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Guide to the Palace and Abbey Church of Holyroodhouse.



The Palace.

THE main entrance to the Palace of Holyroodhouse is in the west front, access to which from the Canongate lay through a vaulted Gothic gatehouse giving into a fore-court, now thrown open. This picturesque feature, the "foir-werk" of James IV., of which traces may be seen in the shape of the wall-ribs of the vaulted passage remaining in the wall of the building containing the Abbey Court and Royal Mews, was removed in 1753. Except the north-west tower, these arched wall-ribs, together with the lower part of the round turret at the north-east angle of the Abbey Court House, and some of the ground-floor chambers, including the vaulted prison-cell, are all that now remain of the Palace erected in 1501-3 for the reception of Margaret Tudor as the bride of James IV. Not without remonstrance and popular indignation was the destruction of this "foir-werk" wrought. In some