
THE VULTURE.

THE PERCNOPTERE.

THIS name has been adopted from the Greek to distinguish this bird from every other one: it certainly is not an eagle, and it is as certainly a vulture, or, more strictly speaking, it forms the connecting shade between these two species of birds, being however, infinitely more approximated towards the vulture, than towards the eagle. Aristotle, who has placed it among the eagles, confesses, himself, that it approaches nearer to the vulture, having, says he, all the vices of the eagle without any of his good qualities: suffering himself to be hunted and conquered by ravens, indolent in the chase, heavy in flight; always lamenting and moaning, always starving and seeking for dead carcasses: he has also shorter wings and a longer tail than