

PICTURES.

The illustrations in this Book of the old Homes Stores &c, and of some of the rooms in them, are mostly reproductions from sketches made by me in early youth, and in later years; from the actual scenes; while a few others are from the descriptions and drawings given to me by my parents and friends, and those well conversant with the places depicted.

The older ones are from prints and drawings also verified by those long since passed away!

Many of them were fortunately preserved by me in an old portfolio given to me by my brother Mortimer; and were in subsequent years repainted as here shown; with the prints added.

The days of my childhood and youth having been very pleasant, are very clear and vivid in my memory; and I am fully conscious that much of what I then beheld all around me, I have retained.

As a boy I was perhaps more curious