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DURING THE YEARS 1832 TO 1836.

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IN order to secure to science the full advantage of the discoveries in Natural History, made during the Voyage of the Beagle, the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury have been pleased to make a liberal grant of money towards defraying part of the expenses of this publication. The work, in consequence, has been undertaken on a scale worthy of the high patronage it has thus received, and will be offered to the public at a much lower price than otherwise would have been possible.

Figures will be given of many species of animals hitherto unknown or but imperfectly described, together with an account of their habits, ranges, and places of habitation.

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The following gentlemen, with a disinterested zeal for science, have undertaken different departments of the work; in those branches with which they are respectively best acquainted. MR. OWEN will describe the Fossil Mammalia; MR. WATERHOUSE the Recent Mammalia; MR. GOULD the Birds; MR. BELL the Reptiles; and the Rev. L. JENYNS the Fish.

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A description of some of the invertebrate animals procured during the voyage will also be given. At the conclusion of the work MR. DARWIN will incorporate the materials which have been collected, in a general sketch of the Zoology of the southern part of South America.

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