

young ones as soon as they were hatched,—a destruction which may have been completed long before the island was inhabited.

The bones procured by M. Eudes for Mr. Telfair have been presented by that gentleman to the Society. They were laid on the table. They include, with numerous bones of the extremities of one or more large species of *Tortoise*, several bones of the hinder extremity of a large bird, and the head of a *humerus*. With reference to the metatarsal bone of the bird, which was long and strong, Dr. Grant pointed out that it possessed articulating surfaces for four toes, three directed forwards and one backwards, as in the foot of the *Dodo* preserved in the British Museum, to which it was also proportioned in its magnitude and form.

The *Gannet*, designated in Rodriguez as the *Oiseau-bœuf*, was also exhibited. It was apparently referrible to the *lesser Gannet* of Dr. Latham, the *Sula candida*, Briss., and *Pelecanus Piscator*, Linn.

The *Fishes* presented by Mr. Telfair were exhibited. They include specimens of about fifty species, among which the following were pointed out by Mr. Bennett as apparently hitherto undescribed.

APOGON VITTIGER. *Ap. brunnescenti-rufescens; vittâ laterum mediâ rectâ anticè productâ rostrumque cingente, maculâque parvâ rotundatâ ad basin pinnæ caudalis, nigris.*

D. 7, $\frac{1}{8}$. A. $\frac{1}{7}$.

GABIUS SEMICINCTUS. *Gob. oculis lateralibus: pinnâ caudali subrotundatâ: brunneus, infrâ pallidior, semicingulis sex ventralibus argenteis nigro-marginatis; genis operculisque cæruleo-guttatis lituratisque; guttâ nigrâ ad basin pinnæ caudalis; pinnâ anali ad basin cæruleo punctatâ.*

D. 6, 16. A. 14. C. 17. P. 18. V. 6—6.

CLUPEA MAURITIANA. *Clup. pinnâ dorsali vix pone æquilibrium positâ; ventralibus subdorsalis medio; anali subelongatâ: dorso vittâque supra lineam lateralem iridescenti-plumbeis, ventre flavicante-argenteo.*

D. 19. A. 19. V. 9. P. 16.

MURÆNA MOLENDINARIS. *Mur. dentibus rotundatis; maxillæ superioris utrinque uniseriatis, vomerinis numerosissimis confertis irregulariter 10—12-seriatis; maxillæ inferioris utrinque 5—6-seriatis: corpore brunnescenti-nigro, lineis albidis ultra centenis circumdato.*

A *Murænâ Zebra*, Shaw, satis differt numero et ordinatione dentium: cæterum colore picturâque simillima, lineis tamen albidis circularibus magis numerosis. Longitudo circiter 4-pedalis.

OPHISURUS CROCODILINUS. *Oph. pinnis pectoralibus parvis: maxillâ inferiore longiore: dentibus acutis; maxillæ superioris parvis subapproximatis, palatinis majoribus distantibus, vomerinis 4—5 maximis; maxillæ inferioris utrinque 8—10, intermediis distantibus maximis: oculis rhinario proximis, cristâ ossedâ posticè supereminente: suprâ fusco-cinerascens, infrâ pallidior; pinnis palidis; lineâ laterali serie stigmatum nigrorum distinctâ.*



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