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AND ITS VICINITY.

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An Historical Sketch of the Place,

Compiled from the best Authorities,

AND

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From recent observations;

WITH PARTICULAR NOTICE OF THE VARIOUS
OBJECTS OF INTEREST IN ITS
VICINITY.

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PREFACE.

Few sea bathing places are without their descriptive accounts. It is rather singular that one which ranks so highly among them for the variety of its recommendations as Tenby, should hitherto have been without a similar publication.

A work entitled "Etchings of Tenby," appeared some years ago; its principal object was to preserve by a series of Etchings, the forms of the ancient and peculiar architecture of the place, of which the specimens were rapidly giving place to modern innovation.

Since the appearance of this publication the improvements and accommodations of the place have greatly increased. It is the object of the present work to notice those improvements, and to add to the historical account of the town, such information as may be deemed interesting to the generality of visitors.

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HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

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TENBY.

Or the ancient state of Tenby before the colonization of Pembrokeshire by the Flemings and Normans, nothing is known except its name. From its peculiar advantages as a fishing town, it obtained the appellation of *Dynbych y Pyscod*. Protected as it is by islands and promontories, and affording the only shelter from the dangers of an exposed bay, it must have been a place of

refuge to mariners in the earliest ages ; and fishermen would naturally erect their huts near the spot which afforded the means of following their occupation with advantage and security. Unlike however, many other places which were known to have been British settlements, no vestige of the early inhabitants remains. Not a foss or earth-work is to be found in the neighbourhood ; and the rude and perishable habitations of the original race have long been superseded by the more durable architecture of the people by whom they were supplanted.

With the arrival therefore of the Flemings the history of Tenby properly begins. It is remarkable that the particulars of this event should not have been detailed by the Welsh historians. A large maritime district including great part of the counties of Gla-

morgan and Pembroke was seized by an active and warlike enemy, at a time when Wales was sorely pressed by the ambition and enterprize of the Norman Kings of England; and history only acquaints us with the barren fact. The following historical sketch, with an account of the Charters, and a few other particulars is extracted from the Etchings of Tenby, published about six years ago.

The Flemings in the tenth century held a respectable rank amongst the few European nations that had attained to any very apparent proficiency in the different arts by which life is ameliorated. The woollen manufacture of Flanders originated at this period; and with it, a spirit of resistance to the arbitrary exactions of their sovereigns. These disturbances were followed by con-