

PLATE LIV.

A small leaf and portion of the inflorescence of *Gunnera bracteata*, natural size.

Figure 1.—A flower with its subtending bracts.

„ 2.—The same divested of its bracts.

„ 3.—Back view of a stamen.

„ 4.—Front view of the same.

„ 5.—A pistillate flower : all the figures enlarged.

Drawn from a specimen in the Kew Herbarium collected in Juan Fernandez by Dr Bertero.

The flowers of the small portion of the inflorescence constituting Bertero's specimen seem to be polygamous, but no ovules could be found in the ovaries even of those without stamens. Philippi found that the spikes of this species were androgynous.