

indebted for the knowledge of it to the same traveller, Sonnerat. All the plumage of its body is of the colour of onion peel, or of a dirty, brown red. This colour becomes more dull and deeper towards the back part of the head and neck, and on the under parts of the body it is paler. The iris and the feet are of a brilliant red, the same as in the red partridge. The beak is yellow; and the male has two spurs on each foot.

THE QUAIL OF CAYENNE.

SONNINI found, in the different countries of French Guiana, a bird which belongs to the family of quails. It is not migratory, and it lives all the year in the same country. In fact, the rainy season, which in those regions supply the place of our winter, is not so rigorous as European winters, nor does it check all the productions of the earth. Animals, therefore, who inhabit these countries, may remain constantly in them, without any fear, as in the