanley*, esq. with permission to have copies made of the first, and by *Warren Hastings*, esq. of the last. Among my own labors, I value myself on my MS. volumes of THE OUTLINES OF THE GLOBE, in xxii. volumes, folio, on which uncommon expence has been bestowed, in ornament and illuminations.

HOUSE.

LIBRARY.

OUTLINES OF THE GLOBE.



## HALL, PORTRAITS, &amp;c.

HALL. IN the hall are some very good pictures by *Peter Paillou*, a fine painter of animals and birds: four express the three climates, two of them are of the *Torrid Zone*, one the *Temperate*, and another the *Frigid*, all illustrated by suitable animals and scenery: the two last have much merit. Besides, there is a romantic view in *Otaheite*, and another of part of an isle of ice near the *Antarctic Circle*, with three different species of those strange birds the penguins, and two different species of the petrels; this was taken from an original sketch made on the spot by Doctor *John Reinhold Forster*.

PORTRAITS. THE parlor is filled with numbers of portraits, and other paintings. The greater part of the first are reduced from the originals by *Moses Griffith*, in a most masterly manner. A few excepted, they are family pictures. A very large one covers the end of the room; the figures are three quarters, and dressed in the manner in which *Vandyk* did his; the man has a remarkable good look, long hair, whiskers, and small beard: his wife is by him; between them a boy with a basket of flowers, and by him a gre-hound. These represent *David Pennant*, sheriff of the county in 1643, his wife *Margaret Pennant*, of *Merton*, and their eldest son *Piers*. This piece is done in a superior style, a good imitation of *Vandyk*. A grand column and a rich carpet is introduced, a flattery of the artist, for in those days we were far from being able to pay for even a performance of that value. It probably was done in the troublesome times, when some painter of merit might have wandered about the country, and have been glad of working for his meat and his drink, and some trifle for other necessities.

DAVID PEN-  
NANT, WIFE AND  
CHILD.



My great, great grandfather was an officer in the garrison of *Denbigh*, when it was besieged and taken by my maternal great, great grandfather general *Mytton*. My loyal ancestor suffered there a long imprisonment. *Bychton* was plundered, and the distress of the family so great, that he was kept from starving by force of conjugal affection; for his wife often walked with a bag of oatmeal from the parish of *Whiteford* to *Denbigh* to relieve his wants.

NOTWITHSTANDING the zeal of his house for the loyal cause, it suffered very little in respect to the general composition of delinquents; the *Bychton* estate only paid 42*l.* 14*s.* whereas *Robert Pennant*, of *Downing*, paid not less than 298*l.* for his estate, which was very far inferior to the other. The occasion was this: *Robert Pennant* had the misfortune to have a hot-headed young fellow in his house, when a small detachment of the adverse party, with a cornet at the head, approached the place. He persuaded the family to resist; the doors were barricaded, a musquet fired, and the cornet wounded. The house was soon forced, and of course plundered; but, such was the moderation of the party, no carnage ensued, and the only revenge seems to have been the disproportionate fine afterwards levied.

NOTWITHSTANDING his brother *Hugh* is not delivered down to us on canvas, I cannot omit the mention of him as a brave and faithful officer in the royal army serving in *North Wales*. He attained the rank of major, and particularly distinguished himself in the isle of *Anglesey*. In 1648, that island, in imitation of several of the *English* counties, rose in order to set the king at liberty, and to restore monarchy to the oppressed kingdom. Numbers of royalists resorted to this island from different parts

MAJOR HUGH  
PENNANT.

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of *North Wales*, and made a general muster in the middle of the island, under the command of *Thomas* lord *Bulkeley*. The parliament determined on their reduction, and made *Conwy* the place of rendezvous. General *Mytton* was the commanding officer; he landed at *Cadnant*, where *Hugh Pennant* was posted, who, after undergoing a severe fire from the rocks and hedges, being left unsupported, was obliged to retreat. Two captains posted at *Porth-aethwy*, made so speedy a flight, that it was said that one of them at least had previously received the bribe of 50*l.* for his treachery. In the battle which soon after was fought near *Beaumaris*, *Hugh Pennant* charged the enemy with great spirit, and was very near taking that brave officer colonel *Lothian* prisoner. Some others of the loyal officers conducted themselves with spirit; but, in general, the islanders are allowed by their own historian, a schoolmaster of *Beaumaris*, to have behaved very ill. An *Anglesey* captain was directed to keep the church: he posted his men in it, locked them safely up, and then ran away with the key in his pocket. The historian tells us, that he was called Captain *Church* to his dying day. They certainly had great valor at distant danger. As soon as the enemy appeared marching over *Penmaen-mawr*, at least four miles from *Beaumaris*, the *Anglesey* people began to bustle; drums beat, trumpets sounded, and great volleys of small shot and great were discharged; at which the enemy, says the sage pedagogue, took little or no notice. Major *Pennant* was probably taken in *Beaumaris* castle, with the royal army, to which place it had retired after the defeat. As soon as he obtained his liberty he resided at *Bryn-shone*, in the parish of *Yskirviog*, where he died on *March* 10th, 1669, and was interred at *Whiteford*.

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HE was married to *Margaret Aungier*, baroness of *Longford*, one of the daughters of *Sir Thomas Cave*, of *Slimford*, in the county of *Northampton*, knight. This lady had four husbands; she paid our country the compliment of beginning and ending with a *Welshman*: her first was *Sir John Wynne*, of *Gwedir*, junior, they lived unhappily together, which sent him on his travels into *Italy*, where he died at *Lucca*. She then took one of the *Milesian* race, for she married *Sir Francis Aungier*, master of the rolls in *Ireland*, afterwards created baron of *Longford*. Thirdly, she gave her hand to an *Englishman*, *Sir Thomas Wenman*, of *Oxfordshire*; and, finally, she resigned her antiquated charms to our valiant major, who in the year 1656 deposited her with his ancestors, in the church at *Whiteford*.

THE next is a single figure, a half-length of *Pyers*, son of *David Pennant*, with long hair, a long laced cravat, and in a singular gown. His wife is in another frame, a handsome woman, with her neck naked, and long tresses flowing on each side. She was one of the celebrated seven sisters of the house of *Gwysanne*, near to *Mold*, who were all married about the same time, and all became widows, and of them only two of them renewed the nuptial vow. These ladies being much talked of, even to this day, I add their names, and those of their spouses. Let me premise that they were daughters of *Robert Davies*, by *Anne*, eldest daughter of *Sir Peter Mutton*, knight, chief justice of *North Wales*, and owner of *Llanerch*, in the vale of *Clwyd*.

*Anne*, their first daughter, married *John Thelwall*, of *Plascoch*.  
*Katherine*, - - - - - *Pyers Pennant*, of *Bychton*.



*Dorothy*, married - *George Hope*, of *Doddleston*.  
*Elizabeth*, - - - *Thomas Humphries*, of *Boddlewiddan*.  
*Margaret*, - - - *John Holland*, of *Tyrddan*.  
*Ellen*, - - - *George Wynne*, of *Leefwood*.  
*Jane*, - - - *Thomas Edwards*, of *Rbual*.  
*Pyers Pennant*, who occasioned this notice, died in 1623.

I CANNOT well ascertain the next portrait, which is of a handsome young man, in long hair, flowing and curling gracefully on his shoulders. He is dressed in the military dress of the time, a laced turn-over, and an elegant buff coat, much ornamented, and a musket with an aukward old lock in his hand, and a sword by his side. I suspect him to have been a son of *Pyers Pennant*, who was slain in the ill-conducted expedition to the isle *Rbé*, under the duke of *Buckingham*, in 1627. He probably was in the company of his neighbor captain *Richard Mostyn*, a younger son of *Mostyn*, who fell in the same spot.

## PETER PENNANT.

THE portrait of my grandfather, *Peter Pennant*, represents, what I well remember him to have been, a fine person, and of a jovial complexion. He is dressed in a white tye-wig, and a red coat. On the death of his first wife, *Catherine*, second daughter of the *Wynnes*, of *Glynne*, in *Merionethshire*, he went into the army in the reign of *Queen Anne*, and served at the siege of *Brussels*. Disgusted with his colonel, *Sir Thomas Prendergast*, after demanding satisfaction, which *Sir Thomas* declined, he resigned, and passed the remainder of his days at *Bychton*; where he lived in great hospitality, and died in *October* 1736, aged 72.

His



JOHN PENNANT,  
OF CHELSEA.

HIS uncle, *John Pennant*, in a full brown wig, and brown gown. By his jolly rubicund face he appears to have been a thorough *bon-vivant*, yet with much the air of the gentleman. The original, a well painted picture, was given to us by *John Wynne*, of *Coperleney*, in this neighborhood, who, by the inscription on the back, seems to have taken as much pride in being thought the friend of *John Pennant*, as *Sir Fulke Grevil* did in being the friend of *Sir Philip Sydney*. Many a bottle had they emptied during their thirty years friendship. He resided at *Chelsea*, where my father often visited him during the boyish holydays. My father told me he was frequently taken by him to the coffee-house, where he used to see poor *Richard Cromwell*, a little and very neat old man, with a most placid countenance, the effect of his innocent and unambitious life.

I IMAGINE that the coffee-house was *Don Saltero's*, to which he was a benefactor, and has the honor of having his name inserted in the catalogue. I have, when a boy, seen his gift to the great *Saltero*, which was a *lignified* hog. I fear that this matchless curiosity is lost, at least it is omitted in the last, or 47th edition of the catalogue.—What author of us can flatter himself with delivering his works down to posterity, in impressions so numerous as the labors of *Don Saltero*?

*John Pennant* died in 1709, aged 69, and was interred in the church-yard of *Chelsea*, and had a small monument to his memory erected against the wall of the church, by his wife, daughter to *Mr. Parry*, of *Merton*, a house and small estate which we now possess, above a mile from *Downing*. Her affection provided



vided the following epitaph, which I give more on that account, than for the excellency of the composition.

## EPITAPH.

Near this place, under a stone with his name on it, lies the body of *John Pennant*, gent. second son of *David Pennant*, of *Bichtan*, in the county of *Flint*, esq; who departed this life the 5th of *June*, 1709, aged 69. In whose memory this monument was erected, by his mournful widow, who designs to be interred in the same grave :

Had virtue in perfection power to save  
The best of men from the devouring grave,  
*Pennant* had liv'd; but 'tis in vain to flie  
The fatal stroke, where all are doom'd to die.  
Farewel, lov'd spouse; since want of words appears  
T' express my grief, I'll moan thy loss with tears,  
Which like *Nile's* cataracts shall rumble down,  
And with their briny floods my passion drown.  
Here may thy ashes undisturb'd remain,  
Till thy wife's dust re-visits thee again;  
Then sacred quiet, till the day of doom  
Seal the enclosure of our catacomb.

His arms are those of the *Pennants*. Her's those of *Edwyn*, lord of *Tegengle*.

ROBERT  
PENNANT.

ANOTHER of my kindred lies in *Pancras* church-yard. I may be excused for mentioning him, as his epitaph is far from inelegant. This youth, *Robert Pennant*, was son to *Pierce Pennant* by *Katherine*, one of the seven sisters of *Gwysanne*, and was snatched away at the age of twenty-four, in the year 1639. He was attended to his grave, as was then the custom, by a most numerous set of friends, among whom were the two bishops, and numbers of



the first gentry of *North Wales*, who happened then to be in town.  
Thus is delivered his amiable character :

Gentilibus suis compositus  
Robertus Pennant,  
Filius 2<sup>du</sup> Pyercei Pennant, de *Bychton*,  
In Com. *Flint*, Arm.  
Et *Katherinæ*, sororis *Roberti Davies*,  
Hic reconditus.  
Qui cum omnia obiisset munera  
Juvenem quæ suis charum reddere poterant  
Febre *Londini* correptus,  
Desideratus æque ac notus decessit  
Ætatis A<sup>o</sup> 24.  
M.DC.XXXIX.

My worthy father was painted at the age of fifteen, most  
awkwardly in a long flowing wig. He was brought up at  
*Thistleworth*, under *Creech*, the translator of *Lucretius*; after that  
his education was neglected, but he was *abnormis sapiens*, and of  
the best of hearts. He passed a useful and worthy life to a good  
old age; and departed, with every expression of piety and resigna-  
tion, on *January* 1st, 1763, aged 78. MY FATHER.

My good and religious mother is painted in oil, over the  
chimney-piece; she is dressed in blue, her neck naked, her  
tresses auburn, long, and flowing. The painter was Mr.  
*Fellowes*, an artist of some merit, who lived at *Wrexham*  
and *Chester*. She was called a beauty, 'in spite of her teeth,'  
which were not good. She was third daughter of *Richard*  
*Mytton*, Esq; of *Halston* (see *Tour in Wales*, i. p. 246) one  
of fifteen children, by *Arabella*, eldest daughter of Sir *John*  
*Houblon*, MOTHER.



*Houblon*, lord mayor of *London* in 1695, lord of the admiralty in the time of King *William*, and the first governor of the bank of *England*. See more of his history in my account of *London*, p. 455. I have often been assured by some of my aunts, that (with their father and mother) they had often danced to the number of eight couple. My mother was born *September* 6th, 1689, and married to my father *December* 24th, 1724. The courtship was carried on at *Wynn-stay*, and the nuptials performed at the neighboring church of *Rhiwabon*. That good man Sir *Watkin Williams Wynne*, in a frolic, jumped on the box, and drove the bride and bridegroom to the church-door. This excellent woman died in *London* of the small-pox, in the year 1744. She, near to her dying moment, called me to the bed-side, and presented me with her silver etwee, and looked as if she could have delivered her tender adieu in the *Augustan* style (which I engraved on it) VIVE MEMOR AMORIS NOSTRI, ET VALE!

ELIZABETH  
PENNANT.

THE portrait of my venerable aunt, *Elizabeth Pennant*, was drawn in water colors, in her old age, by *Moses Griffith*, and does him much credit. It is a very strong likeness, dressed in the old fashion, with a long white handkerchief flung carelessly over her cap; the countenance shews the goodness of her heart. I speak gratefully of a friend, who doated on me and mine. I lost this valuable woman *October* 2d, 1775; who, with all the consciousness of a well-spent life, quitted the earthly stage with the utmost tranquillity.

JOHN MYTTON.

My respected uncle *John Mytton*, of *Halston*, born *September* 11th, 1690, closes the list of relations. His countenance indicates



dicates the sweet disposition he possessed, and all his features are amiable. His dress, a grey tye-wig, a blue coat, with a scarlet mantle flung over one arm. He was bred a merchant, and spent much of his time in *Portugal*; but succeeding his eldest brother *Richard* in his estate, retired to *Halston*, where he ended his benevolent life.

I MUST not forget a shade of my affectionate uncle *James Mytton*, fifth son of the same house, and brother to the last, the kind friend of my youth, with whom I lived long, and strove, to the best of my power, to reap from him every advantage that his good sense, good heart, and polished manners, wished to instil into my susceptible mind.

JAMES MYTTON.

I CONCLUDE the accounts of the portraits of our family with my own, in a *Vandyk* dress, by Mr. *Willes*, an ingenious artist, who afterwards quitted the pencil and obtained holy orders, to which he did no discredit.

*Moses Griffith* furnished this room with other reduced portraits. That from the fine picture of Sir *Roger Mostyn*, knight, (of whom more will be said when I arrive at the house) is an admirable performance.

SIR ROGER  
MOSTYN, KNT.

SUPERIOR even to the portrait of Sir *Roger Mostyn* is that of *Humphrey Lloyd*, taken from the original, on board, in possession of the Reverend *John Lloyd*, of *Aston*, in *Shropshire*. This illustrious person was senator, philosopher, historian, and physician. He represented the town of *Denbigh*, in 1653. He is celebrated also as an accomplished gentleman, eloquent, and an excellent rhetorician. *Camden* speaks of his great skill in the antiquities of his country. He married a sister of *John* lord *Lumley*: and

HUMPHREY  
LLOYD.

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formed his brother-in-law's library, which now is the most valuable part in the *British Museum*. He died in 1658, aged 41. He is painted with short reddish hair, rounded beard, and whiskers, a short quilled ruff, black dress, and a triple gold chain; on one side of him are his arms and crest; beneath is this motto:

HWY PERY KLOD NA GOLYD.

Fame is more lasting than wealth.

On the other side is the following inscription:

Ætatis 34. A. Dñi. 1561.

Vera effigies incliti Artium Professoris, earumque alumni *Humfredi Lloyd, Cambro-Britanni et Denbighensis*, ortus antiquâ *Rosindalorum* familiâ; qui floruit temporibus *Mariæ et Elizabethæ* beata memoria regin. Obiitq. An. Dñi. 1568, et cum patribus in ecclesia parochiali de *Denbigh* sepultus.

He was buried at *Whichchurch*, near *Denbigh*, with a very neat monument. He is represented kneeling at an altar beneath a range of small arches, and dressed in a *Spanish* habit.

SIR JOHN WYNNE,  
JUNIOR, KNIGHT.

THIS is over the chimney-piece; above him is the portrait of Sir *John Wynne*, knight, who died on his travels at *Lucca*, in 1614. (It is taken from the original at *Wynn-stay*). He was buried there, in the parish of *St. John's*. I have seen numbers of his letters, which shew him to have been a most observant man. He was eldest son of Sir *John Wynne*, of *Gwedir*. He is in black, has a large ruff, laced turn-over, and others at his wrists, a white girdle stuck with points, and a white belt passing over his shoulders and breast. His countenance is good, his hair short and dark, his beard small and peaked.

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THE next is opposite to the other, a head of Sir *Richard Wynne*, baronet, grandson to old Sir *John*, and last of the male line.

SIR RICHARD  
WYNNE, BART.

ABOVE Sir *John Wynne* is a very fine head of *Charles I.* by *Vandyk*. He is elegantly dressed in a red jacket, slashed and laced. This was purchased at the sale of the late colonel *Norton*, of *Southwick*, in *Hampshire*, by my worthy friend the late *Pusey Brooke*, esq. and gratefully presented by him to the late Mr. *Edwards*, of *Brynford*, to whom he lay under obligations. It was on his death presented to my father, and decreed to remain an heir-love in the family.

CHARLES I.

OPPOSITE to *Charles I.* is another *Charles*, great grandson to the unfortunate monarch. It is a head in oil-colors, after the original by *Hussey*. He was a man uncommonly handsome: his fine brown hair is tied behind, and curled on the sides; his body and arms are clad in armor. In the field he certainly took too great care of his person, but I believe the armor to have been the painter's choice. His highness had given himself the two orders, for both the blue and the green ribbon grace his shoulders.

HIS GREAT  
GRANDSON.

THIS picture was originally the property of the late Sir *William Meredith*, baronet. He suddenly veered from the *Stuart* to the *Brunswick* line; and thinking it unsafe to have a *Stuart*, even in canvas, presented it to my very worthy mother-in-law, *Elizabeth Falconer*, a true votary of exiled royalty. On her death, the choice of any of her personality having been, in the most friendly manner, offered by her son the Rev. *James Falconer*, D. D. I fixed on this. The period of *Jacobitism* was over; but I re-



member the time in which I might have been struck out of the commission for having in my possession even the shadow of disaffection.

ANSON.

ANSON, the persevering ANSON, graces the lower end of the room: a head painted when he was a captain, before the year 1742, when he began his celebrated voyage. This was the bequest of my uncle *James Mytton*, who well knew the respect I had to the two illustrious brothers of *Shugborough*. Lord ANSON was fortunate, but his good fortune was the result of merit, not of chance. During his naval administration, and during that more arduous one under *John* earl of SANDWICH, the commerce of BRITAIN in every part was uninterrupted! our colonies protected! our acquisitions secured! and, in the latter war, when we had all the world to combat, our squadrons were every where! The superior genius of the man disposed our fleets so as to gain all those advantages, without neglecting, without weakening the domestic safety of BRITAIN, which must ever acknowledge his salutary strength of mind, and bury his foibles in oblivion. His blemishes were those of the private man: his high qualities, public benefits. In his active days

No navies yawn'd for orders on the main.

FROBENIUS.

I HAVE very few other pictures. I may boast of an admirable head of *Frobenius*, the printer of the celebrated *Erasmus*, by *Holbein*; it is exactly the same with that of *Hatfield*. (See *Journey to London*, p. 408.) I will repeat what I said respecting that illustrious typographer. He is dressed in a black gown, lined with fur. *Frobenius* was a native of *Franconia*, but settled at *Bazil*, in  
Switzerland,





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*Switzerland*, of which city he became a citizen. He was a man of considerable learning, and the finest printer of his time. *Erasmus* resided a long time with him, attracted by his personal merit, and his admirable skill in his profession; for to him we are indebted for the most beautiful edition of the works of his illustrious friend. *Frobenius* died in 1527, and was honored by the same hand with two epitaphs, one in *Greek*, the other in *Latin*.

THE next is a small half-length on copper of Saint *Charles Borromeo*, praying before a crucifix. That illustrious prelate was an ornament to his church. He is represented in his cardinal's dress, with a wan and meagre countenance, the effects of his sincere austerities. Those alone ought not to have given him a place in the kalendar: his genuine piety, his benevolence, his great deeds of charity, furnished him with the fullest clame. Add to this, his courage in facing the pestilence which raged in *Milan*, his native city, in all its horrors. He administered to the distressed every comfort, spiritual and temporal. Like 'Mar-seilles's good bishop,' he escaped, and received his heavenly reward *November 3d, 1584*.

SAINT CHARLES  
BORROMEO.

OF unknown portraits I have two. One is of an officer, I think by *de Gelder*, a pupil of *Rembrandt's*. It is much in the style of his master. The figure is standing, with a good military countenance. In one hand is a long sword, the point resting on the floor; on his head is a hat and feathers; his body is armed to the waist; below are long skirts of buff; his helmet is on a barrel, the colors furled, and rests against the wall; his shield and war-saddle near them. *De Gelder* was born in 1645, and died in 1727.

UNKNOWN POR-  
TRAITS.

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## TYDDIN UCHA'.

THE other is of a *Low Country* foldier; a small full length; a most graceful figure of a young man leaning on a chair, with an emptied glass in one hand, and on the floor a flagon, and near is his white hat and feathers; his hair long; he is in a buff coat, a broad leathern belt, with a cloak flung carelessly over one arm; he has vast boots, and a long sword hanging down from his side.

A SMALL, but neat inside of a *Flemish* church; and a fine painting of a white grous, hung by one foot from a tree, with some plants near the foot. These are all the paintings I can boast of. The last is by *Rysbrack*, a painter born at *Antwerp* about the middle of the last century.

I MAY conclude with a very neat drawing by *Moses Griffith*, of the antient gardens of *Llanerch*, in the *Italian* taste of the middle of the last century, made by Mr. *Mutton Davies*, after his return from *Italy*; they were fine (in that style), decorated with water-works, statues, dials, &c. &c. emitting water, to the astonishment of the spectators. The original of the drawing is from an old large picture in my possession.

CABINET OF  
FOSSILS.

*Downing* may boast of a good and numerous collection of fossils and minerals, partly collected by myself, partly by my son in his extensive travels; many of the specimens are elegant, and most of them instructive.

TYDDIN UCHA'.

ABOVE a mile from *Downing* is *Tyddyn Ucha'*, a farm-house belonging to our family. In the last century it was inhabited by my grandfather, during the life-time of his father. My uncle *John Pennant*, and two of my aunts, were born there. I have often heard it said, with pride, that once three baronets were entertained



entertained there by the hospitable owner. I vehemently suspect, from the size of the house, that at least two of them must have slept together.

My father has often told me a ridiculous story of the effect of a jolly evening passed there by some of the convivial neighbors. They had made very free with some ale which had been brewed with malt made of foul barley, unfortunately mixed with the seeds of a certain plant, which brought on a temporary blindness. The guests had not gone far before the symptoms seized them, and they were led back to their host, who was in the same condition. They were suddenly alarmed with a violent scream in a female voice. It seems that the *butleress*, or female butler, had, in her repeated visits to the cellar, sipped too plentifully of the *curw*, and, terrified with the effect, betrayed herself by giving unguardedly full vent to her fears.

In those days the neighbors were much addicted to *terming*, *i. e.* brewing a barrel of ale at some favorite ale-house, and staying there till it was all drunk out. They never went to bed, even should the *term* last a week; they either slept in their chairs or on the floor, as it happened, then awoke and resumed their jollity. At length, when the barrel was exhausted, they reeled away, and the hero of this *Bacchanalian* rout always carried the spiggot in triumph. Courting was very frequently the occasion of these *terms*; each gentleman brought his gre-hound, and often made matches, more for the glory of producing the best dog, than for the value of the bet.

TERMING.

At half a mile distance, south of this house, stands *Merton*, in the township of *Merton Uwch Glan*; I gave it the addition of  
*Abbot,*

MERTON ABBOT.



## COMPLAINTS OF TEGENGL.

*Abbot*, to distinguish it from the many others of the same name. It was built in the year 1572, and for the time was a tolerable house. This and the *Holywell* estate was conveyed into our family by the marriage of *David Pennant* with *Katherine Pennant*, daughter and sole heiress of *John Pennant*, of *Holywell*, and *Mary*, daughter of *Thomas ap Thomas ap Edward*, of *Merton*. *John* was fourth in descent from *Nicholas Pennant*, last abbot of *Basingwerk*, and son of *Thomas ap David*, &c. &c. his predecessor in the abbotsip. *David Pennant*, who made this valuable acquisition, died in 1666; *Katherine* survived him till the year 1700. This was the only marriage that added much to our estate since the time of *Madoc ap Thomas ap Meilir*, who sat down at *Bychton* with the heiress of *Philip O'Phicdan*, hereafter to be mentioned.

THE two *Mertons*, *Uwch Glan* and *Is Glan*, are adjacent townships. They were, at the time of compiling the *Doomsday Book*, undivided, and known by the Saxon name of *Meretone*, or the township bordering over the sea.

COMPLAINTS OF  
TEGENGL.

THE noblemen of *Tegengl* drew up a memorial, which they presented to *John Peckham*, archbishop of *Canterbury*, containing, among numbers of other grievances, the wrong done to the men of *Merton*. The archbishop (who in 1281 came down on the christian design of reconciling the differences between *Edward I.* and *Llewelyn*) seemed to pity their sufferings; but it is not probable that the king paid any attention to their representations, as he was then in full march against our gallant countrymen, determined to make an effectual conquest of an enemy who gave him so much serious disturbance.

ABOVE



ABOVE three hundred yards from my house, on the opposite side of a dingle, stands another *Downing*, the seat of my worthy neighbor and friend *Thomas Thomas*, esq. His good father came into possession of it about the year 1749, by marriage with Miss *Mary Lloyd*, heiress of the place, and descended from *Edwyn*, prince or lord of *Tegengl*. His *Llys* or palace was near *Northop*. My much-lamented friend the Reverend *John Lloyd*, of *Caerwys*, was of opinion that the fat figure on one of the tomb-stones in *Northop* church, represented this chieftain.

DOWNING UCHA.

MR. *Thomas* was of *Llechweddgarth* in *Montgomeryshire*. (See *Tour in Wales*, ii. 349) descended from *Brochwel Yscythrog*, prince of *Powis*, who bore sable three nags heads erased argent. Before Mr. *Thomas's* arrival, a fierce feud raged between the two houses, as usual in days of yore; which, on his appearance, was changed into lasting peace. I cannot but mention a cruel revenge which the *Montagues* used to take on their neighbor *Capulet*, by the advantage of a stream which ran through their grounds in its way to our kitchen, where it was applied to the purpose of a jack for the turning of a spit. How often has that important engine been stopped before it had performed half its evolutions! our poor *Capulet* swearing, lady crying, *Coges* fuming, and nurse screaming! But

CRUEL FEUDS.

To hear the children mutter,  
When they lost their bread and butter,  
It would move a heart of stone.

IN the footway to *Bychton* is the wood, the *Sylva* mentioned in the *Doomsday Book*. At the time of that compilation it was

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valued at 20 s. only. Possibly the value did not increase greatly in the beginning of the sixteenth century, when my ancestor, *Hugh Pennant* of *Bychton* (eighteenth in descent from their common stock) married *Jonet*, daughter of *Richard ap Howel*, of *Mostyn*, who led his troops to *Bosworth Field*. Tradition says, that (money being wondrous scarce in those days) he was offered this wood as a portion with the lady; which our family rejected, as of no value in a country of forests. I cannot estimate the thousands it would have been worth at present, or in course of time.

#### A LLYS.

IN this wood are the remains of some antient *Llys*, or palace, as my friend, the late antiquary of *Caerwys*, used to maintain. I can only say, that to judge of the foundations, our palaces in those days were not very splendid.

#### LINE OF TUDOR TREVOR.

THE line of *Tudor Trevor*, with all its branches, is so frequently spoken of, that I shall here continue his descent. He was son of *Ynger ap Cadvarch*, earl of *Hereford*, in right of his wife *Rbiengar*, daughter and heir of *Llwdocca ap Karadoc Vreichvras*, or the earl of *Hereford*, grandson to the said *Karadoc*, and great-grandson to *Karadoc Vreichvras*, earl of *Hereford* and *Marchiogen*, in the time of prince *Arthur*, and who had besides the honor of being one of the knights of the round table. *Tudor* married *Angbarad*, daughter to *Howel Dda*, prince of *Wales*, renowned for his wise laws, who quitted his government and retired to *Rome*, and there died in 948, whose death was sore bewailed of all men, 'for he was a prince that loved peace and good order, 'and that feared God.' I am sorry to deprive our ancestor of his title of earl: the *Welsh* had none such among them. Our great men



men had that of *Arglwydd* or *Lord*, and the chief or monarch that of *T'wisog* or *Prince*. *Tudor* had in right of his mother immense possessions in *Herefordshire*, and in all that country, then called *Ferlys*, which lies between the *Wye* and the *Severn*. He was also lord of *Whittington*, in *Shropshire* (See *Tour in Wales*, i. p. 250.) and made that castle his residence. Let me observe that many of his estates, being in the marches of *Wales*, he was called of the *Tribe of March*, to distinguish him from the other tribes.

THE families descended from this chieftain were exceedingly numerous, but those still existing in the male line are only the following: *Thomas Trevor Hampden* viscount *Hampden*, *Richard Pennant* Lord *Penrhyn*, *Sir Roger Mostyn*, and the *Mostyns* of *Bryngwyn*, of *Segrwyd*, branches of his family, and *Sir Pyers Mostyn*, *Eyttons* of *Eyton*, *Wynnes* of *Gwerninvaer*, *Jones's*, of *Llwynon*, and *Jeffries's*, of *Acton*, existing in my friend the Rev. Dr. *Jeffries*, residentiary of *St. Paul's*, and worthy Rector of *Whiteford*, and the *Pennants* of *Bychton*.

ADJACENT to this wood is my paternal seat, I may say the primæval seat of our family. The date, on a piece of wood over an added window, is 1572. This gives an idea of the house of a gentleman of middling estate in those days. There was a much more antient date on a beam in the barn, which was inadvertently destroyed when I new built it. I lived at this seat in 1761 and 1762; at that time I recollect buying of the tenant, who with great civility quitted it to me, his stock of wheat at 8s. the hobbet, consisting of two measures, of forty-one quarts each.

BYCHTON.



LET me contrast this to a year of scarcity in our country, that of 1637, when I find, by a diary kept by a *Peter Roberts*, of *St. Asaph*, that in the same year wheat was sold at 21 s. the hobbet, rye at 15 s. and vetches at 11 s. Change this into the present value of silver, the hobbet of wheat at this time would be equal to 29 s. of barley to 20 s. 8½ d. and vetches to 15 s. 2¼ d. — a calculation for which I am indebted to the ingenuity of my good assistant, the Rev. Mr. *Henry Parry*, of *Holywell*.

## SUMMER-HOUSE.

VERY near to the house stood a summer-house, (a building very frequent near the seats of *Welsh* gentry) with a cellar beneath. These were used as retreats for the jovial owners and their friends, to enjoy, remote from the fair, their toasts and noisy merriment. Mine was so near to ruin, that I was obliged to pull it down. I remember oaks of a vast size growing near to the house. This, and I may say the other lower parts of the parish, are finely wooded with that noble species of tree, which grows spontaneously: was this part deserted, it would relapse into its original state, and become an impenetrable forest.

## MADOC AP MEILER.

Now let the whole *Welshman* arise in me! Let me relate how *Madoc ap Meiler* (surnames were not as yet) *ap Thomas ap Owen ap Blydden ap Tudor ap Rhys Sais ap Ednefyd ap Llowarch Gam ap Llyddocca*, fil. primogen. TUDOR TREVOR, living A.D. 924, (miscalled) earl of *Hereford*, cotemporary with the great king *Athelstan*, and the greater *Edwal Voel*, prince of *Wales*, did take lawful possession of *Alice*, daughter and heir of *Philip o Phicdan*, by *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Dafydd ap Ririd*, &c. &c. of *Penley* in *Maelwr*. This *Philip o Phicdan* was son (See *Harleian Library*, N° 1792.) to *Philip ap Yswittan Wyddel*, of the house



house of *Dungannon*, in *Ireland*, one of the *Irish* cavaliers who followed *Gryffydd ap Conan* out of that island, to assist him to regain the throne of his ancestors, about the year 1077, usurped by *Trabaern ap Caradog*.

THE great and decisive victory on the mountains of *Carno*, in the county of *Montgomery*, in the same year, was owing to the valor of *Philip*. The usurper was defeated and slain, after the bloodiest contest in our annals. *Gryffydd* was reinstated in his lawful dominions, and reigned with great dignity during fifty-seven years. He was not ungrateful to his *Milesian* general; he bestowed on him great possessions in his new-recovered dominions\*, of which one of his sons inherited *Bychton*. It remained in the male line only one generation after *Yfwittan*, as we have above said. If we reckon thirty years to a generation, the match between *Madoc ap Meiler* and *Alice* must have taken place very early in the next century, if not in the same. This gives us a priority of landed possession in the parish of *Whiteford* to any other freeholder: *Madoc* being only tenth in descent from *Tudor Trevor*.

THIS my ancestor *Madoc* probably lived also by the sword, for I cannot with any certainty prove that before this time he had any landed property. I presume he was content with his acquisition of the fair *Alice*, and the *Bychton* estate (not *Putecaine*, as the barbarous *Normans* made it in the *Doomsday Book*) at which period (*Widfor*, i. e. *Whiteford*) was *terra unius caruce*, et ibi erat cum duobus villanis et XII. inter servos, et ancilla ibi piscaria, and *Sylva*, or the wood above mentioned. But I fear we had been long before robbed of the wood at left, and

\* *Historia Gryffyd ap Conan*, MS. N<sup>o</sup> 39. *Gleddaeth Library*.

possibly



possibly of our *piscaria*, &c. either by our own countrymen or the tyrant *Saxons*. *Madoc* sat down quietly on his lands; his offspring seem to have been much respected, for his son *Yorwerth* married the daughters of two princes; his first wife was daughter of *Owen*, lord of *Tegengl*, and his second the daughter of the lord of *Allington* and *Ruthenland*. We went on begetting sons and daughters for a long space. My son may boast of being sixteenth in descent from the great *Madoc*, or twenty-fifth from *Tudor Trevor*; where, for brevity sake, I take up the pedigree, otherwise I might reach the renowned *Kourda Wledig*, after passing through five most celebrated descents.

ARMS.

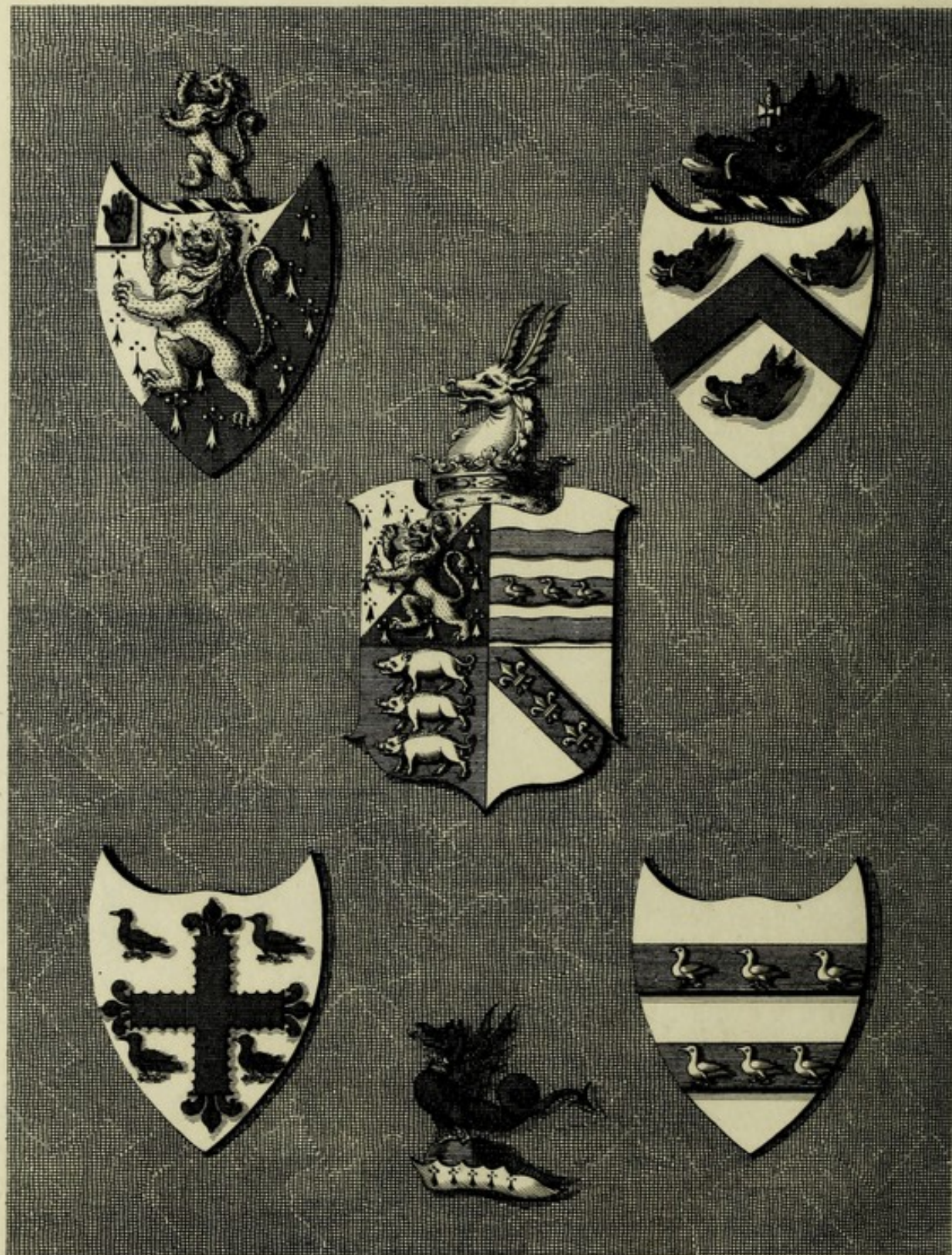
*Madoc* assumed the arms of *Yfwyttan Wyddel*, his wife's grandfather, viz. 'Fyelde silver three barres wavey azure, on the mydle barr three shieldrakes of the fyrste,' and for his next coat, by the name of *Philip Pbycdan*, 'three boars in palle silver;' these are so defined, and placed quarterly by that able genealogist *John Charles Brooke*, esq. *Somerset* herald, whose untimely end I find daily reason to deplore. The three boars were the arms of *Yonas ap Gronwy*, of *Penley* in *Maelwr* hundred, in the county of *Flint*. My father had some small possessions in that country, which he sold to improve our estate nearer home. Those probably were derived from *Philip Pbycdan*, and devolved to *Madoc* on his marriage with his daughter *Alice*.

I OBSERVE that the descendants of *Yfwyttan Wyddel* varied in their first coat. *Margaret*, one of the daughters, and heiress of *David ap Kynric*, ap *Philip Pbycdan*, bore in a white field two fesses azure, and in each the three shieldrakes. She married *William Salusbury*, of *Llewenni*, (says the *Salusbury* Pedegree,









*M. Griffith delin.*

*J. Barber sculp.*

# PLATE of ARMS.

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p. 14. b.) who served in parlement for the borough of *Leominster* in the sixth of *Edward III.* and several other parlements as late as that of the thirty-eighth of the same prince.

THE family assumed afterwards their proper arms, those of *Tudor Trevor*. In the year 1580, a patent for a crest, the antelope's head most strangely disfigured with heraldic liberty, was granted to *Pyers Pennant*, one of the four gentlemen-ushers to Queen *Elizabeth*, and to the posterity of his father *Hugh Pennant*. In this patent, which I have in high preservation, the first coat is that of the *Trevors*, 'the fyerde party par bend, finister ermen, and ermyne, a lion rampant goulde, langued and armed gules.' The two next are as described above, and the fourth by the name of *Gruffydd Lloyd*, 'the fyerde azure three flower-de-luces of the fyerde:' and such is the *dictum* of *Robert Cooke, alias Clarencieux*, ROY D'ARMES, 1580.

THE *Mostyns* of *Mostyn* bear as their crest, a lion rampant.

THE *Trevors*, who were the *Pen-cenedl*, or head of the whole line, had for their crest the wivern or dragon on a cap of dignity. The present Lord *Hampden* is its true *Pen-cenedl*; but by heraldic rules, on the descent of the *Hampden* estate to his lordship, from the alliance of his ancestor Sir *John Trevor* with the *Hampdens*, the talbot, the crest of that family, supersedes the antient dragon.

THE dragon was worn as a cognizance by all our princes, particularly by *Cadwaladr*, who died in 688. It was adopted by *Henry VII.* who claimed descent from him, and wore it in the battle of *Bosworth*. It took its origin from the legend of *Uther Pen-dragon*, father of king *Arthur*, who is said to have received the



the addition of *Pen-dragon*, from his wearing that imaginary animal on his helmet.

OUR bards united with the poet the office of herald. At first our pedigrees were preserved by oral communication; afterwards committed to writing, and preserved in the houses of our great men. The heralds office is at present a great repository of these kinds of treasure.

By the first we are assured of many other illustrious descents from princes' ancestors to our *Tudor Trevor*; from the princes of *Powis*; from *Rywalkon Conwyn*, (who, with his brother *Kynric*, were joint princes of *North Wales*); from even *Roderic* the Great, and from *Cadwaladr*; and finally from *Vortigern*, the unfortunate king of the *Britons*, who fled from the rage of his subjects, for his invitation of the *Saxons* into *Britain*, and died ingloriously about the year 465, in the darksome *Nant y Gwrtheyrn*, in the county of *Caernarvon*\*.

THE *English* heralds attempt to add fame to our race, by telling us that the present Sir *Roger Mostyn* is nineteenth in descent from the Conqueror, from *John of Gaunt*, from *Richard Plantagenet*, duke of *York*, father to *Edward IV.* I leave *Arthur Collins*, (vol. iii. p. 129, 131) to adduce the proofs. Why will my ingenious countrywoman, after admitting these honors †, deny to us BIRTH, by distinction fine as ether, and as imperceptible, allowing us only the advantage of family! And, notwithstanding the lady's justly-favored *Johnson* makes birth and lineage synonymous, yet my cousin will allow us no more of the former than what that great writer defines the 'act of coming

\* *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 204.

† *British Synonymy*, i. p. 231.

' into



'into the world,' the act which graced our country with its fair synonymist.

I HOPE the reader will not think me too warm, for thus vindicating my clame to *birth*, in common with my worthy brother-in-law. I am jealous that the honors which I possess by means of our marriage with his aunt *Shonet*, ten ascents higher, should receive any abatement: and I trust that the lady concerned will, as a *Welsh-woman*, even applaud my warmth on so very interesting an occasion!

OUR house has always been the *Pen-cenedl*, or chief of the name. We had several branches, all which, excepting those I have enumerated, are extinct in the male line; unless it be in the gentleman who of late years spread our celebrity in the capital, under the title of *Pennant's Parcel Post*.

THE first who branched from us was the hospitable, the useful, the valiant *Thomas Pennant*, abbot of *Basingwerk*, son of *David Pennant ap Tudor*, before mentioned. He flourished in the reign of *Edward IV.* and is highly celebrated by *Guttun Owain*, a bard of the year 1480, who records the hospitality of the abbot, in a poem printed in the collection of Mr. *Rhys Jones*. The poet is so liberal of his praise as to say, *That he gave twice the treasure of a king in wine.*

Er bwrw yno, aur brenhin

Ef a roes deufwy ar win.

And among his other luxuries I think he enumerates sugar, which a rich abbot of the fifteenth century might easily indulge

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himself



# ABBOT OF BASINGWORK.

himself in, for it had been a great article of commerce in *Sicily* as early as the year 1148.

*Guttun Owain* also adds :

Tŷ da i'r ŷd, o'r tu draw.

Tŷ brâg fydd, Tŷ brics iddaw.

A good granary on the other side, a malt-house, and a house of bricks : which last was probably a material in building of recent introduction in our country.

*Guttun Owain* and *Tudor Aled*, another noted bard, speak not only of his works of utility ; of the water and of the wind-mills he erected ; of his having enlarged and beautified the abbey, but also compliment him on his prowess in battle. Neither is *Guttun* silent on a subject, pleasing to every *Welsh* ear, the pedigree of his patron, whom he derives from *Edwyn*, and from *Rhŷs Sais*, a direct descendant from *Tudor Trevor*.

It is probable that our abbot discovered that celibacy did not suit his constitution. He quitted his profession, and became (in the law term) a monk *deraigne*, and married into the great house of *Penrbyn*, a lady of the name of *Angharad*. He became the father of four children. Of them, *Edward* the eldest succeeded to the fortunes which he seems to have secured in the parish of *Holywell*. *Thomas*, the second son, became vicar of *Holywell*. And *Nicholas*, the third, in due time abbot of *Basingwerk* ; he was the last, and became founder of a family, as I shall have occasion to mention. More also will be said of the line of *Edward*, who may be considered as the first of the house of *Bagilt*.

WE did not assume the name of *Pennant*, till the time of *David Pennant ap Tudor*, fifteenth in descent from *Tudor Trevor* ; it is a true



true *Welsh* name, taken from *Pen*, a head, and *Nant*, a dingle, our house of *Bychton* being seated at the head of a very considerable one. The name is very common in *North Wales*, applied to places, such as *Pennant St. Melangl*, *Pennant Mowddwy*, *Pennant Lliw*, &c. &c. I have found it in *Cornwal*, and again in the great bay of *Douarnenez*, in *Bretagne*, where, among numbers of other *Welsh* names, is that of *Pointe Pennant*.

It has been delivered down to us, that in some distant time a gang of gipsies used to haunt this dingle, and that eighteen of them were executed, after which the gipsy race never more frequented the neighborhood. I cannot learn their crime, possibly there was none, for they might have been legally murdered by the cruel statute of the 1st and 2d of *Philip and Mary*, which enacts, 'that if, within forty days next after proclamation of this present act shall be made, that then he or they which shall not depart and avoid within the said time of forty days, according to the true meaning of this act, shall be judged and deemed, according to the laws of this realm of *England*, a felon and felons, and shall suffer therefore pains of death, loss of lands and goods as in other cases of felony, and shall be tried as is aforesaid, and without having any benefit or privilege of sanctuary or clergy.' Sir *Matthew Hale* tells us, that in *Suffolk*, a few years before the restoration, were executed, at a single assizes, not less than thirteen; but none, on that barbarous law, have suffered since that time. In these humane days the gipsies may wander in peace, provided they behave inoffensively wheresoever they chance to make their transient abode; for the bloody act was repealed in the twenty-third year of his present majesty.

GIPSIES.



## OUR FIRST MARRIAGE WITH AN ENGLISHWOMAN.

*David Pennant* was the first of us who married into a *Saxon* family; he took to wife *Anne*, daughter of *John Done*, of *Utkinton*, in *Cheeshire*, by *Anne* daughter of *Richard Heaton*, of *Heaton*, in the county of *Lancaster*. He begat many sons and daughters, among them was the famous abbot *Thomas*, and also Sir *Hugh Pennant*, *Offeiriad*, or priest, whom the great *Lbryd*, in his *Archæologia*, p. 257, calls an able poet, in the time of *Henry VIII.*; and I find also, that in 1575 he was at an *Eisteddfod*, at *Caerwis*, secondary student in vocal song, and—he was the only musical man in all our line.

## OUR FIRST SHERIFF.

TILL the advancement of *Richard Pennant* to the title of *Penrhyn*, our house was never distinguished by any honors beyond the most useful one, that of justice of the peace. I should blush if a *Pennant* should be found, who through lack of public spirit, sloth, or selfishness, could decline that great constitutional office! The first sheriff of our house was *Pyers Pennant*, who discharged that trust in 1612. He had the lot of marrying the daughter of a family not famed for placidity, or the milder virtues. *Valdè valdè, irritabile genus!* ‘And from them, *Tom* (a most worthy aunt of mine used often to tell me) we got our passion;’—and frequently added the wise *Welsh* caution, *Beware of a Breed!*

THE fruits of this marriage appeared very soon. *Thomas*, the eldest son, in a *furor brevis*, killed his miller: was indicted for the manslaughter, tried, and convicted; but received his pardon, dated in the first of *Charles I.* or the year 1625. This grace preserved him from the ignominious part of the sentence, and the more important advantage of preserving his personality, which would otherwise have been forfeited to the crown.

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THIS is sufficient to shew that the offence did admit of every palliation; but a stronger proof than that may be drawn from the following honor having been conferred on him, when we find that in eight years afterwards, in 1633, he was intrusted with the care of the county of *Flint*, by having the office of high sheriff committed to his charge. He died the next year; *cujus animæ propitiatur DEUS!* This unfortunate man married a granddaughter of that nuptial-loving dame *Catherine y Berran* (See *Tour in Wales*, vol. ii. p. 29) *Mary*, daughter of *Edward Wynn*, of *Ystrad*, son of *Morris Wynn*, of *Gwydir*, fourth and last husband of our famous *Catherine*. There was no issue from this match; so *Bychton* descended to *David*, the next brother.

IN those days, and long preceding, it was customary for the friends and neighbors of the sheriff to make presents to him to assist in defraying the expences. I have among my papers two long rolls of gifts. To give the whole would be very tedious. I extract only a few of the most remarkable, among which are several in money, which his friends were not ashamed to offer: nor the sheriff to receive. The cash received in 1612, was £. 10. 18s. 6d.; that in 1642, £. 5.

PRESENTS TO  
SHERIFFS.

A Note of such Presents as were given previous to the seconde Sessions, 1612. Sep<sup>r</sup> 27. *Pyers Pennant*, Sheriff.

Imp. From my mother	- - - -	1 cowe 8 weathers
<i>Evan ap John ap Llewelyn</i>	- - - -	1 weathet
<i>Humffrey Thomas ap Edd</i>	- - - -	vi geesse
<i>Hugh ap Llewelyn</i>	- - - -	vi geesse
<i>William John ap Llewelyn</i>	- - - -	ii geesse
§		<i>Katharinge</i>



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<i>Katharinge V<sup>ch</sup> Evan</i>	- - - - -	II geesse
<i>Thomas Barker</i>	- - - - -	III geesse
<i>Piers Griffith</i>	- - - - -	III geesse
<i>Hugh ap Morris</i>	- - - - -	II geesse
From my sone <i>Harry Conwey</i>	VIII hoopes *	of wheat
From my mother	- - VI hoopes of wheat, and a paile full of butter	
From my sifter <i>Holande</i>	III hwps of wheat, and a whole brawne	
From my brother <i>Tho. Kyffin</i> , in goulde	- II <sup>l</sup> III <sup>4</sup>	
From <i>Jo<sup>n</sup> Roberts</i> , in money	- - - - -	VI <sup>s</sup>
From <i>Rice ap Jo<sup>n</sup> ap Llewelyn</i>	- - - - -	II <sup>s</sup> VI <sup>d</sup>
From <i>John ap Jo<sup>n</sup> Gr</i>	- II muttons and a dozen chicks	
<i>Gregor</i>	- - - - -	II capons
<i>Katheringe Penant</i>	- - II capons, II dozen of eggs	
<i>Thomas Price</i>	- - - - -	I goose
<i>Thomas ap W<sup>m</sup> ap Meredith</i>	- - - - -	one mutton
<i>M<sup>rs</sup> Pennant</i> , in gould	- - - - -	xi shillings
<i>S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Wrichte</i> , wyf	- - - - -	II geesse
<i>John ap Rie</i>	- - - - -	a couple of chishes
My brother <i>W<sup>m</sup> Kyffin</i>	- - - - -	II <sup>l</sup>
<i>S<sup>r</sup> Roger Mosten</i>	- - - - -	I <sup>l</sup>
From <i>M<sup>r</sup> David Holland</i> , in goulde	- - - - -	xxxiiii <sup>s</sup>
From <i>M<sup>r</sup> Ellis Edwards</i> , of Halliwell	- - - - -	vii <sup>s</sup>
From <i>M<sup>r</sup> Griffith</i> , of Kayarws	- - - - -	xx <sup>s</sup>
From <i>Morris</i> of the mounten	- - - - -	x <sup>s</sup>
From my brother <i>Edward Kyffin</i> , in gould	- - - - -	x <sup>s</sup>

\* Hoopes.—A *hoope* signified a measure answerable to the present peck.

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From M<sup>r</sup> *Edward Pennant*, of *Bagillt* - - - - - x<sup>s</sup>

From *Richart ap Jevan* - - - - - v<sup>s</sup>

To shew that the sence of relationship was not, in those days, soon worn out, Mr. *Done*, of *Utkinton*, sent a venison, for which the sheriff gave as a fee 6*s.* 8*d.* to the keeper. This sheriff was in respect to the donor fifth in descent from the marriage of *David Pennant ap Tudor*, with *Anne*, daughter of *John Done*, of *Utkinton*, as near as I can guess about the year 1440.

1642. A Note of what Presents were sent against the Sessions.

*David Pennant*, Sheriff.

My Lady *Mostyn*, 2 muttons, a gallon of sacke, and 2*℥*

M<sup>r</sup> *Griffith*, of *Cayrwis*, 2 fugar loafs.

M<sup>r</sup> *Roger Parry*, - - - - - 1*℥*

M<sup>r</sup> *Robert Pennant*, - - - - - 1*℥*

M<sup>rs</sup> *Conway*, of *Nant*, - - - - - 1*℥*

M<sup>rs</sup> *Matthew*, a fugar loaf.

M<sup>r</sup> *Vaughan*, 3 gallons of sacke.

M<sup>r</sup> *Ralph Hughes*, a mutton, 6 rabbetts, a dozen pigeons.

M<sup>r</sup> *John Jones*, a fugar loafe.

M<sup>r</sup> *David Jones*, a fugar loafe.

M<sup>r</sup> *Raphell Davis*, a veale.

M<sup>r</sup> *Hugh Pennant*, of *Dooning*, a mutton.

M<sup>r</sup> *William Mostyn*, of *Bagillt*, halfe a veale, and a pigg.

*Nichlas George*, 2 capons.

*Edward ap Thomas*, a veale, a pigg, a quart of hony.

*William Parry Wynn*, a mutton.

*Margaret*



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*Margaret Price*, of *Brinford*, a mutton.

*Thomas ap Robert ap Hugh*, 2 capons, and a pigg.

*John ab William John*, halfe a veale, and a q' hony.

*Edward Ethel*, a q' veale, and a pigg, 6 q' claret.

*John Thomas Evans*, a q' veale.

*Julius Seasar*, a q' veale, and a q' porke.

*Thomas ab Ellis*, a mutton.

*Pyers Williams*, 2 capons, a q' hony.

*William Ethell*, a fugar loafe.

*John Price*, of *Calcote*, 2 hoopess of oates.

*Robert Lloyd*, a fugar loafe.

*Thomas Lloyd*, of *Mertyn*, a q' veale, a q' lambe.

*Petter Hughes*, 2 capons.

*Thomas Parry*, of *Mays guin*, 2 capons, and a pigg.

*John ap Robert Shamber wen*, halfe a veale.

*Thomas John Cooke*, half a mutton.

*Barbara Parry*, half a lambe.

The Deputie Sheriffe, 2 turkies, and a pottle of sacke.

*John Price*, of *Pentre*, a q' veale, a pigg.

*Robert Lloyd*, of *Taverne y Gennog*, halfe a lambe.

*John Humfrey*, a veale.

M<sup>rs</sup> *Kyffin*, a q' veale, a greate cake.

M<sup>r</sup> *Roger Holland*, 4 hoops of wheat.

*Andrew Ellis*, a goosse, a q' veale.

*Margaret ach Pyers*, 2 dozen cakes.

*Thomas ap Thomas*, a fitch of bacon, 6 q' claret, a q' veale.

*Ellen Foulkes*, a q' veale.

*John*



*John ap John*, halfe a lambe, a q' of mutton.

*John Conway*, a q' veale, a pigg.

*Anne Simon*, a q' of sacke.

*Foulke*, the joyner, a pigg.

*David*, the weaver, a pigg.

*Ellin Lorrance*, 2 henns.

*Thomas John ap Ric.* a q' porke, 4 eggs.

*Ales Owen*, 2 henns, 2 piggs, 6 chickins, 30 eggs.

*Mar. John Robert*, 2 hens, a pigg, three chi.

*Edward John ap Robert*, 2 henns, a q' porke, a pigg.

*John ap Rhytherch*, 60 eggs.

*Hugh Barker*, a q' of porke.

*John ap John ap Robert*, 2 capons.

*Hugh ap Thomas ap Harry*, 2 capons.

IN these numerous lists of presents I was surpris'd at the omission of brandy; probably the fiery dram was not then in fashion in *Wales*: yet nurse, in *Romeo and Juliet*, calls for it amain, under the name of *aqua vitæ*:

BRANDY.

Some *aqua vitæ*, ho! my lord, my lady!

It appears to have been chiefly used in those days for medical purposes.

IN captain *Wyndham's* voyage to *Guinea* there was brandy on board for the use of the sick sailors. It was said to have been invented by *Raymundus Lullius*, the famous alchemist, who died in the year 1315. *Charles the Bad*, king of *Navarre*, came to a most horrible end, says *Mezeray*, (i. 954.) who, to restore his strength, weakened by debauchery, was wrapped in sheets steeped



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in *eau de vie*. His valet by accident set fire to them: after the third day he died in the most dreadful tortures, and it is to be hoped thus expiated the crimes of his most execrable life. I am indebted for the origin of brandy to a most elaborate essay on it which I received from Mr. *William Taylor*, of *Norwich*, by favor of my friend Dr. *Aikin*.

WILLIAM PEN-  
NANT, GOLD-  
SMITH.

I NOW, in gratitude, take up the brief history of *William Pennant*, second son to *Hugh Pennant*, of *Bychton*, by *Sionet*, daughter of *Richard ap Howel ap Moston*. His good deeds towards the poor of our parish, and his good intention towards our family, give him full clame to this token of respect. *William* was a goldsmith and jeweller; he lived at the *Queen's Head*, in *Smithfield*; and by the sign of his shop, and by the several bequests he made to persons about the court, he probably was goldsmith and jeweller to the royal family. He made a considerable fortune, and died possessed of the manor of *Moxball*, in the parish of *Ardley*, in the county of *Essex*; the rectories called *Cutcombe* and *Luxborough*, in the county of *Somerset*; the lease of the manor of *Thornes*, in *Haveringe*, in the *Bower Ward*, in the county of *Essex*; the lease of the manor of *Noxbridge*, in the same county; and in *London*, an estate in *Smithfield* and *Hofier Lane*; and a house called the *Blue Anchor*, in *Candlewick* ward, which last he bequeathed to the famous *Hugh Middleton*, afterwards Sir *Hugh*, the projector of the *New River*. All the other estates he bequeathed thus:—His manor of *Moxball*, and the two rectories, to his nephew *Hugh Pennant*; and his leases of the manor of *Thornes* to his brother *Pyers Pennant*, of *Mailard Green*, in the county of *Essex*, the gentleman-usher before mentioned.

HIS WEALTH.

ALL



ALL these fruits of *William Pennant's* industry were dissipated by my unfortunate name-fake, mentioned in a preceding page, who luckily died before he had ruined our paternal estate.

DISSIPATED BY  
HIS NEPHEW.

His bequest in money to the poor of *Whiteford* parish had a better fate. It was laid out in the purchase of land in the parish of *St. Asaph*; the produce of which annually clothes completely eighteen poor men or poor women, on the feast of *St. Thomas*. On the expiration of the lease of those lands, I trust that double the number will experience the benefit of this charity.

HIS CHARITABLE  
BEQUEST.

*William Pennant* also remembered several of his friends by legacies, at this time appearing to us very singular. Besides some small legacies in money, he bequeathed the following articles:—

BEQUESTS TO  
HIS FRIENDS.

‘ Item, I give and bequeath unto Sir *William Fortescue*, K<sup>t</sup>,  
‘ one chaine of gold and pearle, weighing about 12 ounces and a  
‘ quarter; one billament of gold and pearle, being 19 picces;  
‘ a round salt of silver, with a cover thereto, weighing 15 ounces,  
‘ and some what more; six white silver spoons; one feather-bed,  
‘ bolster, two pillows, two blankets, one blue rugg, a teastern of  
‘ fatten figured, ruffet and black, and vallance to the same; five  
‘ curtains of taffety sarfanet, on char, and a stool with a back of  
‘ fatten figured ruffet; ten black — and six stools covered with  
‘ black wrought velvett; and also a great chest covered with black  
‘ leather, with an in-lock on it, and all things in it (excepting cer-  
‘ tain plate therein) hereafter bequeathed. Item, I give and  
‘ bequeath unto — *Fortescue*, the daughter of the said  
‘ *William Fortescue*, K<sup>t</sup>, and god-daughter to my late wife  
‘ *Ellinor*, her aunt, one bason and ewer of silver, all gilt, weighing  
‘ 56 ounces, or thereabouts; one dozen of silver spoons gilt,



## WILLIAM PENNANT, GOLDSMITH.

' weighing 22 ounces, or thereabouts; one silver pot hooped,  
 ' weighing 20 ounces and upwards, with arms on the side thereof;  
 ' a bell salt without a cover, partly gilt, weighing 6 ounces, or  
 ' thereabouts. All which particulars are in the said black chest.  
 ' And I will that the same shall presently after my decease be  
 ' delivered to the said *W<sup>m</sup> Fortescue*, K<sup>t</sup>, for him to keep  
 ' safely in trust and confidence, to and for the use of ———  
 ' ———, untill she happen to be married, or untill she shall at-  
 ' tain to the age of 21 years, and then to be delivered unto her;  
 ' and that if the said ——— happen to die before she  
 ' be married, or attain to the said age of 21 years, then I give  
 ' and bequeath the said legacy to her bequeathed to *Roger*  
 ' *Fortescue*, her brother, to be delivered to him at his age of 21  
 ' years, and untill that time to remain in trust in the hands of  
 ' Sir *W<sup>m</sup> Fortescue*, Kn<sup>t</sup>, his uncle. *Item*, I give and be-  
 ' queath unto my loving and kind friend, Mr. *Randall Woolley*,  
 ' merchant taylor, one ounce of fine gold to make him a ring.  
 ' *Item*, I give and bequeath unto my loving friend Mr. *John*  
 ' *Barker*, living at Mr. *Rob<sup>t</sup> Holland*'s house, the like quantity  
 ' of fine gold to make him a ring. *Item*, I give and bequeath  
 ' unto my loving friend Mr. *Rich<sup>d</sup> Locksmith*, Clerk to Mr.  
 ' Attorney General, one ounce of fine gold to make him a ring.  
 ' *Item*, I give and bequeath to my loving cousin Mr. *John*  
 ' *Lloide*, bencher of the *Inner Temple*, 34 buttons of gold; to my  
 ' cousin *W<sup>m</sup> Lloyd*, his brother, 5 *l.* of money. *Item*, I give  
 ' and bequeath to my honorable and late master, the said *John*  
 ' *Fortescue*, Kn<sup>t</sup>, one of his Highness' most honorable privy  
 ' council,



' councel, in token of the remembrance of his love and kindness  
 ' towards me, 20*l.* in money, to buy him a piece of velvet for a  
 ' gown. *Item*, I give and bequeath to my loving friend the un-  
 ' der-named, for the love and kindness that hath passed between  
 ' us on this earth, as followeth: that is to say; to Sir *Robert Ban-*  
 ' *nister*, knight, clark companion of his majesty's household, one  
 ' ounce of fine gold, of 3*l.* to make him a ring. To *Thomas*  
 ' *Merry*, chief clerk of his majesty's kitchen, one ounce of the  
 ' like gold to make him a hooped silver pot for his wife. *Item*,  
 ' to *John Trefearne*, one other of the clerks of the kitchen, one  
 ' ounce of like gold, to make him a ring; and to *John Crane*,  
 ' one other of the clerks of the kitchen, the like quantity of gold.  
 ' *Item*, to Mr. *Lewis Owen*, serjeant of the larder, the like quan-  
 ' tity of gold. *Item*, to *Lewis Rogers*, the prince's servant, half  
 ' an ounce of like gold to make him a ring. *Item*, to *John*  
 ' *Panton*, servant to the right honorable the lord chancellor of  
 ' *England*, one ounce of fine gold of the like value. *Item*, to  
 ' *John Price*, one of the porters of the spiritual court in *London*,  
 ' the like quantity of fine gold. *Item*, to *John Legate*, of  
 ' *Hornchurch*, in *Essex*, esquire, one ounce of fine gold. *Item*, I  
 ' give and bequeath to my loving friend *Walter Meredith*, 5*l.* in  
 ' money, and also a cloak of fine black cloth, with some lace  
 ' about, and lined through with russet taffety.'

THIS will is dated *May 4th*, 1607; the codicil two years  
 after, and Sir *Hugh Myddleton* left sole executor.

THE entertaining *James Howel*, in the xlii<sup>d</sup> letter of his  
*Epistolæ Ho-Elianæ*, makes *John Pennant*, third son of *Pyers*  
*Pennant*,

STRANGE STORY  
 OF JOHN PEN-  
 NANT;



*Pennant*, of *Bychton*, and brother of the worthy *William*, the instrument of presages to our kingdoms, of the evil days and evil times which were advancing with rapid pace. The relation is very properly addressed to that mirror of credulity, Sir *Kenelm Digby*, knight.

WHO HAD A  
SERPENT IN HIS  
HEART !

‘It was my fortune,’ says the solemn historian, ‘to be in a late communication, where a gentleman spoke of a hideous thing that happened in *High Holborn*; how one *John Pennant*, a young man of 21, being dissected after his death, there was a kind of serpent, with divers tails, found in the left ventricle of his heart, which you know is the most defended part, being thrice thicker than the right, and is the cell which holds the purest and most illustrious liquor, the arterial blood and the vital spirits. The serpent was it seems three years ingendering, for so long time he found himself indisposed in the breast; and it was observed that his eye, in the interim, grew more sharp and fiery, like the eye of a cock, which is next the serpent’s eye in redness: so that the symptom of his inward disease might have been told by certain exterior rays and signatures.

‘God preserve us from public calamities! for serpentine monsters have been often ill favored presages. I remember in the *Roman* story, to have read how, when snakes or serpents were found near the statues of their Gods, at one time about *Jupiter’s* neck, another time about *Minerva’s* thigh, there followed bloody civil wars after it.’

THIS portentous story is given most scientifically by Dr. *Edward May*, in a thin quarto pamphlet of forty pages. The



title-page will inform the reader of his various other titles, which favor most strongly of quackery.

A  
MOST CERTAINE  
AND TRVE  
RELATION  
OF A STRANGE MONSTER  
OR SERPENT,

Found in the Left Ventricle of the  
Heart of *John Pennant*, Gentle-  
man of the Age of 21 Years.

By *Edward May*, Doctor of Philosophy  
and Physick, and Professor Elect of them  
in the Colledge of the Academy of  
*Noblemen, called the Musæum Minervæ.*

Physitian also Extraordinary unto her  
Most Sacred Majesty *Queene* of  
GREAT BRITAIN, &c.

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THE epistle dedicatory is 'to the renowned peere of this king-  
'dom, *Edward earle of Dorset*,' the book itself to *Sir Theodore*  
*Maiherne*, knight. In that he lays before him the wonderful case.  
He tells us that he was sent on *October 7th*, 1637, by Lady  
*Herris*,



## STORY OF JOHN PENNANT.

*Herris*, wife to Sir *Francis Herris*, knight, to dissect her nephew *John Pennant*, who had deceased the night before, to know the cause of his death. The doctor brought with him Master *Jacob Heydon*, surgeon, to assist in the enquiry. Mr. *Heydon* made incision into the left ventricle of the heart, which was full of blood. On thorough examination, the monster was discovered, the head of which was so like to that of a serpent, that Lady *Herris* shivered to see it. To judge by the prints, all the upper part of it was cylindrical; towards the lower part bifurcated, and each fork divided into five long and slender fibrillæ. I leave to the reader the perusal of the rest of Dr *May*'s most curious disquisition.

THIS is not the only instance of similar appearances in the heart: but we hear no more of serpents; the name was changed to *polypuses*, to which, for their numerous ramifications, they might bear the resemblance. In our Philosophical Transactions are more than one paper on the subject. In Mr. *Lowthorp*'s Abridg. iii. p. 70, and tab. p. 120, is an account, and the figure of one found in the heart of a man at *Oxford*; and in Mr. *Martyn*'s Abridg. ix. p. 135, is the account of several discovered in numbers of sailors who died immediately on their return from the *West Indies*. This paper was written by the celebrated Dr. *Huxham*; he quotes *Malpighius*, *Bartholinus*, *Tulpius*, and *Pechlin*, as giving incontestible instances of the existence of polypi in the heart, in the strictest sense. This opinion is now exploded. The only uncommon circumstance (my ingenious friend Dr. *Haygarth* assures me) is, that the left ventricle of the heart, and probably the *aorta*, which after death are usually empty, were  
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in these cases full of blood. The *crassamentum*, upon coagulation, had taken the form of the arteries in which it was contained.

I BREAK a little into chronology, to conclude with an event relative to another of my house; of little moment indeed, but merely to give a picture of the barbarous days, even of the beginning of the last century, which I collected from the journal kept by *Peter Roberts*, of *St. Asaph*, before mentioned. He records, that on *July 22d*, 1615, *Hugh Pennant*, brother to *Pyers Pennant*, esq; of *Bychton*, died of a broken head given him at *Denbigh*, by *Pyers Hughes*: That in the year 1626, *Rowland Evan*, a vicar of *St. Asaph*, was killed at an ale-house in *Llandrillo Eiderneon*: That on *October 3d*, 1628, *Mr. Richard Thelwal* was slain at his own house at *Ruthen*: And that, in 1634, one *Foulkes*, of *Cilowen*, killed his wife, and cut his own throat.

BARBAROUS  
EVENTS.

THE mention of ale-house tempts me to speak of a house of mine, by the sea-side, in the township of *Bychton*, called *Lletty Gonest*, or the *honest house*. It had been formerly in the highest repute for its excellent ale, brewed by a good ale-wife yclep'd *Jane*, of *Lletty*, whom I well remember. She acquired both fame and wealth, both of which I may say she bequeathed to her descendants; who to this day, by their own industry, continue to flourish on the effect of her's.

LLETTY GONEST.

THE house was originally built by one *Smith*, from *Worcester*, partly for the purposes of distilling, and partly for a warehouse. I am told, that it occasionally had served for the place of confinement for impressed men, at the time in which the colliers

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had



## SINGULAR HEAD.

had such great trade with *Dublin*. The strong bars in the lower windows favor that notion.

## SINGULAR HEAD.

ABOVE the door is a very singular sculpture, cut in bas-relief, in stone, and let into the wall. One part is a strange chimerical figure of a monster with four legs, and the head of an owl, fixing its claws in the side of a human head. The face is averted, and expressing much agony. The eye-lids are drawn up, the eyes the same, the mouth half opened, and the teeth closely fixed together. The face is young, but has a pair of whiskers, and is far from being ill cut. It has the character of one of *Le Brun's* passions, article *Pain*. It evidently never was designed for this place, but seems originally to have been one of those fanciful *gothic* sculptures belonging to some antient church.

## SMUGGLING.

IN the reign of King *William*, this house was remarkable for the violent hands laid on a vast seizure of *French* wines, to the amount of sixty pipes, which had been smuggled into the great barn at *Trelacre*, in the parish of *Llanasa*, destined for the use of the *Welsh* gentry in this and the neighboring counties. It must be observed, that in those days port-wine was in very little use in our country. The officers had conveyed this prize with safety as far as *Lletty Gonest*, where they intended to sleep that night. At midnight they were alarmed by the entry of multitudes of colliers, who tied every body in the house neck and heels. They removed the wine into other carriages, and conveyed it into places so secure that it never more could be heard of. Many of the colliers were observed to have rings on their fingers, and fine linen. In fact numbers of them were the gentlemen interested in the wine, and concerned in the re-capture, who mixed with  
the



the colliers, to direct them in their operations. A proclamation was issued out for the discovery of the offenders; but such was the fidelity of our people, that they were never detected. The poor tapster, in particular, knew perfectly well who they were, and large rewards were offered to him by the custom-house; but nothing could shake his attachment to his friends. He lived long after, supported by the grateful contributions of the neighboring 'squires.

HIGH above *Lletty Gonest* stands a summer-house, built by my grandfather, to which he often adjourned with his guests, to regale them with the delicious beer, brewed by the famous *Jane*. Many years after, when I became master of the estate, I also had my adjournment, but it was either to eat shrimps or to drink tea. An honest vicar of a distant parish, who had been a most intimate friend of my convivial grandfather, enquired whether I ever went to the summer-house; and was answered, 'Now and then, to drink tea.' Struck with horror at the degeneracy of the grandson, the good man with indignation exclaimed, 'DRINK TEA! his grandfather would have SCORNE*D* IT!'

THE turnpike road designed for the enabling the smelters and others to convey our coal to the places of its destination, from the *Mostyn* and *Bychton* pits, passes by *Lletty Gonest*, and goes along the shore towards *Holywell*. In the space of a mile it passes by three smelting-houses, *Shop-goch*, the property of Sir *Roger Mostyn*, and *Pen-y-Ro* and *Llanerch-y-môr*, belonging to me. The last disputes antiquity with most in the county, the late works at *Gadlis* excepted.



## AVON MARSH SIAMBR.

ABOVE the last is the neat house of *Kinsale*, inhabited by my good friend and tenant Mr. *Ralph Richardson*, who for several years had with great success and integrity carried on the smelting business, with the advantage of shipping the produce from the very spot, after a short carriage to the vessels.

A SMALL marsh begins a little beyond *Lletty Gonest*, and widens as it extends southward. It borders on the manor of *Mostyn*: but itself owns no lord but the king. The same may be said of the valuable remainder, as far as the manor of *Coleshill*, in the parish of *Flint*. The manor of *Greenfield*, in the parish of *Holywell*, was long supposed to have been the property of one or other of two clamants, who fell into dispute about the right. The matter was referred to two gentlemen of the law, eminent for their abilities, and not less so for their probity. After examining all the proofs adduced by the rivals, they adjudged that neither had any claim to the lordship; so it is now left to the freeholders under our sovereign lord the king: a rich tract for future inclosures.

AVON MARSH  
SIAMBR.

A LITTLE beyond *Kinsale* is the end of our parish on this side. The boundary between it and the parish of *Holywell*, is a small rill called *Avon Marsh Siambr*. Above on an eminence is the old seat of the *Pierces*, a family now extinct, and the property passed into other hands. It bears the name of *Is Glan*, from the name of the township in which it stands.

ABOUT a mile higher up is *Merton*, the seat of the Reverend Mr. *John Foulkes*. He derives his right to it from *Margaret*, daughter and heiress to *Thomas Parry* ap *William Parry Wynne*. She married *John Foulkes*, of *Pen-ycha Pluy*, in the parish of *Skyviog*, great-grandfather to the present owner, who died in *July*, 1667, and was interred in *Whiteford* church-yard.

Tre



*Tre Mostyn* bounds *Tre Bychton* on the west. This township is considered as containing one fourth of the parish. It reaches to the sea-side: on which, as well as the whole, trees of every kind grow most admirably.

TRE MOSTYN.

It is divided from *Tre Bychton*, in the lower part by the turnpike road, which extends from the sea-side to *Henllan*, sixteen miles distant, originally designed for the conveyance of coal from the pits of this township, and that of *Tre Bychton*, to the great lime-works near *Denbigh*. The first act was obtained in 1768, the second in 1770: before which our roads were scarcely passable. If either Sir *Roger Mostyn's* family or our own wanted to get to *Chester*, we were to reach the sea-side; then to *Flint* as we could, and from thence at low water cross the ford of the *Dee*, a way not always unattended with danger.

OPPOSITE to *Mostyn* gates, on this part of the turnpike road, is a hamlet, called the *Rhewl, yr Heol, platea*, a way or street. On each side are a few houses. The *Swan*, a small ale-house, my property, was noted for its vast trade about the beginning of this century, when the coal trade was in the height of its prosperity:

THE RHEWL.

And *Cwrw da* then unexcited by kings!

*Thomas Edwards*, who several years was tenant there, educated a family of numbers of children, at no inconsiderable expence, and is supposed to have acquired by the tap at least fifteen hundred pounds.

FROM the *Rhewl* opens the principal gates to *Mostyn Hall*, or more properly *Moston Hall*, for such, for many ages, was the spelling of the names of both the mansion and its antient owners. On this approach is a most venerable avenue, which goes for a considerable

MOSTYN HALL.



considerable way in a direct line; then turns short, and terminates with a view of the old part of the old mansion. The park is small, but beautifully broken, and cloathed in various parts with fine oaks, and most magnificent beeches; but amidst the trees is suffered to remain rugged with the vestiges of the antient collieries. The ground slopes finely to the sea, facing the North East. The trees grow with vigor close to the water, unhurt by the rude winds with which they are assailed.

THE house is placed about half a mile from the shore. I find some difficulty in making a description. I shall therefore refer the reader to the first plate of *Welsh* seats, by Mr. *Boydell*, and to my own, as the only method of giving him some idea of the singularity of the structure. That plate attempts the front—

If front it might be call'd, that shape had none  
Distinguishable.

For it consists of the most antient hall; a lesser, designed for a sort of *symposium* for servants; and on the outside, annexed and jutting out, is the *quondam* chapel, now converted into a bed-chamber. I have a sketch of the whole as it was in the year 1684, made by a Mr. *Thomas Dinely*, an attendant on *Henry*, first duke of *Beaufort*, then lord president of the council in the principality of *Wales*, and lord lieutenant of the twelve counties; who in that year made a reviewing progress of the militia of *North Wales*, and of course paid his respects to the great man of our country.

THE porch had been rebuilt in 1623. It has on it the arms of the four great alliances of the family, rudely cut on the stone.

They



They seem to have been copied from the great chimney-piece in the hall.

I CANNOT trace the time of building of this part of the house. It must have been at least early in the time of *Henry VI.* but probably more antient, for in *Bolton Hall*, in *Bowland*, *Yorkshire* (the most antique seat we know) is a hall in a lesser scale indeed, but greatly similar; and in that house it is well known that the unfortunate prince concealed himself for a long time. Posterity may find the account in my ‘*Tour in Part of the Mercian and Northumbrian Kingdoms.*’ The great gloomy hall is furnished with a *Dais* or elevated upper end, and with a long table for the lord and his jovial companions; and another in the side, the seat of the inferior partakers of the good cheer. To this day the similitude of the old times is kept up when the family is at home. The head servants take their dinner at the *Dais*, and the numerous inferior servants fill the long table. The roof is lofty, crossed with long beams. The *nen-bren*, or top-beam, was in all times a frequent toast, whenever the master of the house’s health was drank; and ‘*fached y nen-bren y ty,*’ was the cordial phrase. The chimney-piece is magnificently plain, unless where the arms of the house and its alliances are cut on the stone, and properly emblazoned.

THE OLD HALL.

THE first are the arms (a lion rampant, ermin, erminé) of *Jevan Vychan*, of *Pengwern*, near *Llangollen*, (see *Tour in Wales*, vol. i. p. 295.) sixteenth in descent from *Owen Tudor*. By the marriage of *Jevan* with *Angbarad*, daughter and sole heiress of *Howel ap Tudor ap Ithel Vychan*, of *Mostyn*, he added that estate to his paternal acres in the reign of *Richard II.*

COATS OF ARMS.

It seems (from the *Mostyn* pedigree) that in 1444 *Jevan* had farmed



farmed the estate. He wisely determined to turn the lease into a perpetuity: and gaining the lady's affections,

Connubio junxit stabili, propriamque dicavit.

THE next are the arms of his spouse, the heiress of *Mostyn*: directly descended from the *Edwyn* lord of *Tegengle* before mentioned (argent a cross engrailed sable, between four *Cornish* choughs.)

THE third are the arms of *Gloddaeth*, (gules a chevron argent between three plates) acquired by the marriage of *Howel ap Evan Vychan*, son of the former, in 1460, with *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Gryffydd ap Rhys ap Gryffydd ap Madoc Gloddaeth ap Madoc ap Jerweth Goch*, of *Cryddyn*, the hundred in which the house stands.

THE fourth are the arms of Sir *Gryffydd Lloyd*. *Morfydd*, one of his daughters and co-heiresses, married *Madoc Gloddaeth*, who with her received *Tregarnedd*, in the isle of *Anglesey*, as her portion. That estate followed the succession of the house, till *Gloddaeth* was united with that of *Mostyn*, in which it continued till the year 1750; then it was alienated by the late Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, to the late Mr. *Owen Williams*, of *Anglesey*.

THE walls are furnished in a suitable manner with antient militia guns, swords, and pikes; with helmets and breast-plates; with funeral achievements, and with variety of spoils of the chase. A falcon is nailed against the upper end of the room, with two bells, a greater and a lesser, hung to each foot. On two silver rings are inscribed the name of the owner, Mr. *Kinloch*, of *Kulrie*, in the county of *Angus*, on the Eastern side of *Scotland*. With these incumbrances it flew from its owner on the morning of the 24th of *September*, 1772, and was killed near this house on the

FALCON, VAST  
FLIGHT OF ONE.



morning of the 26th. The precise time it reached our country is not known ; therefore we are uncertain whether this bird exceeded in swiftness the hawk which flew thirty miles in an hour in pursuit of a woodcock ; or that which made a flight out of *Westphalia* into *Prussia* in a day—instances recorded by the learned *Sir Thomas Brown*.

THE adjacent kitchen is overlooked by a gallery leading to the antient apartments of the lady of the house, at a period when the odors of the pot and spit were thought no ill favors. From the commanding height of the gallery the good lady might give her orders to her *Coges*, or she-cook, as *Syrus* is humorously described by *Terence* to do to his scullion *Dromo* :—‘ Let the great eel sport a little longer in the water.—See that you gut the other fishes, and stew the great carp well.—Freshen the salt fish.—Look to the baked meats, good *Douse*.—Crisp the pig nicely.—Pray do not over-roast the surloin again.—Boil the pudding sufficiently, and do not spare plums and fuet.—Be sure not to smoke the flummery.—Remember, no onions to-day—neighbor *P.* dines with us, &c. &c.’

KITCHEN.

IN the roof to this gallery are numbers of small roofing-holes, to which the inferior maidens of the family nightly repair to rest from their labors.

AT one end of the gallery is a great room, remarkable for a singular event. During the time that *Henry* earl of *Richmond* was secretly laying the foundation of the overthrow of the house of *York*, he passed concealed from place to place, in order to form an interest among the *Welsh*, who favored his cause on account of their respect to his grandfather *Owen Tudor*, their countryman. While

GREAT ROOM.



## HENRY VII.

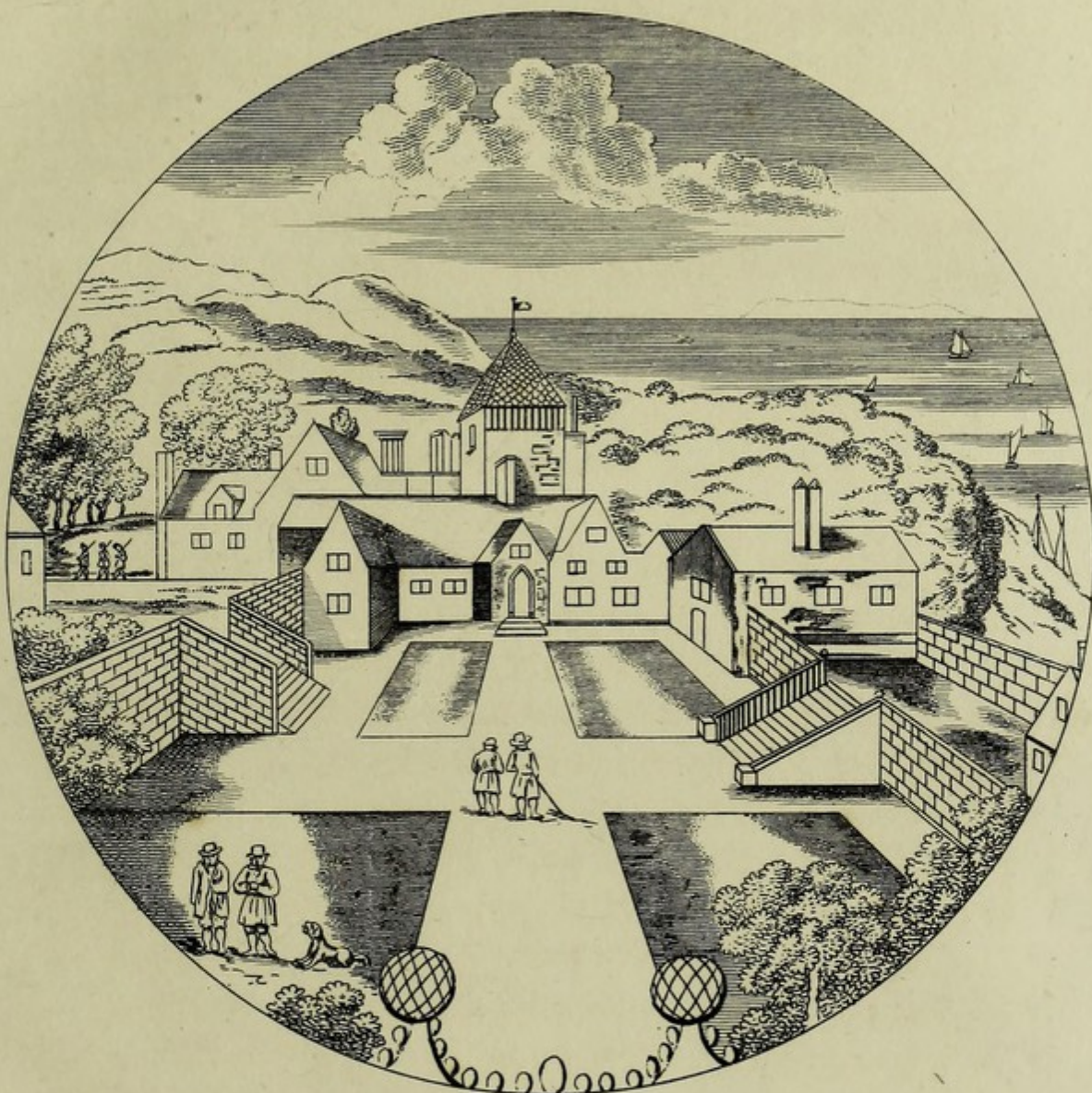
he was at *Mostyn*, a party attached to *Richard III.* arrived there to apprehend him. He was then about to dine, but had just time to leap out of a back window, and make his escape through a hole, which, to this day, is called the King's. *Richard ap Howel*, then lord of *Mostyn*, joined *Henry* at the battle of *Bosworth*; and after the victory, received from the king, in token of gratitude for his preservation, the belt and sword he wore on that day; he also pressed *Richard* greatly to follow him to court: but he nobly answered, like the *Shunamitish* woman: 'I dwell among mine own people.' The sword and belt were preserved in the house till within these few years. It is observable that none of our historians account for a certain period of *Henry's* life, previous to his accession. It is very evident that he passed the times when he disappeared from *Bretagne*, in *Wales*. Many cotemporary bards, by feigned names, record this part of his life, under those of the LION, the EAGLE, and the like, which were to restore the empire to the *Britons*: for the inspired favorers of the house of *Lancaster* did not dare to deliver their verses in other than terms allegorical, for fear of the reigning prince.

## SQUARE TOWER.

IN all probability the original of *Mostyn* was a square tower, such as may be exemplified entire at *Tower*, the seat of the Reverend the late Dr. *Wynne* (see *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 427). Part of that at *Mostyn* is still remaining, but concealed by the additional buildings. It is fully shewn in the view of *Mostyn*, as it was in the year 1684. The upper part ought to have been embattled, but the top had been in later times covered with an awkward dome. These square towers are still very frequent on the borders of *Scotland*, built in savage times, as I have attempted to

describe





MOSTYN as in 1684.

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describe in my *Tour in Scotland*, second edition, volume ii. p. 88. In the plate of *Mostyn* is given the view of the seat of a gentleman of large fortune in antient times. In that of *Bychton*, one of middling fortune. In that of the late Mr. *Parry*'s of *Merton*, one of small fortune. As to our estate, I think the rent-roll in the year 1572 might amount to about 300*l.* a year, consisting of a little money, and rents in kind, and services.

BEFORE I quit the old house, let me say, that the best view of the chaotic additions backward is from the garden, from a very handsome summer-house, built by the first baronet, as appears by his arms quartered with those of his wife, *Bulkeley* of *Baron Hill*. From this spot is seen great part of the buildings, and the appurtenances to the old house, one tacked to the other, as the increase or the wants of the family made necessary.

IN the year 1631, Sir *Roger Mostyn*, knight, gave to the house a very handsome addition; a square mass, consisting of six bed-chambers, a very large eating-room, and a dining-room or drawing-room above, with a large bow-window in the middle of each. In that below are the arms of *Gwynne* and *D'Arcy*, well emblazoned on glass. These are complimentary to two great alliances; the one of Sir *Roger* himself with *Mary*, daughter of the famous Sir *John Wynne*, of *Gwydir*; the other out of respect to the alliance with *Bridget Savage*, daughter of *D'Arcie Savage*, esq. of *Leighton*, in *Cheshire*, by whom the family acquired the great estates they possess in that county. From the principal gate of the park they have the pleasing view of those of *Beeston*, and those above *Parkgate*.

OPPOSITE to this window is a fire-place suitable to the room. Above are the arms of the numerous alliances of the house,



beautifully done in stucco, dated 1632. Conjoined with them are the arms of *Mary Wynne*, wife of Sir *Roger*. Those of *Gwydir* quarterly with those of *Gryffydd ap Conan*. In the first of the *Mostyn* side are those of *Tudor Trevor*, the stock of the house. The next are those of *Llwdocca ap Caradoc*. 3dly, the arms of *Elidir ap Rhys Sais*. 4thly, those of *Jestyn ap Gurgant*. 5thly, the bearing of *Brochwel Yscythrog*. 6thly, the arms of *Edwyn*. 7thly, those of *Tudor ap Gronw*. 8thly, of *Ithel Vychan*. 9thly, are the arms of *Madoc Gloddaeth*. 10thly, are those of Sir *Gryffydd Lloyd*. The 11th, of *Goodman*; and 12thly, and lastly, the arms of *Shalmesborow*, which seem an appurtenance only to those of *Goodman*. This is a mere focal ornament, an abridgement of the thirty-two coats which graced the pedegree of the house in the year 1663. Two *Termini* support the entablature of this genealogical table. The other ornaments are elegant; but unfortunately, as if to dash the mirth of the company, the architect has added, in full view, the monumental cross-bones and bared skull.

At the upper end of the room are two fine portraits by *Mytens*, full lengths. One is of Sir *Roger Mostyn*, knight, mentioned at p. 17. His face is an excellent representation of the *viridis senectus*, his countenance florid, his peaked beard of strong whiteness. On his head is a black close cap, turned up with *Flanders* lace; round his neck a flat large ruff; his whole dress besides is black; round the waistband of his great breeches is a girdle stuck with points. This piece of magnificence gave rise to a very coarse proverb, applicable to inferior people, ambitious of acting beyond their station. Round his knees are similar girdles.





FRONT of MOSTYN.  
1651.



REAR of MOSTYN.

*M. Griffith delin.*

*J. Barlow sculp.*







dles. His boots are large, and of white leather, turned down at top, and ornamented in the same finical manner as the cap: such was the foppery of the times, even in so manly a figure as was our knight of *Mostyn*. But then he was in full dress, his spurs of fine gold, with vast spur-leathers. His right hand rests on his stick, his left on a table covered with a carpet most admirably painted; on it his hat, broad-brimmed, and with a most immoderate crown. The date on his portrait is 1634; his age 67. He died on *August* 18th, 1642, and was interred at *Whiteford*, on *September* the 1st.

His lady's neck (in a picture of the same date) is ornamented with a large ruff, single and elevated; her right hand has in it a fan, and rests on an elbow-chair; on a finger of her left hand is a ring, tied to her arm by several black strings.

SHE is dressed in a handsome long gown, with a sash up to her very arms, exactly like the no-waisted fair of the present days. Her shape is contrived to have some degree of elegance, notwithstanding she seems to have been a large woman. I wish our modern *embonpoints* resembled this lady. They seem to emulate in fashion the form of a sack of wool, bulging out on every side, undulating their plump graces, here and there, as motion gives occasion. Over the mouth of the sack seems to have been oftentimes flung by accident a light-horseman's cap, or any other incongruity, instead of the venerable *coiffure* of the Lady *Mostyn*, at the sober age of forty-nine.

His son *Roger*, the first baronet, created *August* 3d, 1660, is the middle figure of a picture of the most ridiculous composition. This distinguished character is represented a kit-kat length, in a strange long flaxen wig, a breast-plate, buff skirts, and antique

*Roman.*

SIR ROGER, FIRST  
BARONET.



## SIR ROGER MOSTYN, FIRST BARONET.

*Roman* sleeves; a negro holding his helmet. By him is his second lady, *Mary*, eldest daughter of *Thomas*, lord *Bulkeley*, of *Baron Hill*. She is reading, with one hand on a skull, and her little lap-dog placed by her warlike husband. His third wife is doubled up, and concealed behind the frame. This lady shewed such a mercenary disposition, and so mischievous to the children of her predecessor, that one of the family affixed this stigma. I have taken a peep at her, and may pronounce her countenance to be truly symptomatic of her interior.

SIR *Roger* was a zealous loyalist. He raised a regiment in support of the crown, consisting of fifteen hundred men, in twelve hours time, mostly colliers. *Whitelock*, whose sister had been married to Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, of *Kilken*, in this county, knight, father to Sir *Roger*, speaks of him in the following terms; notwithstanding their principles, and the parts they took were widely different. 'Then the parliament forces (in 1643)' says the historian, at p. 78, 'took in *Mostyn-house*, belonging to ' colonel *Mostyn*, the governor of *Flint*; and in *Mostyn* they took ' four pieces of ordnance and some arms.

' THIS colonel *Mostyn* is my sister's son, a gentleman of good ' parts, and mettle; of a very ancient family, large possessions, ' and great interest in that country; so that in twelve hours he ' raised 1,500 men for the king, and was well beloved there, ' living very nobly.'

THIS gentleman's loyalty cost him and the family dear. He spent about sixty thousand pounds in the service of his majesty. His house of *Mostyn* was plundered and stripped, so that he was obliged to retire to a small house called *Plas-ycha*, about a mile distant from *Mostyn*. The first was built by his grandfather, the old



old baronet before mentioned: within, in coarse stucco, are his arms, with those of *Gwydir*, and the date and initials of his and his lady's name—'1603, R. M. M. M.'

SIR *Roger* had a great intimacy with *Pyers Pennant*, his cotemporary neighbor at *Bychton*. Both seem to have been boon companions, as is evident from the *P. S.* to the following curious epistle:

'Dear *Pyers*, *Mostyn*, . . . . . 1674.

CURIOUS EPISTLE.

'I HOPE you will excuse me for asking for the 4*l.* you owe me for the pair of oxen; for I want the money to make up 20*l.* to send my son to *Oxford* next week.

'I am, dear *Pyers*,

'Your's, &c. &c.

'ROGER MOSTYN.

'*P. S.*—How does your head do this morning?—mine aches confoundedly.'

AT this time money was so scarce, that 4*l.* was a price for a pair of oxen; and the baronet of *Mostyn* was thought very liberal in sending his heir apparent to the university with 20*l.* in his pocket.

THE other portraits are a head of Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, the gentleman who married *Bridget Savage*, heiress of the *Cheshire* estates.

ONE of the late Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, when a youth. In him was united the fine gentleman, the polite scholar, and the good man. My vision of a certain youth, I do believe, does not issue from the ivory gate.

——— when I behold, with ravisht eyes,

Our pride, our darling, our *Marcellus* rise!

PORTRAITS



PORTRAITS of *William Vaughan*, esq. of *Corfygedol*, and his brother *Evan Lloyd Vaughan*, esq. of *Bodidris*, successor to his estates, and to his seat in parlement for the county of *Merioneth*.

A SMALL full length of the exiled duke of *Ormond*, in a *Roman* dress, with a brown full wig, and a plan of a modern fortification, by *Vauban* or *Coborn*, at his feet.

BILLY BANGOR.

LET not the shades of the great grow indignant, when I mention on the same page our *Billy Bangor*, the wit, the jester, buffoon, and fool (as he probably was misnamed) of our country. His sayings and his pranks are to this day much talked of. His is a half-length, with a pipe in his hand. His look favors not of folly, and is full of dry gravity. The portrait is well painted, I imagine in the beginning of the present century, in which *Billy* flourished.

Two very good portraits, half-lengths, close the list. They are said to have been two painters, who sate for their pictures to each other. Their countenances are good, their dresses similar.

BETWEEN them is a head of *Charles II.* in his usual black wig. He is well painted, but without flattery. His coarse features well vindicate the question he put to poor *Riley*, the painter, on seeing the portrait done by that artist: 'Is this like me?—then, 'od's fish, I am a very ugly fellow \*!'

BUSTS.

IN the room are some busts collected by the late *Sir Thomas Mostyn*, when he was at *Rome*; among them is a beautiful head of a young *Faun*, in a *Phrygian* bonnet, placed (by no very uncommon mistake) on a female body, which it never owned.

ONE of the *Cornelii*, with meagre face and lank hair. *Augustus*. A *Seleucus*, with two wings fastened to an imperial

\* *Anecdotes of Painters*, iii. p. 123.

diadem,



diadem, symbols of dispatch and expedition. Two heads of old men, one with short curled hair, and long rounded beard; the other with a long square beard, and long flowing hair. Both have a fillet round the head. Neither of these are determined. One is conjectured to have been *Hesiod*; the other *Hippocrates*.

THIS room is in length thirty-five feet three inches; in breadth twenty feet, from the hollow of the bow-window to the fire-place.

IN passing out of this apartment to the great stairs is the entrance into a small and darksome room, mentioned only for the sake of a picture of a hound bitch, most enormously fat, doing great credit to the house: as another, I am in possession of, did to that of *Bychton*.

THE dining-room is above the parlor. The dimensions are very singular, exceeding in breadth those of the room below about nine inches. On an antient table, made out of one plank (of some unknown wood) seven feet ten inches in length, and four feet ten in breadth, stands a most exquisite bust of the elder *Brutus*, which seems as if formed in the instant that the love of his country got the better of paternal affection; when with a steady voice he was delivering to the lictors his *Titus* and *Tiberius*, to receive the reward of their treasons.

ON a glass case are two busts in brown alabaster, of a male and female *Faun*, with the *flammeum* on their heads. Both are of hideous deformity, but well executed. In the case beneath is a very fine model of a man of war of sixty-four guns: and beneath that a most splendid barge. I should have mentioned, that, between the *Fauns*, is also a model of the *Edystone* light-house, which was burnt down in the year 1755, and succeeded by the present, the work of our able engineer the late Mr. *Smeaton*.

DINING-ROOM.

BUST OF THE  
ELDER BRUTUS;

OF TWO FAUNS.

MODEL OF A MAN  
OF WAR.

EDYSTONE.



PAINTING OF ST.  
CATHERINE.

ON the left hand of this case is a most charming painting by *Leonardo da Vinci*, of *St. Catherine*. The wheel is placed by her, and in her hand is a palm-branch, the symbol of martyrdom. *Moreri*, and the moderate catholic writers, seem to be incredulous, equally with myself, as to her history. The *Golden Legend*, that flower of martyrologies, is superior to all doubts. She was daughter to king *Costus*, married to our Saviour, and martyred by a wheel stuck with razors, under the tyrant *Maxentius*. The wheel burst to pieces, and at once killed four thousand *Paynims* who attended the execution. Both these subjects have furnished most delightful pictures for the best masters. (See more of her in my *Outlines of the Globe—Arabia*, vol. x. p. 23.)

THE SUPPER AT  
EMAUS.

OVER the chimney-piece is a good picture by one of the *Bassans*, of the supper at *Emaus*, filled with pots and kettles, and all the characteristic culinary furniture of those famous artists.

## TWO CAVERNS.

TWO very good pieces, I imagine of the interior of some great quarries, vast caverns, with pillars of stone left to support the roof. Similar to those are the caves of *Caussie*, in the county of *Banff*, in *North Britain*, drawn by my much-lamented protégé, the late Mr. *Cordiner*, (see *Introduction to the Arctic Zoology*, tab. i.) and such as those engraven by *Le Bruyn* (ii. p. 189. tab. 250, 251, of the *English* edition) which he saw on the *Wologda*, in the province of the same name.

DANIEL, EARL OF  
NOTTINGHAM.

THE family portraits shall be mentioned as they are placed. At the upper end of the room is *Daniel*, second earl of *Nottingham*, sitting in his robes, with a most enormous black wig, flowing on each side, almost to his waist; his complexion suitably swarthy.

THIS



THIS noble peer was painted by Sir *Godfrey Kneller*, and was one of the few pictures which that unprincipled painter, as Mr. *Walpole* says, would not gladly have disowned the moment it was paid for. The earl of *Nottingham* was, as *Dalrymple* represents him to have been, most vehement in his political principles, both in church and state, so that he could hereby not live in charity with those who differed from him. He undertook the defence of the former against the attack made upon it by the famous *Whiston*, in a letter in 1719, addressed to his lordship, which the earl answered; for which his lordship received from the university of *Oxford*, in full convocation, its solemn thanks, for his noble defence of the Christian faith. He died *January 1, 1729-30*. His zeal (as Mr. *Walpole* observes) caused him during life to suffer many aspersions. In all probability the following may have been one: a stanza in the translation of the 4th Epistle, lib. ii. of *Horace*, *Ne sit ancillæ tibi amor pudori*, by the Earl of

to the Earl of S.

Did not base *Greber's Pegg* inflame.  
The sober Earl of *Nottingham*,  
Of sober fire descended:  
That, careless of his soul and fame,  
To play-houses he nightly came,  
And left church undefended!

HIS second lady, *Anne*, only daughter of *William*, the last viscount *Hatton*, is the next portrait, sitting, and dressed in white. According to *Collins*, she was a most profitable vessel, for she had five sons and eight daughters, besides ten other children who died young, and seven who were still-born.

HIS COUNTESS.



LADY ESSEX  
MOSTYN.

LADY *Essex*, her eldest daughter, in blue, sitting without a cap. One lock graces her neck. She was married to Sir *Roger Mostyn*, the third baronet. There is a good mezzotinto print of her, by *John Smith*, from a different portrait, by *Kneller*. The painter has placed her on a bank, in a rural scene, with flowers in her hands.

THE second daughter, lady *Charlotte*, married to *Charles Seymour*, duke of *Somerset*, in yellow, sitting.

*Mary*, countess of *Thanet*, in white, sitting, married to *Sackville Tufton*, earl of *Thanet*.

*Dorothy*, countess of *Burlington*, wife to the late *Richard Boyle*, earl of *Burlington*. She is in the character of *Diana*, in white, walking, with a spear in her hand.

THOSE two ladies were sisters, daughters to *William Saville*, marquis of *Halifax*, by his second wife, *Mary*, only daughter of the pious earl above mentioned, by his first wife, lady *Essex Rich*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Robert Rich*, earl of *Warwick*.

SIR ROGER  
MOSTYN.

SIR *Roger Mostyn*, grandfather to the present baronet. He was pay-master of the marines, in the reign of *Queen Anne*, and one of the tellers of the exchequer in that of *George I.* He died on *May 5th, 1739.*

LATE SIR THO-  
MAS MOSTYN.

THE late Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, and the general *John Mostyn*, painted when they were children of seven or eight years of age, in one piece. Sir *Thomas* is dressed in a blue silver-laced suit. His younger brother habited exactly like a girl, in stays, a frock, and an apron, with his neck naked: too ridiculous to be attempted by the artist, or permitted by the parents.

*Savage*



*Savage Mostyn*, afterward admiral *Mostyn*. His is a very good and spirited portrait. It was painted when he was a lieutenant: his hand rests on a cannon, the sea and shipping in view. His dress a red short waistcoat, a colored handkerchief round his neck, and a colored worsted night-cap, sitting lightly on his well-shaven head. There is a neat etching of this portrait, by *Worlidge*. It is said that he first introduced the uniform into the navy. He died in 1757.

ADMIRAL MOS-  
TYN.

*Algernon Percy*, earl of *Northumberland*. That nobleman was not bred to the sea, yet in 1636 was employed by his majesty, with a fleet of sixty sail, to drive away the *Dutch* (*Kennet*, iii. 78.) who would persist in fishing on our coasts. When his lordship found them indisposed to comply, he took some, sunk others, and drove the rest away. Soon after which the States were glad to submit to pay the sum of thirty thousand pounds for permission to continue their fisheries. In the next year the earl was constituted lord high admiral of *England*. Lord *Clarendon* speaks of him when he was appointed privy counsel, as if it was done for ornament! He took, in the consequent troubles, a part adverse to the king. But in 1648, he voted that his majesty's concessions were sufficient grounds for settling the peace of the kingdom. The army soon settled that affair. His lordship retired from the tyranny of the times, became one of the instruments of the Restoration, and died in 1668.

EARL OF NORTH-  
UMBERLAND.

He is painted as lord high admiral, sitting (a half-length) with one hand on an anchor, with the view of the destroying the buffes at a distance.

A BEAU-



## ARMS IN STAINED GLASS.

A BEAUTIFUL small full-length on board, of a very young lady, in the dress of the time of *Vandyk*. The figure is in height only seven inches. It is beautifully copied in oil, after that great master, probably by *Ruffel*, who is mentioned by the noble author of the *Anecdotes of Painting*, vol. ii. p. 6.

CHARLES I. AND  
QUEEN, PROFILES.

Two beautiful half-length portraits of *Charles I.* and his beautiful queen, both profiles, finely painted. They are called *Vandyk's*, but I suspect the artist. *Charles* in black, with one hand playing with his ribbon. *Henrietta* is in white, lightly holding her mantle.

CHARLES I. AND  
QUEEN.

THERE is besides the same royal pair in one piece, three-quarters length, small, evidently by *Vandyk*. The king is in a light red jacket, laced with silver; she in white, a favorite dress with her majesty, and presenting to him a wreath of laurel. She appears pregnant. They are charmingly painted. The dress of the king is the same as the portrait I mentioned at p. 19, only mine is red, laced with gold.

BEAUTIES OF  
CHARLES II.

DISPERSED in different rooms are twelve small heads of *Charles II.* and his beauties.

ARMS IN STAINED  
GLASS.

IN the windows of the dining-room are several honorary memorials of alliances, or of great men, friends of the family, perpetuated by their coats of arms in stained glass.

SIR ORLANDO  
BRIDGEMAN.

THE first is of *Sir Orlando Bridgeman*, a person eminent for his piety and charity, in the reign of *Charles I.* and his successor. He was employed on the part of the king as one of the commissioners at the treaty of *Uxbridge*, but fell under some censure in shewing a disposition to make concessions in church affairs,

which



which were disagreeable to his majesty. Yet lord *Clarendon*, in his own *Life*, i. 176. attributes them more to a timidity of disposition than to any ill design. At the Restoration he was successively made chief baron of the exchequer, chief justice of the common pleas; and at length lord-keeper of the great seals. He ended his days in 1674.

THE arms of *Cadifod ap Dyfnwal*, quartered with several coats of arms of the great men in *South Wales*.

*James* earl of *Derby*, his arms quartered with those of his gallant *Charlotte de la Tremouille*.

SIR *Thomas Savage*, baronet, afterwards created viscount *Savage*, by *James I.*; and in 1639, on the death of his father-in-law lord *Darcie*, viscount *Colchester*, became earl *Rivers*.

ARMS of the *Mostyns* and *Wynnes* of *Gwydir*.

THE *Grosvenours* and *Mostyns*, in memory of the marriage of *Sydney Mostyn*, eldest daughter of the old Sir *Roger Mostyn*, with Sir *Richard Grosvenour*, of *Eyton*, baronet.

*Mostyn* and *Whitelock*, occasioned by the marriage of Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, of *Kilken*, knight, eldest son of the old Sir *Roger Mostyn*, with *Elizabeth*, eldest daughter of Sir *James Whitelock*, knight, one of the puisne judges of the king's bench in 1620, and sister to the famous historian.

*Francis* earl of *Bedford*.

*Thomas Egerton*, baron *Ellesmere*. See his origin in my *Tour in Wales*, vol. i. p. 109.

*John Williams*, bishop of *Lincoln*. These arms have, quartered with his own, those of the see of *Lincoln*, which shew that they must have been put up before he was removed to the see of *York*.



York, in 1641. Probably all the others were put up at the same time.

## PORTH-MAWR.

IN 1570 *William Moston* (for till the time of his son, Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, knight, that was the manner in which the name was spelt) meditated a design of building a new house. By what he executed it appears to have been planned in form of a quadrangle, the old house to have been rebuilt, and to have formed the centre, the other three sides to have been the offices. He finished only one, which from the great gate-way in the middle bears to this day the name of *Porth mawr*.

THE date is expressed in this manner: *ANNO MUNDI 5552. W. M. 1570*. If I may compare small things with great, my house at *Bychton* was rebuilt, and my house at *Merton Uchlan* was also built in the same year; so it seems to have been an improving age.

## LIBRARY.

AT one end of this building is the library, a room most unworthy of the valuable collection of manuscripts and books it contains. Few, if any, can boast of the number or beauty of the first, especially the illuminated; and I suspect that the number, rarity, and value of the antient classics, medallic histories, gems, and variety of every species of polite literature, is without parallel. They are of the scarcest editions, and printed by the most esteemed printers. I am indebted to Mr. *Edward Clarke*, A. M. of *Jesus college, Cambridge*, for a select catalogue of the most valuable manuscripts and books. The articles mentioned are attended with our joint notes; but my share must candidly be confessed to have been the smallest. Mr. *Clarke* may be said to be a scholar, *ex traduce*. His mother was



was daughter to the Rev. Dr. *William Wotton*, famous for having given a translation of the laws of *Howel Dda*. His grandfather, *WILLIAM CLARKE*, M. A. was still more eminent. He assisted *Wotton* in his labors, by a most learned and elegant *Latin* preface to the *Leges Wallicæ*. But his name will be for ever delivered to posterity for his celebrated treatise, *The Connection of the Roman, Saxon, and English Coins*, printed in 1767, by his friend Mr. *William Bowyer*. Neither must I be silent in respect to Mr. *Clarke's* father, who favored the world with a very ingenious account of *Spain*, where he had resided some time under the patronage of the earl of *Bristol*, the *British* minister at the court of *Madrid*!

THE late Sir *Thomas Mostyn* may be said to have been the founder of the library. In the old catalogue (for Mr. *Clarke* has formed a most complete new one) is written, in Sir *Thomas's* own hand, the following very unnecessary apology: *Satius est otiosum esse quam nihil agere!*

AT *Gloddaeth* is another large library, consisting chiefly of old *English* history, and very valuable *Welsh* MSS. collected by Sir *Roger Mostyn*, grandfather to the present baronet.

GLODDAETH  
LIBRARY.

### *Manuscripts, &c. in the Mostyn Library.*

*Arms of Illustrious Families of France*, beginning with the Comte d'*Auvergne*, the houses, and castles, and coats of arms, illuminated. Fol. Vel. illum.

MANUSCRIPTS.

*Account of the Rebellion in North and South Wales, in the last Century*, quarto. It begins in 1642, and ends in 1656. Part

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is written in *Welsh*. It appears by several passages to have been written by a native of *Dolgelli*.

*Biblia Sacra Antiqua*. Quarto, vel. slightly illuminated. In most curious small *gothic* letter.

Of the magnificent MS. '*Boccace des nob. & illust. Femmes*,' Foll. vell. illum. it should be observed that the illuminations, in point of beauty and number, exceed any thing of the kind. The principal illumination or frontespiece is a representation of our first parents in the garden of *Eden*. The Deity is here portrayed in the papal robes, with the tiara on his brow, handing *Eve* out of *Adam's* side. Two angels in white surplices support his train, which is of blue and gold. The garden is enclosed by the walls and windows of a *gothic* cathedral.

TOWARDS the end of the volume is a representation of Pope *Joan's accouchement* in the public streets of *Rome*, in her way to the *Lateran* church, between the *Coliseum* and *St. Clement's* church, attended by two cardinals, preceded by a white friar, and followed by a numerous concourse of mob. This celebrated Popeess (if such there ever was) is said to have been a *German* girl, who had assumed the habit of our sex, went to *Athens* to study, and made such a progress as to be the astonishment of every body. By what steps she rose to the papacy I am not told. She attained it in 853, and discharged all the duties of it under the name of *John VIII*. She unfortunately proved a frail mortal. Her holiness had an intrigue, and the consequences appeared as related. Unable to bear the shame, she died on the spot. This affair gave occasion to a thousand controversies: which side had the right is little worth enquiry. Mr. *Misson* enters deeply into it, see vol. ii. p. of his *Travels*.

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He takes the affirmative part, and gives us an engraving of the famous chair (see tab. vii. p. 119) on which every pope, after the cruel deception, is obliged to sit. It has in the middle a hole like that of a *selle-percée*, on which the new pope is obliged to sit *sans culottes*, and the youngest deacon to make a report that his holiness has not imposed on the *catholic* world.

THE horrors of the various and barbarous modes of execution exhibited in most of the pages, take away the pleasure of examining minutely this fine MS.

*Comedia di Dante*, fol. vell. illum. A most infernal MS. in gothic letters; the illuminations coarse, numerous as horrid; on every page devils are represented in all forms. Fancy seems exhausted. Done by the *Fuseli* of the time. Mr. *Addison* somewhere observes that the devils of *Dante* and *Tasso* are made horrible by their horns, claws, and tails; *Milton's* by their evil passions. I wish the reader could compare the deformity of the dæmons in this MS. with the greater deformities occasioned by the evil passions which render detestable even the beauteous features of the fallen angels, painted by the admirable *Westall* for Mr. *Boydell's Milton*. It should seem as if the ideas of our great poet had transmigrated into our young painter, to give the present times the fulness of his conceptions.

*Chroniques de Jean Froissart, en deux livres, avec figures*. Folio, vell. illum.—A very fair and antient manuscript, with the history of every chapter curiously painted in gold and water-colors. It was written in *Froissart's* own time, or near it, and belonged to a *Holland*. The first lord *Buckhurst* made a present of it to Sir *William Cecil*. The arms of the *Hollands* are often painted



in the initial letters, and in others the arms of the nobility mentioned in the history.

THE frontespiece to this volume is a battle, with a town at a distance. The *French* appear victorious; their cavalry driving before them that of the fugitive *English*. I compared the text of this valuable MS. with the *French* edition, printed at *Lyons* in 1559, and the famous translation by Sir *John Berniers*, lord *Bourchier*, done in 1525, and find both vary in language, but not in sense, from this manuscript. Another volume of the first and second books, equally beautiful, is to be found in the *Gloddaeth* library; which I thus describe in my *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 327. ‘The frontespiece represents the author on his knees, in a blue mantle, presenting his book to *Edward III.* A king of *France*, distinguished by the *fleurs-de-lis* on his robes, holds a queen by the hand, who, from the arms of *England*, and the lions on her robe, seems to be queen *Philippa*, to whom *Froissart* was clerk of the closet. She holds by the hand a little boy, whose robe is also marked with the lions. This must have been *Richard of Bourdeaux*, her grandson, afterwards *Richard II.* A lady and several other figures appear in the piece.’—Mr. *Simco*, bookseller, in *Great Queen Street, Lincoln’s Inn Fields*, had a copy of this manuscript. It was dated on the back ‘*d’environ 1470.*’

*Decreta sac. Congregationis Concilii*, tom. 7, quarto, in *Italian*, a common hand, ill-written.

*De Arte Amandi*, *Ovid*, vell. quarto.

*Eusebii Glossarum Liber*, vell. fol. *gothic* letters.

*Evang. de Matthæ, cum Expos.* vell. fol. most curious *gothic* letter, slight but elegant illumination.



*Ellegia di Madonna Fiametta*, fol.

*Histoire des Roys de France*, fol. vell. illuminated.

*Histoire des quatre Roys de France, Charles V, VI, VII, & Lewis XI.* Fol. vell. illum. only one large illumination, a battle : King Charles VII. mounted, driving an *English* body of cavalry before him : a town at a distance.

*Herodiani Historie, &c.* Fol. superb vell. with beautiful enamelled coins—a MS. matchless for elegance of the ornamental part of illumination, and equally so for the medals in rich gold, seemingly real, and as if lying on the paper. To the first letter of each chapter is prefixed one, with the reverse.

*Il Nimfale in Versi, di Giov. Bocaccio*, 8vo.

*Imperatoris Caesaris Maximiliani, de Vita sua, Comm.* Quarto, superb illum. with a portrait of the emperor, and a view of his study.

*Maximilian I.* was born in 1459. He first married, in 1477, *Mary of Burgundy*. After her death he married by proxy *Ann of Bretagne* : but *Charles VIII.* of France actually married her in person, and in consequence added her dominion to that of his successors. The illuminations are very beautiful. His own portrait is the first, sitting in a rich chair, at a table, with his pen in his hand. That of his christening is the next. In another he is instructed in the art of beleaguering. A fourth places him in his study, drawing figures astrological, calculating some great event. From the king to the cobbler, every one was in those ages an astrologer.—Consult *Sully*, 4to edit. i. 78. 81. 382. 530.



ONE side of the study is filled with books, mostly clasped, with their faces outwards, the leaves gaily painted. Above *Maximilian* are his cross-bows, his bows and arrows, the instruments of the chase; and by them his art in music is expressed by the lute. On the floor is shewn the objects of his various studies. That of artillery, by two golden cannon. Of painting, by the grinding-stone for colors, and the pallet. Of husbandry, by a hoe. Of his skill in the arts of the carpenter and joiner, by the ax, plane, &c. &c. &c. Of the smith, by the iron anvil.—A more curious illumination is not to be found!

IN one or other of them are depicted the deeds of his busy life. His amusements in the chase are given in various drawings; such as that of the bear, the boar, the stag, the chamois, and *ibex*. The scenery of vast rocks and precipices, and the manner of the chasseurs overcoming all difficulties, make this a most curious delineation. There is one shewing him employed in falconry. Tilts ending most fatally, and as cruelly as shows of gladiators, next are exhibited. His marriage, and his being instructed in virtuous gallantry with the ladies of the court, and the maids of honor, all true *Platonic* lovers. *Maximilian* was also great in the field. *Voltaire* tells us that prince introduced the arms of the *Macedonian* phalanx; and in all the military illuminations, the long pike (eighteen feet in length) is introduced. In the midst of war he preserved his gallantry. A lady is represented at the entrance of his tent, like another *Syfigambis*, kneeling to this second *Alexander*, imploring his pity.—This was the *virago* sister of *Egmond*, duke of *Gueldres*, who, after his death, entered  
*Venlo,*



*Venlo*, and defended it valiantly against *Maximilian*, who soon reduced her to submit to his mercy.—Let this close his glorious life. I shall add no more than the conclusion: for in 1519, at the age of sixty, he quitted the mortal stage, the common fate of emperors and their meanest subjects.

*La Vie de Mons. Sevin*, fol.—*Francis Sevin*, a learned Frenchman, one of the Academy Royal of Inscriptions, &c. at *Paris*, appointed (in conjunction with *l'Abbé Fourmont*) to travel into *Greece* in search of antient MSS. He returned in 1730, and with such success, that he was rewarded with the place of keeper of the royal MSS. He was born in 1699, died in 1741, leaving behind numbers of learned memoirs, printed among those of the academy.

*Lactantius Firmianus*, 1663. fol. vell. the writing most elegant, like the finest type, in the manner of *Aldus*. One side of the margin is prettily illuminated with a fancy scroll, birds, &c.

*Missale Vetus*, 12mo. with curious musical notes.

*Naldinaldii Florentini, Oratio de Laudib. Urbis*, 4to, vell. most elegant writing, a thin octavo.

*Officium beatæ Mar. Virg.* 4to. vell. with superb illum.

*Seneca*, fol. vell. From the library of *Samuel Petit*, of which are many others. This *S. Petit* was a celebrated minister of the Calvinist persuasion, and of French descent, whose parents had fled to *Geneva* from *Paris*, after the infamous massacre.

*Sozomeni Historia*, tom 2. fol. vell. most beautifully written, one border finely fancied.

*Suetonius M<sup>ss</sup> in Pergameno, per Cassium Parmensem, ad Fidem optimorum Codicum*, 1469.

S. Thomas



*S. Thomas de Rege Princip.* 8vo. vell. in fine *gotbic* letters. Instructions how princes should reign.

*Suetonius.* A beautiful MS. on vell. 4to.

*Sidonius Apollinaris.* 4to. vell. *gotbic* letter.

*Valerio Maximo Manuscripto,* 8vo.

*N. B.*—There are moreover a variety of beautiful missals, all on vellum, and superbly illuminated. One as old as the year 1200; and many very curious Bibles.

THIS department is not to be left without mention of the most valuable illumination of a *British* library: the pedigree of the family. This is rich in two. One is not less than forty-two feet long; which, after passing through the *British* and *Saxon* race of monarchs, pursues its purpose through the monarchs of *Israel*; reaches *Noah* and his ark, and finishes with *Adam* and *Eve*. Our bards were our heralds and genealogists. This must originally have been composed by one, who, I dare say, was infinitely displeased that he was cruelly stopped in his progress by our first parents, and by the *Mosaic* account denying to him all power of extending his patron's lineage into that of the *Pre-Adamites*. The other pedigree (notwithstanding it is most beautifully illuminated) is scarcely worth mention, being a mere abridgment of the former, and not above twenty-two feet in length.

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SELECT BOOKS.

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Apollonius



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 Edictum Reginae Elizabethæ, Londini promulgat. Nov. 29,  
 1591. & Andr. Philopatri Respons. ad idem. *Very scarce*, 8vo.  
 1593.  
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Item ejusdem Odyssea ex Interpret. Didymi, 2 vols. Folio,  
Basil, 1541.

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Horatius, cum quat. Comment. & Fig. Venet. 1509. Folio.

Il Petrarca. Edit. nitid. & rariss. Venet. Folio, 1473.

Isocratis Opera. Folio, ap. Aldum.

Juvenalis Opera, cum Com. Calderini. Folio. Venet. ap.  
Bapt. de Tortis, 1485.

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Justinus Historicus. Folio, Venet. 1497.

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Livii Historia. Folio, ap. Aldum, 1566.

Luciani Opera. Folio, ap. Aldum, 1522.

Martialis Opera, cum Not. Calderini, Folio, Venet. 1482.

Novum Testamentum Syriacè. Ant. Plantin. 1575. 8vo.

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Exemp. nitid. ap. H. Steph. 1575.

Ovidii Opera, ap. Vincent. Folio, 1480.

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great Italian master; some say Raphael, vide De Bure.* Folio.



Plinii Junioris Epistolæ, per Beroaldum correctæ. 4to. Bonon.  
1498.

Platina de Vit. Pontificum. Folio, Nuremb. 1481.

Politiani Opera. Folio, Venet. 1498.

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ap. H. Steph. 1578.

Poetæ Græci Principes. Folio, ap. H. Steph. 1566.

Senecæ Opera omnia. Folio, Venet. ap. Ber. de Coris, Edit.  
rariss. 1492.

Silius Italicus, cum Comment. Pet. Marti. Venet. ap. Bapt.  
de Tortis, 1483. Folio.

Suetonius. Folio. Mediol. 1475.

*N.B.*—To this very scarce and valuable Edition of Suetonius, a  
note in manuscript, signed *P.A. OR.* or *Pet. A. Orlandus*,  
has been subjoined, in the beginning of the volume, with  
these remarkable words: ‘ *Caius Suetonius Tranquillus*,  
‘ *tempore Trajani et Hadriani floruit circa annum ab*  
‘ *orbe redempto CXII. historicus emendatissimus et*  
‘ *candidissimus inter Histor. August. Scriptores clarus.*  
‘ *Libros xii. de vitis et gestis xii. Cesarum scripsit, quo-*  
‘ *rum editiones primæ intra annum 1400. sunt sequentes:*  
‘ *Romæ 1470, in Ædibus Maximis, fol.—Romæ, in Via Papæ,*  
‘ *sine nomine typographi, 1470.—Typographus autem*  
‘ *fuit Uldericus Gallus, fol. Venetiis, 1471.—Per Nicolaum*  
‘ *Jensson. fol. quæ est præsens editio inter omnes clarior*  
‘ *et nitidior.—Mediolani, 1475. per Philippum de Lavagna.*  
‘ *fol.—Alia editio de anno 1480. sine loco et typographo,*  
M 2 ‘ fol.



\* fol. sine commento.—Cum commento *Sabellici, Venetiis*,  
 ‘ 1490, per *Baptistam de Tortis*, fol.—Cum commento  
 ‘ *Beroaldi, Bononiæ*, 1493, per *Benedictum Hectoris*, fol.  
 ‘ *Venetiis*, 1493.—Per *Bamianum de Mediolano*, fol. cum notis  
 ‘ *Beroaldi, et Sabellici, Venetiis*, 1500.—Per *Bartholomæum*,  
 ‘ *de Zanis*. fol.—Alia editio antiqua videtur, sed est sine  
 ‘ loco, anno, et typographo. fol.

‘ *P. A. OR.*’

Suetonius. Vit. Cæsarum. Edit. nitidiss. & rariss. Folio. Nic.  
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 gent. 1496.

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Thucydides. Folio, ap. Aldum. 1502.

Themistii Opera omnia. Folio. Venet. ap. Aldum.

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Virgilius, cum Notis var. & Figuris. Folio, Venet. ap. Bon.  
 1558. Rariss.

Vetus Testamentum. Folio, Rom. 1587.

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*Copy.*

Virgilii Opera. Folio: Venet. 1544.

Zenophontis, quæ exstant. Folio. ap Aldum.

To this classical list let me add a modern edition of the  
 BIBLE, remarkable for its magnificence, but more so for a  
 singular *erratum*. It was printed by *Baskett*, at the *Clarendon*  
 press,



press, in 1717, in two vast volumes. It is adorned with a frontepiece, and various head-pieces, from paintings by Sir *James Thornhill*, and others, engraved by *Vander Gutch*, *de Bosche*, &c. The ridiculous mistake is in the running-title to the twentieth chapter of *St. Luke*; in which 'Parable of the vineyard' is printed 'Parable of the *vinegar*;' and on that account the edition is better known by the name of the *Vinegar Bible*, than any other.

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*Antiquities in the Moslyn Library.*

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BRONZES.

1. *Isis* nursing the infant *Orus*, a figure six inches in height. For a description of which see *Montfaucon*, vol. ii. chap. 5. pl. 113. fig. 2.

ISIS.

2. A FEMALE figure rising from the bath, adjusting her hair before a mirror, which she holds in her right hand, while the left is employed in arranging her waving tresses. The legs of this beautiful little bronze have been restored. The rest of the figure is remarkable for its symmetry and elegance.

A FEMALE RISING  
FROM THE BATH.

3. THE eagle of *Jupiter*, with extended pinions, retaining the thunder in its claws. This has been suspended as a vow at the shrine of that deity. The same figure often occurs upon the antient lamps, as will be shewn hereafter. *Montfaucon* has given

JUPITER'S EAGLE.



an exact representation of this figure in vol. i. pl. 154. It there forms the principal ornament of a bronze lamp; and over it is this inscription:

L.

TETIUS

ALYPUS.

JOVI. D. D.

OSIRIS.

4. IMAGE of *Osiris*, the tutelar deity of the *Nile*; according to Mr. *Bruce*, the personified representation of the dog-star. For an account of this god, see *Montfaucon*, tom. ii. chap. 8.

A PHALLUS.

5. THE PHALLUS, certainly intended as a pendant for the ear. With the ancients it was a symbol of fecundity. *Herodotus* mentions its having been carried in solemn procession at the sacrifices of *Bacchus*. *Athenæus* speaks of one carried in this manner, which was twenty cubits long, and formed entirely of gold. It was moreover adorned with garlands, which were twined round to its vertex, where was a golden star, six cubits in circumference. See *Athen.* lib. v. c. 5. At *Isernia*, a province in the kingdom of the two *Sicilies*, the women annually celebrate the anniversary of their patron saint, by offering at his shrine *ex voto* of wax, representing the male organs of generation, which they style St. *Cosmus's* toes. Sir *W. Hamilton* addressed a letter to the *Dilettanti* society upon this curious circumstance, which he accompanied with different specimens of the usual offerings! This letter gave birth to a very learned and ingenious essay, by Mr. *Knight*, on the ancient worship of *Priapus*, written at the request of the society! and partially distributed for their use! In the course of this work

Mr.



Mr. *Knight* thus expresses himself: 'Whatever the *Greeks* and  
' *Egyptians* meant by the symbol in question, it was certainly  
' nothing ludicrous or licentious; of which we need no other  
' proof than its having been carried in solemn procession, at  
' the celebration of those mysteries, in which the first principles  
' of their religion, the knowledge of the God of nature, the  
' FIRST, the SUPREME, the INTELLECTUAL (v. *Plut.* de *Is.* &  
' *Os.*) were preserved from the vulgar superstitions, and com-  
' municated under the strictest oaths of secrecy to the initiated;  
' who were obliged to purify themselves, prior to their initiation,  
' by abstaining from *venery, and all impure food.*'

I FIND this detestable worship among the *Gentoos* in *Indostan*.  
Captain *Alexander Hamilton*, in his account of the *East Indies*,  
i. p. 381, gives the following relation: 'In all this tract between  
' *Gangam* and *Jagarnaut*, the visible god in most esteem is *Go-*  
' *palsami*, whose temples are decorated with obscene representa-  
' tions of men and women in indecent postures, also of  
' demons and caco-demons, whose shameful parts are of a  
' prodigious size, in proportion to their bodies. This filthy  
' image is worshipped by the heathens of both sexes; but  
' barren women are his greatest devotees, and bring him the  
' best oblations.'

6. THE HOG-SKIN\*—A vow to *Bacchus*.—The custom of  
preserving wine in hog-skins is still observed in *Spain*, and many  
other parts of the world. The antients retained the form of it  
in their domestic utensils, and vessels of libation, long after the  
use of it had been superseded by the more convenient *amphora*.

\* *Montfaucon*, iii. part i. tab. 77.

A HOG-SKIN.

7. AN



## PATERA.

7. AN instrument of sacrifice, by some falsely called a *patera*. *Montfaucon* has proved that these instruments, round, flat, having no cavity to contain the liquor, are not *pateræ*. *Beger* supposes them to be what *Isidorus* calls *apophereta*, which were used as plates to hold fruit and other viands. ‘*Apophereta, a ferendo poma vel aliud, nominata; est enim plana.*’ See *Montfaucon*, tom ii. pl. 63. fig. 2.

THE *pateræ* were very different from those designed for festive purposes. The latter were rich goblets, or a species of tankard. *Montfaucon* has, in vol. iii. part i. p. 146, to p. 149, engraven several kinds. *Virgil*, in describing *Dido*’s royal feast, says,

Implevit mero pateram.

After the fair queen had made a delicate libation, she presented the goblet to the jovial *Trojan*, *Bitias*, who drank it up at one tip. The Poet describes it most humorously and emphatically:

Tum *Bitiæ* dedit increpitans: ille impiger hausit,  
Spumantem pateram, et pleno se prouit auro.

## A SPECULUM.

8. A SPECULUM, or mirror, of some metallic substance, at this day retaining a polish equal to the first telescope reflector. *Bishop Watson*, in his *Chemical Essays*, vol. iii. p. 335, has given a pretty comment on the composition of these *specula*. ‘Copper,’ says the ingenious prelate, ‘communicates a smell both to gold and silver. The *Roman specula*, which they used as looking-glasses in *Pliny*’s time, were commonly made of silver; but the silver was alloyed with much copper; for we find



‘ find a cunning waiting-maid in *Plautus*, advising her mistress  
 ‘ to wipe her fingers after having handled a *speculum*, lest her  
 ‘ paramour should suspect her of receiving silver from some  
 ‘ other lover :

‘ Ut speculum tenuisti, metue ne oleant argentum manus,  
 ‘ Ne usque argentum te accipisse suspicetur *Philocles*.’

9. THE STRIGIL, a crooked instrument for scraping the muscles.  
 It was in high request among the *Romans*. *Montfaucon* gives  
 the figures of several. Among others, he has portrayed a man  
 of rank in the bath, while two boys are seen on each side of him,  
 using the *strigil*. This instrument is very common on all the  
*Greek* vases, and is always represented among the ceremonies of  
 the bath.

A STRIGIL.

10. A COMB, exactly resembling those now in use. This  
 also formed a necessary article among the bathing apparatus.

A COMB.

11. A SMALL spice-box; of the same nature as those found  
 at *Pompeia*.

12. A BRACELET for the arm. These are frequently found  
 in *Greek* sepulchres; and in the excavations at *Herculaneum* and  
*Pompeia*.

BRACELET.

13. AN intaglio ring, beaded round; the work very coarse, and  
 altogether in the *Egyptian* style.

RING.

14. ARM of the *Discobolus*, in the act of throwing the dis-  
 cus. I find the same sort of fragment mentioned in an old col-  
 lection of antiquities, engraved at *Rome* in the year 1610; with  
 this exception, that the latter is of marble: ‘ *Marmoreum bra-*

ARM OF A DISC-  
 OBOLUS.

N

‘ *chium*



*'cbium Discoboli, libratum pondus in auras mittentis.'*—R. Antiq. Pa. Pet. C. R.

KEY.

15. A SMALL key connected to a beaded ring.

16, 17. *Prefericula*, as *ex voto*.

*Lamps of Earthen Ware, Penates, &c.*

LAMP WITH THE  
FACE OF JUPITER  
AMMON.

JUPITER, AND HIS  
EAGLE.

1. A BEAUTIFUL Lamp, of the *Nola clay*, with an uncommonly fine head of *Jupiter Ammon*, in *mezzo rilievo*.

2. A DITTO, representing *Jupiter* supported by the eagle, with the thunder in its claw; the exact representation of this lamp is in *Montfaucon*, vol. v. pl. 154. Also in *Bartoli's Lucerne Antiche*, part ii. pl. 4. As *Bartoli's* account is short and satisfactory, I shall insert it:

*' Giove portato dall' Aquila.*

*' A questa figura di Giove portato in alto dall' Aquila, ucello ad esso consecrato, altro non habbiamo da aggiungere, se non che li Romani dopo morte, nella consecratione de loro Imperadori usurano questo honore, fingendo che le loro anime dall' Aquila fossino inalzate al cielo, & fra le stelle. Tale Ambitione indusse ancora huomini privati ad insanire & deificare in tal modo i loro Defonti, in habito, e culto divino, portati dall' Aquila al' Cielo.'*

L. WITH TWO  
FIGHTING COCKS.

3. A VERY curious lamp, with a small handle, representing, in *alto rilievo*, two fighting cocks, each supported by a *Genius*. One of the cocks has evidently the advantage; his tutelar *Genius* is shouting the victory. The other *Genius* covers his face with his





M. Griffith delin.

J. Barlow sculp.

*Lamp with the head of Jupiter Ammon.*

*Published as the Act directs, Jan'y. 1. 1796. by B. & J. White.*









LCAESAR

ELEGANT LAMP: COCK-FIGHT & TWO GENII.

*Published as the Act directs, Jan<sup>y</sup> 1. 1796, by B. & J. White.*

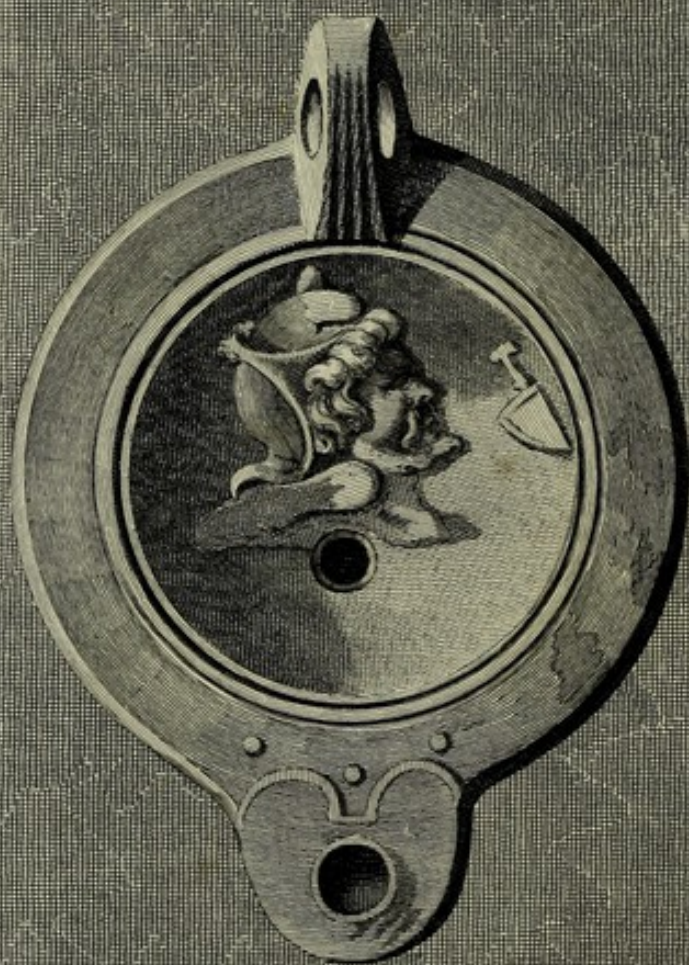












M. Gough delin.

J. Barlow sculp.

*A Lamp with the head of a Warrior.*

*Published as the Act directs, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1796, by Rob<sup>t</sup>. J. White.*



his hands, to hide a convulsive fit of tears, and the shame of being defeated. The expression in these two figures is astonishing. An elegant border surrounds the whole, and on the reverse of the lamp

‘ L. CÆSAR.’

is stamped in very legible characters.

4. A SMALL lamp in *Nola clay*, with a horse in *mezzo* L. WITH A HORSE.  
*relievo*.

5. A BEAUTIFUL lamp, of red clay, with a remarkably fine L. WITH A WAR-  
head in relief; representing a warrior, accompanied by an instru-  
ment of sacrifice. RIOR'S HEAD.

6. A FIGURE of *Isis*, one of the *Egyptian Penates*, carved in ISIS, A SMALL  
stone, and covered with hieroglyphics. FIGURE.

7. A SIMILAR figure, formed of blue antique paste, of the ANOTHER.  
same kind which the ancients used in their *Mosaics*, known to  
*Italians* by the name of *fritta*. This figure is also covered with  
hieroglyphics.

To these may be added others, which I have described in the first volume of my *Tour in Wales*. Those which are foreign, are several marbles brought from *Narbonne*, the *Narbo Martius*. It is one of the most ancient cities in *Gaul*, for it was a flourishing place two hundred and eighty years before the *Christian* era. A *Roman* colony was established there in the time of *Marcus Rex*, from whom it received its addition. It is full of antiquities, which have been used in the various modern buildings. Those in question came from the walls of the archbishop's palace; and were brought here by the late Sir *Thomas Maestyn*. The en-  
graving,



graving, with the inscriptions, taken from the 2d volume of my *Tour*, gives a full idea of these funebrial memorials.

TORQUES.

THE golden *torques*, that invaluable morsel in possession of this family, was found by digging in a garden near to *Harlech* castle in 1692. It is well described by *Camden*, as a wreathed rod of gold, about four feet long, with three spiral furrows, with sharp intervening ridges running its whole length to the ends, which are plain, truncated, and turn back like pot-hooks. Whether this was purely *Roman*, or whether it might not have been common to both nations, I will not dispute. The use was that of a baldric, to suspend gracefully the quiver of men of rank, which hung behind, by means of the hook; and the golden wreath crossed the breast, and passed over the shoulder. *Virgil*, in his beautiful description of the exercises of the *Trojan* youth, expresses the manner, in these frequently misconstrued lines :

*Cornea bina ferunt præfixo hastilia ferro :*  
*Pars leves humero pharetras : ait pectore summo.*  
*Flexilis obtorti per collum circulus auri.*

Each brandishing aloft a cornel spear :  
 Some on their backs their burnish'd quiver bore,  
 Hanging from wreaths of gold, which shone before.

THE *torch*, or *torques*, worn by the *Gauls* and *Britons*, was a very different affair, a collar of gold, or other metal, worn round the neck. Our heroine *Boadicea* had a great one of that precious metal; and *Virdomarus* wore round his neck another, fastened behind with hooks, which fell off when the conqueror cut off his head.





A N A P O P H E R E T A .

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*Illi virgatis jaculanti ex agmine braccis  
Torquis ab incisa decedit unca gula.*

*Manlius* acquired the addition of *Torquatus*, from a *torques* which he won from a *Gaul*, whom he slew in single combat, in fight of the army; and *Publius Cornelius*, after the slaughter of the *Boii*, took, among other spoils, not fewer than four thousand and seventy golden torques.

THEY were also in use among the *Romans*, who bestowed them as military rewards; and, as *Pliny* pretends, the golden on the auxiliaries, the silver on the citizens. They probably were made in several ways. I have seen a very beautiful one (I think at present in possession of the Rev. Mr. *Prescot*, of *Stockport*) composed of several links of silver wire, most elegantly twisted together: it was long enough to go twice round the neck, and had clasps which fastened it on.

THE custom of wearing the *torques* was continued from the more remote periods of *Britain*, to later times. *Llewellyn*, a lord of *Yale*, was called *Llewelyn aur Dorchog*, ‘*Llewelyn, with the golden torques*,’ on that account; and the common proverb, ‘*Mi a dynna’r dorch a chwi*, I will pluck the *torques* with you,’ signifies to this day, a hard struggle of a person before he would yield a victory.

THE next antiquity is, as to material, *British*; as to its destination, *Roman*. I refer to the cake of copper smelted at the antient *Conovium*, the modern *Caer-bén*, near to *Conwy*, which probably was smelted from the ore of the *Snowdon* hills, where of late years much has been got. This mass is in shape of a cake of bees-

wax :

COPPER CAKE.



wax: on the upper part is a deep concave impression, with the words '*Socio Romæ*, To my partner at *Rome*:' across these is impressed obliquely, in lesser letters, *Natfol*. I cannot explain it, unless *Nat* stands for *Natio*, the people who paid this species of tribute; and *fol* for *solvit*, that being the stamp-master's mark. These cakes might be bought up by a merchant resident in *Britain*, and consigned *Socio Romæ*, 'to his partner at *Rome*.' The weight of this antiquity is forty-two pounds; the diameter of the upper part eleven inches; the thickness in the middle two and three quarters.

## SILVER HARP.

THE silver harp is purely *British*, both as to the metal, and the use; which, with the commission for holding an *Eisteddfod*, or sessions of bards, at *Caerwis*, in 1568, is still in possession of Sir *Roger Mostyn*. The harp from time immemorial had been in the gift of his ancestors, to give as a temporary mark of excellency on the chief of the faculties, or those who had excelled in their different ways, poetical or musical. I shall only present the reader with the copy of the patent to Sir *Richard Bulkeley*, knight, and to *William Moston*, and many others. *William Moston* is the gentleman mentioned at p. 72. This commission is in some measure historical: but the reader who wishes for a fuller account of the *Eisteddfod*, may gratify his curiosity by turning to p. 457, and from thence to p. 478, of the first volume of my *Tour in Wales*. The commission is as follows:

' By the Quene,

' ELIZABETH, by the grace of God, of *England*, *Fraunce*, and  
' *Ireland*, Quene, defendor of the sayth, &c. to our trustie and



' ryght wel-beloved S<sup>r</sup> *Richard Bulkley*, Knight, S<sup>r</sup> *Rees*  
 ' *Gruffuth*, knight, *Ellice Price*, equio<sup>r</sup>, doct<sup>r</sup> in cyvill lawe,  
 ' and one of our counsail in our marches of *Wales*, *William*  
 ' *Mostyn*, *Jevan Lloyd* of *Yale*, *John Salisbury* of *Ruge*, *Rees*  
 ' *Thomas*, *Maurice Wynne*, *Will<sup>m</sup> Lewis*, *Peres Mostyn*, *Owen*  
 ' *John ap Ho<sup>ll</sup> Vaughan*, *John Will<sup>m</sup> ap John*, *John Lewis*  
 ' *Owen*, *Moris Gruffyth*, *Symound Thelwall*, *Ellice ap Will<sup>m</sup> Lloyd*,  
 ' *Rob<sup>t</sup> Puleston*, *Harry Aparry*, *William Glynne*, and *Rees*  
 ' *Hughes*, esquio<sup>rs</sup>, and to every of them greating.—WHEREAS  
 ' it is come to the knowledge of the lorde president, and other  
 ' o<sup>r</sup> said counsail, in o<sup>r</sup> marches of *Wales*, that vagraunt and  
 ' idle psons, naming themselves mynstrells, rithmors, and bar-  
 ' thes, are lately growen into such an intollerable multitude  
 ' w<sup>th</sup>in the principaltee of *Northwales*, that not only gentlemen,  
 ' and others, by their shameles disorders, are oftentimes dis-  
 ' quieted in their habitacons; but also the expert mynstrells and  
 ' mucifions in toun and contry therby much discouraged to  
 ' travail in the exercise and practize of their knowledge; and also  
 ' not a litle hyndred in their lyvings and pferm<sup>ts</sup>. The  
 ' reformacon whereof, and the putting of these people in ord<sup>r</sup>,  
 ' the said lorde president and counsail have thought verey ne-  
 ' cessarye; and knowing you to be men both of wysdome and  
 ' upright dealing, and also of experience and good knowledge in  
 ' the scyence, have apointed and authorised you to be com-  
 ' missioners for that purpose. And forasmuch as o<sup>r</sup> counsail  
 ' of late, travayling in some p<sup>te</sup> of the said principaltee, had  
 ' pfect understanding, or credible report, that thaccustomed  
 ' place for the execucon of the like comssyon, hath bene her-  
 ' tofore



' tofore at *Caroyes*, in our countie of *Flynt*, and that *William*  
 ' *Mostyn*, esquior, and his ancest<sup>rs</sup>, have had the gyfte and be-  
 ' stowing of the sylver harpe apptayning to the cheff of that  
 ' facultie, and that a yeares warning at the least hath bene ac-  
 ' customed to be geaven of thassembly, and execucon of the  
 ' like commissiyn. Our said counsaile have, therefore, apoynted  
 ' the execucon of this commysyn to be at the said towne of  
 ' *Caroyes*, the *Monday* next aft<sup>r</sup> the feast of the blessed *Trynitee*,  
 ' w<sup>ch</sup> shall be in the yeare of o<sup>r</sup> Lorde God 1568.

' AND therefore we require and command you, by the autho-  
 ' ritee of these p<sup>s</sup>ents, not only to cause open p<sup>l</sup>amacons to  
 ' be made in all ffayors, m<sup>'</sup>ketts, townes, and other places of  
 ' asssembly w<sup>th</sup>in our counties of *Anglize*, *Carn<sup>'</sup>von*, *Meyryonneth*,  
 ' *Denbigh*, and *Fflynt*, that all on ev<sup>'</sup>y p<sup>s</sup>on & p<sup>s</sup>ons that  
 ' entend to maynteigne theire lyvings by name of color of myn-  
 ' strells, rithmrs, or barthes, within the Talaith of *Aberfiove*,  
 ' comphending the said fyve shires, shal be and appeare before  
 ' you the said day and place, to shewe theire learnings accord-  
 ' ingly: but also that you xx<sup>th</sup>, xix<sup>en</sup>, xviii<sup>en</sup>, xvii<sup>en</sup>, xvi<sup>en</sup>, xv<sup>en</sup>,  
 ' xiv<sup>en</sup>, xiii<sup>en</sup>, xii<sup>e</sup>, xi<sup>n</sup>, x<sup>n</sup>, ix, viii, vii, or vi. of you whereof  
 ' youe S<sup>r</sup> *Richard Bulkley*, S<sup>r</sup> *Rees Gruffith*, *Ellice Price*, and  
 ' W<sup>m</sup> *Mostyn*, esquior, or iii<sup>ce</sup>, or ii. of you, to be of the  
 ' nomb<sup>r</sup> to repayre to the said place the day aforfaid, and  
 ' calling to you such expert men in the said facultie of the *Welsh*  
 ' musick, as to you shall be thought convenient to p<sup>l</sup>ease to  
 ' the execucon of the p<sup>m</sup>iss<sup>s</sup>, and to admytt such and so many as  
 ' by your wisdomes and knowledges, you shall fynde worthy  
 ' into and und<sup>r</sup> the degrees heretofore in semblable sort, to use,  
 ' exercise,



‘ exercise and folowe the fcyences and facultes of their pfeſſyons  
 ‘ in ſuch decent ord<sup>r</sup> as ſhall apptaigne to eche of their degrees,  
 ‘ and as yo<sup>r</sup> diſcreçons and wiſdomes ſhall pſcribe unto them,  
 ‘ geaving ſtraight monycons and comaundm<sup>t</sup>, in o<sup>r</sup> name and  
 ‘ on o<sup>r</sup> behalf, to the reſt not worthy, that they returne to ſome  
 ‘ honeſt labo<sup>r</sup>, and due excercise, ſuch as they be moſt apte unto  
 ‘ for mayntenaunce of their lyvings, upon paine to be taken  
 ‘ as ſturdy and idle vacaboundes, and to be uſed according to the  
 ‘ lawes and ſtatutes pvided in that behalf, letting you wyth o<sup>r</sup>  
 ‘ ſaid counſaill look for advertiſem<sup>t</sup> by due certificatt at youre  
 ‘ handes of yo<sup>r</sup> doings in the execucon of the ſaid pmifs<sup>s</sup>. For  
 ‘ ſeeing in any wiſe that upon the ſaid aſſembly the peas and  
 ‘ good order be obſerved and kept accordingly, aſſertayning you  
 ‘ that the ſaid *Will<sup>m</sup> Moſtyn* hath pmifed to ſee furnytur and  
 ‘ things neceſſary pvided for that aſſembly, at the place aſor-  
 ‘ ſaid. Geven under o<sup>r</sup> ſignet, at o<sup>r</sup> citie of *Cheſter*, the xxiii<sup>th</sup>  
 ‘ of *October*, the nyenth yeare of o<sup>r</sup> raigne.

‘ Signed her Highnes counſaill in the  
 ‘ m<sup>t</sup>ches of *Wales*.’

FINALLY, in the library, is a moſt exquisite drawing upon vellum, of the crucifixion, done with a lead pencil, twenty-two inches by fifteen. It formerly hung in the approach to the chapel, and was brought there by the lady of Sir *Thomas Moſtyn*, the ſecond baronet. That lady, as I have before mentioned, was a *Roman catholic*, and placed it where it was originally found, to exalt her devotion. The drawing was made after a picture by *Rubens*, as the inſcription ſhews, *P. P. Rubens pinx.* The  
 O copyiſt



copyist was *David Loggan*, a celebrated engraver of his time, about the year 1677, and remarkable for the neatness of his drawings of heads in black-lead \*. On his drawing at *Mostyn* is 'D. L. delin.' The expression of agony in the countenance of our dying SAVIOUR, is remarkably striking; and the head, and every part of the drawing, is finished with all the accuracy of the finest miniature painting.

OF the seven churches in the hundred of *Coleshill*, part of the *Saxon Atiscros, Widford*, as it is called in the *Doomsday Book*, is one. The name was changed to *Whiteford*, of derivation unknown. In the *Doomsday Book* notice is also taken of some of the present townships, such as *Tre-Mostyn, Tre-Bychton*, and *Merton*, under the names of *Mostone, Widford, Putecaine*, and *Meretone*. *Mostone* was then a plough-land, *terra unius carucæ*. It had on it four villeyns and eight boors; (*Bordarii*) a wood a league long, and forty perches (*perticæ*) broad, and was valued at twenty shillings.

*Widford* is joined with *Putecaine*, the first seems to have comprehended our present *Tre lan*, or the place where the church-village now stands. These had one plough land, two villeyns, and twelve others between men and maid servants, fisheries, and a wood half a mile long, and forty perches broad; the value was the same with that of *Mostone*.

WITH *Mereton* is joined the third part of *Widford*, and the *Berewicha*, or hamlet of *Caldecote*, the last at present a township of the parish of *Holywell*. In this division was a presbyter, a church, and six villeyns. Here was a wood half a mile long, and twenty perches broad. One *Odin* held these of the earl.

\* Catalogue of Engravers. *Strawberry-hill*.



## THE CHURCH.

THE church stands in the township of *Tre lan*. It is dedicated to *St. Mary*; so popular was that Saint, that thirteen churches in our country were placed under her patronage, and thirteen wakes kept on that day. The living is a rectory, a sinecure, which, with the vicarage, is in the gift of the bishop of *St. Asaph*. The church consists of a nave, with a good plain tower-steeple. It has besides a side aisle, built by a *Blithyn Drow*, of the house of *Mostyn*, to whom that part belongs.

DIVINE service is performed every *Sunday*, alternately in *Welsh* and in *English*. At the first the congregation is very numerous, and at all times truly serious and devout. The dress of even the poorest, neat and whole, and very unlike the squalid ragged figures, too frequently seen in the congregations of many a southern county.

OFFERINGS at funerals are kept up here, and I believe in all the *Welsh* churches. A disgusting, and in cases in which the deceased may have died of an infectious distemper, a dangerous custom, often prevails, of the corpse being brought into church during divine service, and left there till the congregation is dismissed.

THAT excellent *memento* to the living, the *passing-bell*, is punctually sounded. I mention this, because idle niceties have in great towns often caused the disuse. It originated before the Reformation, to give notice to the priest to be ready to do the last duty of extreme unction to the departing person, in case he had no other admonition. The canon (67) allows one short peal after death, one other before the funeral, and one other after the funeral. The second is still in use, and is a single bell



solemnly tolled. The third is a merry peal, rung at the request of the relations; as if, *Scythian* like, they rejoiced at the escape of the departed out of this troublesome world.

BELL-CORN is a small perquisite belonging to the clerk of certain parishes. I cannot learn the origin.

POOR RATES.

HANGING up against the wall is an imperfect table of benefactors. The annual revenue in interest and land is 68 *l.* yet the poor's rates are alarmingly high. In the beginning of the present century poor rates had not taken place. Collections were made in the church for the sick and the aged. Filial piety had at that time full possession of the breasts of the children, or great affection on the part of more distant relations, and the pangs of poverty were as much as possible alleviated. There was also a laudable pride in them, which made them above suffering their friends to be a burden to their fellow parishioners; all this gradually ceased, and the warmth of natural affection soon quite disappeared. I cannot but mention an instance of the rapid increase of taxes in my days. In the year 1756 *William Lloyd*, smith, was one of the overseers of the poor; at that time the annual tax was only 69 *l.* 3 *s.* 1 *d.* He was appointed again overseer in the year 1783, when the tax was increased to 600 *l.* *William Lloyd* is now living, but the books prove the exactness of the assertion.

SCHOOL.

IN the village is the school. It was founded by *Mary Bradshaw*, widow of *Thomas Williams*, of *Mostyn Gate*, who bequeathed by will, dated 1745, the interest of 141 *l.* to be paid to the master of the said school, for instructing for ever, annually, fourteen children, who are instructed in reading and writing *English*, and  
accounts.



accounts. The present school-house was built by *Pyers Jones*, an opulent farmer of this parish, who also bestowed a very handsome brass chandelier on the church.

IN this and a few other of the mineral parishes, is a *Cymdeithos*, or club, instituted in 1766, for the support of the members in case of illness, or any accidents, provided they are not contracted by intemperance, fighting, or any immoral act. Our club consists of 240 members, each of whom contributes monthly 8 *d.* which is put into a box locked with three keys; two are kept by the stewards, and the third by the person to whom the box is intrusted, so that all three must be present at the taking out or putting in of any money. The club has been of late years fortunate enough to have saved three hundred pounds, which is put out on good security, and kept in reserve against any calamitous times, such as seasons of sickness, or uncommon successions of accidents.

CLUB.

IN case of illness a certain allowance is made till the time of their recovery, or till they are deemed incurable. In the last case they are allowed two shillings and six pence for life. In case of death forty shillings is paid for funeral expences, and a sum to the widow proportionable to the time the husband had been member of the club.

WHENEVER the business requires a meeting, the steward must bring with him the tankard of ale, and a very small cup, in order that the members may not exceed the bounds of temperance.

IF any member comes to the club in liquor, he forfeits two-pence; if he speaks ill of government, or abuses any body, or curses and swears, or will not hold his tongue when required by the



the stewards, he forfeits two-pence for every offence. In a word, every caution is observed to preserve the rules of morality in this our parochial society. Finally, there is a great annual meeting on *New-Year's Day*, in which every member attends. Every one appears neatly dressed, carrying a wand gaily painted, and make altogether a most respectable figure, ranged in two lines from the porch door to that of the church.

I STEP into the church-yard, and sigh over the number of departed which fill the inevitable retreat. In no distant time the north side, like those of all other *Welsh* churches, was, through some superstition, to be occupied only by persons executed, or by suicides. It is now nearly as much crowded as the other parts. The most remarkable inscription is on a head-stone set up by myself.

CATHERINE  
GORSE.

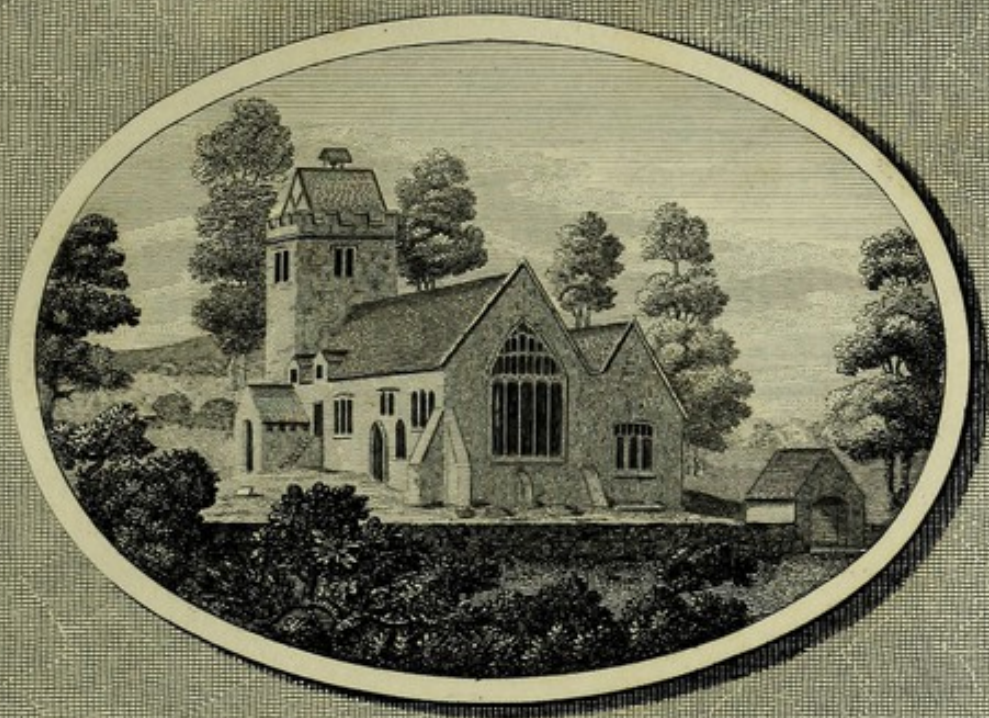
' HERE lyeth the body of *Catherine Morris*, otherwise *Gorse*, who during  
' sixty years, to the best of her abilities, discharged the duties of a good  
' and faithful servant in the family of *Bychton*, died August 3d, 1767,  
' aged 106.'

THIS *Ante-diluvian* was one of those characters misnamed fools, a mixture of weakness, with much acuteness and strong expressions, often highly diverting to the company. The addition to her name of *Gors* was from her coming from *Cors-y-gedol*, in *Merionethshire*, into our service.

ON an old altar-tomb, on the south-side of the church, is the following inscription:

' Hic





*M. Gifford delin.*

*J. Barlow sculp.*

WHITEFORD CHURCH.

GELLI CHAPEL.

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' Hic jacet corpus *Nicolai Pennant*, filii *Hugonis ap Rees ap Dafydd Pennant*,  
 ' de *Bychton*, ex *Jonetæ*, filiaë *Ricardi ap Howel*, de *Mostyn*. Sepultum  
 ' vicesimo-sept. die *Martis*, A. D. 1601. Cuj. An. DEUS propit.  
 ' Esto, miserere, Amen.'

THIS distant uncle was a younger son of *Hugh Pennant*, and one of twelve children by *Sionet Mostyn* (See p. 26) one of the five daughters of the valiant *Howel ap Richard de Mostyn*, who led his countrymen to *Bosworth-field*, and received the honorable reward I mentioned, at p. 58.

NICOLAS PEN-  
NANT.

By the remains of *Nicolas Pennant* are deposited those of my late worthy servant *Louis Gold*. What I never wish to be done for myself, I did for him, I placed a small brass within the church, with an inscription expressed in the following terms :

LOUIS GOLD.

This small Monument of esteem  
 was erected by his lamenting Master  
 in Memory of  
 LOUIS GOLD,  
 a *Norman* by Birth,  
 and above twenty years the faithful  
 Servant and Friend  
 of THOMAS PENNANT, Esq.  
 of *Downing*.

In his various services  
 he made considerable savings,  
 which he disposed of by his last will  
 (having no relations of his own)  
 with affection to his friends  
 and to his fellow-servants,  
 with unmerited gratitude to  
 his Master and his family,  
 and  
 with piety to the poor.

Every



## MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

Every duty of his humble station,  
 and every duty of life,  
 He discharged so fully,  
 That when the day shall come which levels  
 all distinction of ranks,

He may,  
 By the favor of our blessed Mediator,  
 hear these joyful words,  
 "Well done, thou good and faithful servant,  
 enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

He was born at *St. Hermes de Rouville*  
 in *Normandy*, *August 22, 1717*; died  
 at *Downing*, *August 20, 1785*; and was  
 interred in the Church-yard near this wall  
 on the 22d of the same month.

The wealth which *Louis* had acquired was considerable. Above sixteen hundred pounds passed through my hands. He had besides a thousand pounds, which a setter to an attorney prevailed on the good man to sink with the man of the law for an annuity. Death soon put the lawyer in possession of the principal. I lament this; for I had been left by him residuary legatee and sole executor, with a power to dispose of the remainder (all legacies paid) in charitable uses. Thus a thousand pounds were lost to *Whiteford* parish. The interest of the remainder is quarterly divided among the worthiest of our poor, who may annually bless so excellent a benefactor.

*Louis* was bred a *Roman* catholic, and notwithstanding he occasionally frequented the prayers of our church, he chose to be buried according to the rites of those of *Rome*, which were performed



formed in a room in my house. He left twenty pounds to the gentleman who performed the service. I fixed on the Reverend *Philip Jones*, who had in this neighborhood near fifty years discharged his function in a manner truly exemplary. I took up the old custom of attending a faithful friend to his grave, a respect the excellency of his conduct claimed from me.

NEAR to the tomb of *Nicolas Pennant*, is another in memory of *Hugh Pennant*, son and heir of *Robert Pennant*, of *Downing*, (see p. 9.) who was buried *August 16th, 1675*, with this best of characters: 'He lived honestly, and hurt nobody. He gave every one his due.'

NEAR to this place, tumbled on the ground, is a stone in memory of a *Pierce* of *Ysglan*, in this parish, a respectable family now extinct, descended from *Ednowen Bendew*. The crest of this family is a boar's head marked with a crescent; a sign of its having been a second branch. On a board I have of the arms of the house, I see it had been allied with numbers of reputable families, among others I venture to reckon that of *Bychton*.

PIERCES OF  
YSGLAN.

I MIGHT mention other tombs of the men of property in our parish, who in less luxurious times lived in hospitality, till, infected with those fiends luxury and ostentation, they soon became swallowed up in the greater estates.

BENEATH the venerable shade of two great yews, our *Baucis* and *Philemon*, is the tomb which preserves the memory of *Margaret Parry*, heiress of *Merton*, (see p. 52.) the seat of our hospitable

OF THE FOULKES'S.



table vicar, the Rev. Mr. *John Foulkes*. The epitaph gives the descent :

Hic jacet corpus *Margarettae Parry*, filiae *Tho. Parry*, filii heredis *Gwill. Parry*, et nuper uxor *Jch. Foulkes*, quæ sepulta est 8 die *Julii*, 1667.

Hic jacet corpus *Guilielmi Parry Wynne*, de *Mertyn isglan*, *Junii*, et sepultus 19 die *Junii*, 1658. Id.

THIS at present is the tomb of the family of Mr. *Foulkes*, of *Merton*. On the top are cut, as I suppose, the arms of the family from whom he derives his right, quarterly for his first coat a stag, by which I imagine that the bearer derived his descent from *Hedd Molwynog*, lord of *Uwch Aled*, and one of the fifteen tribes, and cotemporary with *Dafydd ap Owen Gwynedd*. If the reader will give himself the trouble of turning to p. 56 of the second volume of my *Welsh Tour*, he will find a recital of the great deeds of the house.

OF WILLIAMS.

THE next is the place of interment of *Peter Williams*, of *Merton Ysglan*, who died *January* 19th, 1671.

His arms shew him to have derived his descent from the above-mentioned *Ednowen Bendew*, quarterly with those of *Edwyn*, lord of *Tegengl*. The family fell to decay, and the part of the estate which lay in our parish was purchased by my father, and the name changed to that of *Kinsale* (see p. 52.) from the late owner having made that place his residence.

THE following quaint rhyme, on another grave-stone, may conclude with much propriety this part of the funebrial subject.

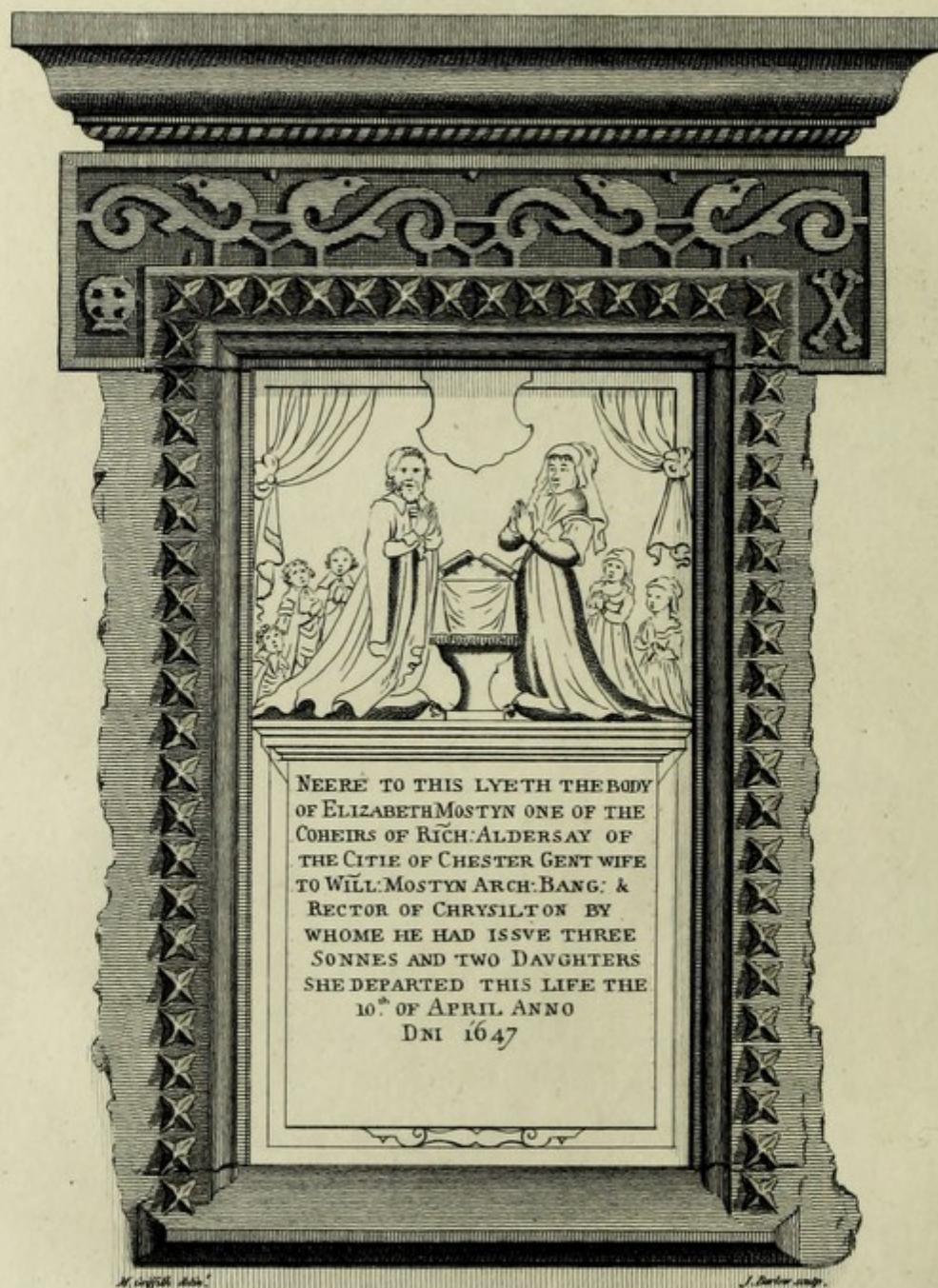
Vita caduca vale,  
Vita perennis ave!

I STEP









# *Monument of Elizabeth Mostyn.*

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I STEP within the church with reverential awe. Many pious men I have seen offer up a short ejaculation in our *Welsh* churches (even when alone) to the Almighty Being, to whose service they were founded, and in whose praise we all unite. A few monumental marks of respect are to be seen, and three on the north wall not inelegant.

ALL are small. The first has the figure of a man and woman kneeling on opposite sides of a desk. Two sons are behind the man, and three daughters behind the woman, in the same attitudes. They are most neatly engraven on a tablet of white marble, and the whole included in a very neat frame. The inscription gives their brief tale :

Neere to this lyeth the body of  
*Elizabeth Mostyn*, one of the  
 Coheires of *Rich. Aldersey* of  
 the Citie of *Chester*, Gent. Wife  
 to *Will. Mostyn*, Arch. *Bang.* and  
 Rector of *Chryslton*. By  
 whom he had isse three sonnes  
 and two daughters. She de-  
 parted this life the 10th of  
*April*, Ann. Dni. 1647.

Two of the sons were heads of two families, those of *Bryngwyn*, in *Montgomeryshire*, and those of *Segroit*, in *Denbighshire*.

THE next records the death of a son of *Gwydyr*. The arms of the house, three spread-eagles and three lions, are cut on the tablet.



## MONUMENTS.

tablet. Above is the crest, and on the entablature, **MORTUUS VIVO.** The inscription follows :

Here lyeth interred the body  
of *Ellici Wynn*, the 9th son of  
Sir *John Wynn*, of *Gwydyr*, Knight  
and Baronet, aged xx, who died  
the xxth of 9ber, and was buried  
the xxiii of the said month,

Ao. Domini 1619.

Omnis caro foenum.

Conjoined with the last is the tablet of one of our vicars, neat,  
like the others, only his arms are cut on the stone; the epitaph  
beneath :

Near this place lieth interr-  
ed the body of Mr. *Richard*  
*Coytmor*, late Vicar of  
*Whitford*, and Rector of  
*Aber*, who died the xxvii day of  
*July*, MDCLXXXIII, and was buri-  
ed the 3<sup>o</sup>, ætatis suæ 42.

*Richard Coytmor* was one of the nineteen vicars who filled the  
living, from the year 1537. The following is the list of all the  
vicars, from that date to the present time :

<i>David Lloyd</i> , - - 1537.	<i>Rice Hughes</i> , - - 1591, resigned.
<i>Lewis ap John Al'gwin</i> , 1562, deceased.	<i>Tho. Kyffin</i> , - - 1598, ref.
<i>Hen. Mestyn</i> , - - 1586, d.	<i>Ed. Kyffin</i> , - - 1601, ref.

*St Meredith,*



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<i>St Meredith,</i> - - 1608, ref.	<i>Wil. Roberts,</i> - - 1666, resigned.
<i>Lewis Lloyd,</i> - - 1617, d.	<i>Rich. Coytmore,</i> - - 1668, d.
<i>Wil. Mostyn,</i> - - 1638, d.	<i>Hugh Price</i> - - 1686.
<i>Rice Powel,</i> - - 1642.	<i>Edw. Davies,</i> - - 1697, d.
<i>Humf. Mostyn,</i> - - 1653, depr.	<i>Gr. Griffith,</i> - - 1730, d.
<i>Wil. Smith,</i> - - 1661.	<i>John Foulkes,</i> - - 1765.
<i>Rob. Edwards,</i> - - 1666, ref.	

THE vault of the *Mostyn* family is at the end of this aisle. The last who was buried there was Sir *Roger Mostyn*, the first baronet, who died in 1651. His second lady, *Mary*, eldest daughter of *Thomas*, lord viscount *Bulkley*, was buried in the same vault. Her epitaph is preserved in our parish-register, and is as follows:

VAULT OF THE  
MOSTYNS.

Nobilis Heroïna ac Domina D. *Maria Mostyn*,

Illustri *Buckleiensis* familia oriunda,

Honoratissimo viro *Rogero Mostyn, de Mostyn*,

Equiti et baronetto connubio juncta,

Præstantissimarum virtutum cumulo

Supra invidiam laudemque adornata, utque

Pudicitiam et formam,

Gravitatem et dulcedinem,

Comitatem et honorem,

Humilitatem et magnitudinem,

Humanitatem et pietatem,

Gratissima concordia consociavit.

Quum nondum annos 34, etiamum numerâisset,

Quumq. dolendos non unius morbi cruciatus,

Victrici patientia per biennium sustulisset

Dignissimo conjuge

Charissimis que (egregiæ indolis) natis quatuor,

Quæ



## VAULT OF THE MOSTYNS.

Quæ superfunt (castissimi amoris pignora) relictis,  
 Non sine summo omnium (quibus aut ipsius virtus  
 Ejusve fama innotuerat) luctu planctuque  
 In pacem æternam sibi feliciter migravit, die 16<sup>o</sup> *Octobris*,  
 Et sepulta 28 die ejusdem mensis, Anno Dom. 1662.

R. E. vic.

THE disgraced lady mentioned in p. 62, is also commemorated here.

Valde generosa virtuosaque ac Domina  
 D. *Lumlae Mostyn* in felicitatem  
 Sanctorum octavo die *Octobris* migravit,  
 Sepultaque decimo octavo die mensis  
 Ejusdem Anno Domini 1680.

HIS son and successor Sir *Thomas Mostyn* married *Bridget*, daughter and sole heiress of *Darcie Savage*, of *Leighton*, esq; who transferred to the house of *Mostyn* the great *Cheeshire* estates. This lady was a *Roman* catholic. Tradition is warm in her praise, and full of her domestic virtues, and the particular attention that she shewed in obliging her domestics, of each religion, to attend their respective churches. Her husband and she 'were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they 'were not divided.' They died within a day or two of each other, at *Gloddaeth*, in *Caernarvonshire*, and were interred in the neighboring church of *Eglwys Rhôs*. They are here mentioned as the first of the family who were interred out of the antient vault of the house of *Mostyn*.

OF THE PEN-  
 NANTS.

I TURN mine eyes towards the ALTAR, towards the æterna  
 domus



*domus* of our race. The recent visitation of Heaven! The unclosed wound!—arrest my pen.

O PRÆCLARUM DIEM, CUM AD ILLUD DIVINUM ANIMORUM CONCILIUM, CŒTUMQUE PROFICISCAR, CUMQUE EX HAC TURBA, ET COLLUVIONE DISCEDAM! PROFICISCAR ENIM NON AD AMICOS SOLUM, ET PARENTES DILECTISSIMOS, SED ETIAM AD SARAHULAM, ANIMULAM NOSTRAM, QUAM NEMO MELIOR NATA EST, NEMO PIETATE PRÆSTANTIOR: CUJUS A ME CORPUS CREMATUM EST: QUOD CONTRA DECUIT AB ILLA MEUM. ANIMUS VERO NON ME DESERENS SED RESPECTANS, IN EA PROfecto LOCA DISCESSIT, QUO MIHI IPSI CERNEBAT ESSE VENIENDUM. QUEM EGO MEUM CASUM FORITITER FERRE VISUS SUM; NON QUOD ÆQUO ANIMO FERREM: SED ME IPSE CONSOLABAR, EXISTIMANS, NON LONGINQUUM INTER NOS DIGRESSUM ET DISCESSUM FORE.

*Cicero de Senectute.*

APUD BRIGHTHELMSTONENSES, XVI. KAL. MAII

E VIVIS FLEBILIS DISCESSIT.

VIXIT ANNIS XIV. MENSIBUS X. DIEB. XXVII.

EXUVIAS SACRAS

PARENTES INFELICISSIMI

(PIETATI HEU VANÆ INDULGENTES)

APUD VIDFORDENSES

CINERIBUS PATRUM MAII KALENDIS

COMMISTAS ESSE VOLUERE\*.

ON a brass plate, now covered with the *Downing* seat, is a memorial of *Morris Kyffin*, of *Maenan*, who died (a youth) *June 2d, 1610*, at *Bychton*, on a visit to his sister *Jane*, wife to *Pyers Pennant*.

THE next township to the village is in *Whitford Garn*. In this township is *Garreg*, or *The Rock*, the highest land in the parish; it is a large inclosed hill, the property of Sir *Roger Mostyn*. Part of it is a fine turf, and excellent sheep-walk;

GARREG.

\* MAY 1, 1794.

the



the summit, and part of the sides, rocky. From *Wylsford* to the top is a continual ascent. From this height the traveller may have an august foresight of the lofty tract of *Snowdon*, from the crooked *Moel Shabog*, at one end, to the towering *Penmaen-mawr* at the other; of the vast promontory of *Llandudno*, and part of the isle of *Anglesea*, with the great bay of *Llanddulas*, forming an extensive crescent; the estuaries of the *Dee* and the *Mersey*; and to the *North* (at times) the isle of *Man* and the *Cumberland Alps*, the frequent presages of bad weather.

## PHAROS.

THE Romans took advantage of this elevated situation, and placed on its summit a *Pharos*, to conduct the navigators to and from *Deva*, along the difficult channel of the *Seteia Portus*. The building is still remaining. It is tolerably entire; its form is circular; the inner diameter twelve feet and a half; the thickness of the walls four feet four inches. The doors, or entrances, are opposite to each other; over each is a square funnel, like a chimney, which opens on the outside, about half-way up the building. On each side is a window. About four feet from the ground are three circular holes, lined with mortar, as is frequent in *Roman* buildings; and penetrate the whole wall, for purposes now unknown.

WITHINSIDE are the vestiges of a stair-case, which led to the floors, of which there appear to have been two. Along such part of the upper, which was conspicuous from the channel, are eight small square openings, cased with free-stone (the rest of the building being of rude lime-stone, bedded in hard mortar) and each of these were separated by wooden pannels, placed in deep grooves, the last still in a perfect state. In each of these partitions





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partitions were placed the lights, which the *Romans* thought necessary to keep distinct, or to prevent from running into one, lest they should be mistaken by seamen for a star. *Periculum in corrivatione ignium, ne sidus existimetur.*

To the building is very evidently a broad and raised road, pointing from the east; and near its upper end are the marks of a trench, which surrounded and gave protection to this useful edifice. It certainly had in later times been repaired, or perhaps applied to some other use, for in one part is a piece of timber which could not have been aboriginal.

THE curious cross called *Maen Achwynfan*, or the stone of lamentation, stands in a small field opposite to the gate which opens from the turnpike-road into *Garreg*. It takes its name, in all probability, from the penances, which were often finished before such sacred pillars; attended with weeping, and the usual marks of contrition: for an example, near *Stafford* stood one called the *weeping cross*, a name analogous to ours. This is of an elegant form and sculpture; is twelve feet high, two feet four inches broad at the bottom, and ten inches thick. The base is let into another stone. The top is round, and includes, in raised work, the form of a *Greek* cross. Beneath, about the middle, is another, in the form of *St. Andrew's*: and under that, a naked figure, with a spear in his hand. Close to that, on the side of the column, is represented some animal. The rest is covered with very beautiful fret-work, like what may be seen on other pillars, of antient date, in several parts of *Great Britain*. I do not presume (after the annotator on *Camden* has given up the point) to attempt a guess at the age; only must observe, that

MAEN ACHWYN-  
FAN.



it must have been previous to the reign of gross superstition among the *Welsh*, otherwise the sculptor would have employed his chizel in striking out legendary stories, instead of the elegant knots and interlaced work that cover the stone.

THOSE, who suppose it to have been erected in memory of the dead slain in battle on the spot, draw their argument from the number of adjacent tumuli, containing human bones, and skulls often marked with mortal wounds; but these earthy sepulchres are of more antient times than the elegant sculpture of this pillar will admit. This likewise (from the crosses) is evidently a *Christian* monument. The former were only in use in pagan days.

GELLI.

THERE is likewise, near to it, an antient chapel, now a farmhouse, called *Gelli*, or the *Hazel-grove*, the name of an adjacent tract. This might have relation to the cross; as well as a place for performance of divine service to the abbot of *Basingwerk*, who had a house at no great distance. This tract (mis-spelt by the *English*, *Geteley*), with the wood (at that time on it) was granted by *Edward I.* to the abbot and convent, on the tenth of *November*, at *Westminster*, before the death of our last prince. He also gave him power to grub up the wood; which by the nakedness of the place appears to have been done most effectually.

FARTHER to the west is another inclosed mountain called *Glol*, my own property; part is covered with hazels and large white-thorn trees (perhaps a continuation of the *Gelli*), part is very rocky, part a fine sheep-walk. In many places were several druidical circles, which I believe are now injured by the removal of the stones for various uses. In the rougher parts of this



this inclosure are often seen vipers, which always prefer the dry and funny parts of a country.

ON *Sarn-Hwlkin*, a little common to the east of *Glol*, was a very long but low *tumulus*, supposed by the vulgar to have been a *giant's grave*, from a tradition that one of our sons of *Anak* had been there interred. It probably did cover the remains of some *British* heroes of the common size, who there found their grave, after some fierce action, I have before supposed to have happened before the place.

SARN-HWLKIN.

THE township of *Tre'r-Abbot*, one of the eight which compose our parish, joins to this part of *Tre-Mostyn*. In it stands the house of the same name, originally the country-seat of the abbots of *Basingwerk*, but long since the property of the *Davies's*, lately sold to *Edward Jones*, of *Wepre*, esq. From the proof that gentleman has given of his literary abilities in drawing up the resolutions of the *Holywell* association, in *December 1792*, I must lament they are not oftener exerted, the occasion alone excepted.

TRE'R-ABBOT.

THIS township was once exempted from the payment of tythes by a *modus*, originally granted by the abbot of *Basingwerk*, but which by negligence has been totally lost.

THE house, in Mr. *Miles Davies*, produced a very extraordinary genius indeed! The talents of this eccentric gentleman were poetical. He lived about the year 1716, and published three volumes of his *Athenæ Britannicæ*. In his *Martii Calendæ sive laudes Cambro Britannicæ*, is a *Latin* poem on *St. David's Day*. I never could get the sight of the books, but was indebted to the Rev. *William Cole*, late of *Milton*, near

MILES DAVIES.



Cambridge, for the following extract; which will, I dare say, content the reader, as it does me.

*Roberto atque Mansel, Buckley, Vaughan, et*

*Trevor et Hanmer, eumque Salesbury,*

*Stradlinque, Conway, Kemys, Anwyl,*

*Morganius Thelcolque Moston.*

*Bennet, beata Cæcumenicon Notâ,*

*Davidis ortu, est Davisius nepos*

*Wynne atque Griffith, atque Pennant,*

*Lloyd quoque Powell, et Ellis Humphreys, &c.*

HAVING reached the farthest part of our parish, to the north-west, I return along the great heath *Mynydd Tegen*, or *Tegen-Mountain*, which yet preserves the antient name of *Tegengl*, which comprehended the three modern hundreds of *Coleshill*, *Prestatyn*, and *Rudland*. It had been the property of *Edwin*, descended from *Roderick* the Great, and called prince of *Tegengl*. His *Llys*, or royal residence, was, in 1041, near *Llaneurgan* or *Northop*. This common, for I cannot call it mountain, stretches along the whole of the higher parts of our parish, and is covered with the *erica vulgaris*, or common heath. It feeds numbers of sheep, and is part of the mineral tract of *Flintshire*.

#### LLYN HELYG.

THE manor of *Mostyn*, of which Sir Roger *Mostyn* is lord, includes the greater part of the mountain, and reaches to the sea. It was derived from the heiress of the house, descended from her ancestor, prince *Edwin*.

A LARGE piece of water, now well stocked with fish, made by Sir Roger *Mostyn*, baronet, grandfather to the present owner, lies



lies near that end of the heath. In the winter it is the resort of ducks and teal.

ON the east-side of *Mostyn* pool, in *Tegen* mountain, is a grave bounded at each end by a rude stone, above four feet high. It contains the remains of captain *Edward Morgan*, of the adjacent house of *Plás Captain*, and of the respectable family of the *Morgans*, of *Gwlgray*, in the adjoining parish of *Llan Afaph*. Some years ago a person of strange curiosity opened the grave, and found the skeleton. On the head was a red cap, I think of velvet, and round his neck a silk handkerchief. By him lay his sword, and his helmet; and beneath the skeleton two bullets, which had fallen out of the body on its dissolution; all which verify the report of his having been slain in battle, or in some skirmish during the civil wars, and that he was interred, according to his wish, under the spot on which he fell. In a collection of pedigrees lent to me by *Thomas Gryffith*, esq. of *Rbual*, I find this short memorial of the captain, in the pedigree of his family: ‘Capt. *Edward Morgan*, slain at *Cheeshire* raise.’ If he was slain in that county, I cannot suppose that his body would have been carried so far; nor can I account for this relation, or for the body being found here, unless that the above is a mistake, and that he fell in some skirmish near to his own house.

AT a small distance from *Plás Captain*, is *Plás-mawr*, at present the property of Sir *Edward Price Lloyd*, bart. of *Pengwern*, in right of his worthy grandmother, *Frances*, daughter and heiress to *Bell Jones*, secretary in the civil board of ordnance in the Tower. He erected a handsome monument in *Whiteford* church in memory of his father *Robert Jones*, and others of his predecessors.

PLAS CAPTAIN.



fors. He died, and was buried in the chapel of the Tower, aged 49, near the remains of his wife *Frances*, who died November 24th, 1723, aged 48.

ABOUT a mile farther, the turnpike, which is named the *Flint* road, crosses the upper road from *Newmarket* to *Holywell*.

It is the first turnpike known on the *Holyhead* road. The act was obtained in 1755, and contained, besides the district of *Flint*, those of *Ellesmere*, *Chester*, and *Mold*. The part in question is called *Llwybr-hîr*, or the *long-path*, for it extends along the mountain westward, as far as *Brick-kiln*.

#### LUSUSES.

ON the right hand, as you pass towards that hamlet, on a rocky elevated part, called *Gelli*, is a multitude of loose stones, lying on the surface. They are of the lime-stone kind, mere *lususes*, assuming most singular forms; some are excavated, and often perforated. This must have been done when they were in a soft state, for since their formation nothing has fallen on them but the rain of heaven, and that could not effect the phenomenon.

#### ENTRENCHMENT.

SCATTERED over this part of the mountain are several rounded *tumuli*; and to the left, at some distance, is a work, probably coeval with them. On the slope of the west part of the race-ground is an entrenchment of a circular form, about a hundred and sixty-three feet in diameter, surrounded with a low bank, and on the outside of that with a ditch; in one part very shallow, in the other more deep. This circle could not have been designed as a post, or place of retreat from an enemy. Its entrenchment is weak, and it might easily be commanded from above by the rising-ground. Possibly it might have been for some religious purpose, or for a place of council, or for haranguing



ranging the people, who might assemble round the outside, and readily hear what was delivered to them.

ON returning along *Llwybr-hîr*, I rejoin the *Newmarket* road, at the place I had left it, near a great inclosure belonging to Sir *Roger Mostyn*, called *Ty-maen*. Within, near to the road, is a great mount, now planted with fir-trees, the site of a castle, probably a seat of *Owen Bendew*, which my friend and fellow-traveller, the late Rev. *John Lloyd*, supposed to have been one of the habitations of that chieftain. *Owen* was lord of *Tegengl* in 1079, and one of the fifteen tribes of *North Wales*. He was distinguished by the name of *Pendew*, or *Bendew*. I have consulted *Davies's*, and all our dictionaries, and can find no other translation of the word than *Thick-skull*. Of him are descended, as the MS. of the Rev. *Lewis Owen* (my authority) say, many worthy families, among them *Itbel ap Rotpert*, arch-deacon of *Tegengl*, who was living in the years 1375 and 1393, and the *Bithels*, and a great many families besides. I might venture to mention the living descendants of the great *Bendew*; for the unfortunate idea of character impressed by the cognomen is entirely worn out. They are only to be known by their arms, argent, three boars heads coupé, a chevron sable.

LLWYBR-HÎR.

TY-MAEN.

EDNOWEN BEN-  
DEW.

THE extinct families were the *Wymes*, of *Galedlom*, and *Caerwis*; *Piers* of *Llanasaph* and of *Merton Ysglan*, and the *Williams's* of *Merton*, both of the parish of *Whiteford*; the *Parrys*, of *Colehill* and *Basingwerk*; the *Ffacknalts*, of *Ffacknalts*, in the parish of *Mold*; and the *Griffiths*, of *Pant y Llewndy*, in *Llanbasa* parish, and *Griffiths* of *Caerwis* hall; all of whom are now extinct, unless it may be in the female line.



## GORSIEDDAU.

A LITTLE farther on the left, on the common, are two raised mounts of a conoid shape, called *Gorseddau*, a name common to all of the same kind. According to our learned *Rowlands* (see p. 69) it is derived from the custom which the *Druids* had of sitting aloft on them, when they pronounced their sentences, and made their solemn orations to the people. ‘*Multa,*’ says *Cæsar*, ‘*de Deorum immortalium vi et potestate disputant, et juventute tradunt.*’ The custom of promulging the laws in the *Isle of Man* from their *Tinwald*, a larger but similar mount, has its origin in *Druidism*. A certain officer takes the place of the *Druid*, and makes known to the people, who stand beneath, the institution of the new law.

PEN-FFORDD Y  
WAEN.

ON the mountain opposite to the place called *Penffordd y Waen*, are other remains of the antient *Britons*, one or two *tumuli*, and near one of them an upright stone; and a little farther is another, its *tumulus* possibly destroyed. These are the *Meini Gwŷr*, *Meini Hirion*, and *Lleche*, differently denominated in different places. These were sometimes memorials of great events, sometimes monumental, as in the present case. There are illustrations of both in the book of *Genesis*, ch. xxxv. v.v. 14, 20. On the pillar which *Jacob* erected, after he had the gracious favor of conversing with the Deity face to face, he made a libation of oil: on that raised on the grave of his wife *Rachel*, he omitted that respect.

I now advance towards my conclusion, and shall attempt the more interesting topics of the rural œconomy of my native parish, and its mineral and commercial advantages. In respect



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to size and population, it may rank among the most important in this division of our principality.

It is bounded on the east by the *Chester Channel*, the *Seteia Æstuarium* of *Ptolemy*. Its inhabitants at that time were the *Ordovices*; but whether in so long a period any of the antient blood at present runs in our veins, is extremely uncertain. The southern boundary of this parish is that of *Holywell*; the northern, those of *Llan Afaph*, *Newmarket*, and *Cwm*; and the western, those of *Tremerchion* and *Caerwis*.

BOUNDARIES OF  
THE PARISH.

THE whole length of the parish, from its eastern extremity, not far from *Holloway* turnpike-gate, to the extremity of the township *Tre'r-Abbot*, is about four miles two furlongs. Its greatest breadth, from the sea-side near *Llanerch-y-môr*, to *Foel-da*, adjoining to *Yskiviog* parish, is near three miles four furlongs. The northern part, which is its length, is in general a rapid descent of two miles three quarters and 136 yards, reckoning from *Pen-y-ffordd Waen*, to *Llanerch-y-môr*. All beyond to the south and to the west is *Tegen* mountain, or the old *Tegenia*, a large extent of plain swelling into gentle risings, covered chiefly with heath, and mixed with grass, unless where the lime-stone stratum appears above the surface.

LENGTH.

BEING on the spot, I shall give first some account of our minerals, the source of wealth to the land-owner, and of wealth, but oftener poverty, to the adventurous miners, who, like adventurers in a lottery, to which miners may truly be compared, are tempted by the good fortune of others to risque and frequently lose their all. If they are successful, they never think of a future day, but enjoy their fortune in good living, forgetful

MINERALS.

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of



of the pains it cost them, till all is gone, and they are again compelled to take to hard labor. After a life of dissipation they sink under the fatigue, lose their health, and early become a burthen to the community, by adding to the load of paupers under which it groans.

WORKED BY THE  
ROMANS.

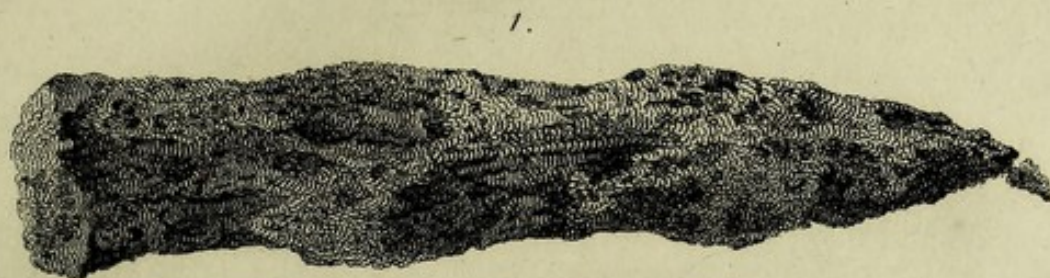
THE want of gun-powder, in early times, with the *Romans*, was a great impediment. Instead, we find that great fires were used; the rock intensely heated, and cracks formed in it by the sudden infusion of water; *Pliny* says of vinegar. The wedge or pick-ax was then insinuated into the apertures, and the stone or ore forced out. Miners often discover the marks of fire in antient mines. I am in possession of a little wedge, five inches and a quarter long, presented to me by the late Mr. *Smedley*, of *Bagillt Hall*, discovered in working the deep fissures of *Dalar Goch* rock, in the parish of *Diferth*, in this county. This little instrument affords a proof of its antiquity, by being almost entirely incrustated with lead ore. It had probably lain in the course of some subterraneous stream, which had brought along with it the leaden particles, and deposited them on the iron.

THEIR TOOLS.

PICK-AXES of an uncommon bulk, and very clumsy, have been discovered in the bottom of the mineral trenches; these seem to have been the same with the *fractaria* of the *Romans*, pick-axes of enormous size, used by the miners in the gold mines of *Spain*. Buckets of singular construction, and other things of uses unknown at present, have been found among the antient mines.

My good friend, that thorough honest mine-agent Mr. *Thomas Edwards*, of *Saith Aelwyd*, lately brought to me a *frac-*





1. 2. Ancient Pick ax & wedge.  
3. a Leaden Lamp.

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*taria* and a wedge, found in a shaft in our parish, at the depth of sixty yards. The wedge had at the thicker end a square perforation, through which a stick was to be thrust, which was held by a man, whilst another, with repeated strokes of a mallet, drove the instrument into a crack it was to force open.

I AM also indebted to Mr. *Edwards* for a plate of lead of the shape of the sole of a shoe, with an elevated rim round the sides, and furnished also with a hooked handle to hang it in the fissures of the rocks of the mines, evidently designed to have placed on it a lamp, to give the miners light in their subterraneous operations. This and another were found at the depth of sixty yards in a *Roman* mine.

OUR mineral tract is from *Pen-yr-allt*, or *Bryn-digri*, in a line to the western borders of *Holywell* parish. Its extent to north and south is very narrow. The turnpike road by *Kelyn* and *Penny-ffordd Waen*, as far as *Creecas*, describes its course east and west. This part goes under the name of the *Whiteford Rake*, and is nearly the summit of the parish in this part. The veins on the east side, when they dip into the fields, scarcely ever bear.

THE veins run either north or south, or east or west: the last are generally found most profitable. It is singular, that the ore got in the first scarcely ever produces silver worth the refiner's labor.

THE ores differ in quality. The lamellated or common kind, usually named potter's ore, yields from fourteen hundred to sixteen hundred and a quarter of lead from twenty hundred of the ore: but the last produce is rare.



THE quantity of silver produced from our lead is also variable. The upper part of a vein of lead ore is always richest in silver; the bottom, in lead. Our refiners will assay any lead that will yield ten ounces in the ton of lead and upwards. The usual produce is fourteen ounces: sixteen have been gotten; but acquisitions of that kind within this circuit are extremely uncommon.

## CARRICKFERGUS.

ON the side of the *Whiteford Rake* are the ruins of a large building called *Carrickfergus*, probably from being founded by some adventurer from that town, for the purpose of smelting the ore got in its neighborhood. It is near a century old, and erected when the furnaces were constructed in a manner very different from those of the present times; for by the remains of the chimnies they seem to have been formed like those of the modern iron-furnaces.

THE depth of our lead-mines are various. Rich veins have been discovered to the depth of ninety yards.

THE veins are found either in the lime-stone rock or that of chert. These frequently go to unknown depths; the ore is pursued extremely far indeed; and when it ceases, the unprofitable is usually found to consist of spar.

GRAVEL LEAD-  
ORE.

GRAVEL ore, or lumps, from forty tons weight to the size of a hazel-nut, are often discovered in what the miners call *flats*, or loose ground full of gravel, tumblers, and the like. It is rounded and smoothed on the surface, as if it had been rolled in violent waters: but within is pure, lamellated, and rich. It is a potter's ore, reduced to this form by accident.

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THERE is no ascertaining the quantity of lead ore which is annually taken up in our parish, nor yet that of lead exported. It is included in the custom-house books at *Chester*, in the general account of the produce of the mineral parts of this county, and that of *Denbigh*. The number of tons exported in 1792, is as follows :

Foreign.

Coastways.

540 tons of lead.

4497.

150 ore.

761.

ABOUT fifty years ago about seventeen hundred weight of copper ore was discovered in a tenement of my father's called *Catherine George's* ; which on being assayed was found to be very rich : but none has been discovered since, notwithstanding the ground has been diligently searched.

COPPER ORE.

LAPIS CALAMINARIS, or calamine, is found in very great quantities almost the whole way I have mentioned, but increases in plenty as we advance eastward. It is found in veins like lead ore, often by itself ; sometimes mixed with ore, which renders the breaking and separating a work of labor and expence ; what is found in these parts is generally of the cavernous, boney, or cancellated kinds. This mineral was the *Cadmia* of *Pliny*, lib. xxxiv. c. 10 ; and the *Stone-cadmia* of *Strabo*, lib. iii. 248. The *Romans* knew its uses in making of brass ; therefore cannot be supposed to have overlooked so necessary an ingredient. The remains of the brass-founderies, discovered in our kingdom, shew, that they were acquainted

CALAMINE.



quainted with it. The knowlege of this mineral in after-ages was long lost. Before the reign of *Elizabeth*, much was imported from *Sweden*; but at that period it was discovered again in the *Mendip-hills*; and, fortunately, at the same time that the working of the copper-mines in those of *Cumberland* was renewed. Our county abounds with it; but, till within these sixty years, we were so ignorant of the value, as to mend our roads with it; which have of late years been turned up in a hundred places most successfully to recover the lost wealth. It was *John Barrow*, a miner, from the *Mendip-hills* (whom I well remember living in this parish) who first made us acquainted with this valuable mineral, having long worked in the calamine mines of his own country.

JOHN BARROW.

It appears that this mineral tract (which is called the *Pant-vein*) has yielded ore from very early times. In the last century there have been no very rich veins: but then it is almost always yielding something, and of later years has been particularly productive of calamine. In the beginning of this century Sir *Thomas Grosvenour* had a good mine of lead ore on the side of the road. My grandfather had another. The benevolent, charitable Mr. *Edwards*, of *Brinsford*, had another. The Mr. *Jones*, of *Celyn*, had another. The last is said to have put a trap-door to the top of the shaft, and to have locked it, and made use of the treasure below as a bank, which he had recourse to according to his wants. All these mines are on the same vein, which is an east and west, Sir *Thomas Grosvenour's* mine was included in the vast mineral grant, possessed by his ancestor, see *Tour in Wales*, i. p. 76.

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All the other freeholders work on their respective freeholds. Sir Roger Mostyn on his manor of *Mostyn*, and on his freehold.

A MR. *Francis Leicester*, of *Vauxhall*, gives an account of this vein in a small pamphlet, called 'The little Mine Adventure,' published in 1702. He styles himself the present lessee, and gives, I believe, a good plan of the vein in an annexed map.

BLACK JACK, *Zinc, Pseudo-galena*, is met with in large quantities near the eastern extremity of the parish. It is found to answer the purposes of calamine. It has hitherto been only exported to *Bristol*; and is sold there at the rate of 4*l.* 10*s.* per ton, delivered. We have it in a metallic form, of a blueish grey color, and again of the colors of the dark semi-pellucid ambers. *Cronsted*, ii. p. 779. *Magellan's* ed. calls the first, *Zincum ferro sulphurato mineralisatum*; the other, *Zincum calciforme cum ferro sulphuratum*.

BLACK JACK.

THIS semi-metal, and its ore, has been long known in *India*, and imported from thence in a metallic state, under the name of *tutenag*, as early as the year 1647. It had even been fused in the *Goslar* mines, as early as 1617. Yet the secret of its being an ingredient in making brass, did not reach us till the year 1738; when it was communicated to us by Mr. *Von Swob*. I refer to the learned Bishop *Watson's* entertaining and instructive works, for a full account of this useful mineral. Let me here inform the reader from the same authority, (iv. p. 2.) that by the accident of the *Dutch* taking a *Portuguese* ship laden with calamine, we learn the origin of the name, it being derived from the *Arabic*, *calaem*, the same mineral as our *calamine*, which is plentifully



plentifully found in the peninsula of *Malacca*, and probably in other parts of *India*.

**MILL-DISTEMPER.**

A MOST excruciating, and often fatal disorder, frequently attacks the miners who work in the hard veins of lead ore, or of black jack, or of such as are solid and lodged between sides, or immersed in the rock. The disorder is called the *Felyn*, from *Felyn*, a mill. It may be translated into *Mill-distemper*, because it was at first most frequent in the smelting-mills; but for a considerable time past has ceased in those buildings; and that happiness may be dated from the period in which lime has been used as a flux for the lead ores.

IN the mines it arises from the workmen being obliged to use the pick-axe in the hard veins to get the ore out. The minute particles fly about, and are taken down into the stomach, and into the lungs. This occasions a most obstinate costiveness, attended with most dreadful pains, which have been known to last fourteen, and even twenty-one days, and attended with a strong symptomatic fever.

‘ *William Spencer*, a miner, worked in *Meilur*, (a mine near  
‘ *Holywell*) in a close confined situation, and where the ore was  
‘ of a particular hard nature. He was attacked annually, during  
‘ fifteen or sixteen years, (usually in the spring) with an acute  
‘ pain in the pit of his stomach, extending itself downwards, with  
‘ a griping pain in the bowels; and attended with a violent  
‘ reaching, vomiting, costiveness, and tenesmus. His bowels  
‘ and abdominal muscles were much contracted, his pulse feeble  
‘ and low, he was subject to cold clammy sweats, and an unusual  
‘ coldness of his extremities. In the efforts to vomit, he some-  
‘ times



' times parted with a quantity of bile ; and in each evacuation  
 ' I observed a depofition of a number of particles of lead, by  
 ' parting with which he found great relief. The coftivenefs  
 ' continued fometimes eight, nine, or ten days, notwithstanding  
 ' the repeated ufe of purgatives, (chiefly caftor-oil, in large  
 ' dofes, which I found to be the moft effectual remedy).  
 ' When this was got the better of, and a ftool procured, I ob-  
 ' ferved in each evacuation a quantity of lead, by which, from  
 ' the relief he obtained, his pulfe became better, the contraction  
 ' of his bowels difappeared, and likewise the cold clammy  
 ' fweats. In three or four days, and in the two laft attacks, he  
 ' felt a fimilar acute pain in the lower part of his belly, attended  
 ' with a fcantinefs, pain, and difficulty in voiding his urine. I  
 ' confequently fufpected that fome leaden particles might have  
 ' found their way into the bladder, and gave him fome diuretic  
 ' medicines, as balfam of *copaiba*, *gum-arabic*, and oil of juniper.  
 ' In the courfe of twenty-four hours his urine was voided much  
 ' eafier, and in greater quantity, and he parted with as much  
 ' pure lead by urine as would lie on a fhilling. He in the latter  
 ' part of his days became afthmatic, and weak, and died *Nov. 30,*  
 ' *1794*, in the 51ft year of his age.'

I AM obliged to Mr. *William Denman*, of *Holywell*, furgeon,  
 for the above account of the fad diforder ; but more materially  
 to his fkill, and my excellent conftitution, for a fpeedy  
 recovery in the laft fpring (*April 6th, 2 P. M.*) from the con-  
 fequences of a knee-pan snapped in two tranfverfely, by no other  
 violence than by ftepping down two fteps inftead of one.  
 After a ftrict recumbency of near feven weeks, in pof-



session of high spirits, fulness of faculties, and enjoyment of my favorite amusements, I rose from my bed, with the grateful prospect of passing the remainder of my days with my prior activity little impaired; thankful to PROVIDENCE for graciously adding this blessing to the numbers of others it has showered on me during my long and various life.

## CHERT.

CHERT, which I have mentioned before, as being often the lodgement of the mineral veins, is the *petrosilex*, and *lapis corneus*, of *Cronstedt*, i. 189. It is of a flinty nature, and the only one of that class we have in our county. Nodular flints, the attendant on chalks, are quite unknown here. This is in the neighborhood of lime-stone, as flints are concomitant with chalk. It is an opaque stone, sometimes plain, often varied with stripes. I have spoken of it as a matrix of the ores. I now consider it as useful in manufactures. It is frequently cut out of its quarries in great masses, and sent to the pottery countries of *Staffordshire*, first, for the purposes of forming stones to grind and comminute the calcined flints, which are the great ingredients in the stone ware; and I think it is itself calcined, and being homogeneous with the purer flints, serves also for the same purposes. Much of it is found in the midst of our hills, sinking, as I have said, to depths unknown. In Sir *Roger Mostyn's* land, near *Pen-yr-allt*, where the upper part of the parish hangs abrupt over the lower, it forms the broken precipitous front, and has been of late quarried out for exportation. Bishop *Watson*, (ii. 263) says, that it sells in *Derbyshire* at eight shillings ton. The duke of *Rutland* contents himself with five shillings *per* ton, as lord of the rock. The workmen have three shillings for raising. I leave the reader to consult the right reverend author



thor for the process of calcining, &c. The knowledge may be of use to my countrymen, whether it is any way related to the *Petunfé* of the *Chinese*, p. 273. It may not be wrong to consult our late legatine voyagers to *China* for that purpose.

OUR lime-stone is a genuine marble, often pure, often filled with *entrocki* and shells, composed entirely of homogeneous matter. I have mentioned the immensity of the beds: but it is often found mixed with calamine and ore. Its uses cannot be unknown to any, whether in building, whether for the purposes of agriculture. I am sensible its application is not extended as far as it ought to be; (but more of that under the article *Rural Œconomy*.) Here I may say that it is the common flux used by the smelters in the fusing the lead ores; which has taken off much of the noxious effect it formerly had on the smelters, who were engaged in the operation, and on the cattle who fed on the grass within reach of the smoke.

LIME-STONE.

ON the west side of *Celyn* rake, is a large stratum of a deep grey lime-stone, which, when calcined, makes, mixed with common lime, an excellent cement or terras, for works constructed in water. It is nearly equal to the *Aberdour* stone from *South Wales*, of which much has been imported for the uses of our great buildings on the *Holywell* stream.

OF spars we have in abundance the white opaque kind; but I think none of the fine refracting spars, or the *Crystallum Islandicum*, which is frequent in the neighboring parishes.

SPARS.

PETROLEUM, rock-oil, or what the *Welsh* call it *y menin tyl-with tég*, or fairies butter, has been found in the lime-stone strata

PETROLEUM.



in our mineral country. It is a greasy substance, of an agreeable smell; and I suppose ascribed to the benign part of those imaginary beings. It is esteemed serviceable in rheumatic cases, rubbed on the parts affected. It retains a place in our Dispensary.

ADVENTITIOUS  
BODIES.

I SHALL just mention two or three adventitious bodies discovered at vast depths in our mines. We have been often surprised with finding great rude logs of timber, at the depth of twenty-five or forty-five yards under ground. They are quite rough, and totally freed from any suspicion of having been used in the mines, even had they not been met with in new or unworked ground, in blue clay, and amidst tumblers. They are firm and strong when first taken up, and of a black color, as if they had been burnt.

SHELLS.

SHELLS, especially *conchæ anomie*, are very common, sometimes loose, but more frequently immersed in the lime-stone.

CHANGE OF  
STRATA.

I NOW quit the heights, and go down a steep descent, about half a mile, into the lower part of the parish. The mouth of a level, and a shallow shaft near it, discovers the change of strata. The chert and the lime-stone quite disappear, and in their place appear first the beds of shale, black, shattery, and soon dissoluble when exposed to the weather. It is the symptom of approaching coal, and the covering. *Cronstedt*, i. 259, calls it a pyriticous *schistus*, and gives it other epithets, according to its contents. It is often found in beds of immense thickness, and often filled with inflammable air, which frequently bursts out to the great inconveniency and danger of the workmen. It is also impregnated with bitumen, which adds to its powers. In many parts of the kingdom it is found to contain quantities of alum; and

SHALE.

ALUM.



and to be worked for the purpose of extracting from it that useful article. The trial is worth making. In our parts we have the same advantages of coal for the process, and water-carriage for the exportation, as *Whitby* has. Coals begin to appear in their unprofitable beds, at a small distance to the east; half a mile further, in great bodies, and of an excellent quality.

THE collieries of *Mestyn* and *Bychton* have been worked for a very considerable space; and in the last century supplied *Dublin* and the eastern side of *Ireland* with coals. They were discovered in the township of *Mestyn*, as early as the time of *Edward I.* as appears by an extent of that place, in the twenty-third year of that reign.

COLLIERIES.

I REMEMBER many fluctuations in their state. They are now in the most flourishing which I ever remember, inferior only to that in which they were in the latter end of the late, and the beginning of the present century. The rise of the collieries at *Whitehaven*, which interfered with our trade to *Dublin*, was one cause of their decline; but another great cause was a natural one, the loss of the channel of the river *Dee*. We still load a few small vessels for the neighboring coasts of *North Wales*. But our present prosperity arises from the great works of copper plates, bolts, and sheathings for ships, and the works of brass established of late years near the town of *Holywell*. To them may be added the consumption occasioned by the increase of population, by the accession of the cotton manufactures; and, finally, the vast quantities used for burning of lime, the effect of the happy improvement in agriculture, annually increasing for numbers of years. I do not mention our obligations to the numerous smelting-houses for lead, as they have been established among us, during time immemorial.

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## QUAY.

I REMEMBER a quay beneath the *Mostyn* collieries, built by the grandfather of the present Sir *Roger Mostyn*, at which small vessels used to take in their lading. And I also remember on the shore the walls which supported the wheels and other machinery of a water-engine for draining the colliery. Of this I have a drawing by Mr. *Dinely*, whom at p. 54, I have related to have visited *Mostyn*, in the year 1684.

## ENGINE.

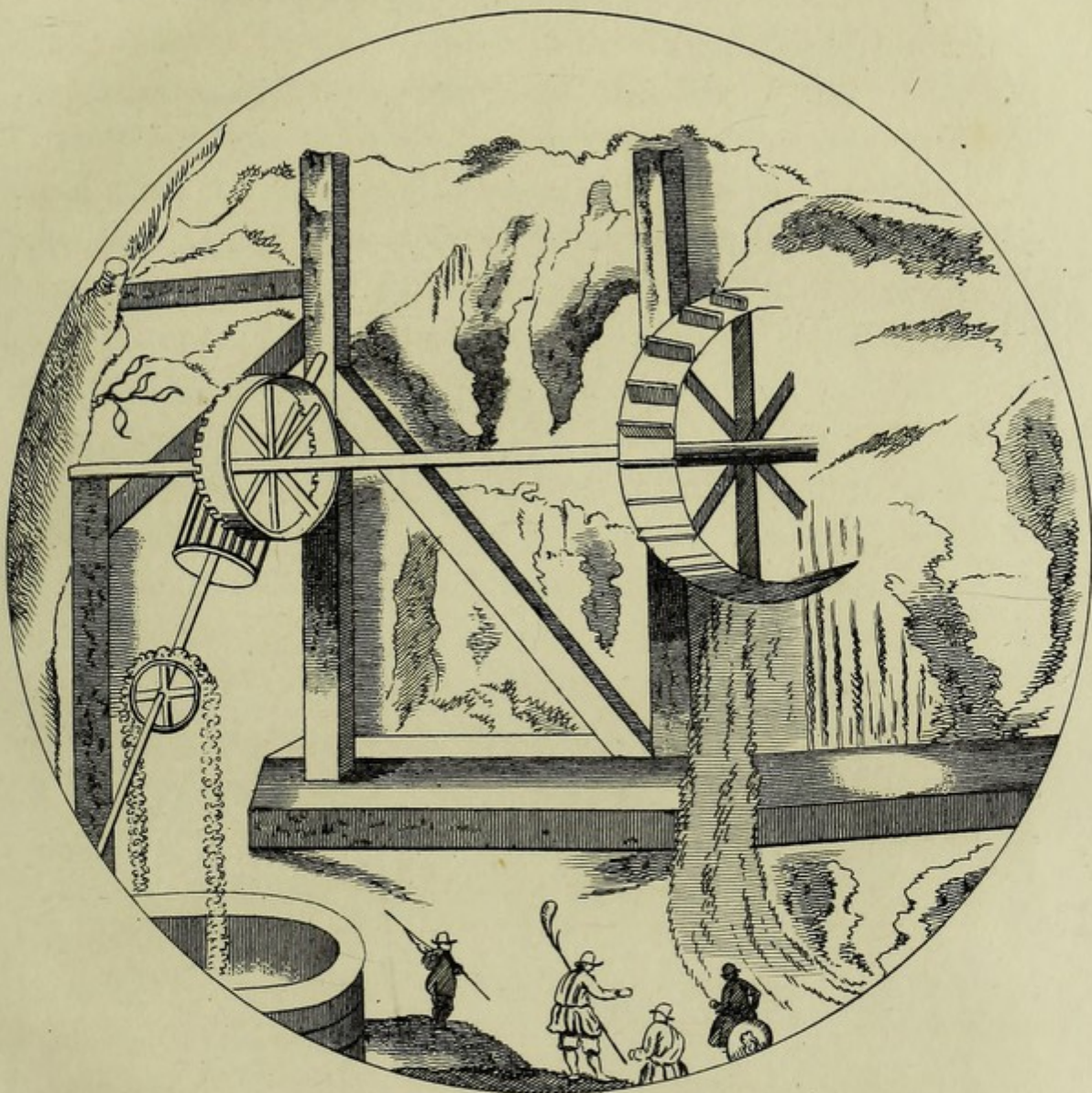
THIS engine seems to have been formed on the model of some of those used in the *German* mines in the time of *George Agricola*. See the representation of several from p. 148 to p. 158, in his *Treatise de Re Metallica*. This celebrated author flourished in 1550.

## STRATA.

## STRATA IN THE BYCHTON COLLIERIES.

	Feet.	Inch.
1. Red Marle and Clay, - - - - -	12	0
2. Shale, - - - - -	15	0
3. Free-stone, - - - - -	33	0
4. Coal, <i>canal</i> , 3 feet; common, 6 feet, - -	9	0
5. Shale, - - - - -	30	0
6. Coal, - - - - -	2	3
7. Strong Shale and Rock, - - - - -	120	0
8. Coal, - - - - -	15	0
9. Strong Shale and Rock, - - - - -	45	0
10. Coal, - - - - -	9	0
11. Rock, or Free-stone, - - - - -	27	0
12. Coal, <i>canal</i> , - - - - -	1	2
13. Rock, or Free-stone, - - - - -	24	0
14. Coal, - - - - -	1	0
15. Hard Rock, - - - - -	51	0
Carried over -	358	5
16. Coal,		





*Antient Water Wheel near Mostyn.*

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	Feet.	Inch.
Brought over	358	5
16. Coal, - - - - -	6	0
17. Rock and Shale, - - - - -	60	0
18. Black Shale, - - - - -	36	0
19. Coal, - - - - -	7	0
20. Fine Brick Clay, - - - - -	3	0
21. Coal, - - - - -	3	0
22. Rock, - - - - -	48	0
23. Coal, - - - - -	3	9
24. Shale, - - - - -	0	6
25. Coal, - - - - -	3	9
26. Rock, - - - - -	30	0
27. Coal, - - - - -	3	9
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THE beds of coal dip from one yard in four, to two in three; they immerge between the estuary of the *Dee*, are discovered again on the south-side of *Wiral*, in *Cheshire*, as if corresponding with some of the *Flintshire*. They remain as yet lost on the northern part of the same hundred, but are found a third time in vast quantities in *Lancashire*, on the opposite side of the *Mersey*. Their extent from west to east, in this country, may be reckoned from the parish of *Llanasa*, through those of *Whiteford*, *Holywell*, *Flint*, *Northop*, and *Hawarden*. Our coal is of different qualities, suited to the variety of demands of the several sorts of founderies in the neighborhood. Sometimes is also found the peacock-coal of *Dr. Plot*, remarkable for the beauty of its surface, glossed over with the changeable brilliancy of the colors of that beautiful bird.

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COAL.



## CANAL COAL.

THE beds of canal are inferior indeed in elegance to those of *Lancashire*, but greatly coveted by the lime-burners.

COALS were known to the *Britons*, before the arrival of the *Romans*, who had not even a name for them; yet *Theophrastus* describes them very accurately, at least three centuries before the time of *Cæsar*; and even says that they were used by workers in brass. It is highly probable that the *Britons* made use of them. It is certain they had a primitive name for this fossil, that of *Glo*; and as a farther proof, I may add, that a flint-ax, the instrument of the *aborigines* of our island, was discovered stuck in certain veins of coal, exposed to day in *Craig y Parc*, in *Monmouthshire*; and in such a situation as to render it very accessible to the unexperienced natives, who, in early times, were incapable of pursuing the veins to any great depths. The artless smelters of antient times made use of wood only in their operations, as we find among the reliques of their hearths.

## FREE-STONE.

AT a short distance from the shale appear the beds of free-stone, first on the side of the dingle *Nant y bi*, and from thence above the coal, terminating in the cliffs in the parts of *Tre Bychton* and *Tre Mostyn*, which are washed by the sea.

## BURN'T ROCK.

IN the township of *Tre Mostyn*, near the shore, is a cliff of a very singular appearance, looking like the semi-vitrified lava of a volcano. The stratum is in front universally changed in its disposition, and run into a horrible mass of red and black; often porous, in all parts very hard. In it is a hollow, a vein in which was lodged the pyritical matter that took fire, which continued burning by its own *phlogiston*, (see Bishop *Watson*, i. 167, to p. 200.) and caused the phenomenon. Its fury chiefly raged towards



towards the front, and diminished gradually in the internal part of the bed; which, at some distance within land, appears only discolored. The stratum is a sand-stone of the common sort (*Da Costa's Fossils*, 133.) I am informed, that these appearances are not uncommon in *Derbyshire*; and that Mr. *Ferber*, an ingenious *Swede*, and Mr. *Whitehurst*, our ingenious countryman, have taken notice of them in their writings.

I SHALL here introduce the mention of damp found in collieries, which are not unfrequent, and sometimes act with amazing fury, and fatal consequences. There are two species, the suffocating, and the fire. The last is very rare in the lead-mines, unless in those parts where the *shale*, or stone attendant on coal, begins. The first kills instantaneously, by its mephitic vapor, and is a disaster common to neglected vaults, and draw-wells. The other is inflammable, and burns and destroys in a dreadful manner, as the colliers, through negligence in not setting fire to the vapor before it gets to a head, do often experience. The most tremendous instance was on *February 3d*, 1675, in a coal-work at *Mostyn*, which I shall relate from the *Philosophical Transactions*; and so conclude the account of our mineral concerns.

## A FIRE-DAMP.

‘ THE damp had been perceived for some time before, resembling fiery blades, darting and crossing each other from both sides of the pit. The usual methods were taken to free the pit from this evil. After a cessation of work for three days, the steward, thinking to fetch a compass about from the eye of the pit that came from the day, and to bring wind by a secure way along with him, that, if it burst again, it may be done without danger of men’s lives, went down, and took two men

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' along with him, which served his turn for this purpose. He  
 ' was no sooner down, but the rest of the workmen that had  
 ' wrought there, disdaining to be left behind in such a time of  
 ' danger, hastened down after them; and one of them, more indis-  
 ' creet than the rest, went headlong with his candle over the  
 ' eye of the damp pit, at which the damp immediately caught,  
 ' and flew up, to and fro, over all the hollows of the work, with  
 ' a great wind, and a continual fire; and, as it went, keeping a  
 ' mighty great roaring noise on all sides.

' THE men, at first appearance of it, had most of them fallen  
 ' upon their faces, and hid themselves as well as they could, in  
 ' the loose slack, or small coal, and under the shelter of posts;  
 ' yet nevertheless, the damp returning out of the hollows, and  
 ' drawing towards the eye of the pit, it came up with incredible  
 ' force; the wind and fire tore most of their clothes off their  
 ' backs, and singed what was left, burning their faces and hands;  
 ' the blasts falling so sharp on their skin, as if they had been whipt  
 ' with cords. Some that had less shelter were carried fifteen or  
 ' sixteen yards from their first station, and beaten against the roof  
 ' of the coal, and sides of the posts, and lay afterwards a good  
 ' while senseless, so that it was long before they could hear or find  
 ' one another. As it drew up to the day-pit, it caught one of  
 ' the men along with it that was next to the eye; and up it  
 ' comes, with such a terrible crack, not unlike, but more shrill,  
 ' than a cannon, that was heard fifteen miles off, with the wind,  
 ' and such a pillar of smoke as darkened all the sky over-head  
 ' for a good while. The brow of the hill above the pit was  
 ' eighteen yards high, and on it grew trees of fourteen or fifteen  
 ' yards



‘ yards long; yet the man’s body, and other things from the pit,  
 ‘ were seen above the tops of the highest trees, at least 100 yards.  
 ‘ On this pit stood a horse-engine, of substantial timber, and  
 ‘ strong iron-work; on which lay a trunk, or barrel, for winding  
 ‘ the rope up and down, of above 1000 pounds weight; it was  
 ‘ then in motion, one bucket going down, and the other coming  
 ‘ up full of water. This trunk was fastened to that frame with  
 ‘ locks and bolts of iron; yet it was thrown up, and carried a good  
 ‘ way from the pit; and pieces of it, though bound with iron  
 ‘ hoops and strong nails, blown into the woods about; so like-  
 ‘ wise were the two buckets; and the ends of the rope, after the  
 ‘ buckets were blown from them, stood awhile upright in the  
 ‘ air like pikes, and then came leisurely drilling down. The  
 ‘ whole frame of the engine was stirred and moved out of its  
 ‘ place; and those men’s clothes, caps, and hats, that escaped,  
 ‘ were afterwards found shattered to pieces, and thrown amongst  
 ‘ the woods a great way from the pit.’

ANOTHER of these damp happened in the same lands within my memory. In the year 1751, one man was beat to pieces in the bottom of the pit. Two others were taken up alive, but died soon after; and two others survived, but were most dreadfully burnt: and one who is now living, remains a dreadful evidence of the effects of the damp. All his fingers burnt off, and his visage terribly disfigured.

ANOTHER IN 1751.

I SHALL here describe agitations of the earth derived from other causes, which, dreadful as they have been in distant countries, have here occasioned little more than a momentary alarm. I have at this house felt four shocks of the earthquake. I shall

EARTHQUAKES.



## EARTHQUAKE.

relate their effects, from the *Philosophical Transactions*, in which they are recorded. On *April* 2d, 1750, between the hours of ten and eleven at night, I was greatly alarmed with a violent shock of an earthquake. I, who was in bed, was frequently moved up and down; and the bed, having castors, was removed some small space from its proper situation.

DURING the shock, a great noise was heard in the air; and, some nights before, lights were seen in the sky; such as were previous to the earthquake in town.

I HAVE summed up the remainder in a letter to Sir *Joseph Banks*, baronet, K. B. which had the honor of being read before the ROYAL SOCIETY, on *January* 25th, following, and afterwards printed in the *Transactions*, vol. lxxi. p. 193.

‘ Dear Sir, Downing, Dec. 12, 1781.

‘ It is very singular, that in three days after my return home, I  
‘ should be reminded of my promise by a repetition of the very  
‘ phenomenon on which I had engaged to write to you: for on  
‘ *Saturday* last, between four and five in the evening, we were  
‘ alarmed with two shocks of an earthquake; a slight one, im-  
‘ mediately followed by another very violent. It seemed to come  
‘ from the north-east, and was preceded by the usual noise. At  
‘ present I cannot trace it farther than *Holywell*.

‘ THE earthquake preceding this was on the 29th of *August*,  
‘ 1780, about a quarter before nine in the morning. I was fore-  
‘ warned of it by a rumbling noise, not unlike the coming of a  
‘ great waggon into my court-yard. Two shocks immediately  
‘ followed, which were strong enough to terrify us. They came  
‘ from



‘ from the north-west; were felt in *Anglesea*, at *Caernarvon*, *Llan-*  
‘ *rwest*, in the vale of *Clwyd* south of *Denbigh*, at this house, and in  
‘ *Holywell*; but I could not discover that their force extended any  
‘ farther.

‘ THE next, in this retrograde way of enumerating these pheno-  
‘ mena, was on the 8th *September*, 1775, about a quarter before  
‘ ten at night. The noise was such as preceded the former; and the  
‘ shock so violent as to shake the bottles and glasses on the table  
‘ round which myself and some company were sitting. This  
‘ seemed to come from the east. I see in the *Gentleman's Maga-*  
‘ *zine* of that year, that this shock extended to *Shropshire*, and  
‘ quite to *Bath*, and to *Swansea* in *South Wales*.

‘ THE earliest earthquake I remember here was on the 10th of  
‘ *April*, 1750. It has the honor of being recorded in the *Philo-*  
‘ *sophical Transactions*; therefore I shall not trouble you with the  
‘ repetition of what I have said.

‘ PERMIT me to observe, that I live near a mineral country, in  
‘ a situation between lead-mines and coal-mines; in a sort of  
‘ neutral tract, about a mile distant from the first, and half a mile  
‘ from the last. On the strictest inquiry I cannot discover that  
‘ the miners or colliers were ever sensible of the shocks under  
‘ ground: nor have they ever perceived, when the shocks in  
‘ question have happened, any falls of the loose and shattery  
‘ strata, in which the last especially work; yet, at the same time,  
‘ the earthquakes have had violence sufficient to terrify the inha-  
‘ bitants of the surface.

‘ To this observation I may add, that no eruptions of water  
‘ were ever observed to follow the shocks; no water from the vast  
‘ reservoirs



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‘ reservoirs of that element, formed in the deserted pits, which  
 ‘ have often burst through the hollow which contained them, and  
 ‘ more than once drowned the unhappy colliers who have been  
 ‘ working beneath.

‘ I HAVE seen in prints an observation of some gentleman  
 ‘ learned in earthquakes, that the cause of those I have mentioned,  
 ‘ which leave the shattery strata of the coal-mines unaffected, to  
 ‘ have been electricity, which in these instances moved equally  
 ‘ and gently, so as not to cause any concussion, or to go perhaps  
 ‘ far below the surface, so that they leave the worked depths  
 ‘ totally untouched.

‘ NONE of these earthquakes were local; for, excepting the  
 ‘ first, all may be traced to very remote parts. The weather  
 ‘ was remarkable still at the time of every earthquake I have  
 ‘ felt.

‘ I remain with true regard, &c.

‘ T. P.’

## QUADRUPEDS.

THE quadrupeds of this parish are common to many parts  
 of *England*. Yet I shall give a catalogue of them in our  
 antient tongue, and affix to them those in the *English*.

1. IN respect to the *March, Ceffyl*, the horse, the *cafeg* or mare,  
*dispaidd-farch* or gelding, there are abundance in our parish,  
 used chiefly in the carriage of coal, and our mineral wealth; but  
 as to fine large black horses used in the coach, and by the richer  
 farmers, scarcely any are bred in our parish, but numbers are  
 bought from those of *Northop, Mold, and Hope*, in our county,  
 which are far from a disgrace to the gentleman's equipage.

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2. THE *mŭl*, or mule, is very rare with us; but the

3. *Aſyn*, or afs, is in great plenty, uſed by the poor to carry coal, to eaſe themſelves of part of the expence of turnpike. It formerly was applied for the carriage of ore; but ſince the improvement in our roads, has been quite lain aſide for that purpoſe.

4. THE *tarw*, bull; *buwch*, cow; *ych*, *eidion*, ox; *llo*, calf, or whatſoever goes under the general adopted name of *cattal*, or more properly *gwarthag*, or cattle, produces nothing worthy of note in *Whiteford* pariſh. Neither cheeſe nor butter for ſale made from their milk, excepting for family conſumption. There is only one ox-team in the pariſh; but that is a remarkably fine one. It is the property of Sir *Roger Moſtyn*, and uſed on his noble demefn, which is kept in admirable order. I muſt not conceal, that Sir *Roger* would be the beſt farmer in the pariſh, if he was permitted to have his own way: but no one can be ignorant of the tenacity of ſervants to old cuſtoms, and the difficulty of overcoming ingrafted obſtinacy.

5. THE *bwrdd*, *maharen*, or ram; *dafad*, ewe; *oen*, lamb. Sheep in general are not greatly cultivated in our pariſh: many indeed are turned out by the farmers on *Tegen-mountain*, but the gentry chiefly buy their ſtock for the table from *Llangollen* and other places.

6. *Bwch*, the he-goat; *gafr*, the female; *myn*, the kid, are very little favored, even in the county at large. I keep a few on my mountain *Glol*, for the ſake of any invalids who may want their reſtoring milk.

7. *Hydd*, the buck or fallow-deer; *ewig*, the doe; *elain*, the fawn, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 7. are kept in *Moſtyn* park, and give a veniſon of uncommonly good flavor.

8. *Baedd*,



## QUADRUPEDS.

8. *Baedd*, the boar; *hwch*, sow; *mochyn*, hog, have nothing in the breed particularly worthy notice.

9. *Oŵr ci*, dog; and *gaŵt*, bitch; are under the same predicament.

10. *Llwynog*, dog-fox; *llwynoges*, bitch-fox, *Br. Zool. i. N° 11*; are too frequent.

11. *Cath-goed*, the wild or wood-cat, *Br. Zool. i. N° 12*. has been frequently seen in our woods, but I believe are now extirpated. The last which was killed was about eight years ago.

12. *Pry-llwyd*, *pry-penbrith*, the badger, *Br. Zool. i. N° 13*. An animal found in our parish: but neither here nor in other parts of the kingdom a common animal.

13. *Ffwl-bard*, polecat, fitchet, *Br. Zool. i. N° 14*. Common and destructive.

14. *Bela-graig*, the martin, *Br. Zool. i. N° 15*. The kind intended is the martin with a white throat, a sweet-scented, elegant animal, which in my younger days I have kept tame. They inhabited our woods. The last time in which I have known one taken, was about fifteen years ago.

15. *Bronwen*, the weasel, *Br. Zool. i. N° 17*. Not unfrequent.

16. *Carlwm*, stoat or ermine, *Br. Zool. i. N° 18*. More common than the former. I have seen this animal more than once in my grounds, wholly changed (tail excepted) to a snowy whiteness; and also partly white, partly brown.

17. *Dyfr-gi*, the otter, *Br. Zool. i. N° 19*. This animal is seldom seen in this parish. It is certain that they have passed to and from *Cheshire*, over the channel, at low water.

18. *Ysgyfarnog*, the hare, *Br. Zool. i. N° 20*.

19. *Gwiwair*, the squirrel, *Br. Zool. i. N° 23*. This elegant animal enlivens our woods in numbers.

20. *Pathew*,



20. *Pathew*, the dormouse, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 24. Very rare in our parish.

21. *Llygoden Ffrengig*, the black rat, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 25. *Ffren-gig* signifies *French*, as if it had been imported from *France*; which originally it might have been, with every animal we possess, before the separation of *Gaul* from *Britain*, by the convulsion which formed the Streights of *Dover*\*. Whether our ancestors had any tradition of its being of a later importation, (as the distinction might imply) is unknown to me. They have long since been extirpated by the *Brown Rat*. The last I have seen in this parish, was at my old house at *Bychton*. They are still found in our capital: the specimen of one taken there is preserved in the collection of *British* animals near the *Panttheon*.

22. THE *Brown Rat* is a modern importation, and has no name in the *British*. It is a pest to all countries it has settled in, (see *Br. Zool.* i. N° 26, and *Hist. Quadr.* ii. N° 375.)

23. *Llygoden y dwr*, water rat, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 27. Once very common in the meadow below my house.

24. *Llygoden ganoleg*, *Llygoden y maes*, field mouse. *Br. Zool.* i. N° 28.

25. *Llygoden*, common mouse, N° 30, has sometimes been found white in our parish.

26. *Llygoden gwta'r maes*, short-tailed mouse, N° 31.

27. *Llygoden goch*, *Chwistlen*, *Llyg*, shrew, N° 32.

28. *Wadd*, *Twrch daear*, mole, N° 34. Sometimes white in my grounds.

29. *Draenog*, *Draen y coed*, urchin, or hedge-hog, N° 35—

\* See more in my *Introduction to the Arctic Zoology*, p. iii. iv. v.



humbly petitions mankind to desist from all farther persecutions; declaring themselves innocent of the various charges brought against them, particularly for that of sucking cows; resting their acquittal on this simple plea—the impossibility. They could not effect it, by reason of the smallness of their mouths; nor the cows permit, by reason of the sharpness of their teeth.

30. *Moel-hon*, seal, N° 3. By storms one was once taken on our shore.

31. *Nstlum*, the common bat, N° 41.

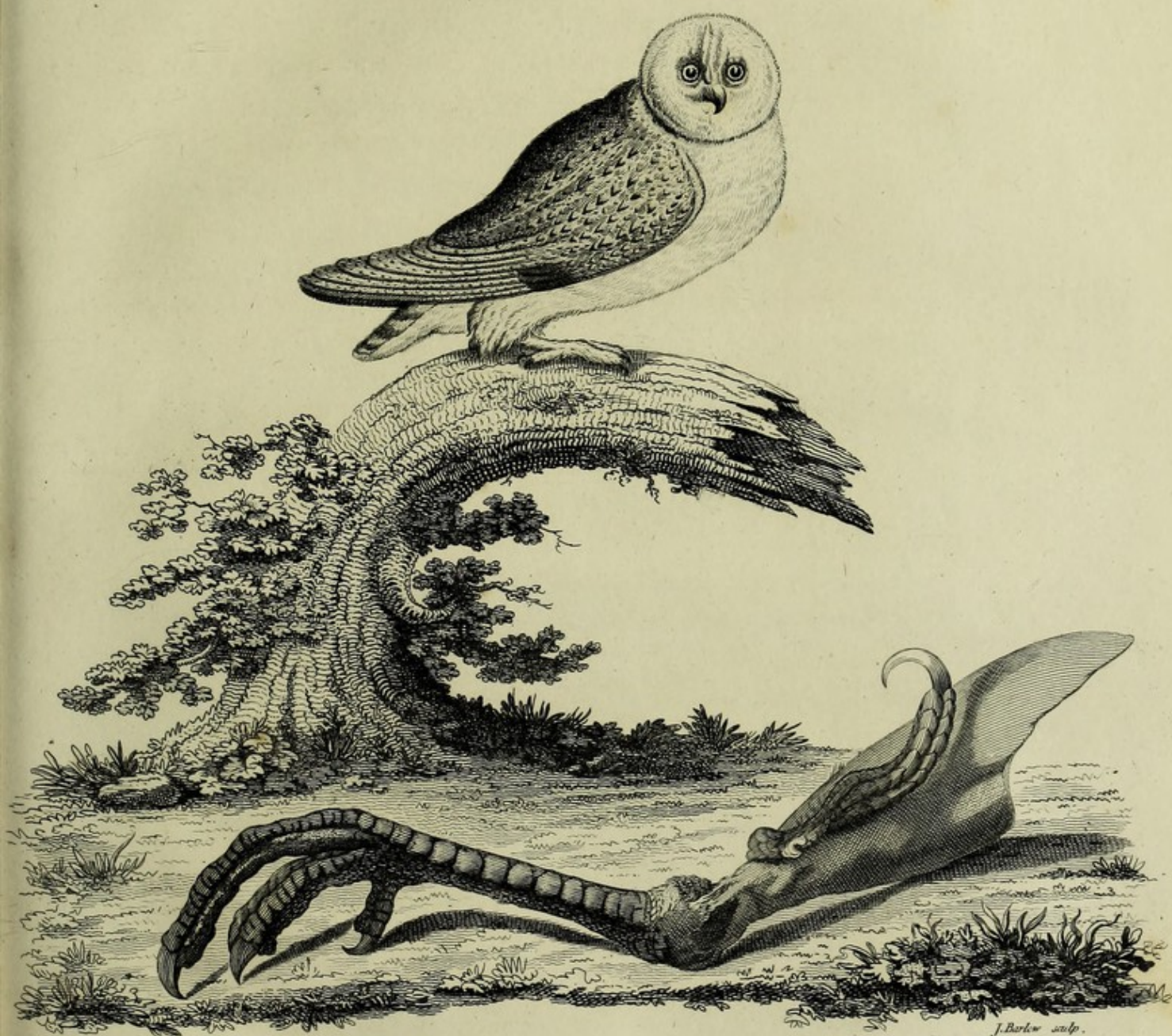
#### BIRDS.

THE *Buzzard* and the *Kestrels* annually build in the tall pines near my house. I believe them to be the least noxious of the rapacious tribes, I therefore spare them; they animate the air, as well as other birds do the woods. Both feed principally on mice. The evolutions of the last, and their beautiful suspension in the air, are pleasing spectacles, and contribute to grace the scenery.

THE owl tribe, in my opinion, do not render night hideous. Their hootings, and their other notes, break finely into the stillness of the evening; and their form and sapient looks, are a singular variation among the feathered tribe. The white owl, that useful species, is gratefully spared, as it is most particularly inimical to mice. Its chase after the different kinds of field-mice is very amusing, while it skims along the meadows. The beauty of its plumage is admirable; let that be the excuse for giving the figure of a bird that is not extremely rare.

THE turtle, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 103, is very rare in *North Wales*. They prefer the thick woods of beech or oaks, in the county of *Buckingham*, or of oaks in the several western counties. Yet, in a





THE WHITE OWL.

*Lusus Naturæ.*

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late winter, three made my grounds a visit, and continued about three weeks. They were perfectly tame, and undisturbed by the frequent visits we made to admire these strangers.

THE *long-tailed tit-mouse*, *Br. Zool.* i. N° 166, with its numerous brood, passes annually through my garden. They flit from tree to tree, as if on their progress to some other place, never making any halt.

THE *Nut-cracker*, *Br. Zool.* ii. App. tab. iii. *Latham*, i. p. 400, is an accidental visitant of this island. One was killed in the garden at *Mostyn* in 1753. On the continent it extends from *Germany* to *Kamtschatka*, and inhabits the vast forests of pines. It also nestles on lofty towers, and, like the jackdaw, is very noisy. In size it is about equal to that bird. Its colour is rusty brown, prettily marked with triangular spots of pure white. It feeds on nuts (which it breaks with its bill) also on fir-cones, acorns, berries, and insects. Its bill is as strong as that of the wood-pecker, which enables it to pierce the bodies of trees, and make great havock among the timber.

VAST numbers of water-fowls frequent our shores in the winter time, chiefly ducks and wigeons. In very severe weather, variety of others emigrate here; but none excepting those which accidentally visit every other maritime part of *Great Britain*.

I SHALL conclude this mention of the birds with an account of a singular accident discovered in a turkey which was killed for my table. The cook in plucking it found herself much wounded in the fingers. On examining the cause, it was found, that from the thigh-bone of the bird issued a short upright process, and to that grew a large and strong talon, with a sharp and crooked  
 U 2 claw,



claw, exactly resembling that of a bird of prey. Every head was set to work to explain the cause of this wondrous phenomenon. The effects of fright, of conceit on the minds of the female, human and brute, in the state of pregnancy, was then considered, and all the various instances of monstrous productions. I have heard of a duckling, which, to the surprize of a grave family, waddled from its nest with a long serpentine tail instead of its natural rump. This was readily resolved into a fright the mother-duck took, at finding, when it went once to lay, a snake coiled up in the nest, as was a real fact. I consulted the learned, but found the doctrine of terror and fancy totally exploded. I then consulted the Memoirs of the Royal Academy of Sciences at *Brobdignag*; and, to my inexpressible satisfaction, found that the opinion of that illustrious body coincided with my own: so I put down this uncommon accident as no more than a *Relplum Scalcatb*, or, in the modern phrase, a *lufus naturæ*.

## FISHES.

THE tides recede here so very far as to deny us any variety of fish. The species most plentiful are of the flat kind, such as flounders, a few plaice, small soles, and rays. Dabs visit us in November. *Smear Dabs*, *Br. Zool.* iii. N° 106, also visit our sea; and in the last year was taken that rare species of flounder the *whiff*, the figure of which is given in the *British Zoology*, N° III.

THAT turbot of a large size are found in our neighborhood, is evident; twice in my life I had one brought to me which weighed twenty-two pounds. There have been a few others taken here of the same size, but the instances are rare.

VARIOUS



VARIOUS other fishes are taken off our coast accidentally. Among them is the Fishing Frog, or Angler, *Br. Zool.* iii. N° 51. And once a large *Angel* or *Monk* (*Br. Zool.* iii. N° 39.) fish got into my fisherman's nets. The man was very poor, I therefore thought he might get a little money by exhibiting it at *Chester*. I gave him a few instructions, and drew up for him a curious advertisement; but the rogue went beyond his instructions, for as soon as he arrived in the city, he sent the bellman about to notify his arrival, and that of his wonderful monster; signifying that Squire *Pennant* had consulted all his books, and could not find the like. His success was great, for he got ten pounds by the curiosity of the good people of *Chester*. When the smell grew intolerable, he sold it to another poor person, who stuffed the skin, and distended it to a most dreadful form, and carried it to *Worcester*, and the internal parts of *England*, where I doubt not his success was equal to that of poor *Thomas Hudsfeld*.

‘ *Advertisement.*

‘ TO THE CURIOUS. *July, 1761.*

To be seen at the upper *White Bear*, in *Bridge-Street*, in this

‘ City, (now in its Road to the ROYAL SOCIETY)

‘ THE STUPENDOUS SEA MONSTER,

‘ *Taken alive on the Coasts of North Wales.*

‘ It is the most amazing prodigy the great deep ever produced,  
‘ being headed like a bull-dog, mouthed like the ravenous  
‘ sharke, and armed with a four-fold row of teeth. It has a  
‘ breast like the human kind, wings like those of an eagle, and a  
‘ tail



‘ tail very like that of a fish. It could fly, walk, and swim, and  
 ‘ was so fierce as to keep three men at bay for two hours, before  
 ‘ it could be taken.

‘ THIS amazing monster has given the greatest satisfaction to  
 ‘ all that have viewed it; and may now be seen at the small  
 ‘ expence of three-pence.

‘ N. B.—THE Proprietor of this wonder is willing to oblige  
 ‘ persons, by bringing it to their houses, on paying double  
 ‘ price.’

#### STING RAY.

THAT rare species of fish the *Sting Ray*, *Br. Zool.* iii. N° 38, is sometimes taken in our channel. It is greatly dreaded by our fishermen, on account of the dangerous spine issuing from the tail, with which it might give a mortal wound. From the *British Zoology*, I shall add, that the terror of its weapon supplied the antients with many tremendous fables relating to it. *Pliny*, *Ælian*, and *Oppian*, have given it a venom that affects even the inanimate creation. Trees that are struck by it instantly lose their verdure, and perish, and rocks themselves are incapable of resisting the potent poison.

THE enchantress *Circe* armed her son with a spear, headed with the spine of the *trygon*, a species of sting-ray, as the most irresistible weapon she could furnish him with, and with which he afterwards committed parricide, unintentionally, on his father *Ulysses*. But we need not dive into antiquity for the fatal application of the spine of some of the ray genus. The inhabitants of certain parts of *South America*, and of some of the new-discovered islands in the *Pacific Ocean*, still head their spears with the spines  
 of



of the congenerous kinds, which prove far more tremendous than those pointed with iron, in use among the *European* warriors.

THE *Herring* in this sea is extremely desultory. At times they appear in vast shoals, even as high as *Chester*; arrive in the month of *November*, and continue till *February*; and are followed by multitudes of small vessels, which enliven the channel. Great quantities are taken, and salted; but are generally shotten and meagre. The last time in which they appeared here in quantities was in the year 1766 and 1767. HERRING.

A few *Anchovies*, *Br. Zool.* iii. N° 163, have been taken off this parish, particularly in 1769. *Ray*, in his *Philosophical Letters*, p. 47, saw some at *Chester* in the year 1669. ANCHOVY.

THE *Argentine*, *Br. Zool.* ii. N° 156, a very rare fish, not much above two inches long, has also been taken in our channel.

In my father's younger days, *Cod-fish*, of considerable sizes, and in vast quantities, were taken on the back of the *Hyle* sands, but have deserted the place beyond my memory.

THE *Weever*, *Br. Zool.* iii. N° 71, is very common here, and equally dreaded in these parts as they are on the different shores of *England*. *Pliny*, lib. ix. c. 27, 48; and *Ælian*, lib. ii. c. 50. mentions this species, its dorsal spine, and its dangerous effects, under the name of *Draco*; and *Pliny* again under that of *Araneus*. WEEVER.

OUR shore is not productive of any variety of *crustacea*, or of shells. We have the *cancer mænas*, or the common crab; and the *cancer crangon*, or shrimp. The last is here so peculiarly delicious, that had *Apicius* sailed from *Minturnæ* to the *Flintshire* shores, to have feasted on them, as he did to those of the *Sinus Hipponensis*,



*Hipponensis*, in *Africa*, to indulge on the congenerous *locustæ* \* of that sea, he would not instantly have returned indignant, as he did from thence, at finding himself deceived in the report of their excellency, but remained on our coast, wallowing in epicurism the whole of the happy season.

As to shells, we have only one species, we can call new, the *trochus ulva*, *Br. Zool.* iv. N° 120. tab. lxxxvi. fig. 120. It is very small, not exceeding the size of a grain of wheat, consists of four spires, the first swelling: the color deep brown. These are found in great numbers, lodged in the *ulva lactuca*, on our shores.

## PLANTS.

AMONG the rarer plants of our parish, are the *lithospermium arvense*, *Syst. Pl.* i. 385. Corn Gromwell, or bastard Alkanet, *Gerard*, 610.

*Anchusa sempervirens*, *Syst. Pl.* i. 389. Never-dying borage, *Gerard*, 797.

*Phellandrium aquaticum*, *Syst. Pl.* 701. *Flor. Scot.* i. 163. Common water hemlock, *Gerard*, 1063.

*Campanula latifolia*, *Syst. Pl.* 1458. Giant throat-wort, *Gerard*, 448.

*Chlora perfoliata*, *Syst. Pl.* ii. 161. *Flor. Scot.* p. 200. Yellow centorie, *Gerard*, 547. Elegant, and rather scarce.

*Trifolium fragiferum*, *Syst. Pl.* 559. Strawberry trefoil, *Gerard*, 1208.

*Tragopogon pratense*, *Syst. Pl.* iii. 611. *Flor. Scot.* 426. Purple goat's beard, *Gerard*, 735.

\* *Rondel. Pisc.* p. 535.



THE Rev. Mr. *Lightfoot* discovered in our dingles, in the month of *May*, a variety of the *Anemone Nemorosa*, *Syst. Pl.* ii. 637. with the leaves dotted on the back like the fructifications of a polypody: precisely corresponding with the figure of a supposed fern, in Mr. *Ray's Synopsis*, 124, after N° 24; and fig. i. tab. iii. at p. 128.

THE *arenaria saxatilis*, *Syst. Pl.* ii. 364. is found on our mountain in plenty, and cheers the ground with its white flowers, in *May*. I do not find it in Mr. *Hudson*, nor any of our *British* florists. It is found in *Siberia*, *Fl. Sib.* iv. 157. tab. 63; and in *Switzerland*, *Haller*, p. 383, N° 867.

THE *geranium phæum*, *Syst. Pl.* iii. 32. has also been discovered in the hanging wood above my garden.

THE picturesque dingle *Nant-y-bi* abounds with what the botanists name the *cryptogamous plants*. The idea of cryptogamy inspired *Timæus* with ideas of loves of other kind; and makes our *Nant* the tender scene of courtship for all the nymphs and swains of *Whiteford* parish, which he candidly admits does always terminate in honest matrimony in the parish church. I leave to the learned in *German*, to peruse his very graphical account\*.

\* The learned *J. C. Timæus*, of the *Lunenburg College*, at *Hamburg*, did me the honor of translating into *German* my *Literary Life*, and illustrated it with notes; and gives a letter from Doctor *John Reinhold Forster*, and another from my friend *Zimmerman*, containing certain important anecdotes, viz. That I dine at one, drink constantly two glasses of ale and two of wine after dinner, and then take a nap in my elbow-chair.—I confess the ale, and its quantity: but as to the wine, I do not limit myself but by the bounds of temperance. My hour of dining is half an hour past two; and, excepting in the very depth of winter, I constantly take a walk after I rise from table. As to the nap, which may sometimes surprize me, let me only plead—*Aliquando bonus dormitat, &c. &c.*

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Perhaps the quotation of two lines from Dr. *Darwin's* elegant poem, book ii. line 361, 'On the Loves of the Plants,' may prove full as pleasing. He makes *Muscus*, one of the classes in question, thus address itself, just in the manner our amorous couples may be supposed to do:

Rise, let us mark how bloom the awaken'd groves,  
And 'mid the banks of roses *hide* our loves.

THE rarest plants of the dingle, of the cryptogamous kind, are the *Polypodium oreopteris*, *Lin. Soc. Trans.* i. 181.

*Bryum extinctorium*, *Fl. Scot.* ii. p. 718. *Dillen. Musc.* tab. 95. fig. 8. So called from having a membranaceous calyptra hanging lower than the capsule, like an extinguisher upon a candle.

*Bryum callistomum*, *Dicks. Fasc.* iii. tab. 10.

*Jungermannia ciliaris*. *Hudson Fl. Angl.* i. 515.

*Lichen concentricus*, *Lin. Soc. Trans.* ii. 284. Discovered by my excellent botanical assistant, the Reverend *Hugh Davies Aber*, *Caernarvonshire*.

*Lichen quercinus*, *Dicks. Fasc.* i. p. 9.

*Agaricus piperatus*, *Fl. Scot.* ii. p. 1013. *Fl. Angl.* i. 613. A most acrid fungus, and the most suspicious of the whole class; yet is eaten in great quantities by the *Russians*. They fill large vessels with them in the autumn season, or pickle them with salt, and eat them in the ensuing Lent.

A DREADFUL  
POISON.

*Haller* gives a dreadful account of the fatal effects. 'The  
'maladies they occasion are a swelling of the abdomen, restlessness,  
'heart-burns, vomitings, colics, difficult breathings, hic-  
'coughs, melancholy, diarrhœas, accompanied with a *tenesmus*,  
'and gangrenes. To which dreadful complaints, the acrimonious  
'quality of some *fungi* brings on besides inflammations in the  
'mouth,



‘ mouth, with bloody lotions and bloody stools. Lastly, it is  
 ‘ certain that some species have an intoxicating quality, followed  
 ‘ often by deliriums, tremblings, watchings, faintings, apoplexies,  
 ‘ cold sweats, and death itself. Some have fancied that skilful  
 ‘ cookery would deprive them of their bad effects, and that oils  
 ‘ would sheath their noxious qualities ; but these are fatal deceits,  
 ‘ not to be trusted. Notwithstanding this, nothing can prevail on  
 ‘ the northern nations from depriving themselves of so favorite  
 ‘ a food.’

*Agaricus deliciosus.* Orange agaric. *Hudson Flor. Angl.* ii. 613.

*Boletus suberosus.* Cork boletus. *Hudson Flor. Angl.* ii. 624.  
*Flor. Scot.* ii. p. 1032. So called from its being light, tough, and  
 spongy like cork, and is sometimes cut and shaped by the country  
 people, and used as corks for their bottles ; but must not be  
 suffered to touch any liquid, for moisture soon renders them soft  
 and useless.

*Helvella mitra.* Curled helvella. *Hudson Flor. Angl. Fl. Scot.*  
 ii. p. 1047, is nearly allied to the *Phallus esculentus*, and like that  
 is esteemed to be of the eatable kind.

THE *peziza* described by Ray, *Syn. Stirp. Brit.* i. 18. N° 5.  
 is found near my house ; it is a fungus of the cup-form, and of  
 a most brilliant scarlet color.

THE waters of this parish are very numerous, as is the case of  
 all mountainous tracts. Here indeed we must confine them to  
 the steep slope that falls rapidly to the sea. It abounds with  
 little springs, which accumulating in their course, form streams of  
 power sufficient to turn some corn-mills of considerable size.

WATERS.



FFYNNON  
OSWALD.

THE largest independent rivulet is that which gushes from *Ffynnon Oswald*, or the well of *Oswald*, in the township of *Merton Ychlan*. It takes its name from the *Saxon* monarch, martyr, and saint, *Oswald* king of the *Northumbrians*, who was defeated and slain on *October* 5th, 642, near *Oswestry*, by the pagan *Penda*, king of the *Mercians*, who hung his limbs on stakes dispersed over the field, as trophies of his victory. Some of the tradition reached our parish: for there is near to the well a certain field called *Aelod Oswald*, or *Oswald's limb*, as if one of them had found its way to this place. (For a farther account of the legend, I refer to article *Oswestry*, vol. i. p. 258, edit. 1784, of my *Tour in Wales*.) This stream divides the parish of *Whiteford*, for a certain way, from that of *Holywell*.

## BRYN-Y-GROES.

POSSIBLY *St. Oswald* had near his well a cross; for not remote, on an eminence named *Bryn-y-Groes*, or *the Hill of the Cross*, stood one of those marks of piety, of which still remains the shaft.

WHITEFORD  
STREAM.

THE stream of most utility rises from a spring a little beyond the village of *Whiteford*. It runs by my house, and is no small ornament to my ground. It turns my two mills, which, with much patriotism and little wisdom, I erected. The first is near the *Gwibnant* or *Wibnant*, and made in form of a chapel. My great folly is about half a mile lower: is an excellent mill, and does much business for the lessee. This stream is much augmented by another, which rises at a place called *Saith Ffynnan*, or *the Seven Wells*, and murmurs through the romantic *Nant-y-bi*, and unites with it at the *Wibnant*. It concludes its course near *Llanerch-y-môr* smelting-house, to which it is of great use, by setting in motion



motion some stampers for comminuting the slags before they are committed to the hearth for the extraction of the remaining lead.

THE last stream runs through *Felyn Blwm*, or *the lead-mill*, a great romantic dingle which divides this parish from that of *Llan-Afaph*. Near its fall into the sea is a considerable mill, the property of Sir *Roger Mostyn*. This dingle probably takes its name from the number of antient smelting-hearths for lead found in it, in use in the primæval artless times of smelting.

FELYN BLWM.

ALL our dingles run parallel to each other, and begin at some distance from the first or steepest descent from the mountain. The sides of all are cloathed with oaks, and each has its rill at the bottom. These great ravines, I may call them, were evidently formed on the running down of the waters of the deluge on its subsidence, when they found their way to what the ALMIGHTY determined should ever remain a circum-ambient sea.

NATURE OF THE  
DINGLES.

NUMBERS of the small springs which arise in the lower part of the parish shew symptoms of the internal contents. In the neighborhood of the coal, they are covered with a dirty yellow ochreous scum; and are more or less chalybeate. One, which rises before my house, is strongly so, and proved very beneficial to the only person I know who made a fair use of it.

CHALYBEATE  
SPRINGS.

IN respect to the husbandry of this parish; it may be divided into several parts. I shall first pay attention to the higher or the mountainous. That tract is very extensive, covered in general with heath mixed with coarse grass. The climate very cold in comparison of the lower parts. We often find during winter

HUSBANDRY.

MOUNTAIN  
GROUND.



winter a severe frost reign there, when the ground has been quite soft, and the air mild, in the lower parts.

THE soil in general a poor loam, and in many parts very thin; in others, the lime-stone pervades the stratum, and forms large tracts of rock. There are certain parts fit for agriculture, as has been found by the surreptitious inclosures made in a few parts, which yield corn, such as barley and oats, in a kindly manner. I wish experiments were made of planting part; which, if put under the care of a woodman, might be a national benefit, as well as a private one to the lord of the manor. The neglect of appointing woodmen would render the planting of no effect, by reason of the variety of trespasses; as we free-holders of the lower parts, who make our woods the glory of our estates, do daily and cruelly experience.

OUR mountains support some black-cattle; the greater part of which are left out the whole year to take their chance. Still the high country is a nursery. Many are sent lean to market, and drove to more genial soils. Most of our farmers fatten cattle, and either sell them to the butchers for the *Holywell* market, or to those of *Chester* and *Liverpool*.

#### SHEEP.

THE sheep are numerous. They likewise are left to themselves; and become in hard weather great nuisances by their trespasses on the cultivated lands of us low-landers. As may be imagined, they produce little wool. Their fleeces are coarse, yet of that a small quantity is sold into *Merionethshire*, and the rest manufactured at home, and made either into cloth for the country people, or into flannel for the women, or knit into stockings, all for home consumption. In respect to mutton, much  
is



is brought to market from the mountains, but that is only during the vigorous part of the summer, and after the frost or rainy season: but the greatest part of the sheep bought by the gentry for the table, is purchased at the distant country fairs.

NUMBERS of hogs are bred in our parish; and numbers are sold at the fairs, and driven to distant parts.

Hogs.

THE soil of the lower part of the parish is in general a very stiff clay, which continues quite to the edge of the cliff, above the shore. In many places are spots of gravel, but of very small extent. We have also beds of pure sand, but that useful article is in most parts scarce.

SOILS.

CLAY.

FROM the *Rhewl* to *Avon Marsh Siambr* is a thin vein of very rich marle, saponaceous to the touch; prettily veined with red, grey, and white. It is got in too small quantities for use. On the edge of the mountain, especially on the tenement of *Plás Captain*, is a larger vein of a coarser kind. The tenant, *Thomas Blore*, a *Cheeshire* man, conversant in this species of manure, has made a judicious application of it on his farm, and as long as it lasted reaped the reward of his industry.

BEYOND the space between the boundary and the mountain is a tract of light soil, which may be said to begin under *Kelyn*, in the township of *Uchlan*, and continue in a direct line by *Tyddin Ycha*, to *Plas Ycha*, in the township of *Mostyn*. This is extremely well adapted for that useful root the turnep; and it has been tried with success. But the farmer is obliged to give up the cultivation, by reason of the depredations the poor make on the crops. They will steal the turneps before his face, laugh at him when he fumes at them; and ask him, how he can be in such a rage about a few turneps? As a magistrate, I never had a complaint made before

LIGHTER SOIL.



me against a turnep-stealer. Our farmers, and our coal-adventurers, have not yet 'plucked the old woman out of their hearts,' for the last suffer likewise in a great degree in their trade, yet hardly complain. Incredible as it may appear, numbers of them are in fear of being cursed at St. *Ælian's* well, (see my *Tour in Wales*, vol. ii. p. 337) and suffer the due penalty of their superstition.

At uncertain seasons clouds of ring-doves, wood-pigeons or queests, winter-migrants from *Scandinavia*, have visited our turnep-fields, and done no small damage to the crops.

## POTATOES.

EVERY cottage has its garden; and if that is not large enough, any landlord or neighbor allots him a piece in one of his fields, for the purpose of a potatoe-garden, and this spot is prepared and manured by the landlord, and for which not more than 18*d.* per rood is demanded. The last comfort is not of long date, for I can remember the time in which it was almost unknown to the poorer people; neither did the rich extend the culture beyond the garden. How singular does appear to us the following quotation from old *Gerard*, p. 928, who speaks of it as 'being also a meate for pleasure, equall in goodnesse and whole-somenesse vnto the same, being either roasted in the embers, or boyled and eaten with oyle, vinegar, and pepper, or dressed any other way by the hand of some cunning in cookerie.'—At present our gardeners, and a few others of the parish, raise sufficient to supply their neighbors, and to carry for sale to the adjacent market. The stiff soil of the parish is unfavorable to the culture. If we want potatoes in any quantities, we must import them from the vale of *Conwy*, from *Cheshire*, and *Lancashire*. In the present time of scarcity, (*May 1795*) the cultivation has



has been unusually encreased in *Whiteford* parish. Before this season, I never raised more than was necessary for the use of my family: this year I increased my potatoe-ground many-fold, even before I had read the speech made by Sir *John Sinclair*. Thousands have done the same in a similar state of ignorance, some from benevolence, some from view of gain, and others on the principle of self-preservation. I may predict also, from the former motives, that wheat will be in the next season sown four-fold. Admonitions surely are unnecessary. In the next year we may rejoice in plenty, even in superfluity, and have the happiness of seeing the poor man exult in our success.—But the *halcyon* days are arriving fast. Let us comfort ourselves with the fair prospect before us, and devoutly pray for the accomplishment of those hopes delivered to us in the following prophetic effusions:

Let us cut off those legal bars  
Which crush the culture of our fertile ill!  
Were they remov'd, unbounded wealth would flow,  
Our wastes would then with varied produce smile,  
And *England* soon a second *Eden* prove?

WHEAT grows remarkably well in our clayey land; it is the red kind, that the farmer prefers for seed; it is the hardiest, and the surest of finding sale; the white and the grey being in our country less in request. We raise much more than the parish would consume. The rest is exported to *Liverpool*, to supply the county of *Lancashire* with bread, that vast county not being productive of much wheat. The demand, therefore, from the numerous populous towns is very considerable, and at times occasions a great rise in the price, and a consequential clamor at home. The complaints are the draining of our county of grain, and the imaginary evil of great farms. Grain is one of the articles of commerce of the parish; and weaving the support of

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thousands

WHEAT.



thousands and thousands of poor in the great county I have mentioned. We feed them, they supply us with various species of cloathing. As to food, let me add, that the farmers of that county even make us a return in that article; for they supply us with potatoes, as we do them with wheat. We all depend upon one another: so true is it, that

God never form'd an independant man!

Without such means of sale, or, we may call it, exchange of commodities, the great farmer would cease to plough, would cease to form those magazines of corn, on which, at all times, our markets depend, and which are the great preservative from famine in these kingdoms. At times, bad seasons occasion bad crops, and of course enhance the price. An inordinate lust of gain may sometimes occasion criminal confederacies; which, criminal as they are, have hitherto baffled every attempt of the legislature to prevent. The poor are now left quite defenceless against the iniquitous race of *forestallors*, &c. &c. by the repeal of the 5th and 6th *Edw. VI.* It is much to be lamented that those humane laws are not revived, modified in any manner adapted to the times. A middle man in great contracts is often requisite: it is not that description of men at whom I aim, but those who in small bargains tempt the farmer, by offers of exorbitant prices, and contribute to the distresses of the poor, and discontents of the country, to a degree unspeakable. At present a calamitous war assists that evil; but surely we cannot grudge food to our brave countrymen, who are fighting for all that is dear to us. Among them we may have neighbors, sons of tenants, our own sons, or different relations: to whom, if we think a moment, we should be ashamed to deny a share in the produce of the labor of their native country, in which it is possible they themselves might have bore a share.



SUPPOSING all farms are reduced to an equality, and all made small ones, the ground must be divided into little portions for the support of a miserable team, or of a few cows, or for raising small quantities of corn. No magazines could be formed against evil days; the produce of the dairy would be small, and the provision for fodder serve for little more than to support the live stock. A few hobbets\* of corn would be sent to market to pay the rent; the rest might serve to maintain the family till the return of the harvest: and if the stock should be consumed before that season, how would they wish for the restoring of the great farms! Many of the little farmers are also day-laborers: to whom could they apply for work, the very support of them and their families? NEVER HAS THERE BEEN A FAMINE IN ENGLAND SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF GREAT FARMS. Unavoidable scarcities will happen, from causes inevitable. But there has not been an instance, for numbers of centuries, of the poor running into corners to die for want of food; of their seeing their infants perish before their eyes; and perhaps a plague might ensue, the consequence of famine, to thin the land of multitudes of the miserable survivors.

I SPEAK disinterestedly, for I have not on my estate a single great farmer. I find no merit in this assertion; had it been otherwise, I should have supported him in all that was right, in common with my poorest tenant, and my poorest tenant perhaps in preference to him.

\* A hobbet consists of 84 quarts. A measure is half a hobbet. A peck is half a measure. These measures are used in all the *Flintshire* markets; they extend also to other *Welsh* counties, and even *Herefordshire*.



I WOULD never grant a lease to a great corn-tenant. I would preserve a power over his granary, which legislature will not or cannot assume. Should he attempt by exportation to exhaust it, in years of scarcity, and not leave a sufficient supply for the country which produced the grain; should he attempt a monopoly; should he refuse to carry a proper quantity to the next market; or should he refuse to sell to the poor, who cannot attend the market, corn in small quantities, I would instantly assume the power of the landlord, and expel him from my estate: a just punishment for the tenant, who, through rapacity, declines to comply with my desires, excited with no other view than to promote the good of the public.

THE necessity of great farms is admitted: but let it be remembered, that their support rests upon the laborers, who are equally requisite to the great farmer as beams are to a building. Let not the rapacity of the miscalled great man direct all his force to the support of the opulent farmer, for the sake of increased rent. He will (as sad examples prove) depopulate his country by removing the sturdy laborers to the ground of wiser landlords, and leave his own weakened by their desertion; while the fields of the former laugh and sing, but round his own, *ingens erit solitudo*.

I COULD wish (was it in my power) to add even to the cottages of my laborers two or three small fields, that they might have the comfort of a cow, to supply their families with milk. They are too useful a class of men to be neglected: to be left to the precarious possibility of getting any of that invigorating fluid, so necessary for their infants, and even for the support of their

own.



own strength, to sustain them through their labor. Give them a dry slated cottage, with an upper floor, and a kind landlord, and a *British* laborer need not envy *Cæsar*.

BEFORE I take leave of the subject, let me define the size of a great and a small farm in this parish. Our greatest farm is rented at £. 110 *per ann.* at the rate of about 14*s.* *per acre*. Our small farms have from 20 to 10 acres; and the rent *per acre* from 12*s.* to 7*s.* There may be in every parish instances of the exorbitant raise of rent: an evil most frequently originating in the luxury of the landlord. Our rents are moderate, because our gentry would blush to add one dish to their table at the expence of the tenant. Mr. *Wedge*, in his *Survey of Cheshire*, p. 72, speaks humanely and sensibly on the affected maxim of ‘high rents being ‘a spur to industry.’ This (for I must help Mr. *Wedge* with a simile) resembles the practice of the prudent planter, who wishes to quicken the industry of his negroes by the invigorating application of the cart-whip to their velvet skin.

IN respect to leases, the utility is not perfectly agreed on. In our parts of *North Wales* I have known lease-tenants of very moderate rent continue on their farms their whole term without success: and I know in this parish, and within a small distance, several rack-rent tenants, with large farms, the most prosperous of any in the country. They improve boldly, and reap amply the fruits of their industry. They have confidence in their landlords, nor can they recollect more than one instance (and that indeed disgraceful enough \*) in which they found it misplaced. They are masters

\* *Survey of North Wales*, article *Denbighshire*, p. 17.



of the knowlege of the soil, and the nature of the climate of their own country. The appearance of their tenements does them credit. When they heard of a person sent among them to inculcate the principles of good farming, they smiled at the design, but spoke with gratitude of the kind intent of the *Board of Agriculture*. *Denbighshire* has long had its little board, for *North Wales* does not neglect its own interests. An agricultural society has, for a number of years, been established in the vale of *Clwyd*. None who have visited that beautiful tract can deny the general excellency of its culture.

IN *Cheshire* the antient practice of leasing is growing fast out of use: and agriculture will increase in that county in proportion.

MR. *George Kay*, of *Leith*, the missionary to whom was committed the inspection of every farm in the six counties of *North Wales*, favored me with a call some time in the last summer, and delivered to me his credentials from Sir *John Sinclair*. I was really at the time out of spirits. At the same time, a report was circulated, that the object of the mission was to ascertain the reality of our land-tax; which was much credited by my countrymen. I was certain that the report was entirely unfounded; but I did not chuse to trouble myself with militating against what I knew must speedily become self-confuted. I treated Mr. *Kay* with all civility. He left me, and I believe, through all his journey, (one place excepted) had no reason to complain of the reception he met with. Sir *John Sinclair* is a man of honor. He had not the least occasion to give himself the trouble of making to me so earnest an asseveration of the purity of his intentions, as he did in his last favor. He is above taking clandestine means of getting at any kind of information.

WE



WE lament that Mr. *Kay* did not see, in any one of our six counties, a single custom that could be useful to others\*. From the state of numbers of our farms, I suspect that we had previously adopted many methods of agriculture from *English* counties, which must have occasioned his remark. I would fain pay that compliment to his candour. On the whole, I fear that the mission has passed most unprofitably to both *visitor* and *visitè*. Nothing seems to have been learned by the one, and nothing taught by the other.

WE thatch our hay-ricks with admirable neatness, and in that manner preserve the hay for years. I do not know a better expedient, even could the landlord afford to every little farm a hay-barn, or give them a moveable canopy, which is liable perpetually to be out of order. Necessity in every country causes different modes of œconomy. Send *Shenkin ap Morgan* on a survey of *Cathness*, and he would at first stare at the *bykes* †, but would admire the ingenuity of the contrivances, and acknowledge the wisdom of the farmer in the preservation of his grain, where other means were wanting.

THERE are, certainly, both beyond the *Tweed*, and beyond the *Dee*, many thousands of acres, of which a tenant should be courted to attempt the cultivation, and be bribed by leases to settle upon them. In *North Britain* the practice is common. In *North Wales*, our mountain landlords rarely grant leases, possibly from their not finding the necessity.

IN all the mineral part of *Flintshire* are numbers of small farms, tenanted by carriers, who entirely support themselves by the

\* *Hints for Improvements in North Wales*, p. 40.

† *Tour in Scotland*, 1769. 3d ed. p. 201.



carriage of the lead ore, and calamine or coal. These are reckoned the most slovenly farmers we have. They apply themselves to carriage to such a degree, as to neglect their tenements. The minerals are the great natural staple of this, and most of the parishes; so that these species of farms are quite indispensable,

LET not the little farmer, or the cottager, repine at the wealth of the great farmers. It is not many weeks since their empty stomachs have been filled from the hoards of the latter. Had they not been able to form a stock, or to enable by sale others to do so, what would have become of you? The good, the benevolent, have been able to purchase from them the food that has contributed to preserve, for many months, you and your's from cruel want. The instances of the recent charities have not been equalled. I may speak of the universal charities. But I will recal to your minds those of your several neighborhoods. In public calamities little souls lie squat in their holes: great souls arise, and are called forth to action; some from a generous sensibility, others from selfish motives. I cannot but confess myself to be among the latter. I am selfish enough to wish to put out my money at least on reversionary interest, but that on security incontestible.

'HE THAT HATH PITY ON THE POOR LENDETH TO THE LORD;  
'AND LOOK WHAT HE LAYETH OUT, IT SHALL BE PAID TO HIM  
'AGAIN!' With what animated benevolence of sentiment doth Sir *Thomas Browne* comment on this pious exhortation! 'There is,' says the great physician of *Norwich*, 'more rhetoric in that one sentence than in a library of sermons; and, indeed, if those sentences were understood by the reader, with the same emphasis as they were delivered by the Author, we needed not those volumes of instructions, but might be honest by epitome.'

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THE produce of the wheat of this parish is from seven and eight fold, to twelve or thirteen, according to the pains taken with the ground, or the nature of it. Our general manure is lime, burnt in fod-kilns. The lime-stone, broken small, is placed within a thick circular wall of fods, and the strata of stone, broken small, interlaid with beds of coal, which is set on fire by wood placed in certain holes left at the sides. These holes serve likewise to admit the air, which promotes the fierceness of the fire within. The lime-stones are piled in a conic form, to a great height above the top of the fod-wall, and then covered thickly with fods. I must mention that the holes are four in number, placed opposite to each other, and have a gutter cut from one to the other, which is left hollow by means of flat stones over them, to promote the current of air. A circular gutter also runs close to the interior side of the fod wall. A common-sized kiln will require about sixteen tons of stone: but there are larger, and those often of an oval form.

SOMETIMES the lime-stone is burnt in common kilns, then taken and carried to form a compost with earth, which had been deposited in some adjacent place, and which usually had been dug out of old ditches. The lime is intimately mixed with it, and left a considerable time to mature, after which it is applied to use.

OUR best barley is raised in the light soil which we have mentioned at p. 159. In general our farmers prepare the ground for barley by giving it a fallow in *December* or *January*, and again harrow and plough it the latter end of *April* or beginning of *May*. In the stiffer lands the crops are frequently very unfavorable.

PRODUCE OF  
WHEAT.

SOD-KILNS.

BARLEY.



favorable. The quantity raised is not equal to the consumption. It is the principal grain used by our common people. The produce from the hobbet is about equal to that of the wheat.

## OATS.

OATS are chiefly sown in the mountain inclosures, or on the lands adjacent to the mountains. The produce is by no means equal to our demand.

## GRASSES.

## CLOVER.

THE artificial grasses are but two. Clover (the red sort) which we sow immediately after the barley. When the clover is sown by itself, or without any other grass-seeds, the quantity to each acre is eighteen or twenty pounds. It is not a favorite grass, but we do not know how to remedy ourselves. It wears out in less than three years, after which we renew the ground with a crop of wheat, managed as before related. The clover-feed is procured from the vale of *Clwyd*, and other places where the plant is cultivated for the sake of the seed.

## RYE-GRASS.

RYE-GRASS is sown in our poor land; which, if not harvested early, is little better than a fodder of straw.

I VALUE myself on being the first in this parish who introduced on my estate the husbandry of draining and flooding, which I did last autumn, and throughout the winter, on a great number of acres. I did intend to desist from working after *Christmas*, had I not been induced to continue it throughout the season, in consideration of the numbers of poor people who were in the deepest distress for want of employ. The season was so rigorous, that the laborers were obliged to break into the unfrozen ground with the pick-ax, before they could use the spade. This, and the short days, made the work very expensive: but I was far over-



over-paid by the consideration of having given food to multitudes, who in themselves or their families must otherwise have labored under the greatest difficulties. The undertaker was Mr. *Henry Harrison*, who followed the most approved practice. I flatter myself that in the ensuing year I shall experience the effects of his skill.

To clear the free-holders of *Whiteford* parish from any inattention to that important article of husbandry, planting, I bring the brief, but irresistible, defence of—the impossibility. The dingles are filled with oaks. I believe there is not one of us have any waste ground for the purpose. All our tenements consist of arable or pasture land, too valuable to be spared for any other purpose in this populous parish. Sir *Roger Mostyn*, on his coming to his estate, planted the little that had been cleared by his predecessor. Besides *Mostyn* or *Whiteford* wood (see p. 25) many of our very hedges are filled with oaks: possibly they do not benefit our land by their shade, but a few of us are true *druids*; and should we apply the ax, we should imagine that we heard the groans of the *Hamadryads* at every stroke.

I AM, in particular, so very avaricious of my woods, that at this instant of writing, I, with true reluctance, sign to my son the death-warrant of a few stag-horned trees, that have far outlived the best of their days. They, in all probability, would have had a respite, could I move from my couch to take a look at my antient favorites. But the void space shall be instantly inclosed, and, I may promise, that in a short time it will be filled with the best of successors, self-sown, from some of their own descendants, their eldest and most sturdy progeny.

PLANTING.



SIR EDWARD  
LLOYD, A GREAT  
PLANTER.

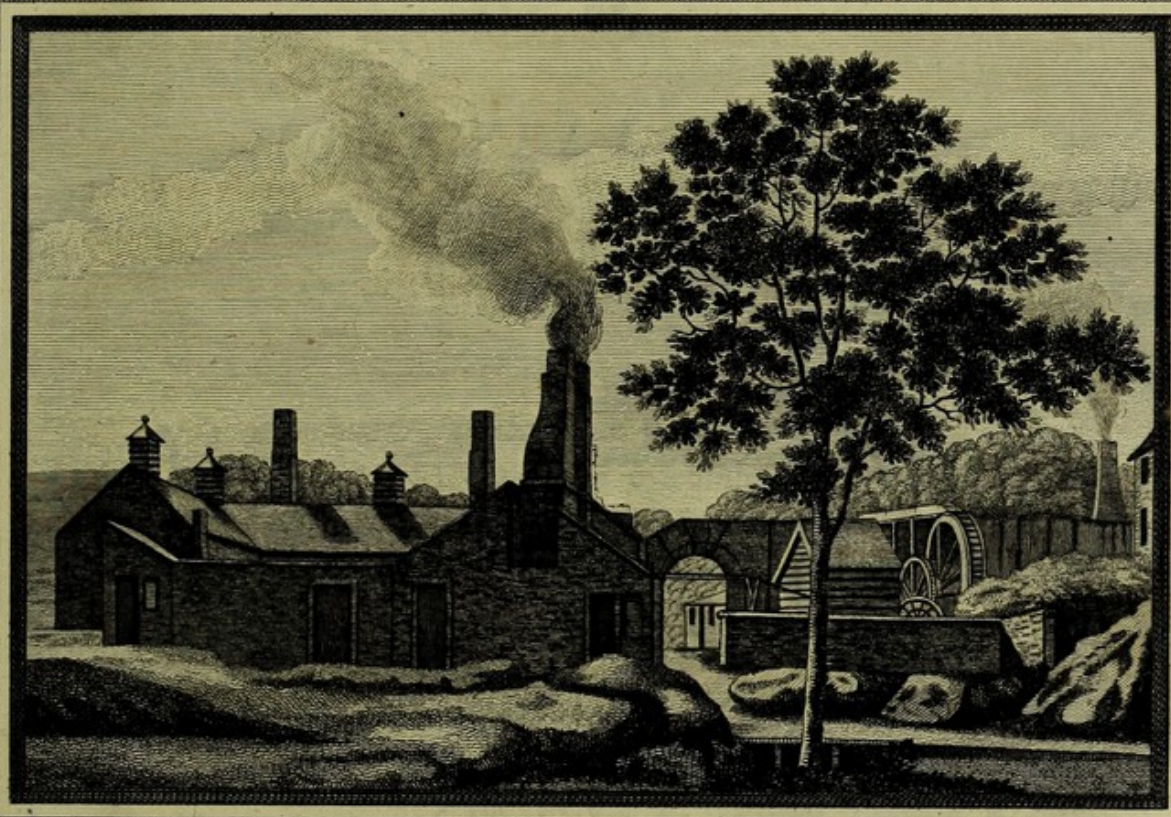
If we of *Whiteford* parish are deprived of the possibility of planting within its limits, yet we can boast of a *Flintshire* gentleman, who probably will be found to have contributed as a planter more to the benefit of his heir and of the state, than any other in the principality, in this age, or any past. I mean Sir *Edward Lloyd*, bart. of *Pengwern*, in the parish of *St. Asaph*, who finished his long and useful life on *May* the 26th of the present year. On his *Flintshire* estates he has planted a hundred and sixty-two thousand trees; and on his estate at *Pant-glás*, in the county of *Caernarvon*, more than three hundred and twenty thousand. Most of the trees are oaks, which in future times may float on the ocean, guardians of *Britain*, in distant wars, excited, either by the ambition of foreign states, or by the incendiary machinations of domestic male contents.—Even at present what have we to dread! The maritime genius of our island at length begins to smile on her again, and vigor and activity once more will fill every sail. The great spirit of old *Sandwich* has transmigrated, leaving behind the frailties of its mortal state, purified and congenialized to the breast it has taken possession of, on its return to the wonted Board, to resume its well-known powers.

Haud segnis strato furgit *Palinurus*, et omnes

Explorat ventos: atque auribus aera captat.



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## H I S T O R Y

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AT *Avon-marsh Siambr*, (see p. 52.) we quit the parish of *Whiteford*, and enter the township of *Greenfield*, in the parish of *Holywell*, along a most excellent road. On the left is a continuation of the marsh. Above which is a low cliff, of the same nature as those which front the shore of the parish of *Whiteford*.

LET me preface this little history with saying that *Avon Marsh Siambr* is six miles distant from the rill which divides *Holywell* parish from that of *Flint*; that its greatest breadth is three miles from the turnpike road in *Greenfield*, to the borders of the parish of *Skyviog*; and that the parish consists of the townships of *Holywell*, *Greenfield*, *Bagillt Vawr* and *Vechnan*, *Whelston*, *Coleshill Vawr* and *Vechnan*, *Brynfordd*, and *Calcoed*. Its

TOWNSHIPS.

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boundaries



boundaries on the east are *Flint*, and part of *Northop* parishes; on the east *Halkin*; on the south-east *Skyviog*; on the west *Whiteford*; and on the north the estuary of the river *Dee*.

STOKYN.

ABOVE *Avon-marsh Siambr*, on the rising ground, stands *Stokyn*, a small house, which, with the estate belonging to it, has been of late years purchased by *James Potts*, publican in *Holywell*, and the house much improved. It originally belonged to a *Mostyn*, a younger branch of the *Mostyns* of *Trelacre*; *T. M.* signifying the name of *Thomas Mostyn*, cut above the arms on the monument. A daughter of this gentleman, or one of his descendants, and heiress of the place, transferred the estate into the very antient family of the *Blounts*, of *Orlton*, in the county of *Hereford*, and with them it remained till the purchase by the present possessor.

RIVER DEE  
COMPANY.

THE rights of the freeholders over the marsh extend a certain way to the east. These were settled by commissioners, in the year 1787, and a plan made, asserting the claims, as well of the freeholders, as of the *River Dee Company*. These were founded on acts of parliament, originating in the years 1732 and the following, from that of the 11th and 12th of *William III.* entitled, 'An act to enable the mayor and citizens of *Chester* to recover and preserve the navigation of the river *Dee*.' It is possible that *Mr. Andrew Yarrenton* might be the primary cause of the improvements, by a survey he had made, in the year 1674, of the river *Dee* and its estuary.—I refer my reader to the account I have given, at p. 200 of my *Welsh Tour*, vol. i. for farther particulars.

THE other acts were passed in the years 1740, 1742, and 1752, and the works were begun with vigor. The project was carried on by subscription; and the adventurers were to be rewarded



rewarded by the lands they were empowered to gain on both sides, from the *White Sands*, or the sea from *Chester*; and between the county of *Cheshire*, on the north side, and the county of *Flint* on the south side; being sands, soil, and ground not bearing grass. The tract, as appears by the chart attending the award made in 1787, and preserved among the records by the clerk of the peace for the county of *Flint*, terminate on our side at the *Point of Air*, in the parish of *Llanafaph*: on the *Cheshire* side at the *Little Meels*, at the extremity of the hundred of *Wiral*.

THE adventurers in the River *Dee* Company have gained a considerable quantity of land from the ravages of the sea, beginning from the walls of the city of *Chester*, and extending above five miles, even beyond the lower ferry.

THE report of the quantity of embanked land made from the beginning, by the River *Dee* Company and others (according as it is made to me by Mr. *Wedge*, agent to the company) is as follows:

Acres inclosed by the company,	-	-	-	3,500
On <i>Blacon-marsh</i> , belonging to <i>John Crewe</i> , of <i>Crewe</i> , esquire, about	-	-	-	300
On the south side of the river, belonging to the free- holders of <i>Hawarden</i> , as Mr. <i>Wedge</i> believes, about	-	-	-	2,200
Total statute acres	-	-	-	6,000
Marshes uninclosed, <i>August</i> 13th, 1795, about	-	-	-	2,000

MR. WEDGE informs me that the grass which is found to answer best in these sandy inclosures is *medicago sativa*, *Lucerne*. It

LUCERNE GRASS.



will not however grow to any perfection on land where there is not a depth of at least two feet of dry sand or soil beneath the surface, and succeeds (like most other grasses) in proportion to the quality of the soil. All kinds of stock are fond of it; it is of a very feeding nature, and is both grazed and harvested. Close grazing will destroy it; but if properly attended to, and assisted with manure about every fourth year, the plants will continue strong for upwards of thirty years. It may be grazed (sparingly) with safety in the spring, until the first week in *May*, and also in autumn, in the months of *October* and *November*, after the second crop is cut. The hay, being of a drying nature, seems to be much better adapted for feeding stock, than either for horses or milking cows. I know no kind of hay that stock will feed faster upon than *Lucerne*, if it is well harvested; as grass, it will answer best for soiling stock, when housed.

LAST EMBANK-  
MENT.

No attempts to embank were made farther to the west, till the summer of 1794, when about forty statute acres were inclosed by the same company, on the white sands bordering on *Greenfield* marsh. Early in the next winter a fierce tide destroyed part of the embankment: but it now seems to be restored in the most effectual manner\*.

PROJECTS.

NEAR the extremity of this marsh the turnpike gates cross the roads leading to *Flint* and *Holywell*. A grand and beneficial

\* While this confident paragraph was in the press, on the morning of *October* 29th, a fiercer tide, assisted by a fiercer wind, has almost ruined the inclosure, and made such breaches as may probably deter the company from any further attempts to restore it.



project was some years ago formed, of making two canals. The one to be carried over the marsh (assisted by the *Holywell* stream) down to or near the perch or anchoring-ground; with a lock capable of receiving vessels of a hundred tons burden.

ANOTHER canal was designed to have branched from this eastward as far as *Pentre rock*, near *Flint-castle*, for the purpose of carrying the coal which was or may be discovered on that tract, either to the various mineral works, or into the lock for exportation. I trust, if ever the plan is resumed, that it may extend a little farther, to the collieries belonging to Sir *Roger Mostyn* and myself, and others which may be discovered hereafter. Nor see we any reason for our exclusion by so impolitic a partiality! The more choice of shops, the cheaper the goods. Both of the plans were taken by the able engineer, Mr. *William Jessop*, in the year 1785, and declared to be practicable. The expence indeed would have been very great; but alas! the aspect of the times forbids us to flatter ourselves with the resumption of the great design.

THE *Mark*, or place where the vessels lie to receive or discharge their lading, is about two miles from the turnpike gate. The channel of the *Holywell* river is to be seen at low water meandering to it, and might prove a useful means of improving the commerce of the country. At present the vessels must, on the recess of the tide, lie dry, and in hard gales, before they get afloat, are subject to much danger. The sands also shift, and make the *Mark* or anchoring-ground often precarious.

THE MARK.

THE River *Dee* Company have power to inclose as far as the channel of the *Dee*, which in *Holywell* parish is supposed to extend

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as far as three miles from the turnpike road. In a late act of parliament for ascertaining the rights of the parish, and those of the company, in the spring of 1791, the agents for the company, after the act to confirm a line of boundary between the property of the company and the part of the marsh which was common, had been twice read, introduced clauses to render their property extra-parochial, and consequently to exempt the occupiers from contributing to the church and poor, and other parochial rates of *Holywell*, *Whiteford*, or any parishes concerned; and also to exempt future householders from being liable to execute any offices within those parishes; and at the expence of others, artfully attempting to exonerate their tenants from bearing any part of the burdens. But the design was discovered, and the offensive clause omitted.

THE company have obtained a grant of all their lands from the parish of *Hawarden* to that of *Whiteford*, under the following circumstances: 'Lands derelict by the sea belong to his prerogative; and being consequently extra-parochial, the tythes are due to the king; and if he grants them, his patentee shall have them.' Such is the opinion of Sir *John Comyns*, as conveyed to me by the favor of *Edward Jones*, esquire, of *Wepre hall*.

## WAT'S DIKE.

ON passing the turnpike gate, a small walk brings us to the site of the abby and castle of *Basingwerk*, a place of importance in the wars between the *English* and *Welsh*. The land towards the sea is steeply sloped. The west side was protected by a deep gully, formed by the river. The south-east by the vast ditch, which had hitherto been mistaken for that made by *Offa*, king



of the *Mercians*. I owe the detection of the error to Mr. *John Evans*, of *Llwyn y Groes*, who proves it to be one termination of another stupendous work of the same kind, called *Wat's Dike*, which appears by his magnificent map of NORTH WALES, published this year, to have first become visible near *Maesbury* mill, in *Oswestry* parish, where it is lost in morassy ground; from thence it takes a northern direction to *Hên ddinas*, and by *Pentre'r Clawdd*, to *Gobowen*, the site of a small fort, called *Bryn y Castell*, in the parish of *Whittington*: then crosses *Prys Henlle Common*, in the parish of *St. Martin*; goes over the *Ceiriog*, between *Brynkinallt* and *Pont y Blew* forge, and the *Dee* below *Nant y Bela*; from whence it passes through *Wynnstay Park*, by another *Pentre'r Clawdd*, or township on the ditch, to *ERDDIG*, the seat of *Philip Yorke*, esq. where there was another strong fort on its course: from *Erddig* it goes above *Wrexham*, near *Melin Puleston*, by *Dolydd*, *Maesgwyn*, *Rbôs ddu*, *Croes oneiras*, Mr. *Shakerley's Gwersyllt*; crosses the *Alun*, and through the township of *Llai*, to *Rbydin*, in the county of *Flint*; above which is *Caerestyn*, a *British* post: from hence it runs by *Hope* church, along the side of *Molesdale*, which it quits towards the lower part, and turns to *Mynydd Lychdyn*, *Monachlog* near *Northop*, by *Northop* mills, *Bryn-moel*, *Coed y llys*, *Nant y Flint*, *Cefn y Coed*, through the *Sirand* fields near *Holywell*, to its termination below the abby of *Basingwerk*. I have been thus minute in giving its course, because it is so often confounded with *Offa's* ditch, which attends the former at unequal distances, from five hundred yards to three miles, till the latter is totally lost.

It is observable, that there are numbers of small artificial mounts, the sites of small forts, in many places along its course,

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as well as that of *Offa's*. These were garrisoned, and seem intended for the same purposes as the towers in the famous *Chinese* wall, to watch the motions of neighbors, and to repel any hostile incursions.

It is remarkable that *Wat's* dike should have been overlooked, or confounded with that of *Offa*, by all writers except by *Thomas Churchyard* the poet, who assigns the object of the work : that the space intervening between the two was free ground, where the *Britons* and *Saxons* might meet with safety for all commercial purposes.

BASINGWERK  
CASTLE.

VESTIGES of the fortress appear in the foundation of a wall on the edge of the ditch, and on the road side, near the turnpike gate, opposite to the ruins of the abbey. Lord *Lyttelton* \* says, that the founder was an earl of *Chester*. I imagine that it must have been *Richard*, son of *Hugh Lupus*, and second earl of *Chester*, and that the abbey was fortified by reason of a danger he had incurred near the abbey : for even religious institutions had no exemption, *tempore necessitatis, belli licitum est, hospitari et in castellari in ecclesia* †.

THE first notice I find of it is in the life of *St. Werburg*, by *Bradshaw* ; who informs us, that *Richard*, on his return out of *Normandy*, where he had been educated, began his reign with an act of piety. He attempted, in 1119, a pilgrimage to the well of *St. Wenefrede* ; but, either in going or returning, was attacked by the *Welsh*, and obliged to take shelter in *Basingwerk*. He applied to *St. Werburg* for relief ; who miraculously raised certain sands between *Flintshire* and *Wiral*, and thus gave means

\* Hist. Henry II. 3d edit. ii. quoted in 338. Coll. Curious Discourses, i. 202.

† *Innocentius de immunitate ecclesia.*



to his constable to pass to his assistance: which sands, from that time, were called the *Constable's Sands*. *Bradshaw* styles the place of his retreat an abby; a proof that here had been a religious community before the time usually assigned for the foundation of this house. I must also draw from Lord *Lyttelton's* authority (for I can find no other) that this castle was demolished by the *Welsh* in the reign of *Stephen* \*.

HENRY II. in 1157, after his escape from the ambuscade of *Eulo*, left *Basingwerk* restored, well fortified, and manned †, in order to secure a retreat on any future disaster. He did the same by the castle of *Ruddlan*. In his days the inland parts of our county were a dangerous wild of forest. After his defeat he never trusted himself among our woods; but made his marches along the open shores.

THE same monarch left another species of garrison ‡; for he established here a house of knights templars, a military order introduced into *England* in the preceding reign. They were first instituted in the Holy Land for the protection of pilgrims; and possibly *Henry* might have the same in view in fixing them here, to secure the *English* devotees in performing their vows to our neighboring saint, who seems about this time to have come into reputation. It is singular, that these religious knights were allowed at their institution only one horse between two; yet so greatly did they flourish, that about the year 1240, or a hundred and fifty years after their institution, the order had acquired, in different parts of *Christendom*, nineteen thousand manors.

THIS castle was but of very short duration; for in 1165, the gallant prince *Owen Gwynedd* laid siege to it, took || and levelled

\* *Hist. Henry II.* † *M. Paris*, 129. ‡ *Powel*, 208. || *Powel*, 223.



it to the ground ; after which the name occurs no more as a fortrefs. I think at this period it belonged to *Hugh de Bello Campo*, or *Beauchamp*, on whom this and *Ruddlan* castle had been bestowed by the *English* monarch \*.

ABBY.

THE abby †, of which there are some considerable remains, was founded in 1131 (according to the opinion of Bishop *Tanner*) by *Randal* the second earl of *Chester* : according to Bishop *Fleetwood*, by *Henry II.* For my part, I believe it to be of greater antiquity ; but do not pretend to derive its origin. No light into the matter can be collected from the charters preserved by Sir *William Dugdale*. There are three of them, either serving to confirm the antient donations, or confer new : in each is mention of the earl as a benefactor ; but there is not the least hint of his having been the founder. I must attribute that honor to one of the princes of *Wales* ; for both *Llewelyn ap Iorwerth*, and his son *David*, in their respective charters recite, that they give and confirm the several donations to God, St. *Mary*, the monastery of *Basingwerk*, and the monks, which had been bestowed on them by their predecessors for the salvation of their souls.

*RANDAL* was certainly a great benefactor ; for it appears, that before his days the monks had only a chapel here. From that period it became considerable ; and about that time part of the present buildings were erected, for the conveniency of its inhabitants, who were of the *Cistercian* order.

\* *Annales Waverleienfes*, 159.  
or *Greenfield*.

† Called also by the *Welsh*, *Maes-glas*,



GIRALDUS calls it *cellula de Basingwerk* \*. He lodged here a night in the train of Archbishop *Baldwyn*, on his progress through *Wales* to preach the crusade. He took with him our eloquent countryman, on account of his skill in the *Welsh* language.

THE architecture is mixed. Here appears what is called *Saxon*; having the round arches and short columns in some parts; and the Gothic narrow slips of high-pointed windows in others. The first species had not fallen out of use, and the last was coming into fashion, in the days of the first great benefactor.

THE church lay on the east side; but is now almost destroyed. The refectory is pretty entire; and on one side has a great recess, with two round arches. The pillars which support them are very curious, formed of circular stones of the form of cheeses, set close one upon the other.

ABOVE were the cells for the lodgings of the monks, with a small window to each.

THE chapel of the knights templars is a spacious building. The windows are long, narrow, and pointed; the pilasters between them on the inside slender and elegant.

WHATEVER monuments or inscriptions might have been in the church, are totally destroyed, unless that which may be found in one of the out-houses. It preserves the memory of a pious emigrant of the last century, *George*, youngest and eighth son of *William* second Lord *Petre*, who, plagued with the fanatical persecutions in the reign of *Charles* I. quitted his country, died at

\* *Itin. Camb. lib. ii. c. 10.*



## BASINGWERK ABBY.

*Wexford*, and was brought to *Basingwerk* for interment. The following is the inscription :

IESUS \*



\* MARIA.

HERE . LYETH . TH . Y . BODY . OF . GEORGE . PE-  
 TRE . LATE . OF . GREENFIELD . IN . FLINT  
 SHIRE, Esq. SONE TO . W . LORD . PETRE  
 BARON . OF . INGLESTON . IN . ESSEX , &  
 MARRIED ANE . Y . RELICT . OF . IOHN  
 MOSTOIN . Esq. . BEING .  $\overset{E}{Y}$  DAUGHTER  
 OF . HENRY . FOX, . Esq. . WHO . FOR .  $\overset{E}{Y}$  . RO-  
 MANE . CATHOLIQUE . FAITH . & . LOYAL-  
 TY . TO . HIS .  $\overset{TIE}{MA}$  . LEFT . HIS . COUNTRY,  
 & . SPENDING . HIS . TIME .  $\overset{T}{W}$  . GREAT .  
 EDIFICATION . OF . HIS . NEIGHBOVRS .  
 DIED . AT . WEXFORD .  $\overset{E}{Y}$  26 DAY OF SEP.  
 AN .  $\overline{DO}$  1647 AGED 34.

THERE are some remains of offices, used at present by a tanner. Within less than fifty years, much of the habitable part was standing; and sometimes used by the worthy family, the

*Mosfyns*



*Mostyns of Trelacre.* A lady of the family now living was born within these walls.

GREENFIELD HOUSE, which was built by that worthy friend of mine, the late relict of Sir *George Mostyn*, baronet, of *Trelacre*, was built as a dower-house for her, and the widows of the family. It is a neat brick house on the west side of the turnpike road, opposite to the ruins of the abby, commanding a fine view of the estuary, and the *Cheeshire* shore. It is at present in the hands of the great copper companies, being leased to them with part of the stream on which their works stand.

GREENFIELD  
HOUSE.

DURING the preparations for the conquest of *Wales* by *Edward I.* the abby was under the protection of the *English*. There are extant two orders for the purpose, providing that they had no commerce with what are styled the *Welsh* rebels \*. I imagine that the convent was firmly attached to the victor; for I have been informed that there are, among the lists of summons in the Tower, writs for calling the abbot to parlement, in the 23d, 24th, 28th, 32d, and 34th of *Edward I.*

ACCORDING to the valuation of its revenues in 1534, the gross sum at the dissolution was, according to *Dugdale*, 150*l.* 7*s.* 3*d.*; to *Speed*, 157*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* In 1553, there remained in charge 4*l.* in annuities †.

THE particular endowments, as I collect from *Dugdale* ‡, were these: *Henry III.* by charter, grants and confirms ten *vibrates* in *Longenedale* in *Derbyshire*, with the church of *Glossope*,

\* *Ayliffe's Rotuli Walliæ*, 68, 82.

† *Willis's Abbies*, I. 312.

‡ *Monasticon*, I. 720, &c.

and



and all its appertenances, to be held by them as freely as *William Peverel* held the same in the time of *Henry* his grandfather. The same charter confirms the donations of *Ranulph* earl of *Chester*, and other barons, viz. *Holywell*, *Fulbrook*, the chapel of *Basingwerk*, the antient residence of the monks, with the mills and their appertenances; likewise *Holes*, and a moiety of *Lecche*, and one hundred shillings of the revenues of *Chester*, the gift of the said earl. *Calders* with its inhabitants, and finally, *Kethlenedei*, the gift of *Robert Banastre*.

*LHEWELYN AP JORWERTH*, prince of *Wales*, and cotemporary with *Henry III.* confirms all the donations of his ancestors; particularly the site of their house, the mill before their gate, and the land before their doors; which last was granted to them by *Ranulphus*, and his brother *Aneas*. The same grant gives them also the land of *Meredeth Wawor*, in *Holywell*; *Fulbrook*; a community of pasturage on the mountains; *Hanot de le Weccb*, and *Craiggraft*, with all their appertenances. His son and successor, *David ap Llewelyn*, by another charter, confirms the donations of his father, and adds the lands of *Huttred*, brother to *Meredeth Wawor* of *Holywell*; the church of *Holywell*, and the chapel of *Colful*; and the land and pasturage of *Gelli*, before granted by his father. He likewise empowers them to buy and sell every thing toll-free in all his territories, for the use of their house. Also, the fifth part of the fish taken in his fisheries at *Ruddlan*; and the tenth of the fish belonging to him in other parts. He confirms to them all the village of *Wenbewn*, with all its inhabitants and appertenances, being the gift of *Howen de Porkenton*, and confirmed by *Helyso*. He at the same time



time confirms the lands and pasturage in *Pentblin*, the gift of his father.

DAVID also bestowed on the monks of *Basingwerk*, *Folebroc*, *Feilebroc*, or as it is now called *Fulbrock*, seated near the western extremity of the parish; which is mentioned in the confirmation of the grant to that convent by *Henry II.* and again in the confirmation of the charters renewed to it by *Llewellyn ap Iorwerth* and his son. The monks had a grainge on these lands, and right of pasturage on the mountain, in common with the neighboring inhabitants\*. The *Grange* is at present a farm-house, the property of Sir *Pyers Mostyn*, and still retains its antient name.

THIS charter is dated from *Coleshill* in 1240, and witnessed by *Hugh* bishop of *St. Asaph*, and his chancellor, the famous *Ednyfed Vychan*, and others.

TANNER † mentions the tithes of *Blackbrook*; and the wood of *Langdon*; lands in *Chanclesworth*; the manor of *West Kirkby* in *Cheshire*; the silver mine near *Basingwerk*; free warren in *Gethli*, *Menegrange*, *Ouregrange*, *Beggerburgh*, and *Holywell*.

THE abbey also was possessed of the hospital or chapel of *Sponne* near *Coventry*, which had been originally founded by *Hugh Ceveilioc* earl of *Chester*, who probably bestowed it on these monks ‡.

THE revenues of the abbot amounted in the whole, reckoning those arising from the mills, lands, cows, and sheep, to 46*l.* 11*s.*

IN the grant to the abbey of *Basingwerk*, of the lands in the *Peak of Derbyshire*, there is a clause reserving the venison to the

\* *Dugdale's Monast.* I. 720, 721.

† *Notitia*, 711.

‡ *Dugdale's Warwickshire*, I. 197.



king, with the consent of the abbot and convent; for the preservation of which two foresters were appointed by the king: but the grantees were allowed to kill hares, foxes, and wolves\*.

IN 1540, the house and lands in the neighborhood were granted to *Henry ap Harry*, of the tribe of *Ednowain Bendew*; whose only daughter *Anne*, by her marriage with *William Mostyn*, esquire, of *Trelacre*, conveyed it into that family, in which it now remains.

I CANNOT recover the names of any more than two of the abbots. *Thomas ap Dafydd Pennant* presided over the house in the time of *Guttun Owain*, a bard who flourished in the year 1480. Beside that, and another eulogist mentioned in p. 34, I may add a third, viz. *Thomas ap Rhys ap Howel*, of *Stokyn*, who published an *awdl* or ode in his praise. It is to be found in the *Sebright Collection*, vol. i. p. 37. among a collection of poems and prophecies delivered by the bard when the *awen*, or *furor poeticus*, had full possession of him.

I SHALL not here repeat what I have said of this celebrated abbot, in pp. 33, 34, but refer to them for his history. I shall only add here, that the ruins of a noble oak, still to be seen near the remains of the abbey, is supposed to have been his contemporary.

I HAVE spoken of his son and successor *Nicholas*, at pp. 24, 34; and shall again, in the article *Bagillt*, resume the subject.

THE whole road from the abbey to St. *Wenefrede's* well, is most remarkably picturesque, along a narrow but deep valley, bounded

\* *Sebright MSS.*



on one side by hanging woods. In former times the sacred stream hurried to the sea unconfined by the busy manufactures. During the reign of pilgrimages nothing but the corn-mills, the property of the monks, found employ for its waters.

BEFORE I advance up the valley, let me observe, that notwithstanding it has the common causes of health, a rapid stream, and the greatest part of the year a brisk wind (usually from west to east) yet it is visited with the usual diseases of the country, in a degree even greater than other parts; nor has the *angina maligna*, hereafter to be spoken of, spared the children of this little tract.

COMMERCE found its way to the valley about fifty years ago. I can remember the building of the works of white and of red lead under the conduct of Messrs. *Smedley*. But prior to these, a little above, was a tilting-mill, and an iron-wire mill. The first lessees were *Hart and Co.* from *Yorkshire*. They were succeeded by Mr. *Barker* and Sir *James Creed*, who erected a new one on the lower part of the stream. On Mr. *Barker's* death the remainder of the term was purchased by Mr. *John Norman* and Mr. *Reuben Chambers*. Under a new lease Mr. *John Chambers* converted the old mill into a steel-wire-mill; before which his mother used it for a warehouse for a coarse-paper-mill. The *Parys* mine company succeeded to both the premises, and covered them with their important edifices.

WHITE AND RED  
LEAD WORKS.

IRON-WIRE  
MILL.

PAPER MILLS.

It must be observed, that the ancient corn-mills, belonging to the abby, stood where the paper-mill was, the *molendina quæ juxta portam abbatiæ habent* \*.

\* *Dugdale Monast.* I. 721.



## SNUFF MILLS.

ON this stream had been three snuff-mills; the oldest was occupied by Mr. *Edward Jones*, tobacconist, now living. It joined the old and uppermost corn-mill. It was taken down by the cotton company, who on the site built part of the new corn-mill, near the *Holywell* spring.

PETER PARRY, tobacconist, had two snuff-mills, one on the land of *John Pierce*, joiner, deceased, a little below the crescent cotton-mill. It was purchased by the brass battering-mill company, for the sake of giving their pool a little greater depth of water, which built another for *Peter Parry*, below their brass-works.

OLD SMELTING-  
WORK.

AN antient smelting-work stood in my memory on the site of the old cotton-mill, and part of the garden. They were erected before the year 1733, by lease from *Roger Pennant*, esq. of *Bagillt*. I do not recollect the names of the lessees, but the company was known by that of *Madam Kaye and Co.* The smoke did such injury to the fine woods belonging to *Sir George Mostyn*, of *Trelacre*, bart. as to occasion many law-suits between *Sir George* and the company; so that there ensued a total cessation of the smelting-trade in these works. Whether the suit came to a decision, does not appear. The suit must have commenced before *March* 26th, 1733, from which day all proceedings, which used before to be in *Latin*, were to be carried on in the *English* tongue. Just before that period poor *Sir George* suffered a nonsuit, for using the word *propè* instead of *juxta*; and was foiled a second time, by using in the proceeding the title of *Sir George Mostyn*, instead of *George Mostyn*, esq. his elder brother being living, and at that time an ecclesiastic in the church of *Rome*; and it  
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is said that he suffered a third repulse, by stating that the works were in the township of *Greenfield*, instead of *Holywell*, or *vice versa*.

How the affair ended I cannot learn. The building reverted into the hands of the heirs of the lessors. *Edward Pennant*, esq. granted a lease of it, in 1758, to Mr. *Champion*, partner and agent in the *Warmley* company, near *Bristol*, who there calcined *black-jack*. He was the first who engaged in such a concern in this country, and probably in *Great Britain*, which he carried on under the protection of a patent.

A PIN-MILL was built in 1764, for the use of *James Eden*, pin-maker, who occupied it about two years, and then failed. The next occupier was Mrs. *Chambers*, who converted it into a coarse-paper mill, and continued the use of it till 1783, when it fell into the hands of the cotton-company, which turned it into a smithy: and, finally, three corn-mills, formed with the above the sum of the works upon the stream, in my early days. The lower of these two, reckoning from the well, was pulled down.

IN the year 1766 began the memorable epoch in the annals of our famous stream, when the late Mr. *Patten* of *Warrington*, and Co. built the first battering-mill for copper and brass. In about ten years from that time, Mr. *John Smalley*, now deceased, introduced the first manufacture of cotton. By his successors, and by the great copper-companies, those *behemoths* of commerce, our little *Jordan* was soon drunk up. By their skill and industry they succeeded, to the benefit of the state, and to their private emolument. *Tho.*

PIN-MILL.

THREE CORN-  
MILLS.FAMOUS EPOCH  
OF COMMERCE.



PARYS MINE  
COMPANY.

*Williams*, esquire\*, that useful and active character, with unparalleled speed, covered the lower part of the stream, or that next to the sea, with buildings stupendous in expence, extent, and ingenuity of contrivance. These great works are under the firm of the PARYS MINE COMPANY. The buildings were completed in the year 1780, and held under lease from Sir *Pyers Mostyn*, bart. owner of the whole stream, excepting a small part. To Mr. *Samuel Williamson*, chief agent of this part of the works, I am indebted for the account of the works carried on here. These are entirely confined to the manufacture of copper.

In this department is a great forge for heating the cakes of copper, previously to their being beat into pans, or rolled into sheathings, &c. &c. The wheels and machinery are set in motion by the water from a large pool, parallel to the road, which is filled from the stream, and let out by another channel to effect its purposes.

THESE may be called the great magazines for the supply of the royal navy with the various necessaries in copper, such as sheathings, bolts, and nails. Some of the bolts are twenty feet long, and so hardened by rolling and battering, as to be capable of being driven almost to their heads, in the entrance forward, and run abaft of the ships where the beds of timber are the thickest; which work is facilitated by boring with an auger two-thirds of the length.

SOME of the nails are a foot in length, and from that size to that of a fadler's tack.

RUDDER bands and braces are here made of an enormous

\* Member for *Marlow*.



size; some, designed for the largest first-rates, weighed one ton fourteen hundred.

THE number of men employed in these works is ninety-three. This is intended when they are in full employ: the same must be understood of all the rest.

THE head of water to this mill is about twenty-one feet and a half, and the superficial surface of the pool about 112,028 feet.

THE trade of these works is not confined to the royal navy. The merchant ships are from hence supplied with considerable quantities of sheathing, bolts, and nails, as are many of the ships in the service of the *East India* Company.

FROM hence braziers are furnished with copper vessels of all kinds, and the materials for all the copper branches of their business.

THE works on this river are supplied with their copper from the *Parys* mine and *Mona* mine companies; the ore of which is smelted chiefly at *Ravenhead*, and *Stanley*, in *Lancashire*.

THE *Cornish* ores are smelted at *Swansey*, *Neath*, *Bristol*, and in *Cornwal*.

THE Duke of *Devonshire's* ores, at *Whiston*, in *Derbyshire*.

THE number of vessels immediately employed by the copper-companies on this river, to convey the several manufactures, or the materials to and from *Liverpool*, and the other places connected with them, amount to between thirty and forty, from thirty to fifty tons burden.

MR. WILLIAMS has, besides the works on the *Holywell* stream, two near *Marlow*, in *Buckinghamshire*, upon as large a scale as those in *Greenfield*. There are also in this kingdom others be-

longing



longing to different proprietors, at *Congleton* and *Macclesfield*, in *Cheshire*, at *Swansey*, and *Bristol*, and in *Cornwal*, and a number in the vicinity of *London*.

THE COMPANY'S  
COIN.

I MUST not be silent on the subject of the most beautiful coin or token in use by this great company, as it exceeds in elegance any which has been yet emitted. On one side is the head of a *Druid*, emblematic of the isle of *Mona*, the antient seat of the venerable order, and which now produces the material of the coin. On the reverse is the cypher of *Parys* mountain, with a promissory legend to pay one penny, or one half-penny, as it happens to be, in *London*, *Anglesey*, or *Leverpool*, to bearer on demand.

VAST quantities of these coins are counterfeited at *Birmingham*, and may be had by public order in any number.

BRASS MELTING-  
HOUSES.

ABOVE these works is a great cluster of vast square chimnies, the discharge of the tremendous volumes of thick black smoke, rising from the making of brass. These are the brass melting-houses belonging to the *Greenfield* copper and brass company, under the direction of Mr. *Donbavand*, where they have six large melting-houses with twenty-four fires, each fire contains nine pots, with metal, fluxes, &c. Here they make plate-brass for the purpose of being manufactured at their battery-mills, plate-brass for wire for the pin-manufacturers, and ingot-brass for the various founders, &c. At this place they have a mill, places to calcine, buddle, and grind the *lapis calaminaris*, &c. for the purpose of making brass; also a copper forge, not used at present: the head of water is about  $21\frac{1}{2}$  feet, superficial surface of the pool about 23,664 feet. The number of the men employed in these works, is about fifty. The materials for the making of  
brass



brass are all at hand. The copper shot and clippings are from the adjacent works, the calamine from our own mines, and the charcoal from our woods. The art of making brass in early times, is mentioned before at pp. 123, 124. The first patent for the calamine stone, and the use thereof, was granted to *William Humfrey*, and *Christopher Shutz*, dated the 17th of *September*, 1565, at which time the long lost art in these kingdoms began to revive.

IN digging the foundation for the brass melting-houses, Mr. *Donbavand* discovered an antient *Roman* hypocaust, furnished with various flues, with the superincumbent tiles of a fine red color. These artificial hot-baths and sweating-rooms were the greatest luxuries of the *Romans*. This proves that they had a stationary settlement in this place, probably of merchants concerned in the mineral works, which they certainly had on the adjacent mountains, of which I have given an account in p. 122 of this book.

HYPOCAUST.

NOT far from this work, on the east-side of the river, is the great manufactory of brass wire of every denomination. Also here are drawn the square materials for making copper nails, which are formed by the common process of beating and heading. This work has a head of twenty-three feet, which is capable, by means of an extensive pool, that may be formed above, of having a very large work built on the now vacant spot.

WIRE-WORK.

AT a small distance to the south, a most magnificent cotton-work soars, like the tower of *Babel*, above all the lower buildings. I shall here only say, that about ten weeks before its completion, nothing but a void appeared before me: at the expiration of that space, in another ride I took, I cannot express my astonishment at seeing the enormous mass risen, as if by magic, out of the ground.

COTTON-WORK.



ground. It was erected in the summer of 1785: is thirty-six yards long, ten yards wide, and six stories high, and is worked with a water-wheel eighteen feet high, and seven feet wide, with a fall of water of sixteen feet.

NEW ROLLING  
MILL.

AT some distance beyond this is the NEW ROLLING MILL, erected in 1787\*. The largest and most commodious building, for the purpose it is applied to, of any in the kingdom. Its area within the walls measures eighty-six feet in length, by sixty-nine in breadth, floored with iron flags. Its height in the center is twenty-eight feet and an half. The roof is single, and covered with copper, supported in the center by two pillars, eleven feet and a half distant from each other; on their tops are transverse timbers supporting one end of each beam which more immediately sustains the roof, the other end resting on the wall.

THE water-wheels are of cast-iron, upon a curious construction. They are three in number, each of which receives its supply of water, at a height of about forty-five degrees, from an iron-pipe fixed in the bottom of the penstock, and so fitted to the buckets of the wheel, that scarce any water is wasted (of which we are studiously careful.) Wheels so receiving their water are called *breast-wheels*, of which kind I believe all the wheels on this stream are, excepting that belonging to the corn-mill, and another at this company's brass-works, which is used for grinding calamine; the water by that mode of delivery communicating the most powerful impulse, and the most steady motion. The iron-wheels here are twenty feet diameter, and they will, when unclogged with

\* This is superintended by Mr. *Joseph Thomas*, to whom I am indebted for the account.



heavy weights, perform twenty revolutions in a minute. Now if we suppose a wheel of that diameter moving upon a plane with the same rapidity with which it revolves on its axis, it will, in a year, describe a line nearly equal in length to five circles of our globe at the equator. The yard and reservoir of water pertaining to this noble manufactory are suitable to its magnitude, and by much the most spacious on the *Holywell* stream.

THE number of men employed here are about forty-six.

## R E M A R K S.

1st. IT is a certain fact that the people constantly employed in the copper-manufactories are as healthy, and arrive to as great an age, as the generality of people employed in other occupations not connected with fire or metal; but they are scrupulous observers of the antient law, which forbade to eat with unwashen hands; and they find it highly necessary to perform a careful ablu- tion of the whole body at least once a week, to rub off the copper dust, which adheres to their bodies, and occasions violent eruptions of a green color, evincing, by the tinge, their origin. The pain and symptoms are easily removed by washing with clean water; but if that is neglected, the consequences become serious, and even to require chirurgical assistance.

2d. YOUNG dogs, which have acquired a habit of licking copper sheets or bars, have never been known to survive long. The metallic virus by that means conveyed into the intestines soon destroys the animal by violent purging.

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3d. YET



3d, YET it may deserve notice, that the writer of these hints having formerly kept a great number of poultry running about the yard, he observed that the fowls preferred drinking the water from a shallow copper pan that lay out of doors, and was generally full of rain-water, tinged of a deep green color, to fresh clear water, of which there was abundance. No ill effect was ever known to have happened to them from the green water, though a succession of poultry resorted to it for years.

THE writer of this having been employed on the spot, from the first opening of the ground for the foundations of the mill and other buildings, found frequent proofs that the surface of the land had formerly been about fourteen or sixteen feet lower than at the time the buildings were erected. His inducements to form that opinion were,

1st. THAT though the soil contained many large pebbles throughout its whole depth, yet at the depth of twelve to sixteen or eighteen feet, grey pebbles of large size were every where found in great abundance, and mixed with sand or gravel, just as they appear on the shelving shores of many rivers.

2d. AT the depth of fifteen feet, under the wood where the warehouse now stands, the head of a battle-axe was picked up. The writer not chancing to be on the spot when it was taken up, could gather no information whether any part of the handle remained, but supposes not. He was shewn the spot where it lay, and measured fifteen feet to the surface.

3d. AND the most decisive proof is, that, after cutting down an oak-tree of pretty large girth, and afterwards clearing away the root, in digging still deeper, for the foundation of the present  
warehouse,



warehouse, the workmen found a lime-kiln, of very small dimension, perhaps it would contain half a ton of lime-stone, but perfect, and having calcined lime in its basin. It was constructed of the same kind of red sand-stone as that now below *Wepre*. The bottom of that kiln now forms the lowest foundation of the north-east corner of the warehouse, which is nearly level with the surface of the cotton-mill-pool below it.

IMMEDIATELY above the last are the works under the superintendency of Mr. *Daniel Donbavand*, who with great civility informed me of their origin, and consequent improvements. These are on the site of the brass-battery-mills, built in the year 1765, and set to work 20th *Sept.* 1766. The first brass made at *Greenfield*, was on the 20th *August*, 1766, then held by Mess. *Patten and Co.* Since *January* 1786 they have been in the hands of *Thomas Williams, esq.* and Co. under the firm of *The Greenfield Copper and Brass Company*, who have very much improved them by various erections, so as to enable them to finish goods for *Africa*, *America*, and most other markets, viz. brass *Neptunes*, or large pans, in which the negroes make salt; pans for getting the gold out of their rivers, and for various other purposes; kettles; brass and copper rods; bright and black *manillas*—the first are rings for ornaments to the arms and legs, the last for the current money of the country. The last are not unlike the golden bracelets of the antient *Britons*, the ends turned up and flatted; and add to these various sorts of *latten*, brass, &c. for mathematical instruments, &c. &c.

GREENFIELD  
COPPER AND  
BRASS COMPANY.

THE word *latten* is applied to works in brass, with which, for certain purposes, is an admixture of any other metal. Some-



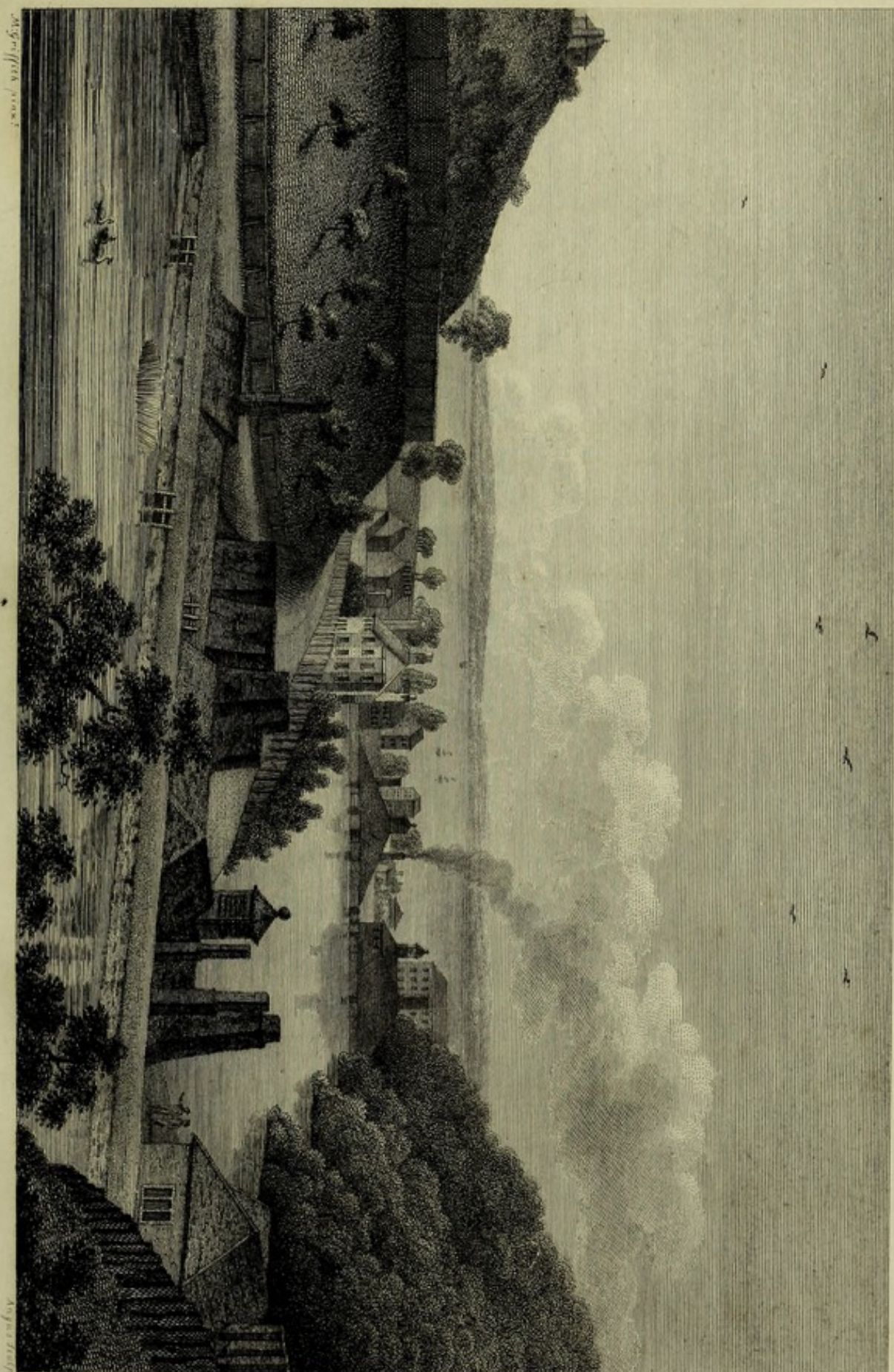
times it is made a synonym of brass itself. *Watson's Essays*, IV. 70. and in the same page: and *Stringer*, in his *Opera Mineralia Explicata*, p. 34. gives us the qualities of the said *latten*, as explained in the patent of 7th *Elizabeth* to *Humphrey* and *Shutz*, above-mentioned, which was granted to *Shutz* for ‘ his great cunning, ‘ knowlege and experience, as well in the finding the calamine ‘ stone, called in *Latin*, *lapis calaminaris*, and in the right and ‘ proper commodity thereof, for the composition of mixed metal, commonly called *latten*, and in reducing it to be soft and ‘ malleable, and also in apting, manuring, and working the same ‘ for and into all sorts of battery wares, cast-work, and wire, ‘ and also in the mollifying and manuring of iron, and drawing ‘ and forging of the same into wire and plates for the making of armor, and also for divers other needful and profitable ‘ uses.’

THE word *latten* is also used for a distinct metal, as appears by two patents, one of the 30th *Henry VI.* to his chaplain and controller of all his mines of gold, &c. in *Devon* and *Cornwal*, (see *Stringer*, p. 20.) ; the other in the patent of 10th *Elizabeth*, (see *Watson*, iv. 70.) both which mention mines of *latten*. But, as the Bishop observes, whatever the name did mean, it is now lost. I can only say, that calamine does appear in so many, and so different forms, that the application might have been to one of them, since the qualities seem to have been the same.

THE head of water to these mills is about  $21\frac{1}{2}$  feet; and the superficial surface of the pool or reservoir, about 70,696 feet.

ALL





## COPPER &amp; BRASS WORKS.

*Published as the site directs, June 10, 1796, by M. J. M. M.*







ALL the pools belonging to the several works are well stocked with trout brought from the river *Wheeler*, which flows beneath *Caerwis*. They grow to a vast size : I have heard of one which had been taken in the brass mill-pool, which weighed between eleven pounds and twelve pounds, but those over-grown fish do not equal in flavor those of an inferior size. The three-spined stickle-back, (*Br. Zool.* iii. N° 229.) a little fish, seldom of the length of two inches, abound in this stream, but especially in the stiller parts, where the water has been confined for the use of the works. Eels are the only fish, besides these, found in these waters.

THOSE beautiful birds, the kingfishers, are very frequent about these waters, and almost dazzle the eye in their frequent transitions from place to place.

THIS work was erected in the spring of 1790, is twenty-six yards by ten wide, and is six stories high. It is worked by a water-wheel, fifteen feet high, and ten feet wide, with a fall of water of thirteen feet and a half. This work makes a noble figure on the stream, is ornamented with a handsome cupola, with a fine gilden crescent on the top, from which it receives its name. CRESCENT-MILL.

A CORN-MILL stood on part of the site of this mill. On the stream had been, within these few years, a tilting-mill, under the direction of Mr. *William Smalley*, which has since been removed to *Avon Wen*, below *Caerwis*; and a wire-mill on an extensive scale has been erected on the *Wheeler*, at a small distance from the tilting-mill, in the beautiful vale of *Maes Mynnan*. CORN-MILL.

A LITTLE



OLD COTTON-  
MILL.

A LITTLE beyond the crescent-mill, is the *Old Cotton Mill*, or that which was first known on the stream. It was erected in the spring of the year 1777, by Mr. *John Smalley*, of *Preston*, in *Lancashire*. He died *January* 28th, 1782, aged 53, and was interred in *Whiteford* church-yard. On his tomb mention is made of his having at *Holywell* established the cotton-works. This mill is small and low, is 33 yards long, 8 yards wide, and only three stories high, and is worked by a water-wheel 15 feet high, and 5 feet wide, with a fall of water of 11 feet 6 inches.

MR. *John Smalley*, senior, had long been engaged in a cotton-work at *Cromford*, near *Matlock*, in *Derbyshire*, unhappily within the baleful influence of a tyrant rival, which forced him to seek the protection of *St. Wenefrede*, under which he prospered, and his children still prosper, blessing the benefit of the change made by their injured parent.

GREATEST COT-  
TON-MILL.

A LITTLE way above this mill is the largest and most magnificent of any on the water. It was erected in the autumn of the year 1783, in the space of six weeks from laying the foundation-stone. It is 40 yards long, 10 yards wide, and 6 stories high, and is lighted by a hundred and ninety-eight sash windows, which nightly exhibit a most glorious illumination. It is worked by a water-wheel 20 feet high, and 7 feet wide, with a fall of water of 20 feet.

ALL the cotton-mills on the river go under the name of the *Cotton Twist* Company. It is to Mr. *Christopher Smalley*, one of the partners, and eldest son to the founder of these great manufactories, I am obliged for the account of what relates to them.





TWO UPPER COTTON WORKS.

*Published as directed by the Hon. Board of Commissioners.*







THE cotton-twist company have between three and four hundred apprentices, which they clothe and feed themselves, in commodious houses built for that purpose, the boys and girls in separate houses. These houses are white-washed twice every year, are fumigated three times a week through every apartment, with smoak of tobacco; besides this the sleeping-rooms are washed twice a week, and the bed-stocks are frequently sprinkled with rectified oil of tar. All the windows in the sleeping-rooms open at the tops, by which a thorough draft of air is admitted during the whole time the children are at work. To these and other precautions the good state of health of so many children may be justly attributed; for though the number of apprentices have not been less than 300 for these seven years past, they have only buried seven. Their food for dinner is beef or pork and potatoes three or four times a week, the other days herrings and potatoes, or soup and bread and cheese, as much as they please to eat. Their breakfasts and suppers in summer is milk and bread; in the winter, when milk cannot be had, they drink porridge or broth, with bread and cheese. A surgeon is appointed to superintend their health; and a *Sunday* school is regularly attended by a master at each house.

OUR little children sleep three in a bed, the larger sizes only two; and those who work in the night are so far from succeeding each other in the same beds, that they do not even sleep in the same rooms.



## COTTON-TWIST COMPANY.

The number of men employed at <i>Greenfield</i> , are	-	above 100
women and children,	-	above 500
At <i>Northop</i> ,	-	49
At <i>Denbigh</i> ,	-	140
At <i>Skyviog</i> ,	-	36
At <i>Newmarket</i> ,	-	above 100
Apprentices,	-	above 300
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Total	-	1225
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COTTON wool is produced in the *East* and *West Indies*, and also in many other places. The *Isle of Bourbon*, in the *East Indies*, furnishes the best; the next to this in quality, grows in the *Portuguese* settlements in *South America*, from whence it is exported to *Lisbon*, and imported from thence to *England* in *British* bottoms, duty-free. If in foreign bottoms, a penny *per* pound is paid. About fifteen years ago, not more than five hundred bags were cultivated in the *Brazils*; but of late years, on an average, fifty thousand. The *Dutch* settlements, say *Berbice* and *Surinam*, supply a considerable quantity of good cotton, and comes to this country better cleaned than any other.

THE cotton-plant grows naturally in *China* and *India*. The cultivation travelled westward into *Arabia*, *Persia*, and the *Levant*. It is also cultivated in the province of *Valencia*, in *Spain*, with vast success. On the plains of that rich province, in good years, about four hundred and fifty thousand *arrobas* (of 26 lb. each) are harvested. I suppose all this to be manufactured in *Spain*, at least I do not hear of any being imported into our kingdoms.

COTTON



COTTON twist is spun here of 130 hanks to the pound. Each hank is 840 yards long, so that one pound of cotton thread thus fine will be 62 miles 80 yards long. The new principle (for it is not yet 30 years old) by which cotton wool is made so perfect a thread, is by the use of iron-rollers moving horizontally; their speed is governed by brass wheels of different sizes and numbers, calculated to produce what fineness is wanted; the twist required is given by the flier and spindle. The cotton-twist made here is sent chiefly into *England* and *Scotland*, to be woven into ginghams, muslins, muslinets, dimities, nankeens, fine calicoes, fustians, &c. &c. which goods, when finished, are either admitted or smuggled into every part of the known world. It is introduced into every part of the *Russian* dominions, and even into the distant *Kamt-schatka*.

A NUMBER of machines called *Mules* are also used here with success: this machine is a compound of the water-engine and the spinning-jenny, and being of a mixed breed, was, I presume, the reason of its being so named. It is a machine particularly adapted to the spinning of fine yarns, and far exceeds every other yet discovered for that purpose.

MULES.

THE last mill on the river is a corn-mill: a large building erected by the cotton-twist company, instead of the old one; and of another which stood a little lower down, on the site of which stands part of the great cotton-mill.

CORN-MILL.

THE length of the stream, from the fountain to the marsh, is one mile and two hundred and thirty-four yards. The following are the number of falls, from the level of the marsh to the spring-head:

LENGTH OF THE  
STREAM.

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Parys



## NUMBER OF FALLS.

		Heads.	Surface of Pools.
		Feet.	Feet.
<i>Parys</i> Mine Company, -	Copper forge, -	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	54,842
Old Copper forge <i>Greenfield</i> ,	Copper & Brass C <sup>o</sup> ,	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	23,664
<i>Parys</i> Mine Company, -	Copper rolling-mill,	21 $\frac{3}{4}$	40,068
<i>Parys</i> Mine Company, -	Copper wire-mill, -	23	
Lower cotton-mill, -	Cotton & twist C <sup>o</sup> -	28	131,670
<i>Greenfield</i> Copper & Brass C <sup>o</sup>	Copper rolling-mill,	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	112,028
<i>Greenfield</i> Copper & Brass C <sup>o</sup>	Brass battery mills,	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	70,696
Cotton Twist Company, -	Crescent cotton-mills	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	
D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	Old cotton-mill, -	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	
D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	Upper cotton-mill,	20	
D <sup>o</sup> - - - - -	Corn-mill to spring-		
	head, - -	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Total feet - -		202 $\frac{3}{4}$	

LET me conclude with remarking the vast population these companies have brought to the townships of *Holywell* and *Greenfield*. In respect to the first, there is no great increase of building; but the latter has of late years received such an addition in works and in houses, that almost the whole is a continued series of edifices of different kinds, from the upper corn-mill quite to the sea-side. Among them are a hundred and seventy-seven houses for workmen of different occupations, of which few indeed have been erected beyond my memory.

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THE origin of this useful stream is discovered at the foot of the steep hill, beneath the town of *Holywell*, or *Treffynnon*, to which it gave the name. The spring boils with vast impetuosity out of a rock, and is confined in a beautiful polygonal well, covered with a rich arch, supported by pillars \*. The roof is most exquisitely carved in stone. Immediately over the fountain is the legend of *St. Wenefrede*, on a pendent projection, with the arms of *England* at the bottom. Numbers of fine ribs secure the arch, whose interfections are coupled with a sculpture.

SOME are mere works of fancy ; grotesque figures of animals : but the rest allude chiefly to the *Stanley* family. This building, and the chapel over it, rose from the piety of that great house, which left these memorials of its benefactions : there are besides some marks of the illustrious donors ; for example, the profile of *Margaret*, mother to *Henry VII.* and that of her husband the earl of *Derby*, cut on the same stone.

THE compliments to the *Stanleys*, are very frequent. The wolf's head is the arms of the earls of *Chester* : it is inclosed in a garter, in respect to Sir *William Stanley*, knight of that order, who had been chamberlain of that city, and justiciary of *North Wales*. The tun with a plant issuing out of it, is a *rebus*, the arms of his wife *Elizabeth Hopton*, allusive to her name. This proves, that the building was erected before 1495, in which year Sir *William* lost his head. The other badges of the same house are, the stag's head ; the eagle's leg ; and the three legs, the arms of the isle of *Man*.

\* Mr. *John Ingleby* has engraven a print of this elegant building, from a drawing by himself, which is sold by Mr. *Cairns*, bookfeller, *Holywell*.



## ST. WENEFREDE'S WELL.

WE also find, that *Catherine* of *Arragon*, widow to prince *Arthur*, and afterwards the unfortunate wife of his brother *Henry VIII.* was a benefactress to this building; at least her arms appear here: three pomegranates in a shield, surmounted with a crown; the badge of the house of *Granada*, in memory of the expulsion of the *Moors*, by her father *Ferdinand*\*. The eagle seems also to belong to her, being one of the supporters of the arms of her family.

OVER one of the lesser arches, on each side of the well, are the dragon and gre-hound, the supporters of the arms of *England* during the reign of *Henry VII.* and part of that of *Henry VIII.* The first was born by *Henry VII.* as a badge of the house of *Tudor*, which derived itself from *Cadwalader*, last king of *Britain*, who bore on his ensign a red dragon. *Henry*, in imitation of him, at the battle of *Bosworth* carried on his standard a red dragon, painted on white and green silk; which afterwards gave rise to the office of *Rouge-dragon* among the heralds.

ON one side of a wall that supports the roof, was painted the tale of the tutelar saint; at present almost defaced: over it is inscribed, *in honorem Sanctæ Wenefredæ, V. & M.*

IN another wall is an elegant nich, in which stood a statue of the *Virgin Mary*; pulled down, as I have been informed, in the year 1635.

I HAVE also heard, that there had been another of *St. Wenefrede*. To grace the image on high festivals, it is probable, that *Isabel*, countess of *Warwick*, widow to the great *Richard*

\* *Sandford's Geneal.* 475.



*Beauchamp*, left to St. *Wenefrede*, in 1439, her gown of russet velvet\*.

CHAPEL.

OVER this spring is a chapel, of the same date with the other building: a neat piece of gothic architecture; but in a very ruinous state. The east end is a pentagon, and had five windows with elegant tracery. The top arched, and crossed with neat slender ribs. It had been open to the body of the chapel; but the fine arch which formed the division, has been bricked up a great number of years ago. On one side of the body is an oblong recess, divided from it by three arches, supported by pillars; and within is a window impending over the well. Under the centre window must have stood the altar. The whole length of the chapel is fifty-two feet: the breadth is twenty. The recess is twenty-six feet long, and eight broad. The roof is neat wood-work. This had been a free chapel, in the gift of the bishop, with the reserve of a stipend to the chapter; but the rest of the offerings were to be expended on the chapel. In *Richard III.*'s time, the abbot and convent had from the crown ten marks *yerely, for the sustentacione and salarie of a prieste, at the chapelle of St. Wynefride*†. The chapel is the property of *Daniel Leo*, esquire, in right of his wife *Lætitia*, sister to the late *John Davies*, esquire, of *Llanerch*.

THE following order, for putting the chapel over the well into possession of a clergyman of the church of *Rome*,

\* *Dugdale's Warwickshire*, I. 414.

† *Harleian MSS.* N° 433. 338.

was



## ST. WENEFREDE'S CHAPEL.

was addressed to Sir *Roger Mostyn*, baronet, by the queen of *James II.*

Sir ROGER MOSTYN.

IT having pleased the king, by his royall grant, to bestow upon me y<sup>e</sup> antient chappell adjoining to St. *Winifride's* well; these are to desire you to give present possession, in my name, of the said chappell, to Mr. *Thomas Roberts*, who will deliver this letter into y<sup>r</sup> hands. It being also my intention to have the place decently repaired, and put to a good use, I further desire, that you will afford him your favour and protection, that he may not be disturbed in the performance thereof. You may rest assured, that what you do herein, according to my desire, shall be very kindly remembered by

MAY y<sup>e</sup> 8th, 1687.  
WHITEHALL.

Your good frind,  
MARY: REGINA.

## FREE SCHOOL.

IN this chapel is kept the free-school for sixteen boys, with a settled salary, from money laid out at interest, of 10*l.* *per annum*. The vicar appoints the master, which, as far as I recollect, has been a clergyman, excepting in one instance.

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

BESIDES the *Sunday* school, where the cotton-company's apprentices are instructed, there is another parochial one kept in the chapel over the well. This is supported by a general subscription through the parish; and about seventy poor children are instructed by proper masters, in reading, writing and arithmetick. The copper and brass companies are handsome subscribers, but they



they send only a few adults, to be instructed in matters, their more advanced years make them capable of learning.

THIS room has been used as the hall for holding both the great and the quarter sessions. I remember *Matthew Skinner*, esquire, chief justice of *Chester*, holding the assizes there; and I also recollect a quarter sessions: the hall having been properly fitted up for the purpose. But the distance from the center of the county was found so inconvenient, that after these instances they were removed to *Flint*, and finally to *Mold*, where they still continue.

THE window in this chapel impends a vast height over the bathing well. Several persons (not in their sober senses) have leaped into the water, without receiving any other damage than the smart caused by the dashing on the surface from their exalted station. Within my memory, one *John Blackwall*, of *Llanafaph*, took a far more desperate leap into the same water, from the church-yard wall, almost adjoining to the chapel. The leap would have been great, had it been on level ground. Here, had he not reached the water, the consequence would have been, that of being dashed to pieces on the flags.

CHAPEL WINDOW.

THE bathing-well is an oblong, 38 feet by 16, with steps for the descent of the fair-sex, or of invalids. Near the steps, two feet beneath the water, is a large stone, called the *wishing-stone*. It receives many a kiss from the faithful, who are supposed never to fail in experiencing the completion of their desires, provided the wish is delivered with full devotion and confidence.

ON the outside of the great well, close to the road, is a small spring, once famed for the cure of weak eyes. The patient made an offering to the nymph of the spring, of a crooked pin, and sent

LITTLE SPRING.



sent up at the same time a certain ejaculation, by way of charm; but the charm is forgotten, and the efficacy of the waters lost.

THE well is common; for I find by a decision of the court of chancery, on a law-suit respecting the lordship of *Holywell*, between Sir *John Egerton*, knight, and *John Eldred*; chancellor *Ellesmere* decrees, ‘ That on calling to mind, that within the  
‘ said manor there is a fountain or well of antient and worthy  
‘ memory, he doth not think fit that the petitioner, or any  
‘ other, should have the property thereof, notwithstanding the  
‘ general words of the grant of the manor: and therefore his  
‘ lordship doth order, that notwithstanding the said grant, that  
‘ the well shall continue as now it is, or heretofore hath been;  
‘ saving to the petitioner, and his heirs and assigns, the benefit  
‘ of the stream and watercourse, with the appertainances.’

THERE are two different opinions about the origin of this stream. One party makes it miraculous: the other asserts it to be owing only to natural causes. The advocates for the first, deliver their tale thus:

OF SAINT WENE-  
FREDE.

IN the seventh century lived a virgin of the name of *Wenefrede*, of noble parents; her father’s name was *Thewith*, a potent lord in the parts where *Holywell* now stands; her mother’s *Wenlo*, descended from an antient family in *Montgomeryshire*, and sister to *St. Beuno*. *Beuno* assumed the monastic habit, retired to *Clynnog*, in *Caernarvonshire*, where he built a church and founded a convent. After completing this work of piety, he visited his relations in *Flintshire*; and obtaining from his brother-in-law a little spot at the foot of the hill on which he resided, erected on it a church, and took under his care his niece *Wenefrede*. It is probable



bable that the saint used occasionally to make some residence in this country; for near the entrance of the dingle, opposite to the great cotton-work, are two small fields, called to this day *Gerddi Saint Beuno*, or the gardens of St. *Beuno*.

A NEIGHBORING prince of the name of *Cradocus*, son of king *Alen*, was struck with her beauty, and at all events determined to gratify his desires. He made known his passion to the lady; who, affected with horror, attempted to escape. The wretch, enraged at the disappointment, instantly pursued her, drew out his sabre, and cut off her head. *Cradocus* instantly received the reward of his crime: he fell down dead, and the earth opening, swallowed his impious corps. *Higden*, in his *Polychronicon*, adds, that even the descendants of this monster were visited with horrible judgments, to be expiated only by a visit to this well, or to the bones of the saint at *Salop*.

Ad *Basingwerk* fons oritur  
Qui satis vulgo dicitur.  
Et tantis bullis scaturit  
Quod mox, injecta, rejicit.  
Tam magnum flumen procreat  
Ut *Cambriæ* sufficiat.  
Ægri qui dant rogamina  
Reportant medicamina.  
Rubro guttatos lapides  
In scatebris reperies

In signum sacri sanguinis,  
QUEM VENEFREDÆ virginis  
Guttur truncatum fuderat.  
Qui scelus hoc patraverat,  
Ac nati, ac nepotuli  
Latrant ut canum catuli  
Donec sanctæ suffragium  
Poscant ad hunc fonticulum:  
Vel ad urbem *Salopiæ*  
Ubi quiescit hodie \*.

THE severed head took its way down the hill, and stopt near the church. The valley, which, from its uncommon dryness,

\* *Gale's Script.* III. 190.



was heretofore called *Sych nant*, now lost its name. A spring of uncommon size burst from the place where the head rested. The moss on its sides diffused a fragrant smell \*. Her blood spotted the stones, which, like the flowers of *Adonis*, annually commemorate the fact, by assuming colors unknown to them at other times.

Luctus monumenta manebunt  
Semper *Adoni*, mei: repetitaque mortis imago  
Annua plangoris peraget simulamina nostri.

For thee, blest maid, my tears, my endless pain  
Shall in immortal monuments remain.  
The image of thy death each year renew;  
And prove my grief, to distant ages, true.

ST. BEUNO took up the head, carried it to the corps, and, offering up his devotions, joined it nicely to the body, which instantly reunited. The place was visible only by a slender white line encircling her neck, in memory of a miracle, which surpassed far that worked by St. *Dionysius*, who marched in triumph after decapitation, with his head in his hands, from *Mont martre* to St. *Dennis's* †; or that of St. *Adelbertus*, who, in like circumstances, swam across the *Vistula*.

To conclude: St. *Wenefrede* survived her decollation fifteen years. She died at *Gwytherin* in *Denbighshire*, where her bones

\* Life of St. *Wenefrede*, from which the materials for this part are mostly taken.

† Histoire de l'abbaye de St. *Denys*, 76.



rested till the reign of king *Stephen*, when, after divine admonition, they were surrendered to the abby of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* at *Shrewsbury*. The memory of the two great events, that of her first death is celebrated on the 22d of *June*: that of her translation the 3d of *November*.

THE first *Sunday* after St. *James's* day is also kept in honor of certain saints; (probably St. *Wenefrede* and St. *Beuno*) not with prayers or with holy masses, but in every species of frolick and excess. It originated in the *Romish* church: but I clear that congregation from being concerned in any part of the orgies; which are, I fear, celebrated by persons of our own religion only, who flock here on that day for most unfaintly ends. The day is called *Dydd ful y Saint*, or the *Sunday of the Saints*. I wish I could trace the primæval ceremonies, and whether one might not have been the *Druidical* custom, the *Deiseal*, or *Deisol*, or turning from the east to the west, according to the course of the sun. In some of the western isles the custom is still preserved with great devotion. *Deas* signifies the right hand, and *ful* the sun, from the ceremony being performed with the right hand always next to the circle, cairn, or whatsoever they surround\*. It is possible that this custom might have been applied to our faint, and the words *Deiseil*, or *Deisol*, corrupted for that purpose for *Dydd-fol*, for giving particular sanction to the *Sunday* in question.

DYDD SUL Y  
SAINT.

A FRATERNITY and gild was established in honor of our faint at *Shrewsbury*. It had its common seal, which, through the

AN ANTIENT  
SEAL.

\* See more in the learned *Boylas's Antiquities of Cornwall*, 124 to 126.



kindness of my friend, Mr. *Henry Levingston*, is now in my possession. It is of copper, of the form expressed in plate VI. of Vol. I. of my *Tour in Wales*. In the center is a representation of the martyrdom; above is a cross in form of a T, placed between the letters *T. m.* which mark the time when the fraternity was instituted, during the abbacy of *Thomas Mynde*; who was elected in 1459, and died in 1499, a period in which these religious societies were much in fashion. The T or cross refers to the church of *St. Cross* within this monastery. Beneath are probably the arms of the house, a sword and a key, symbols of its tutelar apostles; and round the margin is this inscription:

Sigillū cōe Ffraternitat beate Wenefride virginis  
ī ecclīa scē cruc ī: fra monaster. scī Petri Salopie.

A bell belonging to the church was also christened in honor of her. I cannot learn the names of the gossips, who, as usual, were doubtlessly rich persons. On the ceremony, they all laid hold of the rope; bestowed a name on the bell; and the priest sprinkling it with holy water, baptized it in the name of the Father, &c. &c\*. He then clothed it with a fine garment: after this the gossips gave a grand feast, and made great presents, which the priest received in behalf of the bell. Thus blessed, it was endowed with great powers; allayed (on being rung) all storms; diverted the thunder-bolt; drove away evil spi-

\* *Stavelly's Hist. Churches*, 130.



rits. These consecrated bells were always inscribed. The inscription on that in question ran thus :

*Sancta Wenefreda, Deo hoc commendare memento,  
Ut pietate sua, nos fervet ab hoste cruento.*

And a little lower was another address :

*Protege Prece pia, quos convoco, virgo Maria.*

AFTER her death, her sanctity, says her historian, was proved by numberless miracles. The waters were almost as sanative as those of the pool of *Bethesda* : all infirmities incident to the human body met with relief ; the votive crutches, the barrows, and other proofs of cures, to this moment remain as evidences pendent over the well. The saint is equally propitious to Protestants and Catholics ; for among the offerings are to be found these grateful testimonies from the patients of each religion.

THE Holy Father gave all encouragement to the piety of pilgrims to frequent this fountain. Pope *Martin V.* \* in the reign of *Henry V.* furnished the abbey of *Basingwerk* with pardons and indulgences, to sell to the devotees. These were renewed again in the reign of queen *Mary*, by the interest of *Thomas Goldwell* bishop of *St. Asaph* †, who fled into *Italy* on the accession of *Elizabeth*. Multitudes of offerings flowed in ; marks of gratitude from such who had received benefit by intercession of the virgin.

\* *Selden's* notes on *Michael Drayton*, 289.

† *Powell's* notes on *Girald*.

*Cambr.* 874. Mr. *Addison* says he saw his picture at *Ravenna*, in the convent of *Theatins*, among the eminent men of that order.



THE resort of pilgrims of late years to these *Fontanalia* has considerably decreased; the greatest number are from *Lancashire*. In the summer, still a few are to be seen in the water in deep devotion up to their chins for hours, sending up their prayers, or performing a number of evolutions round the polygonal well; or threading the arch between well and well a prescribed number of times. I am sorry to say that this excess of piety has cost several devotees their lives. Few people of rank at present honor the fountain with their presence. A crowned head in the last age dignified the place with a visit. The prince who lost three kingdoms for a mass, payed his respects, on *August 29th 1686*, to our saint; and received as a reward a present of the very shift in which his great-grand-mother *Mary Stuart* lost her head\*. This prince gave, in the course of his progress, as marks of his favor, golden rings, with his hair platted beneath a crystal. I have seen one, which he had bestowed on a *Roman Catholic* priest of a neighboring family. The majority of devotees are of the fair sex, attracted hither to commemorate the martyrdom of *St. Wenefrede*, as those of the East did the death of the *Cyprian* favorite,

Whose annual wound in *Lebanon* allur'd  
The *Syrian* damsels to deplore his fate  
In woeful ditties all the summer's day;  
While smooth *Adonis* from his native rock  
Ran purple to the sea, supposed with blood  
Of *Thammuz* yearly wounded.

\* The late Doctor Cooper of *Chester's MSS.*

WE,



WE, whose ancestors, between two and three centuries ago, abridged our faith to the mere contents of the Old and New Testament, and to the creed called the *Apostles*, do not think the belief in the above, and other legends, requisite. I refer the reader to the arguments used by the antiquary Doctor *Powel*, in his notes on the Itinerary of *Giraldus Cambrensis*, and to Bishop *Fleetwood's* annotations on the life of the saint, for proofs against the truth of the tale: but with Protestants, and temperate Catholics, it carries with it self-confutation.

THE waters are indisputably endowed with every good quality attendant on cold baths; and multitudes have here experienced the good effects that thus result from natural qualities, implanted in the several parts of matter by the divine Providence, in order to fulfil his will. Heaven for a short period deigned to convince a dark and obdurate age with a series of miracles; which were delivered down to succeeding times, as incontestible proofs of the reality of the divine mission. Without them, a sufficient ground of trust and reliance upon the Supreme Being has long since been established. Second causes innumerable are dispersed throughout the universe, subordinate to the FIRST. Every element proves to us a medicine or a bane, as suits His unerring dispensation. We cannot want, we cannot have the mediation of poor departed mortals. The supposition would be bestowing on them the attributes of the Deity; omnipresence and omniscience.

SOME eminent botanists of my acquaintance have reduced the sweet moss, and the bloody stains, to mere vegetable productions, far from being peculiar to our fountain. The first is that.



that kind of moss called *Jungermannia Asplenoides*, Fl. Angl. 509, *Tour in Wales*, vol. i. tab. 6. imperfectly described and figured by *Dillenius*, in his history of mosses; which induced us to give a new engraving of it. This species is also found in another holy well in *Caernarvonshire*, called *Ffynnon Llanddeiniolen*, in a parish of the same name.

THE other is a *Byssus*, likewise odoriferous: common to *Lapland*, and to other countries besides our own. It adheres to stones in form of fine velvet. *Linnaeus* calls it *Byssus Jolithus*\*, or the violet-smelling. He says, the stone to which it adheres easily betrays itself by the color, being as if smeared with blood; and if rubbed, yields a smell like violets. *Micheli*, in his *Genera* of plants, mentions the same†; and *Schwenckfelt* discovered it among the vegetables of *Silesia*. He calls it a *muscus subrubeus*, and informs us, that the smell is grateful to the heart; and that if put among clothes, it gives them a good scent, and serves to drive away moths‡. *Linnaeus* says ||, that it is of use in eruptive disorders. The *Conserva Gelatinosa*, Syst. Pl. iv. 591. Fl. Scot. ii. 986, is found in the same well.

INSECTS DESTRUCTIVE TO THE  
OAKEN WATER  
WHEELS.

A SPECIES of moss is apt to vegetate on the oaken wheels of several of the mills of this stream. These give shelter to multitudes of *animalculæ*. These, it is probable, eat into the timber, and occasion the ill fame our river has obtained of having a corrosive quality. Mr. *William Chambers*, of *Holywell*, has assured me that he has seen the penstock and contiguous parts, which lie

\* Syst. Pl. iv. 595.—Fl. Lap. 369. N° 528.

† Gen. 210. tab. 89. fig. 3.

‡ Cat. Stirp. Ec. Silesiæ, 382.

|| As quoted by Baron *Haller*, N° 2090.

always



always under water, in some parts pierced with a few holes, in others eaten quite thorough; and that the planks appeared, after the moss was separated, as if consumed by the wet rot. He adds, that the moss first adheres to the oaken planks, and then it is that the small grubs eat into them; and in some parts quite penetrate, so that the moss becomes seemingly the nursery or receptacle of the grubs. The method used to preserve the wheels, was by scraping the moss off annually.

THIS account is corroborated by Mr. *Robert Tart*, a very intelligent master-carpenter, who says, that the wheels made of the best oak are destroyed remarkably soon by the *Holywell* stream. A wheel which ought to have lasted thirty years, has here been known to become unfit for use in about twelve. Mr. *Tart* recommends wheels made of pine or red deal, and that the surface of the wheels be paid with pitch, tar, and ruddle; but even this has proved ineffectual, for the water occasions the mixture soon to peel away. Mr. *Donbavand* was so sensible of the evil, as to substitute, instead of timber, wheels of cast-iron in the works which he superintends.

EDWARD DAVIES, an experienced wheel-wright, aged seventy-five, confirms the above; and adds that red deal perishes in the same manner, but in a much slower degree, by reason of its resinous quality. There have been formerly instances of oaken planks, which had laid long under water, being found as full of holes as if they had been eaten through by *Norway* rats; and were kept as curiosities by the late Messrs. *Barker*, of *Brynmadin*, or *Gadlys*.

ON examination of the *animalcula* which occasion this damage, we found them to be the *eruca* or caterpillars of a certain



insect, which deposite its eggs in the moss, the *Hypnum riparium*, *Flora Scot.* ii. 760. we found them in the state of *eruca*, about a third of an inch long, and of a whitish color.

WE found others arrived to the state of *pupæ* or *chrysalides*, of the same length as the caterpillar, and of a deep brown color. Whether these destructive insects are *ephemeræ*, or *phryganeæ*, of the class of insects which, by a wonderful direction of nature, deposite their eggs in waters of different depths, I cannot ascertain. It is certain that these genera, before they assume the insect form, remain under the water. They from the egg become caterpillars; these caterpillars rest a certain time in shape of *pupæ*, then burst out into flies or insects, after that instantly quit the watery element. In a still day they may be observed to make their appearance, preceded by a bubble: the insect immediately follows, and either takes to the air, or runs along the surface of the water, before it rises into its new habitation.

## CHURCH.

ABOVE the well stands the church, dedicated to St. *Wenefrede*. The parish wakes are celebrated in *November*, the time of her translation. The living, before the dissolution, belonged to the abby of *Basingwerk*; and is a vicarage in the gift of *Jesus College, Oxford*, which nominates; and *Daniel Leo*, esquire, the lay-rector, presents. It was given away by *Robert Davies*, to the college, by deed dated 1626, expressing, that as often as it became vacant, the said *Robert Davies* and his heirs shall freely, and *charitatis intuitu, et absque aliqua morosa cunctatione*, present a native of *Wales*, rightfully and canonically nominated by the college.

IN a letter, dated 26th *October*, 1676, *Mutton Davies*, grandson of the donor, earnestly recommends to the college Mr.

J. Hum-



J. *Humphreys*; adding, 'That by this I do not take upon me in  
' the left to detract from the gift my grandfather made the col-  
' lege, but I glory in the honor to be descended from one who  
' had the happiness to pay such respect to the society.' In ano-  
ther letter, dated *January* following, after thanking the society  
for consenting to his request, he adds, 'I should be as ungrate-  
' ful as disingenuous should I convert your condescension herein  
' to the disadvantage of your society, by attempting hereafter to  
' insinuate a right, when I ought to commemorate a free obliga-  
' tion, which induces me (out of some congruity to my appre-  
' hension) to send my eldest son to deliver this unto your hands,  
' and to gain him the honor of being known unto you, which my  
' ill-fortune hath denied me hitherto, though I covet it very  
' much.'

THE list of the vicars of *Holywell*, from the year 1537 to the  
present time, was communicated to me by my most worthy  
friend, *Lewis* lord bishop of *St. Asaph*. It is entitled, vicars of  
*Holywell, Tre-fynnon, or Ffynnon Gwen-frewi.*

*Maurice ap David*, 1537, d.

*Howel ap David*, Feb. 1542.

*Hugh ap Day*, Feb. 15th, 1555. 1560.

*Owen Hughes*, succeeded 23d March, 1593. 1604.

*Robert Price*, 1608. On his death,

*Evan Lloyd*, A. M. July 1635, on the presentation of *JESUS*  
College.

*John Humphreys*, 1677. On his resignation,

*William Ball*, A. M. May, 1682, on being removed, was



succeeded by,

*Edward Parry*, Aug. 1692. On his death,

*Elifeus Price*, A. M. Feb. 1711. Collated to *Skyviog* July 4th, 1704.—*Ellis Price* was recommended to the college by Sir *Roger Mostyn*, baronet, and, excepting *John Humphreys*, was the only incumbent who was not a fellow of *Jesus College*.

*Benjamin Havard*, B. D. 21st Sept. 1763.

*John Lloyd*, B. D. 22d March, 1773. Collated by the bishop to *Kilken*, 21st Aug. 1782.

AN account of the tythes will be given in the Appendix, with those of *Whiteford* parish.

THIS vicarage even wants a glebe, unless we call the garden to the house by that name. Neither has it any other endowment, unless the share of tithes mentioned in the Appendix, and an acquisition of Queen *Anne's* bounty of two hundred pounds. This, in the time of the Rev. *Ellis Price*, vicar, received the addition of two hundred more, which lay at interest till the last year, when, on the donation of a hundred and fifty pounds from *Jesus College*, the whole was laid out in the purchase of a portion of the waste lands in the parish of *Kilken*. An act had been passed in the year 1793, for the purpose of inclosing the common, dividing it among the freeholders, and selling certain portions to defray the expences of the act, &c. &c. &c. One part was bought with the above sums, and settled on the minister of *Holywell* and his successors, in addition to their income; and by the activity of the present vicar, the ground has already been inclosed, drained, ploughed and sown! The other support of the vicars is the ancient one, ‘*oblaciones altaris*, among which are reckoned the offerings



offerings at burials for the pious use of the priest, and the good estate of the soul of the deceased.' (See *Kennet's Parochial Antiquities, Glossary*.) Those of *Holywell* parish amount, *communibus annis*, to eighty pounds.

THE vicarage house, about the middle of this century, became so ruinous as to be uninhabitable. In a few years it was rebuilt by the piety of two brothers, *Thomas* and *John Barker*, of *Brynmadyn*, agents to the great smelting-company at *Gadlys*, who bequeathed to the vicar of *Holywell* 400*l.* for the purpose of building a new glebe house at *Holywell*, for him and his successors, on the same spot as that on which the old one stood. It was finished in the year 1760, and, with the adjacent premises, has been considerably improved by the present vicar, the Reverend *John Lloyd*, and made a most comfortable residence.

NOT far distant, at the very foot of the hill, above the well, stands the parish church, placed in that inconvenient situation, out of respect to the guardian saint. It has only one bell, and that not to be heard at any distance; so that the congregation is assembled by a walking steeple, a man with a small bell, who sounds the notice through every street.

THE present church was rebuilt in 1769, on the site of the old, and of the same length and breadth, *viz.* the length sixty-eight feet, the breadth fifty-six. It is difficult to ascertain the antient architecture of this church. Near the entrance, at the west-end, is a door-way, with an obtuse *gothic* arch. The pillars, plain themselves, and with plain capitals, which support the gallery on each side of the nave, are original; and by the specimens given by *Dr. Ducarel*, in his *Norman Antiquities*, tab. xiii. appear to have been

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## THE CHURCH.

been in use among the *Saxons* and the *Normans*. The arches, which might have confirmed my suspicion that the church was built in the *Norman* reign, are taken away, but the style continued till about the year 1200. The church has a nave and two ailes, over which are two handsome galleries; and the whole is supposed to contain three thousand people. It is plain, neat, and calculated for use.

SHOULD it be ever thought necessary to commemorate the repair of the church by an inscription, I would venture to recommend the energetic lines inscribed, on a similar occasion, on a church at *Bristol*, adapting the date and third line to the circumstances of that of *Holywell*.

Hæc compta DEI domus

modo collapsura,

Jam quatuor novis columnis

suffulta et decorata,

Stabilimen et ornamentum

recepit, A. D. 1731.

Firmius stabiliatur precibus

sacramentis, evangelis,

et puritate morum;

Clarius ornetur quotidiano

cœtu Christianorum.

UNDER the chancel are the vaults of the *Mostyns* of *Trelacre*, the *Pennants* of *Bagillt*, and the *Pantons* of *Bagillt*. The late *Edward Pennant*, esquire, on the purchase made by me of part of his estate, promised to me his share of these *eternæ domus*. He died, and the posthumous gift was in the handsomest manner transferred



transferred to me by *Roger Barnston*, esquire, who afterwards possessed the remainder of his fortunes.

IN the chancel is a neat *cenotoph*, in memory of *Mary*, mother to the late *Edward Pennant*, esquire. The inscription does this lady no more than justice:

MONUMENTS.

‘ She was prudent, pious, and charitable; in the midst of misfortunes shewed  
‘ a great example of meekness and humility, of patience and resignation to  
‘ the will of God.’

With the best and most affectionate intent to improve the affairs of her son, she engaged in a partnership with a smelting-company in the neighborhood. The company failed; and the creditors, in an unrelenting manner, pursued the good lady till she was obliged to take shelter in the isle of *Man*; where she died, on the 28th of *February*, 1750, aged forty, and was interred in the church at *Douglas*.

ON the wall of the south aisle is a small monument in memory of the Reverend *Robert Edwards*, a younger son of *Brynford*, rector of *Halkin*, who died *May* 13th, 1694. Above the inscription are the arms of the house, *viz.* field vert, a cheveron between three wolves heads argent, erased, with the lion, the arms of *Tudor Trevor*, empaled. The first denotes the descent of the family of *Brynford* from *Ririd Vlaidd*, lord of *Penllyn*, &c. killed in battle at the latter end of the reign of *Henry II.*

ON the wall at the end of the same aisle, is a flat stone, with twelve quarterings, all faithfully copied from those over the chimney-piece in the dining-parlor at *Moslyn*. This belonged

to



to the *Mostyns* of *Calcoed*, who, by virtue of their descent (of which more in another place) have a right to the first coat. The rest appertain only to Sir *Roger Mostyn*, especially those of *Edwyn*, gained by the marriage of *Jevan* with the heiress of *Mostyn*; those of *Gloddaeth*, gained by the heiress of *Gloddaeth*; and those of *Tregarnedd*, gained by the heiress of *Ednefydd Vychan*: to each of which none could have a right but the *Mostyns* of *Mostyn*, and their heirs. On one side is a shield argent, with four bars azure; in the first, three shieldrakes; in the second and third, two; and in the fourth one: these evidently variations of the coat, (see p. 30.) Beneath is *Hodie mi, cras tibi*. On the other side, beneath the arms of *Philip Phycdan*, is *Virtus semper vivit*.

THE same errors reign in the arms of *Thomas Mostyn*, of *Stokyn*. They are almost the same with the preceding: the date is 1658. I shall not repeat here what I have said at p. 186, of the possessors of *Stokyn*.

ON a pillar in the north aisle are the very same arms over the seat of the *Williams's* of *Trellyniau*, with this motto:

H X P E M

Labe meâ morior, sanguine vivo tuo.

THE arms of *Trellyniau* are those of *Idnerth*, lord of *Maefbrook*, a boar's head in chief, on the arms of *Edwyn*, lord of *Tengyl*. Probably the pillar and the seat had been transferred to the *Williams's* by some descendant from the house of *Tudor Trevor*, perhaps a *Mostyn* of *Hen-Blâs*, in *Brynford*, now the property of Sir *Roger Mostyn*.

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A FOURTH



A FOURTH flat stone, smaller than the preceding, is placed in the wall of the north aisle: on it is inscribed the following epitaph:

Resurrectio mea XTUS.

Hic jacet corpus *Johannis Pennant*, de *Holywell*, Armigeri; que obiit  
xxx. die *Augusti*, 1623.

JOHN PENNANT was second in descent from *Nicholas Pennant*, last abbot of *Basingwerk*; and was married to *Margaret*, daughter of *Hugh Mostyn*, younger son of *Pyers Mostyn*, of *Trelacre*. His arms are the three shieldrakes quarterly with those of Sir *Robert Pounderling*, constable of *Desert* castle, and of Sir *Griffith Llwyd*, mentioned before at p. 31. He was great-grand-father to *Mary Pennant*, who conveyed into our house the *Holywell* and *Merton* Abbot estates, by her marriage with *David Pennant* of *Bychton*.

IN rebuilding the church was found the headless figure of a priest, in his sacerdotal habit, and with a chalice in his hand. He is supposed to have been *Thomas*, second son of *Thomas ap David*, abbot of *Basingwerk*; whom I find in the *Bagillt* pedigree to have been vicar of *Holywell*.

THE steeple is plain and square, very strongly built, but without any mark to denote the time of its being built.

THE church-yard is the worst in the whole diocese. A small part is a gentle slope, but the greater almost precipitous; so that after any continuance of wet weather, a fall may happen productive of the most indecent and horrible spectacles.

THE number of inhabitants in this parish may be from 7 to 8000. There are about 1000 houses in the whole parish, of

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NUMBER OF  
PEOPLE.

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which



which upwards of 400 are in the town. *Greenfield* contains about 177 houses. This is the township which has received the greatest increase, by reason of the sudden and vast accession of inhabitants, by reason of the manufactures which settled here nearly at the same time. In these evil days about twenty of the houses are empty.

## INCREASE.

THE increase of inhabitants may be collected from the following abstract from the *Holywell* registers. Let it be observed, that the number allowed to each house is greater than common, from the consideration that in manufacturing places the number of poor employed in them are crowded into far less space than in any other towns.

Year —	1679.	1733.	1760.	1770.	1780.	1787.	1790.	1794.
Baptisms, —	29	72	88	122	122	164	198	193
Burials, —	27	52	76	90	111	122	151	156

IN bishop *Tanner's* MS. notes on the diocese of *Asaph*, presented to me by my respected friend the late Reverend Doctor *William Wynne*, I find that in the year 1686 the number of families was 274, of which 41 were recusants.

## POORS RATES.

IN respect to the poors rate, I have a very curious memorandum, extracted out of the old vestry-book of the parish, by Mr. *Samuel Small*, who, with his usual friendship, communicated it to me; and every thing else which he thought would promote my design.

## IN 1721.

‘ 1722, *May*.—Vestry ordered the church and poors ley to be assessed separately, and that £. 14 be raised for the church, and £. 24 for the poor, both for the year 1721.’ (till then the leys were



were promiscuous, and denominated a church rate). That book began in 1715, and ended in 1763.

ANOTHER memorandum.—1723, *June* 4. Ordered, ‘ that church and poors leys be assessed separately; and that £. 14 be raised for the church, and £. 21 for the poor, both for 1723.’

IN 1723.

IN the present year the rates, equalized according to the actual rents, amount to fifteen hundred pounds!!!

IN 1795.

IN this parish are three clubs, or friendly societies, instituted on the same plan as those in *Whiteford* parish (see p. 101.) The first, or the Old Club, was formed on *March* 7th, 1751: so that it is prior to our’s by fifteen years. It consists at present of 214 members.

CLUBS, OR FRIENDLY SOCIETIES.

CLUB the second consists of 170 members, and was formed *January* 27th, 1759.

CLUB the third is composed of 160 members, and commenced on *January* 21st, 1775. Each of these clubs have their rules, but so similar to those of *Whiteford* parish, that I shall not repeat them. I shall only remark, *ne quid detrimenti ecclesia capiat*, that there is an article which excludes every one who is not of the true church of *England* by law established, unless with the approbation of the majority.

THE UNION CLUB was established in *April*, 1789. It is composed of forty-two members, in general the most respectable inhabitants of the parish, untainted with despotic or jacobinical principles. Every *Christmas* they shew exemplary charity to their poor neighbors; and under their influence above 160*l.* was raised the late season of scarcity, and distributed among the objects most

UNION CLUB.



worthy of relief. My son and I are proud of being members of this society, as well as all the preceding.

OLD BOWLING-  
GREEN.

LET me here mention (from the principle *Hæc olim meminisse juvabit*) a society long extinct, which consisted of the gentlemen of the neighborhood, and the most respectable men of business, tradesmen, or mine-adventurers, who met, during summer, once a week, to dine at the house of *Bryn Celyn*, and after dinner descended to the bowling-green just beneath, to amuse themselves with the innocent recreation. Adjoining, in a room of retreat, in the intervals of play, the persons out, took their pipe and ale, or perhaps a small bowl of punch: for in those plain days wine was seldom called for, unless by the few with whom other liquors might disagree \*.

IN the town are three places of worship besides the church, two for the *Roman Catholics*, and one for dissenters. The last was built on my ground, by lease dated *April 16, 1788*, and is maintained by voluntary contributions. Of the former, one supports a secular or parish priest. The other a gentleman of the late order of Jesuits. Both of their cures are endowed with lands vested in trustees. Each of their houses had been a species of hotel, probably designed for the reception of pilgrims of better rank. One was called the *Cross-keys*, the other the *Star*. I remember at one or other of them *Edward duke of Norfolk*, and other visitants of distinction.

BRYN Y CASTELL.

ABOVE the church is a hill called *Bryn y Castell*, narrow and very steep on the sides, projecting at the end over the little valley.

\* In these days, alas! our native liquor is banished from most tables!

Ah! redeant SATURNIA regna!

On



On this might have stood the castle of *Treffynnon*, or *St. Wenefrede*, built by *Randle III.* earl of *Chester*, in the year 1210\*. There are not at present any vestiges left.

It is singular that no mention is made in the *Doomsday-Book* of either chapel, church, or well; yet townships now of less note are named; such as *Brunford*, *Caldecote*, and others. Notwithstanding bishop *Fleetwood's* opinion, I think the legend of *St. Wenefrede* was known previous to that survey; for the very name of *Holywell* is *Saxon*, probably bestowed on it before the Conquest, on account of the imputed sanctity of the well.

THE spring is certainly one of the finest in these kingdoms; and, by the two different trials and calculations lately made for my information, is found to fling out about twenty-one tons of water in a minute. It never freezes. In respect to the equality of the water in droughts, or after the greatest rains, I find I must place it among the vulgar errors. From the authority of Mr. *Christopher Smalley*, and other respectable manufacturers on the stream, I discover that the variation is extremely great, and that there is a decrease in summer of more than one-third, and in great droughts of still more, and after violent rains the increase is in like proportion: some even say it is one-half. As long as I remember, the fountain, after heavy falls of wet, became of a wheyey color. This is increased to a great degree, grows more turbid, and even deposits a mud upon the stones.

THE town was also very inconsiderable till the beginning of this century; the houses few, and those for the most part

\* *Powel*, 262.

thatched;



thatched; the streets unpaved; and the place destitute of a market. The flourishing mines, that for some time were discovered in the neighborhood, made a great change in the appearance, and introduced the effects of wealth. The effects of the manufactories make less appearance in the town than in the valley beneath, which, from the well to the sea-side, is a continued succession of buildings.

## MARKET.

THE monks of *Basingwerk* obtained for it the grant of a fair and a market. The first has been dropt beyond the memory of man. The market was also lost, till it was renewed by letters patent, dated *Jan. 20th, 1703*, granted to *Sir John Egerton*, baronet. The patent also contains a grant of three fairs, viz. on the 23d of *April*, the *Tuesday* in *Easter* week, and the 2d of *September*. The market has been the most flourishing in *North Wales*; but the fairs never could be established.

THE market is the best in the county for butcher's meat. That for corn is now much reduced, by reason of the greater farmers, or the badgers or purchasers for exportation, lessening the great stock which used to supply the markets at reasonable rates. Every great farmer seems now to have taken the early part of his education in *Change-Alley*, and is as expert in prices of corn, as any academy of that noted place is in those of stocks. That there never can be a deficiency for the use of the natives of *Flintshire*, either from their own lands, or the vale of *Clwyd*, is evident from the following table of exportation, from *September 1, 1794*, to *August 5th, 1795*; communicated to me by the friendship of the gentlemen of the custom-house in *Chester*, from which appear the following truths:

From



# EXPORTATION OF CORN.

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	Wheat. Qrs. B.	Wheat Flour. Qrs. B.	Rye. Qrs. B.	Barley. Qrs. B.	Malt. Qrs. B.	Oats. Qrs. B.	Oat- meal. Qrs. B.	Beans. Qrs. B.	Bean Flour. Qrs. B.
From Rudland	1,064 1	1 0	0 0	3 2	0 0	930 0	0 0	29 2	0 0
From Weppra	78 0	0 0	17 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
From Bagillt -	30 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
From Chester	480 2	469 6	9 3	123 6	612 4	2 4	646 4	0 0	11 0
Total -	1,652 3	470 6	26 3	127 0	612 4	932 4	646 4	29 2	11 0

THIS is the sum of the corn exported from *Flintshire* or *Chester*; for I find that none had for several years past been sent from *Rudland* to any place westward of that port.

THE following table will shew the particular places to which the above is exported, and the quantity delivered at each place.

	Wheat. Qrs. B.	Wheat Flour. Qrs. B.	Rye. Qrs. B.	Barley. Qrs. B.	Malt. Qrs. B.	Oats. Qrs. B.	Oat- meal. Qrs. B.	Beans. Qrs. B.	Bean Flour. Qrs. B.
Barmouth -	10 0	22 6	9 3	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Beaumaris -	0 0	157 4	0 0	3 6	270 4	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Caernarvon -	0 0	154 0	0 0	5 0	269 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Liverpool -	1,642 3	94 4	17 0	115 0	63 0	0 0	646 4	0 0	11 0
Pwllhely -	0 0	41 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Chester -	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 2	0 0	930 0	0 0	29 2	0 0
Holyhead -	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
Conway -	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	10 0	2 4	0 0	0 0	0 0
Total -	1,652 3	469 7	26 3	127 0	612 4	932 4	646 4	29 2	11 0

To



## PRICES OF CORN.

PRICES IN THE  
LATE SCARCITY.

To conclude, I shall give the prices of the different kinds of corn during this noted year of scarcity, famine it cannot be called, for the evil has been very remote from that dreadful judgment; by reason of the innumerable resources *Britain* has within itself, both from the vegetable and animal kingdoms.

	Cheapest.			Middle.			Dearest.			41 Quarts per Measure.
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	
Wheat -	0	8	0	0	13	6	1	0	0	per Measure.
Barley -	0	5	0	0	7	0	0	9	0	D°
Oats -	0	2	4½	0	3	0	0	4	3	D°
Beans -	0	7	3	0	9	0	0	10	6	D°

THE situation of the town is pleasant and healthy. On the back is a lofty hill, at times extremely productive of lead-ore. Towards the sea is a pretty valley, bounded by woods: the end finishes on one side with the venerable abby. To such who require the use of a cold-bath, few places are more proper; for, besides the excellence of the waters, exceeding good medical assistance, and comfortable accommodations, may be found here; and the mind entertained, and the body exercised in a variety of beautiful rides and walks.

## ROADS.

THERE are seven roads out of *Holywell*, leading to different places. The first, or that from the lower part of the town to the sea-side, I have already mentioned.

## TO THE SEA.

TO RUDLAND  
AND ST. ASAPH.

THE second passes through *Whiteford* street, and is that to *Rudland*, *St. Asaph*, *Conwy*, and *Holyhead*, and also is the coach-road to *Denbigh*. Its extent in this parish is only one mile,

ending



ending at the late Mr. *Henry Steeple's* wall, where the parish of *Whiteford* begins. Above the west end stands the *Grange*, which was called *Feilebrock* (and also *Fulibrock*.) The *Grange* still remains a farm-house in a most ruinous condition. It is the property of Sir *Pyers Mostyn*, but formerly belonged to the abbey of *Basingwerk*, having been granted to them by *Meredeth Wawor*, of which *Dugdale*, (i. 721) gives the following account, in the charter of *David ap Llewelyn*, prince of *North Wales*: ‘*Terram etiam quam Meredit Wawor in villa de Haliwell et extra villam habuit et terram quam Huttredus frater ejus secum excambiavit in ipsa villa pro sua parte terræ in Quitfordia et grangiam illorum quæ appellatur Feilebroc cum omnibus pertinentiis et assamentis suis et communitatem pasturæ montium cum cæteris.*’

THE *Holywell* level was begun in 1774, under leases granted by Sir *Pyers Mostyn*, baronet, myself, *Peter Parry*, esquire, *Edward Jones*, esquire, and Mrs. *Mary Williams*, of *Trelunniau*. I and my two sons made the voyage of this important venture on September 21st, 1795, and took boat, or rather punt, at the entrance into the work in *Coed Cae Dentir*, a field belonging to Sir *Pyers*, on the north side of a small dingle opening into the road opposite to the great cotton factory. Under the pilotage of the honest *Thomas Edwards*, agent to the mine, we entered the mouth, lighted by candles, stuck on each side of our vessel. The first forty yards of our way was arched with stone, and so low as to oblige us to stoop. When the arch ceased, the roof was the natural rock, of that species called *shale*. The height begins now to be six feet; the breadth four; the depth of the water, included in the height, is two and a half. After passing in the shaley stratum about two hundred and twenty-six yards, we find it is succeeded

LEVEL.

SHALE.



CHERT. by that of *chert*, at which spot the level enters my ground, in the field called *Coed Cae porfa*. There the height to the surface is eighteen yards. Several shafts have been sunk for air between this place and the mouth of the level. In a field of mine, called *Cadlas hîr*, was early discovered, at the depth of thirty-one yards, a strong string of ore, which raised the hopes of the adventurers to the highest degree; and the mineral stock rose in proportion. But alas! in a little time, both spirits and stock fell; for the promising prospect suddenly vanished, an accident too frequent with miners to occasion surprize. The chert continues to a little beyond the turnpike-road, when we again enter the land of Sir *Pyers Mostyn*, in a field called *Brocknallt*, where it stops. Hitherto the level has

LIME-STONE. preserved a strait course: but in this field (where the lime-stone stratum begins, and is continued to the end of the present working, above five hundred yards) it takes a bend parallel to the road, and so continues as far as *Brocknallt-pella*, and then makes another curvature, and near a small but pretty cave crosses

A CAVE. obliquely the turnpike-road. The cave is furnished with a table and benches, at which the visitants never fail experiencing the hospitality of their worthy conductor. Out of this cave is a passage, or fump, or short shaft, sunk for the purpose both of searching for ore, and also for conveying of air, which began to be wanted, into the level. This fump communicates with several others, till it reaches a shaft. The action of the air is various, sometimes it descends through the shaft; at other times rushes up the mouth of the level; but in each case passes into the mouth of a square wooden conductor, which enters the lower part of the fump, and is continued on one side of the level, almost to the end of the present working.

VENTILATOR.

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IN proceeding farther we were alarmed with the awful sound of a cataract. On arriving at the spot from whence it issued, the noise seemed to have derived its greatest force from the confined arch of the level; for we discovered it to proceed from a small but elegant cascade, which, in our sight, tumbled down a small hollow, and served to augment the water of the level, which was also increased by several strong springs rising from the sides and bottom with strong ebullitions. Similar noises are said to have been heard in *Coetiau'r Odyn*. It is possible that this subterraneous water may be one of the feeds of St. *Wenefrede's* well, as the field is nearly in a descending line with it. I have also heard, on good authority, of another large stream of water running through a great subterraneous cavern, in working *Portaway* mine, in *Pantasa*, in the parish of *Whiteford*, but its discharge has never been yet discovered.—But to return. After passing this fall, we reached the end of our voyage, at the length of 1167 yards from the mouth, and at the place where two miners were pursuing the working of the level, and had got within ten yards of the shaft in which the miners are working in the rich vein, beneath the field called *Coed Cae Plwm*, or the wood or field of lead. The height from the sole of the level to the surface at this place is ninety-three yards and a half; the depth of the shaft, which is now so flattering to our hopes, is fifty yards; so that there are forty-three yards and a half from its sole to that of the level, which all the way is found to be filled with ore!!!

BUT we have more than one *string* to our bow. *Coetiau'r Odyn* vein runs entirely from *Coetiau-mawr* fields through my ground, as does *Maes Whiteford*, giving Mr. *Jones* of *Wepre* a small

CASCADE.

OTHER SUBTERRANEANOUS WATERS.

OTHER VEINS.



chance in our mineral lottery. Then comes *True Blue*, which is shared between Sir *Pyers Moflyn* and myself; and the once rich vein of *Brocknallt* is entirely his. All these run north and south, and have in general been very productive, but especially those belonging to the house of *Trelacre*.

## CONTINUANCE OF.

LET me observe that in the depth of the level we saw the descending course of all these veins (excepting *Coetiau'r Odyn*) some of them which were tried at that depth proved barren. How far lower the veins descended, may probably ever remain secret, unless some bold adventurers should have the spirit to attempt a level from the marsh, which we (at p. 218) proved to have, from the well, a fall of 202 feet.

## FERTILE TRACT.

THE whole tract below the east side of this road, is a most fertile and well cultivated bottom, sloping on each side. Its rural œconomy may vie in excellence with the most boasted of our island. The prospect is charming, of the whole length of the *Chester* channel, bounded on the opposite by *Wiral*, and a distant view of part of *Lancashire*.

FROM the other side of the road the ground rises steeply; on the summit is a tract of inclosed land, backed by the mountain or common.

PEN-Y-BAL  
ROAD.

I RETURN into the town, and at the end of *Whiteford-street* ascend the steep road called *Pen-y-Bal*, of very laborious ascent. I remember it the only coach approach on this side. The present fine road, then with great propriety called *Holloway*, was too narrow for any carriage beyond the then wretched carts of the country. I well remember that whenever our family wanted to visit *Holywell*, it was obliged to be dragged up to *Pen-y-fordd-waen*,



*waen*, to cross the mountain, and with locked wheels, and with great peril, go down the almost precipitous way.

FROM the summit of *Pen y-Bal*, to the west, is a narrow tract of common. A little beyond, in a small wood, stands *Calcot* or *Calcoed*, in the township of the same name. In the *Doomsday Book*, it is called *Caldecote*, and is there united with *Meretone* and *tertia parte de Widford*. The founder of this house was *Henry Moston*, doctor of civil law, second son of *Pyers Moston*, of *Trelacre*. He purchased *Caulcot*, as it was then spelt, of *George* and *Thomas Manley*, of *Chester*, in the year 1595, for the sum of 467*l*. After four generations, the succession ended in the male line in *Samuel Mostyn*, esquire, who died *May* 16th, 1760, aged 79, and was buried at *Northop* on the 19th: who settled his estate on his nephew Mr. *John Ellis*, who assumed the surname of *Mostyn*.

CALCOED.

ON the mountain to the east of the common way to *Calcoed*, are two stones, about three feet high, and about twenty-two feet distant from each other. They are called *Naid-y-March*, or the horse's leap, from a vulgar notion of the derivation of the name. They are of the very antient *British* origin, and probably the place of interment of some hero whose body was deposited between stone and stone. The distance might be intended to give an idea of his mighty size; as *Alexander* is supposed, on his return out of *India*, to have buried various suits of armor, of gigantic dimensions, to impose on future times an exalted notion of the troops he had led to this distant country.

NAID-Y-MARCH.

I DESCEND again into *Holywell*, and at the south end of the *High Street* turn to the right, up the road which leads to *Halkin* and *Brynford*; the latter branches from that to *Halkin* on the right.

HALKIN AND  
BRYNFORD ROADS.

Above



**BRYNFORD HOUSE.** Above the road is the old house of *Brynford*, at present the property of *Richard Garnons*, esquire. It had been that of the *Edwards's*. Their descent is given at p. 239. I remember it inhabited by *Thomas Edwards*, esquire, a most respectable old gentleman, blind with age, of great charity and benevolence; and who, most grateful to Providence, increased his charities in proportion to the increase of his abilities, in obedience to the direction of Heaven, to observe its frequent injunctions to the performance of that virtue.

**PEN-Y-BRYN  
MINE.**

**REFRACTING  
SPAR.**

OPPOSITE to the house, on the other side of the road, was formerly a profitable lead-mine, called *Pen y Bryn*, belonging to lord *Kilmorey*. It was remarkable for the quantity of refracting spar, *spatum Islandicum*, of great purity and transparency; and often elegantly infected with marcasite finely disposed in lines.

THIS road ends on the mountain on the borders of *Skyviog* parish, the boundary of *Holywell* parish on this side.

**PISTILL.**

I RETURN to the turnpike road, and continuing my way, pass on the right by *Pistill*, a neat small house, the property of *Peter Parry*, esquire, of *Twissog*, in the county of *Denbigh*.

IN order to proceed towards the rich mineral country I am entering on, I shall continue the enumeration of veins from *Coetiau'r Odyn* (see p. 241.)

**MEILWR AND  
OTHER MINES.**

THE next to that, eastward, is *Caleb Bell*, a north and south vein, which is traced from the east side of *Pen-y-Bal*, descends from the mountain, towards the late *John Denman's*, but as yet has not been traced to the road. This has in old times been very rich in several places.

THE old vein, or *Pant Ithel*, is another rich vein, which first appeared



appeared in *Pantasa*, and yielded great quantities of ore and calamine. From thence crosses *Butler's fields*, and *Pen-y-Bal*, and then to *Coetia fawr*; from thence to *Pant Itbel*, where it descends near *Brynford* house, and crosses the road into *Highbgate* tenement, the property of Mr. *Williams* of *Trelunniau*. It then enters into my tenement called *Meilwr*, and was the first place in which ore was found in the level; the lease of which was granted by my father, on *December* the 20th, 1754.

THE next is the *Highbgate* vein, which about *Pistill* had branched into many strings. As they advance from *Pistill* eastward, they enter *Highbgate* tenement, and become very productive, both in Mrs. *Williams's* land, and also my own, which for many years poured on me in great abundance its mineral wealth. I never considered this species of riches but of the most precarious nature, liable instantly to fail: I therefore secured them on the best of tenures, and purchased with them the moiety of the *Bagillt-Hall* estate, which has turned out to me uncommonly fortunate. I also was enabled by another part to improve my house at *Downing* to what it now is.

EVERY thing has its end. The vein or veins at length grew poorer. A great fire-engine was erected a few years ago, in hopes of clearing the water, and getting at the ore which was supposed to have been left in the soles.

THE level begins at the bottom of the north side of *Nant-bill-brwc*, and runs south-west. How uncertain is mineral knowledge, even among the most knowing! The object of the lessees was the working up to a certain rich vein, named the *hard shaft*, in the lands belonging to *Brynfordd*. An object that never  
yet



yet has been obtained. But in pursuit of that object they most unexpectedly met with the veins which produced so much wealth to Mr. *Williams* and myself. Perhaps I fall short in my estimate if I say, that to lessors and lessees, the total amount must have exceeded a hundred thousand pounds.

THE next vein to the *high-gate*, is a string within five yards of the *high-gate*, which has been very productive. Into the field called *Coetia Yscubor*, the *hard shaft* vein is expected to enter, and cross the whole breadth, into the ground of *Pen y pylle*. And at the very corner of the same field, another vein crosses into the same land, and has been tolerably rich.

I now quit my mineral territories in this part of the country; and cross over the road to *Pen y pylle*, the seat of *Hugh Humphreys*, esquire, descended from *Edwyn*, prince of *Tegengl*. That gentleman has had large share of the mineral wealth. The vein *Roft y cegin* passes under his very house and garden. The mine-hillocks fill the land: but by his judicious walks and plantations, which now cover them, he has turned them into beauties. The vein continues to his grounds, below his house, and may probably be a source of new wealth.

THE *Lucky Venture*, is the last vein I can mention in this parish, which ranges from the mountain, and crosses the road into a corner of a field of Mr. *Humphreys*, and immediately from thence into the land belonging to *Edward Jones*, esquire, of *Wepre*, in which abundance of ore has been got. Much has also been got in the very road, in a pit sunk by earl *Grosvenor*, a privilege claimed by his lordship, in virtue of his great mineral grant?

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THIS township ends at about a mile distance from *Pen-y-pylle*, where it is separated by *Rbyd Fudr*, a little rill, from the parish of *Halkin*.

I RETURN again into the town, and after crossing the east end of the *High Street*, take the road leading toward *Gadlys*. On the right I see a trifling monument of my respect to a town which has for a long series of years shewn every mark of esteem for the landlord of many, and the friend of all. In an adjacent field of mine, called *Roft Tob*, was a valuable spring, which running to waste, occasioned a great loss of time, to rich and poor, in procuring water. I (by the assistance of Mr. *Donbavand*) caused, in the year 1794, a pillar to be erected, into which the water was collected, and raised to a height convenient to be received into vessels placed there, to supply, with ease and expedition, the wants of the inhabitants.

GADLYS ROAD.

AT the bottom of the descent from *Holywell* is a beautiful dingle, named *Nant-bil-brwc*, which winds on the right to *Meilwr* tenement, and on the left quite to the marsh, the greater part of the way ornamented with hanging woods. On crossing a bridge near a large mill, the property of *Paul Panton*, esquire, enter the township of *Bagillt*; and in less than half a mile pass by the house of that worthy friend of mine. Our intimacy began in early youth, and has been ever since retained. With joy I see his eldest son rising with progressive goodness, and rare abilities. I see with pleasure my eldest son, with true judgment, cultivating with him a friendship. May it continue through a long life of human felicity, pleasant to themselves, and useful to their neighbors and country!

BAGILLT TOWNSHIP.

HOUSE, THE PANTONS.

To Mr. *Panton* senior I hold myself greatly obliged for the account of his family, maternal and paternal.

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THE GRIFFITHS  
OF BAGILLT.

THE house and estate of *Bagillt* was conveyed into Mr. *Panton's* family, by the marriage of his father with *Mary*, daughter of *Edward Griffiths*, esquire, descended from the *Griffiths* of *Caerwis-hall*, who derived themselves from *Ednowen Bendew*, one of the fifteen tribes of *North Wales*. His ancestors had long been settled at this place, and have as antient deeds to shew for their lands as any in *Wales*, as will appear by the following will :

## CURIOUS WILL.

‘ IN the name of God, Amen.—The 11th day of *November*, in  
 ‘ the year of our Lord God 1331, I, *John ab Griffith ap Cona*,  
 ‘ being of good and whole mind and memory, and sick in body,  
 ‘ make, ordain, and declare my last will and testament in manner  
 ‘ and form following :—First, I bequeath my soul to Almighty  
 ‘ God, and his mother *St. Mary*, and my body to be buried in  
 ‘ the parish church of *Holywell* : also I bequeath to the said parish  
 ‘ church, to buy a banner withall 4*s.* : also I bequeath to the  
 ‘ Fryers of *Rudland*, 20*d.* and to the friars of *Denbigh*, 12*d.* :  
 ‘ also I bequeath to the *Rhode* work of the *Mold*, 2*s.* : also I will  
 ‘ that a trental be given to pray for my father’s soul, my mo-  
 ‘ ther’s soul, my brethren’s souls, and all Christian souls. Also I  
 ‘ will that a man be hired to go to *St. David’s* on pilgrimage for  
 ‘ my soul. Also I bequeath to Sir *Rys*, my curate, 2*s.* Farther,  
 ‘ I bequeath to my son *Thomas*, 2 young heifers, of 3 years old :  
 ‘ also I bequeath to my son *Richard*, 16*s.* 8*d.* which is in the  
 ‘ hands of *Harry Vaughan*. Moreover, I will that *Anne* my wife  
 ‘ shall occupy, with my children, my house, and all the lands  
 ‘ thereto belonging, as long as she shall be unmarried, and keep  
 ‘ herself a good woman, and no longer. Also, my will is, that a  
 ‘ close, called *Gwern Onnen*, be restored to *Jonet wch Rhys*, or  
 ‘ her son, they paying to my heirs 6*l.* of lawful money of Eng-  
 ‘ land.—



‘ land.—Furthermor I will that Sir *Robert ap Meredith*, chap-  
 ‘ lain, and *Morris ap Llewelyn*, my feoffees of trust of and in all  
 ‘ my lands and tenements, shall stand and be feoffees of the  
 ‘ same, to the use and behoof of my children, and thereof to  
 ‘ make them an estate when they shall come to their lawful  
 ‘ age, and at their lawful desire. And all the residue of my  
 ‘ goods, not bequeathed in this my last will and testament, I  
 ‘ give and bequeath to my children, whom I make and ordain,  
 ‘ my sons *Thomas* and *Richard*, my full and lawful executors.—In  
 ‘ witness whereof all and singular the premises Sir *Richard* my  
 ‘ curate, *Rynallt ap Griffith ap Cona* my brother, and *Morris ap*  
 ‘ *Llewelyn*, and divers others.—And further my will is, that  
 ‘ *John ab Harry ab Kenrick*, Sir *Robert ap Meredith*, *Edward*  
 ‘ *Pennant ap Rys ap Llewelyn*, and *Ellys ap John ab Ithel*, be over-  
 ‘ feers, as well of my children, as of this my last will and testa-  
 ‘ ment, till they come to lawful age, and all this at the oversight  
 ‘ of my lord abbot.’

THE close distinguished in this will by the name of *Gwern Onnen*, still retains the name, and runs from *Roft Tob* towards the woods that lead to *Meilwr*.

THE licence for Mr. *Panton*’s great-grandfather’s marriage (by his mother’s side) in *Cromwell*’s time, is a curiosity worthy of the reader’s perusal. I think that the same form is introduced into *France*, since the abolition of religion in that kingdom. It probably was taken from the model left by our fanatical rulers in the last century. I have another of a similar marriage in our family, attested by ——— *Evans*, a justice in *Northop* parish.

‘ Know all men, that upon the eleventh day of *February*, in  
 ‘ the year of our Lord God one thousand six hundred and

CURIOUS LICENCE.



## CURIOUS LICENCE.

‘ fifty-five, *Richard Griffith*, sonne and heire appānt of *John*  
 ‘ *Griffith*, late of *Bagillt*, in the county of *Flint*, esq’, deceased,  
 ‘ and *Martha Pennant*, the daughter of *Edward Pennant*, esq’, of  
 ‘ *Bagillt* aforesaid, came before me *Ralf Hughes*, esq’, one of the  
 ‘ justices of the peace of the county of *Flint*, and desired to be  
 ‘ joyned together in matrimony; and being sufficiently satisfied  
 ‘ that the said intended marriage was published on three several  
 ‘ Lords dayes, at the tyme of morning exercise, within the pa-  
 ‘ rish church of *Holywell*, within which parish the said parties  
 ‘ reside, and that noe person gaynesayed or pretended any cause why  
 ‘ the said parties might not be joyned together in matrimonie,  
 ‘ both of them being of full age and discretion, and the parents of  
 ‘ both parties consenting thereunto;—and after both parties had  
 ‘ pronounced before me, in the presence of divers credible wit-  
 ‘ nesses, the words of solemnization mentioned in an act of parlia-  
 ‘ ment, intituled, an act touching marriages, and dated the  
 ‘ xxiii<sup>th</sup> day of *August* 1653, I did pronounce and declare the  
 ‘ said *Richard Griffith* and *Martha Pennant* to be lawful hus-  
 ‘ band and wife. In witness whereof I have hereunto put my  
 ‘ hand and sale, the day and yeare first above written, 1655,

‘ RA. HUGHES. (L. S.)

‘ Witnesses hereunto,

‘ *Thomas Griffith*,

‘ *Roger Jones*,

‘ *John Mostyn*.’

THE antient smelting-house of *Gadlys* stood a full mile distant  
 from this house, about a mile distant from the shore, and on  
 the land of *Robert Hughes*, esquire, of *Halkin*. The lease expired  
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in 1786, and the works were pulled entirely down, after standing the term of the agreement, which was forty-four years.

THE respectable company, long known by the name of the *Governor and Company for smelting down Lead with Pit Coale and Sea Coale*, by the royal charter, granted in the 4th of *William and Mary*, began business in this county about the year 1700. They flourished with a most fair reputation for a great number of years, till their decline, either through want of ore, or other inevitable causes, induced them to remove their antient furnaces to some works, built by the late Messrs. *Smedley*, on the bank above *Bagillt*. Thence they purchased; and continued smelting, under the direction of their agent, Mr. *William Smith*\*, till they sold them to Messrs. *Griffith and Aslet*, of *London*. This company was often called the *Quakers Company*, from the number of persons of that mild persuasion being of it.

DURING the prosperity of the works (which was very long) they produced vast quantities of lead and bullion; of the latter they extracted from the lead, between the year 1704 and 1744, not less than 430,604 ounces. *Queen Anne* and her successor commanded that all specie coined from the silver should be struck on the reverse with the plume of feathers, as a mark of its having been the production of the principality †. *James I.* gave the same directions respecting the coin made from the silver of the mines worked by *Sir Hugh Middleton*, in *Cardiganshire*; and in 1637, *Charles I.* caused the same marks of *Welsh* silver to be placed on the coins of the mint at *Aberystwith*, ob-

\* To whom I am much indebted for information respecting the *Gadlys* company.

† *Leake on Coins*, 287.



tained from the mines of the same county \*. Other coins from the company's works were called *quakers money*, from the cause above assigned. In an antient map of *Denbighshire* and *Flintshire*, by *W. Williams*, published in 1720, is an engraving of a crown, with the feathers, the *insignia* of *Wales*; and also another, of the seal of the corporation, with its crest and arms. The supporters are two miners; and the motto the apt one, *Speſtatur in igne*. And above them is a view of the works, faithfully given, as they appeared before they were reduced to a single chimney.

THE company were for a long series of years the greatest mine-adventurers in *North Wales*, and had very considerable mines in every part of *Flintshire*. The company disposed of their remaining property in the county, and totally withdrew from it at *Michaelmas*, 1792; but still they carry on very extensive mines and smelting-works in *Cumberland* and *Northumberland*, under the commissioners of *Greenwich* hospital, on the forfeited estates of the earl of *Derwentwater*.

GADLYS takes its name from the *Welsh*, *Cád*, an army, and *Llys*, signifying the royal head quarter, or palace. Near the works stood a large mount, on which might have been a castle, the residence of some of our princes.

BETWEEN this place and *Pentre Bagillt* is another eminence of antient celebrity, *Bryn Dychwelwch*, so named from *Bryn*, a hill, and *Dychwelwch*, return! being traditionally said to have been the place from which *Henry II.* gave his order for retreat, when he was engaged with the *Welsh*, in 1157, with his whole army, in *Coleshill*, in the same difficulties as he had just

\* *Leake on Coins*, 302.



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before experienced in the depth of *Coed Eulo*. In this action his forces were again defeated, and *Eustace Fitz-John*, a baron first in rank, wealth, and abilities among the *English*; and *Robert de Courci*, another great baron, with numbers of others, were slain. *Henry de Essex*, hereditary standard-bearer, and a man of approved valor, was seized with a panic; and flinging down the standard, cried out, that the king was killed! The route would have been general, if the king had not valiantly rallied his forces and repulsed the *Welsh*; but in the end he thought it prudent to withdraw his army, and encamp in a secure station. He afterwards attempted, by decamping from the shore, and endeavoring to get into the interior part of the country, to cut off *Owen's* retreat into the mountains\*. But the wise prince, penetrating into his views, retired to a plain near *St. Asaph*, still called *Cil Owen*, or *Owen's Retreat*, and from thence to a strong post named *Bryn-y-Pin*, defended by great ramparts and ditches. This camp lies in the parish of *St. George*, on a lofty rock above the church, and is now called *Pen y Parc*.

I RETURN from this length of road to the skirts of the town of *Holywell*, and enter the road to *Wall-wen*, on the borders of the marsh, a branch of the *Flint* turnpike district, tacked to it by act of parliament in 1771, which had been obtained in that sessions, for enlarging the term and powers of the *Mostyn* district, and particularly adding this road, under the description of 'from *Wall-wen* ' to the then dwelling-house of *Edward Parry*.' This act will not terminate till 1812.—After a very short space, pass by a noble malt-kiln and granary; the property of Mr. *Richard Sankey*, who

ROAD TO FLINT.

MALT KILN.

\* See *Powel*, p. 207.



## GRANARIES.

in the late time of scarcity, by large importations of barley, and that with very small profit to himself. Would not repositories of grain, established and filled by parliamentary sanction, be stronger preventatives of that evil than any other? I would have no part of our wastes lie uncultivated. Our wastes have very properly the synonym of *commons*; for rich and poor, bordering on them, have in them proportionate rights\*. If the poor man is to lose his benefit of feeding a few geese, or a few sheep, ought he not to have recompence by the *greniers d'abondance*, granaries of plenty, so useful to *France* before the miseries in which rich and poor have been involved by the chimeras of brain-sick politicians? If our wastes are to be generally inclosed, ought not the produce to be safely lodged in proper houses of reception, and, from the boasted plenty which is to ensue, be ready, by the resource at hand, to chase away the *dæmon* rapacity, which has had too great a power over the dealers in the subsistence of the land. All that human wit could invent, should be practised to prevent their eluding the attempt to reduce grain to a price which might afford an honest profit to the farmer, and yet enable him to supply the poor laborer at a rate which might give him power, not only to feed his family, but to cloath them with decent rayment, an article co-essential to their comfort, and to their health.

\* The legislature, at this very time, seems to have this subject in consideration; much care and attention must be paid to it. The poor may, by various means, be tempted to sell their new acquisitions. There will always be *harpies* at hand to take advantage of distress, by which means every ease to the parishes will be defeated. Those little possessions should, if possible, be entailed on the parish, or allotted as alleviations of parochial taxes, those growing evils, in a manner the wisdom of the legislature may contrive.

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As a house of industry is now in contemplation by the parish of *Holywell*, is there not a possibility of allotting certain portions of the waste lands for sale, to raise a fund to carry on the work, or to give in mortgage to such persons who may be willing to advance money for so salutary a purpose?

THE town of *Shrewsbury*, and I may say of every manufacturing county, have succeeded to admiration in their attempts, and should be examples to us. This neighborhood is now filled with men of business, capable of the conduct of such works: besides, the cotton and twist company have it in their power to expend annually above £.1800 in the town, in picking the cotton; but from the dislike of the poor to that employ, are obliged to send the materials to distant places (see p. 216.) whereby the town and neighborhood lose the expenditure of that great sum among them. We squires are less qualified for operations which require vigor and activity, but we can contribute countenance and power, equally essential to the support of the design. I know the poor will be averse to it at first: but when they recollect how long they had starved under the careless care of overseers, and that they will be placed under the immediate attention of visitors consisting of their neighbors, and that they will not be removed beyond the reach of their friends and relations, whom they may see at proper times, I trust they will be satisfied. To banish the poor from the possibility of the occasional comfort of their dearest relatives, would be unspeakable cruelty. I, therefore, must ever condemn a county house of industry, in which that essential consolation is made difficult or impossible, to the inmates from distant parts.



## VITRIOL-WORKS.

ON gaining the summit of this road, appears a vitriol-work, the property of Mr. *Donbavand*, placed under the care of Mr. *John Jones*, of *Holywell*, an able chymist. His operations are directed to three articles: blue vitriol, or vitriol of copper, which is made by dissolving copper in oil of vitriol or acid of sulphur. After the solution has taken place, the produce is dissolved in boiling water, evaporated down to a given weight, and put in coolers to evaporate.

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THE use of this species of vitriol is in dyeing cottons of a green or olive color, and hats and woollen cloths black; and also for making green verditer for painting in oil or water-colors, by precipitation with whiting.

## SUGAR OF LEAD.

THE last article is fugar of lead, or *saccharum saturni*, which is lead dissolved in distilled vinegar. When the vinegar is saturated with the lead, it is boiled down to a given weight, and, like the blue vitriol, is put in coolers to crystallize. For the purpose of making the wort for the vinegar, twelve hundred hobbets of barley or malt had been employed in a single year; but in the late season of scarcity the proprietor totally desisted from this branch of business.

SUGAR of lead is used in the cotton printing business, for fixing the colors in the stuff dyed or printed. Such I believe to be the sole application of it from these works; but from others nearer to the capital I fear a most criminal one is frequently in practice, (for it is a most dangerous poison) I mean that of using it in the refining of white wines, or in restoring the sweetness to such which are grown sour: for this drug is the sweetest of all sweet things. It occasions to the drinkers of wines thus restored,

or



or rather thus endowed with the powers of poison, numbers of maladies they cannot account for, such as colics, obstinate co-tiveness, and paralytic affections of the limbs. Finally, we may add death itself. The fatal dinner at *Salt Hill*, on *March* 27th, 1773, which ended in the destruction of several gentlemen, supposed to have been caused by wine impregnated with this fatal drug, has been much talked of. I believe that not to have been the case. The gentlemen did not sicken till after several days. One (Mr. *Pote*, who had drank as the rest did) never was infected. It happened that he walked in the garden during the time a most miserable object, a pauper, had been examined, from whom the pestilential *miasmata* of a fever, probably of the nature of the jail-fever, had diffused themselves among the company present; for all, except Mr. *Pote*, sickened \*. In this instance the vintners may be cleared; but since it is probable that numbers of people fall victims to their art, I wish legislature would frame a law to condemn them, not to the halter, but to the more apt punishment of swallowing a competent draught of their own *Stygian* liquor. *Nec lex est justior ulla!*—Bishop *Watson* (iii. 369) says, that in *Germany* such adulteration is punished with death. In *Henry VIII.*'s time, a cook was boiled to death, (I hope in his own kettle) for poisoning a number of poor at *Lambeth*, with the broth allotted by a pious prelate for their support.

I must not forget that in *October* last Mr. *Hugh Roberts*, of *Little Moorfields*, established on my ground, opposite to the vitriol-works, a colony of ribbon-weavers. Sixteen looms are already employed, and others continually expected.

RIBBON  
WEAVERS.

\* *Genl. Mag.* 1773. p. 291.



BAGILLT, THE  
PENNANTS.

FROM the summit to the shore is a most steep descent. About a quarter of a mile lower, on the right, stands the house of *Bagillt-Hall*, erroneously so named, it not being possessed of any manerial rights, nor does it stand even in the township of *Bagillt*; the whole road from the town of *Holywell* being in the township of that name, divided from the former by the bottom of the dingle which we crossed by Mr. *Panton's* mill.

THE house was large, had a great and handsome hall, and a good parlor, the last wainscotted with good oak, much carved about the chimney. The rest of the house consisted of a number of rooms irregularly disposed. Near it stood, as usual with our old seats, a summer-house.

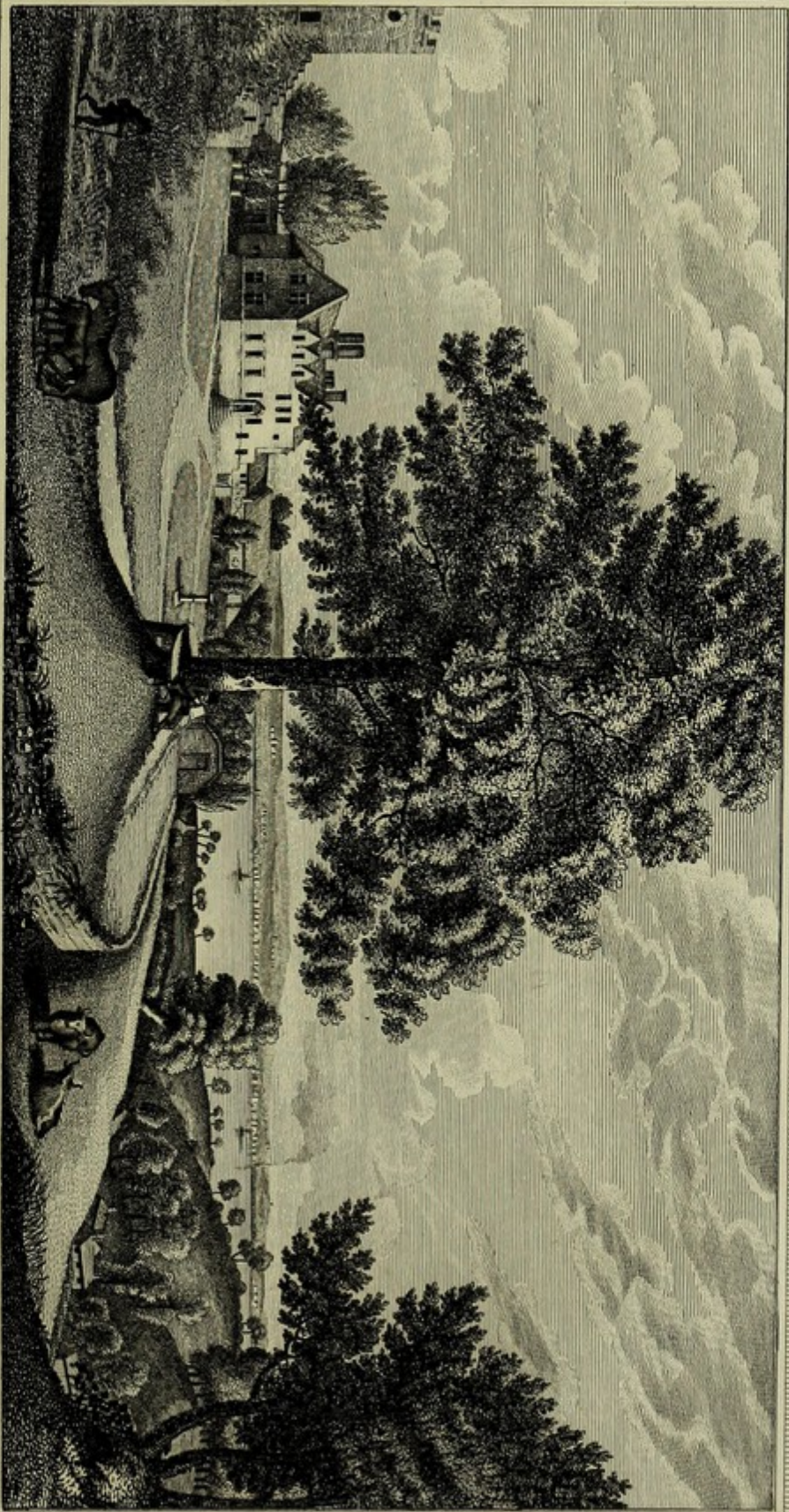
THIS place is beautifully situated, the grounds slope towards the sea, and command a fine view of the *Chester* channel, and as far as *Beefton* castle, and its adjacent hills.

A FEW years ago I was obliged to pull down great part of the building. It was very old, and going fast to ruin; and the repairs would have been uselessly expensive, for the thick smoke of a great smelting-mill for lead, and of a great calcining-house for calamine, just beneath, must have ever deterred my descendants from making it their residence.

FOUNDER OF THE  
FAMILY.

THE founder of the family was *Thomas*, abbot of *Basingwerk*, and second son to *David ap Tudor*, of *Bychton*, by *Anne*, daughter of *John Done*, of *Utkinton*, in the county of *Chester*. Our abbot was living in the year 1480, in the reign of *Edward IV.* and in those of *Edward V.* and *Richard III.* The reader will excuse, I hope, the repetition of the few words in which I mentioned that





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that celebrated *church-man*, who, quitting his profession, became (what the lawyers call) a *monk deraigne*, and married *Angbarad*, daughter of *Guillim ap Gryffydd ap Guillim*, of the great house of *Penrbyn*, in the county of *Caernarvon*. By this lady he had four sons. *Edward*, the eldest, succeeded to his fortunes in the parish of *Holywell*; *Thomas*, the second, became vicar of *Holywell*; and *Nicholas*, the third, succeeded to the abbotship of *Basingwerk*. Fourth in descent from him was *John*, who acquired the estate of *Merton*, in the parish of *Whiteford*, by his marriage with *Mary*, daughter and heir of *Thomas ap Thomas ap Edward*, of that house. Finally, by the marriage of his only daughter *Catharine* with *David Pennant*, of *Bychton*, we not only acquired the *Merton* estate, but all the possessions in *Holywell*, belonging to abbot *Nicholas*.

LET me not forget that *Nicholas* had also two sisters, one named *Agnes*, wife of *John Griffith ap Twna*; the other *Margaret*, wife of *Gruff. Lloyd ap John ap Griffith ap David*.

THE house of *Bagillt* was probably built by *Henry*, second in descent from the abbot, for he is styled in the pedigree, 'of *Holywell and Bagillt*,' whereas his father *Edward* is designed of *Holywell* only.

FROM *David*, fifth brother of *Henry*, sprang the family of the *Pennants of Hendre-figillt*, in the parish of *Kilken*. He married *Deili*, daughter and heir of *John ap Deio ap Jevan*, of *Halghton*. In *Kilken* church-yard are several inscriptions of this branch of the family. The oldest informs us that *Angbarad Pennant* was buried on *September 25th, 1588*. The last who is mentioned in the pedigree of the house is *Peter*, who married *Barbara*, daughter

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HENDRE-FI-  
GILLT.



ter of *John Eyton*, of *Leefwood*, and was cotemporary with *David Pennant*, of *Bychton*, who was living in 1664.

OF PEN-Y-  
GARTH.

THERE were other branches of the house of *Hendre-figillt*, one settled at *Pen-y-Garth*, in the parish of *Mold*, but is now extinct. Part of the lands are now in possession of Mr. *Thomas Williams*, of *Dolevechles*, a respectable freeholder, in the parish of *Kilken*, in right of his great-grand-mother, *Mary Pennant*, a daughter of *Pen-y-Garth*. She was buried at *Kilken*, September 1st, 1693. As to the house and estate of *Hendre-figillt*, it has long since passed into the family of *Kilken*, and is at present possessed by *Moslyn Edwards*, esquire.

LORD PENRHYN.

MY respected, but remote kinsman, *Richard Pennant*, baron *Penrhyn*, sprung from this branch of our family. He is ninth in descent from the abbot, and third from *Gifford Pennant*, second son of *Edward Pennant*, of *Bagillt*, by *Catherine*, daughter of *Edward Kynaston*, of *Otely*, in the county of *Salop*. He went to *Jamaica*, in the time of *Oliver Cromwel*; had a grant of lands there November 5th, 1665; settled in the parish of *Clarendon*, and died in 1677. His lordship's property in that island is immense, and his addition to it in the county of *Caernarvon*, in this his native island, is very considerable, by his marriage with *Anne Susanna*, daughter and heiress of the late general *Warburton*, of *Winnington*, in *Cheshire*. With singular fortune, by this match his lordship possesses *Penrhyn*, the seat and estate belonging to the family of *Angharad*, his distant ancestress; from whom lady *Penrhyn* is by her grandmother also descended. All these fortunes they enjoy with dignity, and with utility to their numerous tenantry. I particularly allude to those about *Penrhyn*, where he has made



his vast slate-quarries an object of admiration to travellers, profitable to himself, and the source of opulence to the surrounding country. I had not, at the publication of my *Welsh Tour*, opportunity of informing myself about these important works; I, therefore, give a brief sketch of their history.

WHEN his lordship came to possession of his fortunes in part of the island, he found great appearance of neglect and poverty among the tenantry; the slate-quarries, one great staple of the country, in a very low state; and the export of that valuable article did not annually exceed a thousand tons; and there were not four carts on his estate, and only three in all *Nant-Frankon*, and the roads scarcely passable for a horse. By his judicious management a happy reverse took place. The carriages have increased to the present time, to rather more than a hundred broad-wheel carts and waggons.

PORT *Penrbyn*, formerly *Aber-cegid*, is now highly improved by quays for the reception of vessels; so that those of two hundred tons burden can lie close to them, and take in their cargo. Vessels of above three hundred tons can enter the port, but cannot get close to the quays.

BEFORE the country experienced his lordship's improving talents, not above a thousand tons have been exported in the year. In 1794 the export amounted to fifteen thousand. In 1795 there was every reasonable hope that it would have increased to twenty thousand, but the tax on the slates has given it a check; though it is expected that the return of peace, and a modification of the duty, will restore the progress of the trade.

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THE slate-quarries are a few miles from the port, near the entrance into *Nant-Frankon*. From four to five hundred men are employed in them. They live in very elegant cottages, prettily disposed in groups. Here is a butcher and a shoe-maker, but no corrupting ale-house is permitted. His lordship has built a market-house, so that the workmen need not wander for the necessary provisions. Let me not forget that he erected an elegant pavilion, called *Ogwen Bank*, with a kitchen, stables, &c. which lord and lady *Penrhyn* often visit, either to examine into this creation of theirs, or to amuse their guests.

His lordship was elected member for *Petersfield*, in the first parliament of his present majesty; and in 1767 vacated his seat to be elected for *Liverpool*. He was returned in 1768, 1774, and again in 1784. In that arduous situation, his lordship discharged his trust with zeal, abilities, and fidelity.

EDWARD PENNANT, the last owner of *Bagillt*, and last of the male line (lord *Penrhyn* excepted) died at *Marseilles*, on *March* 2d, 1778; and was there interred. In 1766 he disposed of to me by sale all the estates in the township of *Holywell*. And soon after he retired into *France*, he bequeathed the remainder of his fortunes to his cousin *Thomas Cratchley*, who dying, left them to *Roger Barnston*, esquire, of *Chester*.

MR. HUGHES OF  
BAGILLT.

FROM *Bagillt-hall* I descended into the township of *Bagillt*, through the turnpike-gate at *Wall-wen*. Immediately on the left hand, in *Holywell* township, is a small house, and small patrimony, the property of the Reverend *Thomas Hughes*, a curate of twelve years standing, of good morals, decent, and modest. His family,  
and



and two other families not remote from him, had long possessed respectable freeholds of fifty pounds a-year each. 'Time and chance happeneth to all men.' Our humble curate is far distanced by the other two. He remains a drudge in his profession, *honestâ pauperie*, resulting from fraternal affection, in exerting every nerve to support two sisters, who rest on him for the poor pittance he can afford to give.

AFTER passing the turnpike-gate, I find myself on the continuance of the turnpike-road from *Greenfield* to *Flint*. The distance from the *Greenfield* gate to *Flint* is only four miles. Let me add, that within little more than one mile from the fountain of *St. Wenefrede*, at *Holywell*, to the gate just mentioned, *Britain* may be challenged to shew, on an equal space, a similar assemblage of commercial buildings, or of capitals employed in erecting and in carrying on their several objects. I refer the reader back to p. 203, for an account of those upon the *Holywell* stream. I resume the chain of commerce, from the copper-forge, the lowest link, which reaches to the very road.

A LITTLE to the right of the turnpike-gate, the little rill *Nant-hil-brwc* divides the small township of *Whelstone* from that of *Holywell*. This tract, of which I have the tythes, is one of the portions of *Bagillt* township, which is very large, and subdivided into two others, *Bagillt-fawr*, and *Bagillt-fechan*.

ON the side of the rill stand the works called the *River Bank*, established on my land, by lease dated September 22, 1785, granted to Messrs. *William Roe* and *Edward Hawkins*. These buildings are employed for the double purposes of calcining calamine for the brass-works at *Cheadle* and *Macclesfield*, and for

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the smelting lead-ore. It has the advantage of a small stream, which improves the operation of the latter.

It turns two wheels, one of which is twenty-four feet in diameter, and from the size and breadth makes a noble appearance. At each end of these wheels is a balance wheel; one of them sets the great refining bellows in motion, the other that of the slag-hearth.

HERE is also a curious contrivance for saving the calx of the lead-ore, which would otherwise have gone away in smoke. It besides lessens the bad effects on the grounds above. For this purpose two brick flues have been constructed, one from each furnace; each of them is horizontal, and is supported by three arches, and over each is a channel to contain a small current of water, for the purpose of turning the wheels, and also to condense the smoke in its passage. These flues converge, and meet a little beyond the third arch, and terminate in the condensing room, to the walls of which the calx adheres. This room is opened three times a-year: the calx is taken out, and re-smelted with some profit.

THE two flues, in issuing out of the building, are united in one, and are continued, forming a right angle for a very considerable way. Out of the end rises a vertical flue, forty-three feet high, out of which the smoke issues. The length of the horizontal flues which pass over the arches is fifty-seven feet; of the single one which passes from the room which catches the calx, is two hundred and ten feet.

BAGILLT UPPER  
WORKS.

ABOUT three quarters of a mile farther on the bank, above the road, stands a large smelting-work, originally built by virtue of a lease



lease granted, in 1727, by *Roger and Edward Pennant*, esquires, of *Bagillt*, to *Francis Staley* and *Nicholas Twig*. It was afterwards rebuilt, and passed through various hands; the *Smedlies*, father and sons; *Henry Vigars*, of *Eaton*, whose widow sold it to the *Gadlys* company. That expiring corporation possessed it only from about *Michaelmas* 1783, after descending from their ancient works at *Gadlys*. In 1792 it again changed masters, and was sold by the company to Mr. *John Griffith* and Mr. *Robert Aslett*, of *London*.

BELOW them, on the road-side, were works of greater antiquity. Those were in possession of two lessees before the year 1717. The first was Mr. *Thomas White*; the last was a gentleman well known by the name of Major *Roberts*. He was of the antient house of *Plasnewydd*, near *Ruthin*. His lease was surrendered, and a new one granted, in 1717, by *Roger Pennant*, esquire, to Mr. *Benjamin Perrin*, father to our respectable countryman, Sir *Richard Perrin*, baron of the exchequer. I remember them standing; but soon after they became a heap of ruins, and at present their place is scarcely known.

LOWER WORKS.

A Mr. *Warren* came into this country in 1794, and built, on the land of *Roger Barnston*, esquire, a smelting-house, on a new construction. But it was scarcely warmed, when it was disposed of to a Mr. *Langworthy*, mineral agent to earl *Grosvenor*!

DEE BANK.

THE collieries near these works have been very considerable. I remember, about forty years ago, there was between twenty and thirty thousand tons of coal upon bank, the greatest quantity, perhaps, ever seen together. The pits were then worked by the *Gadlys* company. The company had imprudently given

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their agent, one *Lancaster*, an unlimited order for raising the coal. This he found so profitable to himself, that he never desisted till the discovery was made of his selfish views. To expedite the working, he engaged numbers of colliers from *Newcastle*, and was the first in this country who made use of horses under ground. The coal might have lain on the bank to this day, if a dispute had not rose between the city of *Dublin* and the coal-adventurers at *Whitehaven*. This occasioned the citizens of *Dublin* to purchase this great stock, which was all carried away before the differences were settled.

For a considerable time after this glut of coal, the collieries declined greatly, and became very low, till they were revived of late years by the spirit and perseverance of Mr. *Roger Ellis*, of *Cornish*, in the parish of *Flint*, who has erected a powerful fire-engine on the road-side, between *Greenfield* turnpike-gate and *Flint*, and raises great quantities of that important requisite.

## NANT-Y-MOCH.

QUIT the township of *Bagillt*, after crossing a little rill, issuing out of *Nant-y-moch*, or *the dingle of the hogs*. Here we enter the township of *Coleshill-fawr*. On the right, on an eminence, are the smelting-works, built by the grandfather of the present Sir *Richard Perrin*, whose father continued the works, and lived at *Farm*, till he took up his residence at *Flint*. About the year 1755, a new company was formed by *Paul Panton*, esquire, under the firm of himself, the Reverend *Thomas Ince*, and *Charles Pigot*, esquire.

## COLESHILL.

THE *Doomsday-Book* informs us, that at the time of the compilation of that record, *Colefelt* was held by *Robert de Roelent*, or *Ruddlan*,



*Ruddlan*, a valiant *Norman*, nephew to *Hugh Lupus*, earl of *Chester*. *Edwyn* held it of *Robert*, and as a freeman. There was one taxable hide of land; a land of one *caruca*, or a plough-land. On *Colefili*, was one *Radman*, four villeyns, and two boors. The *Radman* was the same with the *Rod* or *Rad-knights*, who by the tenure of their land were bound to ride with or for their lord, and to guard him or his lady as often as they were required.

THIS township took its name from the abundance of coal which is produced. At present it gives name to one of the hundreds of the county. In the *Doomsday-Book* this township is placed in the hundred of *Atiscros*, a name which would have been lost, was it not retained in a tract called *Croes-ati*, a certain space round a cross, not remote from *Flint*, the pedestal of which I remember standing.

BENEATH the smelting-work is a neat building for the purpose of calcining calamine, held by lease granted by Mr. *Panton*, June 24th, 1794, to Mr. *Thomas Davies*, of *Smethwick*, *Staffordshire*, and the company known by the name of the *Smethwick Brass Company*.

A CALCINING-  
WORK.

*Paul Panton*, esquire, is lord of the manor of *Colefili*, and, till the marriage of his father, the family inhabited the manor-house, which of late years has been considerably enlarged and improved.

MANOR OF  
COLESHILL.

THE *Pantons* were a *Denbighshire* family, possessed of large property in *Llanvair-Talhaiarn*, *Llanyfydd*, *Henllan*, and other parishes. *John Panton* quitted *Plâs-Panton*, the antient residence, a great house, called *New Plâs-Panton*. (See its unfortunate history in the *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 52.) He married  
*Alice*,

PANTON FAMILY.



*Alice*, fourth daughter of Sir *William Booth*, of *Dunham-Massie*, in *Cheshire*. He was secretary to the lord chancellor *Ellesmere*, and represented the borough of *Denbigh*, in the 39th and 43d of *Elizabeth*; and the borough of *Harwich*, in the 1st of *James I.* He disinherited his son *Thomas*, and left his large possessions to his only daughter *Alithea*, who married the lord *Sandys-de-la-Vine*, in *Hampshire* \*.

*Thomas*, the disinherited son of this *John*, by his industry and skill in agriculture, became enabled to purchase this lordship, in 1617, of the first earl of *Bridgewater*, son of the lord chancellor *Egerton*. At the time when paper credit was little known, to him was intrusted cash to be conveyed to *London*, which, by a letter of *Pyers Pennant's*, I find he did in person. The manor has continued in the family from his time. In 1753, the present gentleman improved it greatly, by an embankment from the sea, which in parts is productive of most excellent wheat, &c. &c.

THE first I find of the line of the *Pantons*, is *Jevan Panton*, twelfth in descent from *March-weithian*, one of the fifteen tribes of *North Wales*. His wife was daughter and heir of *Bennet*, fourteenth in descent from *Marchudd*, another of the fifteen tribes. Their history, and their several descendants, are given in the Appendix to this Work.

## DISEASES.

ALL the coast of *Whiteford* and *Holywell* parishes are more particularly subject than the drier parts to pleurisies, intermittents, and fevers of the putrid kinds. The last chiefly in the places where the poorer people are obliged to crowd into small apart-

\* *Gwillim's Heraldry*, 427. *Dugdale's Baron.* ii. 303.

ments,



ments, by which the air soon becomes foul, and produces this species of fever.

A CRUEL kind of quinzy has of late years infested these parishes, and others adjacent. In 1794 it raged particularly in the township of *Greenfield*, and parish of *Halkin*, and made dreadful havock among children from the age of three to that of five. The average loss was four or five in seven. In this visitation the disease did not attack adults; not that instances are wanting in other places of its attacking grown-up persons. In *September*, 1771, a Mr. *Poole*, his wife and mother, were buried in one vault in *Bunhill-fields*. His daughter fell a victim also, and made the fun of the family, who died at the same time, and by the same malignant disorder.

THE name given by the learned to this fatal disease, is *angina maligna*, and *cynanche maligna*. *Cynanche*, because the patients are often observed to protrude their tongue far out of their mouth, like an over-heated dog.

THE symptoms are too terrible for description. They may uselessly affect parents, who may safely trust to the medical people for the knowlege of them, for they are by no means equivocal; but, if any one's curiosity is excited, it may be satisfied by the perusal of the works of the late Dr. *Fothergill*, p. 198. and Dr. *Huxham's* Essays, p. 286. It seems to have been one of the *Nova Cohors Febrium*. It was first observed in *Spain*, in 1610, from whence it spread into *Malta*, *Sicily*, *Otranto*, *Apulia*, *Calabria*, and, finally, in 1618, it broke out at *Naples*. It also appeared in the *Archipelago*, when *Tournefort* (see his *Travels*, i.



p. 132.) was in *Milo*, in the year 1700. In *Spain* it got the name of *garrotillo*, from the horrible noise made by the patients, like that of persons strangled by a rope.

THIS fatal disorder reached *England* in 1739. Its first victims were two sons of Mr. *Pelham*, on the 27th of *November* of that year. After this it seemed to disappear, but began again in 1742; and with great fatality in 1746, when several of the inhabitants of *Bromley*, near *Bow*, lost most of their children. From Dr. *Huxham* we learn, that in 1751 it visited *Cornwall*; and from the latter part of that year, to *May* 1753, carried off numbers of children, and some adults.

IN the year 1743 it appeared in *North Wales*. From *March* 5th to *March* 10th, our late worthy vicar, the Reverend *Griffith Griffith*, buried three children. It was too much for his paternal feelings, and ever after greatly hurt his mind. And in the year 1744/5 that calamity visited the county of *Caernarvon*; and from *January* 28th to *February* 9th, the late Sir *Thomas Mostyn*, baronet, at *Gloddaeth*, in *Caernarvonshire*, lost four. These were observed to have been the only instances of the disease in their respective neighborhoods.

I CANNOT trace the progress of this disease any farther northward than my own country. If it has not made any advances towards the colder climates, it may be deemed a malady of the warm and temperate parts of *Europe*.

THAT it has found its way to the New World, appears from the following instances. In 1746 it visited many parts of *North America*, from *Philadelphia* to *New-York* and *New-England*, and with



# A P P E N D I X.

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The Five Royal Tribes of *Cambria*, from  
the ‘ *British Antiquities revived*: ’ By  
ROBERT VAUGHAN, Esquire, of *Hengwrt*,  
in *Merionethshire*.

## I.

**G**RYFFITH AP CYNAN, King of *North Wales*, is the first registered in our books. He was the grand-child of prince *Jago ap Edwal*, whose son *Cynan* was forced to fly into *Ireland* for safety, where he married *Ranullt*, daughter of *Auloedd*, king of *Dublin*, *Man*, and the *Isles*, and the relict of *Mathganyrn*, king of *Ulster*, and had issue by her this *Griffith*.—\* He beareth gules, three lioncels passant in pale Barry argent, armed azure.

### DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

WYNNES,        -        of *Pengwern*, *Merionethshire*.

\* Most of his descendants give the coat of his son *Owain Gwynedd*, viz. vert, three eagles displayed in fess or.

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DESCENDANTS



## A P P E N D I X.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

WYNNES,	-	of Gwydir, Caernarvonshire.	
		of Wynnstay, Denbighshire.	
		of Bodscallan, and Berth ddu,	} Caernarvonshire.
		of Conwy,	
		of Maes Mochnant, Denbighshire.	
		of Ystymcegid.	
		of Clynenny, Caernarvonshire.	
LLOYD,	-	of Rhiwaedog, Merionethshire, now Dolben.	
POWELL,	-	of Penmachno, Caernarvonshire.	
DAVIES,	-	of Tal-llyntardeni,	} Merionethshire.
PRYSE,	-	of Yscarweddan,	
ANWYL,	-	of Park.	

## II.

*RHYS AP TEWDWR MAWR*, (the second Royal Tribe)  
 who took upon him the government of *South Wales* A. D. 1077.  
 — *Gules, a lion rampant or, within a bordure indented.*

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

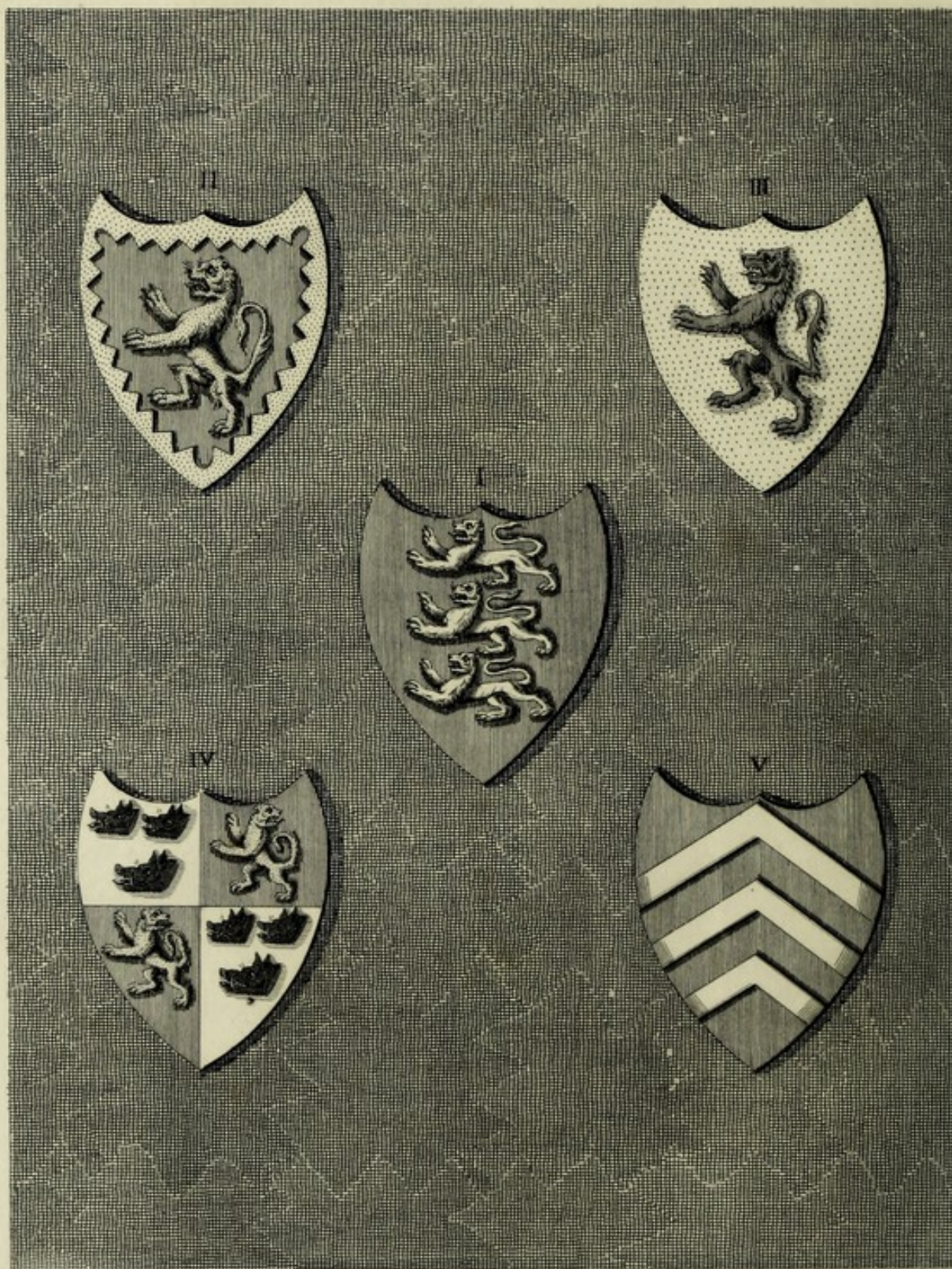
WYNNES,	-	of Dole Bachog.	
		of Llan Erfyl, Montgomeryshire.	
ST. OWEN AP	}	of Tal-y-llyn, Merionethshire.	
GWILIM,			
WYNN,	-	of Coed-llai, or Leeswood, Flintshire.	
OWEN,	-	of Cefn Hafod.	

LLOYDS,







*J. England delin.**J. Barlow sculp.**Published as the Act directs, Jan<sup>y</sup>. 1796, by B. & J. White.*



with a rage unknown in *Great-Britain*; for in *New-England* it depopulated whole villages. And that it either continues on the continent, or has re-visited it, is evident from its having appeared in *New York*, in the year 1771.

THE *cynanche trachialis*, or *croup*, has appeared here too frequently. A few years ago it destroyed not fewer than six children in the family of a respectable farmer in a neighboring parish.

THE smelting-works at *Flint* are at a very small distance from the eastern boundary of *Holywell*. The division of the parish of *Flint* from that of the latter, is by a rill not far from the town of *Flint*. The works are of great antiquity. They are here mentioned as the last link of the chain of metallic operations along the shore. There is no limiting the antiquity of the smelting-works; for we have proofs of very considerable ones having been near the town of *Flint*, at a place called *Croes Afi*, which is evident from the quantity of scoria of lead, bits of lead-ore, and fragments of melted lead, discovered in several places. I refer the reader, for a full account of them, and of the various antiquities met with on the spot, to p. 52. vol. i. of my *Welsh Tour*, which evince that they had been *Roman* works; so that it is probable there had been a succession of smelting-hearths in one part or other of this county, even to the present day.

To return to the works in question. They are frequently known by the name of the *salt-works*; which possibly implies that the site had been occupied by works of that nature, prior to the existence of the smelting-works. They have been occu-

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FLINT SMELTING-  
WORKS.



pied by several companies: at present by Mr. *Richard Ingleby*, of *Halkin*.—May success be his reward, for the seasonable and useful importation of barley in the late time of scarcity; a critical relief to the numerous miners on the adjacent mountains, in which he had no more interest than in the rest of the human race!

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*Elystan*) bore two coats quartered, azure, three boars heads caboched sable, langued gules, tusked or. His mother's coat, parted per bend sinister ermine and ermines; over all a lion rampant or.

## DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

CLYN, - of Clyn, Shropshire.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

PRICES, - of Cery,  
of Bodfach, } Montgomeryshire.  
of Newtown,  
of Penarth.  
of Park.

of Pilale, Radnorshire.  
of Llanbister.

OLIVERS, - of Nevoddwen,  
of Llangyniw.

LLOYDS, - of Cery, Montgomeryshire.  
of Mochdre.

WYNNS, - of Gellidywyll.  
of Llanfendigedd.

OWEN, - of Rhiw Saeson, Montgomeryshire.

PHILIPS, - of Llan Ddewi.

VAUGHANS, - of Bugeildy.  
of Pant-y-Garreg.

MEREDYDD, - of Llanasan.

OWEN, - of Morbend.

MORRIS, - of Cery, Montgomeryshire.

JAMES,



JAMES,	-	of <i>Croesgynan, Montgomeryshire.</i>
MATTHEWS,	-	of <i>Blodwell, Shropshire.</i>
		of <i>Mochdre.</i>
POWELL *	,	of <i>Westyn and Ednop, Shropshire.</i>

## V.

*WESTYN AP GWRGANT*, (the fifth Royal Tribe) was Prince or Lord of *Glamorgan*; he descended from *Tewdric*, King of *Gwent*, in King *Arthur's* time. He lost his country to *Robert Fitzhamon*, and his twelve knights; whom by the procurement of *Einion ap Cadifor ap Collwyn*, he had hired to come with an army to assist him against *Rhys ap Tewdwr*, Prince of *South Wales*, and *Blethyn ap Maenyrch*, Lord of *Brecknock*. As a judgment upon him, for his disloyalty to the said *Rhys*, his sovereign, God was pleased suddenly to punish treachery with treachery.

*Rhys* and *Blethyn*, after a very bloody battle † (not far from *Brecknock*) were slain in the field.—*Gules, three cheveronels in pale argent.*

\* Of this family was *Richard Powell* of *Ednop*, (or, as it is sometimes written, *Edenhope*) the poet, author of the *Pentarchia*, a short history, in coarse Latin verse, of the royal tribes of *Cambria*, and their descendants. The above-mentioned poem was composed about the year 1623. Prefixed to it is a dedication to the then Prince of *Wales*, afterwards *Charles* the First.

† This battle took place in the year 1090. Our valiant Prince *Rhys* had the honor of falling in the field, fighting in the defence of his country, at the great age of ninety-eight years.

*Wynne's Hist. Wales, p. 112.*

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LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Plás uwch Clawdd, Denbighshire.</i>
POWEL,	-	of <i>Ceidio.</i>
EVANS,	-	of <i>Tre Gastell.</i>
JONES,	-	of <i>Haim.</i>

## III.

*BLETHYN AP CYNFFYN*, (the third Royal Tribe) was King of *North Wales*, and Prince of *Powys* \*. And after the death of *Meredith ap Owain ap Edwyn*, (prince of *South Wales*) he became King of all *Wales*.—Or, a lion rampant gules, armed and langued or.

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE †.

KYNASTON,	-	of <i>Hardwick, Shropshire.</i>
VAUGHANS,	-	of <i>Golden Grove, Caermarthenshire.</i>
LLOYD,	-	of <i>Cwm-bychan,</i>
		of <i>Blaen Glynn,</i> } <i>Merionethshire.</i>

## DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

KYNASTONS,	of <i>Hordley.</i>
	of <i>Ottley.</i>

\* *Blethyn ap Cynfyn bôb cwys,*  
*Ei hân bioedd hên Borwys.*

† The curious reader, who wishes for more information concerning this tribe, and its descendants, may consult a tract on the subject, lately published by my worthy friend *Philip Yorke*, esquire, of *Erddig*, a gentleman to whom the thanks of his country are due, for the great zeal he displays to illustrate its antient biography.

KYNASTONS,



KYNASTONS, -	of <i>Morton</i> .
	of <i>Llwyn-y-Mapsis</i> .
	of <i>Pont-y-Byrsley</i> .
WILLIAMS, {	of <i>Hinčinbroke, Huntingdonshire</i> , of whom
	<i>Cromwell</i> , the Protector.
NANNEYS, -	of <i>Nanney, Merionethshire</i> .
MAURICES, -	of <i>Lloran, Shropshire</i> .
KYFFINS, -	of <i>Bodfach, Montgomeryshire</i> .
	of <i>Maenan, Caernarvonshire</i> .
	of <i>Glasgoed, Shropshire</i> .
TANATS, -	of <i>Abertanat</i> , {
MEREDYDD, -	of <i>Glantanat</i> , } <i>Montgomeryshire</i> .
POWELS, -	of <i>Whittington, Shropshire</i> .
JONES, -	of <i>Treweithian</i> .
MAESMOR, -	of <i>Maesmôr, Denbighshire</i> .
HUGHES, -	of <i>Gwerclas, Merionethshire</i> .

## IV.

*ETHELSTAN GLODRYDD*, (the fourth Royal Tribe) Prince of the \*country between *Wye* and *Severn*. He was the son of *Cybelyn ap Ifor*, by *Rbiengar*, the daughter and heir of *Gronw ap Tudor Trevor*, from whom he had derived to him the title of the earldom of *Hereford*. *Athelstan*, King of *England*, was his god-father.—*Ethelystan*, (or, as he is sometimes called,

\* The country between these two rivers was anciently called *Ferlys*; and it had its own princes, independent of the princes of *South Wales*.



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### DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

WILLIAMS *, -	of <i>Tame</i> . Earl of <i>Abingdon</i> .
NEWTONS, -	of <i>Heathley</i> .
JONES, -	of <i>Craflwyn</i> , <i>Caernarvonshire</i> .
	of <i>Dôl in Edeirnion</i> , } <i>Merionethshire</i> .
	of <i>Dôl-y-Môch</i> , }
MYTTLEY, -	of <i>Myttley</i> .

PRINCE *Griffith ap Cynan*, *Rhys ap Tewdwr*, and *Blethyn ap Cynfyn*, made diligent search for the arms, ensignes, and pedigrees of their ancestors, the nobility and kings of the *Britons*. What they discovered by their pains, in any papers and records, was afterwards, by the bards, digested and put into books. And they ordained five royal tribes, (there being only three before) from whom their posterity to this day can derive themselves: and also fifteen special tribes, of whom the gentry of *North Wales* are, for the most part, descended. And in our books we have mention of the tribe of *March*, &c. besides other tribes called *Gwehelyth*, and *Gwebelaethau*.

\* Lord *Williams*, of *Tame*, was made Lord President of the *Marches of Wales* in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth*; and died, I believe, the same year, at *Ludlow Castle*, where the courts of the *Marches* were then held.



The Fifteen Tribes of *North Wales*; from a  
MS. in the Possession of the Reverend  
*L. Owen.*

I.

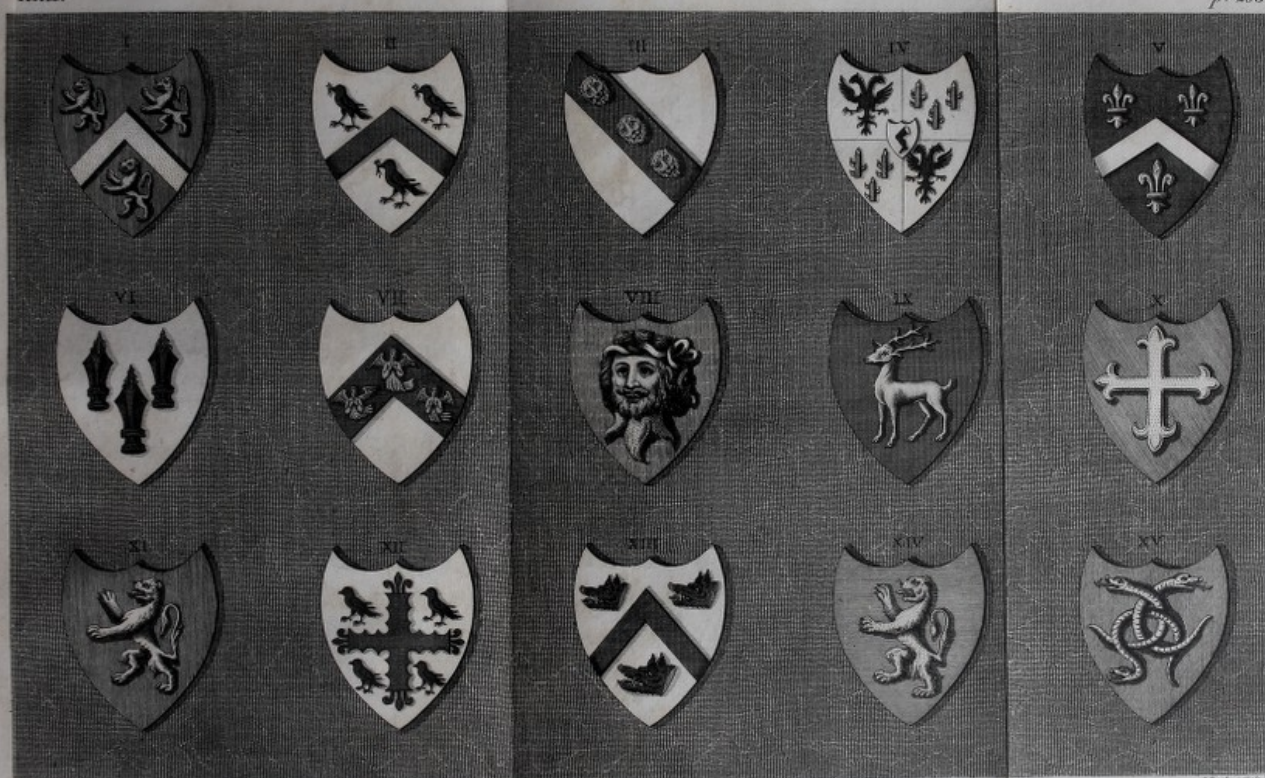
**H**WFA \* AP CYNDDELW (the first of the fifteen tribes) lived in the time of *Owain Gwynedd*, Prince of *North Wales*. Some books of pedigrees allege that he was steward to the said Prince †. His office, by inheritance, was to bear the Prince's coronet, and to put it upon his head when the Bishop of *Bangor* anointed him, (as *Nicholas*, Bishop of *Bangor*, affirmeth). His house, I believe, was *Presaddfed*, in *Anglesey*. What lordships he had besides that, are mentioned, in the Extent of *North Wales*, to be divided among his five sons, viz. *Methusalem*, *Cyfnertb*, *Jeuan*, *Jorwerth*, and *Blettrws*. Many of the gentlemen of *Anglesey* hold lands from him by lineal descent, but who his heir is, I know not. Sir *Howel-y-Pedolau* ‡ was a famous man in his time, and descended from him, being the son of *Griffith ap Jorwerth ap Meredydd ap Methusalem ap Hwfa ap Cynddelw*. Sir *Howel's* mother was King *Edward* the Second's

\* Commonly called Lord of *Llys Llifon*, in *Anglesey*.

† *Mon. Ant.* p. 131.

‡ Or, of the horse-shoes.





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nurse; and he being the King's foster-brother, was in great favor with him, who knighted him. He was a very strong man, insomuch that he could break or straiten horse-shoes with his hands.—*His arms he beareth gules between three lioncels rampant, a cheveron or.*

### DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

OWEN, - of Bodeon, Anglesey; and Orielson, Pembroke-shire,  
of Penrhos, Montgomeryshire.

### DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

WILLIAMS,	-	of Llanbeder.	
BOULD,	-	of Tre'r Ddôl.	
OWEN,	-	of Porkinton, Shropshire.	
		of Llanvaethley.	
MORRIS,	-	of Tre Forwerth.	
WYNNEs,	-	of Bodychen,	} Anglesey.
		of Bodowyr,	
GRIFFITHS,	-	of Chwaen,	
LEWIS,	-	of Presaddfed,	

## II.

\* *LLOWARCH AP BRAN*, (the second of the fifteen tribes) lived in the time of *Owain Gwynedd*, and was the Prince's brother-in-law, for both their wives were sisters, the daughters of

\* *Llowarch* was Lord of *Gwmmwd Menai*, in *Anglesey*.



*Grono ap Owain ap Edwyn*, Lord of *Tegaingle*, (as *Griffith Hiraethog*, and *Sir Thomas ap Ievan ap Deicws*, and also an old parchment MS. written about four hundred years ago, do testify.) What office he bore under the Prince, I do not know. Some say he was *Owain's* steward, as in a book of *Sir Thomas ap Williams* of *Trefriw*, I found. I believe he dwelled in the township which from him is called *Tref Llowarch*, which hath in it *Caer Gybi*, (or *Holyhead*) and three parcels of land, bearing the name of his three sons, viz. *Gwely Iorwerth ap Llowarch*, *Gwely Cadwgan ap Llowarch*, and *Gwely Madoc ap Llowarch*, as in the Extent of *North Wales* is manifest. He had a grand-child by his son *Iorwerth*, called *Meredydd*, who, for his good services, had the freehold of the township of *Eskyniok* given him and his heirs for ever, by Prince *Llewelyn ap Iorwerth*; whose posterity, viz. *Ievan \* Wyddel*, and *Tudur ap Howel ap Tudur*, held the same by the grant aforesaid, in the twenty-sixth year of King *Edward* the Third, as is to be seen in the Extent Book of *North Wales*. *Ievan Wyddel's* mother was the daughter of the Lord *Cywochwr* in *Ireland*, descended of the Earl of *Kildare*, of whom the gentlemen of *Mosglen*, *Bodowyr*, *Porthamal*, and many others are descended.—He beareth argent, between three crows with ermine in their bills, a cheveron sable.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Rhiwgoch</i> ,	} <i>Merionethshire</i> .
		of <i>Maes-y-Neuoedd</i> ,	
		of <i>Hendre'r Mûr</i> ,	

\* Or the *Irishman*.

LLOYDS,



LLOYDS,	-	of Bryn Hir.	
		of Coed-y-Rhygyn.	
		of Llandecwyn.	
		of Cefnfaes.	
		of Cae Adda.	
WYNN,	-	of Mosoglen.	
PRICE,	-	of Bodowyr,	} Anglesey.
PARRY,	-	of Bodafon,	
GRIFFITH,	-	of Celynnog fawr,	Caernarvonshire.
MEREDYDD,	-	of Monachdy Gwyn.	
		of Hafod Lwyfog.	
		of Porthamal.	
OWEN,	- -	of Ruthin,	Denbighshire.

## III.

*GWEIRYDD AP RHYS GOCH*, of the hundred of *Tal-Ebolion* in *Anglesey*. He dwelt at *Caerdegog*, the hamlets and tenements whereof bear the names of his children and grandchildren, as *Gwely Madoc ap Gweirydd*, *Gwely Llowarch ap Gweirydd*, *Gwely Howel ap Gweirydd*, and *Gwely Meuric ap Gweirydd*, whose great grand-child *Howel ap Ieuan ap Ednyfed ap Meuric ap Gweirydd*, enjoyed *Gwely Meuric*, in the twenty-sixth year of *Edward III.*—\* *He beareth argent on a bend sable,*

\* According to other authors, *he bore argent, on a bend sable, three leopards' faces of the first.*



*three lions' heads caboched of the first.* He lived in the time of *Owain Gwynedd*, and of his son *David ap Owain*.

DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

FOULKES, - of *Gwernygron, Flintshire*.

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

LLOYD,	-	of <i>Gwardog,</i>	} <i>Anglesey.</i>
WYNN,	-	of <i>Bodewryd,</i>	
HUGHES,	-	of <i>Beaumaris,</i>	

IV.

*CILMIN TROED-DU*\* lived in the time of *Merfyn Frych*†, King of *Man*, being his brother's son, with whom he came from the north of *Britain*, when *Merfyn* married *Esfyllt*, the daughter and heir of *Conan Tindaethwy*, king of the *Britons*. What offices he bore, I have not been able to find out. His posterity were wise and discreet men, in all their ages; and many of them were learned in the laws in the time of the kings and princes of *Wales*, and were judges; as *Morgeneu*‡ *Tnad ap Gwrydr*, and *Cyfnerth* his son, whose Law-Book is yet extant, fairly written on

\* For a further account of *Cilmin Troed-Du*, or *Cilmin with the black foot*, see *Tour in Wales*, Vol. ii. p. 213.

† *Merfyn Frych* reigned from the year 818 to 843.—*Powel's History of Wales*.

‡ Or Judge.

parchment;



parchment; *Morgeneu Ynad ap Madoc*; *Morgan Ynad ap Meuric*, and *Madoc Gôch Ynad*. *Robert ap Meredydd ap Hwlkin Llwyd*, a wife and couth gentleman, lived in the time of Henry the Seventh; and of him are descended the *Glynns* of *Nanlley*. His house, I believe, was *Glynllifon*, whence some of his descendants took the name of *Glynn*.—*He beareth quarterly 1, argent, an eagle displayed with two heads sable*; 2, *argent, three fiery ragged sticks, gules*; the 3d as the second; the 4th as the first. Over all, upon an *escutcheon of pretence argent, a man's leg coupé a la cuisse, sable*.

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

GLYNNS, - of *Hawarden Castle, Flintshire*.  
                   of *London*.  
 HUGHES, - of *Bodryn*.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

GLYNNS, - of *Glynllifon*,  
                   of *Lleyar*,  
                   of *Nanlley*, } *Caernarvonshire*.

## V.

*COLLWYN AP TANGNO* is said to be Lord of *Efionydd*, *Ardudwy*, and part of *Llyn*: and it is true, that his progeny have, and do to this day, possess and enjoy the greatest part of the said country.



country. His grand-children *Affer*, *Meirion*, and *Gwgan*, the sons of *Merwydd ap Collwyn*, lived in the beginning of *Griffith ap Cynan*'s time, as by the Life \* of the said *Griffith* is manifest, whereby may be known what time *Collwyn* lived and flourished. It is said that he lived some time in *Bronwen*'s tower at *Harlech*, calling the same town after his own name *Caer-Collwyn*. But his said grand-children, when *Griffith ap Cynan* challenged the principality of *Wales*, lived in *Llyn*, as in the said book of his life is extant. His posterity were always the noblest and best men in *Efionydd* and *Ardudwy*, next to the princes and their issue. His heir, from eldest son to eldest son, is hard to be known, in regard that by the *British* laws every man's inheritance was to be divided among his children, and the youngest son had the principal house; whereby every one having an equal portion of his parent's land, his posterity was forgotten.—*He beareth sable, between three flower-de-luces a cheveron argent.*

SIR *Howel-y-Fwyall* †, descended of *Collwyn*, was a noble warrior, and was in the battle of *Poitiers* with the *Black Prince*, when the *French* King was taken prisoner: where, with his pole-ax, he behaved himself so valiantly, that the prince made him a knight, and allowed a mess of meat to be served before his ax or partizan for ever, to perpetuate the memory of his good service: which mess of meat, after his death, was carried down to be given to the poor for his soul's sake; and the said mess had eight yeoman-attendants found at the king's charge, which were

\* Written in the *British* tongue, by a very antient bard.

† Of the Ax.

afterwards



afterwards called *Yeomen of the Crown*, who had eight-pence a day of standing wages, and lasted to the beginning of the reign of *Elizabeth*: (as by the relation of *Serjeant Roberts*, of *Hafod-y-Bwch*, near *Wrexham*, and *Robert Turbridge*, of *Caerfallen*, near *Ruthin*, esquire, is recorded in the history of the noble house of *Gwydir*, wherein you may find this relation more at large.) Besides, he had the constableship of the castle of *Crickieth*, where he kept house; and the rent of *Dee-mills* at *Chester*, for the term of his life. His father was *Griffith ap Howel ap Meredydd ap Einion ap Gwrganen ap Merwydd ap Collwyn*.—His arms\* were *sable, between three flower-de-luces a pole-ax argent*.

## DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

WILLIAMS, - of *Aberarch, Caernarvonshire*.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

BODWRDA,	-	of <i>Bodwrda</i> ,	} <i>Caernarvonshire</i> .
BODVELS,	-	of <i>Madryn</i> ,	
JONES,	-	of <i>Castell March</i> ,	
WYNN,	-	of <i>Pant-du</i> .	
		of <i>Pennardd</i> .	
		of <i>Bodfanan</i> .	

\* *Sir Howell-y-Fwyall's*.

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WYNN,



WYNN,	-	of <i>Pen-y-Berth</i> .	
		of <i>Pen Coed</i> .	
LLOYD,	-	of <i>Bodfan</i> .	
		of <i>Gardd</i> .	
		of <i>Dol-y-Penrhyn</i> .	
RHYDDERCHS,		of <i>Tregaenan</i> .	
VAUGHANS,	-	of <i>Plás Hên, Caernarvonshire</i> .	
		of <i>Perkin</i> ,	} <i>Merionethshire</i> .
OWEN,	-	of <i>Plás-du</i> ,	
		of <i>Maentwrog</i> ,	
ELLIS,	-	of <i>Ystymlyn, Caernarvonshire</i> .	

## VI.

*NEFYDD HARDD*, of *Nant Conwy*, lived in the time of *Owain Gwynedd*, who gave *Idwal* his son to be fostered by him; but *Nefydd*, for what cause I know not, caused *Dunawt* his son to kill the young prince, at a place called of him *Cwm Idwal*. Wherefore *Nefydd* and his posterity were degraded, and of gentlemen were made bond-men of *Nant Conwy*. His son *Rhûn*, to expiate that foul murder, gave the lands whereon the church of *Llanrwsf* was built, whose grand-child, (and *Madoc Gôch ap Forwerth ap Gwrgynon ap Cyfnerth*, his son) were stewards to *Llewelyn ap Forwerth*, Prince of *Wales*, (as *Griffith Hiraethog* says.) He dwelled at *Crygnant*, as I take it, near *Llanrwsf*.—\* *He beareth argent, three spears' heads imbrued, sable pointed upwards.*

\* Other books say, that he bore argent, a cheveron inter three javelins sable, pointed upwards gules.



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### DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

EVAN MORGAN \*, of *Gwibernant, Caernarvonshire.*

EVANS, - of *Llanrwst.*

DAVIES, - of *Coed-y-Mynydd.*

### VII.

*MAELOC CRWM*, of *Llechwedd-isaf*, and *Creuddyn* †, lived in the time of Prince *David ap Owain Gwynedd*, about the year of our Lord 1175, (as *Sir Thomas ap Williams*' book averreth). What offices he bore, I have not learned. The most famous men descended of him were, *Sir Thomas Chaloners*, and others of that name, descended of *David Chaloners*, of *Denbigh*, whose ancestor *Trabaiarn Chaloners* was so called, because his grandfather *Madoc Crwm* of *Chaloners* had lived in a town in *France* called *Chaloners*, whence he took that name.—*He beareth argent, on a cheveron sable, three angels or.*

### DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

CHALONERS, - of *Gisborough, Yorkshire.*

### DESCENDANT EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

THOMAS, - of *Caer Pill.*

\* This family produced the learned *Dr. W. Morgan*, Bishop of *St. Asaph*, who translated the Bible into the *Welsh* tongue.—*Tour in Wales*, ii. 350.

† Both these places are in *Caernarvonshire.*



## VIII.

*MARCHUDD AP CYNAN*, Lord of *Abergeleu*: His house was *Bryn Ffenigl*. He lived, (as *Sir Thomas ap Williams*' book saith) in the time of *Rodri Mawr* \*, king of the *Britons*, about the year of our Lord 849 †. Of him was *Ednyfed Fychan* descended, who being general of the prince's ‡ host, was sent to the *Marches*, to defend the frontiers from the approach of the *English* army, which was ready to invade them, under the command of *Ranulph*, earl of *Chester*, (who met them) and killed three of their chief captains and commanders, and a great many of the common soldiers. The rest he put to flight, and triumphantly returned to his prince; who, in recompence of his good service, gave him, among many gifts and honors, a new coat of arms; for the coat, which he and his ancestors had always given before, was the coat of *Marchudd*, being *gules, a Saracen's head erased proper, wreathed or*.—The new coat was thus displayed, *gules between three Englishmen's heads couped, a cheveron ermin*.—From the death of the last *Llewelyn*, *Ednyfed*'s posterity were the greatest men of any in *Wales*, (as by the works of the bards and records is very manifest.) If I should go about to reckon all the famous men descended of him, it would require more time than I can well spare. Let it be sufficient to remember *Henry the Seventh*, king

\* *Roderic the Great.*† Dr. *Powell* says 856.‡ *Llewelyn ap Iorwerth.*



of *England*, *Henry* the Eighth, *Edward* the Sixth, *Queen Mary*, and *Queen Elizabeth*, all of whom were descended lineally and paternally of *Ednyfed Fychan*, who likewise was descended of *Marchudd*.

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

WYNNS,	-	of <i>Melay</i> , now Lord <i>Newborough</i> . of <i>Garthewyn</i> .
FOULKES,	-	of <i>Eriviet</i> .
LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Plás Madog</i> , in <i>Llansannan</i> ; now of <i>Plás Power</i> .
* PRICE,	-	of <i>Maentwrog</i> , <i>Merionethshire</i> ; now of <i>Gerddi Bluog</i> .
MORGAN,	-	of <i>Gwlgre</i> , <i>Flintshire</i> .
GRIFFITH,	-	of <i>Garreg Lwyd</i> .

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

WYNNS,	-	of <i>Dyffryn Aled</i> , <i>Denbighshire</i> . of <i>Trefarth</i> .
ROBERTS,	-	of <i>Gwasane</i> , <i>Flintshire</i> .
LLOYD,	-	of <i>Gydros</i> .

\* Of this family was *Edmund Price*, Archdeacon of *Merionydd*, who collected the Psalms into *Welsh* metre.

LLOYD,



LLOYD,		of <i>Dól</i> .
		of <i>Trebul</i> .
HUGHES,	-	Bishop of <i>St. Asaph</i> .
SMITH,	-	Chancellor of <i>St. Asaph</i> .
VAUGHANS,	-	of <i>Hen Blás</i> and <i>Bronbeulog</i> .
LLEWELIN,	-	of <i>Llanelian</i> .
JENKIN,	-	of <i>Efenechtyd</i> .
COL. JONES,		the Regicide*.
WILLIAMS,	-	of <i>Cochwillan</i> , <i>Maenol</i> , <i>Marl</i> , <i>Meillionydd</i> , and <i>Ystumcolwyn</i> .
HOWEL MAELINYDD.		
CONWAY,	-	of <i>Nant</i> .
GRIFFITH,	-	of <i>Festiniog</i> .
HUGHES,	-	of <i>Cefn y Garlleg</i> .

## IX.

*HEDD MOLWYNNOG* †, of *Uwch-aled*, (as *Sir Thomas ap Williams*' book hath it) was steward to Prince *David ap Owain*. His lands and lordships were *Llanfair Talyhaern*, *Dyffryn Elwy*, and *Nanhaled*, the which his three sons, viz. *Meuter*, *Gwillonon*, and *Gwrgi*, divided, and their posterity have enjoyed, and do still enjoy, some part of them. *Rhys ap Ieuan ap Llewelyn Cbwith* of *Cbwibren*, was an esquire of the body to King *Edward* the Fourth (as the book of *Evan Lloyd Jeffrey* hath it): he and his

\* Vide *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 123.

† He lived at a place called *Yr Henllys*, in the parish of *Llanfair Talyhaern*.

cousin.



cousin-german, *David Jenkin*, were very turbulent in the *Lancastrian* war.

*Meuric Llwyd*, of *Llwyn y Maen*, near *Oswestry*, was a valiant captain under the earl of *Arundel*, who by his prowess atchieved a very noble coat of arms, viz. *The field argent, an eagle displayed with two heads sable.*

And here, I think, *Iolo Gôch*\*, *Owain Glyndwr*'s bard, whose mother was the Countess of *Lincoln*, (as *Griffith Hiraethog* saith) may well bear a place among the worthy descendants of this tribe; who, for his lofty strain, and singular skill in *British* poetry, was and is as famous and renowned as any that hath been these four hundred years.—And also † *Tudur Aled*, another learned bard, and a doctor of the chair in his profession: but their learned works will make them famous and ever glorious.—*He beareth sable, a hart passant argent, attired or.*

DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

LLOYDS ‡,	-	of <i>Havodunnos</i> , <i>Denbighshire</i> .
		of <i>Llwyn-y-Maen</i> , near <i>Oswestry</i> .
		of <i>Llanforda</i> .
		of <i>Dre-newydd</i> , in <i>Whittington</i> parish.
	-	of <i>Blaen-y-Ddôl</i> .
PARRY,	-	of <i>Llangerniw</i> .

\* *Oliver the Red.*

† This celebrated poet lived about the year 1490.

‡ These *Lloyds*, descendants of *Hed Mollwynog*, were the first persons that bore that name in *North Wales*.

WYNN,



WYNN, - of *Bryn Cynrick*.  
 GRIFFITHS, - of *Bodychwyn*.  
                   of *Hafod-y-Garreg*.  
                   of *Blaen Iâl, Denbighshire*.  
                   of *Plás Newydd*.

## X.

*BRAINT HIR*, of *Is-dulas*, lived, as I conjecture, about the time of the sons of *Roderic\* the Great*. His posterity did not much increase, for there are not many, at present, known to be descended from him, yet some there are.—*His arms are vert, a cross flowery or*.

## DESCENDANTS.

VAUGHANS, - of *Pont-y-Gwyddel*. Mrs. *Gifford*, of *Nerquis*.

## XI.

† *MARCHWEITHIAN* was called Lord of *Is-aled*; his lands were *Carwed Fynydd, Dincadfael, Prees, Beryn, Llyweni, Gwytherin*, and many other townships within the hundred of *Is-aled*,

\* Others say that he lived about the year 650, in the time of *Cadwallon*, whose nephew and chancellor he was.

† His court is said to be *Llys Llyweni*.



as appears by the extent of the lordship and honor of *Denbigh*, made in the eighth year of *Edward* the Third; at what time, *Cynwric Fychan*, being the ninth in descent from *Marchweithian*, lived; whereby some aim may be made at the time he flourished.

THE families and houses descended of him are many, but the most eminent are these, *Berain*, formerly incorporated to the house of *Llyweni*, by the marriage of Mrs. *Catherine*, of *Berain*\*, the daughter and heir of *Tudor ap Robert Fychan*, of *Berain*, esquire, with *John Salisbury*, the son and heir of Sir *John Salisbury*, of *Llyweni*, knight; after whose death she married *Richard Clough*, esquire, of *Denbigh*, a rich merchant; after whose decease she married *Maurice Wynne*, of *Gwydir*, esquire, and had issue by both: and last of all she married *Edward Thelwall*, of *Plás-y-Ward*, esquire.—Mr. *Robert ap Rees*, descended of this tribe, and ancestor to the family of *Rhiwlas*, was chaplain to Cardinal *Wolfey*, and a very great man in the reign of *Henry* the Eighth.—*Ellis Price*, of *Plás-Yolyn*, doctor of the law, who, I believe, was one of the scholars of *Cambridge*, that disputed with *Throgmorton*, and other scholars of *Oxford*, at *Cambridge*, in the year of our Lord 1532, and got the best; (as *James Caius*, in the first book of *The Antiquities of Cambridge*, affirmeth.)—He bore, in a shield gules, a lion rampant argent, armed azure.

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

PRICE,	-	of <i>Rhiwlas</i> ,	} <i>Merionethshire</i> .
		of <i>Boch-y-rhaiadr</i> ,	

\* See her singular story in *Tour in Wales*, ii. p. 29.



- WYNN, - of *Llangynhafal, Denbighshire.*  
 PANTON, - of *Colehill Manor, Flintshire.*  
 PARRY, - of *Tywyfog, and Pistill.*

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

- PRICE, - of *Giler, Denbighshire.*  
           of *Tyddyn Sieffrey.*  
           of *Cwmmein.*  
           of *Fedw deg.*  
           of *Llanrwsf.*  
           of *Dugoed, in Penmachno.*  
 WYNN, - of *Voelas, Denbighshire.*  
           of *Plas Newydd Yspytty.*  
           of *Hafod-y-Maidd.*  
 FOULKES, - of *Llys Llywarch.*  
           of *Carwed Fynydd, and Meriadog.*  
 VAUGHANS, - of *Pant Glás.*  
           of *Blaen-y-Cwm.*  
           of *Llysfaen.*  
 WILLIAMS, - of *Aberconwy.*  
           of *Hafod Garregog.*  
 DAVIES, - of *Llathwryd.*  
 GETHIN, - of *Cernioge, Denbighshire.*



## XII.

EDWIN, commonly called King of *Tegaingle* \*, was the twelfth tribe, whose son Owain had a daughter called *Angharad*, married to *Griffith ap Cynan*, king of *Gwynedd*, or *North Wales*. Many worthy and noble gentlemen in *Flintshire* and *Denbighshire* are descended of him, as the Bishop of *Bangor*, now living—(I believe he means *William Roberts*, D.D. who was consecrated Bishop of *Bangor*, in *September 1637*, and died at *Llandurnog*, *August 12th, 1665*, aged 80.) *Thomas Owen*, judge of ———, father of *Sir Roger Owen*, late of *Cundover*, knight. † *Howel Gwynedd*, a very valiant and stout man, who, siding with *Owen Glyndwr* against *Henry the Fourth*, did much annoy the *English*; but on a time, being more secure than he ought to have been, he was taken by his adversaries of the town of *Flint*, who, upon a place called *Moel-y-Gaer*, cut off his head: and long time before, one *Owain ap Uchtryd*, being grandson to *Edwin*, kept by force of arms all *Tegaingle* under subjection, notwithstanding all the power of the king, lords, and country to the contrary; and the third year, having his pardon, he delivered the owners their lands.—*He beareth argent, between four Cornish choughs armed gules, a cross flury engrailed sable.*

\* Or *Englefield*: it is a division of *Flintshire*, consisting of three hundreds, viz. *Rhuddlan*, *Colefkill*, and *Prestatyn*.

† For a fuller account of *Howel Gwynedd*, see *Tour in Wales*, vol. i. pp. 84, 85.



## A P P E N D I X.

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Pentre Hobyn</i> , now of <i>Trefor</i> .
WYNNS,	-	of <i>Copparleni</i> .
PARRIES,	-	of <i>Llaneurgain</i> .

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

MOSTYNS,	-	of <i>Mostyn</i> , &c.	} <i>Flintshire</i> .
LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Farm</i> ,	
WYNNS,	-	of <i>Nbercwys</i> ,	
EDWARDS,	-	of <i>Stansty</i> .	
		of <i>Rbual</i> .	
		of <i>Gallt-y-celyn</i> , and <i>Crogen Iddon</i> .	
		of <i>Llangollen Fechan</i> .	
EVANS,	-	of <i>Coed Llai</i> , and <i>Treuddyn</i> .	
HUGHES,	-	of <i>Diferth</i> .	
JONES,	-	of <i>Gwernaffield</i> , and <i>Mold</i> .	
OWENS,		of <i>Coed Llai</i> , <i>Gwasane</i> , <i>Caerfallwch</i> , <i>Treuddyn</i> , <i>Arddunwynt</i> , and <i>Hope</i> .	
PRICE,	-	of <i>Llwyn Ym</i> .	
BROMFIELDS,		of <i>Bromfield</i> .	

## XIII.

*EDNOWAIN BENDEW* was Lord of *Tegaingle* in the year of our Lord 1079, (as the book of *Ednop* saith.) He is said by *Peter Ellis*, the counsellor, to be the chief of the fifteen tribes. Of him are descended *Ithel ap Rotpert*, Archdeacon of *Tegaingle*,  
the



the *Bitbels*, and a great many worthy families besides.—*He bears the argent, between three boars heads, a cheveron sable.*

THE residence of *Ednowain* is supposed by some to have been at *Ty-maen*, in the parish of *Whiteford*, (see p. 119.)

## DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

LLOYD,	-	of <i>Wygfair</i> ,	} <i>Flintshire.</i>
FOULKES,	-	of <i>Mertyn</i> ,	
GRIFFITH,	-	of <i>Rhual</i> ,	
HUGHES,	-	of <i>Halkyn</i> ,	
		of <i>Bagillt</i> ,	
GRIFFITH,	-	of <i>Plás isa', Caerwys</i> ,	}

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

WYNNS,	-	of <i>Galedlom</i> , and <i>Caerwys</i> ,	} <i>Flintshire.</i>
PUGHE,	-	of <i>Skeifog</i> ,	
PIERS,	-	of <i>Llanasaph</i> ,	
PARRY,	-	of <i>Coleshill</i> , and <i>Basingwerk</i> ,	
GRIFFITH,	-	of <i>Pant y Llongdu</i> ,	
		of <i>Caerwys Hall</i> ,	
EVANS,	-	of <i>Llaneurgain</i> ,	
JONES,	-	of <i>Skeifog</i> ,	
WILLIAMS,	-	of <i>Clommendy Skeifog</i> ,	
HUGHES,	-	of <i>Coed-y-Brain</i> ,	



## XIV.

EFNYDD, commonly called the son of \* *Gwenllian*, the daughter of *Rhŷs ap Marchen*, who was lord of seven townships in *Dyffryn Clwyd*, called *Ruthin land*, viz. *Tref-ben-y-Coed*, and *Fenechdyd*, y *Groestwyd*, *Pant Meugen*, and three more, all freehold land. He had no children besides *Gwenllian* aforesaid, who by the interest of *Blethyn ap Cynfyn*, king of *Wales*, was given in marriage to this *Efnudd's* father, being nearly related to the said king, who gave him likewise seven townships, to wit, *Almor*, *Tref-alen* (or *Alynton*), *Gresford* in *Bromfield*, *Lleprog-fawr*, *Lleprog-fechan*, and *Tref-y-nant*, in *Tegaingle*, &c. He had a daughter called *Hunydd*, who was the wife of *Meredydd ap Blethyn*, prince of *Powys*. Of him was descended *John Almor*, one of the marshals of the hall to king *Henry the Seventh*, father of *John Almor*, serjeant at arms to king *Henry the Eighth*, (as I think) *who bore azure, a lion rampant or, armed and langued gules*; and of *Sir William Meredith*, who lived in *Yorkshire*, or somewhere else in *England*.—He bore a lion rampant salient or, where-with he quartered his mother's coat, being azure, between three nags heads erased argent, a fess or.

## DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

SIMUNT,	-	of <i>Coed Llai</i> ,	} <i>Flintshire</i> .
PRICHARD,	-	of <i>Caergwrley</i> ,	

\* This *Gwenllian* was styled the heiress of *Dyffryn Clwyd*, in regard that she possessed a very great portion of it.



ROGERS,	-	of <i>Flint</i> .
MEREDYDD,	-	of <i>Trefalen</i> .
		of <i>Pentre Bychan</i> .
		of <i>Stansty</i> .
ALMORS,	-	of <i>Almor</i> .
ALYNTONS,	-	of <i>Alynton</i> .
LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Gresford</i> , and <i>Alynton</i> .

## XV.

*EDNOWAIN AP BRADWEN* \* is by writers called Lord of *Meirionydd*: but surely the princes and their issue were always lords of *Meirionydd*; howbeit it might be, that he (as others) took the same to farm, and therefore might be called lord thereof. And yet he and his issue were possessed of all *Tal-y-Bont*, save *Nanney*, and the prince's demesnes, and for the most part of *Ystumanner* in the like manner. The offices he bare under the prince, I know not. Some books of pedigree say that he lived in *Griffith ap Cynan*'s time, but I think he was not so ancient †. The ruins of his *Llys*, or palace, are to be seen in the township of *Cregenau*, in *Tal-y-Bont Iscregenau*. *Llewelyn ap Tudur ap Gwyn ap Peredur ap Ednowain ap Bradwen*, lived in the time of *Edward* the First, and did him homage with the lords and

\* Of *Llys Bradwen*, near *Dolgelly*. Vide *Tour in Wales*, vol. ii. p. 99. *et seq.*

† He lived in the time of *Llewelyn ap Iorwerth*, probably about 1194.



gentry of *Wales*, as by the said king's records is manifest. *Aaron*, his grandchild, by his son *Ednyfed*, had two sons more eminent than the rest of his children, *Ednyfed* and *Griffith*; of the last of whom *William David Lloyd*, of *Peniarth*, esquire, lately deceased, was descended: whose inheritance is come to *Margaret*, the mother of *Lewis Owen*, of *Peniarth*, esquire, now living. *Ednyfed ap Aaron* is said to have entertained *Owain Glyndwr*, when he was overcome by king *Henry* the Fourth, the usurper, but secretly in a cave, by the sea-side, in the parish of *Llan Gelynin*, which of him is called \* *Ogof Owain*. Of this *Ednyfed* was descended *Morgan ap Griffith ap Eineon*, a courageous stout man, who, as it is reported by his kinsmen, by chance, in the streets of the city of *London*, late in the night, met with King *Henry* the Eighth, with a small guard about him, coming to see what rule was kept in the city; and when neither would yield to the other, they drew and fought hardly, until a person, who accompanied *Morgan*, bade him take heed what he did, for that he feared it was the king with whom he fought. Whereupon *Morgan* crying mercy, yielded, and craved pardon; and the king did let him go, saying, that he was a lusty man, and ever after he was called *Lusty Morgan*. This is a report, I cannot tell how true.

"*Morgan hŷr, mawr gan Harri,*

"*Mae Llundain dan d'adain di,*"

—He bore gules, three snakes enowed in a triangular knot argent.

\* *Owain's* cave.

DESCENDANTS



## DESCENDANT EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

OWENS, - of *Cae'r Berllan, Merionethshire.*

## DESCENDANTS EXTINCT, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

LLOYDS, - of *Nant-y-Mynach, and Peniarth.*

OWENS, - of *Peniarth, and Morben.*

GRIFFITH, - of *Garth, and Cloddiau Cochion.*

Out of our ancient books of pedegrees, we are enabled to add another *Tribe*; by no means inferior to any of the foregoing, in the respectability and number of its descendants.

## XVI.

*TUDOR TREVOR*, the tribe of \* *March*, called likewise in our books *Llwyth Maelor* (or the tribe of *Maelor*,) was the son of *Ynyr ap Cadfarch*, descended of *Cadell Deurnllug*, King of *Powys*. He is said to have been the founder of, and to have resided at, *Whittington Castle*, which continued in his posterity for many generations after. His mother was *Rhiengar*, daughter to *Lluddocca ap Caradoc Vreichfras*, earl of *Hereford*, who was one of the knights of king *Arthur's Round Table*. *Tudor* had large possessions in *Herefordshire*, in right of his mother, as well as in that country called *Ferlys*, which lies between the rivers *Wye*

\* So called, because a great number of the gentlemen in the *Marches* of *England* and *Wales* are descended from him.



and *Severne*. He was cotemporary with *Howel Dda*, king of *Wales*, whose daughter *Angkarad* he married, by whom he had three sons and one daughter. *Powell*, of *Edenbope*, in his *Pentarchia*, describes his arms in the following manner :

*Erminiis fulgens Theodori parma Trevori,  
Dat rapidum fulvumque sinistro verte leonem;  
Mostonis sunt nota satis, simul arma Trevoris.*

Which may be thus expressed in plain *English* : ‘ *Parted per bend  
‘ sinister ermine and ermines, over all a lion rampant or ; the well-  
‘ known arms of the Mostyns, and also of the Trevors.*’

#### DESCENDANTS EXTANT IN THE MALE LINE.

Viscount *Hambden*, and Baron TREVOR.

MOSTYNS,	-	of <i>Mostyn</i> ,	} Baronets.
		of <i>Trelacre</i> ,	
		of <i>Bryngwyn</i> .	
		of <i>Segroit</i> .	
PENNANT,	-	of <i>Bychton</i> .	
RICHARD PENNANT, Baron <i>Penrhyn</i> .			
JEFFERIES,	-	of <i>Aeton</i> .	
EDWARDS,	-	of <i>Chirk</i> .	
WYNNE,	-	of <i>Gerwyn-fawr</i> .	
JONES,	-	of <i>Llwyn-onn</i> .	

#### DESCENDANTS EXTINGUISHED, OR IN THE FEMALE LINE.

TREVOR,	-	of <i>Brynkinnallt</i> .
		of <i>Pentre Cynric</i> .

TREVOR,



TREVOR,	-	of <i>Daywen</i> .
		of <i>Trefalen</i> .
		of <i>Plás-tég</i> .
		of <i>Ofwestry</i> .
LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Halton</i> .
YOUNG,	-	of <i>Bryn Yorkin</i> .
DYMMOCK,	-	of <i>Willington</i> .
PUGHE,	-	of <i>Llan-y-Mynach</i> .
LLOYDS,	-	of <i>Plás isa' y Clawdd</i> .
		of <i>Dal-y-wern</i> .

HERE it may not be improper to mention, that though the tribes are generally considered as the nobility of *Wales*, yet are there many ancient *Welsh* families of high respectability, who derive not their descent from any of them. Such are the *Middletons*, of *Chirk* castle and *Gwaunynog*; the *Vaughans*, of *Glan-yllyn*, afterwards of *Llwydiarth* and *Llangedwyn*, but now extinct, who are descended from *Ririd Flaidd*, lord of *Penllyn*, &c. The *Vaughans*, of *Cors-y-gedol*; and the *Wynnes*, of *Dolegwyn*, whose stock was *Osbwrn Wyddel*, (or the *Irishman*). The *Eytous*, of *Leefwood*; the *Wynnes*, of *Tower*; the *Davises*, of *Gwasane* (whose representative in the male line is *Peter Davies*, esquire, of *Broughton*); the *Parrys*, of *Pwllhalog*, and the *Williamses*, of *Fron*, who are descended from *Cynric Efell*, baron of *Eglwysseg*.

IN *Anglesey* are the *Williamses*, of *Ty-fry*, descended from *Cadrod Hardd*, (or the *Handsome*) lord of *Tal-ebolion*; and from



them the *Williamses*, of *Nantanog*, ancestors of the present Sir *Watkin Williams Wynne*; the *Williamses*, of *Penbedw*, and the *Williamses*, of *Bodelwyddan*.

THOUGH many others may be added to these, we shall now close this account with the descendants of *Brochwel Ysgrithog*, prince of *Powys*, viz. the *Blanays* of *Tregynon*, the *Wynnes* of *Garth*, the *Lloyds* of *Leighton*, and the *Thomases* of *Llechweddgarth*, whose present representative is *Tho. Thomas*, esquire, of *Downing Ucha*.

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XX. A JOURNEY from LONDON to DOVER, along the  
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XXI. The same continued from DOVER along the remaining  
coast of *Kent*, of all *Suffex*, of *Hampshire*, to *Portsmouth*,  
and the circuit of the Isle of *Wight*; accompanied by my Son  
DAVID PENNANT.—The object of this journey is fully mentioned  
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XXII. A JOURNEY taken in 1773, through some of the internal  
parts of *Cheshire*, *Lancashire*, *Yorkshire*, *Westmoreland*, and  
*Cumberland*, as far as *Alston Moor*.—See more of this tour in my  
*Literary Life*, p. 16.



N.B. **T**ITLE PAGE to *Whiteford*, the date 1796.—I request that this may be read 1795. It was expected that the whole book would have been printed in that year; but by various delays, too well known to authors, it was not completed till the month of *March* 1796. I therefore beg the reader would consider that the several references which may be supposed to relate to 1796 can only intend 1795: for example, p. 161. l. 9. ‘next season’ means the wheat-sowing season of that year. ‘In the next year,’ means 1796. The attentive reader will discover many other references of that kind.

PAGE 99, after paragraph 2d.—We retain in *Whiteford* church the decent service of praying for the sick, instead of lazily sinking it into the xxixth supplication of the *Litany*. The prayers on that occasion are so pathetic, so admonitory to the congregation, that I am amazed that any minister should remain insensible of the impropriety of the omission.

I now cannot but most earnestly exhort the squires of every parish to attendance on divine service, if it was only to hear the sad catalogue of the miserable objects which compose the largest part of those for whom the devotions I allude to are intended. It will direct their benevolence to their relief. They may find among them objects of their charity, whom they may never otherwise have heard of. They may find tenants to whom they ought to be fathers. They certainly will find congenerous beings, to whom every duty of humanity is enjoined by the SAVIOUR of the world: This I should hope is thus irresistibly enforced:



COME, YE BLESSED OF MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

FOR I WAS AN HUNGRED, AND YE GAVE ME MEAT; I WAS THIRSTY, AND YE GAVE ME DRINK; I WAS A STRANGER, AND YE TOOK ME IN; NAKED, AND YE CLOATHED ME; I WAS SICK, AND YE VISITED ME; I WAS IN PRISON, AND YE CAME UNTO ME.

THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS ANSWER HIM, SAYING, LORD, WHEN SAW WE THEE AN HUNGRED, AND FED THEE? OR THIRSTY, AND GAVE THEE DRINK?

WHEN SAW WE THEE A STRANGER, AND TOOK THEE IN? OR NAKED, AND CLOTHED THEE?

OR WHEN SAW WE THEE SICK, OR IN PRISON, AND CAME UNTO THEE?

AND THE KING SHALL ANSWER, AND SAY UNTO THEM, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU, INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME.

To these benedictory verses let me add one, in which the penalty, as well as the reward is united. I cannot resist the impulse, as it is so admirably adapted to the times. It shall be followed by an extract from p. 164 of this work, which I communicated to the public through the channel of the *Chester* paper, followed by some declarations to prevent the mistaking of any part. I fervently wish to promote a friendly agreement between landlord and tenant; between tenant and every poor laborer. The benevolent Duke of BEAUFORT, and I believe others of the benevolent GREAT, have made the attempt; and, to the



the glory of landlord and tenant, are to this moment dispensing their generous plan to a grateful people. Such an agreement was entered into by the farmers of part of this and a neighboring county; but to their infamy, many of them withdrew from their words and their signatures. May the landlords become the instruments of compelling them to accept the blessing offered in the last part of the line, and to shun the curse denounced in the first! There is one description of men, on whom it should fall in a most exemplary manner. The badger, or factor, employed to exhaust the stock of corn and other provisions, not by fair agreement, but by openly raising the price, by offering more than the farmer would have asked; and even telling them, in open market, 'Ask what you will, and we will give it.' The poor, since the repeal of the 5th and 6th of *Edward IV.* by the 12th of *George III.* are left defenceless. The means of inflicting the punishment by the statute is taken away, and they are to seek justice through the tedious expensive labyrinths of the common law.

HE THAT WITHHOLDETH CORN, THE PEOPLE SHALL CURSE HIM: BUT BLESSING SHALL BE UPON THE HEAD OF HIM THAT SELLETH IT.

*Proverbs, chap. xi. ver. 26.*

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*To the EDITOR of the CHESTER COURANT.*

SIR,

PERMIT me to convey, through the channel of your paper, a paragraph from a book which is still in the press:

'I would never grant a lease to a great corn-tenant. I would preserve a power over his granary, which legislature will not, or cannot



‘ cannot assume. Should he attempt by exportation to exhaust it  
 ‘ in years of scarcity, and not leave a sufficient supply for the  
 ‘ country which produced the grain ;—should he attempt a mo-  
 ‘ nopoly ;—should he refuse to carry a proper quantity to the  
 ‘ next market ;—or should he refuse to sell, to the poor who can-  
 ‘ not attend the market, corn in small quantities, I WOULD  
 ‘ INSTANTLY ASSUME THE POWER OF THE LANDLORD, AND EXPEL  
 ‘ HIM FROM MY ESTATE. A just punishment for the tenant, who,  
 ‘ through rapacity, declines to comply with my desires, excited  
 ‘ with no other view than to promote the good of the public.’

THE evil which we wish by the above radically to correct, may soon be past cure, I therefore commit the extract to your hands. The evil is entirely local ; other parts of *Great Britain* are possibly unaffected by it, and have no occasion to take alarm. We do not wish the farmers solely to feed the poor ; we only request them to reserve in the country corn enough of EVERY kind to enable others to exert their benevolence to their poorer neighbors ; not by gratuitous donations, but by selling it at reasonable prices to those who are in want ; we do not ask it from the farmers at the prices of good times. God forbid that we should deny them FAIR profits, such as every other dealer has a right to. I wish to inculcate universal justice ; but let us remember that CHARITY begins at home. We shall gladly impart our superfluity to our most distant neighbors, even should we be obliged to pay more for the bare competency we may reserve.

T. P.

Downing, February, 1796.

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