
THE
BRITISH CRITIC,

For NOVEMBER, 1797.

Beware what spirit rages in your breast,
For ten inspir'd ten thousand are possess'd. ROSCOMMON.

ART. I. *The History of the County of Cumberland, and some Places adjacent, from the earliest Accounts to the present Time; comprehending the local History of the County; its Antiquities; the Origin, Genealogy, and present State of the principal Families, with Biographical Notes; its Mines, Minerals, and Plants; with other Curiosities, either of Nature or of Art. Particular Attention is paid to, and a just Account given of, every Improvement in Agriculture, Manufactures, &c. By William Hutchinson, F. A. S. Author of the History of Durham, &c. Vol. II. 4to. 708 pp. Fine Paper, 15s.; Superfine Demy, 18s. 6d.; Medium Vellum, 11. 2s. 6d. Jollie, Carlisle; Law, &c. London. 1797.*

THIS is the concluding volume of a work, some account of which we gave in our Review for July last (p. 69) and it is but doing justice to the author to say, that we have perused it with equal, if not greater satisfaction, than the preceding. Not that we discover more diligence and attention in the execution; but that the sea-ports, and coal-works, the romantic scenery around the lakes in the neighbourhood of Keswick, the account of Carlisle, and the surprising revolutions which that city has experienced, and the part of the county in gene-

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constitution; first to desolate, and then subjugate our country as a province dependent on their own nation;—these are the purposes for which our enemies would come against us; these are the purposes for which they would bring into the bosom of our country all the horrors of war. The ruinous degradation of *Britain* is the object they most earnestly desire to accomplish. If, then, they persist in their endeavours to effect our overthrow, we can have no other choice than either with cowardly and wicked submission to surrender our possessions, or to be in readiness for the protection of our religious and civil blessings.”

Exhortations, like this, are now peculiarly seasonable, and ought to be resounded throughout the kingdom.

ART. 44. *A Sermon preached in the Parish-Church of St. Peter, at Mancroft, in the City of Norwich, on Good-Friday, April 14, 1797; for the Benefit of the Charity Schools in that City. By Robert Forby, M.A. Rector of Horningliff. 4to. White. 1s. 1797.*

Mr. Forby is doubtless a sensible man, though probably not much accustomed to exercise his pen. His sentences are often abrupt, and not unfrequently obscure. We give an example, page 9, “I do not, indeed, by any means, recommend to any individual, the indulgence of any such visionary hopes; for hopes of success, which so rarely happens, must be deemed so, and not rational wishes, and sober expectations.” Yet we see much to be pleased with in this Discourse, and commend both the zeal and ability, with which it is evidently composed.

ART. 45. *A Vindication of the Lord Bishop of Landaff's Apology for the Bible; in a Series of Letters; addressed to Mr. A. Macleod. By John Jones, Author of “A Defence of the Mosaic Creation. Svo. 58 pp. Griffiths, and Chapman. 1797.*

This is rather a reprimand of Mr. Macleod, than a vindication of the Apology for the Bible. It exposes, in several instances, his misrepresentations, and his want of knowledge; and, amidst many singularities, particularly of style, contains proofs of extensive reading and just argumentation.

ART. 46. *The Beauties of Henry: a Selection of the most striking Passages in the Expositions of that celebrated Commentator. To which is prefixed, a brief Account of the Life, Character, Labours, and Death of the Author. Vol. I. Extracted from the historical Part of the Old Testament. By John Geard. 12mo. 429 pp. 4s. 6d. Button, Paternoster-Row. 1797.*

Matthew Henry is so much admired as a divine, and commentator on the Scriptures, that many persons will doubtless regard it as an essential service rendered to religion, to present the best of his observations in a form which may render him accessible to every class of readers. Mr. Henry's Exposition of the Bible forms five large volumes in folio, and extends from Genesis as far as the end of the Acts of the Apostles. A sixth volume was intended, to comprise the remainder