



Engraved by Geo. Thomson, sculp.

## PRESTON HALL.

*This is the lately erected edifice of Colonel Callander of Crichton, beautifully situated on the south bank of the Tyne, 9 miles from Edinburgh in a southern direction, and 7 from Haddington. It may justly be styled one of the most magnificent and splendid houses of the kind to be met with in the country. It consists of the main body & two wings, which appears to have become a favourite plan for the mansions of noblemen and gentlemen. It contains a variety of elegant apartments highly finished within, and furnished in a style more than usually grand. Its front is towards the southwest, and around it there is a large extent of ornamented grounds. The whole country to a considerable extent is highly cultivated, which gives additional beauty to what may be denominated the fore ground of the landscape. There are many convenient and stately office-houses within the park, and at a suitable distance from the mansion-house; and the gardens, which are also within the park, lie on the opposite side. Perhaps it would be a difficult matter to find another residence for a man of fortune in the whole country, like that which we are now considering, in all respects so truly pleasant and agreeable. Taste has ornamented and industry cultivated the country for several miles around, and in all directions, to such a degree, as to render it a residence extremely delightful.*