

BOOK III.

OF THE CHEMISTRY OF ORGANIZATION:

COMPREHENDING A SKETCH OF THE CHEMICAL PROCESS OF DIGESTION; AND OF THE SUBSEQUENT PROCESSES BY WHICH VARIOUS ALIMENTARY SUBSTANCES ARE ASSIMILATED TO, AND BECOME COMPONENT PARTS OF, A LIVING BODY.

HAVING in the foregoing pages, given a summary view of the Chemical properties of bodies not organized, and of the laws of their union; having also considered the general relations of inanimate matter and of organized beings, on the great scale in which they are offered to us by nature, together with the present position and future prospects of man; we now proceed, in the last place, to enquire more particularly into the means by which organization is accomplished; or, in other words, to give a summary view of those chemical properties, and laws of union, by which organized beings are distinguished from inorganic matters.