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TOPOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

OF

THE DOMINION OF WALES;

EXHIBITING

The Names of the several Cities, Towns, Parishes, Townships, and Hamlets, with the County and Division of the County, to which they respectively belong.—The Valuation and Patrons of Ecclesiastical Benefices, and the Tutelary Saint of each Church.—The Resident Population, according to the Returns made to Parliament, in 1801; And the Amount of the Parochial Assessments, according to the Returns made to Parliament, in 1803.—The Distance and Bearing of every Place from the nearest Post-Office, and of the Post-Offices from the Metropolis.—Markets, and Fairs.—Members of Parliament, and Corporations.—Free Schools.—Petty Sessions, and Assizes.—To which is added, Miscellaneous Information respecting Monastic Foundations, and other Matters of Local History. Compiled from actual Inquiry, and arranged in Alphabetical Order.

BEING A CONTINUATION OF THE TOPOGRAPHY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

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called *The Brecknock Beacons*; the principal of which is denominated *Cader Arthur*, or, *Arthur's Chair*. Sir Richard Colt Hoare has very properly corrected the error of there being "a Well with Trout in it" upon its summit, which does not exist. It is now commonly called *Pen y Fan*, or, by way of eminence, *The Van*, and is undoubtedly the highest mountain in South Wales. The Glebe House was rebuilt about eighteen years ago by the present worthy Rector, and has lately been altered and repaired by him: there are about thirty six or thirty seven acres of tolerably good Glebe Land attached to it.

CAPEL CALL-WEN, v. CELL WEN.

CAPEL CHRIST, in the Cwmwd of Mab Wynion, Cantref of Y Gastell (now called the Hundred of Moeddyn), Co. of CARDIGAN, South Wales: a Chapel, not in charge, dedicated to The Holy Cross. It is 15 m. N. W. b. N. from Llan Bedr. It is situate on the Bay of Cardigan.

CAPEL COELBREN, in the Cwmwd of Llywel, Cantref Mawr (now called the Hundred of Defynoc), Co. of BRECKNOCK, South Wales; in the Parish of Ystrad Gynlais: a Curacy, not in charge, of the certified value of £1.: Patron, The Rector of Ystrad Gynlais. This Chapel was rebuilt, in 1799, entirely at the expense of Mr. Walter Price, of Glynn Llêch, who possesses five out of seven Tenements of which the Hamlet consists. It is 17½ m. S. W. from Brecknock. Mr. Strange mentions in the *Archæologia*, vol. 4, p. 7., to have seen a Roman Miliary stone on the side of the Road between Capel Coelbren and Cefn Hir Fynydd: and which has either been broken or removed, as it cannot now be discovered. The Roman Road, called *Sarn Helen*, ran along the Mountain Cefn Hir Fynydd. Mr. Jones says, the name is a corruption of *Cil Brynn*, or, *Church Hill*. According to the Diocesan Report, in 1809, the yearly value of this Benefice, arising from Augmentation, was £57..9..0.

CAPEL CURIG, in the Cwmwd of Llechwedd Uchaf, Cantref of Aber (now called the Hundred Uchaf), Co. of CAERNARVON, North Wales: a Chapel, not in charge, to the Rectories of Llan Degai and Llan Llechid; and dedicated to St. Curig. The Money raised by the Parish Rates for this Chapelry, in 1803, is included in the Return made from Llan Degai. It is 8 m. W. b. S. from Llan Rwt. According to the Diocesan Report, in 1809, the yearly value of this Benefice, arising from Stipends from the Rectors of Llan Degai and Llan Llechid £3..1..0, Bounty (Land) £68. uncertain, and Surplice fees £1., was £72..1..0. It is thought, that this part of the county

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It is 15 m. S. W. from Brecknock. It is situate upon the river *Mellti*, which joins the *Neath* at Pont Neath Faughan. The scenery here is particularly wild and picturesque. This Curacy has neither Glebe House, nor Glebe. There are eight Fairs annually in the little village of Pont Neath Faughan, viz., on the first Saturday after the 12th of March, Saturday before the 12th of May, Saturday before the 5th of July, Saturday before the 26th of August, 21st of September, and 14th of November. The Bridges in Ystrad Felltè are repaired entirely by the Inhabitants of the Parish, except that at Pont Neath Faughan, to which the Parishioners of Cadoxton, in the County of Glamorgan, contribute a proportion; but as this Bridge is of general Utility and Public convenience, it is recommended by a sensible Writer to be widened and kept in repair by the two Counties. The Roman Road *Sarn Helen* passes through a part of this Parish.

YSTRAD FLÛR, v. STRATA FLORIDA.

YSTRAD GYNLAIS, i. e., THE VALE OF GYNLAIS, in the Cwmwd of Llywel, Cantref Mawr (now called the Hundred of Defynoc), Co. of BRECKNOCK, South Wales: a R. valued in the King's Books at £9..10..7½; Patron, The Rev. Fleming Gough Awbrey: Church ded. to St. Gwnllin or Gunleus. The Resident Population of this Parish, in 1801, (containing the Upper and Lower Divisions) was 993. The Money raised by the Parish Rates, in 1803, was, viz.,

For the Upper Division - - - - -	£ 79.. 5..10½	}	at 7s. in the pound.
For the Lower Division - - - - -	115.. 9..11		
£194..15.. 9½			

It is 21 m. S. W. from Brecknock. This is a very extensive Parish. It is situate on the river *Tawe*. Upon the Hills, adjoining the County of Caermarthen, are several *Carneddau*. The Bridges in this Parish, except that at *Aber Crâf* which is upon the County, are repaired by the Inhabitants of the District. The Rector of Ystrad Gynlais nominates to the Curacy of Capel Coelbren.

YSTRAD MARCHELL, in the Cwmwd of Ystrad Marchell, Cantref of Ystlyc (now called the Lower Division of the Hundred of Gaur), Co. of MONTGOMERY, North Wales; in the Parish of Welsh Pool. It is situate on the banks of the river *Severn*, in the Township of Gyngrog Fawr. See, *Welsh Pool*.—“ A Cistercian Abbey was founded here to the Honour of God and the Blessed Virgin, A. D. 1170, by Owain Cyfeihog, the son of Griffith as some, and by Madoc, the son of Griffith as others. In the beginning of the reign of King Edward the Third,