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The two middle tail feathers are dark ash colour, marked with six nearly obsolete bands, that nearest the *apex* being the broadest and the most conspicuous: beneath these feathers are paler, and the bands more strongly marked. The remaining tail feathers are cinereous on the outer web, and white on the inner, with five strongly marked black bars, which are fainter on the outer than on the inner web, the lowest being the broadest: underneath these feathers are white and the bars deep black, except on the outer feathers, where they are scarcely discernible. The bill is black; the feet yellow, with black claws. The length from the *apex* of the bill to that of the tail is 18 inches; bill, 1 inch; wing from the carpal joint to the end of the third quill feather, $13\frac{1}{2}$; tail, 9; *tarsus*, $2\frac{1}{2}$.

All the above species of *Falconidæ* were collected at Port Famine.

10. A very beautiful *Owl* from Port Famine, which I do not see described. Its rufous legs are very conspicuous, and give it a decided character that I have not found noticed in any recorded species.

STRIX RUFIPES.

Str. saturatè brunnea, albido fulvoque maculata fasciatæque, femorum tarsorumque plumis rufis.

The face of this bird nearest the bill is white, the sides fasciated with brown and whitish: the feathers at the extremity of the disk being deeply marked with brown and having white spots on their *apices* exhibit a regular brown semicircle with a spotted margin. The top of the head, nape of the neck, wing coverts, scapulars, and back are sparingly marked with fulvous-white spots and *fasciæ*. The interscapular feathers are barred with conspicuous *fasciæ* of the same colour. The quill feathers are marked at their bases with broad fulvous spots on the outer webs, and similar *fasciæ* on the inner, the rest of the feather being obscurely fasciated; underneath they are paler and similarly marked. The under wing coverts are barred with white and brown. The feathers of the *abdomen* are marked by *fasciæ* of white and brown of nearly equal breadth. The tail feathers have eight *fasciæ* nearly half

an inch apart from each other of a fulvous white : beneath they are paler but correspond in their markings. The thigh coverts are rufous : the *tarsi* are covered with rufous downy feathers, extending to the toes, which are hairy. The bill is light coloured. The nails are black. The total length is $15\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; that of the bill 1 inch ; of the wing from the *carpus* to the end of the fourth quill feather, 11 inches ; of the tail, $7\frac{1}{2}$; of the *tarsi*, $2\frac{1}{4}$.

11. 12. 13. Three beautiful little *Oxels*, which I also think new.—I am aware that several small species have been lately described belonging to South America, but none of them agree with these birds. The markings on the tail are the most distinguishing characters. They are from Port Famine.

STRIX NANA.

Str. fusco-brunnea, fronte nuchâ alisque albo-notatis, gulâ albâ, caudâ fasciis frequentibus rufis notatâ.

The face and throat are white ; the feathers of the forehead are slightly marked, those of the nape, breast, and lower part of the abdomen more strongly marked, with white *striae*. The upper wing coverts and scapulars are partially spotted with white. The quill feathers have both webs spotted with white at the margin, the spots on the outer webs being mixed with fulvous : they are paler beneath. The under wing coverts are white. The tail feathers have about nine rufous *fasciæ*, and an equal number of brown of the same breadth ; the last brown *fascia* nearest the apex being the broadest and tipped with white. The *tarsi* are covered with rufous-white downy feathers as far as to the toes, which are hairy. The bill is pale, the *ungues* black. The length from the tip of the bill to the end of the tail is $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, of the bill, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch ; of the wing from the carpal joint to the end of the fourth quill feather, $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches ; of the tail, $2\frac{1}{4}$; of the *tarsi*, $\frac{3}{4}$.

14. 15. 16. *Scutellions* from Port Famine. There are three species among these birds, which seem very like our three British species, *Hir. rustica*, *urbana*, and *reparia*. I can speak however only from recollection, and must wait for an opportunity of comparison before I can decide the point.