

With respect to the statement comprised within the column entitled, "Seed Saved," it may be observed that it does not contain, nor profess to contain an account of the *total seed* saved in the kingdom; but only that portion of seed saved, for which claims are duly made and discharged. Many circumstances will upon consideration tend to explain that the quantity of seed on which the bounty has been paid, to wit. 61,864 bushels, or 8337 hogsheads, is greatly short of the whole quantity saved in the kingdom. In the first place, the board did not pay bounty for any quantity of seed less than one bushel, and therefore the above statement exhibits no account of those persons who saved but a part of a bushel, and who form, although the poorest, yet not the least numerous class who sowed and saved. Again many persons who saved seed refused to claim the bounty, on account of the objections stated in the Report of the Inspectors, general and provincial, and many it may be fairly presumed have neglected to claim; but still enough has appeared from the crops of 1809 to show the quantity of home-saved seed, which the country can contribute to its own consumption, and that in quality, it is not inferior to that of foreign growth, is happily proved by the prosperous crops of the present season.

NATURALIST'S REPORT,

From July 20, till September 20.

LOVELY Swallow, once a year,
Pleas'd you pay your visit here,
When our chime the sun-beams gild,
Here your any nest you build;
And, when bright days cease to smile,
Fly to Memphis or the Nile. ANACREON.

AMONG the numerous subjects which have engaged the attention of Naturalists from the days of Aristotle and Pliny to the present period, there are few involved in greater obscurity than the migration of birds, and especially those which disappear in Autumn, and although the common Quail has been observed to cross and recross the Mediterranean in immense multitudes every Autumn and Spring, yet no one has mentioned a Rail being seen among them, which upon its apparent similarity of volant power with the Quail might be justly supposed a companion of its flight.—Unhappily for the progress of science, those who have the knowledge to establish a fact, are often deprived by their situation from observing it, so that they must be indebted to all that have the kindness to communicate discoveries, and from well attested observations, endeavour to arrive at the truth, hidden from the first observer.

The Swift (*Hirundo Apus*) the Reed bird (*Motacilla Salicaria*) White-throat (*M. cinerea*) Grasshopper Warbler (*M. Locustilla*) Wheat Ear (*M. Ceanothe*) Cuckoo (*Cuculus Canorus*) Yellow Wren (*M. Trochilus*) Martin (*Hirundo Ulica*) Sand Martin (*H. Riparia*) have disappeared. The common Swallows are setting off every day, and a few Rails are still met with by the Partridge shooters, but of this great congregation of annual passengers, not a single species has yet been decisively traced to their winter habitations, and the public have yet to listen to miraculous accounts of the watery immersion of Swallows, and of Cuckoos crying out of a block placed at the back of a rustic fire.

July 22, Large birds foot Trefoil (*Lotus major*) Laurel leaved Rock Rose (*Cistus Laurifolius*) and White Lily (*Lilium candidum*) flowering.

29, Currants and early green Gooseberries ripening.

August 1, Rail calling.

2, Shrubby Hawkweed (*Hieracium sabaudum*) flowering.

3, Scarlet Corn-flag (*Gladiolus Cardinalis*) growing in the open ground, flowering planted in a dry soil, this has been uninjured by the cold of the winter for some years.

8, A large specimen of Frog-fish or Angler (*Lophius Piscatorius*) cast on the shore of Belfast lough, this season several have been found on the shore.

10, Cornish Heath (*Erica vagans*) flowering.

11, Downy leaved spirea (*Spiraea tomentosa*) flowering.

14, Hollyhock (*Aleca Rosea*) White Convolvulus (*Convolvulus sepium*) and Autumnal squills (*Scilla Autumnalis*) flowering.

16, Scarlet Lily (*Lilium Chalcedonicum*) flowering.

23, New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus Americanus*) flowering.

29, Yellow Wren (*Motacilla Trochilus*) White-throat (*M. cinerea*) Martin (*Hirundo Rustica*) and Sand Martin (*H. Riparia*) not yet gone.