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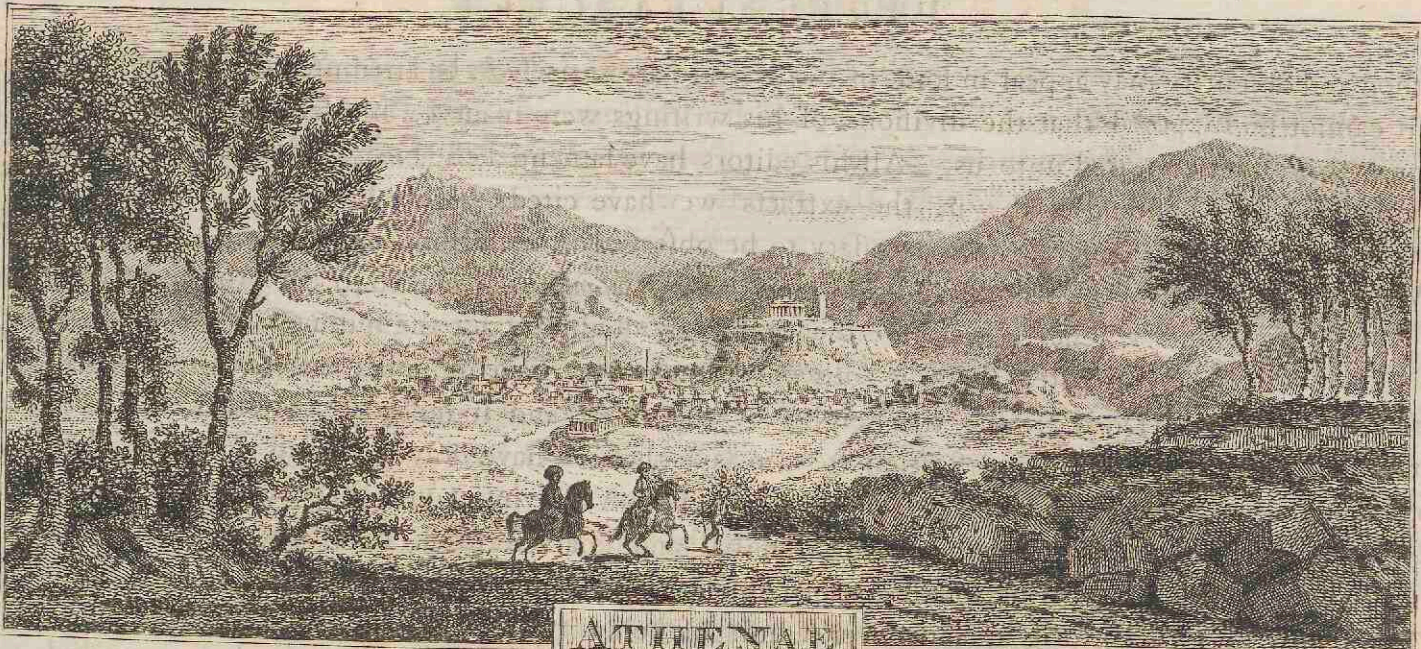
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## P R E F A C E .

**A**LTHO' the skill and diligence of so many ingenious men, for above these two last centuries, have been excited to retrieve the architecture of the antients, and restore it in its original purity and beauty, neither they who had formed precepts for this purpose from the writings of Vitruvius, nor others who endeavoured at the restoration of the Greek orders, from the ruined edifices of Rome, have succeeded completely in their laudable attempts; no original traces of the Doric and Ionic orders could fall under their most diligent researches; they found no examples of these but such as were very defective: it was not then known that the Grecians had left some venerable Doric monuments at Poestum, near Salerno, in the kingdom of Naples; this seems a very late discovery: the abbé WINKELMAN, whose penetration into the stores of antiquity, nothing can escape, supposes them the most antient of any Grecian remains, and informs us that he is the first who mentioned them to the publick. Athens all this time may be said to have been forgotten: such few travellers who ventured to visit Greece, whatever success they had in their pursuits after other objects of antiquity, it seems were not furnished with the requisite skill in architecture, to bring away with them, either by an exact technical description, or correct drawings, such accounts and representations of Grecian buildings, as could prove satisfactory to the discernment and inquiry of the curious.

This very desirable task was reserved for the united labours of M. M. STVART and REVETT; to them we owe that excellent book, *The Antiquities of Athens*, a work executed with veracity, erudition and elegance, and which with the very circumstantial and true delineations of Athenian remains, will transmit to posterity the authentic records and perfect models of the Grecian orders.

From those antiquities, it is attempted in this treatise to establish documents for the three orders, and to make a modular division of all their component parts for practical uses; what little differences may be observed, were only admitted to avoid fractions in their professional altitudes, which are fixed at so many entire diameters; the character of every member in each order is strictly preserved, because otherwise the specific distinctions in the three different modes, would be confounded and out of place.

While we are modulating the orders from unquestionable originals, it would be an unpardonable slight to the only writer of antiquity upon this subject, whom time and accidents have not destroyed, if we did not introduce him: Vitruvius is too respectable an author not to be quoted in a work of this nature, and though a Roman, he has said all that was possible in favour of Grecian architecture; and has delivered, with the necessary rules, its origin and progress: It must be owned, that his expressions are sometimes low and bald, but it was unavoidable in the dry parts which regard only measurements, and the mere mechanical directions; for in his prefaces and historical narratives, and in many scientific matters, dispersed throughout his works, the style is much more correct and florid. In his preface to his VII book he has named the Greek and Latin writers upon architecture, which may have served him in the compilation of his treatise. Pliny quotes him in his XVI, XXXV and XXXVI books of his natural history, and generally throughout these volumes are extracts from Vitruvius, even in his own words. Whatever want of method

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method and obscurity may appear in some of his writings are entirely to be attributed to the copyists; for it cannot be supposed that the divisions of his writings were made by himself, in the irregular manner they have appeared unto us. All his editors have lamented the blots, mistakes and errors, they have had to contend with: in the extracts we have cited, we have made the transpositions suitable to the regular course necessary to be observed in describing the orders.

We have made use of De Laet's edition, *cum notis Philandri*, *Amst.* 1649, for the quotations we have given; and whenever we have met with any doubts about the numeral characters, we have taken the liberty to alter them as other commentators have done, for the extents of the tetrastyle, hexastyle, Doric fronts, the heights of the Doric and Ionic entire columns, the Ionic capital and base, &c. For our justification we can say, that we have only hazarded to rectify these modular divisions from the edifices themselves, which Vitruvius would have acknowledged of prior and more certain authority: and the essential and characteristick members in each order, as we have traced them, will be found conformable to his written prescriptions.

The words of Grecian origin, can never admit of being translated, such as peripteral, profyle, pycnostyle, &c. and must be adopted as invariable proper names, like column, capital, cyma and others, heretofore used by modern authors.

It may be acceptable to many of our readers, to lay before them the several M. S. S. copies and Latin editions of Vitruvius, and the translations from the same author, into some of the modern languages.

There are several manuscripts in the Vatican; two of these are preferred above all the others for their antiquity and correctness, one marked No. 1504, the other No. 2079, both of the Alexandrine library. They were recommended to the Marquis GALIANI, by M. M. ASSEMANNI and BOTTARI, who were the keepers of that valuable collection: the Marquis only confronted the above two M. S. S. tho' he confesses it might have been better to have compared them all, had he not been straitened for time.

In the *Catalogi Librorum, M. S. S. Angliæ & Hiberniæ in unum collecti. Oxoniæ MDCXCVII.* the following manuscripts of Vitruvius are set down.

I. <i>Lib. M. S. S. Coll. S. Joannis. B. Oxoniæ.</i>	No. 94	<i>Vitruvius de architectura.</i>
II. ————— <i>Coll. Eton.</i>	No. 125	<i>Idem fol.</i>
III. <i>Cod. Lat. Is. Vossii Can. Windsor.</i>	No. 83	<i>Idem &amp; No. 95 idem.</i>
V. <i>Lib. Lat. cum M. S. S. Collati Ejusdem.</i>	No. 20	<i>Vitruvius Philandri.</i>
VI. <i>Biblioth. Norfolk. in Coll. Gresh. Londini.</i>	No. 121	<i>Vitruvii libri architectura, libri 12.</i>
VII. <i>Lib. M. S. S. Ed. Langley Eq. Comit Salop.</i>	No. 49	<i>Vitruvius de architectura, fol.</i>
VIII. ————— <i>Edvardi Bernardi.</i>	No. 195	<i>Vitruvii.</i>
IX. <i>Biblioth. Jacobææ.</i>	No. 896	<i>Excerpta ex Vitruvio.</i>
X. <i>Biblioth. Cottonianæ. Cleopatra.</i>	D. I.	<i>Vitruvii de architectura, Lib. X. &amp;c.</i>

At the end. *Julius solinus explicit feliciter studio & diligentia domini Theodosi invictissimi principis.* This M. S. S. is said to be very correct, and written in a very antient hand; at present this book should be in the British Museum.

Ten several Latin impressions are reckoned.

- I. One of Sulpitius about the year 1486.
- II. One at Florence, 1496.
- III. One at Venice, 1497.
- IV. One by Jocondus at Venice, 1511.
- V. One corrected by the same in Florence, in 1513. Another edition by the same, in 1522. And a third in 1523.
- VI. One at Straßburgh, in 1543. And a second in 1550.
- VII. One by Gul. Philander at Lions, in 1552. And again at Geneva, in 1586.
- VIII. One by Daniel Barbaro at Venice, in 1567.
- IX. One by Johannes de Laet at Amsterdam, in 1649.
- X. One by the Marquis Galiani in opposite pages to the Italian translation. at Naples, in 1758.

The Translations of this author are,

- I. One French, by Jean Martin, Paris 1547. The same again in 1572. And the same at Cologne in 1618.
- II. One by Claude Perrault, in 1673. and with emendations, in 1684.
- III. One German by D. Walters and H. Rivius, Nurembergh in 1548, the same at Basil, in 1575. and again, 1614.
- IV. One in Spanish, not of the entire work, but a compendium, by Don Didaco Sagreda, entitled, *Medidas del Romano, ò Vitruvio.* in *Madrid*, 1542. and in *Toledo*, 1549. and again in 1564.

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V. One in Italian by Cesariani at Como, 1521.

VI. One by Durantino at Venice, in 1524. again 1535.

VII. One by Daniel Barbaro at Venice, in 1556. again 1567. and for the third time in 1629.

VIII. One by Caporali, in Perugia in 1536.

IX. One by the Marquis Galiani, in opposite pages with the Latin, Naples, 1758.

In the *Acta Erudit. Lipsiæ* 1731. an English translation by Robert Castell, was promised, but it has not yet appeared.

Many are supposed to be the M. S. translations in different parts of Italy, two are mentioned at Rome, one in the Ottobonian collection, No. 1653, the other in the Corsini library, supposed to be done by Sangallo.

The French translation by Perrault, above all others, deserves singular esteem, his notes are judicious, and the version is clear.

The Marquis Poleni in his *exercitationes Vitruvianæ*, has given the various readings of several commentators; an edition of Vitruvius, from this noble author has long been expected.

To the Grecian orders, the parallels of the orders of PALLADIO, SCAMOZZI and VIGNOLA, are subjoined, being those of the restorers, who on account of their superiority in their choice and in designing the profiles and members, were judged the most proper to select out of the ten noticed in *parallele de l'Architecture ancienne & de la moderne, &c. par M. DE CHAMBRAY*. The orders of the three Italian authors are examined and compared one with the others: this addition will furnish a sufficient variety to the lovers of architecture, and may be of service to them in their comparisons of the pure Grecian, and the orders restored from the ruins at Rome: and herein the following observation of M. de Chambray is worthy of particular notice; "That it is a visible abuse in the architecture of the moderns, to have confounded the Grecian orders among the Latin, and the general inadvertency of so many authors is really to be wondered at, who, writing of their symmetries, and of the detail of their proportions, have disposed them in such a manner, as plainly discovers how ignorant they were of their proprieties and specific differences; without which it is very difficult to make use of them judiciously; M. EVELYN translated M. de Chambray's work, and it cannot be too strongly recommended to those who do not understand the original."

The late delineations for two of the orders, from original models, to which the above-named authors, and others since, were entire strangers, furnish us with superior advantages; too fervile an imitation might be deemed inconsistent with the licences allowable in art; but this is the test.

*Qui variare cupit rem prodigialiter unam,  
Delphinum sylvis appingit, fluctibus aprum.*

HOR. Ars. p.

It is well known that the Grecian antiquities are in the same state as the Roman; the greatest part have been destroyed, and of some, in a few years not a wreck will be left to inform us of the spots where they once were situated; there still remain magnificent vestiges of the three orders, and some of these, of edifices raised in the time of Pericles. M. LE ROY, very pertinently proposes, as the most eligible method in these matters, to look upon the antiquities of Greece, those in Asia Minor, and in Syria, as well as those at Rome, the precepts of Vitruvius, and sentiments of the best modern architects, as altogether contributing the necessary data for the elements which may serve to produce the best possible (a) orders; for by a multiplicity of comparisons, but with few and simple principles, a greater number of determinate ideas will arise in the mind, and there is all the reason to believe, that the restorers of architecture in Italy, would have left us their labours more perfected, if they could have beheld Rome in the reign of Hadrian, Athens in the days of Pericles, or even the remains of Greece, as they were in their times, or as they are at present, opening a vast field to the reflections of the curious.

This method of collecting (continues the last named author) and of reconciling the differences of examples, and of opinions, seems that which would most effectually tend to establish the principles of architecture, hitherto but vaguely received in all civilized nations, yet are immediately

(a) From what this author has alledged in a preceding paragraph of his *Discours sur la nature des principes de l'Architecture civile*, we presume he can only mean to make that choice from among the Grecian orders of different times and places, for he says, *toutes les dispositions qui tiennent de cette origine sont agreables, celles qui s'en eloignent sont bizarres*. The problem might therefore stand thus.

"The necessary relative solidity, and the specific members, of any one of the Grecian orders being given, to describe the best possible form thereof." Upon the solution of this problem depend, as we shall have occasion to observe, the strength and beauty of buildings with or without columns, of one or of several stories, ever so plain or ornamented, and of whatever materials; and we likewise shall find that the true relations between the three different styles in building, the strong, the mean, and the delicate, are established upon an exact knowledge of the orders.

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diately and strictly united with the other systems of Grecian art and science; *calamo ligantur eodem*. It is only pardonable in those who are ignorant of the manifold researches architecture requires, to look upon the orders of Vignola, or of others as perfect, without giving themselves the trouble to examine whence they were taken, or whether they have made a good choice of the different parts which compose them? it would be perhaps most useful for the advancement of architecture, that the skilful architects in every country should renew their endeavours to restore the orders: their essays would do honour to the times, and would be transmitted to posterity with applause.

Several able artificers have considered the antiquities of Athens, as mere *innovations*; there is no doubt but that after some inquiry and reflection, they will part with their prejudices; especially if they have an opportunity of working after some well chosen designs; for the great neatness and truth with which the workmen of Great Britain and Ireland, above all others, execute their several branches, can never fail of doing justice to the most elegant patterns; this praise is due to these worthy members of the community, for who are more so than those men, who by their daily labour maintain themselves and families, leading an industrious, sober and quiet life; yet that vanity deserves some sort of censure, which so frequently puffs up a stonemason, a bricklayer or a carpenter to write themselves *Architects*; The best hands in all these trades have a tolerable knack in drawing the parts and members of the orders, but are generally very unhappy in the whimsical application of them: some have ventured to plan buildings: Now as often as this has happened, little has ever been said in favour of their invention or taste; most commonly they are only the less guilty accomplices with the prudent persons who employ them, and who, whatever may be their notions of beauty, have certainly an undoubted right over their *builders and buildings*, and therefore in justice must bear a share of the blame.

*Amphora coepit,*

*Institui currente rotâ cur urceus exit?*

The arts which the professed architect should have knowledge of, are in themselves scientific, and of great scope; how are these attainable, but by a very liberal education? and then not without the requisite taste to imbibe them, *nec studium sine divite venâ*; things being so, each mechanic (a rare genius excepted) should content himself with being the complete master of his own branch; therein he may acquire great fame, by any real improvement in his practice, that experience or chance may offer, without aiming at those designs, which require in their whole and in each of their parts, a more general knowledge, than ever he had leisure, opportunity, or perhaps capacity to comprehend. Is it not then reasonable to infer, that the success of every structure must always depend upon the reciprocal assistance of the artist, and of the artificers?

— *Alterius sic*

*Altera poscit opem res & conjurat amicum.*

Having finished what relates to the delineation and explanation of the orders, we pass on to some general remarks, and cursory practical considerations concerning publick and private edifices, and to give a description of ten plans with their elevations, which concludes the volume. And as in the introduction to the orders, we have given some short notices of the most celebrated restorers of architecture in Italy, it was judged not altogether improper to collect some brief accounts of eminent British architects; we have transcribed what is sufficient for our purposes, partly from that valuable work *Biographia Britannica*; to these volumes we refer our readers for many entertaining particulars, which we omit, relating to our architects and to the history of their times: The transcriber hopes not to have given offence by the addition he has taken the liberty to make of some right honourable names: it is a double advantage for the arts to have their protectors of the highest ranks, endued with equal degrees of knowledge and benevolence in promoting their advancement; what efforts then will they not make? when, besides the patronage of our first nobility, they are known to partake in the ROYAL AUSPICES OF A MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY.

Seven ornamental plates, for head and tail-pieces, are interspersed throughout these sheets: with respect to the last ten architectural plates, if the buildings had been traced from larger scales, and finished in a higher manner, it would have considerably advanced the price, without an adequate advantage to the intelligent readers; wherever any thing may appear doubtful in the smaller members, it can easily be decided by referring to the parts at large in the preceding orders.

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S E V E R A L O R N A M E N T A L P L A T E S .

**M**OST of these explanations are trite, and commonly known, yet as they cannot be said to be misplaced, we have ventured to give them.

Amphion buildeth the walls and towers of Thebes, by the found of his lyre, accompanied with his voice.

*Dicitur & Amphion Thebanae conditor arcis  
Saxa movere, sono Testudinis & precé blandâ  
Ducere quo vellet.*

HOR. ARS. POET.

It is feigned that Amphion being the first who raised an altar to Mercury, the god as a reward for his zeal, made him a present of a lyre, and taught him that wonderful manner of playing and finging, which produced such enchanting effects. Mercury having found the shell of a tortoise, and fitting strings to it, is called the parent of the lyre

*Curvæque lyrae parentem.*

And from the circumstance just related, *Testudo* signified a lyre.

But divesting this story of its poetical fiction, we are given to understand, that Amphion was a prince, who by his soothing persuasions, induced a barbarous and unpolished people, to build themselves a city, and surround it with walls, to receive and obey laws. According to Pausanias, Amphion and Zethus, having conquered Lycus, whom they killed, and taken possession of his kingdom, they joined the lower town with the Cadmea, and called the whole Thebes. Amphion acquired the reputation of a great musician, for having learned the Lydian measure; he was the first that brought it into Greece, and likewise added three more strings to the lyre, which till then had but four.

Other traditions make Amphion and Orpheus Egyptians, (tho' the latter is called a Thracian) and that both excelled in magic, the one having the power of moving the stones from the very rocks, and the other that of enticing the most fierce and savage animals.

## II. *At the head of the Preface.*

A view of Athens, from a sketch taken on the road in going from that city to the Piræus, at present called *Porto Leone*; this port is about six miles from Athens. The antient ports of Munychia, and of Phalarus, (at present out of use) are upon the same shore, in bays very near each other, and to the Piræus.

This view offers a prospect of one side of the city, with the Acropolis, or citadel, wherein is the Temple of Minerva Parthenion; the Temple of Theseus is upon the lower ground, close by the road which the two horsemen are supposed to have passed; from amidst the houses are several minarets or Turkish steeples. On the other side of the city, the pointed rocky-hill, is mount Anchefimus, now called from a little chapel at the top, (*Tou Hagion Giorgio Vouni*) St. George's mountain; where probably in times past was the statue of Jupiter Anchefimus. The distant mountain to the left, is Pentelicus, noted for its quarries of marble: the continued mountain that rises upon the right hand, is part of Hymettus, famous even at this day for its honey.

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The promontory of Sunium; eleven leagues from the Piræus; this view was taken at sea, in sailing out of the Saronic Gulph, now called *Golfo di Egina*, and the promontory, *Capo Colonne*, on account of the seventeen columns of white marble upon its summit, which is seen afar off at sea; they are the remains of a Doric temple dedicated to Minerva.

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The best boats and boldest sailors in the Archipelago are those from the little island of Hydrea, close to the coast of Morea; they go with oars in a calm, and have very large latine sails.

### IV. *The Introduction.*

A composition for a basso relievo, consisting of antique trophies, partly taken from some of the compartments of Ovid's tomb, and partly from the pedestal of the Trajan column, and from Polydore. The *Cornu-copiae* and serpents are emblems of plenty and health, while the suspended arms remind us of that security and protection which only can be insured to a state, by not suffering its martial spirit to be totally extinguished, and its discipline ruined: what an easy prey would any country in such a situation become, either to the surprizes, or the more formal attacks of treacherous and ambitious enemies? The luxury and idleness of peaceable times, are apt to make men slight the heroic virtues of their ancestors.

The motto to this ornament is taken from Cicero's oration for Muræna. *Omnes urbanae res, omnia hæc nostra præclara studia, & hæc forensis laus & industria, latent in tutela, ac præsidio bellicæ virtutis.*

### V. *At the End of the Grecian Orders.*

Pegasus alighting upon Helicon, strikes the rock with his hoof, and opens the Hippocrenean springs, sacred to Apollo and the Muses. Mention is made by Pausanias of a temple dedicated to Minerva chalinitida; because she had been kind enough to send this winged horse, ready bridled and thoroughly bitted, to Bellerophon, who takes him while he is drinking at the fountain Pyrene by Corinth, for his intended expedition against the Chimera. The Chimera, was a dreadful monster, supposed to have the head of a Lions, the tail of a Dragon, and the body of a Goat.

*Mediis in partibus hircum*

*Pectus & ora leæ, caudam serpentis habebat.*

Hesiod gives her the three heads of those three animals, and makes her the dam of the Sphinx, and of the Nemean Lion.

This design is from a fine cornelian *intaglio* of the Abbate della Torre; it bears the name of Socrates for the engraver. The same subject is represented nearly as large as the life, in a marble basso-relievo at the palace Spada in Rome.

The fable of Bellerophon, like all others, has been variously explained; some supposing that by the winged horse, was signified his rapid conquests over three nations; the one having the courage of Lions, another inhabiting a mountainous country, like Goats, and the third possessing all the wiles and cunning of Serpents. But others have imagined the Chimera to have been a ship belonging to a famous pirate, whom Bellerophon defeated, and that Bellerophon's vessel was ornamented with a winged horse, or was named Pegasus, from the swiftness of its sailing.

To return to the fable. The presumption of Bellerophon in attempting to fly up to heaven upon his winged steed, was punished by his being cast down on a plain in Cilicia, where he was left destitute and blind to spin out a long and miserable life: Jupiter prepared him this punishment, by sending a fly to sting Pegasus in his aerial flight. The moral is, that the most uninterrupted prosperity, should never make one engage in a rash enterprise, which generally ends in entire ruin.

### VI. *Remarks concerning publick and private Edifices.*

This composition is for an ornament in alto relievo; it represents the two eagles as placed at the base of the Trajan column; between them, upon a Doric tablet, is the face of the Apollo Belvedere; this statue will ever be esteemed one of the rare wonders of art; it is an intellectual image, and the artist has taken no more of matter, than what was necessary to render his idea visible;

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ble; we are speaking of the original statue, and describing it after Winkelman; let the mind raise itself in contemplating this figure, up to the sphere of celestial beauties, and make its utmost efforts to gaze upon the transcendent charms of a heavenly body. The son of Jupiter is here represented worthy of his father; such was the forehead of the thunderer, when pregnant with the goddess of wisdom, and such were his brows arched over his radiant eyes, which by their motion express his will; the mouth is the voluptuous mouth of Bacchus; his silken tresses perfumed with aromatic scents are softly blown by the breath of Zephirs, and float like the tendrils of the unpruned vine, but those locks above his front, are tied in majestic pomp by the hands of the Graces. Such was his countenance when he pursued the Python, whom he pierced with a thousand arrows. On this account the Pythian games were instituted, and celebrated near Delphi; the place that for the oracles challenged the pre-eminence, as well for its antiquity (wherein it contended even with Dodona) as for the truth and perspicuity of its answers, the magnificence of its structures, the number and richness of the sacred presents. Apollo himself was the author of these games, according to the most common opinion.

*Neve operis famam possit delere vetustas  
Instituit sacros celebri certamine ludos,  
Pythia perdomitæ serpentis nomine dictos.*

OVID. Metam. Lib. I.

The arrows of Apollo are figurative of the rays of the sun, which exhale and dissipate the noxious and putrid vapours of the earth arising from stagnated waters in marshy and swampy lands; but as this heathen deity is also deemed the god of physic, by the python may be understood that legion of distempers to which animal bodies are exposed, which find their cure in these plants and herbs endued with salutiferous virtues from the genial warmth of the sun.

There were to be seen in the temple of Delphi, the figures of two eagles, in memory of the eagles sent forth by Jupiter, one from the East and the other from the West, to discover the middle spot (the navel) of the earth, and they meeting in this place determined the question.

Eagles in their flight are said to be able to look steadfastly upon the sun; certainly they are the kings of the feathered tribe, and as such are represented to carry the thunderbolts of Jupiter; when he seized upon Ganymede, he disdained the shape of any other bird.

*Nulla tamen alite verti  
Dignatur; nisi quæ possit sua fulmina ferre.*

OVID. Metam. Lib. X.

The dignity of the eagle, even in his sleep, is finely expressed in the following lines,

Perching on the scepter'd hand,  
Of Jove, thy magic lulls the feather'd king,  
With ruffled plumes and flagging wing;  
Quench'd in dark clouds of slumber lie  
The terror of his beak, and light'nings of his eye.

GRAY'S ODE.

VII. *At the end of the book.*

Mercury seated on a ram, with his caduceus and purse; as in the primitive state of nations, riches consisted in flocks and herds, Mercury is represented with a ram, being thought to take them under his protection, and likewise to occasion their increase; the first money among the Romans was called *pecunia*, from *pecu* a flock, because Servius Tullius had it stamped with the figure of a ram.

The caduceus, or wand, is taken for an emblem of eloquence, and of that power in oratory which allures or drives the minds of men to the purposes it has in view. This wand however is the proper

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proper ensign of the messenger of the gods, he carries it with him in his attendance upon the souls of the deceased, to the realms of Pluto.

*Tum Virgam capit, hac animas ille evocat orcs  
Pallentes, alias sub tristia tartara mittit,  
Dat somnos, adimitque, & lumina morte resignat.* ÆN. IV.

Upon which account he was prayed to: Ajax in Sophocles, before he stabbed himself, thus addresses him.

—————Infernal Mercury I call,  
Safe to conduct me to the shades below.

He also presided over sleep and dreams. As to the purse, it seems a stolen one; this may give a beneficial hint to the careless part of mankind, by teaching them a proper vigilance in the care of their goods.

*Callidum quidquid placuit jocosè  
condere furto.* HOR. Lib. I. Od. 10.

In the markets, Mercury was called Hermes Agoraios; and from the cheats and frauds so commonly practised in dealings, became the god of thieves; in this office, having too much business, he was assisted by a goddess called Laverna, to whom prayers were addressed for success in thieving and cheating.

—————*Pulchra Laverna,  
Da mihi fallere da justo sanctoque videri  
Noctem peccatis, & fraudibus objice nubem.*

Perhaps some may shrewdly suspect, that since the poet wrote, the goddess has encouraged her votaries to cheat in broad day, and with manifest impudence.

In the Metamorphoses, we read of a son of Mercury, whom some of the commentators suppose to have risen to very eminent business in a certain profession, from an ingenuity natural to him in pleading, *of making black white, and white black.*

*Nascitur Autolychus, furtum ingeniosus ad omne  
Qui facere assuevit, patrie non degener artis  
Candida de nigris & de candentibus atra.*

OVID. METAM. Lib. XI.

Mercury is sometimes taken for the sun, and then by the ram he is represented in that portion of the ecliptick, called Aries. From Pausanias, we learn that the ram likewise alludes to the mysteries of the Eleusinian games. When Mercury is stiled Criophorus, or the ram-bearer, it is relative to a solemnity observed by the Tanagreans in Bœotia, in commemoration of their being delivered from the plague, by the god carrying a ram upon his shoulders, and walking with it round the city; upon this festival, therefore it was customary for one of the most beautiful youths to walk round the walls, with a lamb or ram upon his shoulders.

The Cornelian from which this design is taken, is mentioned by *Leo Agostini, gemme antiche.*

They who are fond of expatiating upon these fancies of antient fables, will find an extensive field to range in, by turning over some of the numerous works engraved from the best cabinets of Europe. We have offered these few, because we think that with the architecture of the Grecians, we should always have in view the gracefulness and significancy of their compositions in works of sculpture; how the study of both may tend to the emolument of their sister ART, the works of the greatest painters from Raphael downwards, sufficiently declare. To sum up the whole in the words of an original artist, “the art of composing, is the art of varying well, “taking heed, that variety be without confusion, simplicity without nakedness, richness without tawdriness, distinctness without hardness, and quantity without excess.”



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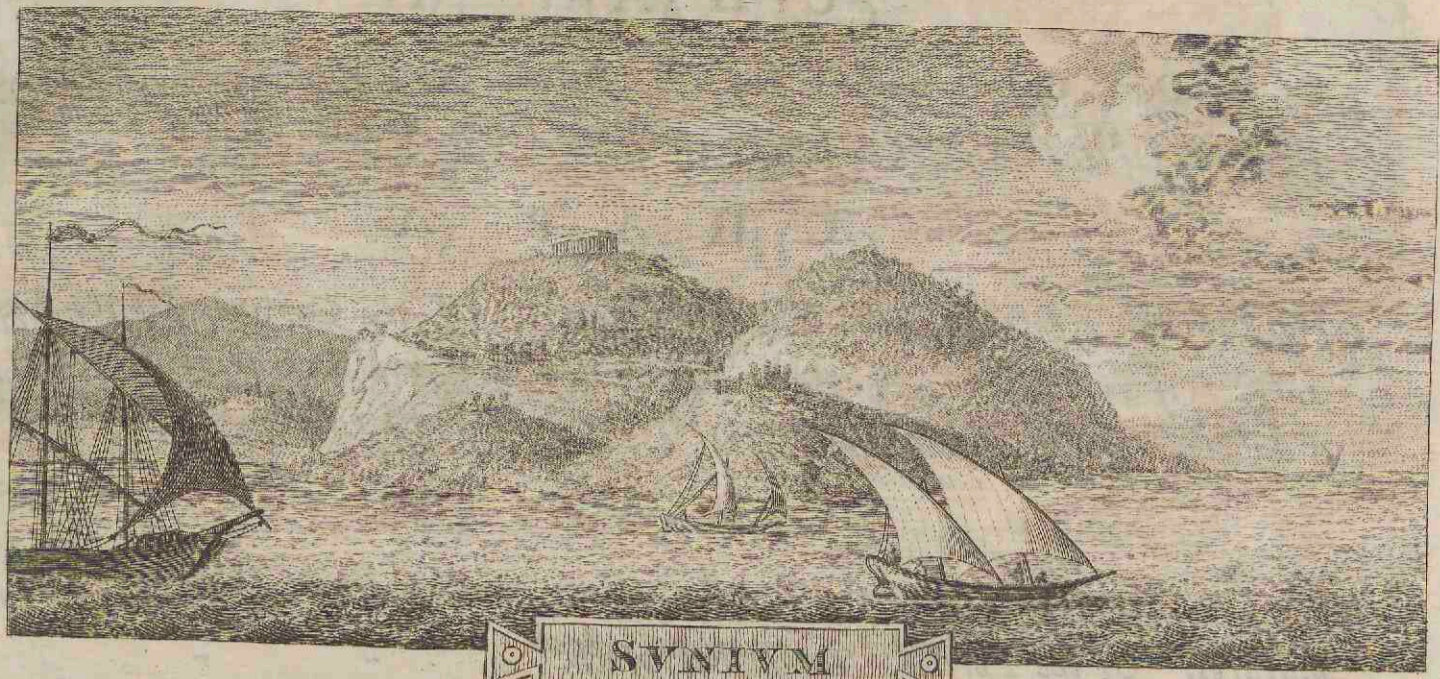
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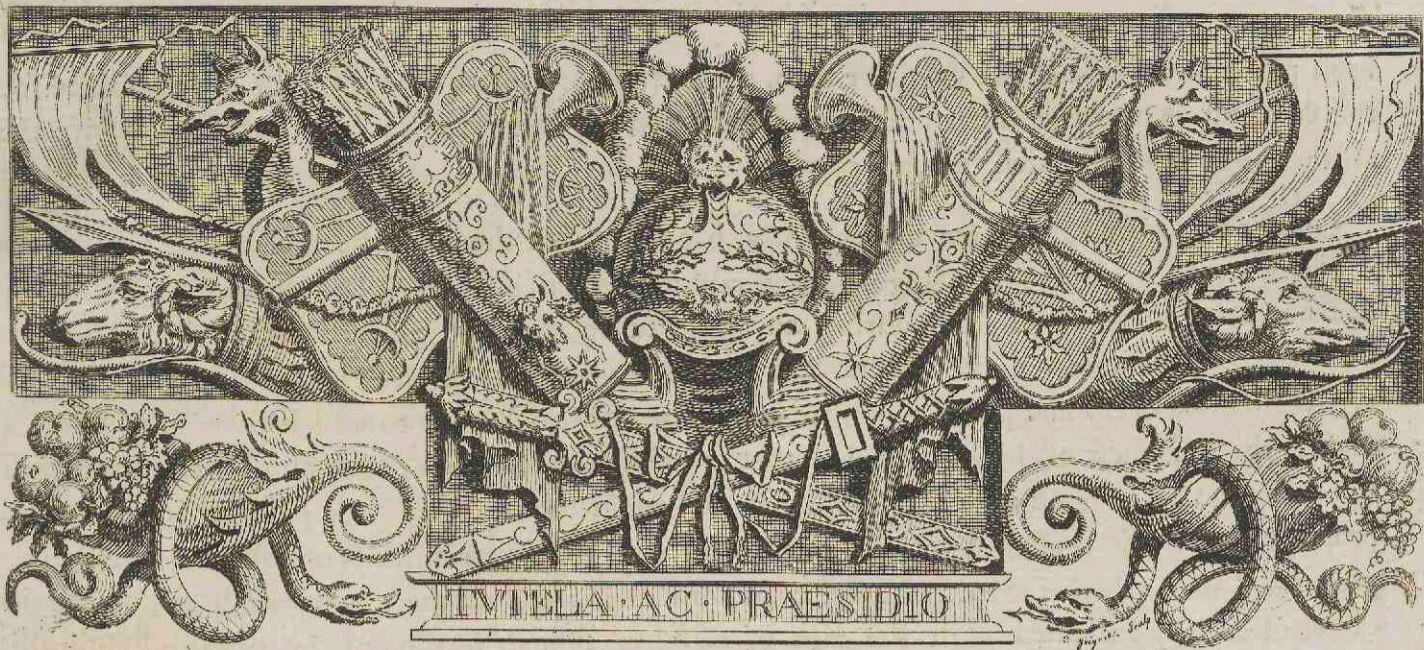
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*The Introduction.*

**I**T must be an effectual check to the vanity of man, when he considers that by the decrees and dispositions of supreme wisdom, neither the corporeal nor the mental faculties are ever all united in one person ; but that for the maintenance and good order of society, the gifts of nature, combined in a continually varied proportion, are with a marvellous œcomony divided and distributed amongst the several individuals of our species ; so that, how extensive soever his capacity may be, how prompt his apprehension, how mighty his strength, with the most exalted ambition, man will nevertheless stand in need of man. From the powers of the human being thus limited it is, that when we survey the progress of genius either in the practices of art or the speculations of science, we find they never received their perfection from the same man who gave them birth ; new inventions however valuable have for the most part  
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been produced in a rude and defective state, and have in process of time, little by little received from the skill and industry of others, such additions and improvements as were necessary to give them all the perfection of which they are capable.

On the other hand it has not unfrequently happened that the arts instead of making any due advancement, even lose the advantages which only a long series of years, and the unremitting assiduity of true genius could obtain, for during an age of turbulence and distress no attention is bestowed on them, abuses creep unnoticed into the practice, and with the decline and ruin of empire, the arts themselves decay and perish: neither is this the only misfortune to which they are exposed, for such is the weakness of human nature, that in less calamitous times than those we have supposed, the imagination may be vitiated, all sound judgment perverted, and our pursuits led out of their proper track by the presumption of the ignorant, the plausible arguments of false reasoners, or that propensity with which the inconsiderate are determined to follow the ungovernable and unrestrained career of a fancy animated with the rage of novelty, though fertile only in trifles and absurdities.

Such vicissitudes have happened to the art of which we are about to treat, as will appear from a view of what will be briefly offered on this subject.

The origin of Art is the same in all nations that have cultivated it; and it is without foundation that the honour thereof be ascribed to one particular country preferably to all others; in all places necessity has proved to be the mother of invention, and every (a) people had in themselves the seeds of contrivance in their various wants. The inventions of art were only more or less ancient as the nations themselves were so, and as the adoration of the gods was introduced amongst them sooner or later: The Chaldeans and Egyptians, for example, had made much earlier than the Greeks, idols and other external forms of these imaginary beings, in order to worship them. It is the same of this as of other arts and inventions: the purple dye, not to speak of others, was known and practised in the east, long before the Greeks were acquainted with that secret. What is mentioned in holy writ, about carved or molten images, is likewise far more ancient than what we know of Greece. The carved images in wood of the first ages, and those of cast metal of later times, have different names in the Hebrew tongue.

They, who to judge of the origin of a custom or of an art, and of its passage from one people to another, adhere to the mere contemplation of any detached fragments which may offer certain appearances of likeness; and thus from some particular equivocal forms draw their conclusions about the generality of an art, are grossly deceived. In this manner Dionysius of Halicarnassus was in the wrong to pretend, that the art of wrestling among the Romans was derived from the Greeks, because the drapery or scarf worn by the Roman wrestlers round their bodies, resembled that worn by the wrestlers of Greece. Art flourished in Egypt from the earliest account of time; the greatest obelisks now at Rome are due to the Egyptians, and are dated as far back as the time of Sesostris, who lived near CCCC years before the Trojan war; they were the works of that king, and the city of Thebes was adorned with the most magnificent buildings, while art was yet unborn in Greece.

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(a) Apud cæteras quoque gentes & nonnulla loca, pari similique ratione, casarum perficiuntur constitutiones. Non minus etiam Massiliæ animadvertere possumus sine tegulis subacta cum paleis terra tecta. Athenis Areopagi antiquitatis exemplar ad hoc tempus luto tectum. Item in Capitolio commonefacere potest & significare mores vetustatis Romuli casa in arce sacrorum, fragmentis tecta. Ita his signis, de antiquis inventionibus ædificiorum, sic ea fuisse ratiocinantes, possumus judicare. Cum autem quotidie faciendo tritiores manus ad ædificandum perfecissent, & solertia ingenia exercendo per consuetudinem ad artes pervenissent, tum etiam industria in animis eorum adjecta perfecit, ut qui fuerunt in his studiosiores, fabros esse se profiterentur. Cum ergo ita fuerint primo constituta, & natura non solum sensibus ornavisset gentes, quemadmodum reliqua animalia: sed etiam cogitationibus & consilijs armavisset mentes, & subjecisset cætera animalia sub potestate, tunc vero è fabricationibus ædificiorum gradatim progressi ad cæteras artes & disciplinas, e fera agrestique vita ad mansuetam perduxerunt humanitatem. Tum autem & instruentes animose, & prospicientes, majoribus cogitationibus ex varietate artium natis, non casas sed etiam domos fundatas ex lateritijs parietibus, aut è lapide structas, materiaque & tegula tectas perficere cæperunt: deinde observationibus studiorum evagantibus judiciis, ex incertis ad certas symmetriarum rationes perduxerunt: postea quam animadverterunt, profusos esse partus ab natura materiæ, & abundantem copiam ad ædificationes ab ea comparatam, tractando nutriverunt, & auctam per artes ornaverunt voluptatibus ad elegantiam vitæ. VITR. lib. II. c. 1.

The arts, though produced later in Greece than among the nations of the east, nevertheless arose from the most simple elements; this simplicity may suggest that the Grecians took nothing from others, but were truly original; they scarcely had the opportunity of becoming plagiarists of the Egyptians; for before the reign of Psammitichus, the entrance into Egypt was denied to every stranger, and the arts had then already been cultivated by the Grecians. The voyages of their philosophers and sages were chiefly undertaken to inspect into the literature, religion, and government of that famous kingdom. The conjectures of those who derive the arts from the east, seem better grounded, especially if they make them pass from Phœnicia into Greece, the people of both these territories having had very ancient connections together; the latter having received the knowledge and use of letters by Cadmus. Before the time of Cyrus, the Etruscans, powerful by sea, were also allied for a considerable time with the Phœnicians; of this there needs no other proof than the fleet which they equipped in common against the Phocœans.

What Villalpandus has furnished concerning the Temple of Solomon, that thence the Grecians borrowed their richest designs of the Corinthian order, though supported with great parade of learning, and many specious subtilties, only leads into a maze of uncertainties; in rearing of this stately building, heated by a luxuriant fancy, he rather acted the panegyrist than the historian. Let us follow the surer traces of fact and uncontroverted history, as we can discover them in the pages of a writer worthy of our attention, who after having judiciously explained the several particulars relating to the temple, thus concludes; "But though in points like this I have been upon, it be most lawful to err, yet those are more excusable, who keep a constant regard to the sacred original above all things, than those who manifestly depart from it to follow their own fancies or the fabulous accounts of the Jews; now as I have drawn the greatest part of my light from the former, I am sensible that those who have been conversant with all the pompous descriptions we have extant, will be surprized to find this of mine come so vastly short of the boasted magnificence of this sacred building. But here I desire it may be remembered, that as this was designed to contain no more than could be met with, or fairly deduced from the sacred writings, so the reader will at least reap this benefit from it, that he will be better able to judge what is or is not authentic in other plans of this structure than he could have been without it. The following observations from others upon the subject are in the same strain. The vision of Ezekiel, c. xl. and seq. is taken for a description of a prophetic or mystical temple that never existed but in the revelation that was made to him, and the representation he has set down in his prophecy. As for ancient authors, we have none to produce but Josephus and other Jews rather of a later date than he. Now all that we learn from them that has no foundation in Holy Writ, to us is no evidence at all. Much they knew or pretended to know from tradition, but that we presume is not to be depended upon. We know no monuments they had beside those we have ourselves: And the Hebrew tongue properly so called, being a sort of dead language at the time these authors writ, it may well be doubted without sinning against modesty, whether they who had no other books to learn it by, than those now in use, could understand it better than those who study it at present.

The Grecians, during the prosperous times of their common-wealths, were a nation of all others at that time in the world the most ingenious and the most cultivated. They seem to have been endowed with the greatest propensity to the arts, and to have felt the strongest natural aversion to whatever favoured of inelegance and barbarism; their country was styled the mother and nurse of art and science. It is this nation which challengeth to itself the system of those three modes of architecture afterwards named the Doric, the Ionic, and the Corinthian Orders, thus denominated from the places where they were either invented, or first received into use; during the practice of some ages, they acquired all the improvements the Grecian genius in its greatest vigour could bestow; the imitations of such examples, it may be presumed, will ever excell all other inventions.

When the Roman state had attained to the highest pitch of its glory, and the most cultivated as well as the most powerful nations were subdued and were considered only as provinces of that mighty empire, the inhabitants of Italy distinguished themselves as well by their love and study of the fine arts as by their skill in arms, in both of which they must be allowed to stand

next after the Grecians : it is then first to Athens and afterwards to Rome that the modern world owes the method of culture for every refinement, but at the same time it is proper to observe, that the Romans, either through ignorance or pride, not content with the orders and dispositions of Athenian architecture, ventured at several licentious alterations ; they tacked two spurious orders, the Tuscan and the Composite, the last called also Latin and Roman, to the three genuine ones, which alone are sufficient to answer all the purposes in building, and which can never fail of obtaining the preference whenever they are examined by an attentive and intelligent spectator. It is matter of great regret to the investigators of this art, that among the writers of antiquity we find little on which to fix our ideas or form our taste. The writings of VITRUVIUS POLLIO have been transmitted down to us ; this classic author flourished about the DCC year of Rome in the reigns of Julius Cæsar and of his successor Augustus, to the latter he dedicated his ten books of architecture, and to these next to the vestiges of ancient edifices, posterity remains indebted for many successful attempts to restore architecture in its original simplicity and beauty ; nor besides Vitruvius were wanting other ingenious men, who in their writings had probably given many illustrations and maxims of their art ; several of their names have descended down to us, but their writings have perished ; yet what sort of artists they were, if their books have not remained to inform us, their works in many noble edifices, still remaining, give faithful testimony to their merit, and chiefly in Greece and Italy, where this profession was better preserved, and maintained its reputation, that for the course of about two centuries from the days of Augustus, the manner and style of building remained unaltered, although the false taste for internal decorations was prevailing even in the time of (b) Vitruvius. Tacitus informs us in general, that there were no persons of great genius after the battle of Actium, but in the decline of the Roman empire, such a decline and change seemed also to affect the intellects of individuals, whence learning and all the fine arts, which had flourished to admiration and for so long a period, fell into disrepute, and were absorbed by the barbarisms which overwhelmed the land. Architecture soon saw itself miserably transformed, every good mode thereof was overthrown and spoiled, every true practice corrupted, its antique graces and majesty lost, and a manner altogether confused and irregular introduced, wherein none of its former features were discernible.

*The Goths prevailed!*

At last came the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries of the christian æra, so glorious for the restoration of literature and of arts ; then it was that many happy minds, shaking off the rust of ignorance and freeing themselves from the chains of indolency which had fettered the preceding generations, recalled again into life all the fine arts and all the finest faculties and rules, so that it seemed as if the taste of old Greece and Rome was revived in its true splendor and dignity ; however to keep within due limits, it sufficeth to say, that architecture in Italy very soon appeared with the expected advantages, and the writings as well as the works of the several great masters of that time remain the undeniable proofs of their abilities, of whom however short, yet honourable mention should be made whenever this subject comes in question.

The first of note was FILIPPO DISER BRUNELLESCHI of Florence, who flourished in the beginning of the XV. century ; by his diligent observations, and studies of the antique edifices, he cast a new light upon architecture at that time altogether barbarous ; after him, LEO BATTISTA ALBERTI, was the first of the moderns who published a learned treatise of the art, it is said published, because ANTONIO FILARETE and FRANCESCO SANESE it has been asserted, had written also some tracts upon the same subject, which were never printed ; but to speak again of Alberti ; this man having contemplated with great attention the antiquities at Rome, returned into Tuscany, and by his designs and precepts reformed the false and barbarous practices then prevalent, and recalled his countrymen to their former estimation of art. From the same spot arose the celebrated MICHAELANGELO BUONAROTI, Statuary, Painter, Architect and Poet, nor

(b) At hæc falsa videntes homines, non reprehendunt sed delectantur, neque animadvertunt, si quid eorum fieri potest necne. lib. VII. c. 5.

did other places in Tuscany fail in the production of eminent artists, among others, BALDASSAR PERUCCI distinguished himself; PIETRO CATANEO was of Sienna, whose eight books have not been without great use, and are worthy of much esteem. LEON LEONI and GIORGIO VASARI, both of Arezzo, were conversant in the arts: these two have written some accounts of statuaries, painters and architects.

It would have been matter of wonder, if in the sun-shine of those days there had been wanting excellent artists at Rome, where so many piles of ruined grandeur stood; thither repaired BRAMANTE, and the great RAPHAEL from Urbino, who uniting their talents with those of GIULIANO and ANTONIO SANGALLO, raised the profession to its pristine greatness and dignity; GIULIO ROMANO, a disciple worthy of Raphael, must have transmitted his name with fame to posterity, had he left nothing more than the villa near Ponte-molle, built after his designs for Pope Clement VII.

ANTONIO LABACCO was of Rome; he delineated in a fine manner the ruins of several antiquities, which may be seen in his book. In Lombardy, among the many who are celebrated, we select two, SEBASTIAN SERLIO of Bologna, and GIACOMO BAROZZI of Vignola: nor was the Veronese territory in that age inferior to any other in Italy; for all at once appeared three very able men, for the re-establishment of the art. One was FRA. GIOCONDO, a man of surprising genius and indefatigable industry, master of every science, and well versed in the practice of every art; he was the first who amended and illustrated the writings of Vitruvius, till then, as he informs us, neither legible nor intelligible, through the great incorrectness and obscurity of the copies. He was the first that carried into France a taste for ancient architecture in the reign of Lewis XII. He built two bridges at Paris, and ordered many great works before he left that kingdom; he signalized himself also at Rome, at Venice, and elsewhere: when this same personage was far advanced in years and decrepitude, arose GIOVANNI MARIA FALCONETTO, of whom Vasari speaks with great commendation. Soon after appeared MICHELE SAN MICHELI, who greatly improved on the discoveries of the two last mentioned: To these succeeded other two great masters, ANDREA PALLADIO, excelled by none, and VINCENZO SCAMOZZI. The next to mention, is JACOPO SANSOVINO, who, though born in Tuscany, passed almost all his days at Venice, and adorned that city with several magnificent buildings. GIO. ANTONIO RUSCONI handled in a masterly manner the precepts of Vitruvius. Nor must we pass over in silence GUISEPPE VIOLA ZANINI of Padua, who has left behind him a good treatise of architecture, partly from Vitruvius, and partly from others; but before him, OTTAVIO REVERESI of Vicenza, had also proposed a new method of measuring the five orders, which has not been adopted, because, for any considerable works it would become too laborious, and waste too much time. It would be to no purpose to mention other names of less note, which are preserved in more particular accounts of the artists of those days; yet among the number, two Frenchmen, JEAN BULLANT and PHILIBERT de L'ORME, are worthy of particular remembrance. These and others of the same country, were, in all likelihood, scholars of *Seb. Serlio* of Bologna, at the time when he was called into France by Francis I. It is remarkable that several of the famous men abovementioned were excellent painters, and it cannot be too strongly advanced how much the union of these arts in the same person contributes to their mutual advantage.

By the established order of events, power and riches increase or diminish gradually; and as was said before, the arts do not at first receive the greatest improvement, nor are lost by any sudden negligence; yet by a strange and uncommon fatality, the succeeding age to that of which we have spoken, produced instances which seem to overthrow these general observations. For the fine arts which but the preceding century, were brought very near to perfection in the next ensuing one, fell almost into a total decay; and it would have been less shameful for the Italians (it is an Italian C. A. Pompei that asserts it) to have entirely lost the arts, than to have preserved them disfigured and corrupted, and thus to have exposed themselves with unjustifiable levity to the censure of other nations. One of the principal causes of this depravity, was the desire of novelty, which is very commendable when cautiously attempted with proper discernment and sound judgment; otherwise, without these two necessary guides, it must ever be productive of great corruption and abuse. The wild fancies of BORROMINO, and the peculiar affectedness of BERNINI, both as a statuary and an architect, have



diffused so rank a poison, that its baneful influences are felt at this very day. Rossi and B. Pozzi, with several of their cotemporaries, absurdly deviating from the antique models and the rules laid down by their predecessors, introduced such wretched (a) deformities by way of ornaments to their architecture, as may truly vie with the most whimsical inventions of Grotesc or Chinese designs.

Cornices and architraves were no longer traced rectilinear, but in the same front were, without any reason, broken in a hundred places; they were turned and twisted into such serpentine lines, that the description of the serpent in Virgil may with great propriety be applied.

*Sinuantque immensa volumine terga.*

Columns were almost deemed useless; in their stead corbels and foliages were fantastically placed to support the heaviest weights, contrary to all appearances of solidity and the sage advice of Palladio. Few pediments were designed, and when on any occasion they were introduced, they were so broken and twisted, that one is at a loss to compare them to any thing in art or nature: how few members were carved with true antique elegance! how few reliefs in sculpture which so delight the beholder's eye! how few columns fluted! what a deal might be said of the modern form of arches, and of certain new curves and entablatures, for these were no longer described from one center, but from several; and having a mixture of different lines and angles, are therefore deprived of the strength requisite to support the incumbent weight, to which the circular arches or segments of them are so naturally adapted. The idea of the chaste antique taste was thus totally banished from Italy; of this, reason will convince any one who attentively views their later edifices; for reason alone assists our observations and comparisons, by which we can distinguish between good, bad, and indifferent; will our reason ever persuade us, that a prop placed on purpose out of the perpendicular, and made twisted, can sustain, better than one whose sides are rectilinear, and which is placed perpendicularly under its weight? what reason can be given, why a large and weighty mass should stand firmer on a base, which, instead of being spread out at bottom, should be drawn narrower? with what propriety are festoons of fruits and flowers placed to sustain cornices and other weighty parts? let it then be asked if these accusations are groundless? or if these gross defects are agreeable to the nature of things? for art should ever in its productions study to imitate the simplicity observable in nature, and as occasion may require, to enrich and adorn the subject, but never to load it with deformities; it will therefore be necessary to take further notice, in order to avoid them, of the more notable abuses introduced or still remaining from Gothic unskilfulness, since we have already touched upon some. Among other bad customs is that of making square archivolt to spring from the tops of circular columns, which for convenience, on several occasions, and because it does not offend the sight of those who do not penetrate to the bottom of art, has been often practised without further consideration; but be it observed, that the archivolt falls without the shaft of the column underneath, and that by as much as the square of the plan of the archivolt exceeds the inscribed circular plan of the top of the column, so much does it produce of false bearing; for the corners of that square do not rest upon the shaft of the column, but upon the projection of the abacus of the capital, which was never intended for a support, but for mere ornament; for which reason this error should be rejected, no ancient example of it remains; and though L. Alberti, M. Sn. Micheli, Scamozzi and others of the moderns have practised it, perhaps only through the blunder of their workmen, their authority will not justify such an abuse; to remove the defect, there seems no other remedy, than to couple two columns together, whereon place a suitable architrave or impost, which having its sides square, is adapted to receive the angles of the archivolt, and thus it will have a solid bearing, which without disposing the columns by couplets, it cannot have: it is in this manner that the peripteral arcades are supported in the temple of Bacchus, (now St. Agnese) near Rome, which has been imitated by several great masters among the restorers

(a) Sed hæc quæ a veteribus ex veris rebus exempla sumebantur, nunc iniquis moribus improbantur. Nam pinguntur tectoriis monstra potius, quam ex rebus finitis imagines certæ. Pro columnis enim statuuntur calami, pro fastigiis harpaginetuli striati cum crispis foliis & volutis. Item candelabra ædicularum, sustinentia figuras, supra fastigia earum surgentes, ex radicibus convolutis coliculi teneri plures, habentes in se sedentia figilla, non minus etiam ex coliculis flores dimidiata habentes ex se exeuntia figilla, alia humanis, alia bestiarum capitibus similia. Hæc autem nec sunt nec fieri possunt, nec fuerunt. Ergo ita novi mores coegerunt, uti inertia mali iudices conniveant artium virtutes. Quemadmodum enim potest calamus vere sustinere tectum, aut candelabrum ædiculas, & ornamenta fastigii, seu coliculus, tam tenuis & mollis, sustinere sedens figillum, aut de radicibus & coliculis ex parte flores dimidiataque figilla procreari? &c. Lib. VII. c. 5.

of architecture, by Sansovino in the procuratie at Venice, by Palladio in the cortile of the convent of S. Giorgio Maggiore in the same city, and in the palazzo publico at Vicenza; likewise by most of the best Florentine architects, and by many others who, studious to avoid every essential error, were desirous that the edifices they designed should not fail in correctness. Vasari in his life of L. Alberti, and in the preface to his architecture, reprehends the last mentioned mistake; and Serlio, lib. iv. treating of buildings wherein arches may be required, argues thus, "if we would place insulated columns under arcades, it will be the greatest of fallacies, because the square corners of the archivolt falling upon a circular column will have their bearing beyond the naked of the shaft. Scamozzi, part 2, lib. vi. Cap. viii. thus censures and clears himself;" nor to speak of certain stupid workmen, who in their works have sometimes omitted the imposts, and make the arches to rest upon the capitals. But enough hath been said against this absurdity; let it only be observed, that all sorts of arches or vaults, whether groined or otherwise, must bear upon imposts, and these supported by columns, pillars or piers of sufficient resistance. It should be well remembered, that no other figure than the circle can be allowed to the plans of columns; the plans of pilasters are square, and the surface of either will always be disfigured with any other ornaments than the flutings, simple or cabled, as seen in the remains of the best authenticity. Some of the first restorers have fallen into a monstrous manner of loading the shafts of columns with circular bands or square rusticks, the sight of which banishes at once from the mind all appearance of gracefulness and strength; this disgusting idea could only arise from seeing a column erected with its rough blocks, which wanted the further labour of the artificer to reduce it to its proper naked size, since it was frequently customary with the ancients to finish the several parts of an order after they had fixed the materials in the places where they were to remain. As to entablatures it cannot be too often repeated, that if they want their due proportion to their respective columns, they will either turn out too light or too heavy; this will be more particularly noticed in some following remarks. Several errors may be committed in the dispositions of internal angular columns and pilasters, which deserve the especial attention of artists. Another abuse or modern licence, never to be approved, is cutting into the architrave to make apertures for doors or windows; again, it is but a poor shift to make an architraved entablature, for such expedients it is often best to omit both architrave and frieze. It must again be observed, that pediments ill placed, or broken, or twisted or scrolled, as likewise an unreasonable multiplicity of pediments are only so many glaring deformities instead of ornaments, and nothing is more so than a triangular pediment within a semi-circular archivolt. Arcades with only a part of a column projecting from the piers, is a practise that nothing can justify but reasons of œconomy (and it is yet greater œconomy to have the piers plain;) for no part of the beautiful forms of columns was ever intended to be mutilated, or apparently sunk within a wall; they should always project their entire diameters, and moreover sufficiently clear all the mouldings of their capitals and bases, otherwise let pilasters be used to adorn or strengthen the piers.

Pannels sunk within the dies of pedestals are to be cautiously used. Spiral columns with or without spiral flutings or other ornaments, (such are those of the great altars of St. Peter's at Rome, of the Val de Grace, and of the Invalids at Paris) however artfully designed and well executed, seem invented chiefly to please the vitiated fancies of those who delight in whimsical contrivances. It is pretended that the Emperor Titus, among the spoils which he brought from Jerusalem, brought also some spiral marble columns, which he placed in the Temple of Peace; one of these had been removed to St. Peter's, and is now to be seen in the chapel of the crucifix, which is the first on the right hand of the principal entrance; but the tradition of this column may be ranked among others of their pious frauds; Raphael, in one of the Cartoons, in compliance with this story, has designed the porch of the temple with spiral columns.

Caryatic and Persic (*b*) figures must always be supposed to have pilasters behind them, with capitals like baskets of flowers placed upon the heads of the figures; according to Pliny, the Rotunda at  
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(*b*) Carya civitas Peloponnesi, cum Persis hostibus contra Greciam consensit, postea Græci per victoriam gloriose bello liberati communi consilio Caryatibus bellum indixerunt. Itaque oppido capto, viris interfectis, civitate deleta, matronas eorum in servitutum

Rome was decorated with this sort of statues. *Agrippæ Pantheon decoravit Diogenes Atheniensis, & Caryatiades in columnis templi ejus probantur, inter pauca operum, sicut in fastigio posita signa, sed propter altitudinem loci minus celebrata.* c. 3. l. xxxvi. and of their capitals of metal the same author is supposed to speak in these words, *Syracusana sunt in Pantheo capita columnarum a M. Agrippa posita.* c. 3. l. xxxiv. With whatever propriety these conceits might have been received among the Grecians, from the events which gave them birth, the notion of indignity and slavery they convey, should be a motive to abolish them; it was a cruel design of the artist to place the figures of four criminals, women half naked, in the chamber of justice at the Stadt-house, at Amsterdam.

It may be frequently necessary to introduce certain modern compositions for medalions, coats of arms, &c. Whenever it is so, let them be placed properly, without interruption, to any of the principal members of architecture, and in the delineations of all such things, simplicity must ever be preferred to any ill-placed and confused decoration, remembering the censure of Apelles to an inferior painter, "not knowing how to make her beautiful, you have made her rich." Certain it is, that meer trifles laid on with an absurd profusion, cost more than the most elegant ornaments disposed with judgment and taste.

If it be asked why the architecture of Greece and Rome should claim the preference to the modes derived to us from our immediate ancestors, who, enjoying the same power of reason, and having been civilized and polished in other matters, could not fail of a just discernment for their uses and wants in building? the answer is, that the Grecians and their scholars the Romans, not only established true principles, but had such opportunities to cultivate and bring the art to perfection, as never any other nations had, and it was impossible they should have.

For in what country were there ever such edifices raised as in Greece and in the Roman empire? the princes and governors of the people were continually attentive to every public emolument; all the works of art were employed to great and noble purposes, such as were most beneficial to the state, and chiefly for sacred and public uses; simplicity and moderation were found among the citizens; art was never debased by a puerile taste, never descended to trifles, to the folly of trinkets and toys, but whatever was the work of artists, was worthy of the exalted ideas of the nation. Miltiades, Themistocles, Aristides, Cimon, and others, the chiefs and defenders of Greece, were not more sumptuously lodged than their fellow-citizens, but monuments were revered as sacred edifices. What an emulation must have been excited, when all the cities were eagerly vying with one another to possess the finest statue, or by a generous contribution to furnish the expences for one, either of a God or of a Conqueror, at the public games? some cities were recorded solely on account of their being in possession of a fine statue. Aliphera was only known by a brazen statue of Pallas, the work of Hecatodorus and Sostrates. Thus the œconomy of private persons enabled them to contribute largely towards public expences; their religious ceremonies were performed with solemnity and pomp, the multitude was called together on particular events to splendid games; theatres, amphitheatres, stadias, circusses, hippodromes, naumachias, baths, porticos, basilicas, triumphal arches and temples, all magnificently invented, and on many the richest materials were often lavished, emulated only by the elegance of their designs; these furnished glorious occasions to the architects of those times to display their talents, to cultivate and bring their art every day nearer to perfection, till they at length established such modes and forms as became more and more ascertained

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tem abduxerunt: nec sunt passi stolas neque ornatas matronales deponere: uti non uno triumpho ducerentur: sed æterno servitutis exemplo gravi contumelia pressæ, pœnas dare viderentur pro civitate. Ideo qui tunc architecti fuerunt, ædificiis publicis designaverunt earum imagines oneri ferundo collocatas, ut etiam posteris nota pœna peccati Caryatum memoriæ traderetur. Non minus Lacones Pausania Cleombroti filio duce, plateæo prælio, pauca manu infinitum numerum exercitus persarum cum superavissent, acto cum gloria triumpho, spoliis & prædæ, porticum Persicam ex manubiis laudis & virtuti, civium, indicem victoriæ posteris pro trophæo constituerunt, ibique captivorum simulacra, barbarico vestis ornatu, superbia meritis contumeliis punita, sustinentia tectum, collocaverunt; uti & hostes horrescerent timore eorum fortitudinis affecti, & cives id exemplum virtutis aspicientes, gloria crecti, ad defendendam libertatem essent parati. Itaque ex eo multi statuas persicas sustinentes epistylia & ornamenta eorum collocaverunt & ita ex eo argumento varietates egregias auferunt operibus. Lib. I. c. 1.

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among a polite and free people that could not be satisfied but with excellence; while among other nations where such shews, games, and exercises were never introduced, architecture always appeared in its infant state, and was only used with many awkward contrivances, for the structure of private habitations, and of very few public edifices, just as the mere exigency of things required.

Having already mentioned the Goths, it may not appear altogether improper to say something of their architecture. The name of Gothic was given to all such buildings as were not designed according to the rules of Grecian or Roman architecture. There are two sorts of Gothic, the ancient and the modern, (but improperly so called;) in England and the northern parts of Europe, the ancient Gothic includes the Saxon and Danish, in which indeed we may observe some traces of elegance and strength. It appears that their artists were not entirely ignorant of proportions, though they did not confine themselves strictly to such as were beautiful; solely attentive to render their works solid and durable, they were more studious to produce the marvellous by the enormous size of their fabrics, than by any regularity of structure or propriety of ornaments. These are the marks that characterise the Goths, a rough unpolished people, of huge stature and of dreadful looks, that issuing forth from the northern parts of our hemisphere, where necessity taught them to guard against the violence of storms and the fury of torrents, increased by the inundations of melted snow, carried into milder climates their monstrous taste of heavy architecture, and only in a small degree corrected their encumbered notions by the sight of Roman edifices; but the models they had to contemplate were not without their faults, for from the reign of Alexander Severus, architecture had greatly degenerated. Thus a want of natural genius, a want of models, and every thing contributed to hinder the Goths from acquiring any good mode of building. This is the summary of the ancient or heavy Gothic architecture; some of the cathedrals and other public edifices, not only in this country, but in many others of the continent, still remain as models of this sort. Modern Gothic, as it is called, is deduced from a different quarter; it is distinguished by the lightness of its works, by the excessive boldness of its elevations and of its sections, by the delicacy, profusion and extravagant fancy of its ornaments: the pillars of this kind are as slender as those of the ancient Gothic are massive. Such productions, so airy, cannot admit the heavy Goths for their authors; how can be attributed to them a style of architecture which was only introduced in the X century of our æra, several years after the destruction of all those kingdoms which the Goths had raised upon the ruins of the Roman Empire, and at a time when the very name of Goth, was entirely forgotten? From all the marks of this new architecture, it can only be attributed to the Moors, or what is the same thing, to the Arabians or Saracens, who have expressed in their architecture the same taste as in their poetry, both the one and the other falsely delicate, crowded with superfluous ornaments, and often very unnatural. The imagination is highly worked up in both, but it is an extravagant imagination, and this has rendered the edifices of the Arabians (we may include the other orientals) as extraordinary as their thoughts: if any one doubts of this assertion, let us appeal to those who have seen the Moscheas and the palaces of Fez, or some of the cathedrals in Spain, built by the Moors; one model of this sort is the church at Burgos; and even in this island, there are not wanting several examples of the same. Such buildings have been vulgarly called modern Gothic, but their true appellation is Arabesc, Saracenic, or Moresc.

This manner was introduced into Europe through Spain. Learning flourished among the Arabians all the time that their dominion was in full power; they studied philosophy, mathematics, physic, and poetry: the love of learning was at once excited in all places that were not at too great a distance from Spain; these authors were read, and such of the Greek authors as they had translated into Arabic were from thence turned into Latin. The physic and philosophy of the Arabians spread themselves in Europe, and with these their architecture; many churches were built after the Saracenic mode, and others with a mixture of heavy and light proportions; the alteration that the difference of climate might require, was little if at all considered. In the most southern parts of Europe and in Africa, the windows (before the use of glass) made with narrow apertures,

and placed very high in the walls of the buildings, occasioned a shade and darkness within side; and were well contrived to guard against the fiercest rays of the sun, yet were ill suited to those latitudes where that glorious luminary sheds its feebleness and is rarely seen but through a watry cloud. The heavy Gothic by Sir C. Wren, is distinguished as Anglo-Saxonic, the lighter as Saracenic, of this last the following account may be added to what has just now been delivered on the same subject. The holy war gave the christians, who had been there, an idea of the Saracen's works, which were afterwards imitated by them in the west; and they refined upon it every day as they proceeded in building churches. The Italians (among which were yet some Greek refugees) and with them the French, Germans and Flemings, joined into a fraternity, procuring papal bulls for their encouragement and particular privileges. They stiled themselves *Free-Masons*, and ranged from nation to nation as they found churches to be built (for very many in those days were every where in building) through the piety of multitudes. Their Government was regular, and where they fixed near the building they made a camp of hills. A surveyor governed in chief, and every tenth man was called a warden, and overlooked each nine. The gentlemen of the neighbourhood, either out of charity or commutation of penance, gave the materials and carriage, and hence were called *accepted Masons*. It is admirable with what oeconomy and how soon they erected such considerable structures. But as all modes, when once the old rational ways are despised, turn at last into unbounded fancies, the tracery of these architects who affected towers and steeples, though the Saracens affected cupolas, introduced too much mincing of the stone into open battlements, spindling pinnacles, and little carvings without proportion of distance, so that the essential rules of good perspective and duration were forgot.

Shall We, then, who by a considerate retrospection upon the works of former ages, are enabled to judge with equal discernment and impartiality between the various vestiges at this day remaining? shall we then hesitate to decide in favour of Grecian architecture? where not a single ornament is placed, but what gives beauty, where every part is simple, measured and restrained to a just proportion, and fitted to the intended purposes; where conveniency, solidity and dignity can always be united in every design of public or private concern.

Proportion, Eurythmy and Symmetry, require their particular explanations, previously to the articles treated of in the next chapter. Proportion (*a*) in architecture consists in that reciprocal relation, which the several parts and total bulk of any fabric have among themselves with respect to quantity in length, breadth and depth; arising primarily from their joint relation to a certain given quantity or common measure, by which their magnitudes are regulated and determined. Thus the proportion of the shaft of a column, which consists in the relation of its length to its diameter, being given, the terms of that proportion prescribe measures corresponding to themselves, for all the other parts of the order; as for the base and capital, for the entablature, or any of its principal divisions: and alternately, if the relation of the entablature and its principal divisions to each other be assigned, the magnitude of the column and that of its members, with the absolute quantity of the entire order, are from thence determined; and from this mutual dependence of the different parts, interchangeably affecting each other, results that general harmony which gives both strength and beauty to a building.

Now those proportions are adapted to produce beauty in the highest degree, which present all the minuter divisions fairly and distinctly to the spectator's eye, so that he is enabled to judge of their relative measures with tolerable exactness; but such only can do this as are formed from the most simple measures or numbers in their lowest terms, which are clearly the most striking, and therefore preferable to others more complex, which even the most experienced in architecture will never pretend to discern. For examples of what we mean by numbers in their lowest terms,

(a) Proportio quæ Græce analogia dicitur, est ratæ partis in omni Opere totiusque commodulatio, ex qua ratio efficitur symmetriarum. Lib. III. c. 1.

Nulla architecto major cura esse debet, nisi uti proportionibus ratæ, partis habeant ædificia rationum exactiones. Lib. VI. c. 2.

take the following for surfaces to which, as the questions may be stated, the third proportional numbers may be annexed; 1 : 1, 1 : 2, 1 : 3, 1 : 4, 1 : 5, 1 : 6, &c. or 2 : 3, 3 : 4, 4 : 5, 5 : 6, or 3 : 5, 5 : 7, 7 : 9, &c. to make choice of the best proportions in different cases, the real use and intention of what is to be determined must be considered, and then the question must be asked which dimension should prevail? height, breadth or depth, or whether they may all be equal, which is the cubic proportion; for a familiar example take a door way; the meanest should be high enough for a man to pass under without stooping, therefore its height may be justly fixed at six feet; now as the height of a man walking with his arms at liberty, is nearly twice his own breadth, the breadth of the door way must be to its height as 1 : 2, that is, three feet wide to six feet high: in all other instances it will constantly turn out that the most beautiful proportions are likewise the most useful, the most convenient and the strongest.

Eurythmy (*b*) is the perfect consonance of all the relative measures throughout all the proportioned parts. De Laet's explanation is very elegant; *aptatur autem hæc vox cuius rei decenti, concinnæ, aptæ, corpori, numero, gressui seu motui, voci. Videtur autem ea dictione exprimi quod Italice dicimus, garbato, Grazioso.* The word was not only used by the antient architects, but likewise by their poets and musicians; by the former to signify the just cadences of their verses, and by the latter to express the agreeable melody of their notes; hence proceeded that invincible power of pathetic accents over the soul!

Such was the bard whose heavenly strains of old,  
Appeas'd the fiend of melancholy Saul;  
Such was, if old and heathen fame say true,  
The man who bade the Theban domes ascend,  
And tam'd the savage nations with his song;  
And such the Thracian whose harmonious lyre,  
Tun'd to soft woe, made all the mountains weep,  
Sooth'd even th' inexorable powers of Hell,  
And half redcem'd his lost Eurydice.

ARMSTRONG. *Art of preserving health.*

By Symmetry (*c*) is understood the parity and equality of the right and left parts of an edifice, of the high and low ones in the same front; in figure, in size, in situation, in every point that may render the correspondent parts similar and equal. The human visage is not more disfigured by a wen, than a building is by any irregular excrescence that at once destroys the beautiful effects of symmetry.

To conclude; although it is true that the proportions and forms of architecture are, in some degree arbitrary, and not of the number of those things, which have a natural precise and positive beauty like the concords of musical tones, &c. yet as they are established upon principles long since received, and likewise by what among the artists is called *costume*, the eye once familiarised with them is shocked at any essential deviations, their beauties becoming very distinct and forcible; add to this, that for above these two thousand years, it has been beyond the power of human abilities, not only to introduce a new order, but even the least moulding or member whereof the pattern is not already given.

(*b*) Eurythmia est venusta species, commodusque in compositionibus membrorum aspectus. Hæc efficitur cum membrorum operis convenientia sunt, altitudinis ad latitudinem, latitudinis ad longitudinem, & ad summam omnia respondeant suæ symmetriæ. Lib. I. c. 2.

Uti non sit considerantibus aspectus eurythmiæ dubius. Lib. VI. c. 2.

(*c*) Symmetria est ex ipsius operis, membrorum convenienti consensu ex partibusque separatis ad universam figuræ speciem, ratio partis responsus. Lib. I. c. 2.

The strong, the mean, and the delicate style of building cannot be fixed at any other terms, than nearly at those observable in the Grecian orders; since, if you were to begin the progression much above what they have established, it would destroy their very mechanical principles and distinctions; for if instead of 8: 10: 12, which the author of this treatise has ventured to assign, you take 12: 15: 18, diameters for the entire altitudes; in these two last terms, either the columns would run into an excess of height, or the entablature into an unwarrantable heaviness; both the appearance and mechanism of such constructions must be rejected upon the slightest examination; but the nearer you approach the true terms assigned, as the best moderns have done, the errors gradually become less sensible: yet why should we seek after any other equivocal measures when we can obtain the most desirable characters and quantities from indisputably authentic Attic models.

## C H A P. II.

*Of the Orders, Definition, the Rise and gradual Improvements of their Characters. Of Modules. Tables of Altitudes and Projectures. Of the Principal Members. Of Mouldings and Ornaments. Of Profile.*

**I**N every edifice, whether public or private, great or small, the conveniency, strength and beauty of its (a) architecture, can only arise from a proper intelligence of the orders: The word (b) order, in contradistinction to confusion, signifies a regular assemblage and arrangement of the several proportions and ornaments of an entire column, with its entire entablature. The trunks of trees left standing or set up an end, and others laid across them to sustain the covering, gave the first hint of an order, a supposition too natural and too obvious to be rejected. These rough materials were afterwards wrought into better form by the workman's skill; the first statues, as well as buildings, were of (c) wood, before stone and marble came into use; for the arts which depend upon design, had their beginnings, like all other inventions, in the necessary; then they proceeded gradually to the beautiful, and at last they fell into the superfluous and extreme: these are the three principal degrees of art. Sculpture and Painting advanced faster towards perfection than architecture, because this last has not any determined object in nature for imitation towards a complete design; it is founded upon more general rules and the combination of several proportions.

The three Grecian orders as afterwards established, seem as if they were intended to represent three manners of building, the strong, the mean, and the delicate. Many structures have been and can be made without columns, perhaps only with a cornice, or some part of an entablature: Edifices of such a construction are called after the order, whereof they bear any of the special marks; thus the front of the Farnese palace at Rome is quite plain, but finishes with a Corinthian Cornice; therefore such a front is called Corinthian, and so of others.

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(a) Architectura autem constat ex ordinatione, quæ Græcè, taxis dicitur, & ex dispositione, hanc autem Græci diathesis vocant, Eurythmia & symmetria & decore & distributione, quæ Græcè œconomia dicitur.

(b) Ordinatio est modica membrorum operis commeditas separatim, universæque proportionis ad symmetriam comparatio. Lib. I. c. 2.

(c) Ita una quæque res & Locum & Genus & Ordinem proprium tuetur, e quibus rebus & a materiatura fabrili, in lapideis & marmoreis ædium sacrarum ædificationibus artifices dispositiones eorum sculpturis sunt imitati, & eas inventiones persequendas putaverunt: ideo quod antiqui fabri quodam in loco ædificantes, cum ita ab interioribus parietibus ad extremas partes tigna prominentia habuissent collocata, intertignia struxerunt, supraque coronas & fastigia venustiore specie fabrilibus operibus ornaverunt. Lib. IV. c. 2.

It has been imagined, that the first architects conceived their ideas of the different characters of the columns by contemplating the (*d*) human figure; From a strong muscular man of athletic form they adopted the solidity (*e*) of the Doric. The graceful Ionic was suggested by the elegant figure of a decent (*f*) matron, and the delicate Corinthian, by the gay person of a chearful (*g*) virgin. The different capitals and bases have been thought, in some measure, to represent the dresses of their heads and feet, agreeably to their notion who first struck out these allusions.

The three orders delineated under equal heights, but of unequal diameters, will at first sight exhibit, by the different diameters of the columns, the different degrees of solidity that may be allowed to buildings of equal given heights; these do not readily occur, when, as hath been done by most authors, the orders are traced out of unequal heights but of equal diameters.

It may often happen that columns of unequal altitudes, without comparing their characters, are employed in the same front; for example, the greater order may be Corinthian, or any other, and the dressings for doors and windows, with columns of another mode; some modern authors have objected to this use of different sized columns in the same front, but it is justifiable from the nature of things, (the comparisons ceasing) and from examples in the antique; trees of the larger growth may be supposed to prop up the roof, and others of lesser size may be interposed to sustain the different floors or contignations of an edifice; while the smallest may be used about the windows and doors: when all these several divisions are finely proportioned, the columns assigned to each will likewise bear a just relation, in their several distributions, to the whole. If the height of a column with its entablature, was to be considered as the intended height of a wall, the diameter of the column would give the most suitable thickness according to the order chosen for this purpose; the thickness of the wall might be taken, as the nature of the case required, of the greater, the mean, or the less solidity. The height and thickness of a wall having been fixed by the altitude and diameter of an order, the same altitude may be taken to give one side of a cube, wherein height, length and breadth, the three requisite dimensions of an edifice, will be found: thus will an order assist us to determine the first and most simple design of a plan and its elevation. How these dimensions may afterwards be diversified, diminished or enlarged, still under the influence of the orders, will be readily comprehended by those who have made these matters the subject of their careful disquisitions.

### PLATE I.

(*b*) Represents the plans, elevations and profiles of the three modes or orders of (*i*) columns A, B, C; of unequal diameters included under equal heights, for the considerations as abovementioned, to compare at one view, the strong, the mean and the delicate; but for this purpose it is also further necessary to give a method of finding the respective modular divisions, by which *ex ratione modulationis*, the orders are traced and compared, of whatsoever magnitude may be required.

(*d*) Et quærentes quibus rationibus efficere possent uti et ad onus ferendum essent idoneæ, & in aspectu probatam haberent venustatem: dimensi sunt virilis pedis vestigium, & cum invenissent pedem sextam partem esse altitudinis in homine ita in columnam transfulerunt.

(*e*) Ita dorica columna virilis corporis proportionem & firmitatem et venustatem in ædificiis præstare cæpit. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(*f*) Ita duobus discriminibus columnarum inventionem, unam sine ornatu nudam specie, alteram muliebri subtilitate et ornatu symmetriaque sunt imitati. Id autem genus quod Iones, primo Ionicum est nominatum. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(*g*) Tertium vero quod Corinthium dicitur, virginalis habet gracilitatis imitationem: quod virgines propter ætatis teneritatem gracilioribus membris figuratæ; effectus recipiunt in ornatu venustiores. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(*b*) Dispositio autem est rerum apta collocatio, elegansque in compositionibus effectus operis cum qualitate. Species dispositionis quæ Græcè dicuntur ideai, hæc sunt, Ichnographia, Orthographia et Scenographia. Ichnographia est circini regulæque modicè continens usus ex qua capiuntur formarum in solis arcarum descriptiones. Orthographia est autem erecta frontis imago, modicè picta rationibus operis futuri figuræ. Item Scenographia est, frontis et laterum abscendentium adumbratio, ad circinique centrum omnium linearum responsus. Lib. I. c. 2.

(*i*) E Columnarum enim formationibus, trium generum factæ sunt nominationes, Dorica, Ionica, Corinthia. Lib. IV. c. 1.



The architectonic module, is never taken for a fixed measure like the foot, the yard, the fathom, &c. it ever varieth as the work is greater or less, and is divided differently for different orders. To find the (a) module for any design, the given heights must in the first place be divided as follows.

For the Doric order A, divide the given height into eight equal parts, one of which will answer to the diameter of the column.

The height for the Ionic order B, is divided into ten equal parts, and one of them is taken for the diameter of the column.

Divide the same given height for the Corinthian order C into twelve equal parts, and take one of these in like manner for the diameter of the column.

By most authors the diameter of a column is taken for one module, and is divided into sixty equal parts, called minutes; but the divisions used by Vignola will be applied in the course of this work, for, being in lower terms, they more distinctly express the relations which the several divisions and members have one with the other.

Again, by this method of dividing, it may frequently happen that the modules and their divisions of the intended work may answer to feet, inches, and parts of inches, as they are set on the common rulers of the artificers.

For the Doric order the semidiameter gives one module, and is divided into twelve equal parts, each part may be again subdivided. For the Ionic order, the module or semidiameter is divided into eighteen equal parts, and each part may again be subdivided. For the Corinthian order, the module or semidiameter is like the preceding, divided into eighteen equal parts, and each part may be again subdivided.

To delineate the orders, it is always previously necessary to make a modular scale: there are two methods of doing this, the one and the other is used indifferently. The first is called a scale simply divided, the other a scale diagonally divided; the last is to be used preferably to the first, because the several measures can be taken with more certainty.

I. For the scale simply divided: draw three indefinite parallel lines at unequal distances, and set off A. 1. the semidiameter of the intended column for one module, which may be repeated upon the same lines as often as may seem necessary; then divide A. 1. into twelve equal parts for the Doric order, but for the Ionic or Corinthian order, divide the module into eighteen equal parts. See fig. 1. B.

II. For a scale diagonally divided. 1. Upon an indefinite right line set off A. B. equal to the semidiameter of the column, and for the Doric order divide it into twelve equal parts. 2. At the point A. raise the perpendicular A. C. equal to A. B. and divide it in the same manner into twelve equal parts. 3. From each point of division in A. C. draw parallels to A. B. which are to be determined by another perpendicular raised at the point B. 4. Draw the twelve diagonals A. 1. &c. parallel to each other, and mark the divisions upon A. B. from 2 to 12, and on the side set the figures 4, 8; by this operation, the Doric module is divided into twelve equal parts, and each part is again divided into other twelve equal parts. Three of these parts of parts are contained between O. O. and are equal to one fourth of one of the primary parts, or to one forty-eighth part of the module. Between X. X. are contained six parts of parts, equal to one half of one of the primary parts, or to the twenty-fourth part of the module. This is sufficient to explain the nature of the divisions upon a Doric diagonal scale.

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(a) Hæc (ordinatio) componitur ex quantitate quæ Græce Pofotes dicitur. Quantitas autem est modulorum ex ipsius operis, sumptione, singulisque membrorum partibus univèrsi operis conveniens effectus. Lib. I. c. 2.

For the Ionic and Corinthian diagonal scales, the module must be divided into eighteen equal parts, taking the line B. D. as the semidiameter of the column; then set down the numbers 6, 12, 18, underneath their respective diagonal divisions, and to the perpendicular raised at the point D. the numbers 6, 12, against their proper parallels, and here observe, that each primary part is divided into eighteen parts of parts, and that consequently three hundred and twenty-four parts of parts are equal to the module.

Besides these scales of modules used in delineating any architectural design, there is another method for determining the divisions of the members, which is more convenient, because it avoids all fractions of parts, and the sums of the several quantities assigned are equal to the whole. It is done by repeated equal divisions, without any regard to the minutes or parts of a module. For example: The Attic base may have its altitude divided into three equal parts, and one of these is given to the plinth; then again divide the same entire height into four, and one of these determines the height of the great torus. Again, divide the entire height into six equal parts, and one of these is taken for the lesser torus. The remaining interval is equal to the great torus; this divide into six equal parts, of which, one being assigned to each fillet, the four intermediate ones will remain for the scotia. This method has been much practised by the modern artists, and it was likewise used by the ancients; it is very ingenious, and will ascertain very precisely and distinctly the relative measures of all the parts thus subdivided. Yet the greater constituent members of the orders should first be determined and traced from their respective modular scales.

The following table contains the greater divisions; the distribution observable therein is, that the strongest column is charged with the heaviest entablature, according to the true reason of things.

A L T I T U D E S.		Doric Mod. p.	Ionic Mod. p.	Corinth. Mod. p.
Entire Order.		16 : 0	20 : 0	24 : 0
Columns.	Base of the column - - -	0 : 0	1 : 0	1 : 0
	Shafts with fillets and astrag	11 : 10	13 : 13	16 : 3
	Capital - - - - -	0 : 8	1 : 8	2 : 6
	Total heights	12 : 6	16 : 0	19 : 9
Entablatures.	Architrave - - - - -	1 : 2	1 : 9	1 : 9
	Frize - - - - -	1 : 4	1 : 9	1 : 6
	Cornice - - - - -	1 : 0	1 : 0	1 : 12
	Total heights	3 : 6	4 : 0	4 : 9

Add the total height of the members of the columns to the total height of the members of the entablature, and the sums will give the altitudes of the entire orders.

On some occasions the Corinthian entablature may include only four modules, or two diameters in height; and then to the architrave is given one module six parts, to the frize one module three parts, and to the cornice one module nine parts. The artist should always be able to judge upon the spot when these or any such chromatic differences may take place.

Having a given perpendicular line for the axis of the column, you may set off from a scale of modules, the different altitudes as marked down for the intended order in the above table. In the next table are given to be taken from the same scale, the diameters of the column at top and bottom, the projectures of its base and capital, and of the principal members of its entablature; as to other particulars relating to the mouldings, &c. they will be supplied in the course of our remarks.

PROJECTURES.

PROJECTURES.	Doric Mod. p.	Ionic Mod. p.	Corinth. Mod. p.
Diameter of the shaft at bottom - -	2 : 0	2 : 0	2 : 0
Diameter at the top - - - - -	1 : 8	1 : 13	1 : 13
Base of column on each side - -	0 : 0	0 : 7½	0 : 7½
The apophyge at bottom - - -	0 : 0	0 : 1	0 : 1½
Abacus of the capital beyond the col.	0 : 3	0 : 5	0 : 11
Front of each Ionic volute - - -	0 : 0	0 : 13	0 : 0
Mouldings of the architrave - - -	0 : 1	0 : 3	0 : 5
Frize as well as the architrave coincide with the diminution of the Column	- : -	- : -	- : -
Cornice to project beyond the frize	1 : 6	1 : 9	1 : 12

The plans of columns are invariably circular; all others have been condemned as absurd. Pilasters have square plans equal to the diameter of columns; these are placed behind, or on the side of columns, and generally have the same diminution; for as columns stand with more firmness and solidity when their lower parts are broader than their upper, and such a form is observable in the trunks of trees, they were on both these accounts allowed the figure of a truncated cone: hence we may infer, that every building should have its basis larger than its superior parts.

A column, as noted in the table of Altitudes, is composed of three principal members. 1. The foot or base. 2. The fust or shaft. 3. The capital. The entablature also contains three distinct members. 1. The *epistyle* (*a*) or *architrave*, representing the beam laid across the tops of the columns, or the beam for the wall-plate. 2. The *zophorus* or frize, being the space left for the joists. 3. The *corona* or cornice, that represents the ends of the rafters and the eave-boards in a roof. The cornice should always project sufficiently to preserve all the parts underneath from the drippings of rain. These three are the great constituent members, and should never be mutilated or omitted in any design intended to display the beauties of the art.

## PLATE II.

The mouldings are little jettings or projectures upon the naked of a wall, or of any other surface, as of the several greater constituent members of an order. This general name is given them, because they appear to have been cast in a mould, as indeed all of metal are; the others being

(a) Epistylorum ratio sic est habenda uti si columnæ fuerint a minimo XII pedum ad XV pedes, epistylus sit altitudo dimidia crassitudinis imæ columnæ. Item si a XV pedibus ad XX, columnæ altitudo dimetiatur in partes XIII & unius partis altitudo epistylus fiat. Item si a XX ad XXV pedes dividatur altitudo in partes XIIIS & ejus una pars epistylum in altitudine fiat. Item si a XXV pedibus ad XXX dividatur in partes duodecim & ejus una pars altitudo fiat. Item secundum ratam partem ad eundem modum ex altitudine columnarum expediendæ sunt altitudines epistylorum. Quo enim altius oculi scandit acies, non facile perferat aëris crebritatem: dilapia itaque altitudinis spatium & viribus extrita, incertam modulorum renuntiat sensibus quantitatem. Quare semper adjiciendum est rationis supplementum in symmetriarum membris, ut cum fuerint in altioribus locis opera, aut etiam ipsa colossiciora, certam habeant magnitudinum rationem. Epistylus latitudo in imo quæ supra capitulum erit, quanta crassitudo summæ columnæ sub capitulo erit tanta fiat; summum quantum imus scapus. Cymatium epistylus septima parte suæ altitudinis est faciendum & in projectura tantundem: reliqua pars præter cymatium dividenda in partes XII & earum trium prima fascia est facienda, secunda quatuor, summa quinque. Item zophorus supra epistylum, quarta parte minus quam epistylum, ubi autoritatem habeant sculpturæ. Cymatium suæ altitudinis partis septimæ, projectura cymatii quanta ejus crassitudo. Supra zophorum denticulus est faciendus tam altus quam epistylus mediâ fascia, projectura ejus quantum altitudo. Intersectio quæ Græce Metochè dicitur, sic est dividenda: uti denticulus altitudinis suæ dimidiam partem habeat in fronte. Cymatium autem intersectionis hujus frontis è tribus duas latitudinis partes habeat: hujus cymatium, ejus altitudinis sextam partem. Corona cum suo cymatio præter firmam, quantum media fascia epistylus. Projectura coronæ cum denticulo facienda est quantum erit altitudo zophoro ad summum coronæ cymatium: & omnino omnes ephoræ venustiores habent speciem quæ quantum altitudinis tantundem habeant projecturæ. Lib. III. c. 3.

cut with chissels, &c. upon the raised parts of the wood, stone, or marble, left for that purpose.

Some mouldings are flat, either square or bevel; others are curvilinear or mixt. The flat mouldings take their names from their size and situation. The curve mouldings are either convex or concave, or convex-concave. The convexity and concavity is traced for some by greater or lesser segments of a circle; but elliptical figures are mostly used, according to the Grecian taste; and it is seldom that the projectures of any are equal to their heights, generally less, as 2 to 3, 3 to 4, 5 to 6.

Mouldings are either ornamented or plain; some of the many ornaments adapted to each, are here represented: Since mouldings do, as it were, compose the alphabet of architecture, and that without a perfect knowledge of their several distributions and combinations, it is impossible to acquire any proficiency, their uses and shapes should be well considered: to avoid any mistakes about their names, they are set down both as they are found in authors, and as they are called by workmen.

The mouldings in this plate are all designed separately, and without a scale, because their magnitudes depend upon the proportions allotted to them in their respective places of an order.

LATIN and ITALIAN Names in Authors.

ENGLISH Names by Artificers.

A. *Tænia. quadra. cimbia. orlo.*

A. Fillet, string, list, ornamented with scrolls.  
a. The bevel fillet often used underneath the former.

B. *Abacus. plinthus. fascia.*

B. Plinth, platband, fascia, with fret.

C. *Astragalus. tondino.*

C. Astragal, bead cut into beads.

D. *Torus minor. bastone.*

d. a bead cut upon a square edge.  
D. Upper or lesser torus, with reeds and ribbons.

E. *Torus. toro.*

E. Greater or lower torus, with leaves and acorns.

F. *Torus ovatus. toro ovale.*

F. A bouldin or elliptical torus, with husks and stalks. This member placed with its projecture upwards, may suit the cornice or capital. With its projecture downwards, f. it suits a base.

G. *Echinus. ovolo.*

G. Eggs and anchors.

H. *Trochylus. Scozia.*

H. Scotia, or hollow, with stalks and flowers.

I. *Cymatium. sinus. cavetto.*

I. Quarter round, hollow, with leaves and flowers.

K. *Cyma recta. cima lysis. sinus. gola dritta.*

K. Ogee, with water leaves.

L. *Cymatium lesbium. lisis sinus. cyma reversa. gola rovescia.*

L. Ogee reversed, with lace-work.

M. *Corona. gocciolatoio.*

M. Drip with channels; in Vitruvius *corona* is the special name of the drip, and the general name for the whole cornice.

N. *Apophygis. aposigio.* The upper apophyge in the shaft of a column is directly against that part called the neck, and by Vitruvius, the *hypotrachelion* of the column.

N. Congee, or little hollow, that serves for one member to rise from, or fall into another, like the cincture fillets at top and at bottom of the shaft of a column. The cincture fillets are in imitation of the iron hoops that were placed round the extremities of wooden columns, to prevent their splitting.

O. P. Q. R. Four facias with different ornaments of braided and twisted ribbons, flowers, stalks, fishes, shells, &c. The inspection of the figures clearly sheweth how they are all delineated.

All the members are adapted to the Cornice and to the capital, excepting the torus and the scotia; and they may all suit the base, excepting the echinus or ovolo; the reason of this is, that the projecture always enlarges upwards in cornices and capitals. Such members then are suitable to these parts, whose projectures increase as they rise, and above which may be added others still to project beyond them. Now all mouldings will have this effect except the torus and the scotia, (see their figures) for, since any member placed upon the torus must take its rise or process from the line which forms the chord of the circular segment, and when added to the scotia, must issue from the uppermost point of its concavity, neither the one or the other will admit of a member that projects, therefore neither the torus or the scotia are fit to be placed in such situations.

The projecture of the base of a column or a pilaster, and of a pedestal, always enlarges downwards; consequently, any of the mouldings, whose projectures likewise enlarge downwards may be applied to both these parts. The cima-recta and cima-reversa, when topsy-turvy, may be here applied, and in these cases a torus should be always used, instead of the echinus or ovolo; so that this one excepted, (unless turned upside down) every other member will suit the base of a column, of a pilaster, of a pedestal.

The ornaments of sculpture invented to enrich the different mouldings, are various and numerous: we have designed some few, but as the stile of architecture should be decided by the destination of the edifice, ornaments (a) ought to be placed so judiciously, that they may do honour to the taste of the architect, and indicate the use for which the building is raised. Some ornaments, as ribbons, foliages, eggs, &c. are indifferent and equally applicable to all; others are significative, being the mere insigns of peculiar allusions; as instruments of sacrifice, ox-skulls, &c. only proper for the decoration of an antique temple, are improperly placed elsewhere, being no characteristic of the order; trophies, sacred or prophane symbols, historical subjects in basso relievo, should be introduced with propriety and simplicity, (for simplicity is always the attendant of genuine grace,) in such a manner, as to declare at once the title of the edifice by some of its parts.

The most general rule is, that the mouldings be alternately carved or plain, that the plainness of those which separate the wrought ones, may afford a repose and harmony grateful to the spectator's eye. All the ornaments should rise in divisions perpendicular, one over the other, the greater, as the modillions, &c. should regulate the lesser; they should, above all, suit the order whereto they may be applied; the richest and most delicate workmanship is never bestowed but upon the Corinthian. All the parts in the same front should be proportionably adorned, not to leave some quite naked, while others are enriched with profusion. If the corona or drip hath any carving upon it, the cyma recta is left plain, and so vicè versâ: archivolts and arichtraves are left plain, excepting when the utmost richness of workmanship is requisite: as for altar-pieces, royal galleries, or chambers of the greatest magnificence, in these all the members may be carved, leaving here and there a plain fillet to avoid confusion. The frieze may be adorned with historical or emblematical subjects, being careful not to mix together sacred and prophane designs. The profile of the members used for the inside, should have less projecture than those without, and the sculptures be kept in bas relief, for too much roundness would give an appearance of heaviness to the whole work.

Three methods may be taken to enrich the orders. 1. By the design and execution of the Sculpture. 2. By the richness of the materials. and, 3. By uniting the richness of materials

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(a) Quod multa ornamenta sæpe in operibus architecti designant, de quibus argumentis rationem, cur fecerint quærentibus reddere debent. Lib. I. c. 1.

and nicety of workmanship. The most choice materials are the fine marbles, ivory, and metals gilt; tho' it is but very seldom that the estimates will afford these expences. The churches and palaces of Rome furnish many instances of a profusion of such magnificence. The different colours of marbles must be judiciously sorted to harmonize together, and being heightened by the gildings of the parts made of bronze, such as the bases, capitals, modillions, &c. produce the most striking effects.

The expence of bronze metal is considerable, but it is preferable to all others for these uses. Wood takes the gold very well, but is liable to rot from the moisture of the marble: lead is not exposed to the same accident, but the gilding bestowed upon it is always very dull.

The outline of any one moulding, or of several taken together, as the entire cornice of an order, is called the profile; the semicircle is the profile of the torus; a perpendicular line is that of the plinth: a section or sawing thorough any number of mouldings, gives their true delineation. The art of delineating profiles is a most necessary talent for excelling in architecture; because, the same artist who may succeed well in the distribution of a plan, and in a fine composition for an elevation, may at last obscure the merit of his work by the bad effect of his profiles. The antiquities of Rome furnish examples of several, which are bolder than they are correct; the same may be said of Michael Angelo's. The most elegant profiles are the least charged with mouldings, and have not an unmeaning repetition of the same kind, but contain alternately a mixture of curvilinear and square ones; and above all, the smaller ones are introduced between the greater, that by such a striking opposition, the effect may be more pleasing. The projecture of the profile must also be proportioned to its height, regard being had to the body whereon it is immediately placed; and it is to be observed, that some great moulding should predominate in the profile of a principal member, as the drip or corona in the cornice, whereof it is a most essential part. It is surprizing that the corona has been omitted in some works of great reputation, as in the Temple of Peace at Rome. (See Palladio, Lib. IV.) The equality of heights of mouldings in the same profile should be carefully avoided. When a lesser moulding is placed over another, it should not be more than half, or less than one fourth of the moulding under it. Thus, the fillet upon the cima recta, and the astragal or bead under the ovolo, cannot be allowed less than one fourth, or more than one third of the cima recta or ovolo. The dentel is the highest of all the mouldings under the drip, and the drip a very little lower than the cima recta above it; the cima recta is too low, both in the external and internal orders of the Pantheon. See Palladio, Lib. IV. The cornices of the orders most frequently finish with a square moulding or fillet just above the cima, but sometimes with an additional circular moulding above the fillet. The pannels or boxes in the soffit between the two modillions should always be square, as well as the intervals wherein they are placed, as will be further noticed in its proper chapter.

To make a good choice of profiles, neither drawings nor books can give sufficient intelligence; because a profile that yields a fine effect in one situation, will not answer in another. A frequent comparison of profiles in different edifices is the surest means of acquiring a good manner. Palladio, Scamozzi, and Vignola, of the moderns, have excelled in this branch, but the Athenian antiquities furnish an elegant variety unknown to them. The artist who would surpass in this point, should not always delineate profiles with a ruler and compasses, he should often sketch them by hand upon a very large scale, and this practice will be found not altogether unnecessary and useless.

Whatever care the Gothic architects have taken to render the execution of their works perfect, the disagreeable figures they combined for their mouldings, have stamped upon them all the marks of barbarism; these deformities become more sensible, when compared with examples of the antique, which are amazingly beautiful, by the elegance, the variety, the choice and simplicity of the mouldings that compose the Grecian profiles.

## C H A P. III.

*Daviler's Comparison of Profiles. Intercolumniations. Diminution of the Shaft. Scroll Modilion. Balusters. Pediment, Acroteria, and Statues. Block Cornices. Vases.*

**D**AVILER gives four examples of entablatures, in order to shew the manner of comparing profiles, and thence to make a good choice; two of which are antique, and two modern.

## P L A T E III.

The profile A. is from the temple of Fortuna Virilis at Rome, very ancient indeed, as it is said to have been built in the time of their kings. Now, without considering to what order it belongs, which is not the question at present, but examining it entirely by itself, we shall find that the three parts which compose this entablature, bear no true relative proportion one to the other; the frieze is no more than two fifths of the height of the cornice, and only two thirds of the height of the architrave, and the cornice contains above one half of the height of the entire entablature: the drip or corona is not half of the cima recta, and the cima reversa between these two members, is almost as high as the corona; that each dentel is very near square, and exceeds the height of the corona; that the three fascias of the architrave are nearly equal: the fillet upon the uppermost, is almost as deep as the cima reversa under it. The olives and pearls carved on the naked of the middle fascia, have a very bad effect, being quite out of place.

The second entablature B. is taken from the baths of Diocletian; here we may observe the architrave to be higher than the frieze, which is without ornament and pulvinated, and the cornice higher than the architrave, as it should be: the projecture of this cornice is equal to its height. Vignola has imitated this profile on account of its beautiful parts, for none of the faults of the former appear in this design.

The profile of the third C. is after Palladio, and is well chosen. The modillions are introduced in imitation of those in the cornice of the temple of Concord, and of another ruin near St. Hadrian's church, mentioned by Serlio.

The fourth example D. is after Serlio, who imagining to adhere to the prescriptions of Vitruvius, for the Ionic entablature, has fallen into a littleness not allowable. The cornice is low and mean, being composed altogether of diminutive, confused mouldings, almost imperceptible. The fillet upon the cima recta is by half too low, so are all the other fillets; the dentels are poorly crowned, and but weakly supported underneath; and the nose or beak in the drip or corona, is too weak.

In this same plate are traced out the five Grecian intercolumniations. By intercolumniation is understood the space or distance that is left between one column and another. These are the names of the five, and the measures prescribed to the intervals.

The Pycnostyle disposeth columns very near each other, being only one diameter and a half between shaft and shaft.

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The (a) Systyle placed the columns at two diameters distant.

The (b) Diastyle fixed columns at an interval of three diameters.

The fourth was called (c) Aræostyle, and the columns were disposed with an interval of four diameters. In this intercolumniation they were obliged to make the architraves of wooden beams; therefore, because of the difficulty of executing it in stone, and the ill appearance so great a distance between the columns produced, it was never approved.

The (d) Eustyle surpasseth all others, on which account it was thus named. The intercolumniation herein given is two diameters and one fourth, observing however that the middle intercolumniation in the fore and back fronts, was allowed three diameters, to allow a freer access to the door way.

But the height (e) of columns, as well as their diameters, is to be considered in intercolumniations. To the (f) narrowest intervals are placed the most slender columns, and to the wider openings, the thickest and shortest columns: yet these rules have always had their exceptions; the Ionic and Corinthian columns having been disposed in most works with as wide intervals as the Doric; and this again has been placed with the narrow intervals suitable to both the former modes: when one order is placed above another, the uppermost has its intercolumniation wider than the inferior one. The practice, recommended by Vitruvius, is as follows.

For the aræostyle, let the height of the columns not exceed eight times its diameter. This is applicable to the Doric.

For the diastyle and eustyle, the height of the columns is allowed eight diameters and a half. This may suit the Ionic.

(a) Hæc utraque genera (pynostylos & systylos) vitiosum habent usum, matres enim familiarum cum ad supplicationem ascendunt, non possunt per intercolumnia amplexæ adire, nisi ordines fecerint. Item valvarum aspectus obstruitur columnarum crebritate, ipsa que signa obscurantur. Item circa ædem propter angustias, impediuntur ambulationes. Lib. III. c. 2.

(b) Hæc dispositio hanc habet difficultatem, quod epistylia propter intervallorum magnitudinem franguntur. Lib. III. c. 2.

(c) In aræostylis autem nec lapideis nec marmoris epistylis uti datur sed imponendæ de materia traves perpetuæ; & ipsarum ædium species sunt barycæ, baricephalæ, humiles, latæ. Lib. III. c. 2.

(d) Eustyli ratio quæ maxime probabilis & ad usum & ad speciem & ad firmitatem rationes habet explicatas:—sic enim habebit & figuræ aspectum venustum & aditus usum sine impeditioibus, & circa cellam ambulatio autoritatem. Lib. III. c. 2.

(e) Ita ex ea divisione intercolumnia, altitudinesque columnarum habebunt justam rationem. Lib. III. c. 2.

(f) Quemadmodum enim crescunt spatia inter columnas, ita proportionibus adaugendæ sunt crassitudines scaporum. Namque si in aræostylo, nona aut decima pars crassitudinis fuerit, tenuis & exilis apparebit. Ideo quod per latitudinem intercolumniorum ær consumit & imminuit aspectus scaporum crassitudinem. Contra vero pynostylis si octava pars crassitudinis fuerit, propter crebritatem & angustias intercolumniorum, tymidam & invenustam efficiet speciem. Itaque generis operis oportet persequi symmetrias. Etiamque angulares columnæ crassiores faciendæ ex suo diametro quinquagesima parte, quod cæ ab aère circumdantur & graciliores videntur aspicientibus. Ergo quod oculos fallit, ratiocinatione est exequendum. Contracturæ autem in summis columnarum hypotrachelis ita faciendæ videntur, uti si columna sit ab minimo ad pedes quinos denos ima crassitudo dividatur in partes sex & earum partium quinque summa constitatur. Item quæ erit ab quindecim pedibus ad pedes viginti, scapus imus in partes sex & semissem dividatur, ex earumque partium quinque & semisse superior crassitudo columnæ fiat. Item quæ erit a pedibus viginti ad pedes triginta scapus imus dividatur in partes septem earumque sex summa contractura perficiatur. Quæ autem ab triginta ad quadraginta altæ, ima crassitudo dividatur in partes septem & dimidiam, ex his sex & dimidiam in summo habeat contracturæ ratione. Quæ erunt a XL ad L item dividendæ sunt in octo partes & earum septem in summo scapi hypotrachelio contrahantur. Item si quæ altiores, erunt his eadem ratione pro rata constituantur contracturæ. Hæ autem propter altitudinis intervallum scandentis oculi speciem fallunt; quamobrem crassitudinibus temperaturæ. Venustatem enim persequitur visus; cujus si non blandimur voluptati pro ratione & modulorum adjectionibus, uti id in quo fallitur temperatione adaugeatur, vascus & invenustus conspicientibus remitteretur aspectus. De adjectione quæ adjicitur in mediis columnis quæ apud Græcos entasis appellatur, in extremo libro erit formata ratio ejus, quemadmodum mollis & conveniens efficiatur. Lib. III. c. 2.



The stylobate may have the height of its columns nine diameters and a half.

In the pycnostyle the columns are prescribed at ten diameters in height. These two last intercolumniations are adapted to the Corinthian.

The reason of these different proportions is, because the free passage of air between the intervals of columns, doth as it were consume and diminish the thickness of columns, and the more air and light do surround them, the more slender do columns appear; therefore the angular columns have been allowed to have their diameters increased one fiftieth part more than the intervening ones.

The wider intercolumniations will admit of columns being disposed by couplets; they are then placed two by two with sufficient spaces for the projectures of their capitals and bases; and regard also must be had to the triglyphs, mutules, dentels, and modillions of their respective cornices. By this disposition of couplets, the angles of a building seem to be greatly strengthened; but it gives a crowded and irregular aspect in the center of an edifice.

Columns in the fore and back front are generally disposed in an even number, otherwise the middle of the front would present a column instead of a vacuity for a door-way, and then it would require two door-ways; besides, the architrave considered as a beam with a weight suspended in its middle, *i. e.* the center of gravity, demands the same number of men (their strength supposed to be equal) on one side as on the other to bear it up.

The diminution of the shafts of columns upwards, gives a gracefulness to their forms, which otherwise they would want. But the swelling in the middle can convey no other idea than that of the columns being oppressed by the incumbent weight. The remains of antiquity cannot furnish examples of the latter practice. Sir H. Wotton condemns it as a great absurdity.

Some authors with Vitruvius, as above quoted, have decided, that columns of different altitudes require different diminutions, but to judge from the remains of antiquity, this precept seems not to have been scrupulously practised, for neither the very lofty columns of the temple of Faustina, nor those of the portico of Septimius, of the temple of Concord, and of the baths of Diocletian, have more diminution than others of half their height, as those of the triumphal arches of Titus, of Septimius, and of Constantine.

The different characters of the orders, have been judged to require different diminutions of their shafts; we find authority for this in the antiquities of Athens, which correspond nearly with the rules established by Scamozzi.

For the Doric column, the top of the shaft is four fifths of the diameter at bottom.

For the Ionic column, the diminution is one seventh.

For the Corinthian column, the shaft at top is seven-eighths of the diameter at bottom.

Vignola and others make the shafts of every order to diminish only one sixth, and this general diminution may in common cases be received with great propriety.

To begin the diminution from the bottom of the shaft, is the most natural and most approved, especially for the Doric, but for the Ionic and Corinthian orders, the diminution may begin at one-third of the length of the shaft; it is thus traced for the column A. B. From the point E. describe the semi-circle E. D. C. &c. from A. the point of diminution at-top, let fall the perpendicular A. G. divide the arch G. E. into several equal parts at pleasure; *e. g.* into six, and raise so many perpendiculars, divide E. A. into the same equal number of parts, and through the points of intersection, E. H. L. K. L. M. A. trace the line that will give the surface

face of the diminished column. The semicircle E. D. C. is described either at the bottom of the shaft, or at one-third of its height.

P L A T E IV.

Fig. I. represents the figure of a scroll modilion, with half of its front.

\* The second internal cornice of the Tower of the Winds at Athens. It is remarkable for an ovolo above the cima, and for the situation of the dentels, and for the reversed profile of the modilions. There are reversed modilions in the cornice of *La Maison Quarrée*, that beautiful antique temple at Nismes in Languedoc. Palladio thinks the reversing of the modilions is very graceful. See the design, Palladio Lib. IV.

Fig. II. The delineation of two stone balusters (*columellæ*); this variety is sufficient for the three orders. The strongest being applicable to the Doric, and the other to the Ionic and Corinthian buildings. Several of these balusters, of equal and uniform shapes placed near to each other, is called a balustrade; they are included within the height allowed to the die of a pedestal, whose cornice serves as their rail, and they have the same base with the pedestal. A balustrade is used on the sides of a flight of stairs, or for balconies to windows, in order to give greater liberty and conveniency of prospect. Theatres, Halls, Temples, Palaces, and other public, as well as private fabrics, have occasion for galleries or balconies in different parts of their structure. They are supposed to answer to the *podium*, *podia*, & *mæniana* of the ancients, and to the *poggiuolo* of the Italians; for whether a balcony is made with balusters, or with a parapet wall, the intention is the same; they equally serve to rest upon, or lean against. The lowermost seats next to the arena in amphitheatres being guarded by a parapet, as were also those next to the orchestra in the theatres (which answer to the front rows of our boxes) were reserved at all public shews for persons of the highest quality and rank, as appears by a passage in Juvenal,

————— *Generosior & Marcellis*  
*Et Catulis, Paulisque minoribus, & Fabiis &*  
*Omnibus ad podium spectantibus.*

And the Emperor also was used to place himself at the podium, according to Suetonius, in the life of Nero. *Toto podio ad aperto spectare consueverat.*

Fig. III. represents half of a pediment. To describe the declivity of it, divide A. B. into four equal parts and a half, (or the whole into nine equal parts) take upon the indefinite perpendicular, the distance between O. and P. equal to one of these, then draw a right line from P. to the lower corner of the drip, and the lines for the mouldings above this line parallel thereto from the several points in the profile: the triangular space left below them is called the (a) tympan,

(a) Tympani autem, quod est in fastigio, altitudo sic est facienda ut frons coronæ ab extremis cymatiis tota demetiatur in partes novem, & ex eis una pars in medio cacumine tympani constituatur dum contra epistylia, columnarumque hypotrachelia ad perpendicularum respondeat. Coronæ quæ supra tympanum fiunt, æqualiter imis præter simas sunt collocandæ; insuper coronas simæ, quas Græci epitithides dicunt, faciendæ altiores octava parte coronarum altitudinis. Acroteria angularia tam alta quam tympanum medium. Mediana altiora octava parte, quam angularia. Membra omnia, quæ supra capitula columnarum sunt futura, id est, epistylia, zophori, coronæ, tympana, fastigia, acroteria inclinanda sunt in frontis suæ cujusque altitudinis parte XII. ideo quod, cum steterimus contra frontes, ab oculo lineæ duæ si extensæ fuerint, & una tetigerit imam operis partem,

tympan, which for greater magnificence is often adorned with fine reliefs of sculpture, the subject thereof being always chosen suitable to the edifice. The full extent of the pediment is supported by two, four, six, or a greater equal number of columns.

Pediments are placed at the extremities, or at the center of an edifice, where they become very ornamental, especially if they coincide with the roof, otherwise the application of them becomes only a mockery. It must be noticed, that the *cima recta* for a pediment is occasionally described as in this figure, from the opposite angles of two squares, that the raking cornice may miter with the level cornice that meets it.

The Acroteria are small pedestals for statues intended to be placed upon the Pediment; the middle acroterium is at the summit, the two others are at the extremities, one to each. To trace the lower acroteria, continue the shaft of the column upwards, as described by the dotted parallel lines in the figure; take *s. u.* for the determined height equal to *s. t.* the projecture of the cornice; but for the center acroterium, suppose *B. q.* the profile of the pediment, make *r. q.* equal as before to the projecture of the cornice, and, according to Vitruvius, it should even exceed in height the lateral acroteria by one eighth part. Sometimes the upper parts of the acroteria are moulded into little cornices, whose heights may be one-fifth of their breadths.

Statues are made less, or equal to the life, or larger. When they are made very small, they cannot be received (excepting on tablets) for external architectural decorations, and should be reserved for chambers. If they exceed the life more than twice, they become colossal, and are best placed upon pedestals in an open area of sufficient space. The question then is, to determine the size of statues for the acroteria, or to adorn the intercolumniations or niches within a portico, &c.

The superior diameter of the shaft of the column, having prescribed the breadth of the acroterium over it, will determine also the size of a statue in an erect posture, because the statue requires neither more nor less space to stand upon than a circle, whereof the length of its foot is nearly half of the said diameter, as is shewn by the traces of the feet marked out in the plot; the acroterium therefore cannot admit of a statue taller than three times that diameter. This limitation for statues will always adjust the true proportions they should have with their respective columns. The statues upon the top of St. Paul's are too enormous for the columns, but this objection would disappear, if the same height that is divided into the two orders, had been assigned to one.

We have only considered single pedestrian statues, and these of the human figure; but it is easy from them to make a scale for the proportions of other animals, as well as to regulate the size of a group of different figures whenever it may be intended.

In order to view conveniently any objects placed on high, a certain distance from the base of the building is requisite. The spectator stands very conveniently, when the visual ray forms with the horizontal line an angle of 45 deg. but if the said angle be increased to 70 deg. the spectator stands rather inconveniently; and should this angle be increased still more, the elevated situation of the objects is very inconvenient, and there is no looking up at them, without wringing one's neck.

Supposing then 45 deg. is the mean, and 70 deg. the extreme elevation that should be allowed for the visual rays in looking up at objects, 20 deg. will be the other extreme for the least elevated situations, because there is the same difference in descending from 45 deg. to 20 deg. as ascending

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tem, altera summam, quæ summam tetigerit, longior fiet. Ita quo longior visus lineæ in superiorem partem procedit, resupinatam facit ejus speciem. Cum autem (uti supra scriptum est) in fronte inclinata fuerint, tunc in aspectu videbuntur esse ad perpendiculum & normam. Lib. III. c. 3.

from 45 deg. to 70 deg. it may then be concluded, that every part of architectural decoration susceptible of height will appear too low, if viewed under 20 deg. and too elevated if the visual ray exceeds 70 deg.

Having considered the most convenient situation for viewing the high parts of a building, let us offer the proper point to place the spectator, that he may see to the best advantage the whole range of any considerable front of what extent soever; this distance is the summit of an equilateral triangle, the base of which is the front in question.

When a building extends five or six hundred feet, the depth is not considered as a necessary proportion. The extent of length must be divided into several distinct breakings, as the square of its height, square and half, &c. without which, no such design can ever appear beautiful, each must correspond with the whole, and yet be independently agreeable: but to examine the correctness of the particular members, and the neatness and spirit of the ornaments, we must approach near enough to observe the minutest divisions.

Fig. IV. A block modillion cornice, the profile taken from the second external cornice of the Rotonda at Rome.

\* The profile of another cornice, taken from the bridge at Rimini. Under it is the method of tracing stone quoins, the edges being left sharp and not chamfer'd; if either of these block cornices are used, the height of the building must be divided into eleven equal parts, one of which is given to the cornice.

Fig. V. VI. VII. Three methods from Serlio to describe globular and oval vases. The last may serve to describe the eggs for mouldings; the pine buds may be traced in the same manner, observing to place the narrow end upwards.

## CH A P. IV.

*Of the Doric Column, with the Flutings. Of the Doric Entablature. Of the Doric Portal. Of the Doric Colonnade. Of the Doric Arcade.*

### PL A T E V.

**T**HE Doric shaft D. is without a base, as may already have been remarked in the first plate, but it should always be placed on a basement, plinth, or (a) ground fill, whose height from the ground may admit of one, (b) three, or a greater unequal number of steps, each step being from six to eight inches high. The Doric ruins of Greece, and those of the temples at Poestum, have all such basements. The addition of a base to the Doric shaft is a downright innovation against the most deliberate intentions of the ancients; may it not be reasonable to conjecture, that as the foot of this column is sufficiently broad in proportion to its height, they who first designed it, as well as those skilful masters who immediately suc-

(a) Supraque terram parietes extruuntur sub columnis dimidio crassiores quam columnæ sunt futuræ; uti firmiora sint inferiora superioribus quæ stereobatæ appellantur: nam excipiunt onera. Spirarumque projecturæ non procedant extra solidum.

(b) Namque cum dextro pede primus gradus ascendatur, item in summo templo primus ponendus est. Lib. III. c. 3.

ceeded them, did not imagine that it would want any additional projecture for the sake of greater solidity? that the simplicity of its character could not admit of a base? for as the statue of a Hercules, or of a wrestler would appear out of character if their feet were dressed up in (c) sandals or shoes, so would the column to which they had annexed these ideas.

The number of flutings (d) to the Doric column should never be more or less than twenty. Sometimes it was left with the sides flat and XX angles. The curvature of each fluting is described from the center of a geometrical square, X whose sides are equal to one of the flat sides. Others have traced the curvature from the summit of an equilateral triangle Z. whose base is one of the flat sides. The entablature and capital may be traced by scales of equal parts, e. g.

For the capital divide its entire height into two equal parts; take the uppermost for the abacus. Again divide c. d. into three equal parts; two of these are for the ovolo, and the remaining one is divided into three for the fillets: for the fourth fillet belongs to the shaft of the column; the projecture of the abacus is three parts of its height; that of the ovolo is equal to its own height, and the fillets are profiled, as is seen by the figure.

For the entablature, divide the height into seven equal parts, and each of these again into three; take seven of these subdivisions for the height of the architrave, and eight of the same for the height of the frieze, the six remaining will stand for the height of the cornice, which being divided into twelve, will assign to each member its relative number of parts, as may be seen by the figure.

The cornice projects once and a half of its height, then divide this projecture into nine equal parts, and the profiles are determined and described, as the figure readily sheweth; but the modular scale is added, and the different measures of the members may be taken by it.

The capital C. consists of a plain abacus, an ovolo under it, with (e) three annulets, for the fourth belongs to the shaft or fust of the column. With very little alteration, the text in Vitruvius agrees with this division.

The entablature described between C. and A. by beginning at bottom, consists I. Of the Architrave of only one fascia, with the Tænia, fillet, and six drops. These drops are different from those hitherto used: the simplicity and height of the architrave gives it a superior degree of strength to all others, commonly described.

II. The frieze, consisting of the (f) triglyphs and (g) metopes; the height of the triglyph is one module and four parts, and its breadth one module. The breadth of the metope between

(c) Basi spiram supposuerunt pro calceo. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(d) Columnas (Doricas) autem striari XX striis oportet quæ si plane erunt angulos habeant XX designatos: sin autem excavabuntur, sic est forma facienda; ita uti quam magnum est intervallum striæ, tam magnis striaturæ paribus lateribus quadratum describatur: in medio autem quadrato circini centrum collocetur; & agatur linea rotundationis, angulos tangat, & quantum erit curvaturæ inter rotundationem & quadratum descriptionem, tantum ad formam excaventur. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(e) Crassitudo capituli dividatur in tres partes, e quibus, una plinthus fiat.—Altera echinus, tertia cum annulis. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(f) Tum projecturas tignorum quantum eminebant, ad lineam et perpendiculum parietum præsecuerunt: quæ species cum invenusta iis visa esset, tabellas ita formatas, uti nunc sunt triglyphi, contra tignorum præcisiones in fronte fixerunt, & eas cera cœrulea depinxerunt, ut præcisiones tignorum tectæ non offenderent visum. Ita divisiones tignorum tectæ triglyphorum dispositione, intertignium & opam in Doricis operibus ceperunt. Lib. IV. c. 2.

(g) Ita quod inter duas opas est intertignium, id metopa apud eos (Græcos) est nominatum. Lib. IV. c. 2.

two triglyphs is one module and a half. The (*b*) triglyph is divided in its breadth into twelve parts, the two furrows and channels having each two parts, and the three flanks each two parts, and one part is given to each half furrow at the edges. The breadth of the triglyph regulates the six drops answering thereto, in the architrave, as the figure plainly sheweth; the breadth of each drop being one modular part, but each interval is a sixth more. The depth of each furrow is half of its breadth.

To reconcile the angular triglyph to modern use, it would be sufficient to say, that it is found in the best remains of Grecian antiquity. The third chapter of the fourth book of Vitruvius determines but very imperfectly for or against this point; the emendations of the editors have availed little to restore it to the true sense. Yet we can fix upon another (*i*) passage favourable to this distribution of the triglyphs, for it does not follow that the metope next to the angular triglyph must be irregular on this account. Besides the angular dentel in the Ionic, the angular modillion in the Corinthian cornice, were only substitutes in those two modes for the angular mutules in the Doric; now these mutules cannot have this disposition of planks as in fig. Q. which they are supposed to have, unless the triglyphs are angular, because the mutules are placed of the same breadth, and exactly over the triglyphs. There is something so unmeaning in the semi-metope, that it should never more be received.

III. Immediately above the frieze is the cornice. The lowest member herein is the cap of the triglyph, called by Vitruvius *capitulum triglyphi*. This same platband is continued over the metope, but not quite so deep: the next member is a cyma reversa; above it is the fillet, against which is placed the (*k*) mutules, one over each triglyph. The (*l*) drops in each mutule are six in front and three deep, as may be seen in the plan B. of the soffit, then comes the corona or drip with its peculiar cyma and fillet. The same members, only larger, finish the cornice, and one would be apt to presume, that this curved member or bouldin is the true *cymatium Doricum*, since we find it in neither of the other two modes.

The (*m*) heads of lions in this cornice, as in others, were intended as water-spouts to the sides of a building.

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(*b*) Non enim, quem ad modum nonnulli errantes dixerunt, femstrarum imagines esse triglyphos, ita potest esse; quod in angulis contraque tetrantes columnarum triglyphi constituentur, quibus in locis non patiuntur res fenestras fieri. Lib. IV. c. 2.

Triglyphorum latitudo dividatur, ex quibus quinque partes in medio, duæ dimidiæ dextra ac sinistra designentur: regula una deformetur femur, quod Græce meros dicitur; secundum eam canaliculi ad normæ cacumen imprimantur. Ex ordine eorum, dextra ac sinistra, altera femora constituentur, atque in extremis partibus semi canaliculi invertantur. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(*i*) Namque necesse est triglyphos constitui contra medios tetrantes columnarum, metopasque quæ inter triglyphos sient æque longas esse quam altas: contraque in angulares columnas triglyphi in extremis partibus constituentur & non contra medios tetrantes. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(*k*) Ex eo uti e tignorum dispositionibus triglyphi: ita e canteriorum projecturis mutulorum sub coronis ratio est inventa. Ita fere in operibus lapideis & marmoris mutuli inclinati sculpturis deformantur, quod imitatio est canteriorum. Etenim necessario propter stillicidia proclinati collocantur. Ergo triglyphorum & mutulorum in Doricis operibus ratio ex ea imitatione est inventa. Lib. IV. c. 2.

(*l*) Et guttarum distributiones, ita uti guttæ sex in longitudinem, tres in latitudinem pateant. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(*m*) In sinus, quæ supra coronam in lateribus sunt ædium capita leonina, sunt scalpenda ita posita, ut contra columnas singulas ea primum sint designata: cætera vero æquali modo disposita uti singula singulis mediis regulis respondeant. Hæc autem quæ erunt contra columnas perterebrata sint ad canalem qui excipit e tegulis aquam cœlestem. Mediana autem sint solida uti quæ cadit

The invariable regular distribution of triglyphs and metopes for any given (*n*) front, must always regulate a Doric design. It is observable in the Grecian remains, that the external edge of the angular triglyph in the frieze is directly over the greatest diameter of the column, but we have ventured to make it fall upon the diminution of the column, this does not in the least affect the distribution of the triglyphs and metopes, for, excepting the angles, the centers of the columns are all supposed to pass through the centers of the triglyphs. The height of the column with its capital, is XIV modules, according to Vitruvius, but in the designs of the first, as well as of the next plate, according to the Grecians example, it is allowed no more than XII. S. mod, as it has already been quoted in the table of altitudes.

What a beautiful and proportional simplicity appears throughout every part and member of this Doric! the distinction and character are specially preserved, with such authentic marks, as must set aside among the unprejudiced, those spurious, uncertain and confused traces of the order hitherto received; for the foundations of the art are principally to be fixed upon examples of the best antiquity, and we should build upon those to insure the success of any designs.

### PLATE VI.

The Doric portal A. presents a front of four columns supporting a pediment, with three intercolumniations; the middle one of two triglyphs, and the two lateral of one triglyph each; these, with the four triglyphs placed over the four columns, occasion this front to consist of eight triglyphs and seven metopes, which full extent is equal to XVIII. S. modules, a triglyph is placed at each extremity, so that the half module falls out in the odd number of the metopes.

When a front contained four columns it was called tetrastyle; if six columns, hexastyle; if eight columns, octostyle, &c. this appellation they joined to that of the intercolumniation, as tetrastyle-fystyle, exastyle-diastyle, octostyle-pycnostyle, &c. When we come to speak of the antique temples, we shall find that to these compound names, they added the names of the order, and methods whereby they disposed the columns to the fore and back fronts, as well as to the sides of the building.

In the elevation of this plate, the Doric portal of the Agora at Athens,<sup>x</sup> is taken for an example. By the plan A. it may be observed, that the columns are advanced one diameter and two-thirds beyond the antæ or pilasters B. these pilasters (*o*) are placed with a small projecture upon the ends of the side-walls, behind the two extreme columns of the front; their breadth being equal to the diameter of the column, but at the sides, when there is no column before them, their breadth is only half that of their front. The pilasters have not the same diminutions as the columns, and the capitals of these antæ are different from those of the columns, being divided into a greater number of mouldings. See figure C.

cadit vis aquæ per regulas in canalem, ne dejiciatur per intercolumnia neque transeuntes perfundat. Sed quæ sunt contra columnas, videantur emittere vomentia ructus aquarum ex ore. Lib. III. c. 3.

(*n*) Frons ædis Doricæ in loco quo columnæ constituuntur dividatur si tetrastylus erit in partes XXVI. si hexastylus in XLII. ex his pars una erit modulus, qui Græce embates dicitur, cujus moduli constitutione rationibus efficiuntur omnis operis distributiones. Crassitudo columnarum erit duorum modulorum, altitudo cum capitulo XII. S. — Hæc ratio in operibus diastylis erit constituta. Si vero fystylon & monotriglyphum opus erit faciendum, frons ædis, si tetrastylus erit, dividatur in partes XVIII. S. si hexastylus erit, dividatur in partes XXVIII. S. ex his, pars una erit modulus, ad quem (uti supra scriptum est) opera distribuentur. Ita supra singula epistylia & metopæ duæ, & triglyphi singuli erunt collocandi, in angularibus non amplius quam quantum spatium triglyphi. Accedit in mediano contra fastigium trium triglyphorum & quatuor metoparum spatium, ut latius medium intercolumnium accedentibus ad ædem habeat laxamentum & adversus simulacra deorum aspectus dignitatem. Lib. IV. c. 3.

(*o*) Antæ quod Græce parastatæ dicuntur — columnæ habentes post se parastatas. Lib. IV. c. 1.

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*x. Antiq. of Athens.  
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To describe a door-way within this portal, divide the height contained between the floor and the undermost line of the architrave into six equal parts. Take four for the height of the aperture, and make the breadth equal to half its height. The architrave and jambs have their proportions and mouldings given suitable to the character of the order. Sometimes the ancients added a frieze D. which they called *hypertyron*, and above this a tablet E. for any inscription or work of sculpture, referring to certain particularities of the building.

If in the lateral intercolumniations niches should be required, the breadth of each is to be made equal to half of the breadth of the door's aperture, and the heights twice and one half of their breadths; observing to describe their summits semicircular, as well as their plans. Although some modern authors have exclaimed against niches, yet they may be introduced with propriety to break the naked of a plain wall, or to range in the same levels and perpendiculars with the windows of a front, whenever these apertures should not take place. They are the proper receptacles of the statues; nor can an architect's designs be too much diversified, where a superior degree of magnificence requires such additional ornaments, if he is careful not to give into absurdities. This leads us to say a word more about the temples of the ancients.

The deities of the Pagans were represented under the human shape, so that by attributing certain characters to the orders, the architects seem to have judged it necessary, to have regard to what was suitable to every distinct deity, not only in the choice of the situation of places, but also in the choice of the form (a) and order of the temple. Those dedicated to the Sun, to the Moon, or to Vesta, were circular, like that at Tivoli. The temples in honour of Jupiter, as the thunderer, were uncovered in the middle. They appropriated the Doric order to Mars, to Hercules, and to Minerva. The Corinthian was affected to Venus, Flora, Proserpine, Apollo, the Muses and the Nymphs. Juno, Diana, and Bacchus, were worshipped in temples of the Ionic order. The plans and elevations of the walls, pilasters and columns, were varied in several different manners, besides the distinctions of the orders. They are described in Vitruvius, as (b) undermentioned, and Palladio explains them in his fourth book; we shall just mention them, because from the following verbal descriptions any of them can be described.

I. The temple without columns, when the breadth did not extend to twenty feet: The length was twice its breadth, and the length being divided into eight equal parts, five of these were given to the cell, and the three remaining ones were assigned to the antitemple or pronaos, flanked with the side-walls, on the extremities of which were placed the pilasters called *antæ*. II. The temple in antes, with two columns on the same line with the pilasters, and placed between them. III. The temple in antes, with two columns within the pronaos behind those in front: The inner columns were of lesser diameter than those in front, though their heights were equal; but to make them appear of equal circumference, they had a greater number of flutings, either eight and twenty, or thirty-two. It was peculiar to this temple to shut up the middle intercolumniation with a parapet or balustrade, in the nature of a podium, the entrances being left at each side between the antes and the columns. IV. The prostyle or a front of columns, from four to six, &c. forming a portico advanced before the antes. V. The *amphi-prostyle*, with the same mode and number of columns in the back front as in the fore front. VI. The peripteral<sup>x</sup> or winged, having six columns in front, and six in the rear of the temple, besides (c) eleven on (d) each side, including the angular columns of the two fronts, their distance from the walls being equal to the interval prescribed to between two columns.

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(a) Lib. I. c. 2.

(b) Lib. III. c. 1. &amp; Lib. IV. c. 4. &amp; 7.

(c) Ita enim erit duplex longitudo operis ad latitudinem. Namque qui columnarum duplicationes fecerunt erravisse videntur, quod unum intercolumnium in longitudine plus quam oporteat procurrere videatur. Lib. III. c. 3.

(d) Pteromatos enim ratio &amp; columnarum circum ædem dispositio ideo est inventa ut aspectus propter asperitatem intercolumniorum haberet autoritatem. Præterea si &amp; imbrium aquæ vis occupaverit &amp; intercluserit hominum multitudinem, ut habeat in

*v. Antiq. of Athens. ch. 2**v. Ruins of Pastum. p. 26*  
*Ionian Antiq. p. 16*



In this place it is proper to remark, that the temple of Theseus at Athens, for example, instead of eleven columns of each side, has thirteen; thus it exceeds in length twice its breadth: but we may suppose, that this addition of two columns to the length of its sides, was the consequence of advancing two columns deep before the antes instead of one, and this required also a proportional length of the cell, which it could not have with only eleven columns on the flank, if two of these at both ends were advanced before the antes.

VII. The pseudodipteral<sup>x</sup> or false double winged, that has two ranks of eight columns to each front, and fifteen columns on each side, including the angular ones of both fronts. The distance of the columns from the side walls is equal to two intercolumniations and one diameter. VIII. The dipteral<sup>x</sup> or double winged, with two ranges of eight columns to the fore and back fronts, and two ranges of fifteen columns to each side. IX. The hypæthral<sup>x</sup>, with two ranges of ten (e) columns to each front; their sides were either pseudodipteral or dipteral, the interior part of the cell was open to the sky; within the walls, at the distance of one intercolumniation and the diameter of a column, were raised on all the sides internally, two lesser orders, one above the other, equal in height to the great external order. The roof only extended from the columns without to those within; at each front, however, the pediment was carried over the entire breadth of the portico. X. The pseudoperipteral<sup>x</sup> or false winged, having the same number of columns in the fore front, and as many in the back front and on the sides as the peripteral, but the walls of the cell of the temple were extended at the sides and at the back front, to cut into the diameters of the columns. Such are the temple of Fortuna Virilis of the Ionic order tetrastyle; and the temple of Concord, also Ionic, hexastyle, both at Rome; and the antique temple at Nîmes, called *La Maison Quarrée*, of the Corinthian order and hexastyle; the three are designed and explained by Palladio, in his fourth book.

Of circular temples or rotundæ, there were two sorts. XI. The monopteral, supporting a hemispherical cupola by a circle of insulated columns at pycnostyle distances. The internal diameter of the plan was equal to the height of a column, and the height of the basement (stereobates) was equal to one third of the diameter of the plan, and was ascended by a due number of steps of convenient altitude. The floor of the temple was on the same level with the superior part of the basement. Sometimes, instead of a circle of insulated columns, the cupola was supported upon a circular wall of the same height as that prescribed to the insulated columns, or the diameter of the plan was equal to its height the cupola included, like the Pantheon at Rome. XII. The circular peripteral temple had its columns at systyle intervals placed upon pedestals (stylobatæ) surrounding the temple. The distances of the pedestal, from the circular walls of the cell, was the fifth part of the entire diameter of the temple within the colonade. The diameter within the walls of the cell being equal to the height of a column upon its pedestal. Vitruvius mentions the cupola being crowned with a flower. At Athens there is a most beautiful one, which M. Stuart has described in the fourth chapter of his book.

In this plate we have given the plan in small, of a Doric, hexastyle, systyle, peripteral temple, wherein the different parts may be seen at first sight. The side-walls, which are advanced beyond the cells, are also called the wings, according to Strabo's description of a certain temple at Thebes in Egypt. *Parietes qui utrimque pronaon circumcludebant Ptera vocata.*

æde circaque cellam cum laxamento liberam moram. Hæc autem ita explicantur in pseudodipteris ædium dispositionibus: quare videtur acuta magnaue solertia effectus operum Hermogenes fecisse, reliquisque fontes, unde posterius possent haurire disciplinarum rationes. Lib. III. c. 2.

(e) Medium autem sub divo est sine tecto, aditusque valvarum ex utraque parte in pronaon & postico. Hujus autem exemplar Romæ non est, sed Athenis, &c. Lib. III. c. 1.

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\*v. Roman Antiq: p. 6847

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## P L A T E VII.

We have observed before, that every Doric structure must be regulated by the triglyphs and metopes. The proper distribution for a Doric colonade would be only that of two triglyphs, as designed for the middle of the portal in the last plate; but the necessity of a wider intercolumniation, may, on some occasions, require three triglyphs; in this case the columns may be disposed by couplets, for a sufficient strength to support the entablature at fig. A.

Near Trevi, between Fuligno and Spoleto, is a little temple, where the portals are supported at the angles by columns and pilasters in couplets. But this is a corruption of the antique purity, which considered equi-distant columns, with narrow intercolumniations, as producing the most desirable effects, both on account of strength and beauty.

The boasted colonade of the Louvre by Perrault would have merited much higher commendation, if the intercolumniations between the center and the ends, had been equidistant, instead of couplets; thereby the jambs of the niches might have been somewhat obscured, but the very elegant disposition of the columns, would have sufficiently made amends: it is more essential to avoid errors in the greater lines of a design, than to be over scrupulous about the minutiae of little parts.

The Grecians called a colonade or portico, Stoa, which gave the name of Stoics to the disciples of Zeno, who were accustomed to assemble together in the porticos. When a portico surrounds internally any open oblong or square space, it is called a peristyle, to distinguish it from the periptere, where the columns are disposed without-side.

The Doric Arcade B. is designed without columns; for this purpose, the height of the arch is to its breadth as seven to four; (and it loses its proportional character, if made higher.) Divide the given height *a. b.* into eleven equal parts, take two for the height of the entablature, which by the proper modulation is divided into the requisite members. Let the extent of four triglyphs and three metopes fix the breadth of the aperture, then the breadth of the pier will consist of two metopes and one triglyph: The rest may be collected by inspection of the figure.

If with the above breadth for the aperture of the arch, you make its height only once and a half its breadth, it would then admit of semicolumns against the piers, raised upon plinths, as fig. E. but the expences of columns against the piers of arcades seem very useless for common purposes. For theatres and amphitheatres, the addition of the semicolumns to the piers, gave an additional strength, by increasing the depths of the piers, and served to break the too great plainness or nakedness which otherwise would have appeared upon such vast extents: Pilasters projecting from the piers of arcades, from one eighth to one fourth of their diameters, have sometimes taken place instead of semicolumns. The archivolt C. and the impost D. should have their members and mouldings characteristically described from the architraves in every order.

Key-stones, whether plain or scrolled, with ornaments of masks or foliage, interrupting the members of the archivolt, give it an apparent weakness, and destroy the beautiful effect and simplicity of the semicircular sweep: perhaps it may not be judged so by others, who will bring against this opinion the authority of key-stones from some of the Roman antiquities, and from the practice of several of the best moderns; but if an ornament is ill-placed, no authority should protect it.

## C H A P. VI.

*Of Pedestals. Of the Ionic Base and Column. Of the Capital. Of the Entablature. Of the Volute at large. Of the Flutings and Base at large. Of Fluted Pilasters. Of the Ionic Portal. Of the Ionic Portico, with Pedestals.*

**T**HE use of the basement (stereobates) was said in the last chapter to raise the floor of a building above the level of the ground, and to place thereon the shafts of the columns; but the origin of a pedestal (*a*) stylobates) raised above the floor, seems to be owing to the necessity of using columns which turned out too short for the intended work, or that the intervals between two pedestals (*b*) along the sides of the building might serve as a podium, a parapet or balustrade having the same mouldings as the pedestals, at top and bottom; but for the portal in the front of the building, the pedestals were insulated, to admit of a free passage between the intercolumniations. The height of the pedestal considered as a parapet can have no relative proportion to the column it bears, because the height of a parapet is unalterably fixed from three feet to four at most, and this may equally serve a column of ten feet, or one of thirty feet in height. A pedestal is no part of an order, nevertheless, the members are to be characterized according to the column it bears.

Some of the moderns have launched into a depravity of making the pedestals excessive high; others have judged so ill as to place one pedestal upon another, that the columns seem to be hoisted upon stilts, against all the rules of solidity and beauty.

The word *Scamillus*, signifies properly a little seat, or a footstool; what can resemble more to either of these, than that part of the continued pedestal that breaks forward under every column? and as the number of columns in the sides of the periptere was unequal, so it was necessary to hint that these stools (*scamilli*) upon which the columns were to be raised, must be in odd numbers (*impares*) likewise. And if the projectures of all these scamilli were set off in a right line (*ad libellam*), it made the whole side of the stylobates appear (*alveolatus*) channelled out or indented by regular intervals.

## P L A T E VIII.

The figure marked H. represents the profile of an Ionic pedestal; the upper moulding thereof is a plinth, because the lower moulding of the base hereafter described is a torus; all the other mouldings of this pedestal are adapted with a suitable simplicity.

The Ionic order of Vitruvius, as delivered down to us by his editors, is indeed very simple, but, at the same time, very poor, from the littleness of all its parts: what is here offered, is from the ruined temple on the Ilyssus at Athens; it is as elegant as plain, from the simplicity

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(a) Sin autem circa ædem ex tribus lateribus podium faciendum erit, ad id constituatur uti quadræ, spiræ, trumi, coronæ, lyfis ad ipsum stylobatam, qui erit sub columnæ spiris, convenient.——(b) Stylobatam ita oportet exæquari uti habeat per medium adjectionem per scamillos impares. Si enim ad libellam dirigetur alveolatus oculo videbitur. Hoc autem uti scamilli ad id convenienter fiant, item in extremo libro forma & demonstratio, erit descriptæ. His perfectis in suis locis spiræ collocentur, &c. Lib. III. c. 3.

and greatness of its parts. The divisions are made from a scale of modules. The greatest diameter of the column, just above the apophyge, is divided into thirty-six parts for two modules.

The base G. is very peculiar and beautiful; it begins from the bottom with a torus; above this is a scotia, or hollow, between two fillets; the remainder is divided into several very small mouldings, which convey the idea of several nice folds (a) of a female garment, that is likewise indicated by the flutings of the shafts. These mouldings are too nice to be executed in common stone, but by diminishing their number, the general profile may still be preserved, as will be shewn in plate IX. for the bases to this order.

The shaft F. is occasionally ornamented with flutings; the (b) number assigned is twenty-four; to describe these flutings and fillets, divide the periphery, or circumference, into twenty-four equal parts, and one of these again into eight parts, six of which are allowed for the breadth of one of the flutings, and one for the half of each fillet, as will be seen at large in the next plate for the Ionic flutings.

The capital here delineated has great elegance and simplicity; if we look at the front of it C. we may observe, that the curvature of the volutes by far surpasseth that of all others hitherto described in the works of the best modern masters, or of any designs collected from the remains of Rome; the sweep or undulating lines of the hem that pass over the middle ovolo, is very graceful; the situation of the eye of the volute is well chosen, being fixed so much nearer to the lower than to the upper part of the volute, as it would naturally have that propensity in a (c) buckle of hair, if a bead or flower was thus placed. The breadth of the spiral fillets is divided by a channel into two, when the materials are hard enough to bear it.

The semi-profile D. of the side of a volute. The fulness of the (d) bolsters answers perfectly well to the front, and the little mouldings or binders are well chosen and properly placed.

The plan E. represents the bolster of the volute with its binders, with the ovolo and the semi-plan of the upper part of the shaft, the diameter thereof is fixed at one module and twelve parts.

K. Sheweth the junction of the two semi-volutes, on the internal angle of the capital of each angular column.

The entablature A. is nearly that from the antiquities of Athens. The principal members are thus measured:

	M.	p.
To the architrave, with its mouldings, - - - - -	1	9
To the frieze, including the little fillet, - - - - -	1	9
To the cornice, - - - - -	1	0
Projecture of the cornice, - - - - -	1	9

The quantities of the several mouldings may be measured from the scale of modules, though we should always recommend a subdivision by equal parts.

It must be remarked, that when there is a pediment, the level drip remains with only its bouldin moulding at top; the fillet immediately next to it in profile being carried upwards in the side of the pediment.

(a) Truncoque toto strias uti stolarum rugas, matronali more demiserunt. Vitruv. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(b) Striges faciendæ sunt XXIV. Lib. III. c. 3.

(c) Capitulo volutas, uti capillamento concrispatos cincinnos præpendentes dextra ac sinistra collocaverunt, & cymatiis & encarpis pro crinibus dispositis, frontes ornaverunt. Vitruv. Lib. IV. c. 2.

(d) Pulvinorum baltea. Ib. Lib. III. c. 3.

The base of the column, the elegant volutes of the capital, the just and grand division for strength and beauty of the entablature, the cornice being distinguished for the greatness of its profile, the frize for a spacious surface for any works of sculpture, and the architrave for its strength, being not broken into two or more facias, are considerations which should recommend this entablature.

The side B. is like the former A. four modules in height, but it is divided as follows to admit of (e) dentels in the cornice.

	M.	p.
To the architrave, - - - - -	1	6
To the frize, - - - - -	1	2
To the cornice, - - - - -	1	10
Projecture of the cornice. - - - - -	1	12

The profile and the mouldings may be seen in the figure.

It must not be passed over, that the internal and external angles, by the distribution of the dentels here marked out, may always be furnished with a dentel; the reason of this derives from the placing of the (f) timbers, fig. M. Therefore, as the angular mutule and triglyph in the Doric, so the angular dentel in the Ionic, and the angular modillion in the Corinthian, will have their proper situation prescribed according to the primitive imitation.

A swelling frize has been given by Palladio and Scamozzi as characteristic to this order, but as it is not absolutely so, it is best omitted, because it gives a disagreeable heavy appearance.

## PLATE IX.

A spiral line is a curve of the circular kind, which in its progress approaches to, or recedes from its center to any desired number of revolutions.

There are two sorts of spiral lines of use in architecture.

I. The helix, which winds itself around a cylinder to any given height.

II. The volute, that winds itself about a cone, so as the points thereof continually approach the axis.

Fig. A. the volute of the Ionic little temple mentioned in describing the last plate. The manner of tracing it is thus:

At two parts distant from the shaft of the column continued upwards, let fall from the lowermost line of the abacus, an indefinite perpendicular for the cathetus of the volute, which intersected at fourteen modular parts below the point whence it is dropped, gives the center of the eye of the volute, which is described with a radius of two modular parts; but the radius for the external circle that forms the rim, is two and a half modular parts. The eye being de-

(e) Si Doricis epistylis in coronis denticuli sculptentur, aut in pulvinatis capitulis & columnis Ionicis epistylis exprimentur triglyphi, translatis ex alia ratione proprietatibus in aliud genus operis, offendetur aspectus, aliis ante ordinis consuetudinibus institutis. Vit. Lib. II. c. 1.

(f) Item in Ionicis denticulorum constituto, propriam in operibus habeat rationem & quemadmodum mutuli cautheriorum projecturæ ferunt imaginem, sic in Ionicis denticuli ex projecturis asserum habent rationem. Lib. IV. c. 2.

scribed, (see the figure at large) the perpendicular radius, consisting of two modulary parts, is divided equally at a. draw the line a. 1. at right angles, which falling against the tangent drawn for that purpose, gives therein the point 1. for the center of the first quadrant; continue the line 1. a. to 2. making a. 2. equal to half of the radius, and the point 2. is the second center, observing that the segments described from this and all the following centers be perfect quadrants. From 2. let fall the perpendicular 2. 3. upon the diameter at point 3. is the third center. Take from 3. to 4. equal to three-fourths of the radius, and the point 4. upon the diameter is the fourth center. Erect the perpendicular 4. 5. equal to three-eighths of the radius, and the point 5. is the fifth center. Take from 5. to 6. equal to half the radius, and the point 6. is the sixth center. Let fall the perpendicular 6. 7. and the point 7. upon the diameter is the seventh center. Take 7. 8. equal to three-eighths of the radius, and the point 8. is the eighth center. Erect 8. 9. equal to one-fourth of the radius, and the point 9. is the ninth center. From 9. to 10. is equal to one-fourth of the radius, and the point 10. is the tenth center. Let fall the perpendicular from 10. to 11. and the point 11. upon the diameter is the last center: and the spiral of the volute is completed by a regular involution to the rim of the eye.

In order to make the listel or hem of the volute have a true and gradual diminution of its breadth when it meets the rim of the eye, the second ten centers are to be set off at one-tenth of three quarters of a modulary part, within the ten first centers fixed as above.

Fig. B. is the Ionic base at large of the same ruin. But as the number of small and sharp mouldings therein could only be executed in marble, or the hardest sort of materials, another profile \* is described with larger divisions, wherein the character is sufficiently marked. The Ionic base † by Vignola, omitting the plinth, turned topsy-turvy to remove the reasonable objection of the great torus being incumbent upon the smaller members, gives likewise a very characteristic base for this order. The temple of the Sybil at Tivoli has bases to its columns without plinths, and they are only one-third of the diameter of the column in height.

Fig. C. the manner of describing the elliptical cavities for the flutings of the Ionic columns, from the antiquities of Athens.

D. The manner of tracing the staffs or cables for semicircular flutings appropriated to the Corinthian order.

E. The manner of dividing a Corinthian pilaster (for none other is fluted) into thirty-seven equal parts, for nine flutings. One of the parts is allowed to each fillet, and three to each fluting.

F. The breadth of a pilaster, with seven flutings, is divided into twenty-nine equal parts, giving one to each fillet, and three to each cavity. The number of seven flutings in a pilaster, answers better to twenty-four flutings of the column, because nine flutings in a pilaster make the channels too narrow; but the higher a shaft of a column is, the greater number of flutings it may have, which may be increased even to twenty-eight or thirty.

The two extreme fillets of a pilaster have sometimes the addition of an astragal or bead, an example of this is at the Pantheon in Rome. In such a case, for seven flutings, divide the breadth into thirty equal parts, taking one and a half for each extreme fillet, with its bead, and the remainder divided as before prescribed.

Pilasters are often not fluted, though the columns that accompany them are, and sometimes columns are not fluted, though the corresponding pilasters are. The projecture of a fluted pilaster from a wall can never be less than equal to one cavity and two fillets; but the best projecture for the advantage of the capitals, is one-fourth of the diameter.

The extremities of the flutings towards the base, are either circular downwards, or circular upwards, and sometimes terminate square. The first is the most approved method. The flutings  
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of some columns have their lower extremities descend into the apophygis, and their extremities at the capital terminate in the shape of leaves. See the Choragic monument of Lyficles, antiq. of Athens. *ch. 4.*

PLATE X.

*ch. 2.*

Represents an Ionic portal from the abovementioned ruin at Athens. It is the front of the little temple already mentioned. This edifice is raised upon a stereobates of three steps.

A. The plan of the stereobates, with the plans of the columns to the pronaos or anti-temple; behind the angular columns, at the extremities of the side-walls advanced forwards, are placed the antæ or pilasters, with a small projecture. The plan of the cell is an exact square, and the whole of it is designed in small on this same plate. The diameter of the columns is near one foot nine inches.

B. The elevation of the steps and of the columns, with the pediment.

C. The capital of the pilaster, not at all similar to the capital of the column. This distinction is worthy of particular notice.

D. The plan of the capital of an angular column, to shew how the external volute is curved inward; the side of the capital has two volutes similar to those in the front. The back part and inside have the bolsters, which intersect each other at the eye of their semi-volutes.

To describe a door-way to this front; the height from the floor to the bottom of the architrave may be divided into seven equal parts. Six of these will give the height of the aperture, whose breadth is half of its height.

Whenever niches may be required in such a design, let their upper parts range in a line with the height of the door-way; their breadths being equal to half the breadth of the door's aperture, and their heights twice and a half their own breadths.

In the other corner of this plate is described the half of that very rich and beautiful capital of the temple of Minerva Polias.

For the Ionic arcade, whether it be traced with or without columns, the following measures will fix the several proportions thereof, without referring to any figure for this purpose. Divide the entire given height into XI. equal parts, which take for XXII. modules, with the following distributions:

For the height of a ground-fill or basement above the surface	M.	p.
of the ground, - - - - -	1	:
For the height of the arch above the basement, - - - - -	16	:
For the distance between the arch and the architrave, - - - - -	1	:
For the height of the entablature, with its members as before described, - - - - -	4	:
The breadth of the Arch, - - - - -	8	: 9
The breadth of the piers, - - - - -	4	:
The impost, - - - - -	1	:
The archivolt, - - - - -		: 16

If a semi-column is intended to be placed against the pier, the axis thereof is fixed in the middle of the breadth of the pier, and its base is placed upon the basement. The altitude of the column with its capital and base, on this occasion, is eight and a half diameters.

P L A T E X I.

There may be various occasions to describe an Ionic portico, with the pedestals under the columns, and the podium or parapet between two pedestals. The under-written dimensions may determine the several proportions, from a modular scale.

For the plan		M.	p.
The middle intercolumniation is,	- " " -	6	:
All the others, each	- " " -	4	:

For the elevation		M.	p.
The height of the pedestal, which determines the diameter of the column nearly at two feet,	- - - -	4	:
The height of the entire column,	- - - -	16	:
The height of the entablature,	- - - -	4	:

The niches are described so as to have their archivolts range with the undermost line of the architrave of the door-way, which is four parts out of five, from the ground line to the bottom of the architrave, and the bottoms of the niches range with the superior part of the bases of the columns, from the given heights you may adjust the breadths.

The door is made with foldings, or bivalved, and the pavement of the podium rises up one step.

The windows are imagined for such a design to be on the opposite side, or at each end.

The tablets over the niches and the door are intended for ornaments of sculpture in basso relievo.

C H A P. VI.

*Of the Corinthian Order, Pedestals Base and Column. Capitals and Entablatures. Of the Portico. Triumphal Arch.*

**T**HE Corinthian order exhibits the highest degree of delicacy, beauty, and richness, to which any architectural design can arrive. It took its rise in that happy soil of Attica, for Callimachus the Athenian, a most ingenious sculptor, was the inventor of its (a) capital, which being first executed at Corinth, received its name from thence. It appears that the members and mouldings of the entablature had no other institution than what was already established in the nature of things for the Doric and Ionic modes (b); the Corinthian modillions, though differently proportioned, ornamented, and disposed, answer to the Doric mutules, and when at times the modillions have been omitted, the Ionic dentels have taken place. Some indeed among the ancients, contrary to their best and chastest rules, have placed (c) modillions and

(a) Columnæ Corinthiæ, præter capitula, omnes symmetrias habent uti Ioniciæ. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(b) Cætera membra quæ supra columnas imponantur, aut è Doricis symmetriis aut è Ionicis moribus in Corinthiis collocantur. Ita è generibus duobus, capitulo interposito, tertium genus in operibus est procreatum. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(c) Itaque in Græcis operibus nemo sub mutulo denticulos constituit. Lib. IV. c. 2.



dentels in the same Corinthian cornice. As to the (*d*) invention of the capital, the tale of it is commonly known; it may not, however, be improper to give the transcript of it from the original in his own words.

Vitruvius informs us, (*e*) that among the considerable edifices of different orders, the most remarkable were, the temple of Jupiter Olympius at Athens, the temple of Diana at Ephesus, the temple of Apollo at Miletus, and the temple of Ceres and Proserpine at Eleusis. Scamozzi mentions another temple in the island of Cyprus, dedicated to Venus. At Rome there are several ancient remains of this order, well known to curious travellers, and may be seen faithfully measured and delineated in the works of the accurate and ingenious Desgodetz. All these edifices were certainly designed and executed by Grecian artists, as few extraordinary artists were found among the Romans; and it is past doubt, that several materials of edifices pulled down in Greece were brought to Rome and elsewhere, and there rebuilt, since the facility this people had in transporting such immense bodies, must readily be granted, when one considers the Egyptian obelisks which they brought into their capital, and there erected.

It is very remarkable, that the entablature which Palladio and other moderns have given to their Roman or Composite column, is no other than the true Corinthian entablature; as such it was found with its capital in that beautiful and ornamented fragment, called the frontispiece of Nero, supposed to have made a part of the immense palace built by that emperor, and which he named his golden house, so called from the incredible richness bestowed upon it. Suetonius describes it as having several parts within side overlaid with gold, and every where adorned with the dazzling glitter of precious stones and mother of pearl. Its extent was from the Palatine to the Esquiline Mount: it contained porticos supported by several rows of columns, a full mile in length: there was also a lake like a sea, surrounded with buildings, like so many cities. From all this we may infer, that a relique of this pediment, must be received as one of the most authentic models, in all the members of its entablature; and this is further confirmed by the Corinthian entablature of the Poikile or stoa, in the antiquities of Athens, having exactly the same members; but first of the pedestal and base.

## P L A T E XII.

The pedestal A. is taken from the Stoa at Athens; by this we may observe, that the ancients were not fond of high pedestals, since the total height is little more than three semi-diameters, and the basement plinth is higher than the die of the pedestal. Now, as we have said before, the pedestal was very rarely intended but as a parapet or balustrade, (whose height is little variable) therefore the columns of the greatest diameter will have the lowest pedestals, and vice versa, in proportion to their diameter. For example, a column of two feet diameter may have a pedestal three feet and a half high, or a little more; and a column one foot and a half diameter must

(*d*) Ejus autem capituli prima inventio sic memoratur esse facta. Virgo civis Corinthia jam matura nuptiis, implicita morbo decessit. Post sepulturam ejus, quibus ea viva poculis delectabatur, nutrix collecta & composita in Calatho pertulit ad monumentum, & in summo collocavit: & uti ea permanerent diutius sub divo, tegula textit: is Calathus fortuito supra acanthi radicem fuerat collocatus. Interim pondere pressa radix acanthi media, folia & cauliculos circa vernum tempus profudit, ejus cauliculi secundum calathi latera crescentes, & ab angulis tegulae pondere necessitate expressi, flexuras in extremas partes volutarum facere sunt coacti. Tum Callimachus, qui propter elegantiam & subtilitatem artis marmorae ab Atheniensibus, catatechnos fuerat nominatus, praeteriens hoc monumentum, animadvertit eum calathum & circa foliorum nascentem teneritatem, delectatusque genere & formae novitate ad id exemplar columnas apud Corinthios fecit, symmetriasque constituit, ex eoque in perfectionibus Corinthii generis distribuit rationes. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(*e*) Praefat. Lib. VII.

have the same; in the first case only a diameter and a half, and little more, is allowed from the modular scale, and in the last the pedestal B. admitted of two diameters and upwards. The die of the pedestal and the members of its cornice and base, should be adorned with works of the sculptor's hand, when the superior parts of the order are intended to be greatly enriched.

The base C. is the Attic (*a*) base; it is given to this order in the abovementioned Athenian antiquity. What is particularly to be noticed is, that the plinth of this base projects beyond the die of the pedestal, and this does not affect the solid bearing of the column, because the shaft is still narrower than the breadth of the die of the pedestal, by the parts allowed to the sweep of the apophyses. The Scozia can only be described as shewn here at large, when the materials are of a fine hard texture; if of others, the sharpness of the edges would soon be destroyed.

D. The semi-plan of a column; on this are represented the cabled, or staff flutings; they reach to one-third of the height of the shaft. These cabled-flutings, seem appropriated to shafts for the Corinthian mode.

E. A kind of Attic capital, which has been in frequent use, both at Athens and in other parts of Greece; the upper range of leaves resemble those called by workmen water-leaves. The lower foliage are ruffled and divided like those in the Corinthian capitals. This capital was made out from a mutilated one found in digging about the octagon tower of the winds; and Mr. Stuart has given it among other designs of that Ruin. But whatever variety of foliage, or of other ornaments, there may be to a capital, it cannot constitute a new mode.

As we have had occasion to mention the Temple of Jupiter Olympius, it is but right to inform our readers, that the ruins of it are still to be seen at this day; Mr. Stuart has traced it from those remains on the south part of the city, which are vulgarly called the columns of Hadrian. Their dimensions being six feet diameter, by sixty feet in height; their inclosure or peribolus, was a circuit of near four stadia.

Wheler's account of the same ruins, seems to favour Mr. Stuart's opinion. "From this end of the castle south-eastwards, are those tall and beautiful pillars, called Hadrian's pillars, and are commonly reputed to be the remains of his palace; and were probably the greatest ornaments of it, if not of the city too, when the whole structure thereof was entire. But my comrade and I are not of their opinion that his palace was built on the top of them, for that would prove too really a castle built in the air; they being about fifty-two feet high, comprehending the chapters and bases. But seventeen of these pillars remain upright."

### PLATE XIII.

The divisions of the entablature marked A. are taken from the Poikile in the antiquities of Athens. It is described at two diameters or four modules in height, so that upon the whole it exceeds a little the original abovementioned; and in the designs plate I. the Corinthian entabla-

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(*a*) Uti crassitudo cum plinthe sit columnæ ex dimidia crassitudine, projecturam quam Græci ephoran vocitant habeant quadrantem. Ita tum lata & longa erit columnæ crassitudinis unius & dimidiæ. Altitudo ejus si Atticurges erit, ita dividatur ut superior pars tertia parte sit crassitudinis columnæ reliquum plinthe relinquatur. Dempta plinthe, reliquum dividatur in partes quatuor: fiatque superior torus quartæ; reliquæ tres æqualiter dividantur, & una sit inferior torus altera pars cum suis quadris scotia, quam Græci Trochilon dicunt. Lib. III. c. 3.

ture is described at four modules and nine parts for the greatest altitude that ever should be given. Vignola has made the entablature five semi-diameters or modules high, in which he is not to be followed, although there are examples of entablatures full as high in several of the ruins at Rome, viz. the temple of Jupiter Stator, of Mars the avenger, the Pantheon, and others; but it will appear, upon examination, that the columns belonging to them are not high enough in proportion, so that the entablatures appear too heavy and massive for that levity which should prevail throughout every part of this order.

The several members of this entablature A. are great and distinct; the mouldings, in respect of size and profile neat and light. B. represents the soffit of the corner, with the under part of the modillions, and the coffers or pannels for the roses or other flowers.

The soffit signifies the ceiling of cornices. The pannels or coffers were the *lacunaria vel laquearia*, and were also designed for the ceilings of rooms; as we may infer from Horace:

*Non ebur neque aureum  
Me renidet in domo lacunar.*

Virgil also mentions these ornaments, *Æneid Lib. I.*

*Dependent lychni laquearibus aureis.*

And Cicero, 5. *Tusc. de Dionysio*, speaking of a well known anecdote. *In hoc medio apparatu fulgentem gladium è lacunari seta equina suspensum jussit.* These lacunarian pannels or compartments were described of various shapes and sizes for the ceilings of rooms, and were oftentimes adorned with paintings, and gilded or inlaid with the richest materials.

The Pantheon at Rome has a fine distribution of lacunarian pannels for the inside of its hemispherical roof; each coffer was enriched with ornaments of Corinthian brass, though Palladio says, that probably they were silver. Whatever they were, sooner or later they did not escape the pillage of the besiegers.

C. is a Corinthian entablature of a different profile from the former: the modillions are (a) scrolled; under them is the ovolo, next is the dentel platband, with its fillet above, and the cima reversa underneath; the frize is of the same altitude as the former; but the architrave has three facias: upon the whole, this is nearly the Corinthian entablature of Palladio. D. is the soffit of this cornice, with its pannels and roses. The same leaves are traced to the under part of the scroll-modillions, as are used for the capitals of the columns. The whole may be ornamented in the most luxuriant taste, which could be dispensed with but in very extraordinary circumstances; sometimes a Corinthian cornice may be traced without modillions, and the dentels may be cut, and sometimes both the dentels and modillions are omitted; such are the cornices of the temples of Vesta, of Antoninus, and Faustina, and of the altars within the Pantheon.

E. The Corinthian capital, according to several antique models extant, is only two modules or one diameter (b) in height; but in this plate we have given it two modules and six parts. The

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(a) Lariné. Ancones five mensulæ.

(b) Ejus autem capituli symmetria sic est facienda, uti quanta fuerit crassitudo imæ columnæ tanta sit altitudo capituli cum abaco. Abaci latitudo ita habeant rationem, ut quanta fuerit altitudo, bis tanta sit diagonis ab angulo ad angulum. Spatia enim ita justas habebunt frontes quoque versus. Latitudinis frontes sinuentur introrsus: ab extremis angulis abaci, suæ frontis latitudinis nona: ad imum capituli tantam habeant crassitudinem, quantum habet summa columna, præter apothefin & astragalum. Abaci crassitudo septima capituli Altitudinis. Dempta abaci crassitudine, dividatur reliqua pars in partes tres, ex quibus una imo folio detur: secundum folium mediam altitudinem teneat: cauliculi eandem habeant altitudinem, è quibus folia nascuntur projectura, uti abacum excipiant: quæ ex cauliculorum foliis natæ procurrant ad extremos angulos volutæ, minores helices floribus (qui inter medium frontium abaci sunt) subjecti scalpantur. Flores in quatuor partibus quanta erit abaci crassitudo,

The lower range of leaves are placed higher than usual, and their projecture is duly prescribed; herein we should chuse to follow Scamozzi, who has observed a mean projecture between Palladio and Vignola, the one keeping these leaves too near to the vase, and the other having them projected too far out. In all the antique capitals, the disposition of the leaves is almost always different, both with respect to their heights and their projectures.

One side of this capital is left naked, in order to shew the configuration of the vase, with its rim under the leaves; in some models the corners of the abacus above the vase are cut off; but the abacus of the capitals of the poikile, are drawn to a sharp point. They are the same for the temple of Vesta at Rome. The twisted stalks, called the helices or cauliculi, that arise from between the leaves, turn down in form of scrolls, when they reach the rim of the vase; there are eight of these smaller scrolls, and eight larger ones; the latter rise high enough to touch the bottom of the abacus described above the vase; there are two of the small, and two greater to each front, sixteen volutes to the four sides. Over the two small ones is placed a rose, or some other flower, of circular form, to every front of the abacus.

The leaves used for covering the vase of this capital are of different sorts. The acanthus, the laurel, the olive, and the parsley leaf. The most common in use is the olive leaf; it is less confused than the others, and is more frequently found in the antique capitals. Michael Angelo made choice of it for the great Corinthian capitals of St. Peter's church.

Between the bottom of the vase and the astragal of the shaft, is a little fillet that separates the one from the other; this is an Attic peculiarity, perhaps hitherto unknown, but like every other hint from that Mother-school, is worthy our notice.

The plan of the capital is traced by describing the circle for the plan of the upper part of the shaft, then through the center, draw the two diagonals at right angles, intersecting one another, the full extent of each being four modules, that is, two modules on every side from the above center; form the square, &c. taking one side of the square as a base to describe an equilateral triangle, from the summit thereof you trace the curvature of the abacus, and all the several lines of its mouldings. By mere inspection the position of the leaves and volutes, &c. in this plan, may be easily made out.

Sometimes the vases of Corinthian capitals were made of marble, but ornamented with foliages and volutes of metal, as appears by some amidst the ruins at Palmyra.

In the diminished part of the shaft, with its flutings, the diminution is about one eighth part, so that thirty-two modular parts may be taken for the diameter of the shaft underneath the capital.

Vitruvius has (c) declared it against the practices of the ancients, to place mutules, dentels, or modillions, on the declivities of their respective pediments. We find the Doric example, plate VI. conformable in this point. But the Corinthian portal, as will be seen in the following plate, has modillions upon the declivities of its pediment; the authority is great, being taken from the pediment of the Pantheon, and from other Roman ruins, besides that of the *Maison Quarree* at Nismes.

rudo, tam magni formentur. Ita his symmetriis Corinthia capitula fitas habebunt exactiones. Sunt autem, quæ iisdem columnis imponuntur, capitulorum genera variis vocabulis nominata, quorum nec proprietates symmetriarum, nec columnarum genus aliud nominare possumus: sed ipsorum vocabula traducta & commutata ex Corinthiis & pulvinatis & Doricis videmus, quorum symmetriæ sunt in novarum sculpturarum translatae subtilitatem. Lib. IV. c. 1.

(c) Etiamque antiqui non probaverunt neque instituerunt in fastigiis mutulos aut denticulos fieri sed puras coronas. Lib. IV. c. 2.

It is true, that the modillions upon these declivities cannot be said to be the same pieces in their original intention, as the modillions in the level cornice, where they represent the ends of the rafters; yet they may represent the ends of the purlins; some have conceited that the sides of the modillions should be traced perpendicular to the declivity; this is so much against the *costume*, that it is really shocking; but the fronts of the modillions having their side drawn down perpendicular to the base of the pediment, may be (*b*) accounted for, by supposing that the ends of the purlins were shaped like a lozenge, instead of a square, and this figure would be no impediment to their being properly adjusted in their true places.

## P L A T E. XIV.

The Corinthian portal here designed, is after that of the Poikile in the antiquities of Athens: the niches are added to shew how to describe them in such a front, but the larger columns must always have the smaller niches when statues are intended. The intercolumniations under the pediment, are all equal and narrower than those at the sides. The columns under the pediment are insulated, the angular ones have behind them square pilasters, with the same capitals; the pilasters are not fluted, but all the columns are. The columns against the walls project their full diameter, and as much more as is necessary to clear their bases and capitals from the wall: the entablature breaks (*c*) forward over every column; this gives a great richness to the design, for columns were never intended to have any part of their circumference buried in a wall, and nothing but reasons of œconomy, which so frequently in modern times have disfigured the grandest designs, can account for such management; yet it has been asserted by some late critics, that the entablatures which are thus advanced upon the columns, and retire again into the spaces between two columns, are all unnatural, because the edges of a roof can never be imagined to have these breaks; now that this practice is not unnatural or false, can be thus proved. A column with its entire circumference placed against a wall, had better have only its own incumbent entablature break forward, because, did it advance thus over all the intervals, there would be a useless load at the top of the wall against all solidity: now the edges of the roof are certainly to be traced rectilinear throughout the whole extent, upon the cornice of the intervals, and the tops of the cornice over the columns left to be adorned with vases, statues, &c. The columns with their entablature may be considered as so many ornamental buttresses, which strengthen the wall at two principal points, its foundation and summit.

There are eight intercolumniations on each side of the portal of the Poikile; we have given half the plan in small, the entire height of whose columns, including four feet nine inches for the zoccolo, with its stylobates, is nearly thirty-eight feet three inches, the diameter of the column near three feet. At each end of this front, which extends two hundred and fifty-two feet, is a projecting wall, called the pteroma, or wing.

The interior length of the sides of this famous ruin, is above three hundred seventy-six feet. The lateral walls seem to have been void of any architectural ornament, and to be crowned only with a plain coping. The whole length of the side-walls is broken in the middle by a square recess, and towards the ends by hemi-cycles; the opening of each is about thirty-four feet. They are called the (*d*) Exhedræ; they served for the retreat of the select companies from the crowd, and were furnished with seats.

(*b*) Et ea probaverunt quorum explicationes in disputationibus rationem possunt habere veritatis. Lib. IV. c. 2.

(*c*) Uti quæ adjectio in stylobatis facta fuerit in superioribus membris respondeat symmetria epistylorum. Lib. III. c. 3.

(*d*) Constituuntur in tribus partibus exhedræ spatiosæ habentes sedes in quibus philosophi, rhetores, reliquique qui studiis delectantur sedentes disputare possint. Lib. V. c. 11.

Divide the height from the bottom of the architrave to the floor, into seven equal parts, and take five of these for the height of the door-way, the breadth whereof is equal to half the height.

The summit of the niches, if required, is determined below the astragal of the columns, their height is twice and a half of their breadth; they are sunk in pannels, and have the archivolt and imposts in character with the order. Another proportion of niches for such a design is that, when their summits are ranged with the height of the door-way, and their bottom fixed at one third of the height of the entire column; these niches would suit where the diameter of the column was full three feet.

In this same plate is given in small, the plan of a Corinthian octostyle, pycnostyle, peripteral temple; the ichnography of any other of the ancient temples may be traced, by what has been said on that subject.

## PLATE XV.

To judge from the best monuments of antiquity, the columns of any order (we have excepted theatres and amphitheatres) were seldom thrown away upon a range of arcades, because the heaviness of the piers destroy the beautiful effect and intention of columns, which appear with all possible advantage when disposed insulated in a peristyle. A colonade in this rich and delicate order should always be preferred.

However, there is another sort of edifice, where columns of this order have been applied to an arcade, the Triumphal Arches: besides those well known at Rome, there is one of an earlier date, and of a superior style, we mean the triumphal arch at Orange; it is supposed to have been erected for the victory of Marius over the Cimbri, one hundred and three years before the Christian æra. This edifice is greatly enriched with sculpture, all the parts are in fine symmetry, and the general effect is very grand and pleasing.

## CHAPTER VII.

*Of the Apertures of Doors and Windows. Of the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian Dressings. Of Venetian Windows.*

**A**N edifice with open intercolumniations, covered over head by the soffits of its entablature, united together as a ceiling, neither wants doors nor windows; such a building could serve but for few purposes, and not at all as an habitation; because it would be exposed on all sides to the injuries of weather: on the contrary, an edifice inclosed with walls, wants, at certain intervals, apertures for doors and windows answerable to the intentions of the requisite conveniencies.

The various dimensions of these apertures are determined according to the scale of the building. The following figures for windows may be described. 1. A circular window. 2. A perfect square. 3. The diagonal of the square. 4. A square and two thirds. 5. A square and three fourths. 6. Two squares. 7. Two squares and one sixth, or one seventh, or one twelfth. Too great variety of apertures in the same front is not to be recommended.

## P L A T E XVI.

The ornaments intended to decorate the apertures of doors and windows, are designed (a) either according to the Doric, the Ionic, or the Corinthian mode of mouldings and profile. For the Doric doors or windows A. A. divide the breadth of the aperture into five equal parts; take one of these for the height of the architrave, and for the breadth of the jamb; divide this breadth into twelve equal parts for a modulary scale; and if a frieze and cornice, and columns are to be added, let the dimensions of the members and mouldings be regulated by that scale according to the rules already given, and the figures described in this plate.

For the Ionic window B. divide its breadth into six equal parts; the breadth of the jamb is equal to one of these, which divided into eighteen modulary parts, will serve as a scale to determine all the members, according to the Ionic distribution. The pediment is traced in the manner already prescribed. The architrave and jambs have two facias, and the diagonal of the little square of the undermost fascia in the architrave, prolonged as seen in the figure, by the dotted lines, determines the knee of the jamb.

For the Corinthian window C. divide the breadth of the aperture into seven equal parts, and take one for the breadth of the jamb and the height of the architrave; the several members of both, as well as the frieze and cornice, are traced from a modulary scale of one of the above seven parts subdivided into eighteen parts; such particulars being observed as are characteristic of the Corinthian order. The length of the trufs or scroll (b) is continued below the aperture half of the height of the architrave; but the foliage at the bottom of the lesser scroll descends still lower: the breadth of the trufs in front is three fifths of the jamb, and the profile or projecture of the larger volute is equal to one and one half of its front.

Doors, and even windows, are frequently adorned with an order of columns; which become very rich decorations, as may be observed in the front of the Palazzo Bracciani, near the S. S. Apostoli at Rome, and at the tabernacles within the Pantheon. When this sort of dressing is intended, set off from the fill of the window, upwards, the height of the proposed column, see fig. D. divide this altitude agreeably to the intended order, and finish the entablature accordingly, observing, however, that it is best to omit mutules, dentels, and modillions in the cornices of the orders when used for these purposes, because they turn out in general too minute, and cannot take place in such situations with propriety.

To the windows already mentioned, we shall add the Venetian Windows: these are adapted to stair-cases, or to such rooms as require a different distribution of the apertures, or more light than can be obtained from the breadth of one, of two, or of three of the usual apertures. The symmetry to be regarded in one of these windows, is, that the breadth to each side, be either one fourth, one or two thirds, or one half of the middle aperture, according as this may be furnished with three or four panes in breadth.

Sometimes the architrave of a Venetian window is described to range in a right line, as the figure E. And if the middle is required to be circular, by tracing the archivolt and entablature, see

(a) Ostiorum autem & eorum antepagmentorum in Aedibus hæc sunt rationes, uti primum constituentur, quo genere sunt futuræ. Genera sunt enim thyromaton hæc, Doricum, Ionicum, Atticurges. Lib. IV. c. 6.

(b) Ancones sive prothyrides vocentur, exculptæ dextra ac sinistra præpendeant ad imi supercillii libramentum præter folium. Lib. IV. c. 6.

see fig. F. the corona, cyma, &c. as in the former, will range in the same line with the entablatures of all the other windows upon the same floor.

By fig. G. is given the greatest breadth that can be allowed to a Venetian window, as it stands in relation with the several figures designed in this plate.

Strange abuses of Venetian windows are seen in several great as well as small buildings: a principal error is, when the archivolt appears to cut into the floor above it; it is likewise a fault to cause the archivolt to spring from the cyma of the cornice, this makes the middle aperture too lofty, and the ornaments of a cornice are improper for the impost of an arch, and therefore the arch should always take its rise from the architrave.

A venetian window designed in a hemi-cycle, or in a lesser segment of a circle, becomes what is commonly called a bow-window; it is also often described within the plan of a semi-exagon.

The only instructions to be drawn from the regulations of the antients concerning doors, are first, not to place insulated pedestals under columns; a practice they generally avoided, otherwise some rules would occur relating to doors, under such circumstances; Palladio, in his fourth book, mentions the temple of Scifi in Umbria, as the only one he ever knew with insulated pedestals: and secondly, to make use of the decorations of the different modes; which also are intended to characterise three sorts of doors, and thus they may be designed with much grace and beauty.

The reason why the antients prescribed the upper part of the aperture, and of the door to be narrower (c) than at bottom, was evidently to make it shut of itself; the door and windows of the temple at Tivoli are after this manner. It is difficult to hit upon any other conjecture in favour of this practice, which must be censured as offending against the very principles of solidity.

## C H A P. VIII.

*Some parallel remarks upon the three Grecian Orders as described by Vignola, Palladio and Scamozzi.*

**W**E have selected these three authors, as the masters whose writings, designs and edifices, are most commonly known, and are of the best modern authority.

## P L A T E XVII.

I. THE DORIC BY VIGNOLA. This author has taken for his model the Doric, from the ruins of the theatre of Marcellus at Rome, but without an exact adherence to the original. The cornice is made equal to the frize, which it should not be, and he has altered the measures of several of the members and of the capital, not at all advantageously. The dentels, which he has also adopted from the said ruins, exhibit an impropriety not to be imitated, because they are the specific members of the Ionic; this author indeed has also designed another Doric entablature with mutules, but they are too heavy, and have too many drops. In both, the cornices are too high, and project too far; and the architraves are too low. The height of the entire column is eight diameters, which exceeds greatly what it should be allowed even with a base. We have omitted the pedestals for this and the following orders, but we cannot help observing, that Vignola is remarkably faulty

(c) Et in summo contrahatur ———

Reliqua quo altiora erunt (XXX pedibus) ad perpendicularum videntur oportere collocari. Lib. IV. c. 6.



in the relation, the heights of his pedestals have to the columns they support. The height of the shaft is seven diameters. The measures in this and the following plates, are by minutes; sixty being equal to the diameters of every column.

II. PALLADIO is said to have composed his Doric order from some fragments which are mentioned as having been found at the Baths of Diocletian at Rome; he has with reason rejected the dentels: the cornice, whose members are well proportioned and profiled, is made of lesser altitude than the frize, as it should be, but the mutules are omitted; the architrave is too low, and should consist but of one fascia.

Being obliged to fall into the modern vulgar error of giving a base to the column, he has yet out of respect to the antients very discreetly delineated an intercolumniation without bases; but he has done wrong in chusing the attic base, by far too delicate for this column; and moreover, in allowing on such occasion a greater height to the shaft of the column, which alters its very property. He is also blameable for having described twenty four flutings which turn out too small, instead of twenty. The height of the shaft of the column is six diameters and a half to seven diameters and one sixth.

III. SCAMOZZI has designed his Doric order different from the two already noticed; and upon the whole, it is much inferior in elegance of profile and choice of members, the entire column is allowed eight and a half diameters. The base is attic, whereof the two tori are improperly enriched with foliages, &c. Under the quarter round of the capital, he makes a small fillet, and a cyma reversa, instead of the three annulets truly characteristic, according to Grecian examples and the precepts of Vitruvius. The architrave is to be commended for being made higher than in the former two examples, but it should not have been divided into two facias. The frize is the same as the two former, with the unmeaning semi-metope ornamented with husks and flowers. The cornice is heavy and most wretchedly profiled, having also those ill chosen dentels, which become still more disagreeable by being more diminutive than those of Vignola; for was this member to be received in a Doric cornice, it should not be less than the same when assigned to the Ionic. The column has twenty-four flutings, which instead of being distinguished by single obtuse edges, are traced with fillets only suitable to the Ionic and Corinthian modes of fluting. The height of the shaft is seven diameters and a half.

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I. The IONIC ORDER BY VIGNOLA. The whole entablature is too heavy, especially the cornice, though it is well profiled, in the true character, and has the dentels; but instead of the pine bud for the external or internal angle, it would be better to furnish them with a dentel. The architrave should be divided only into two facias, and the frize should not be higher than the architrave.

The Capital of the column is too little, and the eye of the volute is ill placed: the base, perhaps very injudiciously concluded to be the Vitruvian base, has been universally condemned; the attic base should have been preferred: it serves for this order in the temple of Fortuna Virilis, the theatre of Marcellus, and the Coliseum. The height of the shaft is eight diameters and one sixth.

II. PALLADIO makes the entire entablature of this order too low; the profile is well delineated, excepting the pulvinated or swelling frize, since it answers better with a flat surface. The architrave should only be divided for two facias. The capital has the eye of the volute placed lower than that of Vignola, whereby it appears more graceful; upon the whole, it is a beautiful composition. The height of the shaft is eight diameters and minutes 10½.

III. SCAMOZZI has made the entablature of this order still lower than the preceding one, and has also chosen modillions instead of dentels for the cornice; the profile of which is in a dry, little manner; like the above two masters, he gives three facias to the architrave, but the frize is left flat.

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The volute of this author is particular; it seems to be partly taken from the temple of Concord; he has intended that all the sides of the capital should be the same as the front; for this purpose they bend inwardly towards the middle on every side; thus the bolsters are omitted, which are described for the sides of the antique favourite volute: the hem or fillet of the volute, springs very unnaturally out of the ovolo, and is more properly traced rectilinear under the abacus. The volutes are more massive than either of the former two, which is rather in their favour. The height of the shaft is seven diameters, and minutes 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; like both the former it is too high.

### P L A T E XVIII.

I. VIGNOLA seems to delight in heavy entablatures; even for this most light and delicate order, the Corinthian, he makes the entablature one fourth of the height of the entire column; thus the cornice becomes exceeding weighty, and its projecture too considerable: the modillions are too long, which gives them an aukward profile, and they interfere with each other in the internal angles of an edifice: hence also it arises, that the boxes or coffers in the soffit are not square. It is deemed an abuse to have dentels and modillions in the same cornice; and therefore, whenever a tænia is to be traced in the same cornice with the modillions, it ought not to be divided into dentels; for such a practice is not rashly to be imitated, though we have some great examples both ancient and modern to countenance it. The cornice of the Pantheon is a sufficient guide, where it was left plain for this very cause, that the reason of the thing does not in truth allow it.

The capital is well delineated with suitable foliage; the base of the column is peculiar and beautiful, and whenever the attic base is used for the Ionic, this may be used for the Corinthian column, in order to avoid a dull repetition of the same bases, for two different orders in the same design. The height of the shaft is eight diameters and minutes 20.

II. If the former artist has run into an excess for the height of the entablature, PALLADIO in the Corinthian, as well as in the last, has given too little height to his entablatures; though the columns, as they become more slender, require more to be discharged of the incumbent weight; yet this should be so managed as not to run into a littleness of parts. The profile and members of this entablature are well designed, only it is proper to exclude the dentels, as before observed. The architrave might be traced higher, which would rather prove advantageous. The height of the shaft is seven diameters, minutes 50.

III. SCAMOZZI has succeeded better in the design of the Corinthian order than in the two former; the profile upon the whole is well designed, he has omitted the tænia or platband in the cornice, lest it might tempt the workmen to cut dentels thereon, which he highly disapproves in the same cornice with modillions. The column with its capital and base is nearly like the former, the height of the shaft excepted; this height being fixed at eight diameters and minutes 20.

### C H A P. IX.

*Of placing one Order upon another. Of Cornices for the summit of Buildings.  
And of Cornices and Cielings for Rooms.*

**T**HERE may be several occasions wherein an architect would be required to place one order above another; the antients for their dwelling houses, their basilicas, their theatres and other public buildings, contrived to dispose columns in such a manner: the columns

columns of the upper order should always be less than the columns (a) they stand upon, and at the same time must have a sufficient degree of solidity and strength. The necessity of which is demonstrable, since the inferior ones support the superior columns, and the weight they bear is greater than what is incumbent upon the superior columns: therefore they must be stronger and less delicate than the superior ones, but as these have also their incumbent weight, they also must yield a solid bearing.

And as the appearances of things are to be observed in the abovesaid distribution, it is usual to place the Doric order undermost, the Ionic next, and the Corinthian above the Ionic; sometimes a basement, with or without arcades, supplies the place of a lower order.

Whatever may be collected from the writings of Vitruvius, or the remains of antiquity, or from the edifices of the best moderns, we can gather but very uncertain rules about the relation which the lower and upper orders are to bear to each other. Palladio in his designs, for the convent of la Carita at Venice, has observed the following measures in placing the three orders one above the other in the cloisters. The first is Doric, the diameter of whose column is two feet three inches; the next is Ionic, to whose column he gives one foot ten inches in diameter; the last and uppermost order is Corinthian, whose column measures one foot six inches in diameter. The bases of the Ionic and Corinthian columns, stand upon a plinth to raise them above the inferior cornices. The third order is without arcades. In this building, says Palladio, I have endeavoured to imitate the houses of the antients, and have therefore made a Corinthian atrium, or vestibule to it; the order of this is equal in height to both the Doric and the Ionic of the cloisters; and upon the entablature of this great order is a balcony to a terrace which goes round for a communication of the apartments of the third story. We have selected this example on account of its simple and well chosen dispositions, instead of the three orders in the court of the palace Farnese, which abounds in many beautiful particularities, though crowded with mistakes.

But since Vitruvius informs us, that when columns are placed one upon another, their apparent diminution ought to resemble that of the trunks of tall and beautiful trees, we may draw this conclusion, that the lesser diameter of the inferior columns may be equal to the greater diameter of the next superior column, and so continued upwards; this method is found to answer as well as any other that can be proposed.

The orders, as designed in plate I. might take place one over another, in a building whose height was divided into three equal parts. The undermost being divided again into eight would produce the Doric. The next division being for the Ionic, must consist of ten equal parts, and the last or highest division, being for the Corinthian, of twelve equal parts; the modulary scale to each order will serve to determine the several members, as already has been shewn. By this method, the diminution of each inferior order, is rather more than the greatest diameter of the next insistent order as it should be.

According to the wise practice of the antients, nothing but a Corinthian order should take place, when a fourth order is required, which being of lesser diameter, would still become more delicate than the former.

The placing of the orders one above the other, gave rise, about seventy years ago, in France, to a question as vain and ridiculous as it is useless; whether it was not possible to invent a sixth order to be added above the Composite, and to surpass it in richness and beauty, as much as this was thought to exceed the others? this new prodigy was to be named the *French order*; it was proposed

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(a) Columnæ superiores quartâ partē minores, quam inferiores sunt constituendæ; propterea quod oneri ferendo, quæ sunt inferiora, firmiora debent esse quam superiora. Non minus quod etiam nascentium oportet imitari naturam, ut in arboribus teretibus, abiete, cupressu, pinu, e quibus nulla non crassior est ab radicibus: deinde crescendo progreditur in altitudinem, naturali contractura peræquata nascens ad cacumen. Ergo si natura nascentium, ita postulat, recte est constitutum, in altitudinibus & crassitudinibus inferiorum fieri contractiora. Lib. V. c. 1.

posed by command of the monarch to all the architects upon the globe, with a promise of a considerable premium to any who should be so *happy* as to produce a design of a new order worthy to be called by so *glorious a name*. Immediately the skilful artists of every country, exerted all their talents to accomplish the desired end, and gain the prize; but, strange it is to relate! it happened, that out of a million of different designs delivered in; not even a single one came to hand which deserved applause: according to M. Blondel, most of them were extravagant compositions, filled with Gothic chimæras or flat allusions. M. Belidor, however, has flattered his countrymen with the *probability* that some future genius will succeed in the attempt; one would imagine that so skilful an engineer was better acquainted with the doctrine of chances.

A building that finishes without an entablature, or without a cornice, has a poor and naked appearance, notwithstanding the other parts of its front are tolerably dressed. In most common cases, cornices, with the least projecture, are preferable, because the waters from the roof are received into the gutters and carried downwards through pipes.

To proportion cornices to any required height, divide the said height according to the directions prescribed in each entire order, and then from the modular scale set off the component parts of the intended cornice, which are to be profiled, agreeably to the members prevalent in the character of the order. The cornices for chambers, and for the other internal parts of an edifice, with suitable cielings, are two considerations worthy of notice: in both these, two tastes have prevailed in Europe; Italian designs, wherein the mouldings are well chosen but heavy, and the compartments truly designed, but faulty through too much regularity and sameness; the French, fond of lightness and novelty, have on the same occasions hitherto dealt in crotchets and zig-zag; but it must be owned, that herein the national taste has prevailed against the judgment of some of their ablest artists.

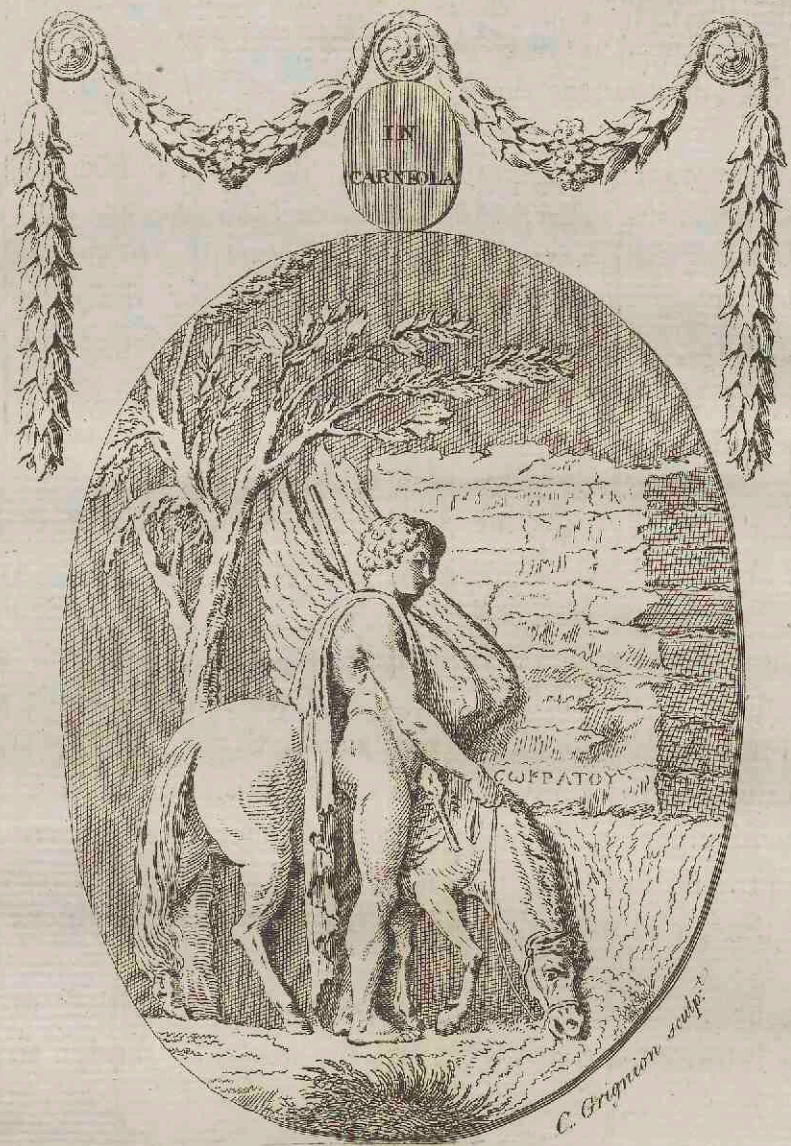
The cornices for rooms ought to have very little projecture, and their mouldings may be described and ornamented after the antique manner, which will admit of an infinite variety; we can trace in Ovid's tomb, the ruins of Herculæum, Stabia, Pompeia, &c. the taste of the antients for the decorations of the compartments of cielings and walls; but it requires a discerning, as well as an inventive genius, to make a proper choice in these matters; to carry them into execution will demand the skill of the ablest artists; because an indifferent performance would be attended with loss of time, and money, besides discrediting the judgment of the owner.

We have slightly touched upon the last mentioned subjects, rather to give a suitable caution than to enter into any informations, which at present would be foreign to our intentions.

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tempts have been made in their edifices, which may tend to establish such systems as are founded in the rules of the best Italian schools, which rules may undoubtedly be applied to the meanest structures, often without any additional expence, or the least impediment to their uses.

But who will deny that even in Italy, we cannot observe a total negligence of the lesser and useful divisions of a plan for indispensable domestick conveniencies? the principal intention of the masters having been to strike out greatness in their designs; and this was no ways blameable, being consistent with the former reserved and pompous customs of the inhabitants, much more addicted to parade than to hospitality. The French, on the contrary, studious of whatever contributes to luxurious ease and gawdy appearances, have contrived to mangle the most simple plans and elevations to comply with the vanities of a capricious taste, though it is very practicable to unite all their conveniencies with the chastest manner of building. England, at different periods, has adopted the improprieties of both these nations, which are easily distinguished at first sight. Immense porticos, like those of temples, with one great order of columns, cupolas and such like misapplied parts to a dwelling, a scarcity of windows in the same front, a range of common great rooms which have no ingress or egress, but through one another, are designs from the other side of the Alps: the other productions are as easily pointed out, by long ill proportioned windows, narrow interfenestrations, high pitched roofs, often equal to the height of the walls which support them, loaded still more with mishapen turrets, monstrous pediments for projecting windows in the roof, stair-cases, which for the sake of ostentation, occupy too great a space, and encroach upon the plans in the most essential parts; these and such-like French imitations, carry us back to the reign of Charles II. for their reception into this island, and that soon after England had to boast of her Inigo with as much reason as Italy could of Palladio.

It is not to our purpose to speak of the Gothic architecture, which was in the state of its perfection in the reigns of Henry the sixth and the seventh, but declined afterwards in the days of Henry the VIII, when HOLBEIN and JOHN of Padua, aimed at a reformation in the stiles of buildings, yet neither then nor in the succeeding reign of Elizabeth, did architecture make any considerable figure, although the names of the architects of those times, LAWRENCE BRADSHAW, Sir RICHARD LEA, JOHN SHUTE, and ROBERT ADAMS are upon record as men deservedly employed on account of their abilities; but we must pass on to other persons, of whom a more particular account may be expected, as their talents were employed with better success.

*The first we shall select is,*

Sir HENRY WOTTON,

Of an ancient family, was born in MDLXVIII. at BOSTON, or Boughton Hall, in the parish of Boughton Malherbe, in the county of Kent. He studied at Oxford, and was a fine scholar. On account of his abilities in politics, he was sent several times abroad, chiefly into Italy, where he undoubtedly acquired his skill and taste in architecture. Having passed an active life until the LV year of his age, he then was appointed to succeed to the provostship of Eton College; the next year he published his elements of architecture; though a small book, it was so well thought of, that it was translated into Latin by De Laet, and placed at the beginning of his edition of Vitruvius. Other writers have since raised their structure upon fundamentals borrowed from this piece. The author was fully sensible of its merit, as appears by several of his letters; nevertheless, the tribute of public applause will ever remain his due. He died in the LXXII year of his age at Eton, and was buried in the college chapel.

INIGO JONES,

Was born about the year MDLXXII. in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's, London, of which city Mr. Ignatius Jones, his father, was a citizen and cloth-worker. Young Inigo distinguished himself early by the extraordinary progress he made in the arts of drawing and designing, and was par-

particularly taken notice of for his skill in the practice of landscape painting. His talents introduced him to the knowledge of William Earl of Pembroke, who took him into his patronage, and sent him abroad with a handsome allowance. Thus supported, he spent many years in completing his education, and preferring Venice for the chief place of residence, he suffered nothing of real value or merit to escape his industry. His reputation for architecture was spread all over Europe; in consequence thereof, Christian IV. King of Denmark, sent for him, and appointed him his architect general: after enjoying that post some years, he obtained his dismissal, and upon coming into England was appointed architect to the Queen. By the command of James I. in MDCXX, he took an accurate survey of Stone Henge, and gave his opinion, with the account of that famous antiquity, which are published: he concludes at last, that it must have been originally a Roman temple, built probably between the time of Agricola's government, and the reign of Constantine the great. But whoever, as Mr. Walpole justly observes, has treated of this monument, has bestowed on it whatever class of antiquity he was peculiarly fond of; and there is not a heap of stones in these northern countries, from which nothing can be proved, but has been made to depose in favour of these fantastic hypotheses; where was so much room for vision, the Phœnicians could not avoid coming in for their share. He made a second tour to Italy, and continued there some years, improving himself still further in his favorite art, till the place of surveyor general, of which the king had promised him the reversion, fell to him; upon which he returned home, and sat down to enrich his country with the fruits of his studies. To the interval between the two voyages into Italy, M. Walpole is inclined to assign those buildings of Inigo, which are less pure, and border too much upon that bastard style, which is called *King James's Gothic*. Inigo's designs of that period are not Gothic, but have a littleness of parts, and a weight of ornaments, with which the revival of the Grecian taste was encumbered, and which he shook off in his grander designs. Many are the edifices built by him, or after his designs, which will for ever celebrate the fame of his extraordinary genius as an architect, and none more so than that most stately and elegant pavilion the Banqueting House at Whitehall, at first intended for the reception of foreign ambassadors, and is only a part of the great plan of a royal palace. Inigo's other buildings are, Lindsey house, Lincoln's Inn Fields, Shaftesbury house, Aldersgate Street. Barbers Hall, Monkwell Street. Covent Garden Arcades and Church. Part of the front of Somerset house to the gardens and the water gate. The water gate at York stairs. Pishobury in Hertfordshire. At Wooburn, a grotto chamber. Middle part of each end of the quadrangle at St. John's Oxford. Charlton house and Cobham Hall in Kent. The Queen's house at Greenwich. Ambresbury, Wiltshire. Gunnersbury near Brentford. Colehill, Berkshire. The Grange, Hampshire.

He was well skilled in the mathematics, and had some insight into the Greek and Latin languages, especially the latter; and had a taste for poetry. He was the most eminent architect of his time, and with justice is stiled the British Vitruvius. He wrote some curious notes in a printed copy of Palladio's architecture, still preserved in the library of Worcester college at Oxford. He died in the LXXX year of his age, and was buried in St. Bennet's church near St. Paul's Wharf. His days were closed in sorrow for the unfortunate end of Charles I. This prince knew the value of the fine arts to a state, and had established a royal academy, and appointed professors for every branch, but their existence finished with him; the French availed themselves of such a scheme, which has been maintained ever since by an uninterrupted royal protection and bounty.

#### R A L P H B A T H U R S T,

Born in MDCXX, in the parish of Thedingworth, Northamptonshire, was preferred to the Deanry of Wells; though no architect, his name should be mentioned, because by his endeavours and benefactions, he contributed to introduce Grecian architecture into Oxford. The first effort of these elegancies was exhibited in the chapel of Trinity College, and afterwards in the court of the same College. It was reserved for the taste, the genius and the spirit of D. Bathurst to work this reformation. He was a distinguished wit, and a celebrated Latin poet, and died at the age of LXXXIV.

Sir

## SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN,

The only son of Dr. Christopher Wren, was born in MDCXXXII. at East Knoyle in Wiltshire, of which place his father was then rector. In his earliest youth he attained great proficiency in learning, and soon shewed himself a most eminent mathematician. He was educated at Oxford. Towards the XXXI year of his age, having declined an offer from the King of going to Tangier in Africa, to direct the works of the harbour, and of the mole and fortifications of the town and citadel, on account of his tender constitution, he turned his thoughts chiefly to civil architecture, and was called upon to prepare designs for the general repair of St. Paul's Cathedral. In MDCLXV he took a journey to Paris to improve himself in the art, and unfortunately, (who will not judge with Mr. Walpole?) he went no farther; the great number of drawings he made there from their buildings, had but too visible influence on some of his own: but it was so far lucky, that Lewis XIV. had erected palaces only, no churches; St. Paul's escaped, but the palaces at Winchester, Hampton Court, Marlborough house in St. James's Park, and some others, were sacrificed to the god of false taste: this was the time that this idol was imported. For all this, the Monument, St. Stephen's Walbrook, and the Cathedral of London, are sufficient proofs of this man's superior abilities in works where such could not be dispensed with. So many great architects as were employed on St. Peter's at Rome, have not left it, upon the whole, a more perfect edifice than this work (St. Paul's) of a single mind, which was finished in MDCCX. thirty-five years from its beginning, under one architect and one bishop of London.

To the buildings already mentioned, must be added fifty parochial churches in London, the royal hospitals of Chelsea and Greenwich, the observatory in Greenwich park, the Theatre at Oxford, and some private houses. Such a body of civil architecture as all these works compose, will rather appear the productions of a whole century, than of the care and industry of one man; of which no parallel instance can be given. A large collection of his drawings were purchased by All Souls College in Oxford; they fill several folio volumes, deposited in the library of that college, adorned also with a curious bust of so worthy a member. He died in MDCCXXII aged XCI years, and was buried in St. Paul's, London.

## SIR JAMES THORNHILL,

Designed architecture.

## SIR JOHN VANBRUGH,

Was born in the middle of the reign of Charles II. and descended from an ancient family in Cheshire, which came originally from France, though he should appear to be of Dutch extraction: he had a most ready wit, and was particularly turned for dramatic productions; he cultivated also his inclination for civil architecture. Many of his plans unite conveniency and greatness; his elevations are entirely absurd, for by the excessive thickneses of the walls, they can only be compared to excavated quarries, and seem not raised artificially for the purposes of buildings; and as M. Walpole further adds, that a single man should have been capricious, should have wanted taste, is not extraordinary; that he should have been selected to raise a palace, (Blenheim) built at the public expence for the Hero of his country, surprises one. Yet if Vanbrugh had borrowed from Vitruvius as happily as from Dancour, Inigo Jones would not be (according to M. Walpole,) the first architect of Britain. Sir John Vanbrugh died at Whitehall in MDCCXXVI. The buildings from his designs, are the duke of Newcastle's at Claremont. Castle Howard, Yorkshire. M. Duncombe, Yorkshire. Eastbury, Dorsetshire. King's Weston near Bristol. Eaton Neston, Northamptonshire. One front of Grimsthorp, Lincolnshire. Two little castles, Greenwich. His own house, Whitehall. The Opera-house, Hay-market.

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WILLIAM TALMAN,

Was esteemed an ingenious architect; he built Chatsworth for the duke of Devonshire. He was very assiduous and laborious in designing every thing in his travels worth his attention. His drawings were lately sold in London by public auction, and it is said, are deposited in Eton College library. Further particulars of this gentleman are not come to public notice.

Sir WILLIAM WILSON,

Lived about the same time as the former, but little or nothing is come to our knowledge, but that he was an architect, who gave some designs for repairs and buildings at Warwick.

Mr. JAMES GIBBS,

Had a better opportunity than most artists, to display his talents in the great style of architecture, being employed in building and repairing several principal churches in London; St. Martin's in the Fields. St. Giles. The new church in the Strand. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and several houses for persons of distinction. But the taste of this architect has thrown no new light upon the art.

The EARL of BURLINGTON,

Whose exalted rank in life was no obstacle to his exerting the talents nature had given him. This nobleman was born in MDCXCV. and was intimately acquainted with the liberal arts, and a great encourager of them. His sublime taste and skill in architecture, will ever be justly admired; it is to them that Britain owes the extirpation of many abuses till then currently received. He designed several plans and elevations; among others that are executed, are the assembly rooms at York, his own villa at Chiswick, the west front of Marshal Wade's house in Burlington Gardens, the dormitory at Westminster school; he repaired the portico of St. Paul's in Covent Garden, to honour the memory of his admired Inigo Jones, whose designs he was at the charge and trouble of publishing, in a manner that does credit to his nation, and worthy the elegance of his taste.

WILLIAM KENT,

Lived in the house with the above nobleman; he was a painter, and designed architecture. The front of the Treasury towards the parade, and the Horse Guards at Whitehall, are from his designs---But what can be most recorded to his fame, is the taste he shewed for laying out gardens. He was the first that waged war against all that monstrous variety of clipped trees and borders, and by the overthrow of these hideous spectres, made way for the beauties of nature.

It must not be omitted to mention another nobleman, distinguished likewise by his love and talents for this art. HENRY EARL of PEMBROKE, father to the present Earl, presided at the board for building Westminster bridge; he laid the middle stone of the foundation of the first pier in the afternoon of the XXIX day of January, MDCCXXXIX. and by his constant, prudent and resolute behaviour towards the committee, obliged them to proceed with all the attention and diligence requisite to such an undertaking. It is from M. Walpole we collect, that this said Earl has shewn by a bridge designed by himself, that had Jones never lived, Wilton might yet have been a villa worthy of antient Rome.

Nor should be passed over in silence, the recent services done to architecture by the great encouragement of many of the present nobility and gentlemen; most of whose travels into foreign parts have not been undertaken through a vague and idle curiosity, but from the laudable incitements of bringing home some useful intelligence in arts or politics. It is to the fortitude and munificence of M. DAWKINS and BOUVERIE, (the last died in Asia Minor, universally regretted, and was buried in the christian cœmetry at Smyrna, where I visited his tomb) that we owe the descriptions of Palmyra and Balbec, so elegantly published by Mr. Wood, the com-  
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panion of their dangerous excursions, from drawings taken upon the spot by Sig. BORRA. Many other names might be added, of skilful architects in Britain, who have given to the public undoubted proofs of the fruits of their studies, whereby they not only have secured their own reputations, but have also contributed to the improved state, architecture has lately attained in these islands.

## C H A P. II.

### *Some General Reflections about the Embellishment of Towns and Cities. Of publick Edifices.*

**T**OWNS and cities, however unskilfully built, nevertheless may be capable of being greatly improved and embellished; but we find that most places of the oldest, as well as of later date in these kingdoms, remain in that abominable negligence, confusion and disorder, wherein the ignorance and rusticity of our ancestors had at first planned them. New buildings are erected in different quarters, but no care is taken to alter the bad distribution of streets, nor the mishapen projecture of the fronts of houses, built at all hazard, and according to each one's capricious fancy: the ancient edifices remain just as they were at first raised, and make a heap of ill-formed buildings, huddled together, without system, without œconomy, and without design. Mr. GWYNN, in his ingenious tract of London and Westminster improved, has with great taste and judgment struck out many alterations for the advantage of the metropolis. Was it not seasonable to revive this topic? when the very middle of London is the same as it was centuries ago. They who rebuilt after the calamitous fire, did not consider of any improvements in the streets and lanes; the same crooked windings and narrowness of streets, have been preserved, and while the capital, in its interior and most commodious quarters, has many ruinous places, the receptacles of filth and misery, the skirts thereof are extending beyond all due limits, to the detriment of its own support in many of the necessaries of life. It may literally be compared to a whitened sepulchre, fair without, but within full of rottenness and dead mens bones; and although every alteration that might tend to remove entirely these nuisances, could not take place but very slowly, yet by a proper attempt, it might be begun: it is said, that in the Town Hall at Paris, there is hung up a map of the city, with such improvements marked out upon it, as are judged necessary, which by degrees are brought about as opportunity offers.

The beauty and magnificence of a city depend principally upon these points. I. The entrances. II. The streets. III. The buildings.

I. All the approaches to a city should be thorough large avenues of some length, in direct right lines; it would be desirable to have some avenues fall upon two or more principal streets: the entrance of Rome by the Porta Del Popolo, is after this manner.

For the sake of greater order and conveniency, the several entrances should be placed nearly at equal distances round the circuit of a city. And how adviseable it would be, to trace the line that should surround a capital, as its boundary, beyond which no buildings should be suffered within a limited distance? is a question easily answered. That private property should suffer a little for the public emolument, is sometimes unavoidable, and though it should not be disposed of through wantonness, and without all requisite compensation, yet, when legally demanded or restrained, it should be yielded; and tho' in all such cases the satisfaction given, amply indemnifies each individual, there always remain some complaints which are equally selfish and absurd. According to M. Gwynn's plan, there is a great deal to pull down and rebuild; the most practicable might be begun first, and the rest carried on at different periods of time, by succeeding generations, who will thankfully acknowledge the establishment of such an œdile reformation.

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II. The streets in a city require three considerations. I. That their number be sufficient to prevent too much going round about, from one spot to another. II. That they be made wide enough to prevent all sorts of stoppages, not only those by carriages, but those by the scaffoldings, &c. used in building or for repairs. III. That they be in a right line to shorten the way from one end to the other. According to Sir C. Wren, the breadth of the streets in his improvement of London, were for

Lanes - - - - -	XXX feet.
Lesser streets - - -	LX feet.
Greater streets - - -	XC feet.

It is no trifling matter to design the plan of a large town, in such a manner that the magnificence of the whole be subdivided into an infinity of beautiful particularities, all diversified, so that we may seldom ever meet with the same objects. That there should be order, and yet some apparent confusion; that the buildings should be in right lines, and yet, by proper breaks, avoid a disgusting monotony: this leads on to consider,

III. That the plans and elevations of all the buildings should fulfil every intention of their designs. The heights of houses should be determined by the breadth of the street. In wide streets, nothing is so contemptible as too low buildings, however otherwise they may be well designed. The height of buildings is also pleaded for town houses, because ground is so scarce and dear.

Since the fronts of houses in a street, when they are too symmetrically disposed, become very unaffecting, the uniformity should only extend for the distance that is included between two cross streets, and for the opposite side. The art of varying designs depends upon a diversity of forms given to buildings, upon dressing them with more or less ornaments, and the several manners of combining ornaments; with these three resources, each of which may be said to be inexhaustible, one may in the greatest city never twice repeat the same fronts. The palaces of princes, the town houses of the nobility, of the gentry, and of the principal burghesses, and the dwellings of the inferior inhabitants, may have their several dimensions and distributions, conveniently disposed in the different quarters of a great and opulent city.

It would be needless to specify every particular sort of edifices, erected for public use; it is sufficient to observe, that they should bear all the marks of solidity, and not be void of that conveniency and beauty, suitable to their destined purposes——Some are only temporary, while others are intended to endure for ages.

But among all the public edifices, they which hold the first rank are those erected for public divine worship; built for duration; they are also the most susceptible of all others of the ornaments of painting, sculpture and architecture; we may see their effects in the Cathedral of St. Paul's. Public adoration and prayers performed with an awful solemnity, in places decently adorned for these duties, can never be deemed inconsistent with the truest piety, and the most spiritualized religion. Superstition and idolatry will never prevail where the mists of ignorance are dispelled by the rays of sacred truth, and the civil and religious liberties of the people are duly maintained.

If the moderns are left in the dark about the private habitations of the antients, the same cannot be said of their temples: The ruins of these edifices, in different places, are more perfect than all others; and some of these might have given models for the structure of the Christian churches; indeed there were several that after the firm establishment of our religion, were consecrated; the Pantheon, the Temple of Fortuna Virilis, the Temple of Vesta at Rome, and others in and out of Italy. But it happened that the first Christians rather chose the basilicas for the models of their churches, (nor are they improper for the same purposes) and the first was built at Rome, by Constantine the Great, in the Year CCCXXVI. upon the same spot where  
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St. Peter's now stands, and was dedicated to the same saint. But this plan was not taken from the simple Basilicas, the breadth of the parallelogram was divided into three equal parts; the middle part was the nave, and each aisle was again divided into two by a row of columns, so that there were four rows of columns, and these, with the side walls, formed five separate walks up the church, from west to east; the top of the parallelogram was crossed by the transept like the upper part of a T, with an hemi-cycle fronting to the nave, and of the same breadth; so that the plan of this church seems to have been the figure of an imperfect cross. This figure was chosen by Constantine, in honour of his victory over Maxentius, and though imperfectly executed at first, was afterwards more perfectly traced in the succeeding ages: And here we may observe, that the custom of placing churches east and west, is a superstitious practice that does not deserve to be followed, whenever such a disposition may occasion greater inconveniency, as it has often happened; nor is the figure of the cross the only one that should take place in the design of a church.

In the time of Justinian, the church of St. Sophia, at present the Imperial Moschea of Constantinople, was built, it surprized the barbarous world by its greatness, the boldness of its cupola, and the effect of its whole body; yet, in the details of its architecture, it is exceeding faulty. The Venetians wanting to rebuild the church to their patron saint, were the first who raised in Italy a cupola, and designed the plan in the more perfect form of a cross, but nevertheless, St. Mark's, built in the XI century, has many of the defects of St. Sophia.

The church of St. Maria de Fiori, already begun at Florence, by Arnolphus Lapi, in the Gothic style, was finished by Brunneleschi, whom we have mentioned, as the first restorer of architecture from the antique; he contrived, in a new and solid manner, at little expence, the cupola. This was a great ornament at that time to the city of Florence, and was talked of as the wonder of Italy. Nicolas V. elected Pope in MCCCCXLVII. seeing the basilic of St. Peter's begin to be threatened with ruin, meditated the project of rebuilding a new one, still more vast than that of Constantine. The death of this pope put a stop to the work, though one end of the building was brought up five feet above the ground line.

The perfection that appeared in the cupola of Florence, supported upon the walls of the church, made the people of Rome imagine, that it was practicable to support a cupola upon the arcades of the nave and of its transept. The first that was executed was not important from its dimensions: it was for the church of the Augustin Friars, near the Piazza-Navona at Rome. It was here that the bold scheme first took place of raising a cylindrical tower at some height; upon this the cupola was made to rise, which before took its rise just above the arches of the nave. This building was raised in MCCCCLXXXIII, about LX years after the cupola of St. Maria de Fiori had been entrusted to Brunneleschi.

The building of St. Peter's at Rome was again resolved upon, and Julius II. laid the foundation of that magnificent pile the XVIII day of April, MDVI. Bramante having carried it for his plan against a number of others in competition. But the foundations were placed with such little care, the consequence of too much precipitation, that having turned the arches intended to bear the walls of the cupola, they opened in many places soon after his death, which happened not long before the demise of the pope; this accident retarded greatly any advancement in the building. All immediate helps were ordered by Leo X. and the most skilful artists, Giocondo, Raphael and J. San Gallo, employed to remedy this evil, which was done effectually. At last Michael Angelo was called in, at the age of LXXII years, forty years after the building was begun, to preside over the works; his disinterestedness was equal to his reputation as an artist, for he constantly refused the salary allotted to the architects of St. Peter's. To this great man is due the best decorations of this magnificent edifice; the portal that he had designed was far superior to that which was executed; and he may be looked upon as the architect that contributed most to the perfection of St. Peter's in the seventeen years that he had the direction of the works. FONTANA and DELLA PORTA succeeded after him, and MADERNO finished this stupendous fabric.

The most considerable cupolas after St. Peter's, are those of St. Paul's in London, and the church of the Invalids at Paris: but neither these nor many others, are supported from the ground in the manner that is most advantageous for the internal decoration. The arcades and piers used in the divisions of the aisles and naves, have a heaviness which has met with very reasonable objections; far less worthy of admiration, than those bold and lofty Gothic arcades with narrow piers, which may justly claim the preference, by the more pleasing sensations they produce upon the mind of the spectator: but the day is not lost, the columns of the Grecians must triumph in the end, if disposed with the same advantages as by the antients. Let us consider their basilicas and their temples, and we shall soon discover the true superior uses and beauties of insulated columns, either in placing them to divide the nave and aisles, or in supporting cupolas; who has ever entered into the little church of St. Stephen, Walbrook, without being charmed with its simple and beautiful peristyle, and with the ingenious method of placing the cupola upon eight of the columns? On this occasion we cannot forbear mentioning to the honour of M. Le Roy, his very ingenious *History of the disposition and different forms of Christian Temples from the time of Constantine*; therein he has pleaded the cause of peristyles so effectually, and has expatiated so forcibly upon their beauties, that they cannot fail of being preferred in all designs which will admit of such useful and ornamental parts in their compositions.

### C H A P. III.

#### *Practical Considerations. Distributions of Plans. Explanation of ten Designs.*

**W**HOEVER intends to build, should previously be informed by the designs of the artist of the plan, it's elevations and sections: and whenever the building is considerable, it should be recommended to have the model of it in wood or paste-board; at the same time the estimate of the expences should be considered, that no impediment may happen on their account.

The drawings intended for the use of workmen, must be correctly made out, and for fear of mistakes, the heights and breadths, &c. are all to be set down exactly in figures.

The several materials used for a building, should be collected together in time, at the intended place, and in such quantities as to occasion no delays; for if the walls are not carried up equally in all their parts, there may be danger of some of them settling, notwithstanding all the care of the most expert and diligent workmen.

It is always necessary to examine attentively, the qualities of materials, in order to insure both strength and beauty in the workmanship.

An Edifice is composed of three principal parts.

I. The foundation, which bears up the whole mass or pile. II. The walls that enclose it, and those which divide it. III. The roof that covers it. Every part of the foundation must be solid, and in proportion to the mass to be laid thereon. As different soils require different methods of securing the foundation, no particular rule can be prescribed, but upon the spot. However, in general, it may be said, that there is no trusting to old foundations for a new structure, that where the quality of the earth is of different strata in the spot intended for a building, as loam and sand, the ground must be dug by steps, in order to find the same bottom throughout the whole extent of the foundation, or it must be planked.—Some swampy grounds require planks and piles: all these things the sagacity of the architect is best able to determine from the circumstances themselves.—We shall only observe, that depth of foundations is less necessary than  
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breadth, for the security of the incumbent walls, because breadth gives them a sole or patten, whereby they are preserved from falling by any inclination out of their centers of gravity.

The thickness of walls is to be determined by their uses and heights, and these, as we have shewn occasionally, by the orders. The thickness of the walls of a house, must be diminished at every story, because the foundations should not be loaded with an unnecessary weight. The best method to diminish walls, is, that the middle of the thinnest part be over the middle of the thickest; but if one side of a wall must be perpendicular, let it be the inner, on account of floors and cross walls, then the diminished part without is covered with a plinth or cornice; this will be both ornament and strength.

This leads us to speak a word of false bearing, one of the greatest, real and apparent faults in a structure; a false bearing may be said of any part that is not sustained directly from the ground; so that *solid may always rest upon solid*; any columns, pilasters or piers that bear upon the crown of an arch, or upon the projectures of platbands or trusses in the air, are so many false bearings. Gothic edifices abound with these abuses; the old houses which project at every story into the street, to gain in the air what would have not been allowed on the ground, are absurdities against the first mechanical principles of building, which require that the base of every structure should be broader than the summit.

Windows are apertures left in the walls of an edifice, to admit a necessary quantity of light and air into the interior parts. For this reason, windows in large apartments are made twice as high as they are broad; they admit of more light than square ones, and the proportion becomes more beautiful, being as 1 : 2. The wall between two windows is called the pier, or interfenestration: when windows require to be made very large, as for a stair-case, gallery, a chapel or church, &c. it is requisite to make their upper parts circular, because an architrave drawn in a right line would not be strong enough to support the weight. Indeed over all windows, occult arches behind the external course of materials, should be turned to discharge the weight from above; without this caution there would be great risk of the lintels and architraves breaking.

The upper windows in any edifice must be placed directly over the under ones, this is not only indispensable by the laws of solidity, which require that solid should rest upon solid, but also by the rules of symmetry, which require the same distribution in the upper and lower parts.

The above considerations for the height and breadth of windows, are hinted to avoid that disagreeable obscurity which reigned in the apartments of most of the antient barbarous buildings: the advantages they claim, which are not to be neglected, are, that they excluded cold in the winter, and heat in the summer; but such lodgings have all the appearance of caves, and make it necessary at noon day to bring in the light of lamps or candles, since they were constructed impervious to that of the sun.

The contrary mistake to this extreme, are those lanthorn houses, which among other modes of false taste were introduced from a neighbouring nation; in these there reigns such a glare of light as is prejudicial not only to the eyes, but to every object within the room.

The inconveniencies of too large windows, or what is the same, of too many windows in a certain space, are carefully to be avoided; the winter's cold, and summer's heat, penetrate into the apartments, notwithstanding every contrivance to exclude them: now a dwelling is intended to secure us against the injuries of the weather, and to receive light; therefore the size and number of the apertures for windows, must be proportioned to the places they are intended to enlighten; all these several places bearing a certain analogy to the whole edifice, the windows in them should also have their apertures proportioned to the whole.

The interior architraves of the windows should be sufficiently below the ceiling to allow for a cornice to the room.

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The lower part of the window should be about three feet from the floor, and there should be no internal thickness of the wall, to prevent any one from standing up close to the sash.

If a chamber is twelve feet high in the clear, from floor to ceiling, the cornice may be allowed twelve inches or more, and taking three feet from the bottom of the window to the floor, there remains then eight feet for the height of the window, half of which is given for its breadth.

A range of windows should never have the intervening pier between two windows less in breadth, than the breadth of the aperture of one window, nor more than twice that breadth; the angular pier of a building should be allowed something more than the breadth of the pier between two windows.

All windows less in height than two squares, or at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  than the diagonal of one of them, should not appear in the front of a house, where the smallest degree of magnificence is intended.

A door is an aperture left in the wall for the conveniency of entering into the building, or from one apartment or division thereof into another, when there are two or more.

A door must not be less than six feet high, and three feet broad; this is determined by the height and breadth of a man, for whose conveniency it is made. But the height and breadth is increased or diminished as other uses and proportions may require.

The door of a principal front, should always be placed in the middle of that front, with an equal number of equidistant windows on each side. From this it follows, that the number of apertures in a grand front is always unequal.

It often happens, that in houses having from three to five windows, or an equal number in front, the door is not placed in the center, and this is insisted on, to give up the symmetry of the front for the conveniencies of the interior distribution; whenever this is allowed, the dressings of the door should not be richer nor different from that of the windows; for it would be the highest absurdity to signalize this irregularity by any particular marks; if one side of such a building is to a street, the door would be best placed on that side.

When several doors are required in the same front, (this supposes it of vast extent) the principal door must be placed in the center, and should be more ornamented than the rest; the other doors should be at equal distances from the middle.

The most eligible figure for chambers, is a rectangular quadrangle, because the necessary furniture, such as chairs, tables, looking-glasses, sofas, beds, &c. can be better placed in such a figure than any other; sometimes an oval, or circular, or octagon plan, &c. is allowed to some particular room, as it introduces a variety.

The proportion of the breadth to the length of rooms, is 1:1 or 2:3 or 1:2. Of galleries, 1:3.

The height from floor to ceiling of rooms, should neither be too great or too little, and should have a relative proportion with their breadth and length. When chambers are too large, and their ceilings very high, they cannot be warmed in cold weather but with much trouble and expence. If on the contrary they are too small, with low ceilings, they are very prejudicial to the health of those who frequent them, because the volume of air in so confined a space is soon tainted; without these two considerations let us observe, that the beauty of a room requires, that its height should have the relative proportion with its breadth and length. This height is variously determined. Either divide the breadth into three, and take two; or into seven equal parts, and take five; or into four, and take three for the several heights.

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If a room is to be vaulted, take the heights as follow; divide the breadth into six equal parts, take five; or into eight, and take seven; or into twelve, and take eleven.

Chambers should communicate one with the other. Doors are the means of this communication: we are not of the opinion of those who allow but one door to a room, the idea is confined, and doors may be made to shut close.

A bed room should communicate with a dressing room, this with an anti-room; a drawing room with a dining room, &c. &c. but the secret passages may be preserved.

The use of one chamber should not obstruct or prejudice the use of another. Thus a kitchen next to a parlour or drawing room, would be intolerable: nor should a study be placed near the childrens apartments, because the noises and cries of these lively little folks, would be very troublesome to any person retired to read and meditate.

The distribution therefore of each chamber, should be made in such a manner as to afford, by it's situation, every suitable conveniency, with as few obstructions as possible; for example, if the back front of the house is to the east, and the fore front in a publick street or square, where there is a constant noise and bustle, then it is better to have the study and drawing room backwards, because the noise of the street is equally offensive to the studious, as to the conversation of a select society.

Groined arches used for cielings of basement and under-ground rooms, are described by the interfection of the segments of a circle, or of an ellipsis.

Sometimes a place is vaulted in with semi-circular arches, or lesser segments.

A spherical vault is a hemisphere, or less.

Every sort of arch should be supported upon walls and piers, capable to bear its weight and thrust.

In carrying up a building, the proper piers are made for the intended arches, but these are not turned, till the upper floor and the roof are laid, lest the fall of any materials might happen to damage the arches.

The flatter the arches are, the greater the thrust, therefore they require stronger piers and thicker walls.

The stairs are a number of steps one above another, and serve for the ascent and descent to and from one floor to another; the place set apart for the stairs, is called the stair-case; stairs are either strait, or flyers, or winders, or mixt.

All stairs should have sufficient light, and be as easy of ascent as possible. In small buildings one stair-case is sufficient, and goes quite from the bottom to the top.

In greater buildings, two stair-cases, and sometimes three, and more, are necessary, but then the principal stairs only ascend to the principal floor.

Stairs should be described and accounted for exactly at the very time that the plan of a building is delineated; for want of which, oftentimes unpardonable errors have been committed, such as having a little blind stair-case to a large house, and a large spacious stair-case to a small house, or not a sufficient number of stair-cases to the extent of the building, or not room sufficient to rise to the intended height.

The narrower steps require the higher rise, because the breadth of a step added to double the rise, must be equal to two feet, the common extent of a man's step upon plain ground. The rise of each step must not be less than five inches, nor more than seven, that one may go up and down without fatigue; and the tread or breadth of each step must not be less than ten inches, nor more than fourteen: the length of the step may be any thing above three feet, as the place will allow, though ten or twelve feet is sufficient even for a palace.

After every nine, eleven, or thirteen steps, there should be a quarter pace, for the greater ease and conveniency in ascending and descending. The number of steps are made unequal, that you may finish with the same foot with which you began.

Winding stairs are described round, a circle, an oval, a square, or an equilateral triangle; for each of these, some wind round a solid newel, and others round a hollow newel. It must be observed, that the middle of every oblique step has its tread equal to that of the other square steps.

A chimney is an opening in the wall of a room, its use is for the placing the fire intended to warm that chamber. It consists of the hearth, the jambs, the mantle and the funnel. It is by the good construction of all these parts of a chimney, that the heat of the fire is given to the greatest advantage, and without the least disposition to fill the chamber with smoak.

The breadth and height of the fire-place, should be proportioned to the size of the room; the funnels of the different floors all go up in the thickness of the wall and unite in one stack; the stack should be carried a sufficient height above the ridge of the roof, that the smoak may ascend freely in the air. The tops of the funnels should not be left with too wide apertures, that the smoak be not driven back, neither with too small vents, because they being soon choaked up, would produce the same bad effects. A grate placed too low, the situation of the doors in a room, and many other things, are often the cause of the smoak not ascending; but whatever may occasion it, if once discovered, the evil may be remedied.

The roof of a house is that part, which, after the perpendicular walls are carried up to their prescribed height, covers in the whole superior plan, and secures it against the injuries of weather. The inner, as well as the outward walls, should bear their share of its pressure. It should neither be too light or too heavy.

The most common roofs are composed of timber scantlings, which are covered with different materials, as plain or pan-tiles, flat-stones, slate, lead, copper, &c. each kind requires a different pitch or slope for the rafters, sufficiently known to every skilful carpenter. Sheet lead used for roofs is very weighty, liable to crack, and is expensive in keeping in repair: pieces of copper used as slates, about two feet square, are to be preferred: slate is a light covering that does keep itself up without frequent repairs: tiles are of more general use; to be good, they should be well burnt, well moulded, and when stricken should yield a clear sound.

The roof of a house, should neither be of too high or too low a pitch; for a high pitched roof is of an aukward appearance, is an useless load upon the walls of any edifice, exposes it more, especially in great towns and cities, to the danger of taking fire, on account of the greater quantity of timber used. If a roof is flat or too low pitched, the snow and rain lodges upon it and drains off but slowly, so that it occasions the timber to rot, requires frequent repairs; all this ruins the cielings, floors, &c. it is intended to cover and preserve. The M. roof does honour to its inventor. The mansard or broken roof has in it's upper part the disadvantages of the flat roof, and it's sides have all the disagreeable appearance of a high pitched roof.

Nothing is so easy as to make convenient apartments in a building; but nothing is more difficult than to make this distribution of plans with symmetry in the elevations. For symmetry almost always occasions much trouble in determining the measures and the situations of each part,

agreeably to it's conveniency and use, oftentimes the symmetry of one part is an unfurmountable obstacle to the symmetry of another, e. g. when a partition wall falls upon the aperture of a door or a window. In this case, a sham door, or a sham window, or a double cieling must take place, rather than transgress the symmetry of the correspondent parts.

It is impossible to give any positive rules about the distribution of plans, the situation of the edifice, it's greater or lesser extent, the regularity or irregularity of the ground, the use it is intended for by the person for whom it is built, the expences assigned, are all so many different causes which will allow of great variety in the distribution of plans, and the rules for these purposes are almost numberless. We must then limit ourselves within some general observations upon the arrangement of the rooms, and remark any advantages they may have from certain convenient passages to and from them; for want of this requisite attention, irreparable faults are committed.

The person who intends to build, most commonly forms the first idea of a plan for his own use, and considers the particular conveniencies that he may require; and having fixed the sum intended to be disbursed, he leaves to the skill and experience of the architect, to delineate a plan for the execution of those ideas, in such a manner that the irregularity of the spot, nor any other difficulty that might arise therefrom, do not prevent him from composing a convenient and acceptable design.

The general disposition of the plan, is the only thing that demands the very first attention. A building to be well placed, must have an advantageous entrance, must present itself well, must be in a good exposure, and distant from all nuisance. First then, a house of any degree of magnificence in town, should be situated to have a court-yard before it, and garden behind; though if the situation is in a grand square, or that it enfilades a fine street, or some such like consideration, then the principal part of the building may be upon the street; and the inferior parts, in the wings or backwards.

The second general observation is, to place the offices and stables, so as not to be offensive to the apartments. There are three ways of doing this, according as the spot of ground will permit. The first is to place them in the wing, when the front of the ground is not too narrow. The windows of the kitchen should look towards the north, that it may be at all hours of the day cool and shaded.

On the contrary, the stables should be opened to the south, to dry up the moisture; the coach-houses to the west, that the sun may not damage the varnish or paintings of the coaches. The best situation of the kitchen and stables, is at the extremity of the wings, and to the street, that the litter and sweepings may be carried off without entering into the principal court-yard, and that the forage and other articles may be delivered in from the street.

The second way to prevent any nuisance is, when the area of the ground will allow it, to have one or more yards, besides the principal court; within these yards, which are never seen in the avenue to the house, are placed the kitchen, and other offices, the stables, coach-houses, pumps or wells, and watering troughs, &c. in these yards also the coaches are washed, the horses curried, carts are unloaded of the wood, coals, hay, corn, &c. and whatever is brought for the service of the house and stables; so that by these means, the principal court-yard or avenue, is never dirtied or embarrassed on these occasions, and the main body of the dwelling is not troubled with the noise of all these transactions, by the proper distance and separation from them. Lastly, when there is place sufficient for two yards, besides the principal avenue, in the one is the servants hall, with the kitchens, and other offices: In the other, are the stables, coach-houses, bog-houses, granaries and lodgings for the servants.

This is at present the most approved disposition of these parts of a building, it being more eligible that the servants should have further to bring the things under covers, from the kitchen and  
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offices, than to have these places in vaults under the main body of the house, whence arise many inconveniences, viz. their being ill lighted, and not airy, but close and damp, is attended with many disagreeable and offensive circumstances, as the noise of servants, the smell of victuals, and the blackness of the smoak, diffused into the best apartments, to the great damage of the decorations and furniture.

When the kitchens are at a great distance, it is attended with difficulty in serving up the dishes hot and in order; a greater number of servants are then necessary; there might be an outward room, or some place to heat and place things again in their proper order, before they are served up at table, especially in cold and rainy weather.—But a covered passage will prevent this trouble, and if it cannot be made above, it may be contrived to pass under ground.

Having fixed the situation and general disposition of a building, one should examine if the ground is extensive enough to admit upon one floor, all the rooms and necessary conveniences required; this without doubt would be the most convenient, as well as the most elegant choice; but not being adopted, we must come to a distribution of the upper floors; but it should be allowed, that not more than one story upon a basement, should be given to a house of the first elegance; the rooms will be loftier and more healthy.

It may be imagined, that when several floors are made one above another, it saves expence, as they are all covered with the same extent of roof; however, it happens quite the contrary; for although the foundations and the roof are more extensive, the lower the building is with the same number of rooms, yet the height and thickness of walls, and depth of foundation are reduced; then likewise, floors, ceilings and stairs, are retrenched, which save much expence, not to mention the stacks of chimnies, and many other articles that would be tedious to enumerate; and it is matter of wonder that buildings of one story only, especially where the ground plot will allow it, are not more in vogue.

To guard against the dampness of ground floors, they should be raised several steps above the level of the ground, and vaulted underneath, or at least, which is less expensive, the joists of the floors must be laid upon ranges of dry brick; but this guards not so effectually against the moisture that arises from the ground, as the vaults. And here be it observed for the health of the publick, that even the meanest dwellings should never be suffered to have their ground floors level with the earth, but raised a foot or two higher, especially in the country where lives are so much the more precious to the community, as their labour continually serves to provide the food and raiment of those who live in ease and plenty.

It remains now to explain the order of the rooms, in one apartment, the use of each in particular, and the passages leading to and from them, that they may be found with every requisite convenience; and we may attend to the instructions which the French authors have delivered upon this subject, because they, above all others, have studied to contrive the most commodious divisions of plans.

A grand apartment should consist at least, of a hall, or vestibule, or lobby, of a first and second anti-room, of a parlour, a saloon, a bed chamber, several light closets, wardrobes, &c. all adapted to the rank of the owner and his visitors.

The vestibule leads to the great stairs, and communicates with the first anti-rooms; these are the places for the servants in waiting. The second anti-rooms, are designed to receive persons who deserve better notice; they are used likewise for eating-rooms, and therefore should be chosen on that side of the house nearest to the kitchen.

The saloon, or room for company, opens generally into the second anti-rooms: on some particular occasions it is used as a ball or musick room, or card room, being, after the gallery, the most distinguished for size.

If on the same floor there is made a bed chamber, it is more for parade and state than for use.

The principal cabinet or drawing room, is a place designed to receive such persons of rank, who come to treat about any affair. It must be so disposed as to be entered through the anti-room, without passing through the whole range of state rooms.

Another closet is designed for writing and reading; this should communicate with a gallery, whenever the expence and the plan will allow of it: such a place is very convenient to walk in for recreation and exercise, in the intervals of reading or writing.

The gallery is the room that we should mostly endeavour to render magnificent. The length of it is generally three times the breadth, it may be adorned with bronzes, marble busts and statues, pictures, and such other valuable curiosities.

The wardrobes are contiguous to the bed chambers; they open into the secret passages that the servants may not be obliged to pass at all times through their master's apartments. The waiting women, or valets de chambre, sleep in the wardrobes, to be near at hand when wanted, or if called up in the night.

The dressing rooms, with toilets, &c. are placed near the state bed-room and wardrobe.

An apartment for baths. These baths should have the conveniency of being made hot or cold, from different pipes and stoves, as the season of the year or the case for bathing may require.

The second rate apartment is composed of fewer rooms, and the inferior apartments still of fewer in proportion; in every one the rank of the person who is to inhabit them, is to be considered, and the use that is to be made of each room. We shall give two or three plans, to shew, by way of examples, the manner of disposing the several conveniencies; and the situations of what we have already mentioned, as anti-rooms, saloon, study, wardrobe, bed chambers, galleries, &c.

The necessary rooms for the service of the kitchen, are a servant's common room, the scullery, larder, pantry, cellars, &c.

The right distribution of all these necessary places, is very convenient; every thing is kept in its place, and thus a moderate sized kitchen is sufficient; whereas formerly it was made very spacious, as it served for all the purposes. There should be in every kitchen, plenty of water, either by a pump or pipes from a reservoir.

The offices should be composed of four contiguous rooms; the first is for the common room of the servants out of livery, and here is kept the table for them. Herein should be a stove for making tea and coffee, &c. and a little cistern with water, as it is often wanted and served up.

The second room is surrounded with tables and shelves; here the deserts are arranged, and the table linen for present use is kept.

The third room, is properly the house-keeper's store-room, the china ware, glasses and plate, after being used, are here locked up; and the fourth room is the house-keeper's or butler's bed chamber, for the greater safety of the things under their care.

The stairs that go down into the beer and wine cellars, should be contrived to be near the butler's office, for the greater readiness in bringing up the liquors, and that they may always pass under his eye.

In very considerable houses three separate stables are necessary, otherwise the building must be sufficiently spacious to be divided into three. One for the sets of coach horses, another for hunters and other riders, and the third for stone horses, or for such as are sick. But these things are reduced in lesser buildings, according to the numbers required by the persons for whom they are designed.

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At one end of the stables is a spacious room with a fire place, where the best saddles and richest harnesses are kept; over this room is the bed-chamber for the coachmen and grooms: beside this, there should be a forge, with necessary utensils, especially for a very grand house, or a country seat at some distance from a village. Over the stables are the hay-loft and granary; above the coach-houses, of which nothing particular can be said, are the bed-chambers for the footmen. The landry and brew-house, wash-house, slaughter-house, &c. in the country, are situated as conveniency and their uses may require, observing, that all the buildings be subordinate to the main body.

P L A T E I.

D E S I G N S O F A T E M P L E.

It may have been observed, that the temples of the Grecians varied in their dimensions and in their characters; this variety offers us a choice, wherein we need only consult propriety, and the intended expences.

The temple in Antis, the Prostyle, and the Pseudoperipteral, offer us plans and elevations that would come within the expences commonly allowed for the building of a church, and therefore might be introduced as the most simple and general designs: but whatever simplicity and plainness may be required, the edifice must be characterized from one or other of the Grecian orders; the church of Covent Garden, would not have incurred the disgrace it has in the opinion of many people, if the portico, instead of the Tuscan, had been adorned with Ionic columns; the cornice of the entablature then would have been still plainer, and without that appearance of a barn's eaves, from the monstrous projecture of the joists; the expences would not have run higher, excepting in the workmanship of four Ionic capitals. We don't presume to attack the reputation of the great architect, but the meanness of those who tied up his hands.

In great and opulent cities, sufficient sums are now and then found for the execution of more magnificent designs, with the better sort of materials, viz. free-stone: then the peripteral or pseudodipteral temples might take place; but no incumbrance should be admitted that could destroy the beauty of the portico and of the anti-temple: therefore the pediment or roof should not be loaded with that Gothic part of our churches, a tower and its spire; yet as these can seldom be dispensed with, let them be placed at a small distance, and detached from the back front, as we have disposed it in the design; the tower and steeple of St. Martin's in the fields, and several others, seen from without, appear to stand upon the roof, and to have no other support, for which reason we have endeavoured to alter this disposition.

Fig. A. Half the plan of a Corinthian Octostyle, pycnostyle, peripteral temple. It is called peripteral, tho' there are columns only to the front and the two sides. The great external order forms the portico and wings on each side; the lesser columns within the plan, are for two orders, one above the other, to be contained in the height prescribed to the great order. The plans of the lesser columns of the aisles, or internal wings, are placed as much within the walls, as the external of the diameters of the great orders, is distant from the walls without. The altar is opposite to the great door, or principal entrance.

B. The elevation of half the portico.

C. Half of the section: herein are traced the elevations of the two internal orders, like those in the hypæthral temples of the antients. The inferior order supports a gallery, the podium of which is placed immediately upon the architrave of the inferior order, omitting the frize and cornice. The nave is covered with a coved cieling, springing from a plinth above the cornice of the superior internal order.



D. The elevation of one of the external sides, with the fifteen columns that form the wing. The walls of the back front, range with the extreme columns, to give more room to the cell of the temple; besides the door in the front, there are doors in the sides, one to each; but whatever alterations are made, such as the service of our rites require, care should be taken to preserve the beautiful dispositions of the antients in the periptere and portico.

E. The plan and elevation of the steeple designed for this temple. At Venice, and in the territory of that state, it is not unusual to see the steeples erected on one side of the churches; but for the sake of symmetry, they are best placed to correspond exactly with the middle of the back front.

The common method of making high pews in churches, destroys the beauty of the interior spaces, and could only have been dictated by pride, laziness and avarice; another indecent abuse, is placing the seats in different and opposite directions, so that the faces of the congregation are forcibly turned all manner of ways, gazing at one another; it would agree better with the solemnity of publick prayer and praise, to have all the people faced by the disposition of the seats towards the altar; this is not meant superstitiously, but from a decency which might be extended to the separation of the two sexes on different sides, in places and times, when all the circumstances should contribute to raise the mind above every object of sensual desires.

## P L A T E. II.

### THE PLAN OF A CHVRCH WITH A CVPOLA.

The antients made the plans of their temples either square or oblong, circular or polygonal; but we know of no examples, wherein they inscribed the circular dome within a square or an oblong: this invention of suspending a cupola in the air gives an additional variety for sacred edifices, and if executed with due regard to the simple principles of the antique, makes an agreeable contrast in a prospect, with the other buildings of a town; how happily have they been introduced in the finest pictures of Claude and Pouffin.

In this plan we have designed a monopteral colonade to support a cupola, whose internal diameter is the exact breadth of the nave, which is sixty feet wide; the columns of the naves are in file with part of those which support the cupola; the general intercolumniation is dyastile, excepting the four-aggregated columns serving instead of piers at each angle of the square, (wherein the circle that describes the circumference of the cupola is inscribed,) and some others at the ends. The altar is placed in a hemicycle, opposite to the principal entrance; there are two other entrances to the transept, and each has a tetrastyle portal.

The portico is hexastyle, and is flanked on each side with a steeple; these do not interrupt the pediment: the other columns placed externally to the sides and posticus, are intended as buttresses, and answer all the purposes of those rude Gothic masses; for they equally strengthen the foundation, by procuring it an additional breadth, and by the union of their entablatures with the superior part of the wall, they add to their solidity in the two points, the basement and the summit.

Throughout the whole, the author has aimed to take all possible advantages from the disposition of insulated columns, both externally and internally, as nothing contributes more to the majesty of a building; a beautiful example of the latter is seen in St. Stephen's, Walbrook, in London, already mentioned; and abating some inconsistencies in the ornamental parts thereof, it shews the beauty of peristyles, far more pleasing than the heavy piers of arcades which have been so generally and indiscriminately adopted.

The two churches, St. Genevieve and the Magdalen, now building at Paris, though intended to revive the antique disposition of insulated columns, if examined from the designs published, do not seem to promise that purity which might have been introduced; however, they will deserve the attention and applause of the publick; for as it has been heretofore observed by others, never will any edifice, in all likelihood, be undertaken with a view to exceed by its immensity, or in rich materials, the basilica of St. Peter's at Rome; but it may not be impossible to imagine one of superior disposition, with chaster decorations: these were the means which distinguished the Grecians from other people, whose knowledge of art was previous to theirs: the Egyptian buildings were of much greater extent; nevertheless, the designs of the Grecian temples were so highly approved, that the Romans adopted them solely: they are again revived in these times; while the Egyptian architecture has fallen into oblivion, being only known to a few of the curious, who contemplate its singularities in their closets, from the sketches and accounts of travellers.

P L A T E III.

THE ELEVATION OF THE PRECEDING PLAN.

Here we may observe the towers and steeples are raised on each side the hexastyle portico, without interruption to the pediment; the cupola appears between the steeples in its full breadth, it is described hemispherical, and its interior height is equal to twice its diameter; there are windows in the circular walls which support the cupola: the columns of the portals to the lateral doors advance beyond the towers, and contribute to enrich the scenery of the perspective.

Many other forms for churches may be designed, wherein any one of the Grecian orders, or part of their members might be applied with all due propriety. Every art has its essential limitations, such is profody to poetry, and so are the notes to musick the science of conducting sounds under certain measures of tune and time; and as these may be infinitely diversified by men of true genius, the same may be said of the various compositions in architecture.

It is in more senses than one, a lamentable sight to see the walls of parochial churches croud- ed with monuments, inscribed to so many insignificant names: the publick use of vaults under churches for the reception of the dead, should be entirely abolished, the offensive effects arising from them, have more than once been a just cause of complaint to the inhabitants of London.

All burial places or cemeteries, are best placed upon the skirts of a large town; they should be surrounded with walls, and within these sacred grounds might be erected here and there certain little mausoleums, which belonging to the publick, should not admit of the traces of private vanity, but at very expensive costs, which might be applied for such exigencies as the prudence and generosity of the disinterested might determine. We do not intend to speak in this place of those for great and noble families, who pass their lives in a state of separation from the community, and whose ashes are secured from being mingled with those of the vulgar.

To conclude; parochial churches, should be situated nearly in the center of their parishes, for the mutual conveniency of the parishioners, and every church should stand in an open place, to shew the building to advantage, and for the benefit of a free circulation of light and air.

P L A T E IV.

CENOTAPHIVM HEROVM.

This design was intended to be offered for the machine of a grand fire-work, at the conclusion of the late successful war. The plan is underneath the elevation, and both upon the same scale.

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The principal fabric A in the center, represents it is the elevation we explain, a vast cenotaph, or empty tomb, sacred to the memory of illustrious naval and military heroes; it is a rotunda open at top like the sepulchre of Cæcilius Metellus, but is adorned with a periptere of Corinthian columns; the basement of these are founded on rock work, and the same rock is continued upon the right and left for the arcades, wherein lamps are suspended. B. B. Two lesser pyramidal cenotaphs, one on each side the rotunda: these may bear some suitable inscription in praise of the fleets and armies. In the arcades underneath these pyramids are placed in one, the statue of Europe, in the other that of America, and to the backs of these, Asia and Africa; above the lower center-arcades of the right and left wings, are two other arcades D. D. raised with pediments; under one is placed the statue of security, leaning upon part of a column, and under the other is the statue of liberty, with the *rudis* or *vindicta*; upon the same plane at proper intervals, are four mural columns CCCC, and four rostral columns CCCC, interchangeably placed: at each extremity of the structure is erected a pedestal for a female centaur. The one F to represent Fame or Glory; she bears a trumpet and other warlike instruments; her character should be fierce and eager, her action should appear rapid. The other E: representing Peace, or *Victoria pacifera*, carries the caduceus and laurel branch; there should be expressed on her face a placid firmness, her motion should be brilliant but yet cadenced.

Four of the principal and commercial rivers of the globe, the Thames, the Ganges, St. Lawrence and Gambia, all of colossal size, adorn the rock-work at certain distances. The bas-reliefs under the flight of steps in the center, represent on the one side, *Victoria Maritima*, or the *Imperium Maris*; on the other, a winged Fame, sitting under a palm tree, and transmitting to posterity the glorious annals of the times.

When the antients erected durable edifices of this kind on the high ways, they intended them for the instruction and pleasure of passengers, and to establish the courage of every individual citizen, and of the state in general, in contemplating, not the dead carcases of their ancestors, but their surviving virtues, and the immortality of the soul. *In quo certè bonis viris confidendum esse, malis autem formidandum, quippe cum post mortem omni auxilio careant.* PLATO DE LEG. C. xii.

Thus the poets seconded the lessons of the philosophers.

*Tu pias lætis animas reponis  
Sedibus; —————*

Hor. Lib. I. Od. 10.

*Sedibus ut saltem placidis in morte quiescam.*

ÆNEID. vi.

In what manner the different sort of fireworks and illuminations should be displayed and disposed on this machine to the best advantage, will appear very plain to those practised in such sorts of exhibitions; and it would be out of place to attempt any pyrotechnical description.

Martial musick in these shews, might be properly introduced with a grand vocal chorus, in honor of the event thus celebrated. In Plutarch's life of Pelopidas, there is cited a most elegant epicedium, or funeral song, in praise of the Lacedæmonians: as it gives the true character of heroism, we cannot forbear quoting it.

“ They died, but not as lavish of their blood,  
“ Or thinking Death itself was simply good,  
“ Or life; both these the strictest virtue try'd,  
“ And as they call'd they gladly liv'd or dy'd.

## P L A T E V.

### DESIGN FOR AN OPEN PLACE AT WHITEHALL, WITH PORTICOS.

It has often been a matter of surprise, not only to persons of taste of this nation, but even to foreigners, that for so noble a river as the Thames, in its course along the extent of the metropolis,

lis, there are no grand quays or elegant landing places; filth, meanness and obscurity, almost totally cover the inhabited banks of this stream, from whose tides the gallant fleets of England spread its fame and commerce around the globe, and return loaded with the choicest commodities, and the immense treasures of both hemispheres.

The above considerations, about eight years ago, suggested the sketches delineated in this plate. At that time there were several old buildings in front of the Horse-Guards: these and such others as stood to the interruption of our plan, were supposed to be no unfurmountable obstacles, as it was imagined they could have been removed at a very moderate rate.

WHITE-HALL-PLACE, 270 feet broad, and its length something more than the diagonal of that square, would have opened a grand avenue from the Thames; in the center of this square, we had erected an Egyptian obelisk, with four colossal statues at the foot of it, representing the four quarters of the globe; an idea confessedly borrowed from an admirable work of Bernini, in the piazza Navonna at Rome. The portico on each side, would have afforded a covered walk down to the river; the stairs at the ends of the porticos were designed grand and commodious for public use; but those in the middle secured by rails of iron, or rather of bronze, were intended only to be opened upon extraordinary occasions; and among others, none would be attended with greater political pomp, than the entry of a foreign ambassador; if instead of the tedious and dismal procession of a number of paltry carriages through dirty streets, a set of barges were provided to receive the ambassador and his train, just above London-bridge, and to land them at White-Hall, whence they might proceed, in suitable conveyances, and properly escorted to the palace. Among the barges might, first be reckoned those of their majesties, then those of the admiralty and of the city, with their several standards, and colours, and streamers, a number of the subaltern officers and sailors of the navy attending in their ships boats.

*Pelagoque Volamus.*

*ÆNEID.*

This would be a noble sight, worthy of the first maritime power in the universe; and if conducted with splendor and order, Venice would not then be so distinguished by the parade of her Bucentaur.

## P L A T E VI.

### THE DESIGN FOR A NEW STREET IN THE CITY.

Among other improvements talked of by the citizens of London, the new street leading from the front of the Mansion-house, in a right line to Moor-gate, has been often upon the carpet; on which account these sketches were imagined.

The settled standard of buildings in London, sheweth too much of œconomy; all the parts are upon a small scale, and there wants a requisite solidity for duration, which occasions great and continual repairs; but in the latter case it cannot be otherwise, so long as the leases of the ground are granted for short terms, and subject to fines. The author was once asked abroad, whether it was true, that the builders in England could calculate in such a manner, that they would construct or repair houses for a certain number of years more or less, at the expiration of which their downfall might be expected? the answer was in the affirmative, and surprized the inquirer: but how would it have added to his surprize, to have been told, that by the ingenious contrivance of the workmen, houses now and then fell down as soon as covered in.

Had the proprietors and undertakers, who have built habitations for the Londoners, since the time of Inigo, thought proper to have cast their eyes upon the houses after his designs in Covent-Garden, they might have seen the scale and models for their purposes: such a city as London, at least in its principal quarters, should not have any habitations of inferior aspect. The arcades are out of the question, but the mezzanine might have turned out very useful to many tradesmen; they might have served as warehouses over the shops, to others as their own dwelling

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rooms, while the principal and chamber floors over them, might with great profit have been disposed to lodgers, who for more than half the year make no inconsiderable part of the inhabitants in town. Such elegant and spacious lodgings would certainly be preferable for whole families, to the little boxes which are built at the politer end of the town for the same uses.

The differences that should be between the houses in the same street of a city, should be in the extent of the front, seldom in their heights; one dwelling might have four or five windows in its front, another only half, or part of that number; yet as the heights of their floors might be the same, the aspect of the latter would not become despicable. The habitable buildings of a capital, may be considered under three different rates.

I. Palaces of the princes and nobles, halls, colleges, &c.

II. The houses of the gentry, and of other principal inhabitants.

III. The houses of the inferior people.

And all these may be again subdivided.

The houses in this plate are those of the second rate. The center house, and those at the extremities, are larger than all the intervening ones, which are upon the same scale; a difference in the fortunes and ranks of citizens, requires a difference in the sizes and rents of houses.

The following heights are given to the different stories of the elevation in this plate.

The ground floor in the clear is	-	-	-	-	13 feet high.
The first floor	-	-	-	-	12
The second floor	-	-	-	-	10
The third floor	-	-	-	-	9
The garrets	-	-	-	-	8

It is always more difficult to proportion the parts with the whole in the external of an edifice, than in the internal—The entire height of this elevation, is subdivided as follows.

The lower order, as	-	-	-	-	2 parts
Then to the top of the principal cornice	-	-	-	-	3
Thence to the top of the attic cornice	-	-	-	-	1
					Total external height <u>6</u>

The subdivisions of the heights of Inigo's houses are the following.

The basement, which includes the ground floor and the mezzanine	3 parts
Principal and chamber floors including the cornice	4
	Total external height <u>7</u>

The roofs are excluded in the above divisions, not being considered as relative to them.

M. Walpole observes, "that in the arcades (of Covent-Garden) there is nothing remarkable; the pilasters are as errant and homely stripes as any plaisterer would make:" surely the quality of the materials of a structure, can never be deemed to depreciate the designs of an architect, as the remarks just cited seem to imply.

## P L A T E VII.

## A TOWN HOUSE WITH THE STABLES AND OFFICES.

The houses designed in the last plate, are supposed to have their offices under ground, and their stables, &c. in some mews not too distant from their quarter; however, it is preferable both on account of grandeur and conveniency, to have enclosed within the precincts of the dwelling every requisite thereto; a large plot of ground, will admit easily of every distribution, but it is often necessary to do this in a confined space, therefore we have rather chosen to produce such an example than one of greater extent.

The situation of the street is oblique, but this in no manner affects the regularity of the plan: we have placed the main body of the house within a court-yard, and its back front is supposed to have a garden which might descend towards the river; the Hotel d'Argenson at Paris, nearly of this extent, has its back front upon the garden of the Palais Royal. We mention this edifice as it may be known to several travellers, and because it is always right, in considering any plans and elevations, to compare them with some buildings already executed, in order to be previously assured of their effects; for oftentimes, what appears great or small by the drawings to persons not accustomed to dimensions, will turn out contrary to their expectations; and an architect in designing should propose to himself some standard, and accustom himself to judge very exactly of measurements by his eye, which he should constantly retain in his mind.

The front to the street, is that of the offices and stables, and over them are lodgings for men servants, granaries and lofts. As you enter the gate, on one side is the porter's lodge, and on the other a winding stair-case; there is shelter for two carriages, the one next the stables, the other next the kitchen; on each side the court-yard are buildings which communicate to the main body of the house, whose principal door is in one of the sides.

## P L A T E VIII.

## A DESIGN FOR A VILLA.

Our intention for the plans of this work, is to keep within such limits as will prove of more general use. Buildings of twenty rooms on one floor, are as easy to delineate as those of seven, or ten; it is usual with architects, who want to display their talents, to think with Dinocrates, that they must offer schemes of the most unbounded fancy; but these will answer no useful purposes, neither can they tend to the progress of their art.

The inspection of this plan, may recall the castle of Caprarola to those who have seen it; we have indeed had in view its circular inner open court, but we have retrenched its galleries, and circumscribed it in a different manner.

The ground plan has at first entrance by the fore front, an under gallery of sixty feet in length by above twenty feet broad. This ordinarily may serve for a servant's hall in waiting, and may be devoted, as is usual, upon the annual receipts of rents for the tenants to dine in; at each end is an anti-room, twenty feet square, from that upon the right you enter into the billiard room, and proceeding forward, the next is the library; this opens upon the great stair-case, which only ascends to the principal floor: the room upon the ground floor, on the other side of the great stairs, may be called a breakfast room; beyond this is a little closet that may be enclosed as an accounting-office, and next to it is the gentlemen's gun room: the heights of all these rooms in the clear is eleven feet. The disposition of the two triangular stair-cases, and of the little circular winding stairs, give all the advantages of secret passages to the different rooms.

The

The arcades of communication with the wings, afford a covered passage to and from the main body of the mansion.

The plan of the principal floor is traced upon that of the basement floor, allowing for the diminution of the walls: to the fore front is the gallery, above sixty feet in length and more than twenty broad, the height in the clear is twenty four feet; but all the other rooms upon the same floor, are only fourteen in the clear, because of the mezzanine above them, which is eight and a half in the clear.

On each side the gallery is an anti-room; from that on the right you enter into the eating room, and on the other end is the drawing room; passing through the great stair-case is another drawing room, thence you may pass on to a dressing-room, and then to the state bed-chamber.

The mezzanine and chamber floor over it, are divided for the necessary uses of the family and of their visitors. There are no garrets in the roof.

The court-yard for the kitchen and offices, is surrounded on three sides with buildings, wherein it is supposed that every necessary requisite is ranged in its proper place.

The court-yard for the stables, coach houses, &c. has its buildings in symmetry with those on the other side; the oblique position of the wings, and every other seeming irregularity of the plan contributes to render the whole more commodious than it otherwise might be, and is very advantageous to the scenery of the elevation; for by the divergency of the lines from the fore front, there is opened a far more extensive prospect than by the common method of advancing the wings at right angles to the front, upon a level ground.

In the distribution of this building, though of moderate size, there is a great range of rooms, and the secret passages are disposed without encroaching upon any room; the span of the roof being small, renders it both light and strong.

These are the heights of the several floors in the clear;

For all the rooms in the basement	-	-	-	10 feet
The gallery covered	-	-	-	24
The other room upon the same floor	-	-	-	14
To the mezzanine over these, one foot six inches being given to the height of the intermediate floor	-	-	-	8 6
To the chamber floor	-	-	-	10

## P L A T E IX.

### ANOTHER DESIGN FOR A VILLA.

As in the former design we endeavoured at a disposition that at first appearance might have an irregularity, and be on that account still more commodious; in this design we have given an elevation which would produce an effect as singular as pleasing, by its pyramidal aspect; we are supposed to take the advantage of a rising ground for the center of the building, and by its declivity on each side, all the parts upon the right and left are kept in a gradual subordination. The three pediments to the main body become very decisive objects, and serve for the respective roofs, the spaces between these are flat terraces. The pavilions adjoining to the main body, one at each side, are finished by the continuation of the Doric cornice, above which is a parapet: the arcades have at their extremities winding stairs, which descend into the courts. The arcades in the basement include two floors, for apartments of different uses, and cellars underneath, with groined arches.

The

The plan of the principal floor has the following distributions; entering by the vestibule, on the right hand you pass into the first anti-room, and then into a second, this opens into a gallery fifty four feet long by more than twenty broad; the second room opens likewise into an eating-room, twenty-four feet by eighteen, thence you pass into a library; between this and the first anti-room, is a private stair-case; the library communicates on the other side with a drawing-room; between the vestibule and the drawing-room is the great stair-case; from the drawing-room, you pass into a state dressing-room, and then into the bed-chamber; from thence passing through a sort of wardrobe, you enter into the other pavilion, which is partitioned for a chapel and the chaplain's chamber, and these have other communications from without.

The chamber floor is traced upon the walls of the principal floor, but there are no garrets over this; the belvedere is raised on a supposition that it commands some very desirable distant prospect.

The back front may be easily described from the plan.

The buildings which serve on one side, for the stables, coach-houses, &c. and on the other, for the kitchen, offices, &c. though brought forward beyond the main body and the pavilions, yet being placed upon much lower ground, are no obstruction to the view from any part of the house.

These two designs for villas are nearly of the same rate, and while we enjoy all the pleasure that can arise from the imagination, in supposing them situated amidst the rural varieties and beauties of nature, we cannot forbear lamenting the present prevailing custom of the great ones, in abandoning, for the greatest part of the year, their delightful seats and retirements, which oftentimes seem raised more for the pleasure of chance-led travellers, and of the neighbouring villagers, than for the real enjoyment of the owners.

*O Vinitores, Vilicique felices  
Dominis parantur ista, serviunt vobis.*

MART. Lib. 10. Ep. 30.

## P L A T E X.

### A H V N T I N G P A V I L I O N.

It may so fall out, that the principal seat of a nobleman fond of hunting, is at a great distance from a favorite sporting country, and having a property therein, he might on both these accounts be tempted to make a building, for his own pleasure, and the reception of a few select friends, at different times during the hunting seasons.

The plan and elevation here before us, it is imagined may answer the above intentions, being entirely accommodated for the use of the gentlemen, their servants and horses, who are all lodged under the same roof. We have called it *Padiglione di Caccia*, or hunting pavilion, from its peculiar destination.

The plan consists of three octogons, one within the other. The largest, or external one, contains the stables, servants hall and bed-rooms, kitchen, offices, and store-room; these are all sunk below the surface of the ground, the soil being supposed to be exceeding dry: as we would pitch upon the summit of a little hill, this would be favourable for the drains underneath; the basement does not rise more than four feet above the ground line, and receives its light from semicircular windows. The next elevation upon the second octogon, contains the bed-rooms, or cabbins for the gentlemen, and a drawing-room: level with these is the hunters common hall, raised upon the internal octogon; it receives its light from windows placed above. The ornaments here must be adapted to the building; the sculptor and the painter might be assisted in their compositions, by the descriptions of the poet.



*Vincula pars adimunt canibus : pars pressa sequuntur*

*Signa pedum :*

*Sternitur in cursu nemus & propulsa fragorem*

*Silva dat : exclamant Juvenes.*

OVID. Metam. Lib. VIII.

Hunting is a noble diversion, it gives strength and vigour, and inures the body to hardships; to sensible minds, instruction always attends on pleasure. The young warrior may in his chace, study the advantages and disadvantages of ground, at one time in vallies, and at others on eminences; here a narrow pass will offer itself, and there an extended plain; in all these he may reflect upon the advantages and disadvantages of posts and encampments. The fable of the unfortunate Actæon offers a very essential caution to those in high station, to guard them against the danger to which they are unavoidably exposed, from their flatterers and parasites.

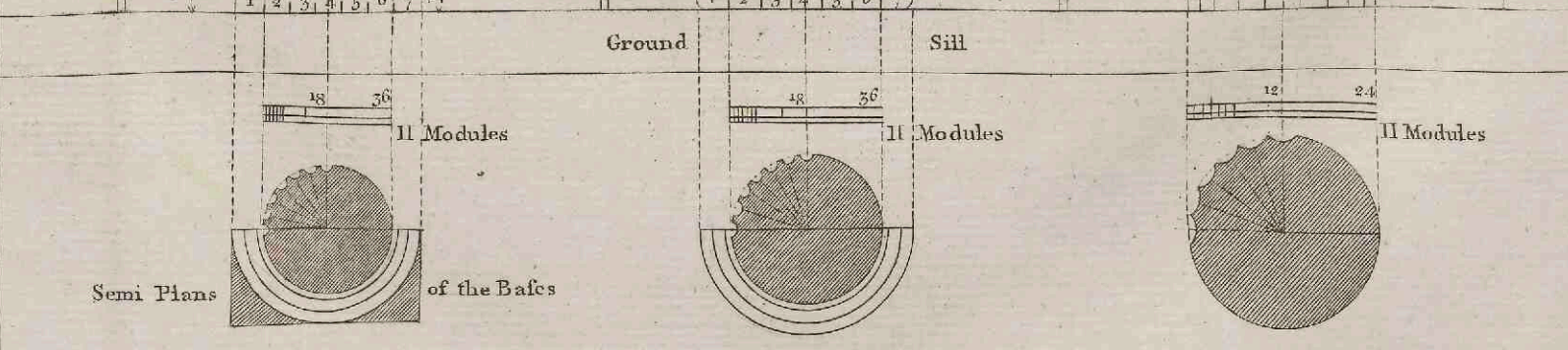
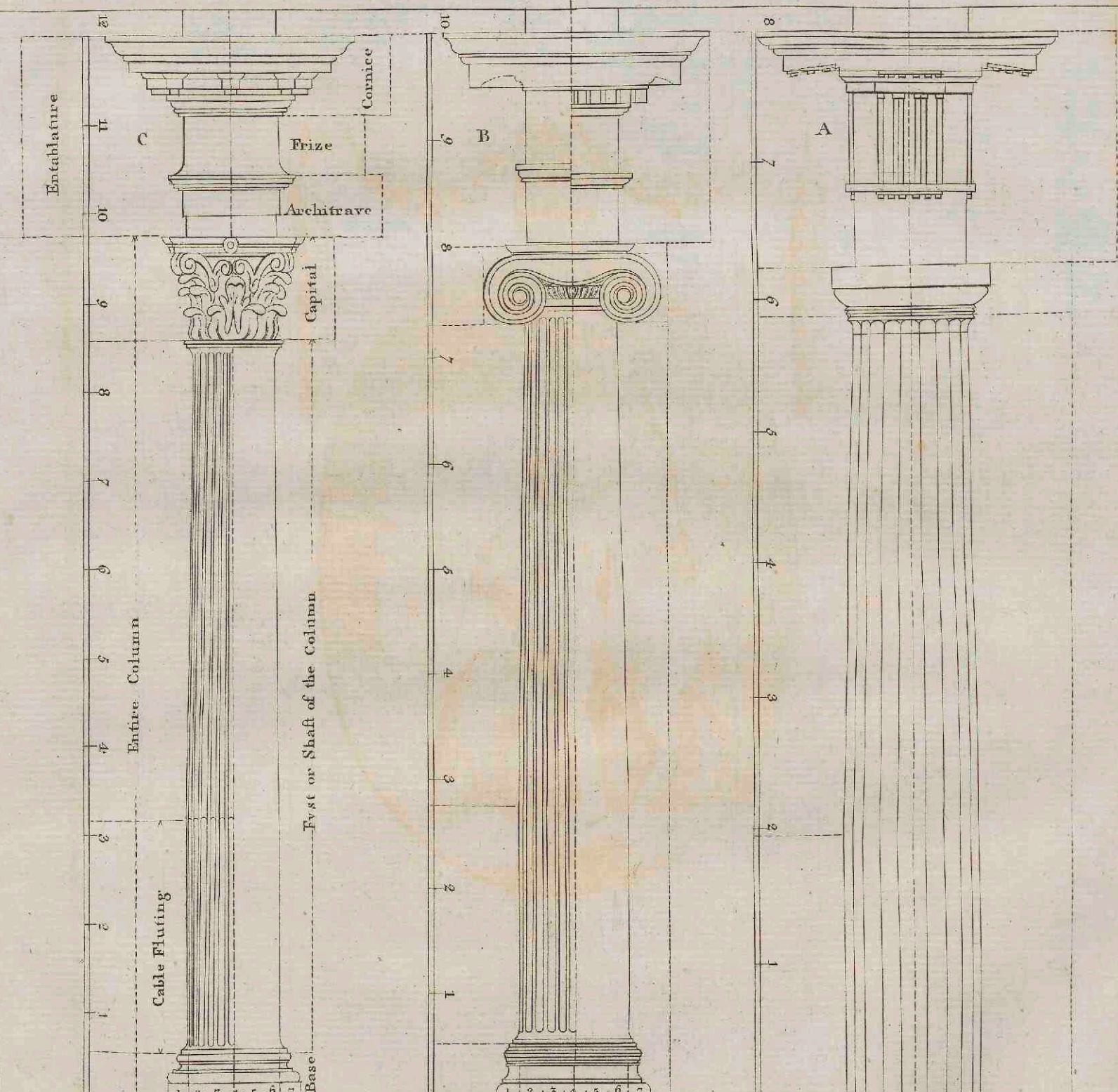
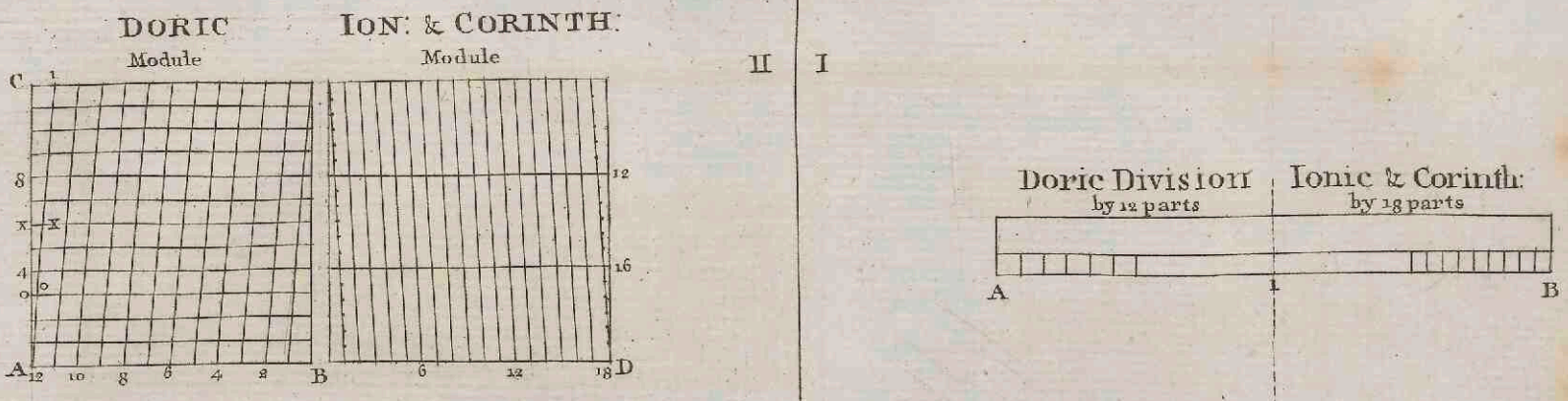
*Undique circumstant merisque in corpore rostris,  
Dilacerant falsi dominum, sub imagine cervi.*

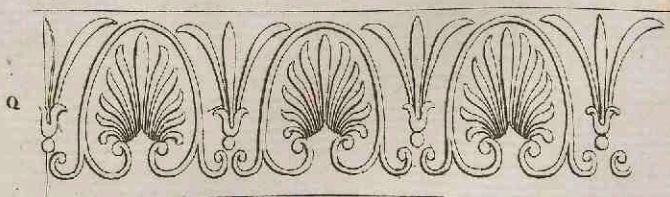
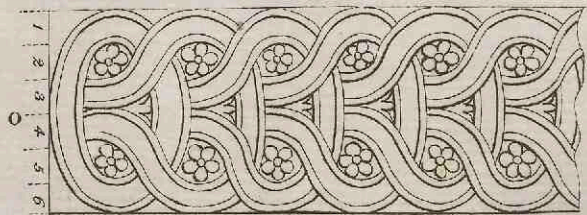
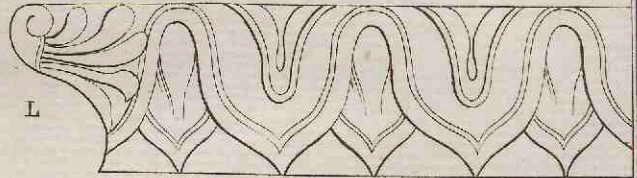
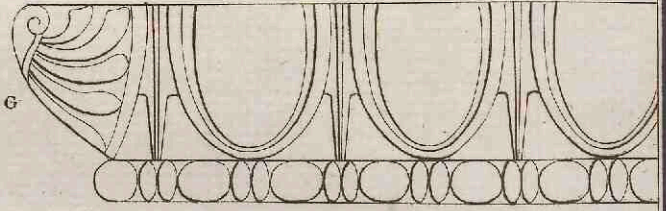
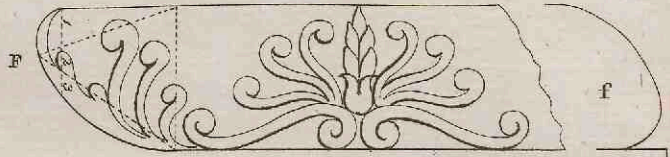
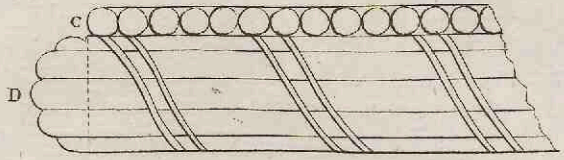
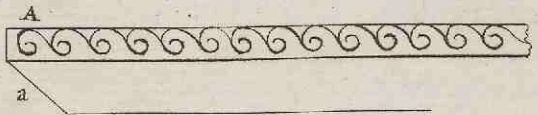
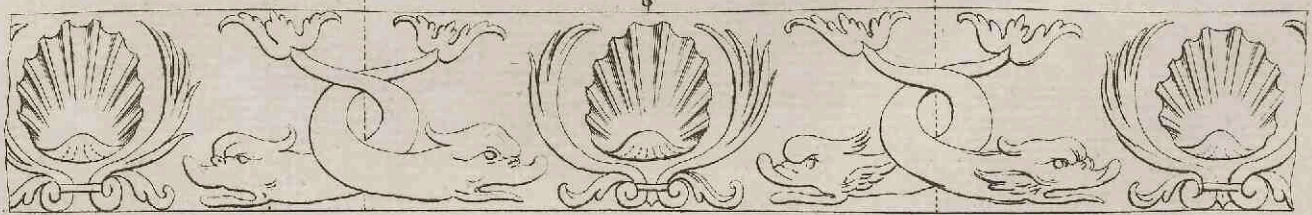
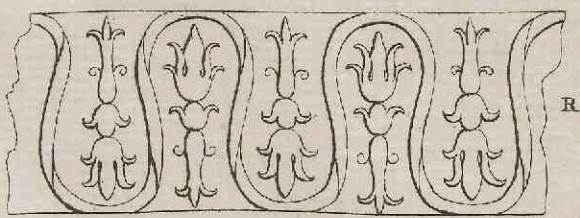
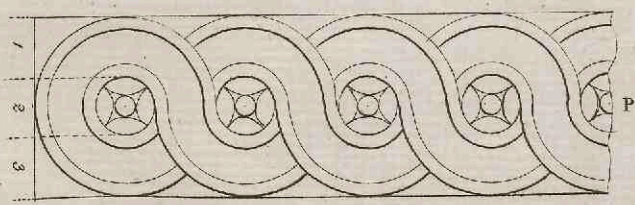
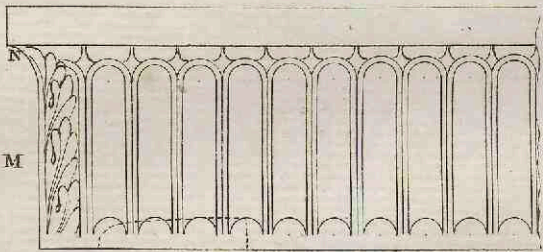
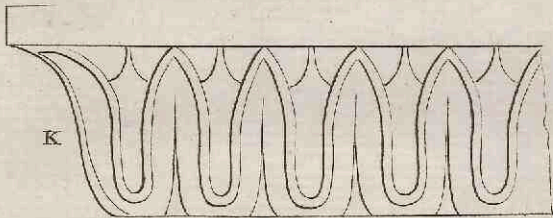
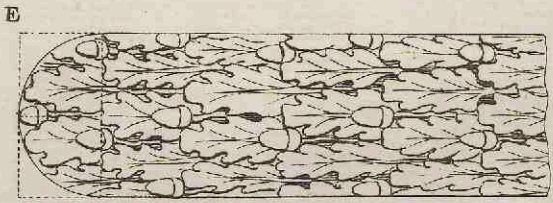
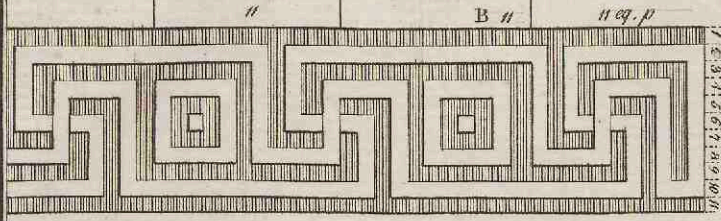
OVID. Metam. Lib. III.

The kennel is not inserted in our plan; its situation is supposed near at hand, in the wood; and it would be convenient to have at no great distance, three or four hovels of cottagers, which would form the only neighbourhood of this edifice sacred to the sports of the fields and woods,

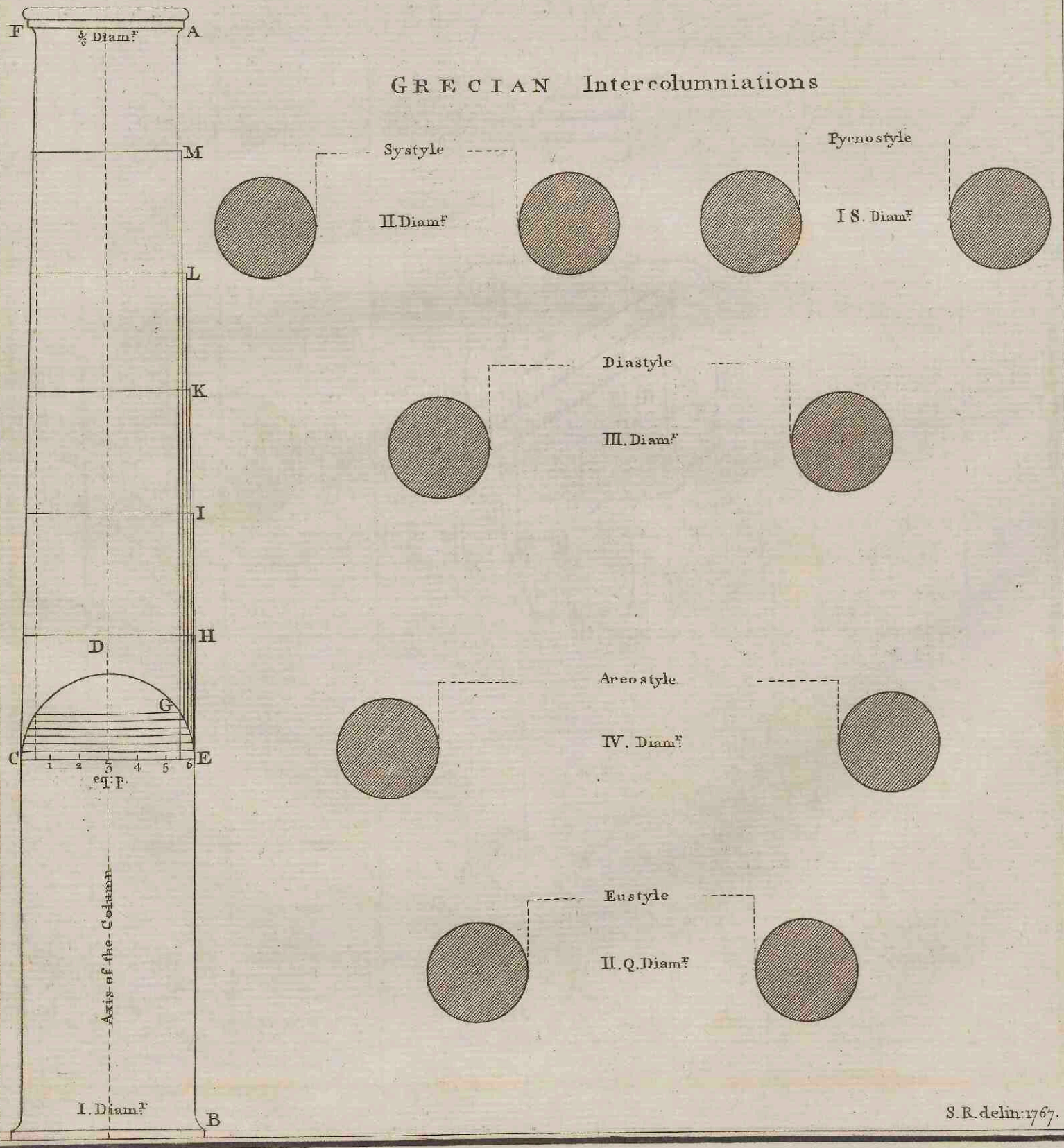
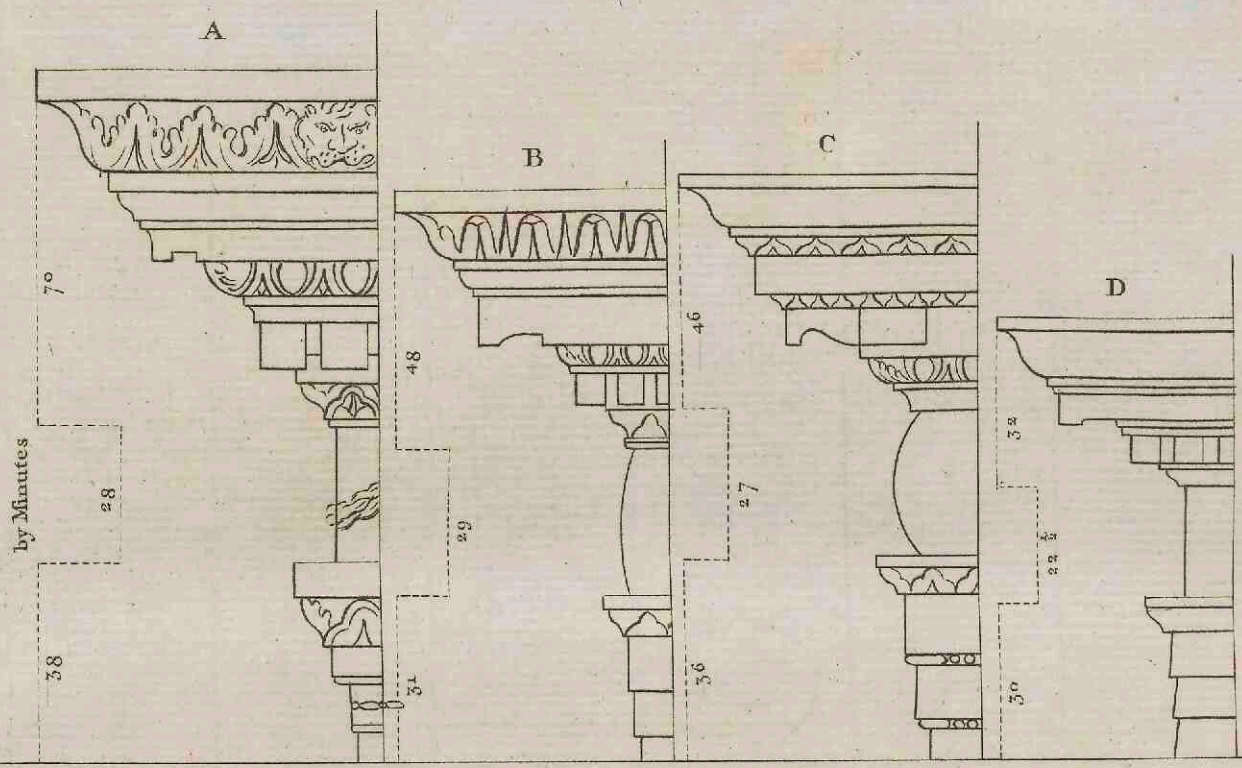
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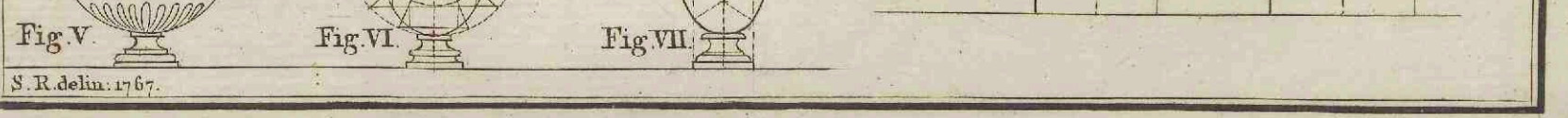
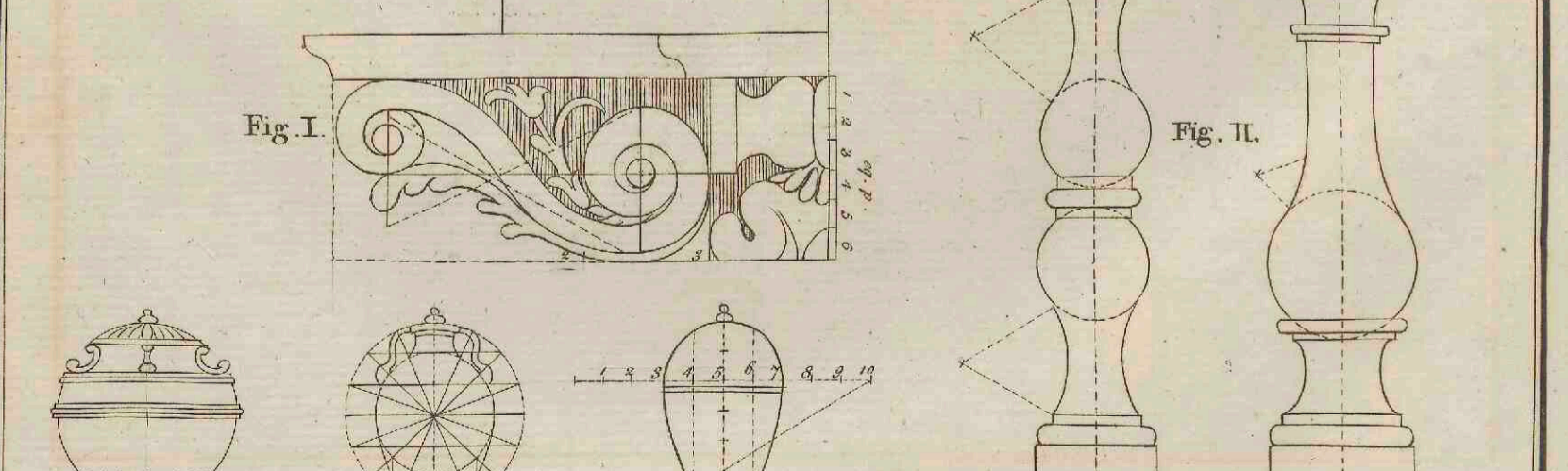
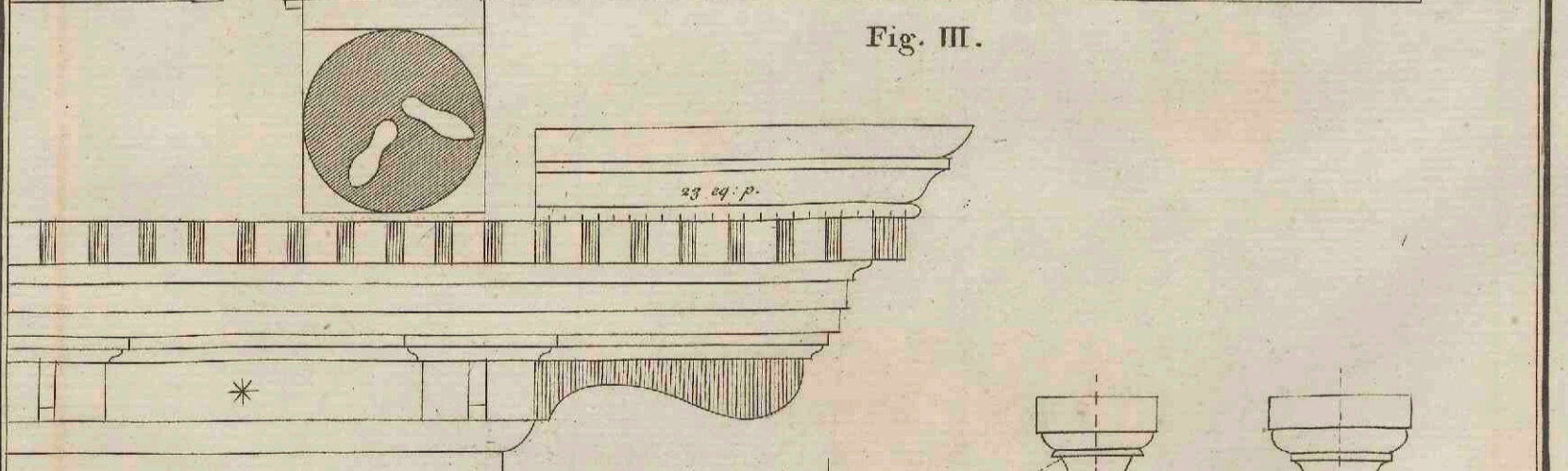
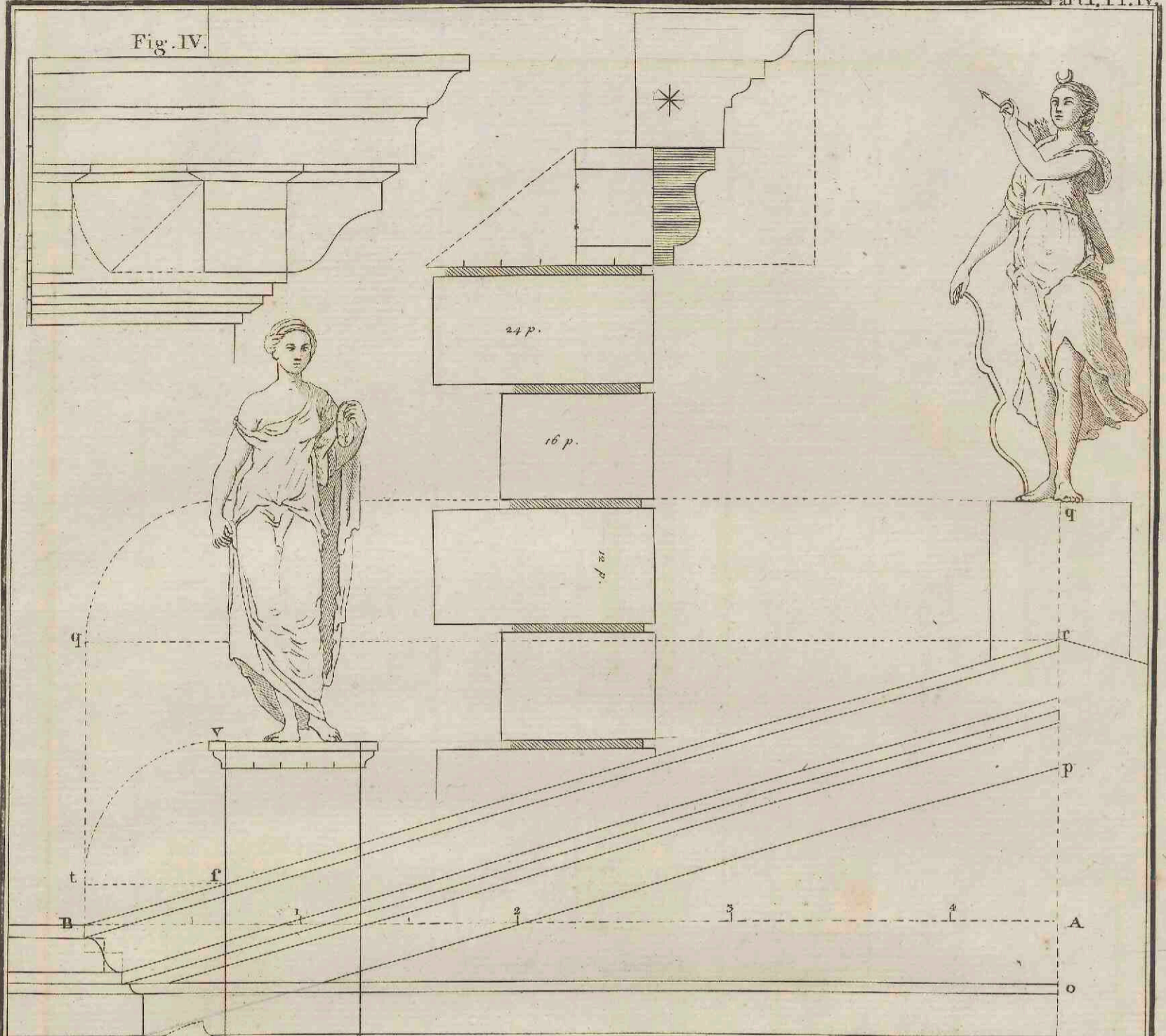


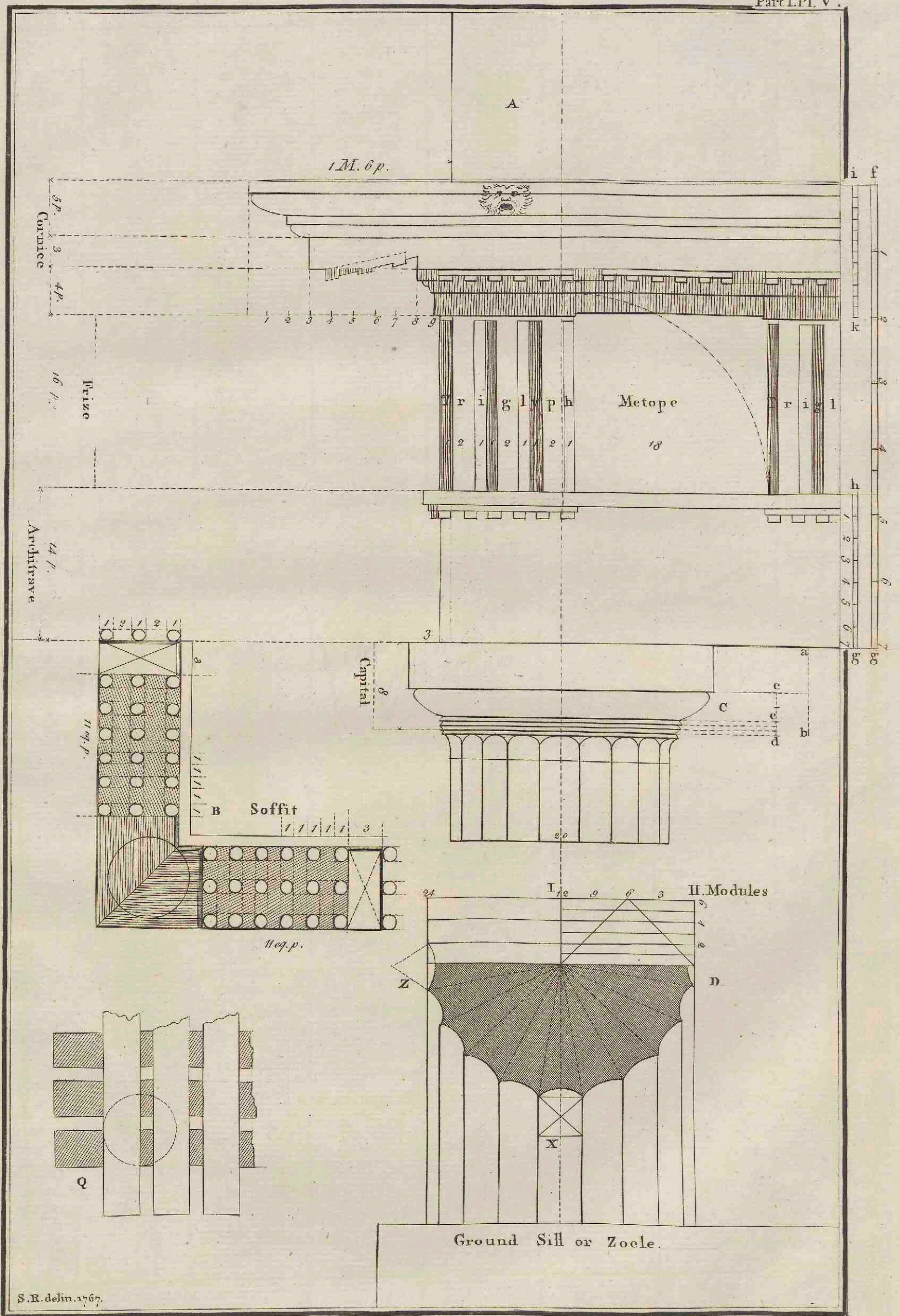




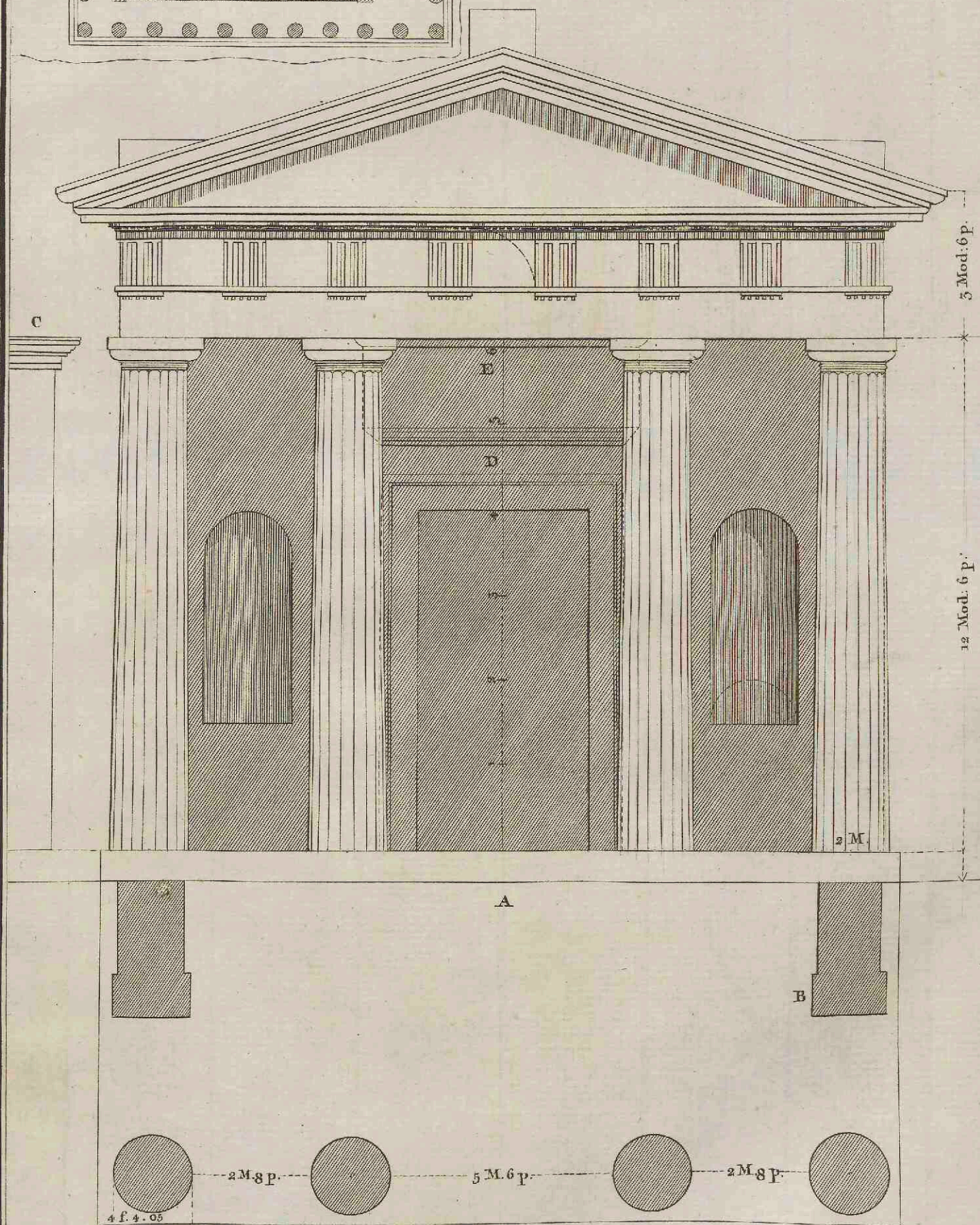
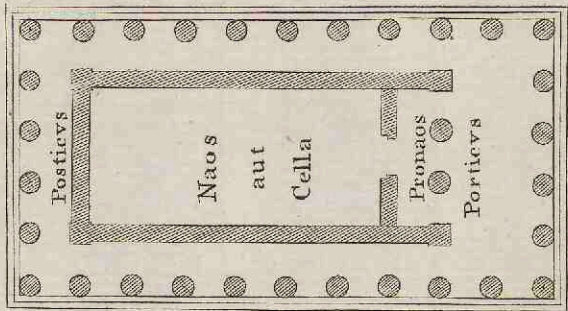
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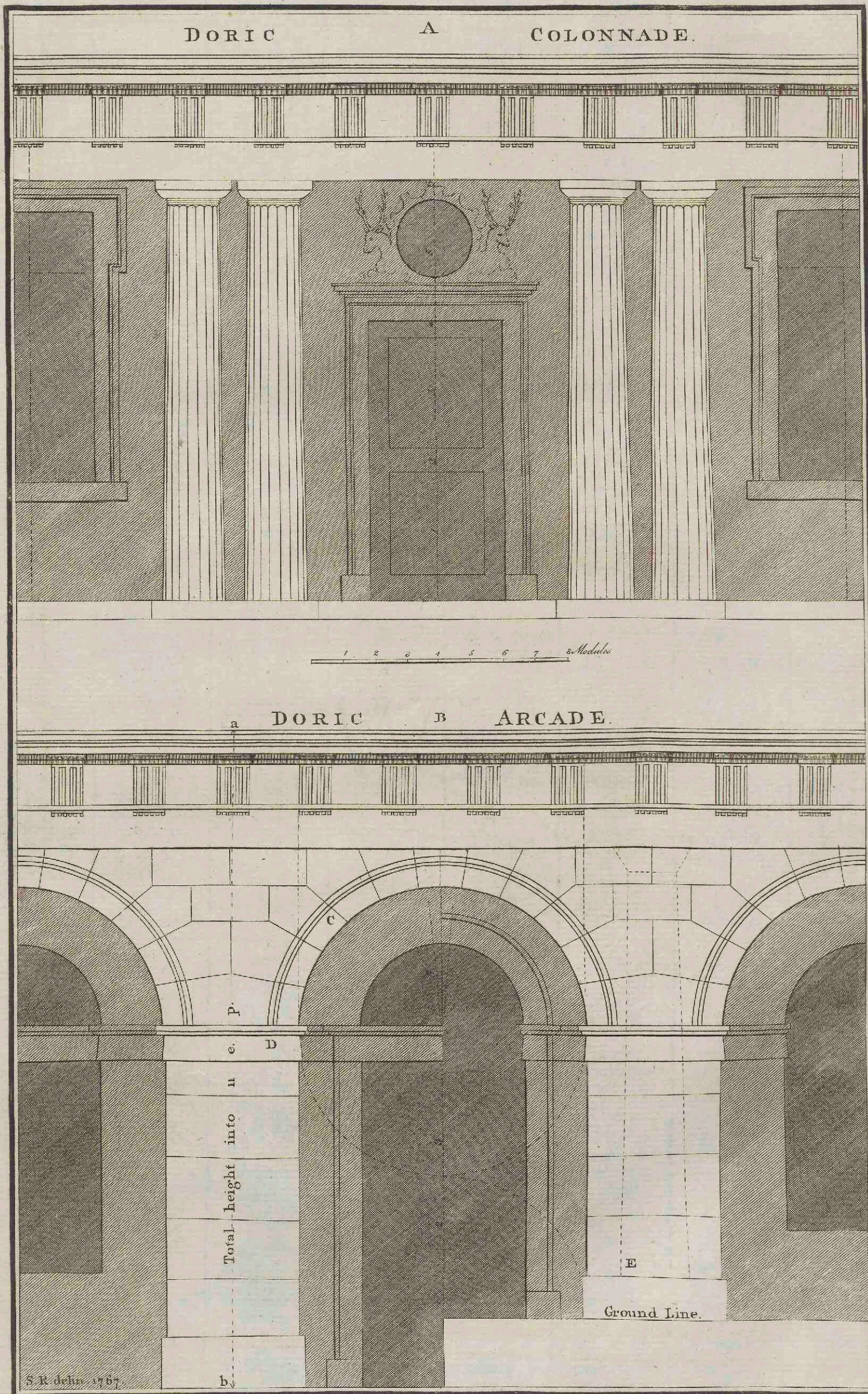


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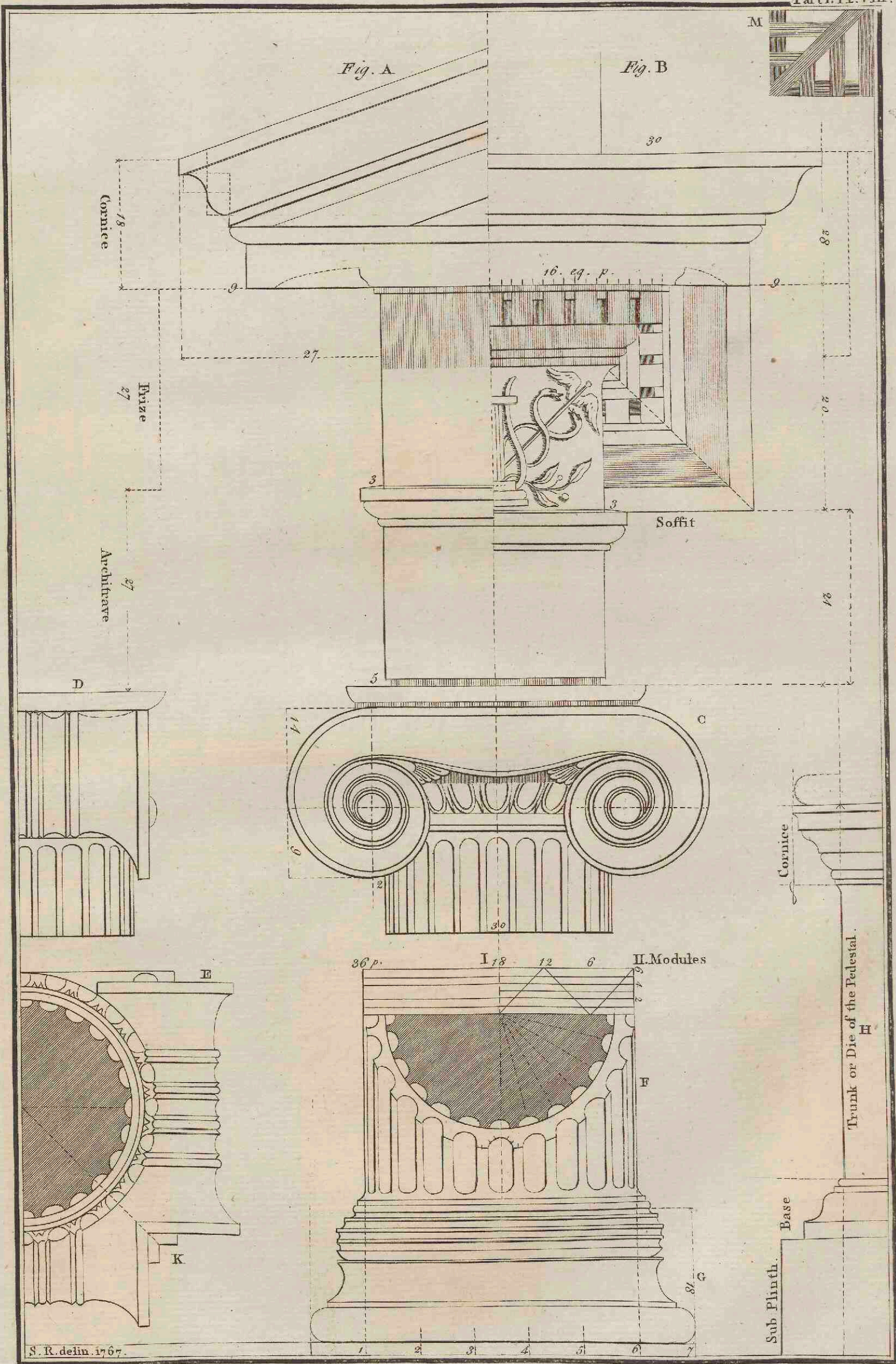


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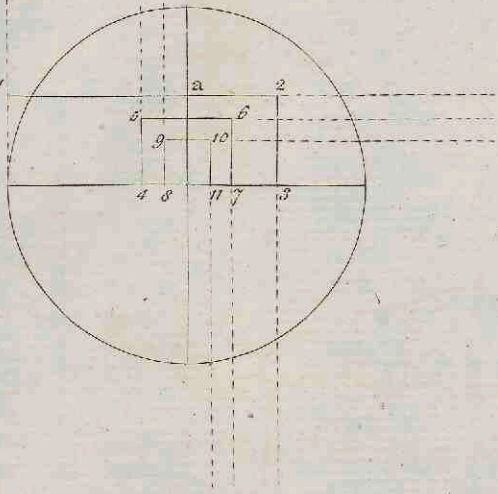
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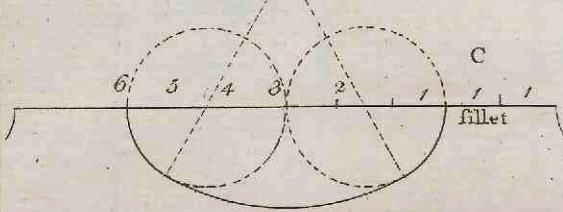




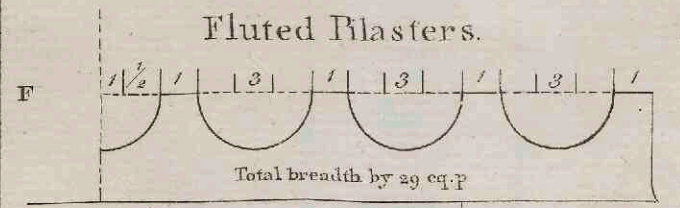
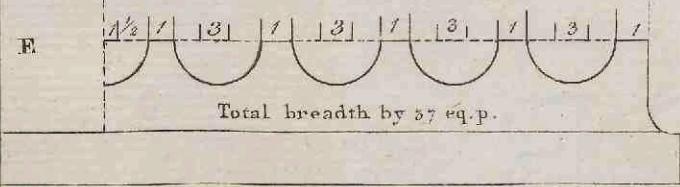
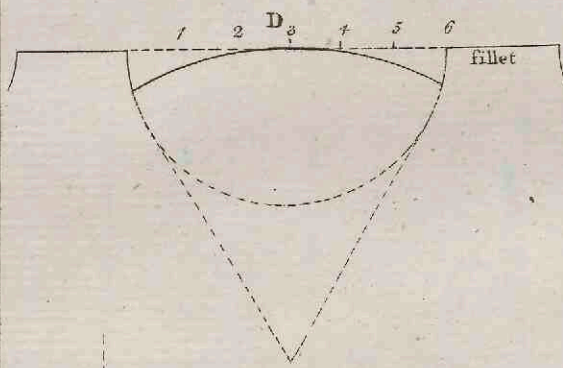
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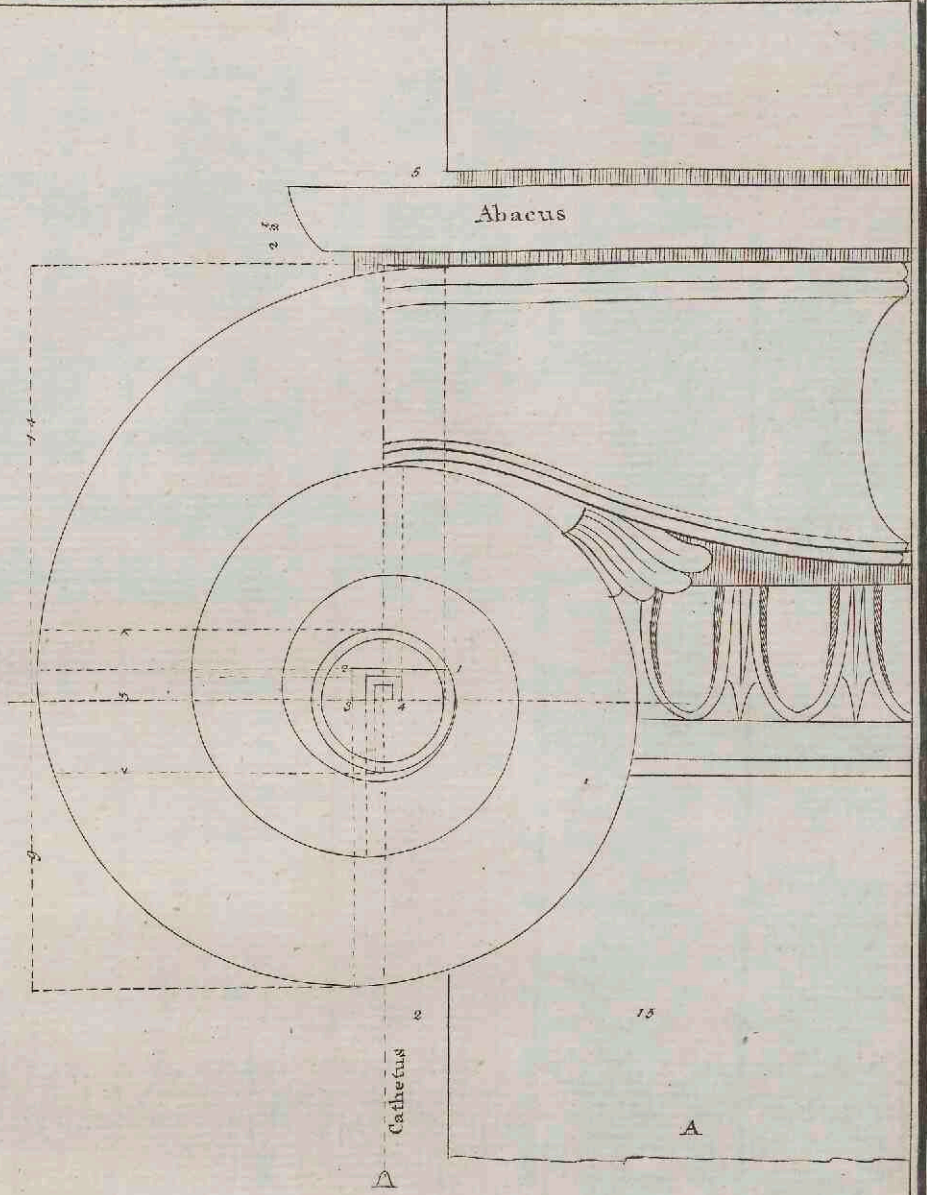
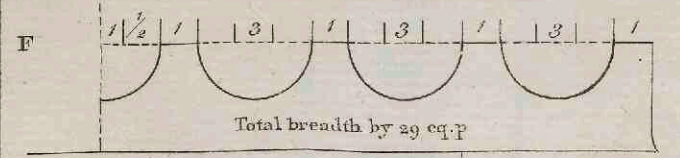
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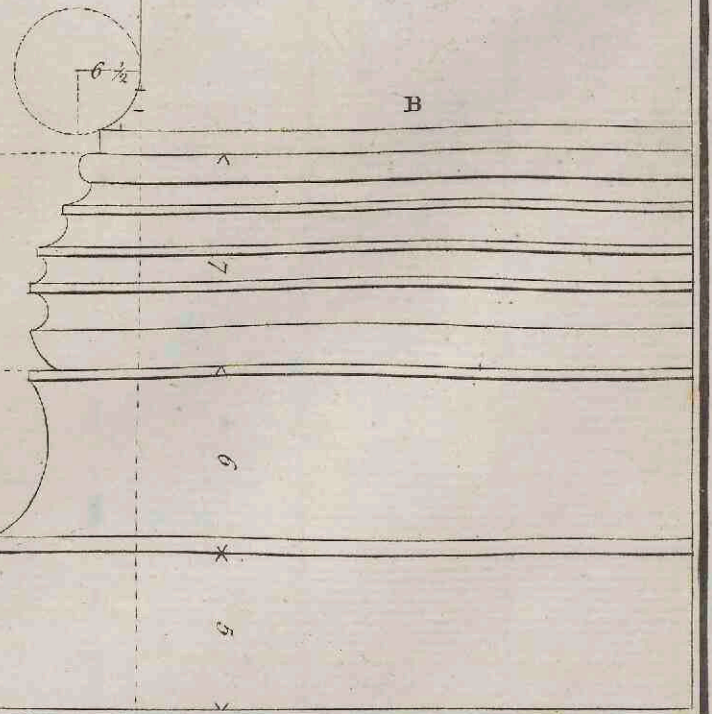
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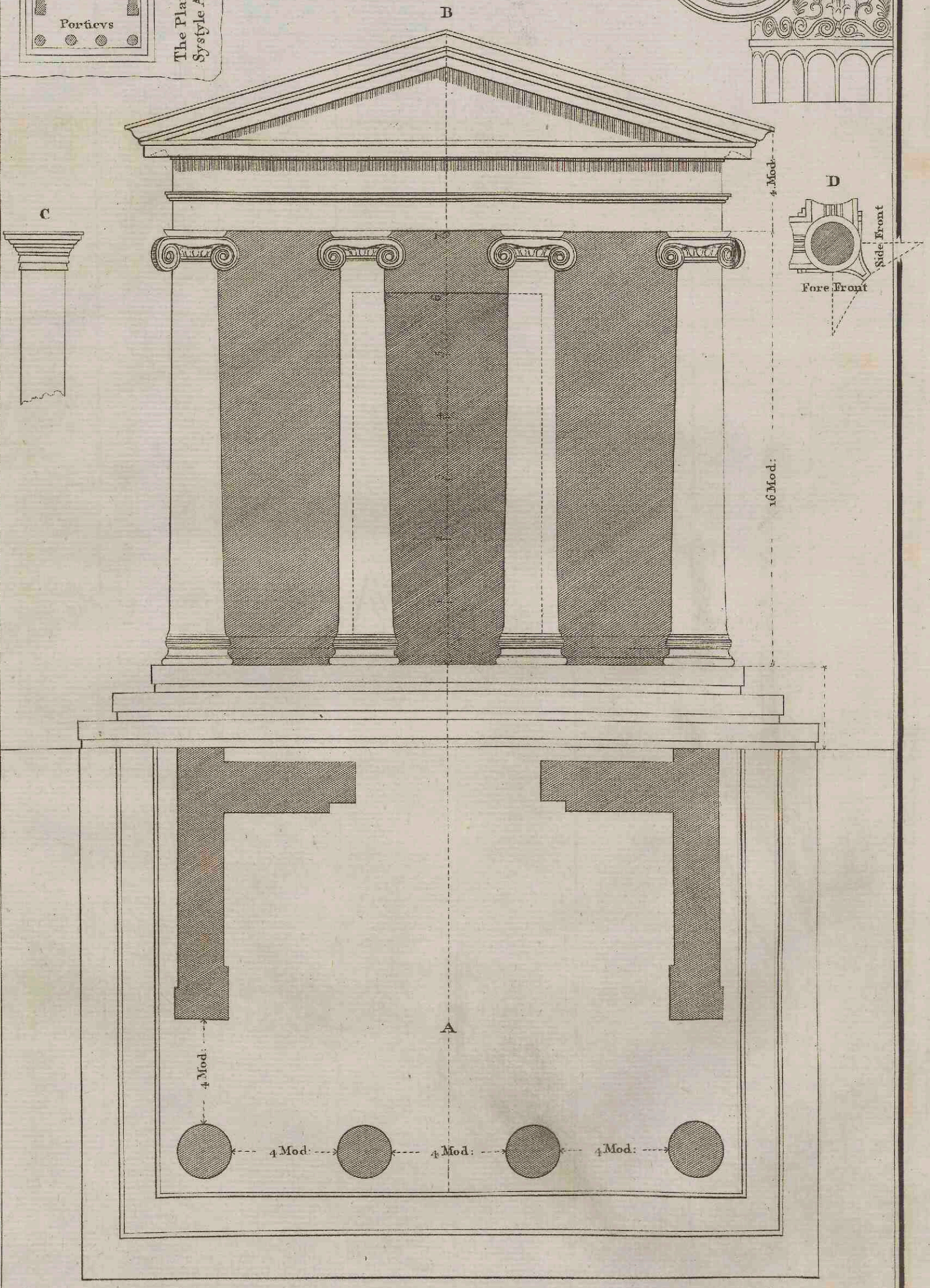
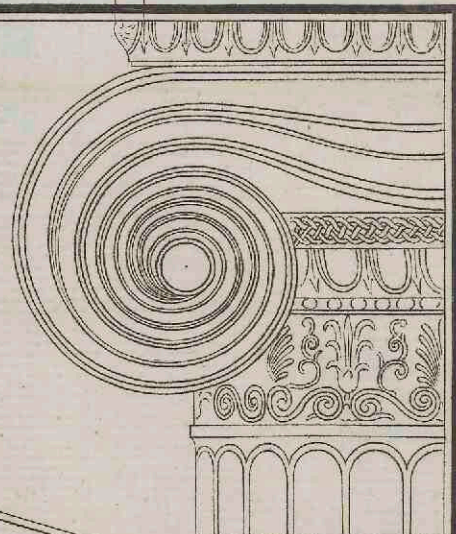
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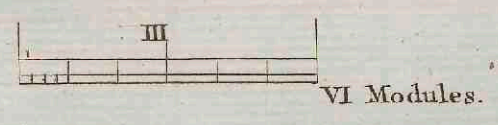
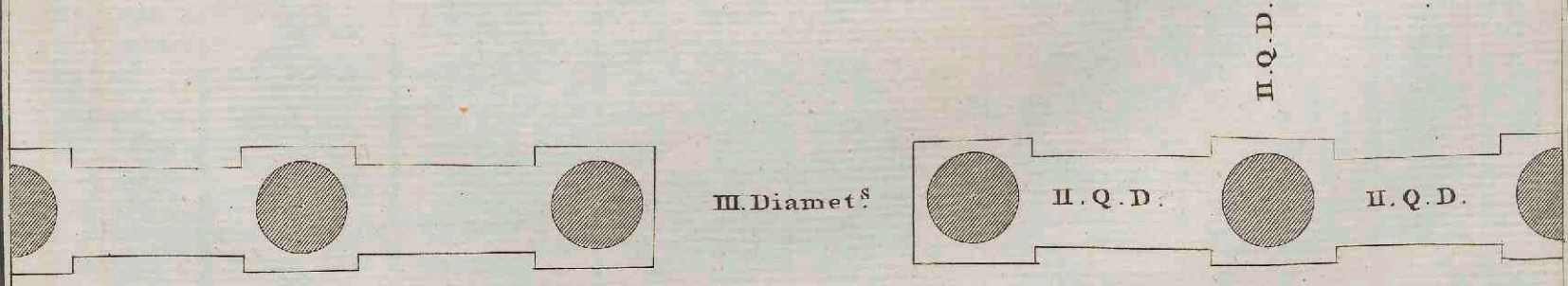
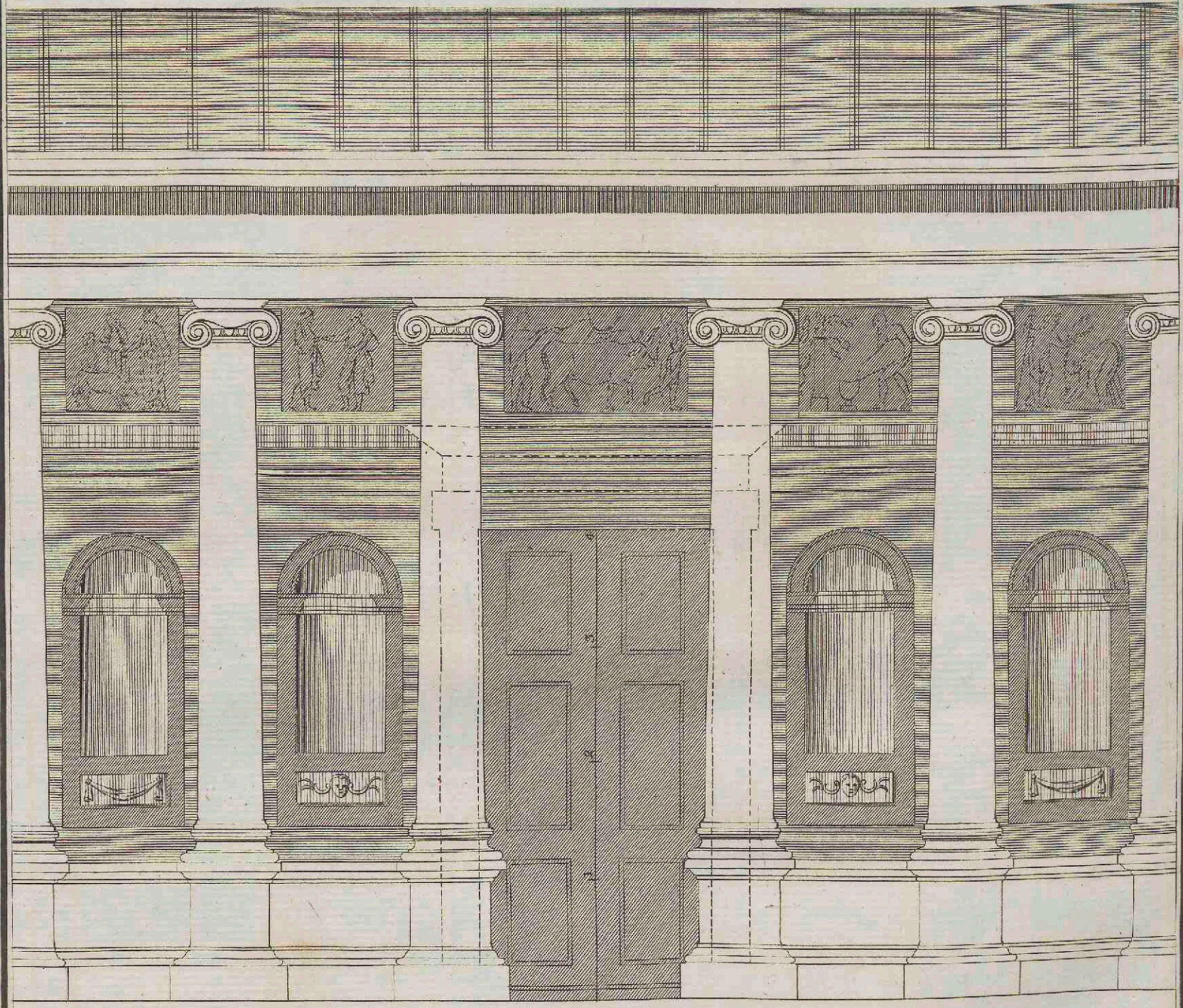
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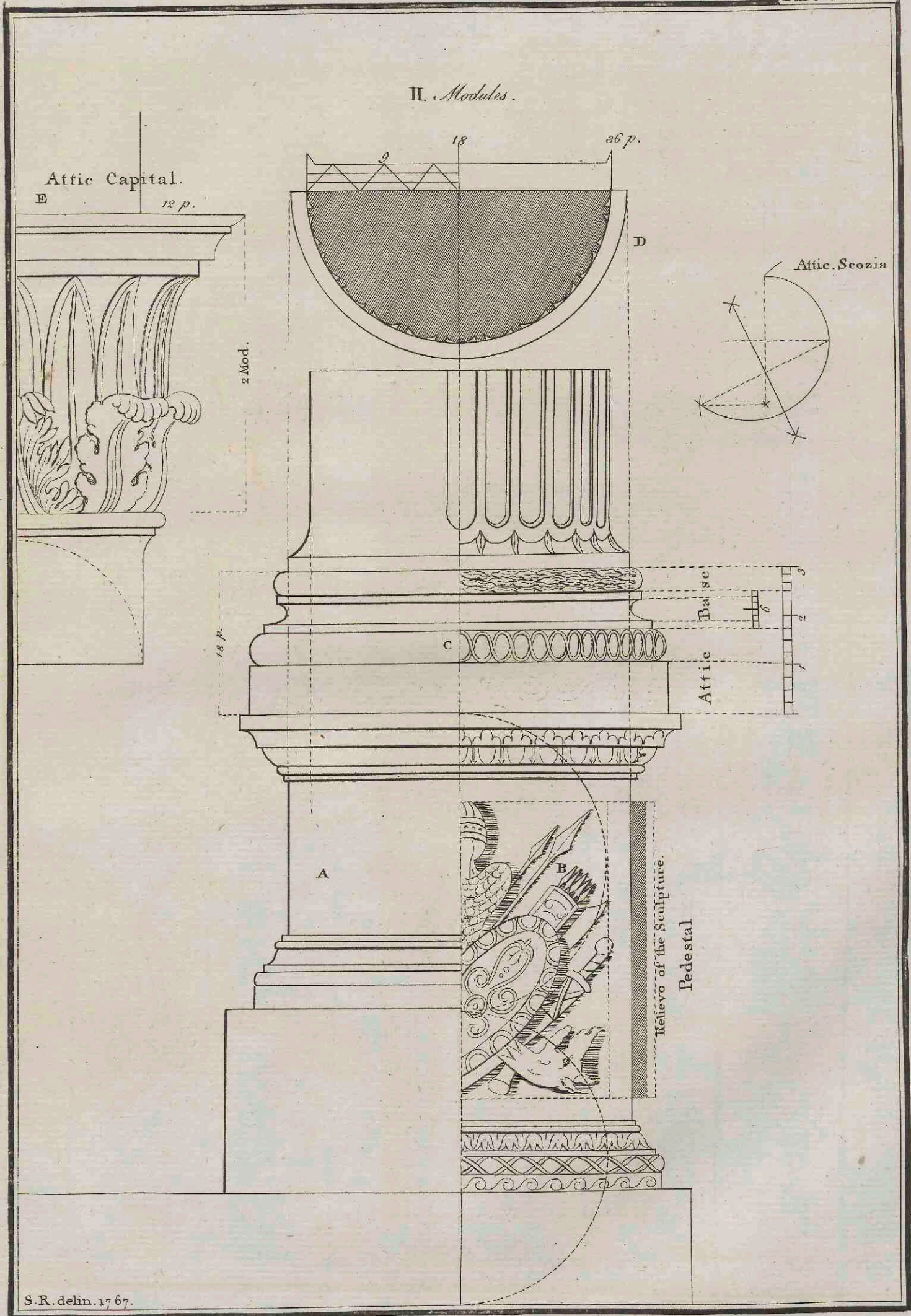


The Plan of an Ionic, Tetrastyle  
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IONIC COLONNADE with PEDESTALS  
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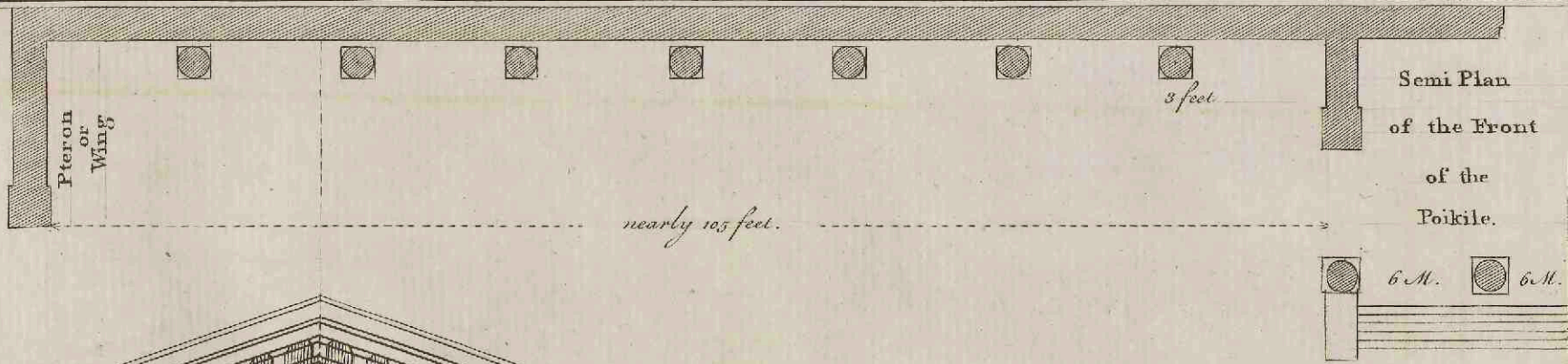
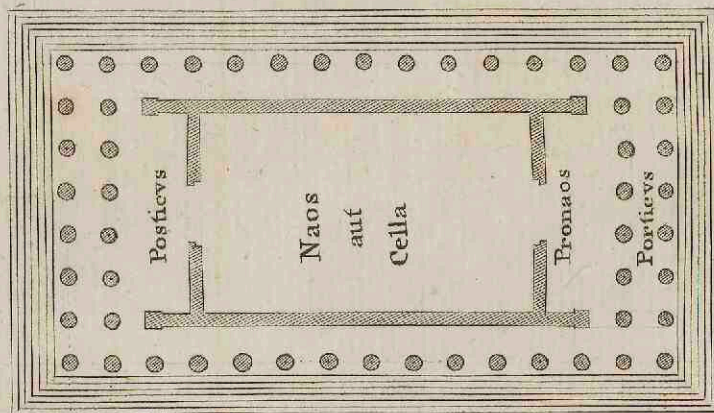






Pycnostyle Amphiprostyle Peripteral Temple

Plan of a Corinthian, Octostyle



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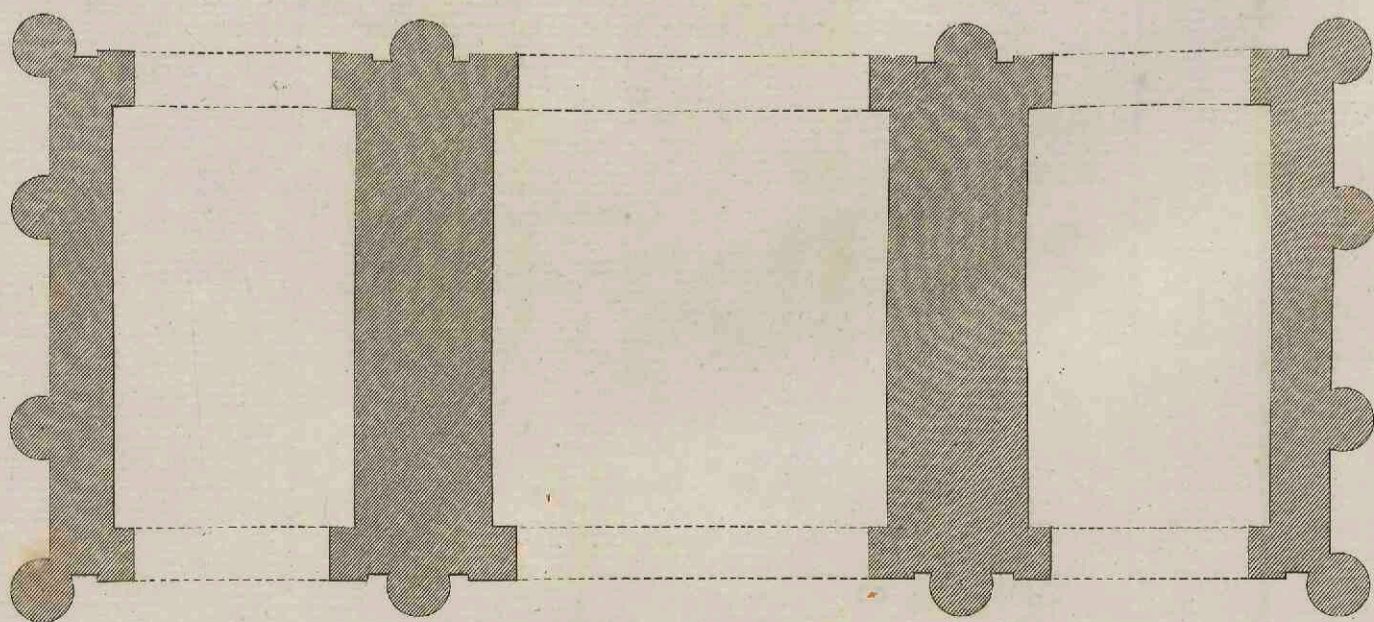
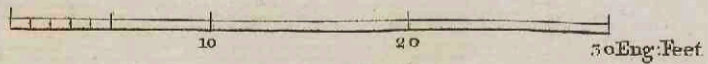
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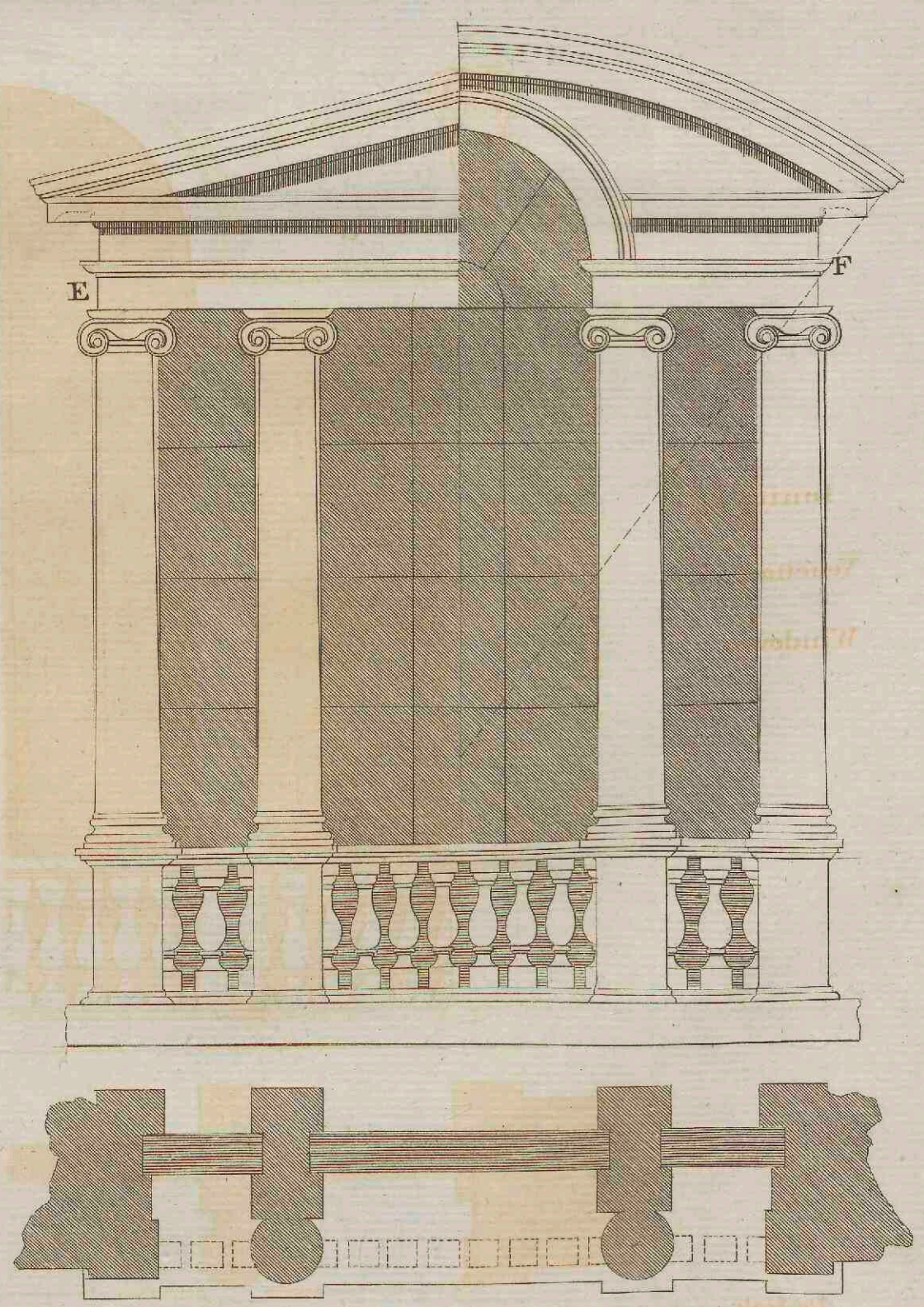
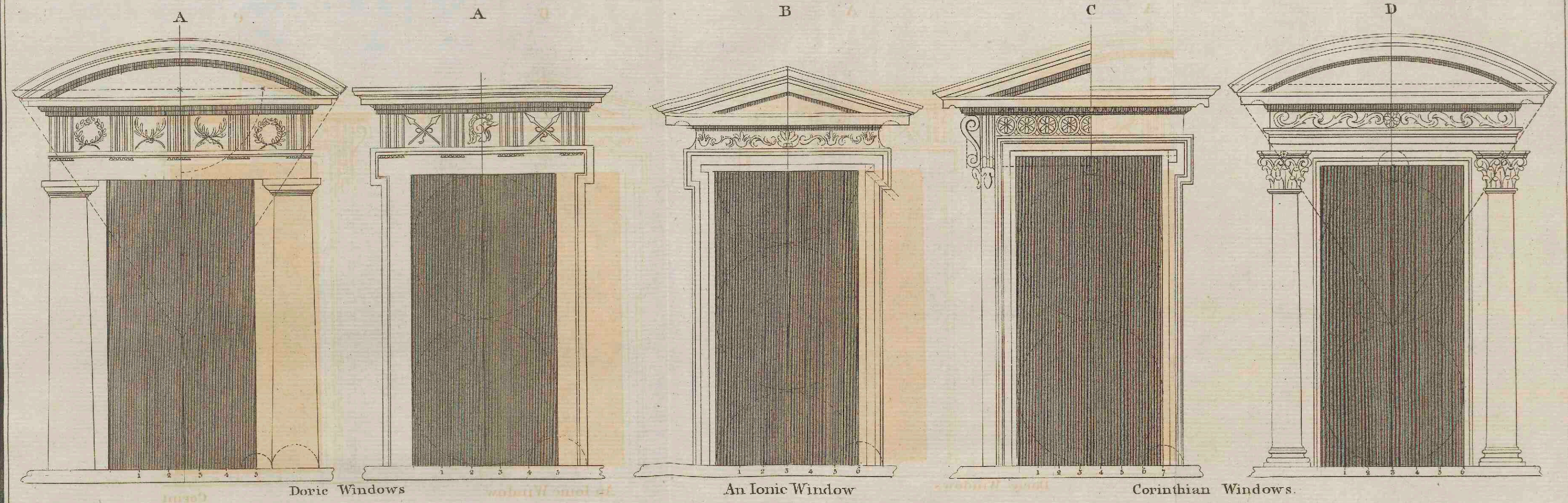
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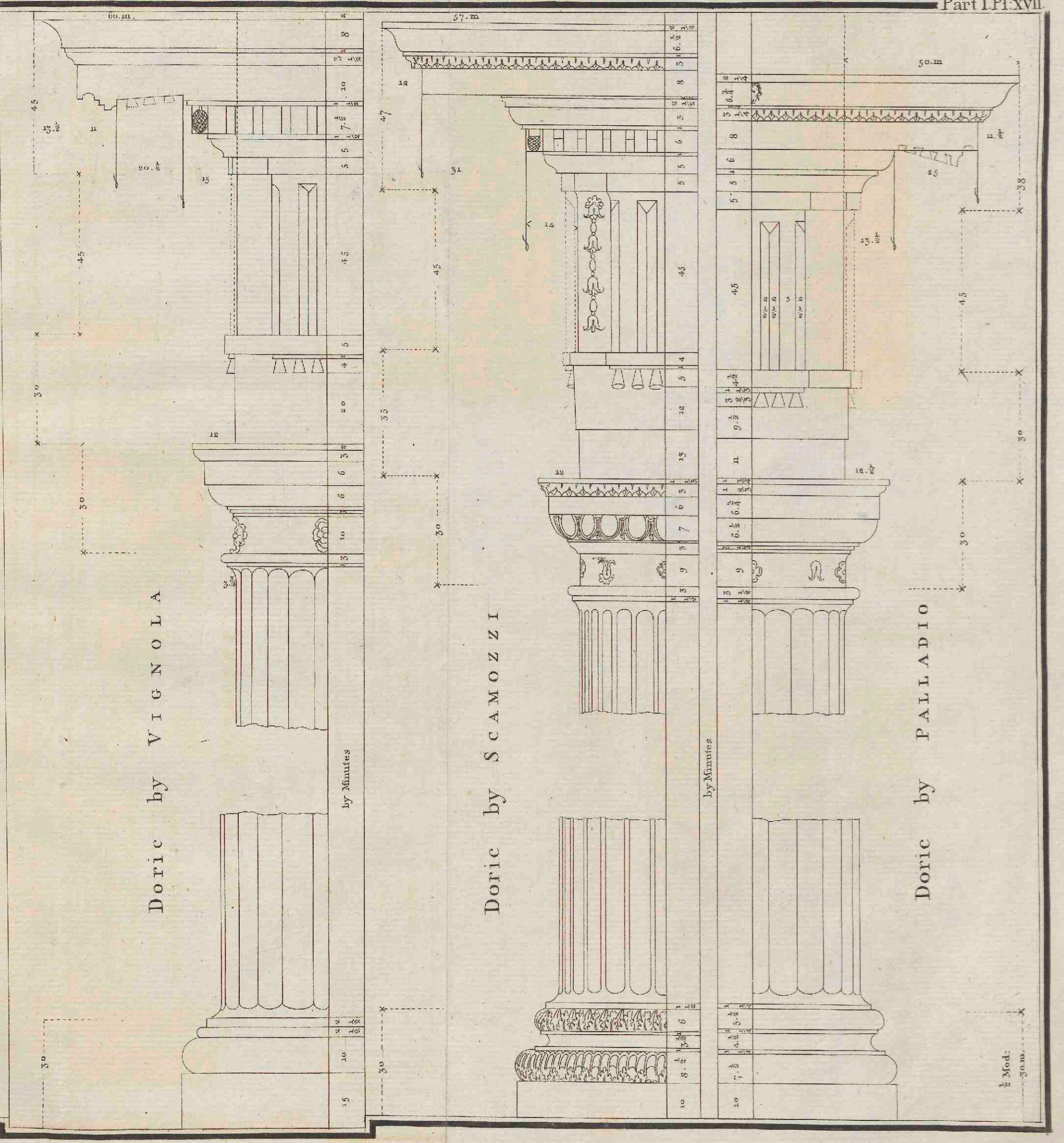
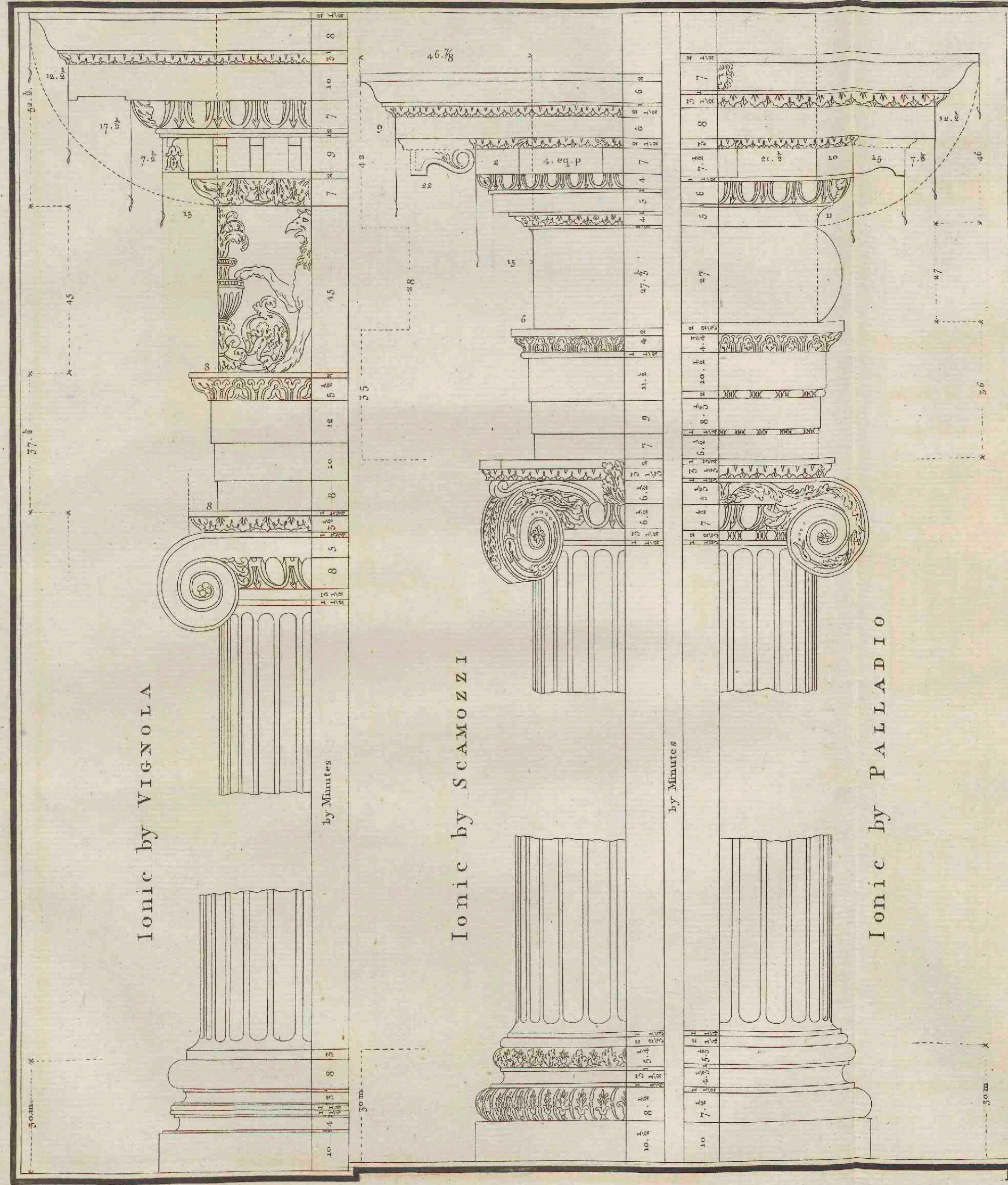




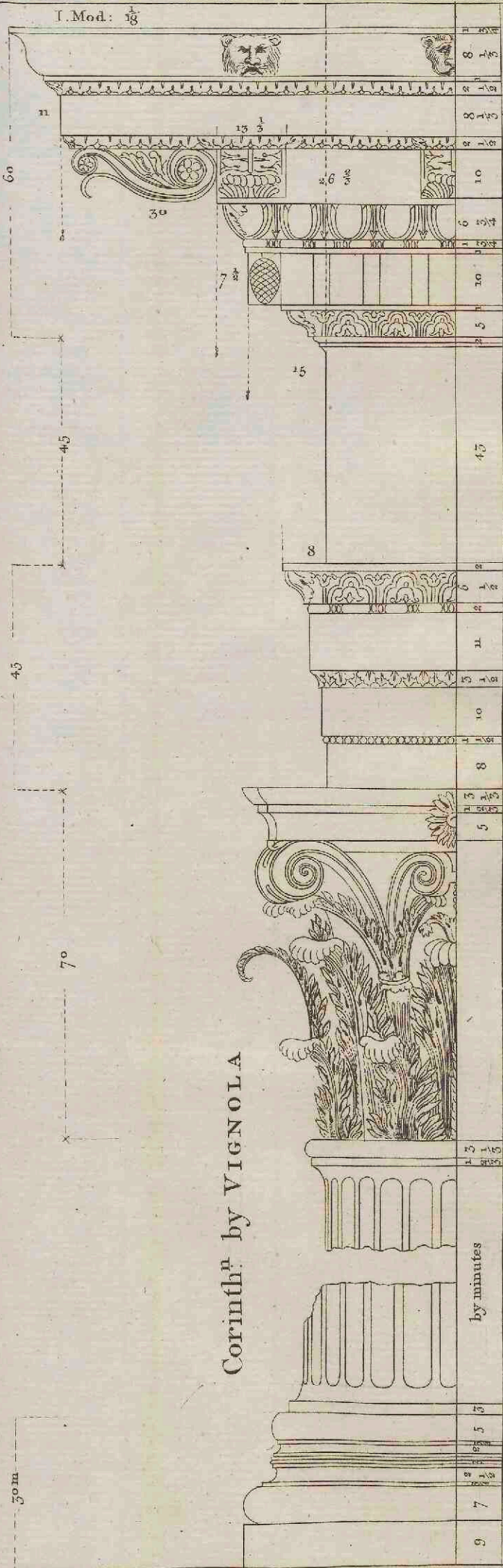
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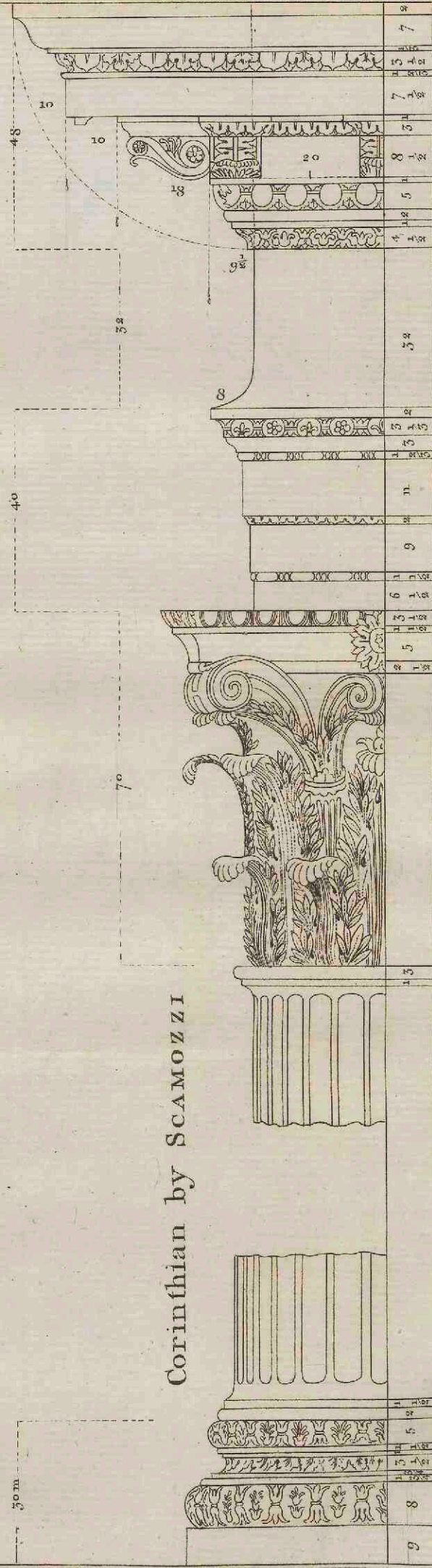
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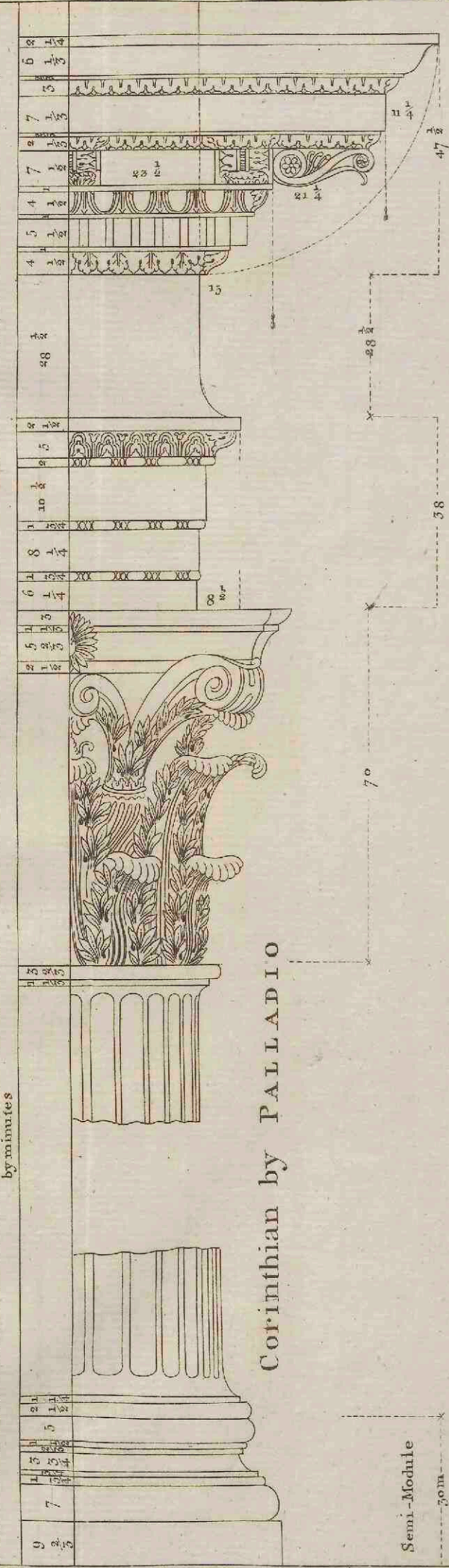
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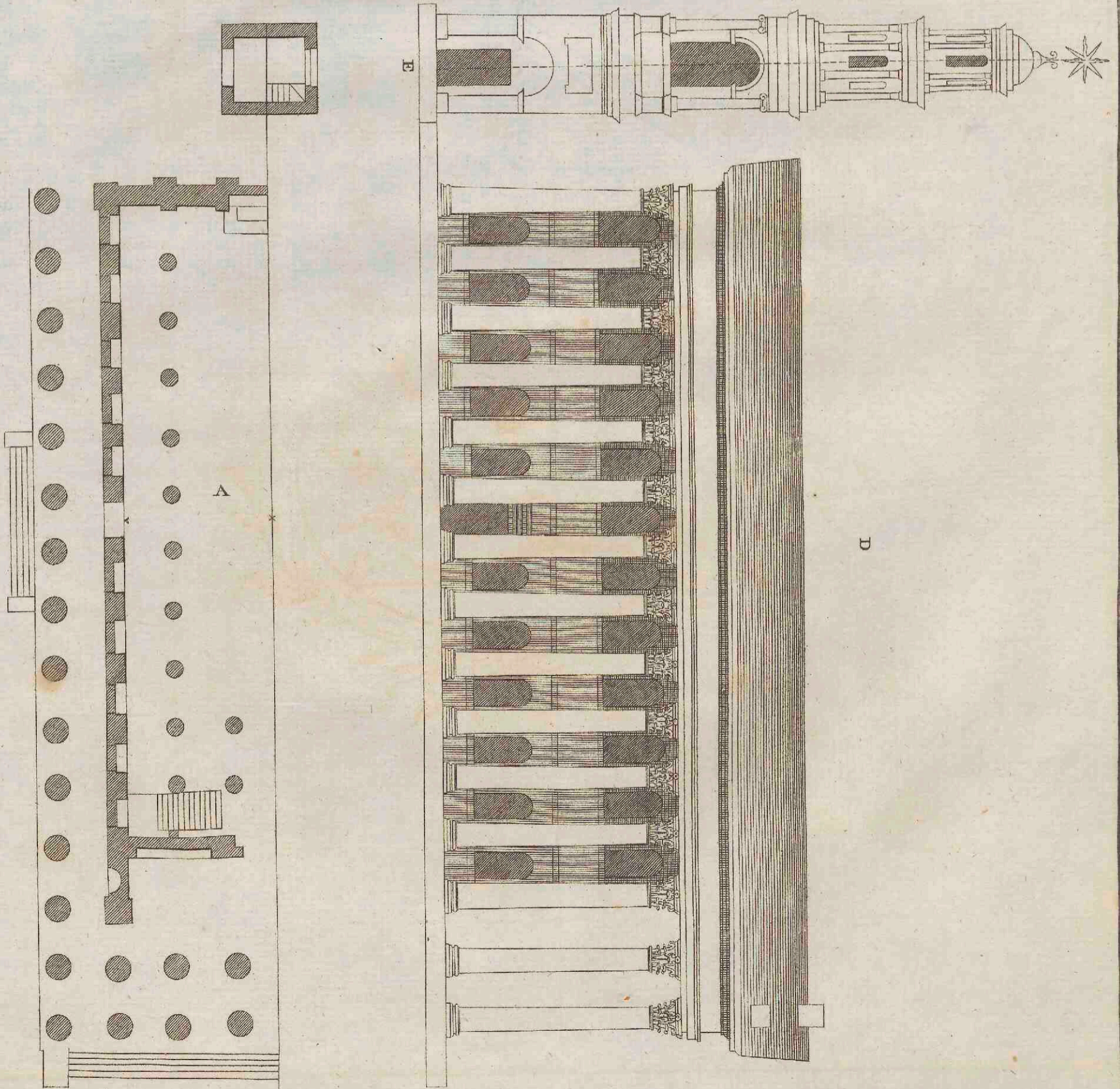
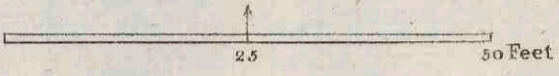
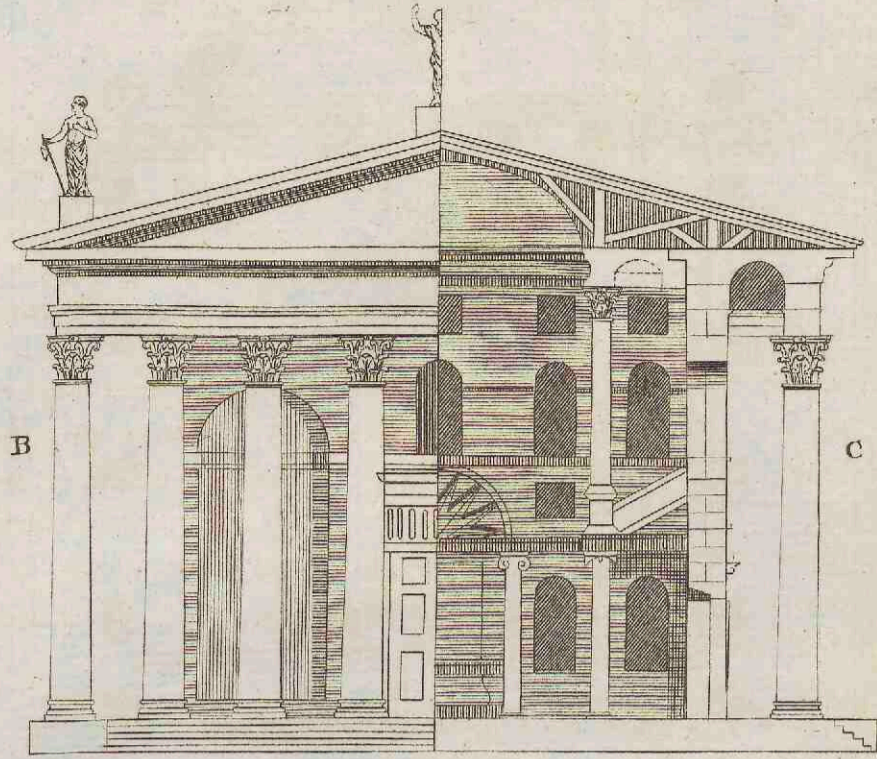
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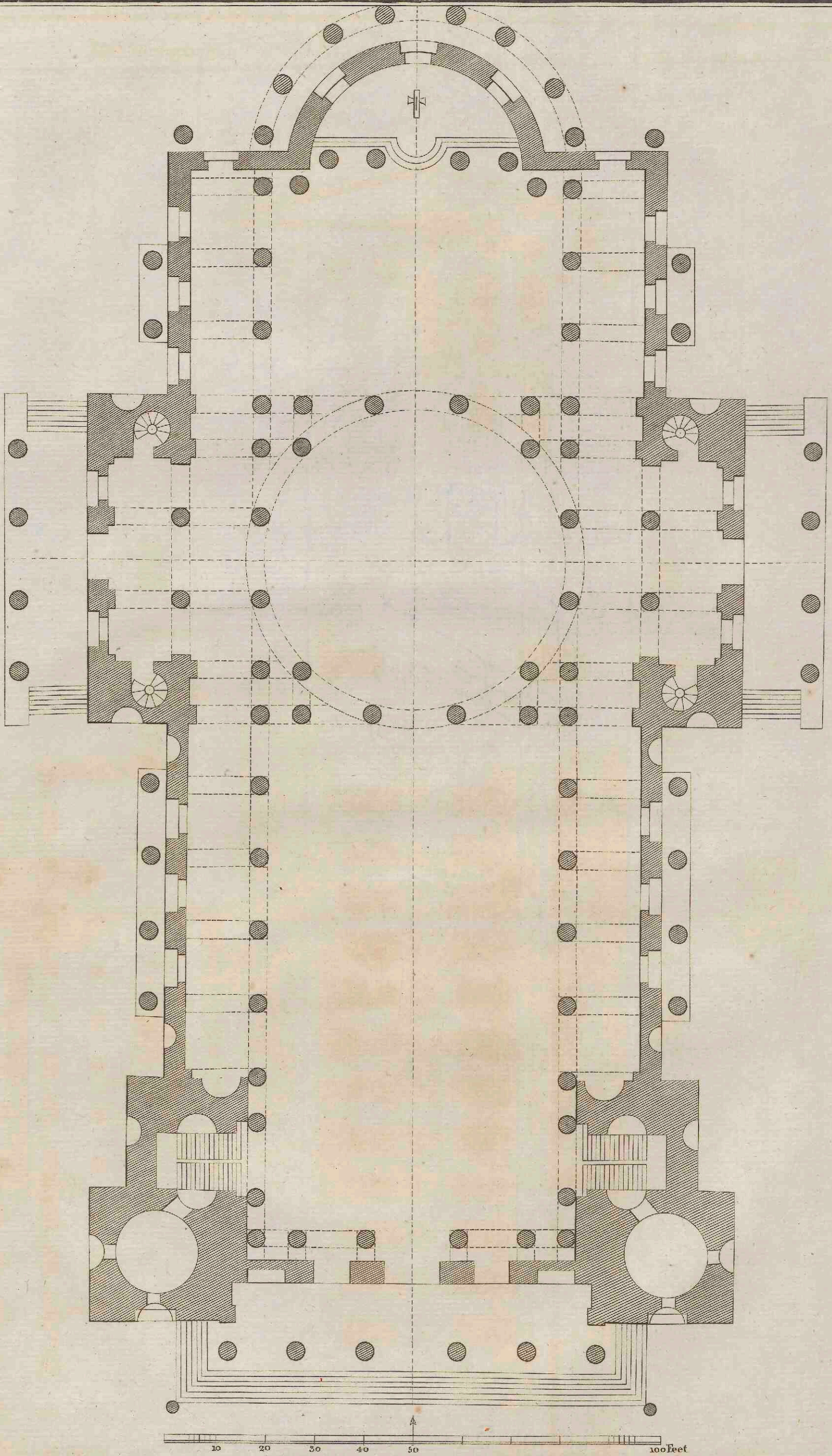


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Semi-Module  
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The Design of a CHURCH after the Manner of an ANTIQVE TEMPLE.

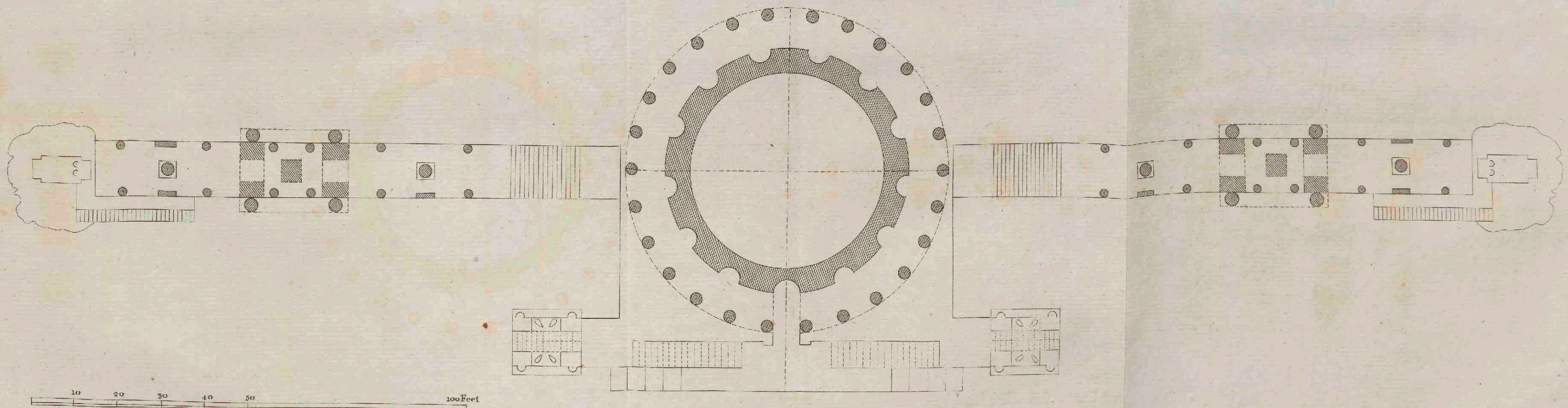
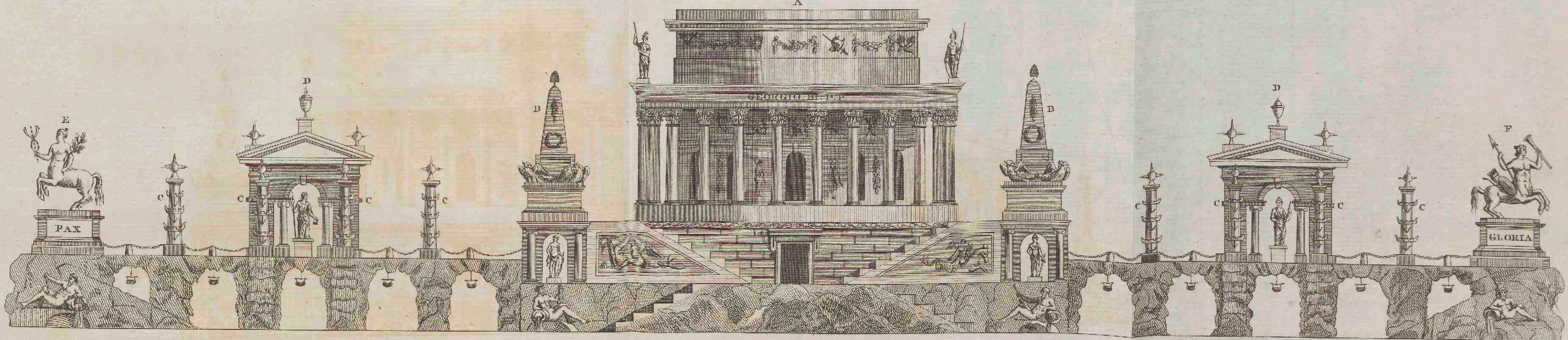




THE FORE-FRONT.

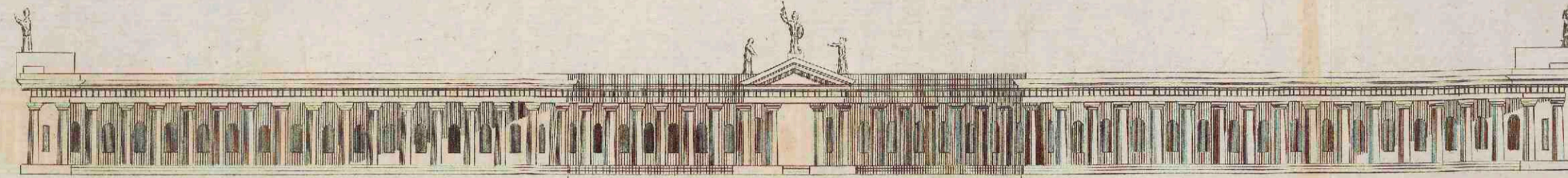


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A GRAND MACHINE FOR FIREWORKS.

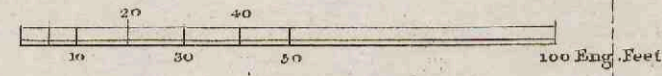
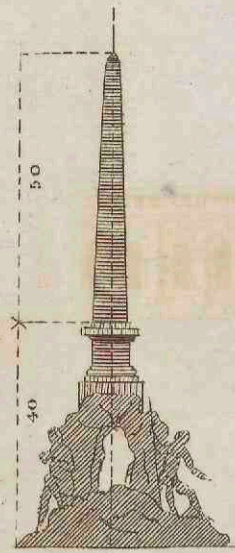
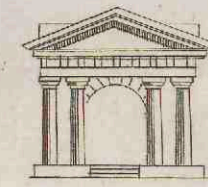


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The Elevation of the Portico.

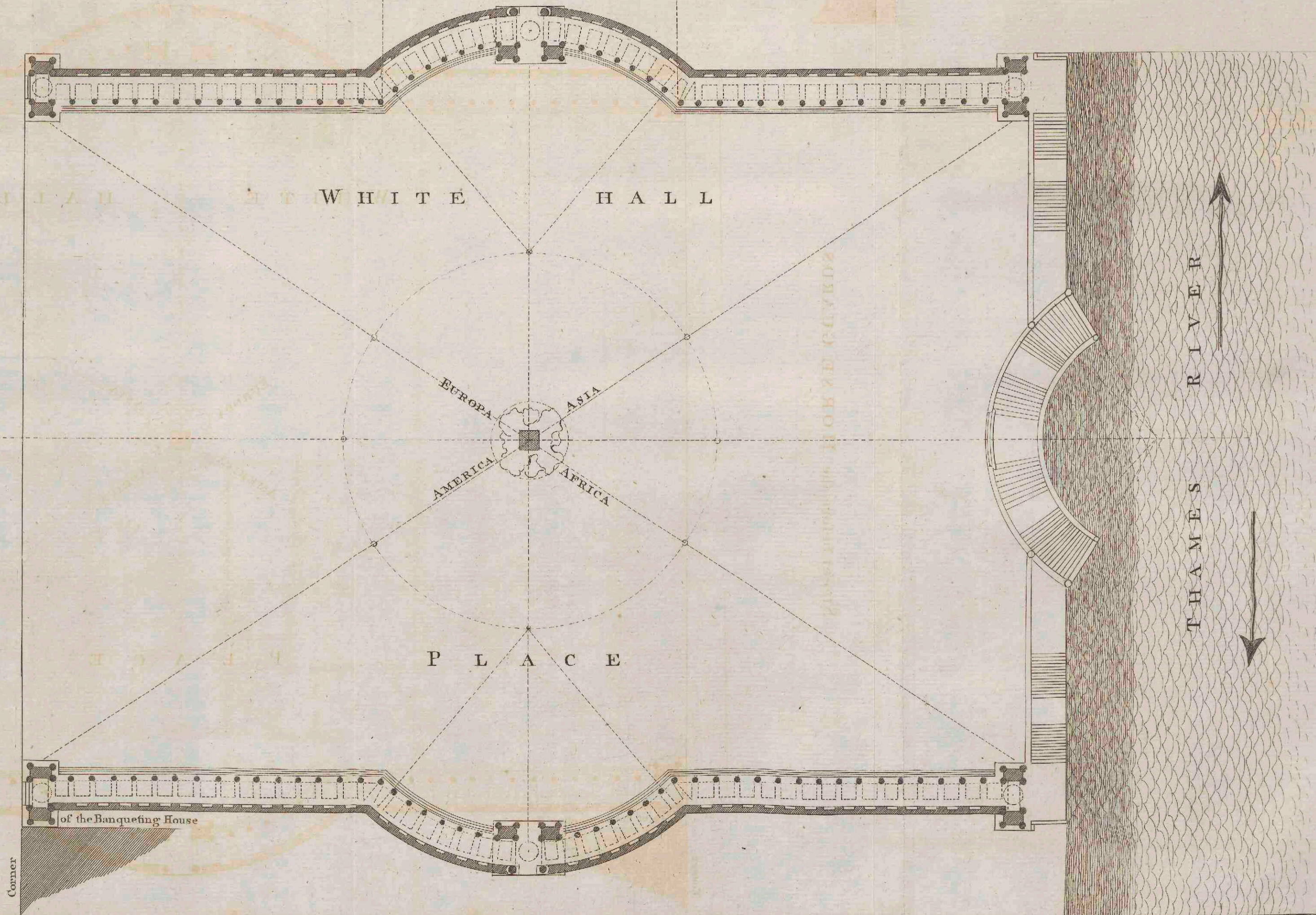


One end of the Portico.



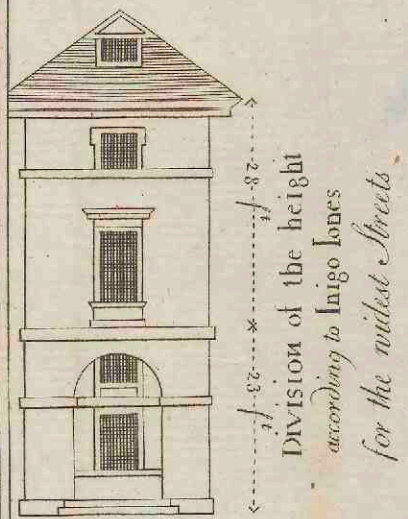
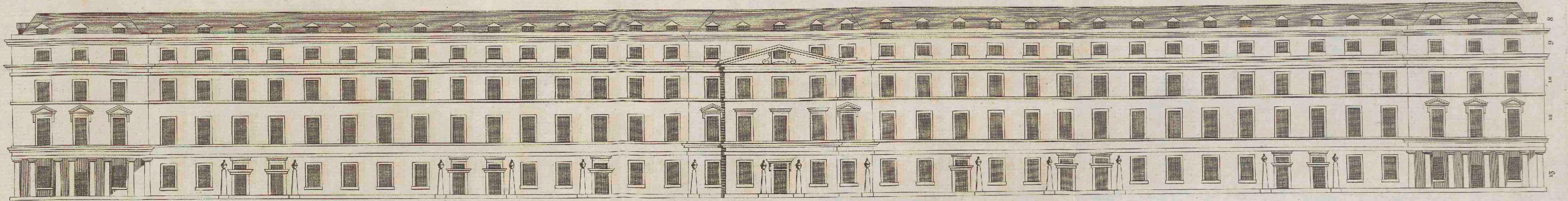
HORSE GUARDS

Street before the HORSE GUARDS

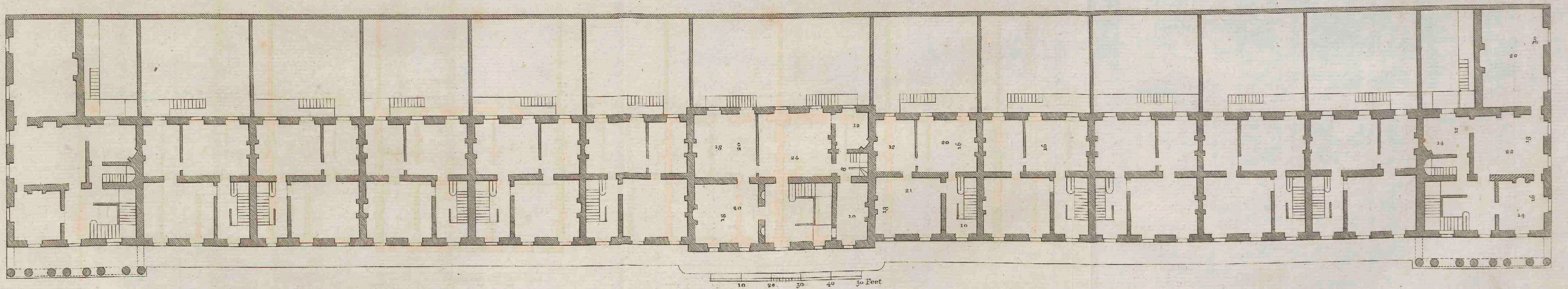




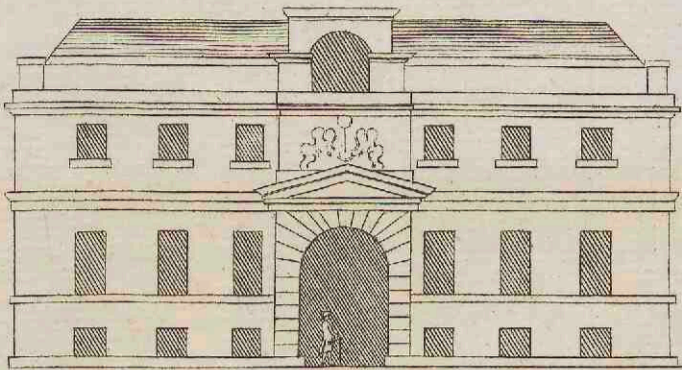
DESIGN for a NEW STREET  
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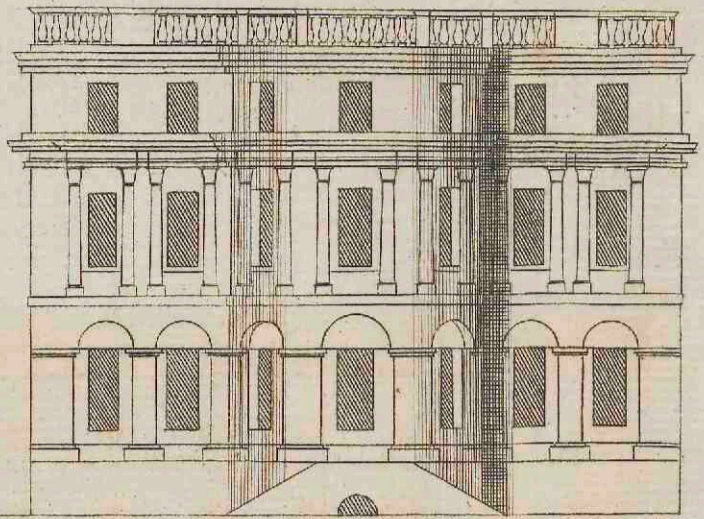
Division of the height  
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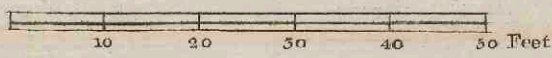
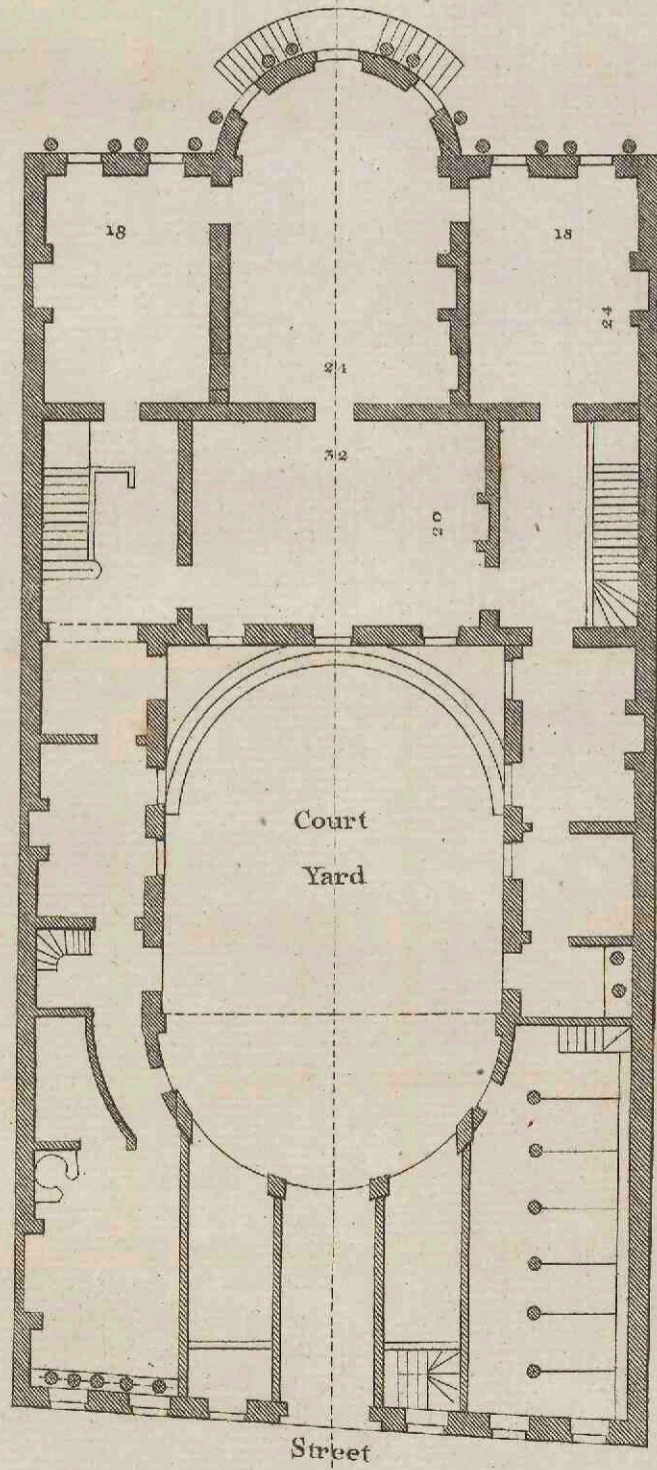
Elevation to the Street.



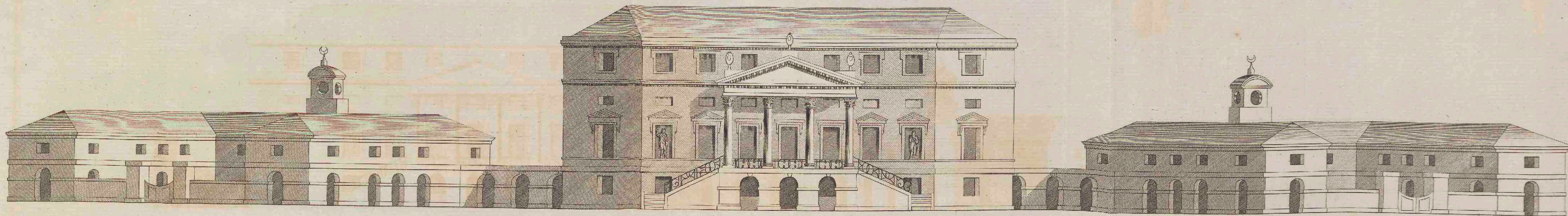
Elevation of the back FRONT.



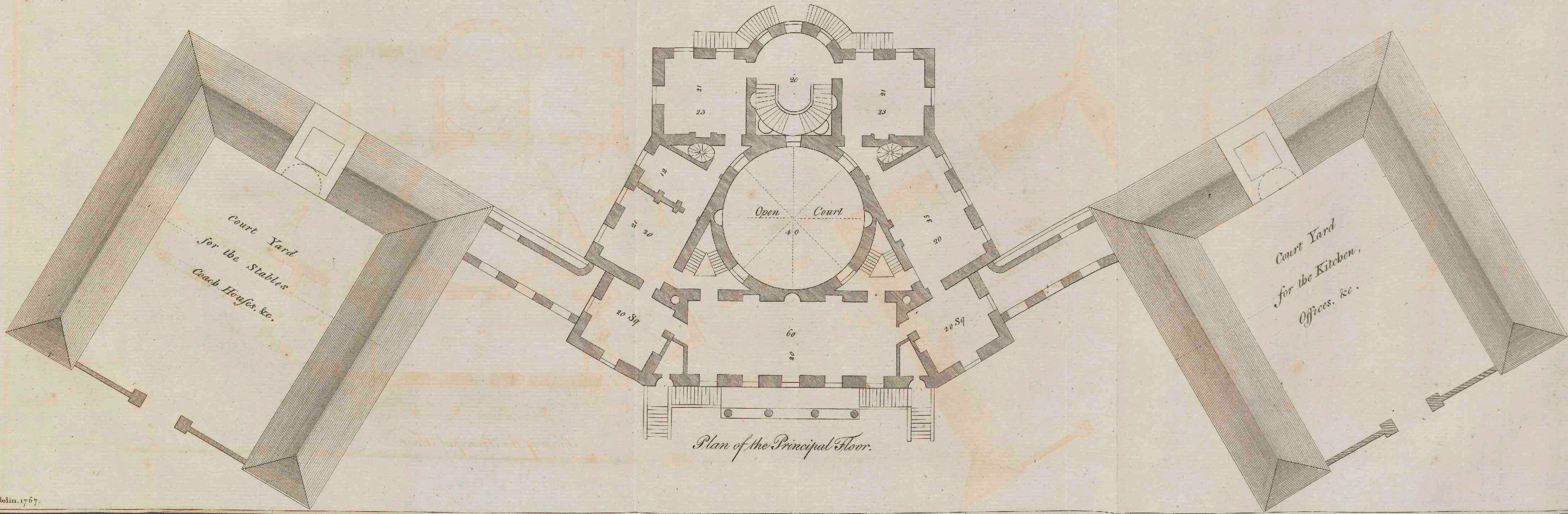
The Plan



Elevation of the Fore FRONT.

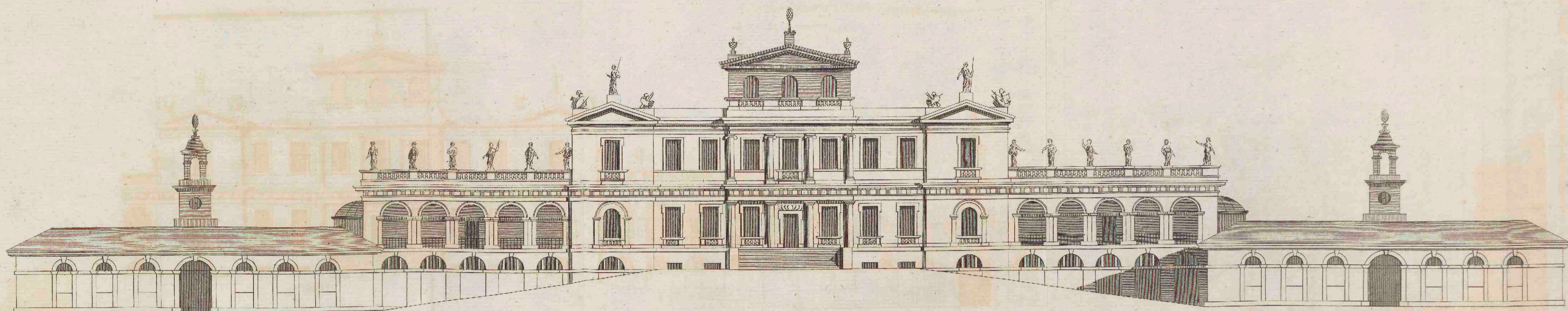


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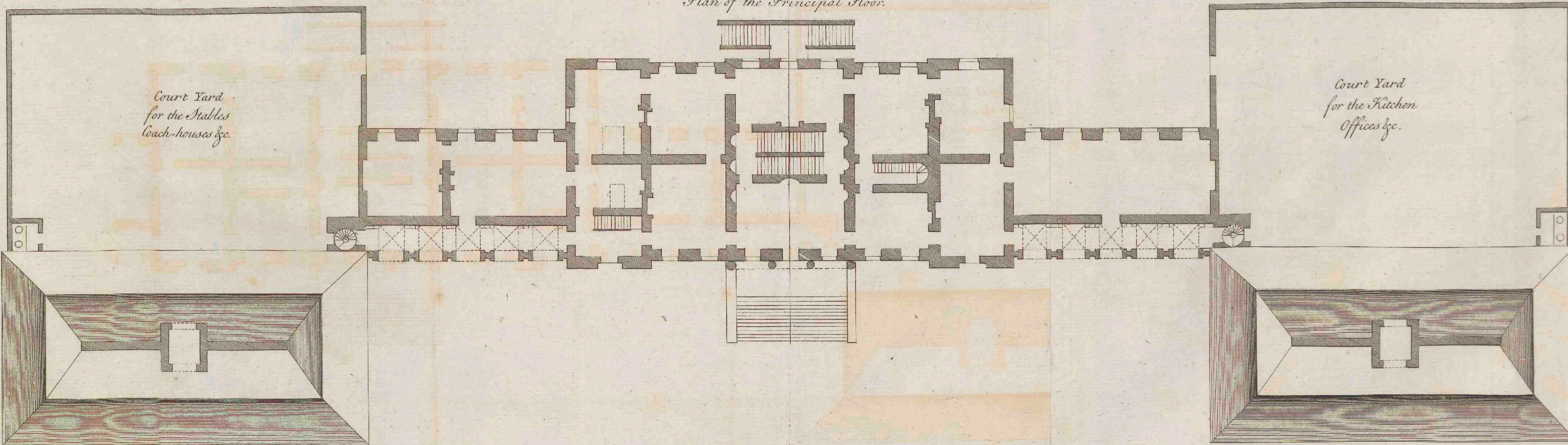


Plan of the Principal Floor.

Elevation of the Fore FRONT.



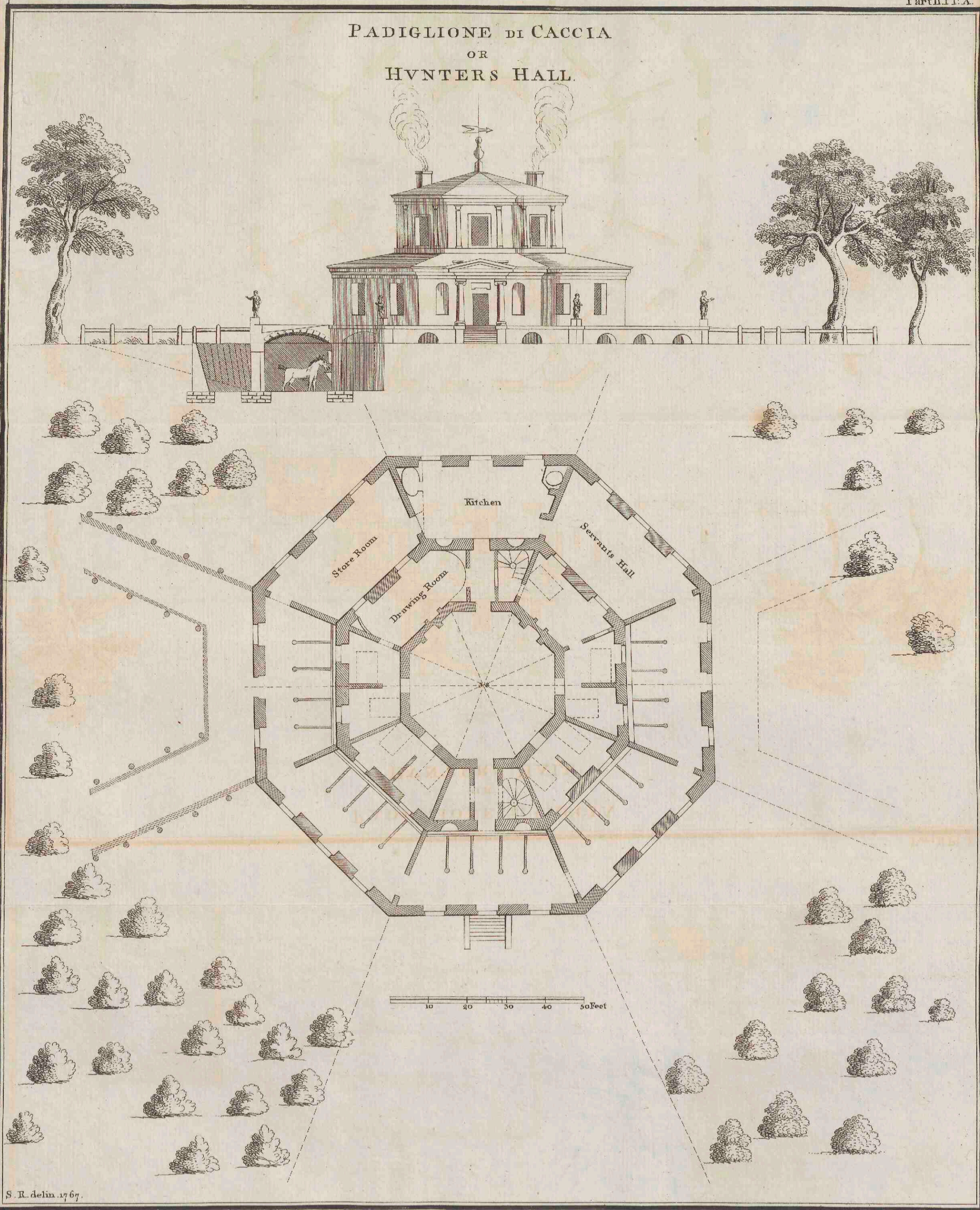
Plan of the Principal Floor.



Court Yard  
for the Stables  
Coach-houses &c.

Court Yard  
for the Kitchen  
Offices &c.

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OR  
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