

Pertaining to an archdeacon; as an *archidiaconal* visitation.

ARCHIEPIS-COPAL, *a.* [See *Episcop.*] Belonging to an archbishop; as, *Canterbury* is an *archiepiscopal* see. *Weever.*

ARCHIL, *n.* A lichen, which grows on rocks, in the Canary and Cape de Verd isles, which yields a rich purple color, not durable, but very beautiful. It is bruised between stones, and moistened with strong spirit of urine mixed with quick lime. It first takes a purplish red color, and then turns to blue. In the first state it is called *archil*; and in the second, *lacmas* or *litmase*, *litmus*. *Encyc.*

ARCHILO-CHIAN, *a.* Pertaining to Archilochus, the poet, who invented a verse of seven feet, the first four dactyls or spondee, the last three, trochees.

ARCHIMAGUS, *n.* [See *Magician*.] The high priest of the Persian Magi, or worshippers of fire. *Encyc.*

ARCHIMANDRITE, *n.* [from *mandrite*, a Syriac word for monk.]

In *church history*, a chief of the mandrites or monks, answering to *abbot* in Europe.

Encyc. Tooke, Russ.
ARCHING, *ppr.* Forming an arch; covering with an arch.

ARCHING, *a.* Curving like an arch.

ARCHIPELAGO, *n.* [Authors are not agreed as to the origin of this word. Some suppose it to be compounded of *αρχος*, chief, and *πελαγος*, sea; others, of *Αρχαος*, and *πελαγος*, the Egean sea. See *Gibbon*, *Mitford* and *Ed. Encyc.*]

In a *general sense*, a sea interspersed with many isles; but particularly the sea which separates Europe from Asia, otherwise called the Egean Sea. It contains the Grecian isles, called *Cyclades* and *Sporades*.

ARCHITECT, *n.* [Gr. *αρχος*, chief, and *τεχνη*, a workman. See *Technical*.]

1. A person skilled in the art of building; one who understands architecture, or makes it his occupation to form plans and designs of buildings, and superintending the artificers employed.

2. A contriver; a former or maker. *Ray.*

ARCHITECTIVE, *a.* Used in building; proper for building. *Derham.*

ARCHITECTONIC, *a.* That has power or skill to build. *Smellie*, Ch. 13.

ARCHITECTONICS, *n.* The science of architecture. *Ash.*

ARCHITECTRESS, *n.* A female architect. *Watton.*

ARCHITECTURAL, *a.* Pertaining to the art of building; that is according to the rules of architecture. *Mason.*

ARCHITECTURE, *n.* [L. *architectura*.]

1. The art of building; but in a more limited and appropriate sense, the art of constructing houses, bridges and other buildings for the purposes of civil life.

2. Frame or structure.

The earth is a piece of divine *architecture*. *Burnet.*

Military architecture is the art of fortification.

Naval architecture is the art of building ships.

ARCHITRAVE, *n.* [Gr. *αρχος*, chief, and *It. trave*, from *L. trabs*, a beam.]

In *architecture*, the lower division of an entablature, or that part which rests immediately on the column. It probably

represents the beam which, in ancient buildings, extended from column to column, to support the roof.

In chimneys, the architrave is called the mantle piece; and over doors and windows, the hyperthyrium.

Johnson. Encyc. Cyc.
ARCHIVAL, *a.* [See *Archives*.] Pertaining to archives or records; contained in records. *Tooke.*

ARCHIVALT, *n.* [arch, chief, and vault.] In building, the inner contour of an arch, or a band adorned with moldings, running over the faces of the arch-stones, and bearing upon the impost. It has only a single face in the Tuscan order; two faces crowned in the Doric and Ionic, and the same moldings, as the architrave, in the Corinthian and Composite. *Encyc.*

ARCHIVES, *n. plu.* [Gr. *αρχη*; Low L. *archivum*; Fr. *archives*; It. *archivio*.]

The apartment in which records are kept; also the records and papers which are preserved, as evidences of facts.

ARCHIVIST, *n.* [Fr. and It.] The keeper of archives or records. *Encyc.*

ARCHLIKE, *a.* Built like an arch. *Young.*

ARCHLUTE, *n.* [It. *arcilute*.]

A large lute, a theorbo, the base-strings of which are doubled with an octave, and the higher strings with a unison. *Busby.*

ARCHLY, *adv.* Shrewdly; wittily; jestingly.

ARCHMAG/CIAN, *n.* The chief magician. *Spenser.*

ARCHMARSHAL, *n.* The grand marshal of the German empire; a dignity belonging to the elector of Saxony.

ARCHNESS, *n.* Cunning; shrewdness; waggishness.

ARCHON, *n.* [Gr. *αρχων*, a prince.]

The archons in Greece were chief magistrates chosen, after the death of Codrus, from the most illustrious families, to superintend civil and religious concerns. They were nine in number; the first was properly the *archon*; the second was called *king*; the third, *polemarch*, or general of the forces. The other six were called *thesmothetes*, or legislators. *Encyc.*

ARCHONSHIP, *n.* The office of an archon; or the term of his office. *Mitford.*

ARCHON/TIES, *n.* In *church history*, a branch of the Valentinians, who held that the world was not created by God, but by angels, *archontes*.

ARCHPASTOR, *n.* Chief pastor, the shepherd and bishop of our souls. *Barrow.*

ARCHPHILOSOPHER, *n.* A chief philosopher. *Hooker.*

ARCHPIL/LAR, *n.* The main pillar. *Harnar.*

ARCHPO/ET, *n.* The principal poet.

ARCHPOLIT/CIAN, *n.* [See *Policy*.] An eminent or distinguished politician. *Bacon.*

ARCHPON/TIFF, *n.* [See *Pontiff*.] A supreme pontiff or priest. *Burke.*

ARCHPRE/LATE, *n.* [See *Prelate*.] The chief prelate.

ARCHPRESBYTER, *n.* [See *Presbyter*.] A chief presbyter or priest. *Encyc.*

ARCHPRESBYTERY, *n.* The absolute

dominion of presbytery, or the chief presbytery. *Milton.*

ARCHPRIEST, *n.* [See *Priest*.] A chief priest. *Encyc.*

ARCHPRIMATE, *n.* The chief primate, an archbishop. *Milton.*

ARCHPROPH/ET, *n.* Chief prophet. *Warton.*

ARCHPROTESTANT, *n.* A principal or distinguished protestant.

ARCHPUB/LICAN, *n.* The distinguished publican. *Hall.*

ARCHREBEL, *n.* The chief rebel. *Milto.*

ARCHTRAITOR, *n.* A principal traitor.

ARCHTREAS/URER, *n.* [See *Treasure*.] The great treasurer of the German empire; a dignity claimed by the elector of Hanover. *Guthrie.*

ARCHTREAS/URERSHIP, *n.* The office of archtreasurer. *Collins' Peerage.*

ARCHTYRANT, *n.* A principal or great tyrant. *Hall.*

ARCHVIL/LAIN, *n.* [See *Villain*.] A chief or great villain. *Shak.*

ARCHVILLANY, *n.* Great villany.

ARCHWISE, *adv.* [arch and wise. See *Wise*.] In the form of an arch.

ARCTATION, *n.* [L. *arctus*, tight.] Pre-
ARCTITUDE, *n.* [L. *arctus*, tight.] Pre-
ternatural straightness; constipation from inflammation. *Core.*

ARCTIC, *a.* [Gr. *αρκτος*, a bear, and a northern constellation so called. *W. arth*; Fr. *art*, a bear.]

Northern; pertaining to the northern constellation, called the bear; as, the *arctic* pole, circle, region or sea.

The *arctic circle* is a lesser circle parallel to the equator, 23° 28' from the north pole. This, and the *antarctic circle*, are called the *polar circles*, and within these lie the frigid zones.

ARCTURUS, *n.* [Gr. *αρκτος*, a bear, and *ουρα*, tail.] A fixed star of the first magnitude, in the constellation of Boötes. *Encyc.*

ARCUATE, *a.* [L. *arcuatus*. See *Arc*.] Bent or curved in the form of a bow. *Martyn. Bacon. Ray.*

ARCUTION, *n.* The act of bending; incurvation; the state of being bent; curvity; crookedness; great convexity of the thorax. *Core.*

2. A method of raising trees by layers; that is, by bending branches to the ground, and covering the small shoots with earth, three inches deep upon the joints; making a basin of earth to hold the water. When these have taken root, they are removed into a nursery. *Chambers. Encyc.*

ARCUBALIST, *n.* [L. *arcus*, a bow, and *balista*, an engine for throwing stones.] A cross-bow. *Warton.*

ARCUBALISTER, *n.* A cross-bowman; one who used the arbalest. *Camden.*

ARD, the termination of many English words, is the Ger. *art*, species, kind; Sw. *arta*, and Dan. *art*, mode, nature, genius, form; Ger. *arten*, to take after, resemble; Sw. *arta*, to form or fashion; Ger. *artig*, of the nature of, also comely; Dan. and Sw. *artig*, beautiful; D. *arden*, to take after, resemble; *ardig*, genteel, pretty, ingenious. We observe it in *Goddard*, a divine temper; *Giffard*, a disposition to give, lib-