February 11, 1845.

William Yarrell, Esq., in the Chair.

A letter was read from Dr. Dickson (Corresponding Member), dated Tripoli, January 4th, announcing that he has in his possession five Birds of Carthage, *Pterocles guttatus*?, Temm., alive and quite tame, which he would be happy to present to the Society if a means of conveyance to this country could be obtained.

A specimen of *Cancer Norvegicus*, taken by a fishing-boat at the "Silver Pits," eighty miles eastward of Scarborough, was presented by Mr. Ingarfield.

A communication was read from James Stark, M.D., F.R.S.E., in which he advocates the hypothesis that the *Tetrao medius* is neither a hybrid nor a distinct species, but merely an immature male of the *Tetrao Urogallus* or Capercaillie, founding his opinion on the appearance of the *Tetrao medius* immediately after the re-introduction of the Capercaillie into Scotland by the Earl of Breadalbane, and on the fact, that no two species of a genus, however similar they may be in appearance, pair voluntarily while in a state of nature.

Mr. Fraser laid before the Meeting a collection of Birds' Skins which have been presented to the Society by Lieut.-Colonel Owen, K.C.A., of Oporto, containing the following species: viz. *Buteo vulgaris*, Flem.; *Sturnus vulgaris*, Linn.; *Pica caudata*, Flem.; *Garrulus glandarius*, Flem.; *Picus major*?; *Ædicnemus crepitans*, Selby; *Fulica ater*, Penn.; *Spatula* (*Anas clypeata*, Linn.); *Mareca* (*Anas Penelope*, Linn.), and *Larus argentatus*, Mont.

The Secretary called the attention of the Meeting to a specimen of a new species of *Lagomys*, discovered by Bryan H. Hodgson, Esq., Corr. Memb., in the Nepaul district, which he describes as *LAGOMYS NEPALENSIS*. The present species adds a seventh to this most interesting group.