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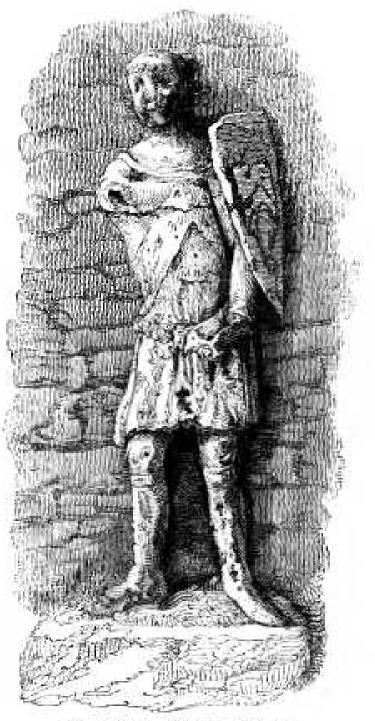
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Statue of Guy, in the Chapel at Guy's Cliff.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

Ir is hoped that little apology will be necessary for presenting to the reader, in its present form, the popular History of GUY EARL OF WARWICK, That the relation of this memorable champion's feats has been read with interest is evinced by the almost innumerable editions which have been given to the public ; but all, those of later years at least. have been published in a manner so little inviting to a reader, and so incorrectly, that it is presumed the present edition will not be generally unacceptable. The Editor flatters himself that the execution of this reprint will be self-recommended; he can youch for the accuracy of the text, and the correct engraving of the statue, as it now appears in the chapel of Guy's CLAYS. The various pieces of Goy's ARMOUR, as exhibited at WARWICK CASTLE, are, in the Editor's estimation, an appropriate ornament to the Work, and are therefore now engraved from an accurate delineation.

Warwick, 1820.

WEIGHT OF THE ARMOUR, &c.

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GUY EARL OF WARWICK.

CHAPTER I.

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AN ACCOUNT OF HIS FARENTS, DIRFH, AND YOUTH-FUL EXPLOITS; AND HOW HE FELL IN LOYE WITH EARL ROBAND'S SEAUTIPUL DAUGHTER, WHO DESPISED HIS SUIT.

I SHALL not trouble the reader with a long genealogy of the descent of our famous Guy of Warwick (the subject of our ensuing history); it shall therefore suffice to tell the reader, that in the sixth year of the reign of King Edgar the Great, this, our famous Guy, was born in the city of Warwick. His father was a gentleman of Northumberland, in which country he had been (in the time of the Mercian kings) the possessor of a fair estate : but

the arms of King Edgar prevailing over the king of Mercia, as well as the rest of the Saxon kingsthat constituted the beptarchy, Guyraldus Cassibilanus (for that was the name of Guy's father), being engaged on the behalf of the king of Mercia, whose subject he was, lost his estate in the quarrel: and afterwards seeking to mend his fortune in our most southern climates, he came to Warwick, and was so well received of the gentry there, but especially of Earl Roband, who was then the king's governor, both of the town and castle, that he made him his steward; in which place he so well acquitted himself, that he married the daughter of an eminent knight in that town; and by her ha had a son, who at his very birth looked like a hero, and whom his father maned Guy, and who, in process of time, became Earl of Warwick, whose life and noble actions are the subject of our present history. There were not wanting some presages of his future greatness, even before he was born; particularly, his mother, during her pregnancy, dreamed that she saw Mars descend in a bloody chariot, drawn by two fiery dragons; and telling ber, " That the infant contained in herwomb, should so excel in arms, that he should be the glory of this nation, and the terror of the Pagan world :" which dream she discovered to the