BUILDINGS.

THOMOND BRIDGE,

Was built soon after King John's castle, which was about the year 1210. * This bridge is remarkable for being quite level, and remains a strong proof, that the ancients understood the art of building in water, better than the moderns, and that they had a cement much more durable. Several modern bridges have been carried away in a few years, but this venerable structure has, for above five hundred years, withstood the constant and impetuous current of a rapid river. The marks of the hurdles on which it was built, are still to be seen under each of the arches; and as it is capable of being widened, and much improved, we hope that a speedy and thorough repair will prevent it from falling to ruin.

Of this bridge and King John's castle, we have given an excellent engraving, from a drawing of Paul Sandby, Esq, of the Royal Academy.

CURRAGOWR mill near Thomond-bridge, has the following inscription.

"This mill was built by William Joynt, burges, A. D. 1672. John Burn, esq, mayor."

THE NEW BRIDGE,

Is situated at the end of Quay-lane, in order to form a direct communication from the English-town to Newtown Pery. It was begun the 9th of June, 1761, and finished in September, 1762.

* Hogg's Closography, page 294.
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1762, at the expence of one thousand eight hundred pounds granted by parliament. The breadth is forty feet, it consists of three large arches, the middle one of which is forty one feet wide. This bridge is a considerable ornament to the city; the architect was Mr. Edward Uzuld.

POSTSCRIPT.

After collating all his books, in order to give the most authentick and satisfactory account of the Religious Houses,—the author met with Monasticon Hibernicum; by Mervyn Archdall, M. A. Member of the Royal Irish Academy, and chaplain to lord Conynham. To this work, containing eight hundred and twenty pages in quarto, we must refer the curious for a well digested account of all the Religious Houses, which formerly flourished in this kingdom. Mr. Archdall's resources were great, and his researches have been made with uncommon labour and perseverance. He has had access to the Chief Remembrancer's and Auditor General's Offices, whose politeness he acknowledges. From hence, and from a number of short, imperfect accounts, Mr. Archdall has raised a Monastick History, which will do honour to Ireland, and must be highly valued by every patriot, every man of learning.

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