OF BRIDGES

constructed; and the other has five arcs, with a balustrade of stone on each side.

On the western side of this Bridge is the Kay of Bath; whence the river is navigable to Bristol; so that Bath is a proper inland port. Barges that have one mast and sail, and carry from forty to one hundred and twenty tons, bring heavy goods from Bristol; iron, copper, wine, deals, and many other articles; and generally return laden with large blocks of freestone, the use of which is increasing here. The river, though quite fresh, is deep, of a good width; beautifully winds on towards Bristol, in an exquisitely delightful and happy vale, between verdant hills, rural scenes and villages; and swarms with fine fish; trout, roach, dace, perch, eels, and others. About two miles and a half from Bath, it runs under a noble Bridge of stone of several arcs, the principal of which is one hundred feet in diameter, and for height and expansion seems to rival the Rialto at Venice. A little farther on is a lofty eminence, beautifully impending over its northern back; on which are pleasantly situated the elegant mansion and park of Sir Cæsar Hawkins, Bart. Seven miles from Bristol, between Saltford