

## South West View of Alton Castle in Stafford

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ALVETON ELVETON now ALTON is a Castle more Antient than the Norman Conquest. In the 22<sup>d</sup> of Hen. II. Bertram de Verdun was Lord of it whole residence it was and that of the Family till the III. of Ed. II<sup>d</sup>. During the Minority of Tho<sup>s</sup>. de Verdun Wm. Fitz Richard had the care of his Estates: in his Accounts we find ten pounds for half a years maintenance of Soldiers and servants in this Castle VII R.I. the manor had not less than 10 (some say 14) Villages belonging to it. Male Issue failing it came by Marriage to the Furnivals who held it two successions; when by the same means it came to Tho<sup>s</sup>. Nevil brother to the Earl of Westmorland: but he also leaving only a Daughter, it passed by her to the Famous S<sup>r</sup>. Ins. Talbot (with her other Estates) who by right of his Wife was Lord of this Castle and Lord Furnival, but afterwards created Earl of Shrewsbury in which Family it Still remains.

S & N Buck Delin. et. Sculp<sup>t</sup>. 1731.