TRAVEL NOTES

A PAGE FROM AN EARLY NINETEENTH CENTURY ROAD BOOK.

The page is from the 1825 edition of Paterson's Roads (by Mogg). Routes are indicated (with distances) in the centre column, with directions for left or right turn, and a warning about bridges (and though not here, the occasional turnpike gate). Places of interest along, or close to, the route are featured at the side.

The extract from an advertisement for Tanner & Baylis is from S Y Griffiths, New Historical Description of Cheltenham & its Vicinity, 1826. The Tanner family had an establishment at the Road House near the Bear Inn, Rodborough Common (as P H Fisher records), where the Niblett firm had theirs. For more details of the Tanner business, see N Herbert, Road Travel & Transport in Gloucestershire, briefly reviewed elsewhere in this issue.
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CHIPPEHAM TO GLOUCESTER, BY MALMESBURY,
TETBURY, MINCHIN HAMPTON, AND STROUD.

at the same time, and continues to flow with great rapidity for several days, when the whole valley, in which the houses are placed, is completely filled. This high flood, or bursting of the springs, is called Skireburns, and may certainly be ranked as a geological phenomenon.

TETBURY, 1 m. distant, Escourt House, Thomas Grimstone Bucknell Escourt, Esq.; and High Grove, J. F. Page, Esq.

UPTON GROVE, Upton House, J. W. Bicker, Esq.; and a little farther, Chevenage House, J. de la Field Phelps, Esq.

MINCHIN HAMPTON, 1 m. before, Gatcombe Park, O. Ricardo, Esq.; 1 m. distant from Minchin Hampton, Hill House, Robert Snow, Esq.

STROUD, before, Frome ball, W. Haliday, Esq.; and Lodgemoore, R. Cook, Esq.; on left of Stroud, Far Hill House, Joseph Greenbrood, Esq.; Gainsborough, — Jacob, Esq.; Egges Hill, Charles Offley, Esq.; and which is Farm Hill, E. J. Eton, Esq.; and Browns Hill House, E. P. Greenwad, Esq.; near Stroud, Stratford, Joseph Watts, Esq.

MINCHIN HAMPTON, Minchin Hampton Park, H. Whitehead, Esq.; 2 m. distant, Hyde Court, Esq.; and 2 m. beyond Minchin Hampton, Bowham House, G. Strodey, Esq.

RODBOROUGH, near, The Fort on Rodborough Hill, built by the late Capt. Hawley.

STROUD, The Grange, G. Pothen, Esq.; and Copgrove Hill, Dr. Darke; 1 m. distant from Stroud, Lympool Park, John Lewis, Esq.

PAINSWICK is a small market-town, but not much frequented: it is situated on the southern activity of Sponsebrook Hill, and composed of large buildings, chiefly inhabited by persons employed in the cloth trade. The church is dedicated to St. Mary; it consists of a nave, chancel, and side-aisles, with a tower and spire at the west end, rising to the height of 174 feet. This building takes of that mixed character of architecture, so frequently to be found in religious edifices; the south aisle is modern; it contains Doric pillars, with corresponding capitals; and the entrance is beneath a portico in the Ionic order. On the summit of Sponsebrook Hill is an ancient fortification, doubtfully esteemed, called Kimbarry Castle, King's Barrow, and Castle Godwin; it includes about three acres, and is nearly square at the nature of the ground would permit. Roman coins have been found here at different periods, together with a sword, and heads of spears, greatly corrup-