

P R E F A C E.

THE Work now offered to the Public is constructed upon a plan materially different from any which has preceded it, and will, I hope, be more useful. The defects of former publications appear to be, that the several parts which require to be connected, are scattered through the book, and are not combined in a regular and united series; no idea, therefore, of relative proportion is at all communicated; so that when the various mouldings and enrichments necessary for a room are selected and executed by the workman, it will not occasion much surprise if harmony of proportion and fitness of character, from which alone beauty can result, should be wanting, and which, no doubt, has too frequently been the cause of much dissatisfaction between the workman and his employer.

To obviate so material an objection, I now submit a regular series of Plans and Sections for all the principal rooms of a modern house, with suitable ornaments, enrichments, and mouldings, drawn to a proper scale and proportion, from which they may be worked without difficulty, according to