

LETTER XLVIII.

FERTILITY OF RONDA — CRESTA DE GALLO — MINERAL PROJECTIONS OF THE
MOUNTAINS — ROMANTIC SITUATION OF THE CITY OF RONA — CUEVA DEL
GATO — CURIOUS RESERVOIR.

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THIS city contains about twenty thousand inhabitants, who are a hardy race of people, and have much the appearance of the natives of the north of Europe: the complexion of many of them approaches almost to ruddy, but with those peculiar expressive features which distinguish the middle and lower classes Andalusia. The fertile fields and productive gardens which surround Ronda, afford to its people abundant means of subsistence; besides wine, oil, and corn, which they enjoy in common with other parts of the province, they have a profusion of all the fruits and vegetables of our more northern climate: the apples and pears with which the trees are loaded, equal or excel in flavour those of our own country; and the cities of Cadiz and Seville, while they are supplied with oranges, lemons, grapes, and pomegranates, from their more immediate vicinity, are furnished from this quarter with the vegetableeries of northern Europe.

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