

and weighed twenty-two pounds: its talons were not very pointed, but they were extremely strong: its beak was three inches and a quarter long, and one inch three quarters broad at its base. A long tuft of hair, dividing itself into the form of a fork, issued from under the neck. Its eye was very small in proportion to its size, for it was not more than one quarter of an inch in the aperture. All the upper part of its head, as far as the beak, was entirely void of feathers.

When Bruce went to pick up this monstrous bird, he was not a little surprised to find his hands covered with a yellow powder; he turned it up, and found that the feathers on the back yielded also a brown powder, that is, a powder of the same colour as the feathers themselves. There was a great quantity of this powder, and when the feathers were a little shaken, the powder flew as if it had been thrown from the puff of a hair-dresser. The feathers of the throat and belly were of a beautiful golden colour, and did not appear to have any thing particular in them; but the great feathers on the top of the wings and on the upper part of the back, were formed into small tubes, so that when they were pressed, a powder issued out