

racteristics sufficient to entitle it to this rank. For the knowledge of it we are indebted to Bruce, the Abyssinian traveller. He killed one of these birds on the summit of the high mountain of Lamalmon in Abyssinia.

While Bruce was preparing to take some nourishment in the open air, this gypaëte presented itself all at once: he did not pounce from his height with rapidity, but flying slowly and almost grazing the ground, he placed himself near several dishes of boiled kid, and in the midst of Bruce's travelling companions. He first of all fastened one of his talons upon a great piece of meat which was in a pan of boiling water, but pain soon made him abandon it. He carried away a shoulder and a leg of the kid, but still looking at the piece which was in the boiling water. A few instants afterwards he appeared again; and in spite of the cries of the Abyssinians, he placed himself with great fierceness and courage, near the pan of boiled meat, and about ten paces distant from Mr. Bruce, who shot him dead with a musquet loaded with ball.

This large and beautiful bird was eight feet four inches from tip to tip, and four feet seven inches long. It was very fleshy, and