

blackish brown; and the beak of a brown colour.

THE ILIAC.

“ WERE I asked,” says, Sonnini, “ why this name is given to this bird, I could not tell; neither could I (for I am absolutely ignorant of it) declare the origin of this denomination, nor the motives that have concurred to its adoption; my own reasons for retaining it are an unwillingness to change names without some urgent necessity, for such mutations are a fruitful source of error and perplexity in natural history; and I therefore transmit, as I have found it in ornithological works, until, being more conversant with the bird it designates, some naturalist may substitute a more correct denomination; the one, for example, that it bears in its native country.”

All that is known of the *iliac* is confined to a cursory description, and a doubtful indication