
THE CURLEW.

THE BRILLIANT CURLEW.

GMELIN saw this species of bird near the Tanais and Choper; but it is not limited to those countries of the north where Gmelin observed it; for, according to Mr. Latham, an individual of this species has been killed in the county of Cornwall.

It is not without reason that this bird has been denominated the *fiery curlew*, and the *brilliant curlew*, for its plumage is tinged with the most vivid and beautiful colours. On its body there are lines of shining blue, black, and golden green; underneath they are less lively and less varied, and the ground colour is a shining blackish red; black feathers, with a whitish fringe, like a border, cover the head and neck; the quill feathers of the wings and the tail glitter with a golden green, and the feet