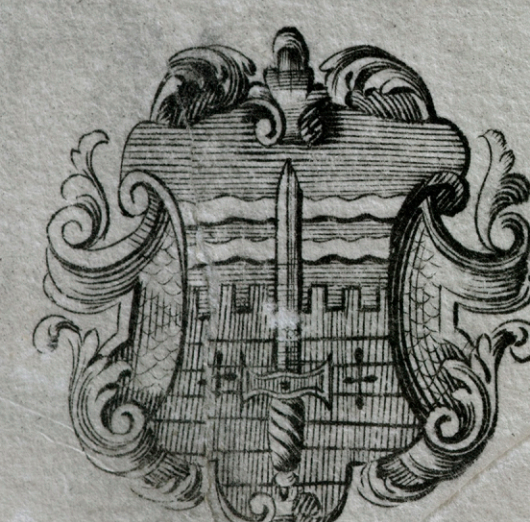


THE SOUTH EAST PROSPECT OF THE CITY OF BATH.



BATH is a very Ancient City always famous for its Medicinal hot Springs, even before its date of any of our Histories, & therefore not much Credit is given to any Accounts of its first Discoverers of them, notwithstanding its Inscription in one of its Baths of Bladud its Son of Lud, nor of another Tradition of a British King named Blyden, who they say was a Magician, neither can its discovery be attributed to its Romans. But there are Proofs that these last contributed to render them commodious & prevent their mixing with other Waters, there are three of these hot Springs which supply several Baths, (viz.) its Cross Bath which is most in use for those who go thither for Pleasure, being but moderately warm; the second is called its Hot Bath, in which is a Well & Spring supplying its own Pump, & affording to its other Pump; the third is the King's Bath, which is its largest of all, and whose Spring supplies its Pump in the Pump Room, whither its Company with great Gallantry resort, with the Musick, to drink the Waters, this Bath is now used by People in common, & near it is a Lazer House, built by Reginald Fitz Joceline, when he was Bp. of Bath & Wells in 1170. This City hath a low Situation, environ'd with Hills, yet is very healthy, supposed to be owing to its salutiferous Vapours of these Springs, which were here dedicated to Minerva, to whom it is probably supposed there was a Temple, it is certain its Welsh, once call'd it Caer Palladur or its City of Palladus Waters, but its most general British Names were Wreannant, Tynmyn & Caer Badon, its Saxons call'd it Bathan Cester; hat Bathan & Akemancester, from its Number of People with Aches & Pains, always residing in it. The Saxons at their first coming attempted to take this City from its Britains, but were oblig'd by St. Arthur to retire to Badon Hill, now Lansdown, where they made a long & resolute Defence, but were at length defeated by him & troubled this Place no more, till in 577 Cadwall, King of its West Saxons, reduced it to his Obedience, soon after which it flourish'd, & commodious Roads were made to it from its remotest Parts, one of which in Oxfordshire yet retains its Name of Akemanstreetway. P. Corrick built a Nunnery here, Offa K. of its Mercians a Church, in which K. Edgar was crown'd, which were both ruin'd by its Danes, but in its Year 1010 Elphege Arch Bp. of Canterbury, built them another, which was burn'd by its whole City, by Rob. de Montbray, who rebell'd against K. W. Rufus. It was recover'd from this by Johannes de Wiltula then Bishop of Wells, 1088 who bought its City for 500 Marks of K. Hen. 1. built a Cathedral & remov'd from Wells thither, this tho' it made neither addition nor diminution to its Diocese, yet it created a dispute, which gave rise to its succeeding Bishops assuming its Name of both these Cities. The Great Church was founded by Bishop Oliver King, in K. Hen. 7. reign, and a sign'd for a Magnificent Structure, but its Bishops Death & its change by its Reformation, interrupted it till K. James 1. time when Bishop James Montague finish'd it almost at his own Expence. There is a Bridge over its Avon so far as that River Navigable from Bristol. The Magistrate take great care in preserving good Order, & its Prices of Lodging, of Coach & Chair here &c. are under certain Regulations, there are also pleasant Walks, a Theatre & every Thing that can render it delightful & entertaining, agreeable for Persons of that high Rank & Elegancy who resort to it. This City boasts of a Charter from Coal a British King. The Government is in a Mayor, Aldermen & Common Council. Fairs Feb. 3^d & St. Peter's Day. The present Representatives in Parliament are the Hon.^{ble} General George Wade & J^{rs} Coddington Esq^r.

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| 1. Beachen Cliff. | 10. St. James's Church. | 16. Harrison's Walks. |
| 2. Donneton Church. | 11. Weston. | 17. St. Michaels Church. |
| 3. Kaimsha, n. | 12. The New Square. | 18. Lansdown. |
| 4. Twerton. | 13. The Cathedral. | 19. Swanswick. |
| 5. Milton. | 14. Mr. Lindoe's Long Room | 20. Bathwick. |
| 6. Kelson. | The Monument erected in the Grave in Memory of its Recovery of the Prince of Orange, by Rich ^d Nash Esq ^r . | |
| 7. The Road to Bristol. | | |
| 8. The Navigable River Avon | | |
| 9. Mr. Allen's Stone Works. | | |
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