

more fortunate than all other travellers? The birds, male and female, which I have brought from India, which I have found wild and free in the forests, are they in fact, the one a cock, the other a hen, and may they be considered as the primitive stock of our domestic cock and hen? It is by an exact description of these birds, and by a detailed comparison of them with those which I consider as similar, and the parent stem, that this double question must be solved. It must first be decided whether the birds, the description of which I am about to give, are, in fact, a cock and hen."

It cannot, in fact, be doubted, that these birds, brought by M. Sonnerat, are of the cock species; but, because wild cocks are certainly found between Malabar and Coromandel, are we therefore to infer that they exist no where else, and even in another continent? The ostrich, which flies still less than the cock, is it not found, with some modifications, in Chili, and the territories round the streights of Magellan? And is it not a very faulty mode of reasoning, to maintain that an animal cannot be found in one country because it is already found in another?

I have said, that I have every reason to believe