passengers, and the sides are secured and adorned by stone balustrades, enlightened in the night with lamps. The passage though the Bridge, as above remarked, is also enlarged, by throwing the two middle arcs into one, and by other improvements; yet London Bridge is still deemed so unfit for its situation, that it is intended to take it down, and to erect an elegant cast-iron Bridge in its stead.*

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE,
OVER THE RIVER THAMES,
CONSTRUCTED OF PORTLAND STONE.

Westminster Bridge is universally allowed to be one of the finest in the world. The first stone of this noble structure was laid on the 29th of January, one thousand seven hundred and thirty-eight, by the earl of Pembroke, and was finished and opened on the 17th of November, one thousand seven hundred and fifty. It is adorned and secured on each side by a very lofty and noble balustrade. Over every pier is a recess on each side, forming a semioctagon, and twelve of these are covered with half domes, four at each end, and four in the middle. Between those in

* Wonders of Nature and Art.