

APPENDIX.



On the birds to which the name of Ibis was given by the ancient Egyptians.

Every body has heard of the Ibis, a bird to which the ancient Egyptians rendered a religious homage ; which they reared within the precincts of their temples ; allowed to wander unmolested through their towns ; whose murderer, even although he had involuntarily become so, was punished with death * ; which they embalmed with as much care as their parents ;—a bird to which they attributed a virgin purity ; an inviolable attachment to their country, of which it was the emblem, an attachment so great that it suffered itself to die of hunger when it was transported else-

* Herodotus, i. 2.