

CHAPTER XXIII.

NOTES FOR A GEOLOGICAL EXCURSION, OVER THE CHALK AND
WEALDEN FORMATIONS OF THE SOUTH-EAST OF ENGLAND,
FROM LONDON TO BRIGHTON; AND FROM BRIGHTON TO
ROTTINGDEAN.

NOTWITHSTANDING the benefit conferred on the geologist by the railways, in the rapid transit they afford to distant interesting localities, this new locomotive power has many attendant disadvantages; and the lover of rural scenery, and the traveller who wishes to examine in detail the physical features of our island, will often have cause to regret the loss of our excellent coaches, and still more, the clean little Inns in our country towns and villages, in which the geological tourist always found a welcome reception, and a comfortable home.* My

* Even in the route from London to Brighton, the change in this respect is lamentable. During the last summer I was desirous of visiting some of the scenes of my early researches; and upon several occasions found the Inns at which myself