

HALMATURUS BENNETTI.

Bennett's Wallaby.

HEAD AND FOREARM, OF THE SIZE OF LIFE.

THREE species of the larger Kangaroos are indigenous to the Island of Tasmania, or Van Diemen's Land, viz. *Macropus major*, *Halmaturus Bennetti*, and *H. Billardieri*. Of these the *H. Bennetti* is intermediate in size, and is the most important, since its flesh is a staple commodity as an article of food, and its skin affords no inconsiderable profit to the settlers, vast numbers of skins being annually sold.

The life-sized portrait of the upper portion of this animal will convey a just conception of its physiognomy, while the reduced figures, which are drawn to scale, will show how disproportionate in size are its hind quarters: it is these latter parts of the animal which are eaten by all classes, from the Governor of the colony to the stockmen. The relative weights and admeasurements of the two sexes are given on the succeeding page, to which I must therefore refer my readers for further particulars respecting the species.