

are now never seen nor heard of. If I find room for a few anecdotes of rencounters the settlers have had with them, I shall insert them at the bottom of the page, and at present pass on to describe the feathery tribe, both tame and wild.

They have turkies, geese, ducks and common poultry, the same as in Britain, but they must all be kept close in the house over winter; and their out houses are generally so open and cold, that if they do lay eggs, they are generally rent with the frost before they are noticed. Some of the farmers keep very large flocks of every kind, and in the summer they produce eggs most plentifully. Wild geese, and a

hands down on each side of it, repeating the words "What are you doing here?" (naming the heifer) and to his great surprise he got the bear in his arms! The bear had broken the door, (it was likely not strong) and had pulled the heifer as near the door as the rope that it was bound with would allow. Bruin then laid himself down to fill his belly from the hind quarters of the living beast; but he no sooner felt himself taken hold of by Mr C. than he sprung up and struck him a blow with his fore paw which laid him flat; he got up again and was knocked down a second time; but on his again getting to his feet, the bear sprung up with its paws upon each of his shoulders, and fastening its teeth in the crown of his head, it tore a piece of the flesh from his skull, which, as he showed me, remains bare to the present day. At this alarming juncture, when the bear had taken hold of him, his wife came out with a piece of burning birch bark in her hand, at sight of which the bear took fright and ran away. —A brother of this Higilundman's had a sow and pigs, which had gone a little into the wood; in the evening they heard the pigs squeaking, and the sow making a great noise. Mr C. was at his own door with an axe in his hand; his dog heard the noise and broke away, and he followed with the axe; the dog attacked the bear, but was immediately put to flight, and ran back to his master, the bear following. Mr C. having the dauntless spirit of a Highlander, kept his ground till the bear came close up to him—he drew a stroke, and with one well laid on blow upon the side of the bear's head, he laid him dead at his feet.—I heard of another Higilundman who was residing on Lot 49, who was seized by the bear. The animal got hold of him, and was bearing him off in its hug, when he recollected in this dilemma that he had a dirk upon him, and getting one of his hands (I believe the left one) disentangled, so as to draw the dirk, he thrust a deadly stab to the heart of the bear, which brought the animal and himself both to the ground, but the bear fell uppermost, and it was said he had great difficulty in disentangling himself from the grasp of the dying animal. This man I might have seen if I had called in time, as I often passed near his house; but he was dead, I heard, before I left the Island. But the bears are now getting much shyer, and are seldom seen or heard of doing any damage among the cattle now any where.