

Maldivé Archipelago.—The Maldives have been often appealed to in illustration of coral structures. They are particularly described by Mr. Darwin from information communicated to him by Captain Moresby, and from the charts of this officer and Lieutenant Powell. A paper on the Northern Maldives, by Captain Moresby, is contained in the Journal of



MAHLOS MAHDOD ATOLL, WITH HORSBURGH ATOLL ($\frac{1}{2}$ OF AN INCH TO A MILE)

the Royal Geographical Society, vol. v. p. 398 ; and another on this group by J. J. Horsburgh, and W. F. W. Owen, in the same journal, vol. ii. pp. 72 and 81. As stated by Mr. Darwin, the archipelago has a length of 470 miles, with an average breadth of fifty miles ; and it consists for the most of its length of two parallel lines of atolls. The large atoll at the north end has a length of eighty-eight miles, while Suadiva, one of the southern-