

## PLATE VII.

## ST. PAUL'S DECLAMATION BEFORE AGRIPPA.

**I THINK** myself happy, King Agrippa, that I shall answer for myself this Day before thee, touching all Things whereof I am accused of the Jews: especially, because I know thee to be expert in all Customs and Questions which are among the Jews; wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My Manner of Life from my Youth, which was at first among mine own Nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews, which knew me from the Beginning, (if they would testify) that after the straitest Sect of our Religion I have lived a Pharisee. And now I stand and am judged for the Hope of the Promise made by God unto our Fathers: Unto which Promise our twelve Tribes, instantly serving God Day and Night, hope to come: For which Hope's Sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a Thing incredible with you, that God should raise the Dead? when God himself has given Assurance of it unto all Men, in that he hath raised Christ from the Dead. As for my own Part, most noble Festus, I own I once verily thought that even I myself ought to do many things contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which Thing I also did in Jerusalem. I punished