

A R L I N G T O N H O U S E .

By this name was the mansion of *George Washington Park Custis* designated. It occupies a commanding position on the Virginia side of the Potomac, nearly opposite Georgetown. The edifice is extensive, elegant, and imposing, two hundred feet above the water, and commands a very fine view of the Capitol. At this place were carefully preserved many rare and valuable pictures and other relics, descended from the ancestors of Mr. Custis, and some of them once in the possession of General Washington. When General La Fayette made his last visit to this country he was a frequent guest at Arlington House. And in this connection it may not be deemed out of place to mention the fact that for many years Mr. Custis, during his life-time, was in the habit of printing in the *National Intelligencer*, on the anniversary of General Washington's birth day, a chapter of personal reminiscences respecting the illustrious Chief. During the rebellion this property has been confiscated by the Government and sold at public auction.