

April 8, 1834.

Dr. Marshall Hall in the Chair.

A Letter was read, addressed to the Secretary by John Hearne, Esq., Corr. Memb. Z. S., dated Port au Prince, Feb. 15, 1834. It accompanied a present to the Society of a pair of the *common Goats* of Hayti; referred to various *Birds* which it is the intention of the writer to forward when the season is more advanced; and gave some particulars of a bird known in the island by the name of the *Musicien*, respecting which Mr. Hearne hopes to obtain, in the course of a journey which he projects into the higher lands of the interior, more full information than he at present possesses.

Some extracts were read from a Letter, addressed to Mr. Yarrell by Dr. A. Smith, Corr. Memb. Z. S., dated Cape Town, Jan. 12, 1834. It refers to the projected expedition from the Cape of Good Hope into the interior of Africa, which it is the intention of the writer to accompany. It is designed to proceed directly northward from Latakoo; and Dr. Smith anticipates in this new field numerous additions to his Zoological stores: along the eastern and western coasts he has already penetrated to a considerable distance. Speaking of the *Rodentia*, so numerous in Southern Africa, he mentions as collected by him, in his late visit to Port Natal and the Zoola country, a second species of his genus *Dendromys*. He also notices a new species of *Chrysochloris* obtained by him in the same country.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Gould exhibited an extensive series of *Birds* of the genus *Trogon*, Linn., comprising twenty-five species. The greater number of them form part of the Society's Museum, and the others were derived from his own collection.

He pointed out the distinguishing marks of the two sections of the genus, one of which is confined to America, while the other inhabits the Old Continent. He also pointed out among the species exhibited there which he regarded as hitherto undescribed; these he named and characterized as follows:

*TROGON ERYTHROCEPHALUS.* *Trog. capite guttureque sordide sanguineis, hoc posticè strigà albà obsoletà cincto; pectore ventrequè coccineis; dorso tectricibusque caudæ superioribus arenaceo-castaneis; scapularibus alæque tectricibus majoribus nigro alboque flexuosim strigatis.*

*Fœm. Capite guttureque arenaceo-brunneis; torque albo magis quam in mare conspicuo; scapularibus nigro brunneoque strigatis.*

*Rostrum brunneum; mandibularum basis regioque ophthalmica nuda coccineæ.*

*Long. tot. 12 vel 13 unc.; alæ, 5.*

*Hab. apud Rangoon.*