

CHAPTER II.

“To discover order and intelligence, in scenes of apparent wildness and confusion, is the pleasing task of the geological inquirer.”

DR. PARIS.

It may be necessary to remind the reader, that there are three elements of classification applicable to the stratified rocks, namely, 1st, their mineral structure, 2dly, their order of superposition, and 3dly, the nature of the organic remains which they contain ; the following arrangement is in accordance with these principles.

CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT OF THE BRITISH FORMATIONS,

COMMENCING WITH THE UPPERMOST OR NEWEST DEPOSITS.

FOSSILIFEROUS STRATA.

I. DRIFT. Comprising the superficial deposits of waterworn transported materials, and consisting of gravel, boulders, sand, clay, &c.