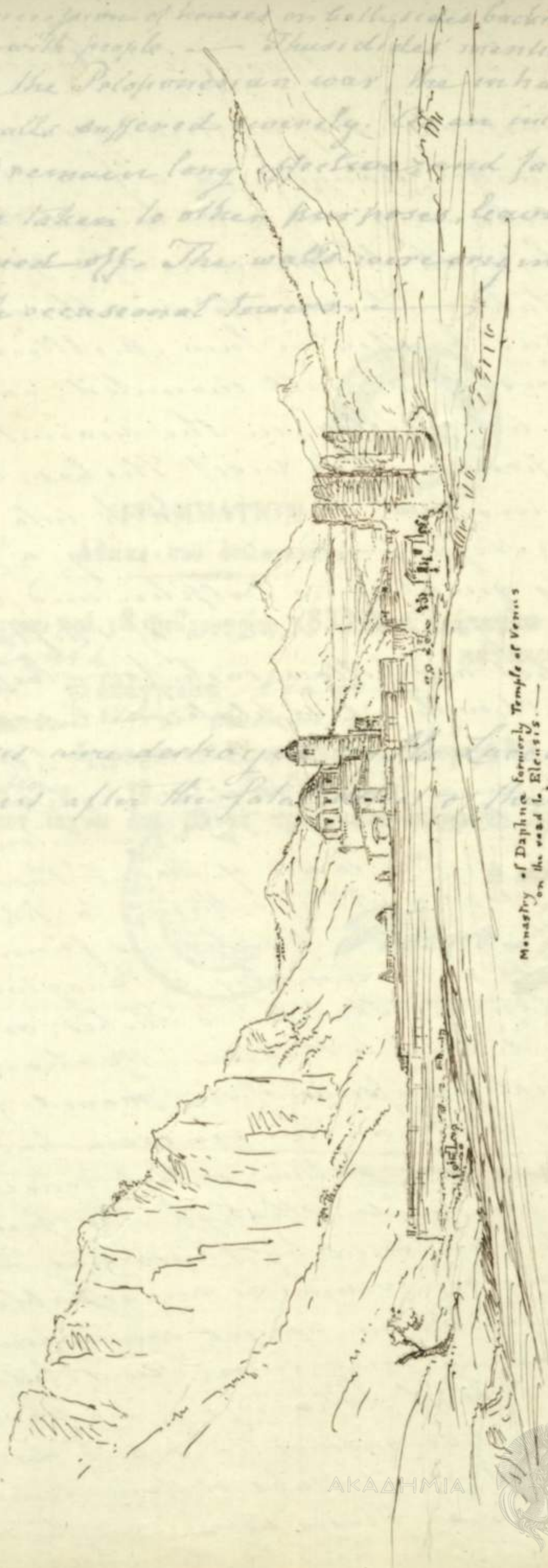


The Long wall of Athens

This ancient fortification which joined Athens and Piræus was in fact a street of one mile in extent having a series of houses on both sides backed by the wall. The way was generally crowded with people. — Thucydides mentions that when the plague broke out during the Peloponnesian war the inhabitants crowded together between these walls suffered severely. For an intermediate fortification they did not remain long. The stones were taken to other purposes, leaving lines of ruins progressively carried off. The walls were originally sixty feet high, strengthened with occasional towers.



Monastery of Daphne formerly Temple of Venus on the road to Eleusis.

The long wall of Athens was destroyed on the capture of Athens after the battle of Sphacteria.