

“ These feathers are flat; they are soft to the touch, and of an equal length on both sides.

“ The quill is large, and plainly perceptible through the whole length of the feathers; till within a few lines of its extremity, whence each feather seems to be striped, longitudinally, to its centre.

“ The feathers which cover the back, as far as the covert feathers of the tail, are long and straight: their greatest breadth is towards the middle of their length; they afterwards gradually diminish on both sides, and terminate in a round point. These feathers are crossed, longitudinally, by a white stripe; this stripe is accompanied on each side with a black one, edged with a very straight whitish border.

“ The feathers which cover the lower part of the neck in front, the top of the breast, the sides, and the thighs, are formed and coloured like the feathers of the back, with these two differences however, that the feathers of the thigh are proportionably longer, and less long, and those of the sides more large. It must also be remarked, that those near the sternum, on both sides; are of a red colour for the last third of their length, and that we find upon these feathers a lustre, and an appearance of a