

tail is long and decreases gradually to a point. His body is oblong, and greatly resembles that of a large rat. He is covered with brown hairs, some of which are pretty long, and others much shorter. This animal appears to be a small species of marten or pole-cat. Linnæus, with some probability, supposed, that the black weasel of Brazil, might be the galera of Mr. Brown, and in fact, the two descriptions sufficiently agree to give us reason to presume it. This black weasel of Brazil is also found in Guiana, where it is called *tayra*, and it is supposed that the word galera is a corruption derived from *tayra*, the true name of this animal.

16. THE PHILANDER OF SURINAM.

THIS animal belongs to the same climate, and is of a similar species to the other opossums. Sibillas Merian, is the first who gave a figure and description of it. Seba considered that of Merian's to be the female, and gave another figure for that of the male, with a kind of description; this animal, he says, has very sparkling eyes, surrounded