

C H A P. XIII.

The Kingdom of PERU.



1. **W**E proceed now to the Western Part of Southern America, where the Countries of Peru and Chili, present themselves to our View. The Kingdom of Peru, in Latin Peruvia, or Perua, in French Le Perou, and in Spanish El Peru, is said to have been erroneously so nam'd by the Spaniards, who, when they ask'd one of the Natives by what Name his Country-men were call'd, and he made answer, that his own

was Bern; the Spaniards mistook it for the Name of the Country. Others say the Native reply'd, that the Country was call'd Pelu, and was water'd by the River Velu, from whence the Spanish Term Peru was deriv'd, only by variation of one Letter; but that its ancient Name was Tawantinsuyu. Let the Case be how it will, 'tis evident, that no Argument can be infer'd from the likeness of the Terms Peru and Ophir, by