
THE WHITE BUSTARD.

IT is with some diffidence, says Sonnini, and merely as an indication to future travellers, that I place here a bird, for the authority of whose designation I have only the work of the Chevalier Jauna.* But this author having given no proof of his knowledge in natural history, but having, on the contrary, shewn on more than one occasion, that the most common parts of this science were new to him, it is possible, and even probable, that he has taken, for a species of bustard, some birds of quite a different genus.

However that may be, the following is the passage from the Chevalier's book, in which he mentions this *white bustard*. "They take sometimes," says he, "in the island of Cyprus, bustards of a prodigious size, the plumage of which is extremely white, and the flesh very delicate." Naturalists, who may visit the same country, will decide as to the justice of the application of the name of *bustard*, to this extremely white bird.

* General History of Cyprus, Jerusalem, Armenia, and Egypt. By the Chevalier Jauna, 4to. Vol. I. p. 69.