

May 27, 1834.

William Yarrell, Esq., in the Chair.

A Letter was read, addressed to the Secretary by Sir R. Ker Porter, Corr. Memb. Z. S., dated City of Caracas, April 7, 1834. It related chiefly to a *Monkey*, and to some *Tortoises*, recently presented to the Society by the writer.

The *Monkey* is described in detail. It is the *Pithecia sagulata*, the *jacketed Monkey* or *Simia sagulata* of Dr. Traill. Sir R. Ker Porter points out the several differences in colouring which exist between this individual and the published description by the Baron Humboldt of the *Pithecia Chiropotes*: these consist chiefly in the comparative paleness of its back, and the greater darkness of the remainder of its body and of its bushy beard. He adds that the animal drinks frequently, always bending down on its hands, and putting its mouth to the surface of the water, heedless apparently of wetting its beard, and indifferent to the observations of lookers-on: he never saw it take up water in the hollow of its hand, and carry it in this manner to its mouth in order to drink. Its favourite fruit is the apple; and it does not refuse the pinion of a roasted chicken. Its voice is a weak and chirping whistle, which becomes shrill and loud when the animal is angry. It was obtained from the vicinity of the Orinoco, not far distant from the Rio Negro, in the heart of Guiana. It is known as the *Mono Capuchino*.

The *Tortoises* are referable to the *Testudo carbonaria*, Spix.

The Secretary announced that there had recently been added to the Menagerie a *white-crested Cockatoo*, *Plyctolophus cristatus*, Vieill.; and a pair of the *blue Jay*, *Garrulus cristatus*, Cuv.

He also stated that there had been acquired for the Menagerie a *Rhinoceros* of the *one-horned* species of Continental India. It is said to be about four years old. Its height at the loins, the highest part of the back, is 4 feet 10 $\frac{7}{8}$ inches; its length, from the root of the tail to the tip of the nose, measured in a straight line, is 10 feet 6 inches; its weight is about 26 cwt.

A specimen was exhibited of the young of the *Sandwich Island Goose*, *Bernicla Sandvicensis*, Vig., which was hatched at Knowsley. It was accompanied by the following note from the President, Lord Stanley.

“Through the kindness of John Reeves, Esq., I received at Knowsley a pair of these birds on the 15th of February, 1834.