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twich fhould one day take the city, would enter by that gate; the thirteenth, is that of Faxalauza, or of the hill of almond trees; the fourteenth, the lion gate, in Arabic, Bib Elecei; the fifteenth, the coaft gate, called by the Moors Alacabar; the fixteenth; Bib Albonut, or the gate of the Banners, at prefent the magdalen gate; the feventeenth, that of the Darro; the eighteenth, that of the Mofayca; the nineteenth, that called the gate of Ecce Homo; the twentieth, that by the fide of the Alhambra.

The Moors have left more monuments in Granada than in any other city in Spain. From the great number of inforiptions in and about the city, and the fine edifices of the Alhambra and the Generalif, it might be fuppofed thefe people intended to make Granada the great depofitory of their religion, manners, cuftoms and magnificence. There is not a wall which does not bear fome marks of their power; but, notwithVol. III. N ftanding

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ftanding this abundance of monuments, the reign of the Moors in Spain is ftill buried in confufion and obfcurity. The ignorance of the Spaniards, their fuperftition, and the hatred they bore the Moors, have much contributed to this darknefs; they have either deftroyed, or fuffered to be effaced by time, every thing which bore the mark of mahometanifm, inftead of preferving the monuments of antiquity, which at the fame time were thofe of their own glory; and it may be faid, that chance alone, and the folidity of their conftruction, much more than curiofity or a love of the arts, has preferved thofe which ftill exift, although daily going to ruin. What information might not hiftory have derived from them; and how many fables would have been refuted and erafed from our writings ! But we muft here do juftice to the corporation of the city of Granada, who, many years ago, caufed all the Arabian infcriptions in that city to be faithfully copied, and an authen=
tic tranflation to be made, and depofited among the public records.

Ifhall firft fpeak of the monuments within the city. The moft diftinguifhed is the edifice called the Mint, founded by king Abi-Abdallah, as an hofpital for the infane. Some have thought the Arabian infcription over the gate contained a reference to a mint, others maintain that is was neither a mint nor a houfe for the reception of infane perfons, but an hofpital for the poor. The date of the foundation is in the 778 th year of the Hegira, or the year 1376 of the Chriftian æra. The purpofe for which it was in tended may be judged of by the following infcription:
"Praife be to God. This hofpital, " an afylum of mercy, was built for the " benefit of poor and fick Moors, a " work, the piety and utility of which, " no tongue can fufficiently praife. It " ftands a monument of the faith and "charity of the founder, and will be his
${ }^{66}$ recompence when God thall inherit the ${ }^{66}$ earth, and all that it contains. The ${ }^{66}$ founder is the great, the renowned ${ }^{66}$ and the virtuous Abi Abdallah Maho${ }^{66} \mathrm{mad}$, may he profper in God; the ${ }^{66}$ zealous king, the friend and benefactor ${ }^{66}$ of his people; who employs his mi${ }^{66}$ nifter for the glory of his religion and 66 of God; the courageous prince, the ${ }^{66}$ propagator of pious works; the prince "protected by angels; the pure fouls, ${ }^{6} 6$ the protector of the laws and of mo${ }^{66}$ rality, the worthy emperor of the ${ }^{66}$ Moors; may he profper in God. He ${ }^{36}$ is the fon of our Lord, the juft king, ${ }^{66}$ the high and powerful, the conquerors, s 6 the fortunate, the pious governor of 66 the Moors. Abialhageg, who bears wit${ }^{66}$ nefs to the law, fon of the renowned, ${ }^{56}$ of the fublime Abi Algualid, the de"ftroyer of thofe by whom compa${ }^{66}$ nions are given to God; fon of Nazar '6 the privileged, happy in his works, ${ }^{6}$ and in every thing which is refolved "6 in the decrees of God for his fervice ${ }^{66}$ and with him; he projected this ${ }^{66}$ edifice
" edifice from the moment the Mooriih 46 nation became fovereign of this city, 66 and thus made a provifion of merit. ${ }^{6} \mathrm{He}$ filled his arch with charity and ${ }^{6}$ good works, and his whole intention " was directed in the prefence of God. ${ }^{66}$ God is he who infpires good thoughts ${ }^{5}$ and who communicated to him his "6 light, that it might be communicated 66 to thofe who fhould come after him; ${ }^{6} 6$ and for the day when riches and an${ }^{6}$ ceftors will avail us nothing, and when ${ }^{66}$ nought will remain to us but that "6 which God in his mercy fhall have ${ }^{6}$ given us. The plan of this hofpital " was drawn in the ten days of the mid"dle of the month Moharram, in the " year $77 \%$, and finifhed in the ten days " 6 in the middle of Xaguet, in the year "778. May God preferve the pious "' work of the founders, and never leave, " without recompence, the meritorious " labours of thefe illuftrious princes. "God be with Mahomet and his adhe${ }^{66}$ rents for ever."

This houfe is at prefent inhabited by an individual. In the firft court there is a fine refervoir, and two lions, rudely fculptured in marble, through which the water runs into the refervoir. The edifice is not remarkable except from the long and pompous infcription juft given.

The architect of the cathe ral was a perfon of the name of Siloë, who died before the building was finimed. The principal front is noble and fimple. The date of the building and dedication are placed over the little door, which opens to the ftreet of the prifon; and above are two well executed figures reprefenting Faith and Juftice, with the follow= ing infcription:

Pof feptingentos, Mauris dominantibus, annos Catbolicis dedimus populos bos regibus, ambee Corpora condidimus boc templo, animafque locamus In ccelis, quia, jufitiam coluere fidemque.
Pontifucem dedimus Ferdinandum nomine primum, Dosirine, morum, vitreque exemplar bonefta.

The architect in building the cathedral is faid to have taken the human body for his model: the great chapel is the head, the breaft and ftomach are reprefented by the nave, the two collateral naves are the arms, and the reft of the choir form the feet. I confefs, that in examining this magnificent building, I could not perceive thefe refemblances. The dome over the great altar is fupported by twenty-two Corinthian columns, in great and majeftic proportions. Gilt coloffal ftatues of the twelve apofles are placed upon the architrave, and, between the columns of the fecond order, are feveral paintings which reprefent the life of the Virgin Mary. In a word, the whole of this dome is magnificent: it is an hundred and fixty feet high, and eighty in diameter, the choir is as many in length and about fifty in breadth. The moft fenfible defect of this edifice is the breadth not being proportioned to the length, which arifes from the royal chapel and the parifh church, or Sagrario, having been taken

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into the cathedral; by which means three churches have been made into one. The length of the whole is four hundred and twenty-five feet; the breadth only two hundred and fortynine : it has five naves, divided by twenty detached pillars; thofe of the principal nave are twelve feet in diameter, the others but eleven.

The chancery, or court of juftice, has a front equally elegant and majentic; it were to be wifhed the infide correfponded with this fine exterior. The infcription upon the pediment is by the famous, Ambrofe Morales, hiftoriographer to Philip II.

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Ut rerum qua bic geruntur magnitudini non omnino impar eflet tribunalis majefas, Pbilippi II regis providentio. Regiam banc litibus dijudicandis amplificandam § boc digno cultu exornandam cenfuit, anno
M D. LXXXVII. Domino Fere nando Nino de Guevara profide.

Martin Diaz Navarro and Alonfo Hernandez, were the architects of this front; to which was added, in 1762 , a fecond body of building which accords but little with the firf.

There are but two chanceries in Spain, before which, in cafe of appeal, come all the caufes that are judged in the kingdom; from thefe, in cafes forefeen by the law, they are carried before the council of Caftile. One of the chanceries Granada.

The gate of the Alhambra is near the court of juftice, and leads to a delightful walk in which there is a fountain, built in the reign of Charles $V$. It is ornamented with imperial eagles, and bears a fimple infcription in the Roman fyle and tafe. CAESARI IMPERATORI CAROLO V. HISPANIARVM REGI. Four bas reliefs, half deftroyed by time, accompany the infcription; one reprefents Hercules in the moment of his killing the hydra, and has this motto : non memarabitur ultra; another the rape of Europa, with the words: imago myfice bonoris; the third, Apollo purfuing Daphne, with the following legend: à fole fugante fugit; the fourth, Alexander on horfeback compleatly armed, and thefe words; non fufficit orbis. In a few years nothing of thefe bas reliefs will remain.

The principal entrance of the caftle of the Alhambra is a few paces from the fountain; this gate, now called that of the Guard, on account of a few invalids pofted there, is a ftrong tower, built by the king Jofeph Abulhaggehg, as the Arabian infcription indicates.
"This gate, called the gate of the " Judgment or Tribunal, (may God ${ }^{66}$ caufe it to promote the happinefs of * the Mooriih people, and perpetuate "6 it to the end of nations) was built by "6 our lord the emperor and king of the © Moors, Jofeph Abulhaggehg, fon of "6 the juft and warlike Abigualed, fon "6 of Nazar: God give a happy end to ${ }^{66}$ his works for the good of the Mufful"' man nation, and profper the edifice "' built for its defence. It was finifhed ${ }^{6}$ in the month of Maulen Almnadam, " in the year feven hundred and forty${ }^{6}$ nine. God render it lafting upon its "s foundation, and perpetuate, in the me " mory of men, the epocha of its com"pletion."

The year 749 of the Hegira, and the month Maulen Almnadam, correfponded with the 4 th of April, $133^{8}$, of our æra. 'This gate was built to ferve as a tribunal, according to the cuftom of the Arabs and the Hebrews, who erected their tribunals at the gates of their cities; and from this ancient cuftom in Afia, the court of the grand feignor is called the Porte (or gate) by way of dife tinction.

On each fide of the infcription is a piece of marble, upon which are the following fentences in Arabic.
© Praife be to God. There is no ${ }^{66}$ other God but God, and Mahomet is ${ }^{66}$ his prophet. There is no ftrength " but from God."?

A key and an open hand are placed over the infcription; thefe are the two great fymbols of the Mahometan religion. The Alcoran continually fpeaks, of the almighty hand of God which

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conducted the faithful in the way of righteoufnefs: and of the key of God, which opened to them the gates of the world and of religion.

The key among the Muffulmen is nearly what the crofs is with Chriftians: the chief fign of the faith. Among the Arabians it had much the fame functions and power as the keys of Saint Peter with us; the power of binding and loofening, and of opening and fhutting the gates of heaven. We read in the Alcoran: "Is not God almighty ${ }^{6}$ and merciful in favour of men who ${ }^{66}$ believe in him and write? Did not he "give to his legate the power of heaven ${ }^{6}$ which is above, and of fire which is be"6 neath? With the key, did not he give to ${ }^{66}$ him the title and power of a porter, that "he may open to thofe whom he fhall " have chofen ?" The key was, befides, the armorial enfign of the Andalufian Moors. As foon as they entered Spain, they bore it on their ftandards and Gbiblaltath, now Gibraltar, the name given

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it by the Moors, and which fignifies the mountain of the entry, was thus named, becaufe it was looked upon as the key of the ftrait through which the ocean enters into the Mediterranean ; and for the Moors, it was the gate alfo through which they found an entry into Spain. Therefore the key over the gate of the Alhambra may be taken in feveral acceptations, either as a fymbol of the Mahometan faith, or as a fimple armorial enfign.

The hand near the key had, among the Moors, three myfterious fignifications. It was a defiguation of Providence, and the prototype or rather abridgment of the law. The hand is composed of four fingers and a thumb, and each finger has three joints; the thumb but two; but all are combined in the unity of the hand, which ferves as the fourdation. The law of the Mahometans contains five fundamental precepts: the frit is," to believe in God and in bis prophot; the fecond, to pray; the third, to
give alms; the fourth, to faft during the month of Rabmadan; the fifth, to vifit the temple of Mecca and that of Medina." Each of thefe dogmas or precepts have three modifications, except the firft which has buttwo, and anfwers to the thumb; thefe are the beart and works. Words are ufelefs in the law of Mahomet ; all its doctrines and their derivatory precepts are founded on the profeffion of their faith in the unity of God, which the Muffulmen have continually in their mouths, La allab illab allab; "there is no God but God;" and confequently the whole of Mahometanifm may be confined within the hand, the five fingers, and the fourteen joints.

The third fignification is purely fuperftitious. The Arabs ftill believe, that the hand, by its form, being an abridgement of their religion, became a powerful defence againft the enemies of the law, and might operate míracles by knowing how to give it certain figures, and changing them according to the

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courfe of the ftars, planets, and conftels lations. Reprefented open, like that over the gate of the Alhambra, it had, faid they, the power of weakening the ftrength of the enemy.

The hand was honoured with equal refpect amongtt us, during the ages of ignorant credulity: it has been made the foundation of the idle dreams of fortune-tellers. The profeffors of chi romancy have pretended, that every man carries in his hand the marks of his deftiny. The lineaments Nature has traced there, and others occafioned by accident, have furnimed a fubject for many learned volumes. The Spanifh women ftill pat round the necks of their children a kind of collar, made with little hands, of box, ebony or ivory, to preferve them from enchantments; a fuperfition which they have received from the Moors.

The firft edifice within the walls of the Alhambra is the famous palace of

Charles V. The architect, by whom the plan was formed and the building begun, was the celebrated Alphonfo Berruguete, born in the village of Paredes de Navas, near Valladolid. It was continued by Machuca, another Spaniard, pupil to Raphael, who, in his turn, left the undertaking to Siloe, the architect of the cathedral, a Spaniard like his predeceffors, and born at Burgos. This palace was built with the money the emperor had the art to obtain from the Moors, under the pretence of allowing them liberty of confcience. They advanced at two payments fixteen hundred thoufand ducats, for which they received nothing but promifes; for in the end they were ruined, converted and perfecuted *。

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This palace was abandoned at the death of Charles V. It is a perfect fquare

Saint Paul, or the fathers of the primitive church, exhorting the faithful, and fupporting them under perSecutions, fo much do the paths of error refemble thofe of truth. The letter cannot be difpleafing, I have therefore tranflated it intirely,
"The unhappy the forrowful Molefma, defpoiled "t of the kingdom which belonged to him, as the ${ }^{6}$ only remaining branch of the race of the kings, "c the defenders of the nation and the law, Molefma, "6 who took pleafure in the labours of a fovereign, " without loffing fight of juftice and religion, Aben "Humeya, fon of Thali, and defeendant of the " high, mighty and faithful Muley Hacen, to the "t honorable and zealous Muffulmen his brethren " of Granada, health and benediction,
: We weep and fhed bitter tears at the difgrace s6 and misfortunes which the faithful Muffulman Ab "Hami has feen fall upon you, and we rejoice to " learn with what firmnefs you refift the importu. os nate intreaties, and cruel threats and perfecutions " of thofe who wihh to make you renounce the " truth, wretched men that they are. If the voices " of two or three of the Chriftian Imams be a tor" ment to us, what muft you fuffer who are expofed "t to fo great a number of their Imams, who daily " preach io, furround you, and cven enter yout 's houfes?
fquare of two hundred and twenty feet. No greater extent was given it, that the
" houfes? We know that the moft fevere among "them are they who, with their profane nofque, "6 are placed in a collected body in the midft of you. st Thefe are the perfons who moft defame our pa"t tience and courageous fidelity. We congratulate "6 ourfelves upon the means you employ to keep them ss at a diftance, and efpecially to prevent their de" ftructive poifon from infecting the tender minds "s of your feeble children. Fear nothing; arm your's felves with new ftrength ; power will manifeft it" felf to deftroy this race of infidels; and we fhall ${ }^{65}$ one day poffefs this power. He who, with a ${ }^{6}$ fteady eye, watches over us and our works is Al" mighty; he will multiply his faithful and zealous "fervants like the ftars of heaven and the fand of ${ }^{66}$ the fea. In the midft of all the evils with which ${ }^{6}$ you are furrounded, you are happy, fince you "6 have before your eyes that fplendid city and the " flowery fields, which were the native country of our " forefathers; may they enjoy peace and receive the " benediction of heaven. Time preffes; negleft not "t the education of your children, that throughout "s their lives they may know the truth. We are be" come opprobrious in the eyes of our neighbours, "t the flaves and objects of mockery to thofe by ${ }^{66}$ whom we are abhorred. Be firm, and hope for "' every thing from time and from God; he is mor"s ciful and almighty."

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The principal gate is of grey marble, and of the doric order. The frieze is ornamented with this fimple infcription :

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Near the houfe called that of the Contador (the receiver) not far from the palace, is an ancient elm, which, if tradition be believed, ferved as a throne to the chief of the Mahometan religion, to give audiences, and to interpret obfcure points of the law: thus, among the Jews, we find the tribunal of Deborah under a palm tree.

The firft court of the Moorim palace, called the Caftle of Alhambra, and which is adjoining to the palace of Charles V . was called the Mefuar: the Spaniards now call it Los Array Fanes. It is paved with
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with great fquares of white marble, that are now broken and covered with grafs and mofs. In the middle is a kind of bafon, narrow and almoft as long as the court; at the two extremities are four gothic columns, which fupport a charming gallery. The whole extent is decorated with ornaments, ferving to join feveral Arabic letters, which, united, form different infcriptions. Some of thofe the moft frequently repeated are,
" God is the fovereign good, the uni${ }^{66}$ verfal fupport; he is full of goodnefs ${ }^{66}$ and mercy for compaffionate hearts."
" God only is the conqueror."
${ }^{66}$ Honour and happinefs to our lord Abd-Allah."

Above the two principal cornices are feveral feftoons, well finifhed, with Arabic characters forming the following in= fcription, which occupies the greateft part of the wall at the entrance of the tower of Comares.

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"Let God be extolled; he has given ${ }^{66}$ to the nation a governor who has ${ }^{6}$ brought it to the higheft degree of ${ }^{6}$ glory and renown. Oh! from how ${ }^{66}$ many and from what herefies has he ${ }^{s 6}$ delivered the people! He has affec${ }^{56}$ tionately conducted them to their in${ }^{s}$ heritances; but they who have thut 86 their eyes againft his light have been ${ }^{66}$ reduced to llavery, and made ufeful ${ }^{6}$ to the welfare of the kingdom. With ${ }^{66}$ his fword and invincible courage has ${ }^{36}$ he reduced nations to obedience, and ${ }^{6 s}$ conquered provinces. Thou, Nazar, ${ }^{6}$ haft atchieved heroic deeds before unss heard of. Thou dift enter and con${ }^{56}$ quer twenty renowned cities; thou ${ }^{66}$ didfe return crowned with victory and simmenfe riches, with which thou ss haft rewarded thy brethren and peosc ple. If they know how to direct 's their prayers, when their foul be${ }^{6}$ comes elevated, they will afk of the "great, the fublime, and the only God ${ }^{66}$ length of days for thee, and for thy ${ }^{66}$ ftates duration and profperity. O Na-
${ }^{6}$ zar, although born in the midat of ${ }^{\text {os }}$ greatnefs, thou fhineft by thine own " Iuftre like the ftar of heaven; thou " art our fortrefs, our fupport, and our ${ }^{66} \mathrm{arm}$ of vengeance; thou guideft us ${ }^{66}$ like a flambeau, which diffipates dark${ }^{66}$ nefs from before us. The ftars fear "s thee in their courfe, the great ftar " of heaven lights thee with refpect, ${ }^{6}$ and the higheft tree which can bend "6 gains by thy fide."

Over the door of the fame apartment, but on the outfide, is a circle filled by the following infcription:
6. If thou admireft my beauty with"s out thinking of God, who is the au${ }^{66}$ thor of all things, I warn thee that " it is a folly, becaufe thou mighteft ${ }^{6 \prime}$ make thy admiration turn to thy pro"fit, and God may bring thee to death. "O ye, who look upon this marble of ${ }^{6}$ perfect workmanfhip and beauty, ${ }^{66}$ watch over its defence, and that it
${ }^{66}$ may be lafting, protect it with your ${ }^{66}$ five fingers and your hand *."

This infcription feems to indicate that there was formerly a fatue, bas relief, or fome precious marble over the gate.

The tower of Comares took its name from the Moorifh architect by whom it was built. But Marmol and Pedraza, who have written the hiftory of Granada, fay that Comares is derived from Commarragia, the proper name of the Perfian ornament with which the principal hall is embellifhed. The architect, whoever he was, after building his tower, made an experiment upon it; he mea-

* See what has been faid upon the fingers and the hand, and the opinion of the Moors on this fubject. The manner of employing the hand as a defence againft fafcination, as ftill received in Spain, is to Thut it, and pafs the thumb in the form of a crofs between the middle and the fore fingers. In this manner a young and handfome woman imagines the fkreens herfelf and preferves her children from the malicious looks of an old one.
fured the height as foon as the building was finifhed, and having meafured it a fecond time the year after, found the tower to have funk three feet. It is the higheft and moft magnificent tower of the Alhambra.

The door of the great hall is an arch, in a good tafte, embellifhed with feftoons, which are in fucco. On each fide of the door are two little niches, in which perfons who entered left their fandals. This hall is worthy the attention of the curious by its heighth, the boldnefs of its arched roof, and the ornaments and infcriptions it contains.

The walls and cornice are covered with feftoons and Arabic characters; thofe of the cornice are a repetition of the following words: ${ }^{66}$ Celeftial cheer"fulnefs, eafe of heart, and eternal de" lights to all believers." The cornices were, undoubtedly, caft in a mould, in which the words were engraved; whence it comes that moft of the borders of the
doors and windows are but a continued repetition of the fame phrafe.

The infcription round the cabinet, to the left on entering, is as follows:
" Obferve, that all the kings who ${ }^{66}$ have been and now are in this palace ${ }^{66}$ render juftice to Abu Nazar, and take ${ }^{66}$ pride in him; he is endowed with "f fuch majefty, that, placed in the hea${ }^{6}$ vens, he would have obfcured the ${ }^{66}$ planets and the figns of the zodiac. ${ }_{66}$ His looks ftrike terror into the minds "6 of kings; but, without violence, he ${ }^{66}$ attracts them to him, and protects ${ }^{66}$ them by his own glory, for to his ter${ }^{66}$ rible look he always joins greatnefs ${ }^{6}$ of mind and benevolence; he ferved ${ }^{66}$ not Arabian and Andalufian kings ${ }^{66}$ only, but all the fovereigns of the "t earth."

This Abu Nazar is, undoubtedly, the famous Miramolin who reigned in Africa,
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and in whofe name the conqueft of Spain was made.

The other cabinet has alfo an infcription, which is longer, more elegant, and better written.

66 Glory of the kings who have dif6s appeared from the earth, honour of "thofe by whom thou thalt be fuc"c ceeded, wert thou compared to the " Itars they would be humbled; were ${ }^{66}$ fplendour and nobility wanting to thy " dignity thy perfon would give it fufiis cient luftre. Thou art the depofitory ${ }^{6}$ of the books which have purified the s' fect*, and which will be fuch evi${ }^{66}$ dence

* When the famous Ximenez de Cifneros came to Granada to co-operate with the firt archbifhop of that city, Fernando de Talavera, in the converfion of the infidels, it is faid, they collected a million and twenty-five thoufand copies of the Alcoran, which were burnt in the public fquare; feveral works of tafte and erudition, worthy of defcending to pofterity, were confounded with the law

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${ }^{66}$ dence as none fhall ever contradict.
"How many former nations, how many
"s of thofe which now exift, have been
${ }^{66}$ faved by thy zeal! Thou concealeft
${ }^{66}$ fublime ideas, and thy virtues are fo
${ }^{66}$ neceffary that thy end ought never to
${ }^{66}$ come; they have all chofen an afylum
${ }^{66}$ in thy breaft; but efpecially clemency
"6 and oblivion of injuries."
The following infcription is upon the window in the middle of the hall.
"Oh, God! haften to my affiftance. ${ }^{66}$ May he who fones the demon + be with
of the prophet, and partook its fate : the prefs, upon which this infcription is written, probably contained the Alcoran,

+ This expreffion originates from a tale told by Mahomet to the inhabitants of Mecca. He perfuaded them that a mountain in the neighbourhood of the city, called Hod Hud Ar Aram, was the Mount Moriah to which Abraham led his fon to facrifice him, and that the demon, jealous of the progrefs of true religion, came every night to haunt the mountain, and do fome evil to the real believers;
" Mahomet and his generation, let him " keep us from the wrath and fnares of " the evil fpirit, that we may make war "s with hell; may he deliver me from "6 the adverfities which are followed by "' misfortune*, and may he avert the ${ }^{66}$ evil which the envious is about to do ${ }^{6}$ me in the moment of his envy. ${ }^{6}$ There exifts no other divinity than ${ }^{6} 6$ that of God. Praife be to the father ${ }^{6}$ of all ages and of the world; eternal " praife."
but that the angel Gabriel had taught Abraham cers tain words, by repeating which, walking feven times round the mountain, and throwing ftones at the devil, the evil fpirit would run not only from that place, but from every other where the fame religious act fhould be performed. Hence arofe the cuftom of the pilgrims to Mecca; who never fail to roll a fone every night round the mountain, and to fone the devis: many indulgences are attached to this nocturnal ceremony, and the power of foning the demon is in an efpecial manner attributed to God.

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Over the window to the right is written:

6' I am like unto the fweet exhalation ${ }^{6}$ of plants, which fatisfies, captivates, ${ }^{6}$ and enchants thy fenfes. Behold the "s vafe I fupport, and, in its purity, "t thou wilt fee the truth of my words. " If thou fhouldft defire to give me one "' like it, thou canff find it no where "6 but in the Moon when at the full: ${ }^{66}$ and Nazar, who is my mafter, is the "ftar which communicates to me its ${ }^{66}$ light: as long as he watches over me, "I hall never be eclipfed."

This infcription is undoubtedly an eulogium on the court and bafon upon which the window opens.

The following is over the window to the left in the hall:
"Well may a fublime name be given ${ }^{56}$ to me, for I am fortunate and magni${ }^{6} 6$ ficent. This tranfparent and liquid re${ }^{6}$ fervoir
*s fervoir which prefents itfelf to thy "s view, will, if thou pleafeft, quench ${ }^{6}$ thy thirft ; but were the water to ftop " in its courle, and never more to fill st up thefe fortunate banks, it would ${ }^{56}$ not lefs teftify the praifes of Nazar, "the man, liberal beyond meafure, ${ }^{66}$ whom no one leaves with the want ${ }^{56}$ which brought him into his prefence."

The little cornice above the window is not without its infcription; it has the following words:
" Praifes to God, to the Prophet, to "Nazar who gave empires; and to our "' king Abi-Abd-Allah, peace, elevation 56 and happinefs $\dagger$."
$\dagger$ This infcription proves that Nazar, who is mera. tioned in the preceding infriptions, is the fame with Miramolin Jacob Almanzor, whom feyeral hifto. rians call Nazar, a name of greatnef's and dignity, like Augufius among the Romans, and Pbaraob with the Egyptians,

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[^0]:    * The means employed by the Spaniards, to convert the Moors of Granada, may be judged of by a letter, which ftill remains, of the famous Aben Humeya; in which he conjures his fubjects, his brethren, to perfevere in their religion, and to wait for more happy days. We might imagine we hear

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[^1]:    * The explanation of this idea is found in the fecond volume of the letters of M. Guis, upon. Greece, in which he comments upon the Greek proverb which is fo philofophical: O misfortune, if thou comeft alone, thou art welcome?

