

Caermarthen is pleasantly situated in a fertile country, on the river Towy, which is navigable up to the town for small vessels. It was the residence of the princes of South Wales. The Normans, soon after the Conquest, possessed themselves of this town; and, as the inhabitants endeavoured all they could to rescue their property, the town was frequently in danger of being demolished, till secured with a wall and strong castle, erected on a pendant rock, both now in ruins, and used as a gaol. When Wales was first erected into a principality by the crown of England, the chancery and exchequer for South Wales were kept here. In ancient times this place was deemed the capital of the country; here the ancient Britons held their parliaments or assemblies of wise men, and now it is esteemed the politest place in all the principality. It has a very commodious quay for loading and unloading of goods, and a narrow stone bridge over the river. This town was also famous for the birth of the old British prophet, Merlin, of whom so many things are fabled, and who flourished in the year 480. Near Kily-Maen Llwyd, on a great mountain, is a circle of mighty stones, very much like Stone-henge in Wiltshire, or rather like the Rollrich stones in Oxfordshire; the people call it Buarth Arthur, or king Arthur's Throne. See p. 533. About two miles to the East of this town is the bishop of St. David's palace.

The following are the principal inhabitants of Caermarthen:

CLERGY.

Barker Rev. William Higgs, *Master of the Free Grammar-school*
 Rogers Rev. John, *M. A. Vicar*
 Williams Rev. Thomas, *Curate*

PHYSIC.

Dalton Mr. *Surgeon and Apothecary*
 Davis Dr. *Physician*
 Harris Dr. *Physician*
 Jones Evan, *Surgeon and Apothecary*
 Lucas Mr. *Surgeon and Apothecary*
 Price Mr. *Surgeon and Apothecary*
 Priddams Messrs. *Druggists*
 Roche and Prytherch, *Surgeons and Apothecaries*
 Williams Mr. *Surgeon and Apothecary*
 Williams Mr. *Druggist*

LAW.

Bonnell William, *Attorney*
 Bowen Essex, *Attorney*
 Brown John, *Attorney*
 Edwards David, *Attorney*
 Edwards Thomas, *Attorney*
 Gwynne John, *Attorney*
 Horton Walter, *Attorney*
 Howell Richard, *Attorney*
 Hughes James, *Attorney*
 Lewis David, *Attorney*
 Lloyd Daniel, *Attorney*
 Lloyd Herbert, *Attorney*
 Lloyd John, *Attorney*
 Morgan Charles, *Attorney*
 Richards Mr. *Attorney*
 Stephenson Daniel, *Attorney*

TRADERS, &c.

Baylis and Lewis, *Mercers*
 Bowen David, *Mercer*

Campbell John, *Lead-smelter and Proprietor of the Mines*
 Charles Mr. *Roper*
 Daniel John, *Printer, Bookseller, and Stationer*
 Davis Mr. *Mercer*
 Evans Griffith, *Hardware-man*
 Griffiths John, *Hatter and Hofer*
 Humphreys John, *Innkeeper (Ivy-Bush)*
 Humphreys Thomas, *Cabinet-maker & Joiner*
 James Mr. *Brazier*
 Lewis David, *Tanner*
 Lewis David, *Roper*
 Lewis Henry, *Merchant*
 Lewis Morgan, *Merchant*
 Lewis Sarah, *Ironmonger*
 Lewis Thomas, *Grocer*
 Llewellyn Josiah, *Merchant and Tallow-chandler*
 Morgan John, *Iron-master and Tin-plate-manufacturer*
 Morgan John, *Mercer*
 Morgan Philip, *Ship-builder*
 Morgan William, *Timber-merchant*
 Morley David, *Cabinet-maker*
 Morris and Hughes, *Merchants*
 Morris William & Thomas, *Merchants*
 Owen Jeremiah, *Maltster*
 Phillipps Mrs. *Tanner*
 Rees John, *Merchant*
 Rofs J. *Printer, Bookseller, and Stationer*
 Rowe Miss, *Maltster*
 Scott Walter, *Nursery and Seedsman*
 Stonehewer Hugh, *Innkeeper (Boar's Head)*

Stacy