



LIGN. 149. FOSSIL SHANK-BONE OF A BIRD ALLIED TO
THE HERON: *nat. Tilgate Forest.*

*PALÆORNIS CLIFTII** (G. A. M.).

a.—The elliptical surface for articulation with the hind toe.

b.—Ridge for the attachment of the sheath which braces
down the tendons that pass to the toes.

* As the Wealden Ornitholite has hitherto received no generic appellation, I propose that of *PALÆORNIS* (*ancient bird*); and would distinguish the species by the term *Cliftii*; as a tribute of respect to that excellent man, and profound anatomist, WILLIAM CLIFT, Esq., Curator of the Hunterian Museum; to whose valuable assistance in the identification of fossil remains, so fully granted upon every occasion, British geologists, and especially the Author of these volumes, are deeply indebted.