CAERMARTHEN, CAERMARTHENSHERE.

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 refuse 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 Lwyd, 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 Higges, 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
Pridgams Mellrs. Druggist
Roche and Prtherch, Surgeons and Apothecaries
Williams Mr. Surgeon and Apothecary
Williams Mr. Druggist

**LAW.**

Bonnell William, Attorney
Bowen Effex, 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, Merchers
Bowen David, Mercer

Campbell John, Lead-smelter and Proprieter of the Miner
Charles Mr. Roper
Daniel John, Printer, Bookseller, and Stationer
Davis Mr. Mercer
Evans Griffith, Hardware-man
Griffiths John, Hatter and Haberdasher
Humphreys John, Innkeeper (14th-Bull)
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
Llewelin Jotham, 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
Phillips Mrs. Tanner
Rees John, Merchant
Rofs J. Printer, Bookseller, and Stationer
Rowe Milfs, Maltster
Scott Walter, Nursey and Seedsman
Stonehewer Hugh, Innkeeper (Boat's Head)