

holders with admiration ; it excites little surprise that every attention should have been given to the practice of Architecture, and that its professors should have received the most liberal encouragement from men of rank and taste, anxious for renown.

Persons of the most exalted stations have honoured it as students, and thought it not beneath them to attend to its rules.

In present times, among ourselves, we have instances of dignified persons studying the rules of Architecture, which, united with true taste, have produced designs that would do honour to the genius of the first professors.

Animated by such examples, it is not surprising the science should now be regarded with considerable attention : the frequent tours to Italy, Greece, and other parts celebrated for elegant edifices, though now in ruins, have excited a love for, and spread much knowledge and justness of taste among our nobility and gentry, whose leisure affords opportunity for exploring the remains of ancient architectural grandeur ; add to this, the great industry and attention of some of our most celebrated