V. *Account of the Canis Graius Hibernicus, or Irish Wolf Dog, described in Pennant's History of Quadrupeds, 3d edit. vol. i. p. 241. By A. B. Lambert, Esq. F. R. and F. L. S.*

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THIS drawing of the Irish wolf dog was given me by Lord Altamont; done exactly the natural size of one in his Lordship's possession, at Westport, in the county of Mayo, Ireland, during my stay there in 1790. I had frequent opportunities of observing these dogs; Lord Altamont having eight of them, the only ones now in the kingdom. There is a man employed on purpose to take care of them; as they are with difficulty bred up and kept healthy.

I took the measurement of one of the largest, which is as follows: From the point of the nose to the tip of the tail, sixty-one inches; tail, seventeen and a half long; from the tip of the nose to the back part of the skull, ten inches; from the back part of the skull to the beginning of the tail, thirty-three inches; from the toe to the top of the fore-shoulder, twenty-eight inches and a half; the length of the leg sixteen inches; from the point of the hind-toes to the top of the hind-shoulders, thirteen inches; from the point of the nose to the eye, four inches and a half; the ears six inches long; round the widest part of the belly (about three inches from the fore-legs) thirty-five inches; twenty-six inches round the hind-part,

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part, close to the hind-legs; the hair short and smooth; the colour of some brown and white, others black and white.

They seem good-tempered animals; but, from the accounts I received, are degenerated in size. They were formerly much larger, and in their make more like a greyhound.

TAB. 3. represents the Irish wolf dog on the scale of one inch and a half to a foot.