

ICONES PLANTARUM;

OR

FIGURES,

WITH

BRIEF DESCRIPTIVE CHARACTERS AND REMARKS,

OF

NEW OR RARE PLANTS,

SELECTED FROM THE AUTHOR'S HERBARIUM.

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TAB. DCCLVII.

LOTUS PURPUREUS, *Webb.*

Caulis frutescente, ramis diffusis, foliis appresse pilosis virentibus, stipulis ovatis cum acumine, foliis late ovatis v. obovatis obcordatisque, calyce urceolato distincte bilabiato, dentibus lineari-lanceolatis apice setaceis labii superioris longioribus, inferioris dente intermedio lateralibus duplo longiore, carina vexillo obtusiusculo subbreviore alis oblongis brevioribus. *Webb.*

Lotus purpureus. *Webb, Spicil. Gorgon. in Hook. Niger Voy. p. 119, Tab. VI.*

HAB. In fields and among groves of *Euphorbia Tuckerana*, St. Nicholas, one of the Cape de Verd Islands. *Forbes.*

This species, though very distinct, is allied to *L. macranthus*, Lowe, (*L. Portosanctanus*, nob. in Steud. Nomencl.) of which the flowers are pale purple. Those of our plant have the keel and standard rose-coloured, and the wings tipped with deep purple. Some of the leaflets are as much as 4 lines long, by $2\frac{1}{2}$ wide. *Webb.*

Fig. 1. Flower. *f. 2.* Vexillum. *f. 3.* Ala. *f. 4.* Carina. *f. 5.* Ovarium:—magnified.



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