

HALMATURUS BILLARDIERI.

Tasmanian Wallaby.

HEAD AND FORE PARTS, OF THE SIZE OF LIFE.

As the Rabbit is to us one of the commonest and most numerous of our native quadrupeds, so is the Tasmanian Wallaby to the colonists of Van Diemen's Land. Exceeding a Hare in size, this useful animal is most numerous in all the scrubby and humid situations of the island. Its physiognomy, which is striking and singular, is well portrayed in the accompanying illustration, while the reduced figures will give a just idea of the entire animal. It will be seen that this species is much darker in colour than most of its allies, and that its coat is longer and more shaggy—a character of fur which is well adapted to its more southern, wetter, and colder climate, while its hue is in unison with that of the herbage amidst which it dwells. The interior of the forest, amid stranded trees and rank vegetation, are the situations in which this animal forms its runs, and from which it is not easily driven; but for these and for all other details respecting the species the reader is referred to the page accompanying the reduced figures.