OF BRIDGES.

in depth, which seldom rises more than fifteen feet, often overflows the Kay, has an agreeable effect when full, renders the port very pleasant, and will waft the largest merchant-ships, and even ships of war, up to the Bridge, in the heart of the city. This river has large banks of mud down to its mouth, in the soft beds of which the ships lie securely at low water; and it yields some salmon, shad, plaice, flounders, sand-dabs, plenty of eels, and immense quantities of elvers.

The two greatest churches of Bristol were so situated by our ancestors as to be eminently conspicuous from its port. Below Redcliff, at the Kay, is the mouth of the river Froom; below which, on each side of the water, are delectable views of Bristol, Clifton, and the Somerset hills, down to Rownham Ferry, a mile farther, where the river at high water is three hundred feet broad, and the tide rises thirty-two feet. Here it begins to flow between two rising hills, Clifton and Rownham, the former adorned with elegant piles of building, and the latter with trees and verdure. Beyond the hot-well-house commence the lofty rocks of St. Vincent, between which the river has a winding course of about two