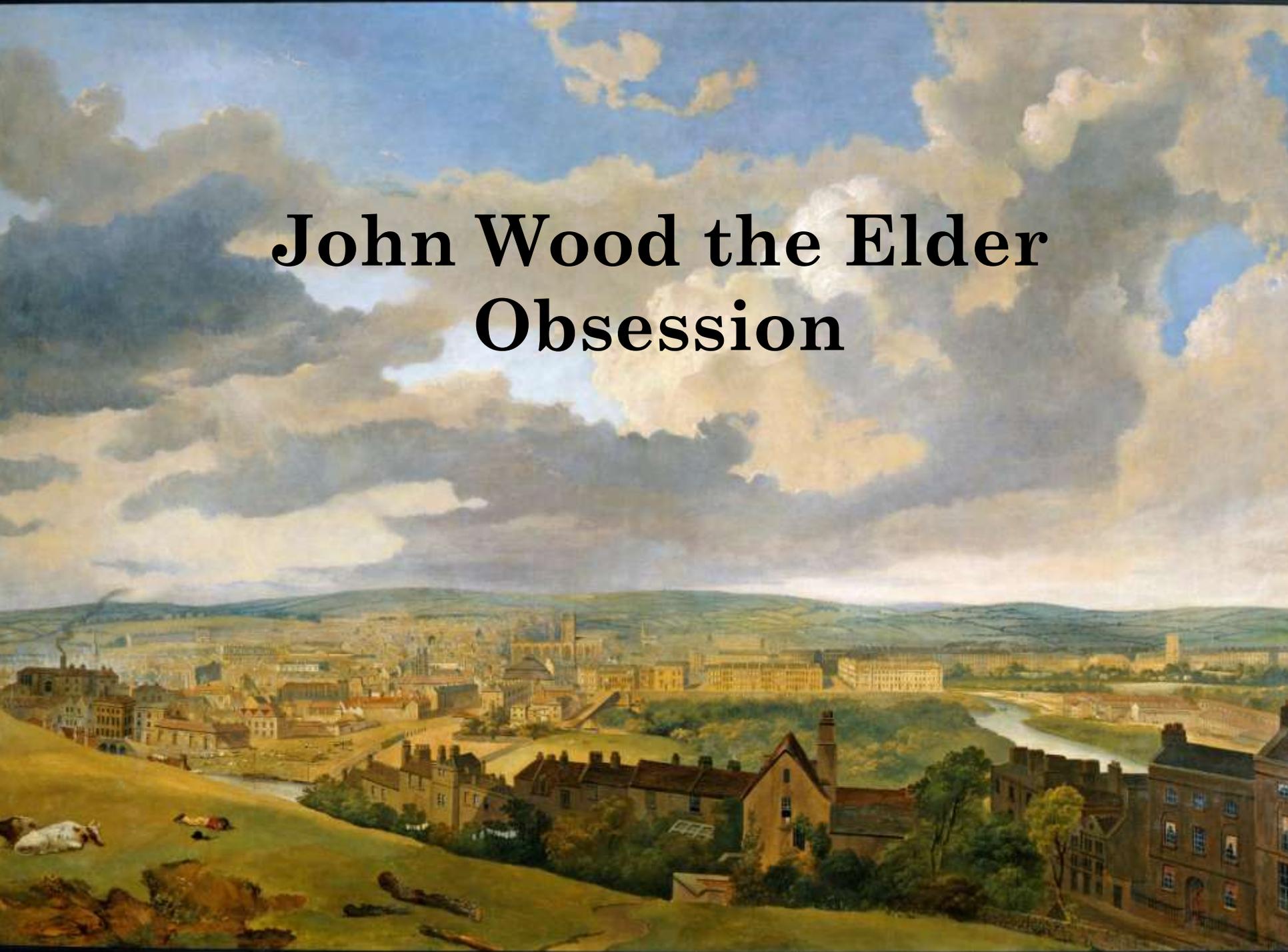


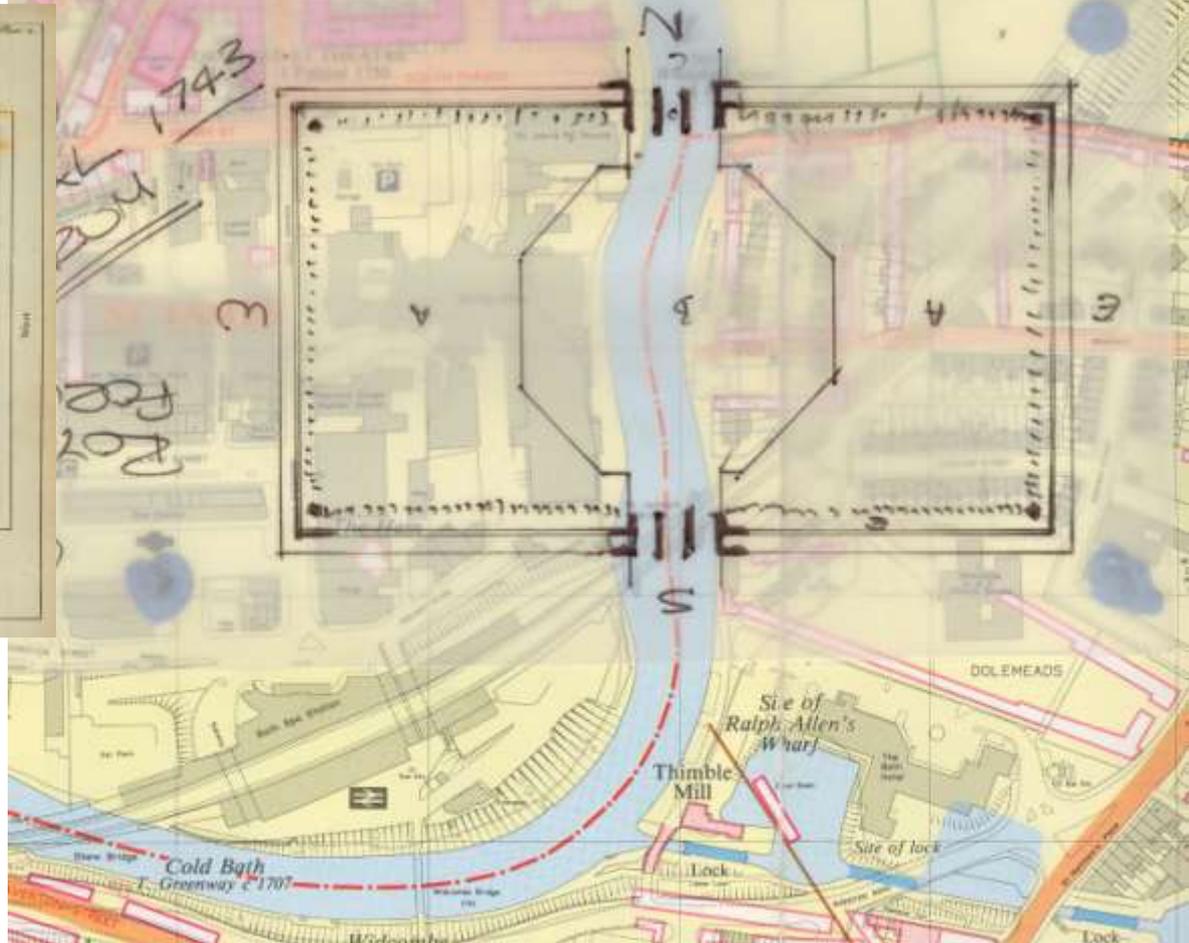
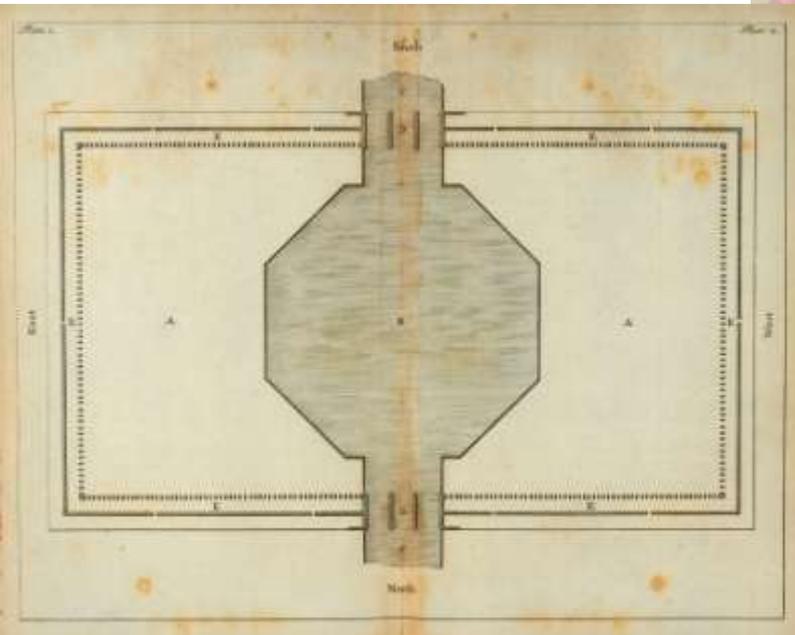
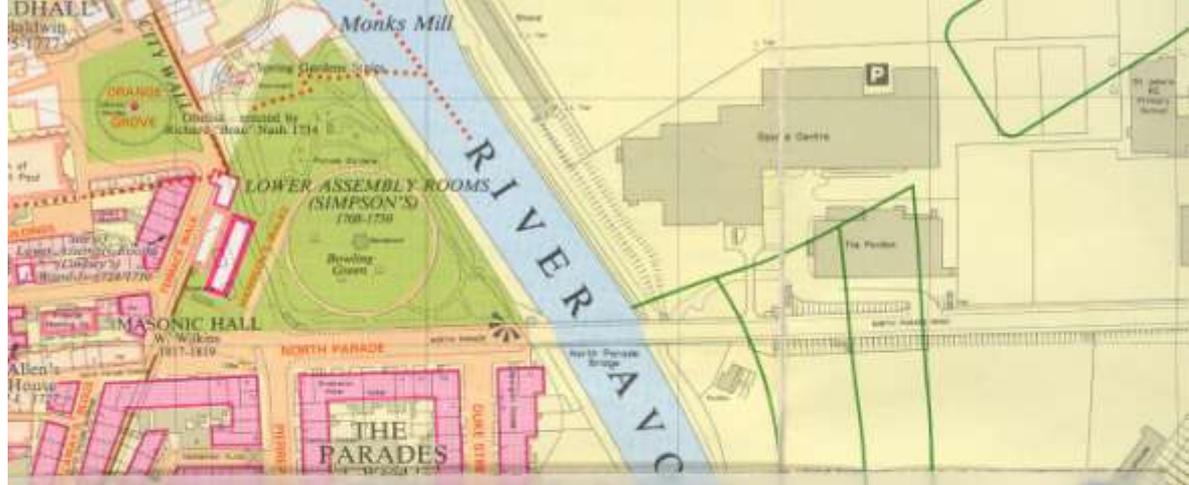
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A VIEW OF THE PARADE AT BATH.





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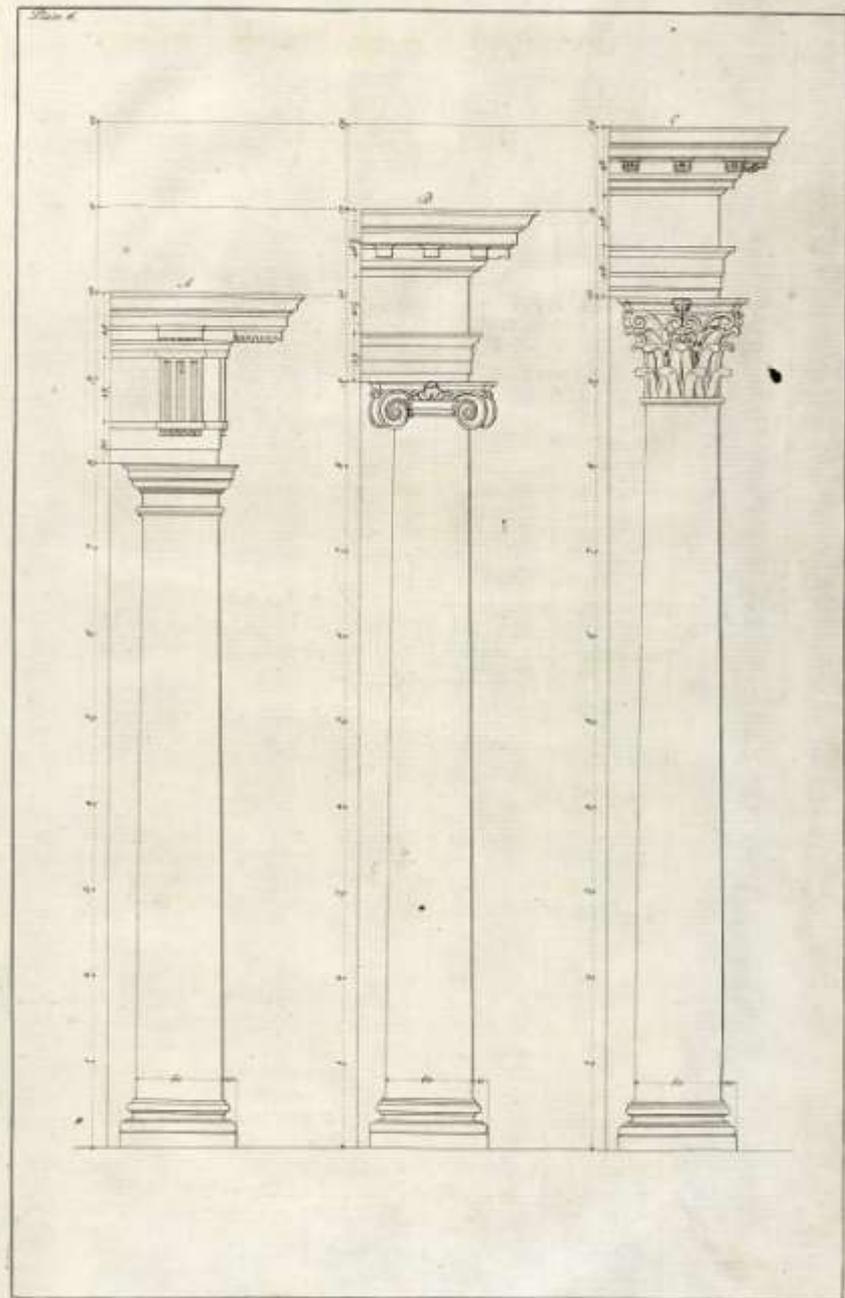
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the Orator *Himerius* writes of him, under the Name of *ABARIS*, in Words to the following Effect.

“ THEY relate, says *Himerius*, that *ABARIS* the Sage, by Nation a *Hyperborean*, became a *Grecian* in Speech, and was a *Scythian* in his Habit and Appearance. Whenever he moved his Tongue, you would imagine him to be some one out of the midst of the Academy or very Lyceum. *ABARIS* came to *Athens* holding a Bow, having a Quiver hanging from his Shoulders, his Body wrapt up in a Chlamys, girt about his Loins with a gilded Belt, and wearing Trowsers reaching from his Waste to the Soles of his Feet. He was affable and pleasant in Conversation, in dispatching great Affairs secret and industrious, quick-sighted in present Exigencies, in preventing future Dangers circumspect, a Searcher after Wisdom, desirous of Friendship, trusting indeed little to Fortune, and having every thing trusted to him for his Prudence.”

THIS great Philosopher had not long completed the Delphick Temple before *Zoroaster* began to cover the Pyraea, or Pyrethos of the *Persians* to keep the Fires in them from being extinguished by the Inclemencies of the Weather; and this seems to have induced the *Grecians* to cover the Temple of the *Pythian* God at *Delphi*; which, as *Vitruvius* writes in the Preface to his seventh Book, had a Tholus, or spherical Roof, put on it by *Theodorus*, a famous *Phocæan* Architect.

ABOUT five Years after the Time assigned for *BLADUD*'s going into *Greece*, the *Ionians* in *Asia* revolted from the *Persians*, and those People having been joined by the *Athenians*, the confederate Army, in the Year 500 before the Birth of Christ, marched to *Sardis*, and burnt it, together with the Temple of *Cybele*; in Revenge for which *Darius* made a Vow, that he would burn all the Temples in *Greece*, which he in a great Measure did, before he died in the Year 486 before our Lord's Nativity; and the rest were, for the most Part, destroyed by *Xerxes* his Successor; who, after he had burnt *Athens*, set Fire to the Temple of *Babylon*, and, in short, burnt and destroyed all other Temples where *Sabianism* in the least prevailed: For the King was attended in his Expedition against *Greece*, by the *Magian* Priests, with *Osthanes* their High Priest; and these not only stirred up *Xerxes* to destroy all the Temples, wherever they went, that belonged to any Sect, save their own; but *Osthanes* himself endeavoured to bring every Body over to the *Magian* Religion; and for
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BLADUD,
To whom the **GRECIANS** gave the Name of
ABARIS.









