MELKSHAM is a market-town, in the hundred of its name; 96 miles from London, 30 from Salisbury Bath, 39 from Devizes, and 6 from Wiltshire. Its name is derived from Melch or Milch, \textquoteright milking', and ham, \textquoteright a dwelling,' and was formerly spelt Millsham and Millsham. In the time of the Saxons this town had 300 families, and on Friday and Thursday a market was held, and a fair on Moorswater in Devonshire; and the track to have been a lordship belonging to King Harold, and it afterwards was an appanage to the Crown under the Conqueror; but, though every vestige of its former importance is lost, the name of the lower part of the town, which is denominated the \textquoteleft city,' is the presumpinous proof of its ancient superiority; and this is farther confirmed by the tuailing it paid in the reign of King John, which amounted to 12 marks, Salisbury paying only 40 shillings. The town at present consists principally of one long street; the houses are generally good, and built with a soft freestone; and its situation, on the banks of the Avon, is delightfully picturesque: the Wilts and Berks canal passes by the town, and joins the Kennet and Avon about a mile and a quarter south of it. A petty sessions for the division of Melksham is held here, by the justices of the peace for the county, on the last Wednesday in every month; and a court leet is held half yearly, by R. G. Long and J. Long, Esqrs., who are joint lords of the manor; and a court of requests for the recovery of debts under £5, for the honour of the boroughs of Melksham and Whorwicke, and their dependences, is held every Tuesday three weeks, at the \textquoteleft King's Arms.' The principal manufactures here are superfine broad-cloths, and flat and round ropes; there is also a portion of malting trade carried on, and some business is done in tanning.

The church, dedicated to St. Michael, is a large and spacious edifice, built of freestone, with a handsome tower rising from the transept; the living is a gift of the Countess of Warwick, the present vicar is the Rev. George Hume. Here are two baptist, one independent, and one Wesleyan chapels, and a friends' meeting-house. The charities are a public school for teaching boys and 150 girls, on the national system; and a provident district society, for the relief of the sick, aged and infirm. Here is also a society for the suppression of mendicancy, supported by voluntary contributions from the inhabitants, which has for some years been rapidly advancing into note as a respectable water-lighe. About half a mile east of the town is an excellent saline aperient spa, similar to the Cheltenham waters, but of much greater strength; and the springs are much in demand in the vicinity.

POST OFFICE. Market place, Thomas Nalder, Post Master.—Letters from LONDON & OXFORD arrive every morning at half-past six, and are despatched every evening at half-past seven.—Letters from BATH, BRISTOL, GLoucester, BRADFORD & Frome arrive every evening at half-past seven.—Letters to SALISBURY, TROWBRIDGE, WESTbury, WARMINGTON and the West of England arrive every evening at half-past seven, and are despatched every morning at 7.

BANKERS. Monle, Son & Co., Bank st.—(draw on Drewett & Fowler, London)

BLACKSMITHS. Jordan, John, Devizes road; Jordan Richard, Lowbourne; Jordan Roger, City; Oateley, John, King st.

BOOKSELLERS & STATIONERS. Cochrane John (and printer and circulating library), Bank st; Nalder Maria (and toy dealer)

BOOTS AND SHOE MAKERS. Bayly Michael, King st; Buckland Abraham, Union st; Buckland William, Canning hill; Davis Abraham, Bath buildings; Shill Robt. & Leather (selv) Bank st; Sully James, Bank st; Usher William, King st.

BUTCHERS. Bodman Robert, Bath buildings; Brewer Henry, Church st; Butler Robert, Bath buildings; Hayes George, Bank st.

CARPENTERS AND WHEEL-WRIGHTS. Bowler Issac, King st; Cottle James, by Holder Jasper, Devizes road; Knapp James, Bath road; Shepherd James, & cabinet maker.

Coke William, King st.

COAL MERCHANTS. Atherton and Vincent (coal and corn)

COCKERS. Eyres Edward, Bank st; Little John, Shurhord.

GROcers AND Dealers In SUNDRIES. Market town * are also Drapers.

COOPER Elinor, Bank st; Cooper George Thomas, Market pl; Davis Benjamin, City; Down William, City; Purnell John, Bank st; Purnell Henry, Bath buildings; Shepherd Joseph, King st; Sidwell Thomas, King st; Stow Richard, Davis, City; Woodman Jeremiah, Bank st.

INS. (See also Tawers & Public Houses)

MALSTERS. Brown John, Shaw; Bruges Thomas, Church st; Clark Philip, Bank st; Green Jem, Woodrow cottage.

PLUMBERS, PAINTERs, AND GLAZIERS. Hunter and Berry, Church st; North John (coach & sign painter).

Pigot & Co.'s
MELKSHAM. Wiltshire.

ROPE & TWINE MANUFACTURERS.
Mags Charles and Co. (and sack and tarpawing) Market place

SADDLERS.
Browne Thomas, Bath Street
Buckland William, Lowbourne

STRAW HAT MAKERS.
Buckland James, Bath buildings
Massfeld Henry, Bank St

SURGEONS.
Butcher George Wheeler, Market Place
Hubert John Ferguson, Church Street
King John, Swimming
Pimmer George, Bank St

TAILORS AND DRAPERS.
Fricke Frans. & Jno. Market Place
Kington Robert, City
Scott Jasper, Market Place
Shipston Charles, Bank St

TANNERS.
Naish Edward & Francis, Bridge
TAVERNS & PUBLIC HOUSES.
New Crown, John Boulter, Bank St
John Crown, Buckland, Market Place
Royal Oak, John Harris, Market Place
Unicorn, William Cottle, City
White Hart, William, King St

WATCH MAKERS.
Bullock John, Market Place
Coombes Joseph, Market Place

WINES & SPIRITS HOP MERCHANTS.
Fowler & Mallinson (& wholesale tea dealers) Bank St
Fowles John, Bank St
Fox William, Bank St

WOOLLEN MANUFACTURERS.
Phillips John L. and Co. Bridge
Polland William, Cannon Hotel

Miscellaneous.
Eyres William, brightsmith, Union St
Fry Thomas, livery stables, King St

Giller George, auctioneer & commission agent for taking special bail, Bank St
Honeywill James, furnishing broker, King St
Jefferys Thomas, miller, near the Bridge
Jones William, tailor, Church St
Kendale John, tinsmith, worker, City
Moon John, beekeper and feisermon, near the Bridge
Naish Edward and Isaac, tanners, St John
North Hannah, haberdasher and milliner, Church street
Phillips Edward, dyer, Bridge
Self Edward, clothes salesman, Bank St
Stuart Benj., confectioner, Bath buildings
Simpson Robert, ironmonger, Bank St
Simpson Wm. brush maker, nr Turnpike
Spragg James, building St, Lowbourne
Sutton William Sewell, chemist & druggist, Market St

COACHES.
To LONDON, the Royal Mail (from Devonport) calls at the King's Arms every evening at half past seven—the Emerald (from Bristol) every morning (Saturday excepted) at ten—the Royal Blue, calls at the Bear Inn, every evening at half past five—the Regulator, every evening at seven—the Old Company's Coach, calls at the Bear and King's Arms Inns, every evening at half past seven, and the White Hart Coach (from Bath) every morning (Sunday excepted) at ten.
To BATH, the White Hart Coach (from London) calls at the King's Arms and Bear Inns, every evening (Sunday excepted) at eight, and a Post Coach (from Devizes) calls at the King's Arms, every morning (Saturday excepted) at ten.
To BATH & BRISTOL, the Royal Blue (from London) calls at the Bear, every morning at half past five—the Regulator at seven—and the Old Company's Coach, calls at the Bear and King's Arms Inns, every morning at half past five— the Emerald, calls at the King's Arms, every evening (Saturday excepted) at seven—and the Star (from Reading) every afternoon (Sunday excepted) at four.
To BATH, EXETER and DEVONPORT, the Royal Mail (from London) calls at the King's Arms, every morning at half past six.
To DEVIZES, a Post Coach (from Bath) calls at the King's Arms, every evening (Sunday excepted) at seven.
To READING, the Star (from Bristol) calls at the King's Arms every morning (Sunday excepted) at eleven.

CARRIERS.
To LONDON, Mitchell, from the Bear Inn, daily.
To BATH, Thomas Taylor, from Church street, every Wednesday and Saturday—Samuel Rix, from the New Crown Inn, every Monday.
To BRADFORD & CALNE, Spackman, from the New Crown Inn, every Monday.
To BRISTOL, Mitchell, from the Bear Inn, daily.—& Francis Smith, from the New Crown Inn, every Monday.
To CALNE, Gatehouse, from the George Inn, every Monday and Friday.
To HARDWICK, Hardman, Gatehouse, every Monday and Friday.—Applegate's, from the Bear Inn, every Thursday.

CONVEYANCE BY WATER.
To LONDON & ABINGDON, Daniel Mocock's Boat, weekly.
To GLoucester, James Bowell's Boat, weekly.

MERE.
Is a market town in the hundred of the same name, 105 miles from London, 22 from Salisbury, seven from Shaftesbury and six from Hindon, sited on the high road from Amesbury to Wincanton. The magisterial business of the town is transacted at Hindon; and a court baron is held here by the steward of Thomas Schultz, Esq. lord of the manor, by lease under the Duke of Cornwall. The principal support of the inhabitants is agricultural pursuits, and there are a silk-throwing mill and a linen-tick manufactory. There is one established church, dedicated to St. Michael, the living of which is a vicarage in the gift of the Dean of Wells. The present vicar is the Rev. Henry Wake, and the resident curate is the Rev. S. H. Cassan: there is also a meeting-house for dissenters. A small endowment, left by Dr. Tatam, of £10. per annum, is appropriated to the education of poor children in the neighbourhood. The principal objects of attraction in the countryside are, 'Bradley,' the seat of His Grace the Duke of Somerset, and 'Zeals-house,' the residence of Mrs. Grove. The general feature of the country around here is agricultural, but in some parts there is wooded ground, and the land is yielding, in 1821, 2,422 inhabitants.

POST OFFICE, James Haytor, Post Master.—Letters from London and all parts arrive every morning at nine, and are despatched every afternoon at four.

NOBILITY, GENTRY AND PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.
Cassan Rev. Steph. Hyde, Vicarage
Groves Mrs. Zeals' house
Hoare Sir Richard, bart. Stourhead
Laws Sir Thomas, Solsbury
Somerset the Duke of, Bradley
White Miss Rebecca, Mere

PROFESSIONAL PERSONS.
Gibbons, master of Free School
Harding William, surgeon
Larkham John, attorney
Larkham Wm. gent.'s boarding and day academy, Chantry house
Nash Nathan, surgeon
Norton Francis, attorney

INNS AND PUBLIC HOUSES.
Angel, James Dowding
Red Lion, Thomas Pond
White Hart, William Keeping

SHIPPERS & TRADERS.
Allford Ameriah, blacksmith
Baverstock Daniel, blacksmith
Baverstock James, tailor
Baverstock John, tailor

Card Charles, draper & grocer
Coleman Hurn, butcher
Coleman Thomas, butcher
Coward Jas. carpenter & shopkeeper
Coward Jn., carpenter & wheelwright
Curtis John, grocer & draper
Down James, edge tool maker
Down Robert, baker
Down William, shoemaker
Glover Andrew, painter & glazier
Glover Wm. collar & harness maker
Jupe Jno. & Hy. tallow manufacturers
Lander Edmund, miller
Lander John, maltster
Lander James, maltster
Lander William, brass funder
Light Thomas, carpenter
Mages & Co. silk throwers
Maiden Edm. Ford, tallow chandl
Maiden Martha, shopkeeper
Maiden Peter, blacksmith
Maiden Prudence, saddler
Matthews Henry, shoemaker
Matthews Wm., cheese factor
Moore James, baker
Moore John, butcher
Morger Uriah, plumber & glazier
Parsons Thomas, shoemaker

Parsons William, shoe maker
Phillips John, maltster
Standerwick William, currier
Thorp John, tailor
Towgood Charles, miller
Towgood John, maltster
Towgood Tobias, baker
Warlow Henry John, carpenters
Westcott Benju, straw hat maker

COACHES.
To LONDON, the North Devon (from Barnstaple) calls at the Ship, every night at ten—and the Subscription Coach (from Exeter) every night at four; both go through Hindon and Salisbury—and the Defiance (from Exeter) calls at the same house, without passing at one; tho' Andover, Basingstoke, &c.
To BARNSTAPLE, the North Devon (from London) calls at the Ship, every morning at half past three.
To EXETER, the Defiance and the Subscription call at the Ship, every morrow at noon.

CARRIERS.
To LONDON, Whitmarsh & Brown, every Monday, Thursday and Saturday.

To BATH, EXETER and DEVONPORT, the Royal Mail (from London) calls at the King's Arms, every morning at half past six.
To DEVIZES, a Post Coach (from Bath) calls at the King's Arms, every evening (Sunday excepted) at seven.
To READING, the Star (from Bristol) calls at the King's Arms every morning (Sunday excepted) at eleven.