

you was picked up by me on the sea beach of the Island of Massouah, on the coast of Abyssinia, in the month of May, 1846." The specimen was exhibited at the last meeting.

*Zoological Department.*

*Mr. Blyth* read his report on the progress of the Zoological department.

The following are the only donations which I have to bring under notice this evening.

1. From E. O'Ryley, Esq. of Amherst, portions of two skeletons, with the skulls of *Rhinoceros Sumatrensis*; one of these skulls belonging to the individual, the skin of whose head was lately forwarded by Mr. O'Ryley.

Also a collection of bird-skins, comprising *Crypsirina varians* (v. *Phrenothrix temia*, Horsf.) and other species of interest: and

A small living Turtle, of the species *Chelonia virgata*—the edible turtle of the Bay of Bengal.

2. From Capt. Beaumont, a very fine recent specimen, with a jet-black hood, of *Larus ichthyæetus*, Pallas.

3. From J. McLeod, Esq. A fish, taken near the equator, which is a *Monocanthus*, apparently the *Balistes lævis* of Shaw.

Also two species of *Phyllosomata*, some *Acalepha*, and other specimens obtained on the same occasion.

4. From Capt. R. Rollo, 50th Madras N. I., a skin of *Anthropsides virgo*.

5. J. B. Villy, Esq. A pair of living Doves, of the species *Geopelia tranquilla*, Gould, from Australia.

6. J. B. Porter, Esq. A dead Pheasant, from Shanghai, the *Phasianus torquatus*, or common ring-necked Pheasant of China.

The fine collections of mounted specimens upon the table, prepared since the last meeting, do not call for any particular remark.

*April 7th, 1847.*

*Books received for the Meeting of Wednesday, the 7th April, 1847.*

PRESENTED.

Meteorological Register for February, 1847.—FROM THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Ditto ditto, kept at Kyook Phyoo during February, 1847.—BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MARINE.

The Calcutta Christian Observer for April, 1847.—BY THE EDITORS.

La Rhétorique des Nations Musulmanes d'après le traité Persan, intitulé Hadayik ul Balagat, par M. Garcin de Tassy.—BY THE AUTHOR.