

few instances; and for which alteration good reasons will be given.

The whole of this undertaking will be comprised in three volumes; the first of which will contain the *Accipitres* and *Picæ* of *Linnaeus*; the second will consist of the *Passeres* and *Gallinæ* of the same author; and the third volume close the work with his *Grallæ* and *Anseres*. To each volume will be added a complete Index of its contents, and in the last, an Explanation at length of the authors referred to; also, a Generic Catalogue of the Birds mentioned throughout the work.

In these sheets will be found near four times the number of Birds mentioned in the *Systema Naturæ*, the additions to which will be drawn from the authors which have appeared since that publication, added to a great number of species, not mentioned before by any one. This we shall be enabled to do, from the numerous collections in Natural History*, which have been formed of late years in England, and in which, in course, a multitude of new subjects have been introduced from various parts of the world; but more especially within these few years, from the indefatigable researches of those who have made so great discoveries in the Southern Ocean.

* Among these, the magnificent one at *Leicester House*, formed by Sir *Ashton Lever*, ought to be particularly mentioned; as likewise the favours received from the inspection of numerous subjects, the produce of the last and the former voyages to the *South Seas*, in the possession of *Jos. Banks, Esq;* P. R. S. Soho Square.