



Engraved by **DALKEITH HOUSE.** *C. Thomson, Graver, Edin.*

This is the residence of his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, and stands about six miles from the city of Edinburgh, on the southern bank of the North Esk, and in the immediate neighbourhood of the town of Dalkeith. It is erected on the site of an old castle, which was for a long time the property of the family of Douglas. The Regent of Scotland, viz the Earl of Morton, frequently dwelt in this castle during the time that James VI. was a minor; which at that period commonly went by the designation of the Lion's Den. The present house was erected by the ancestors of his Grace about the close of the 17th century. It consists of a main body and two wings, having some ornaments in front of it of the Corinthian order. The principal staircase, and several rooms within, besides the great hall, are allowed by judges to be finished in a very elegant manner. In one set of rooms the furniture in use at that period is still preserved with great care, probably because it was the donation of Charles II. to his son the Duke of Monmouth, and his daughter-in-law Anna Duchess and Heiress of Buccleugh, who espoused the Duke of Monmouth. There is an excellent collection of paintings in the palace of Dalkeith, executed by different artists who were eminent in their day. The river North Esk glides along directly under the walls of the house, and over it an excellent bridge has been thrown at the expense of his Grace.