

The MAIMON, or Pig-tailed BABOON*.

THE apes, baboons, and monkeys, form three tribes, with intervals between each, the first of which is filled by the magot, and the second by the maimon. The latter constitutes the link or shade between the baboons and monkeys, as the magot does between the apes and baboons. In effect, the maimon resembles the baboons by the thickness and largeness of his muzzle, and by his short arched tail; but he differs from them, and approaches the monkeys, by the smallness of his size, and the mildness of his nature. Mr. Edwards has given a figure and description of the maimon, under the denomination of the *pig-tailed ape*. This peculiar cha-

* Pig-tailed baboon, with a pointed face; eyes hazel; above and beneath the mouth some few black hairs; face naked, of a swarthy redness; two sharp canine teeth; ears like the human; crown of the head dusky; hair on the limbs and body brown, inclining to ash-colour; palest on the belly; fingers black; nails long and flat; thumbs on the hind-feet very long, connected to the nearest toe by a broad membrane; tail four inches long, exactly like a pig's, and almost naked; the bare spaces on the rump red, and but small; length from head to tail twenty-two inches.

Pig-tailed monkey; *Edwards*, p. 8.

Simia Nemestrina, *semicaudata*, *sub-barbata*, *grisea*, *iridibus brunneis*, *naibus calvis*; *Linna. Syst. Nat.* p. 35. *Brit. Mus.*

rafter

rafter is fufficient to diftinguifh him; for, of all the baboons or monkeys, he alone has a naked, flender, and arched tail, like that of a pig. He is nearly of the fize of the magot, and has fo ftrong a refemblance to the macaque, or hare-lipped monkey, that he might be regarded as a variety of this fpecies, if his tail were not totally different. He has a naked, tawny face, chefnut-coloured eyes, black eye-lids, a flat nofe, and thin lips, with fome ftiff hairs, but too fhort to form whifkers. He has not, like the apes and baboons, his tefticles and penis prominent and apparent; the whole organs are concealed under the fkin. Hence the maimon, though vivacious and full of fire, has none of that impudent petulance peculiar to the baboons. He is gentle, tractable, and even carffing. He is found in Sumatra, and probably in other founthern provinces of India; of courfe he endures with difficulty the cold of our climate. The one we faw in Paris lived a fhort time only, and that which Mr. Edwards defcribed, exifted only twelve months in London*.

* The pig-tailed zoonkey, from the ifland of Sumatra, in the Indian Sea, was brought to England in the year 1752. . . It was extremely lively and full of action. It was about the bignefs of a common houfe-cat. . . It was a male . . . But, fince I purchafed this, which lived a year with me, I have feen a female of the fame fpecies fhown in Bartholomew fair, London. It was larger by half than mine, which I carried to compare with it. They feemed highly pleafed with each other's company, though it was the firft time of their meeting; Edwards's *Gleanings*, p. 8.

Diftinctive

Plate CCLXIX.



Alb. Bell's del.

OUANDEROU.

Distinctive Characters of this Species.

The maimon has cheek-pouches, callosities on the buttocks, and a naked, curled-up tail from five to six inches in length. The canine teeth are not proportionally longer than those of man. The muzzle is very large; the orbits of the eyes are prominent above; the face, the ears, the hands, and the feet, are naked and flesh-coloured. The hair on the body is of an olive black colour, and of a reddish yellow on the belly. He sometimes walks on two, and sometimes on four feet. When erect, he is two feet, or two feet and a half high. The female is subject to the menstrual flux.