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former, or in their mutual access to rare collections in Paris and other parts of the continent. The splendid edition of their great countryman, which has been produced under their inspection, and with their numerous additions, in 114 volumes, is an honourable testimony of the munificence of French literature.

In some few instances, where, from the ambiguity of nomenclators, or from the cursory and consequently obscure description of the individuals, it has not been easy to discriminate them, we have ventured to insert, what may, or may not, be the same bird; but, if the former, the copious additions of our original will prove the propriety of our proceeding.

On the whole, we trust we have here produced a volume which, whether singly considered, or in connexion with the former ones, will not be denied the praise of interest and curiosity in its contents.

*London, July 16, 1808.*