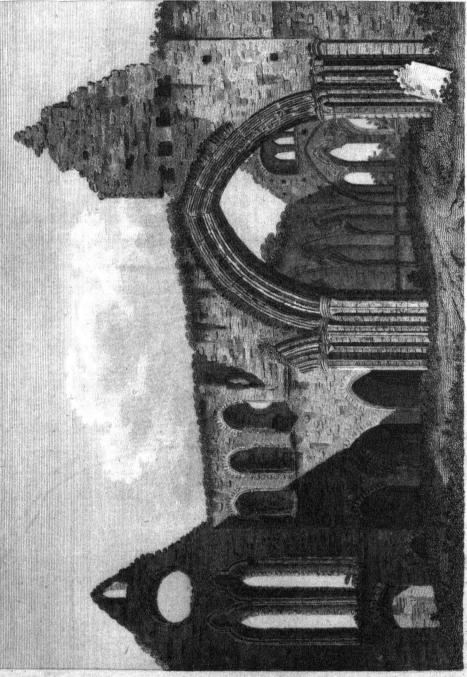


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amounted to forty-three, from which if Thomastown was deducted there would be but forty-two.

THE present church is part of this old monastery, in the ruins of the latter is a large tomb-stone, which tradition says, covers the body of a giant.

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ABBEY OF GRAIGNEMANACH

Is fituated in the Barony of Gowran on the river Barrow. A few Ciftertians from Stanley in Wiltshire settled at first at Loughmeran, near Kilkenny, in 1202, then at Athermolt, and lastly at the vale of St. Saviour, antiently called duisk and after Graignemanach, where William, Earl Marshal, erected an abbey for them, A. D. 1212.

In this abbey was lodged an antient division made of Ireland by Henry II. and completed by his son John. It was, for the times, a tolerably exact survey, on the plan of that of Doomsday Book, and the ground-work of the present arrangement of our shires.

THE last abbot was M'Murrogh O'Cavanagh, to whom a pension of ten pounds a year was granted on his surrender of the abbey in 1537. He sat in parliament in right of his church, and annually paid the bishop for his temporals 41. 7s. 6d.

SIR Edward Butler, of Lowgrange, in the county of Kilkenny, knight, was feized of the possessions of this abbey; but by the 9 Elizabeth, they were granted for ever to James Butler, junior, at the annual rent of 41l. Itish money. The building was of great extent, and the architecture and sculpture, even in its present ruined state, excite our admiration. It had a beautiful octagon tower, which sell down in the year 1744.

THIS View was taken by Lieutenant Daniel Grose, Anno 1792.

(PLATE II.) This shews an inside View of that magnificent structure.

CHURCH OF GOWRAN.

This town is above eight miles from Kilkenny. It had a strong castle which was attacked by Oliver Cromwell, and resolutely defended by colonel Hammond, who was obliged to surrender, when Oliver ordered every officer but one to be shot, and the Popish chaplain was hanged at the Butcher's Shambles.

THE church seems to be ancient, but there are no traces that it was ever monastic. It was large, and in a little chapel on the south side is a monument of John Kelly, A. D. 1626. Another of the same name was buried 1640, with the following lines after the usual inscription:

Both wives at once he could not have;
Both to enjoy at once, he made his grave.

BRUCE, the Scottish invader, burnt Gowran in 1316, and in 1405, James, Earl of Ormond, Lord Justice, died here.

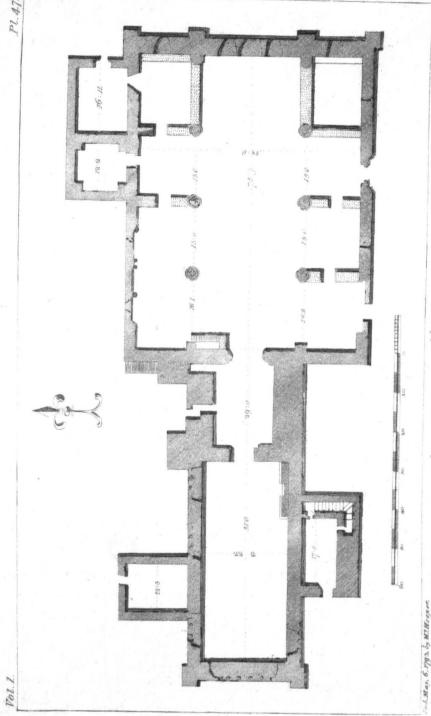
BALLYHAUNES ABBEY, MAYO,

Is romantically fituated in the midst of trees, on a hill surrounded by a small rivulet; it is in the barony of Costello, and close to a village of the same name. It was sounded by the samily of De Angulo or Nangle, who came over with Henry II. and had large possessions in this barony and also in Meath.

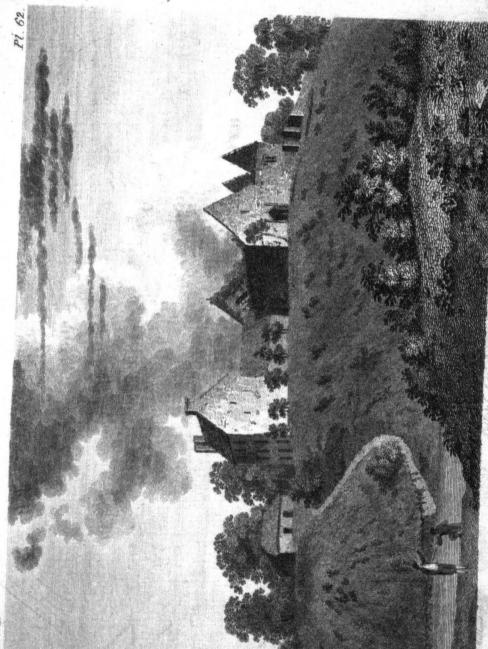
THE abbcy confifts of three chapels. Beneath the eaftern window is the altar, with the Dillons' arms under a crucifix, and in the vaults many of this noble family rest. The abbey was built for the Augustinians, and dedicated to the Virgin Mary. These monks took possession (as other religious orders did) of the church at the commencement of the Irish rebellion in 1641, and repaired it. By an inquisition, 10 September, 1625, Lord Dillon was seized of the precincts of the monastery of Bealahaunes.

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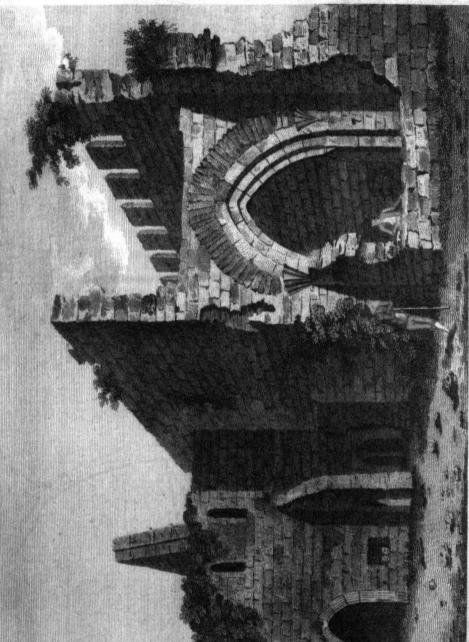


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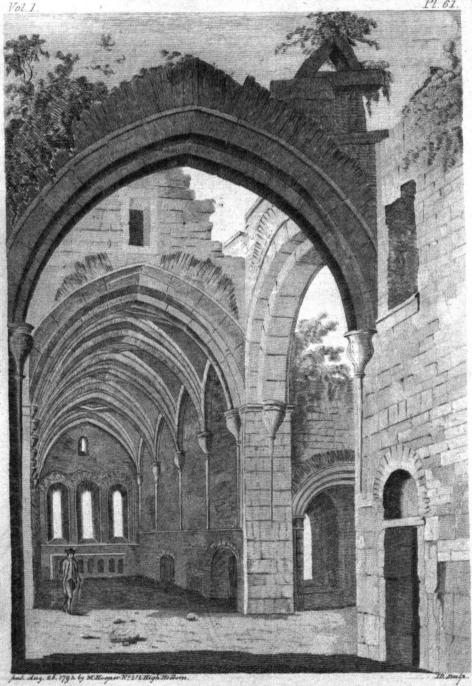


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Is in a small town of this name on the bay of Newport, at the foot of Cruach-Phadruig, the celebrated Croak Patrick, whither our patron saint assembled all venomous creatures in Ireland, and as the tradition relates, precipitated them into the sea.

THE O'Malys, antient proprietaries of Oval vi Mhaly, or O'Maly's apples, the mountains of this country bearing fome distant resemblance to this fruit, sounded this church for Austin hermits, who held it and some portions of land till the suppression of Monasteries. The building was never large, nor had it any cloister. There are battlements on the south side of the building. The steeple has long since fallen.

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BALLINTUBBER ABBEY

Is in the barony of Curragh, seven miles from Ballinrobe. Cathal O'Conor, in 1216, erected this abbey for regular canons of St. Austin, and dedicated it to the Holy Trinity. It had a large property in land, conferred, at different times, by various benefactors. The abbey was a noble structure, of excellent workmanship, and the whole admirably finished. The original extent was much greater than at present. The chancel part is covered, and there are two chapels in each fide. The groining in the chancel is intire, fpringing from confoles of a particular shape ornamented with sculpture. The eastern window is composed of three openings or windows, under which is the great altar; there are altars also in the little chapels. The tower is down, but the noble arch that supported it remains, and is about forty-five feet high. The principal door was beautiful, being a pointed arch supported by five columns with capitals; VOL. I.

capitals; 10 December, 1605, a lease in reversion of this abbey for fifty years was granted to Sir John King.

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ROSSERICK MONASTERY.

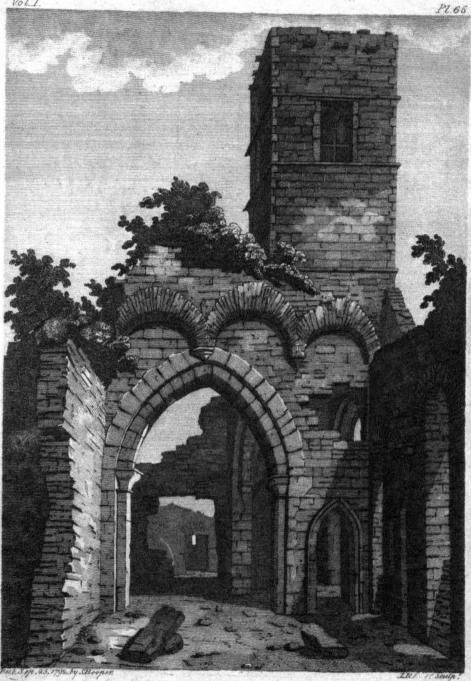
Two miles from Killala, a Joice built this friary for Franciscans of the third order. The family of the Joices was very considerable in England and Ireland in the 14th century. The church is built of a bluish stone and not remarkable, except that the tower is built on the middle of the gable end, and that in it is a consession of hewn stone, in which the penitentiary sat, and heard consessions on each side without being seen.

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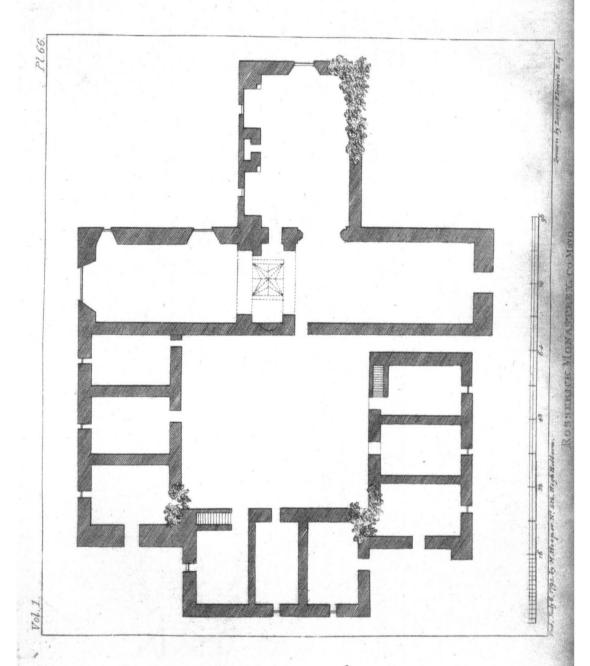
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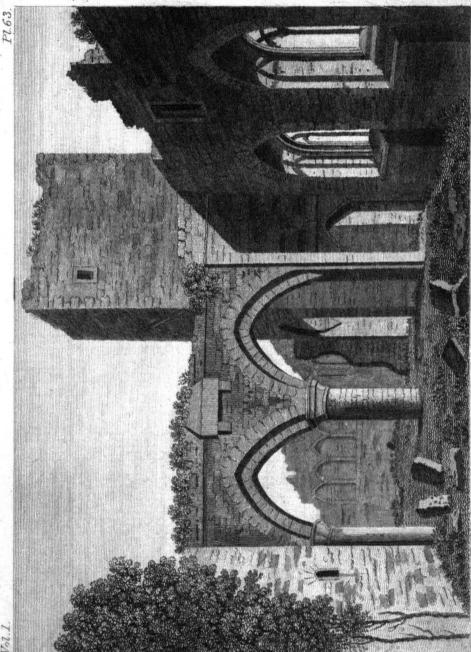
THE following is part of Pope Innocent VIII's bull for the founding this abbey, A.D. 1486.

"BISHOP Innocent, servant of the servants of God, to the venerable Father, the Archbishop of Tuam, salvation and apostolic benediction. The immense benignity of the Apostolic See always complies with the pious desires of the faithful of the regular orders, and benevolently grants their requests. A petition lately exhibited to us on the part of Donald O'Moran of the friars preachers, states that Richard de Burgh, desirous by a happy commerce to exchange earthly for celestial, and transitory for eternal things, and for the salvation of his own and the souls of his progenitors, and for the singular devotion which he bears to the aforesaid order, grants and gives in pure and perpetual alms to said order, a certain place, called Bures-Vaill, fit and convenient for constructing one house for



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the use and habitation of the said brethren, particularly as there is no house of the order within twelve miles of it, &c."

This monastery is situated on a bay of the same name, on the road leading to Erris. The steeple crected on an arch still remains, two sides of the cloisters also. It was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and was granted to Nicholas Weston, who assigned it to Theobald Dillon, Viscount Costellogalen. A great patron is held here the 4th of August, being St. Dominick's day.

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TURLOGH ROUND TOWER.

FOUR miles from Castlebar, are the tower and church of Turlogh. The tower is seventy seet high, the diameter within nine, much exceeding the generality of this kind of building. The door is not less singular, being nineteen seet from the ground, and too high to be exactly measured. The church seems to be modern, and has the date 1625 on it; it is so close to the tower as to touch it.

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ABBEY OF URLARE. (PLATE I.)

ONE of the family of the Nangles built this abbey about 1430 for Dominicans. Burke informs us, that it was provided by canonical regulations, that none of the mendicant orders should erect a religious house, without the special licence of the apostolic see; but the Dominicans, forgetful of this injunction, sounded Urlare for novices. However on the 18th of March 1434, they obtained the necessary licence from Pope Eugene IV. who, on the petition of William de Angulo, or Nangle, and Thomas Igrugan or O'Grogan,

Dominicans, issued his bull directed to Murchard O'Hara, Bishop of Achonry, to legalize their establishment.

THE place being furrounded by rivers, and consequently solitary, was judged proper to be the house of novitiates for Connaught, though others from different parts of the kingdom resorted to it. The monastery is situated on the north side of a lake of the same name. The walls are intire. The eastern window is very fine, and under it are the remains of an altar. On the south wall of the chapel is the sollowing inscription:

" Pray for the foul

OF Partrick Duffy and Cate his wife, and the father and Beas Duffy and their family, who made this in the year of our Lord 1719."

On the diffolution of religious houses, Urlare was granted to Lord Dillon. Here are the graves of many principal families in these parts; such as the Nangles, Lords M'Costello, Phillipses, M'Donells of Slieuliew, Gradys, Fitz Gerald's of Loghglin, M'Jordans of Kerieghter, &c.

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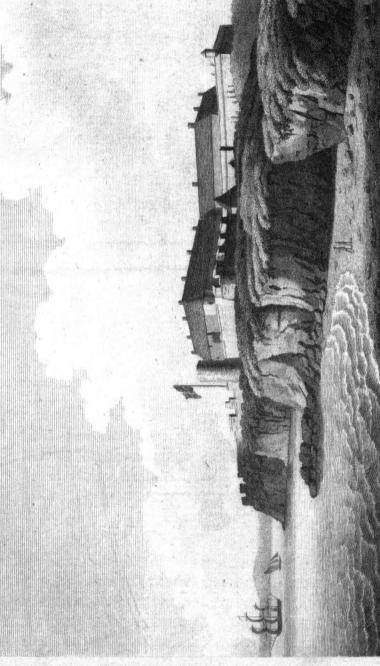
CLONMINES ABBEY, WEXFORD.

This abbey is in the barony of Shelburn, and washed by the river Bannow. The samily of Cavenagh, descended from the M'Murroghs, kings of Leinster, sounded this church for Austin hermits in 1385; this was ten years before the M'Murroghs surrendered the sovereignty of their countries to Richard II. and accepted in lieu a pension of eighty marks per annum, which was paid them to the time of Henry VIII. The records relative to this house are very impersect, so that it is not exactly known when the castles and abbey here were erected, but they seem to belong to the 14th cen-

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tury. The Dominicans claimed some right to this church, but at this day the Augustinians have a prior and brethren attached to it. Nicholas Wodding was the last prior, and, in the 35 Henry VIII. this house with its appurtenances was granted for ever to John Parker, at the annual rent of two shillings and sour pence Irish money.

THE abbey was very extensive, and the foundations of the cloisters are yet to be seen, and one set of arches highly ornamented.
The tower stands on an arch; part of this is stopped up, and as
there are buttresses, there seems to have been some alteration in the
original design. The western window is very sine, made of a red
grit, but looking white, being almost entirely covered with white
moss. Of the same are the architrave of the western door, the
arches of the cloisters and a monument within the church. The
whole building was surrounded with walls, and capable of desence,
and vestiges of a Portcullis remain in a gate near the abbey.

This View, which represents the west aspect, was taken from an original drawing by Barralet, Anno 1780, in the collection of the Right Honourable William Conyngham.

DUNCANNON FORT

Was crected in 1588, or rather earlier, to protect the river of Waterford against any attempt of the Spaniards, whose invincible Armada, as they boastingly styled it, alarmed every part of our coasts.

THE fort is built on the flat furface of a high rock that overlooks the fea, and was large enough to hold two companies of foot, though but one is generally quartered there. You enter it over a draw-bridge, which is raifed at night; the governor's house and the chapel are small but neat. There were usually thirty cannon, placed in three tires or ranges, and the whole surrounded by a strong wall.

WHEN Cromwell came here, he found Duncannon fo well provided, that he did not think it prudent to florm it: he blockaded it

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for a while, but foon withdrew. In 1650, Ireton befieged it, and it probably would have baffled his attempts, as it was commanded by Colonel Wogon, a brave officer; but when the latter faw, that General Preston surrendered Waterford, he thought farther resistance vain, and capitulated on the 14th of August. In 1690 it was garrisoned by the adherents of James II. and Captain Michael Burke was governor. He was summoned by Major General Kirk, but required six days to consult Lord Tyrconnel on the terms. This was refused; the army advanced, and Sir Cloudesly Shovel with sixteen frigates immediately appeared before Duncannon, and the garrison surrendered.

By the 10 William III. the commissioners for the settlement of Ireland were set out so much forseited lands as amounted to three hundred pounds per annum, most contiguous to the Fort of Duncannon, for the better maintenance of said fort.

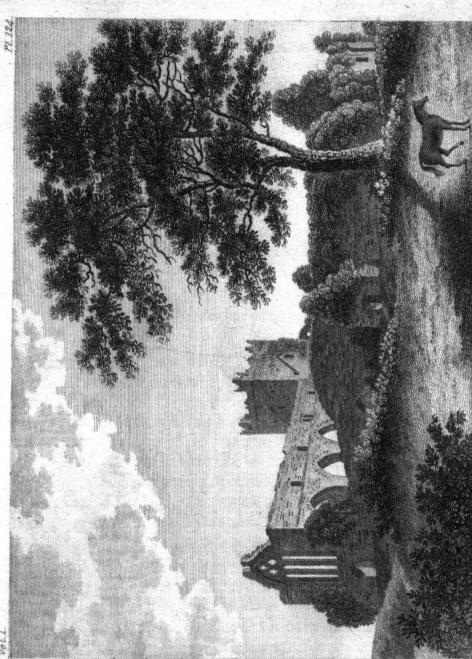
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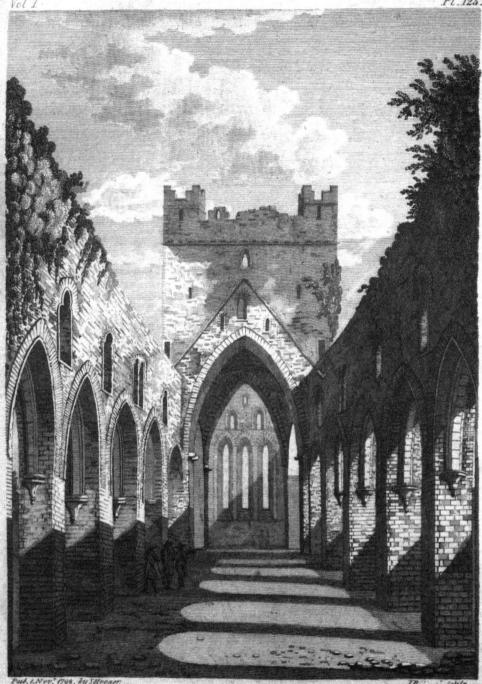
DUNBRODY ABBEY.

THE foundation-charter of this abbey is in the Monasticon Anglicanum, and recites, that Harvey of Mount Maurice, who was Seneschal to Richard Earl of Pembroke, made a grant of divers lands to St. Mary and St. Benedict, and to the monks of the abbey of Bildewas in Shropshire, for creeting an abbey at Dunbrody for Cistertian monks; to this charter Felix, Bishop of Offory, is witness, who was promoted to that see in the year 1178.

This place is in the barony of Shelburn, four miles fouth of New Ross. The Cistertians, from their first introduction into this isle by St. Malachy, Archbishop of Armagh, were much favoured by the Irish nobility, and not less by the English. Hence they every where acquired immense possessions, and were enabled to execute in the best style, their different religious houses. Richard, Earl of Pembroke and Walter, his grandson, were benefactors to Dunbrody.

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