

“ tormented with great cruelty, ever shewed
“ the least desire of revenge, by spitting or
“ emitting any juice from their pimples. Some-
“ times, upon taking it up, it would let out a
“ great quantity of clear water, which, as I
“ have often seen it do the same upon the steps
“ when quite quiet, was certainly its urine, and
“ no more than a natural evacuation. Spiders,
“ millepedes, and flesh maggots, seem to be
“ this animal’s favourite food. I imagine if a
“ bee was to be put before a toad, it would cer-
“ tainly eat it to its cost; but as bees are seldom
“ stirring at the same time that toads are, they
“ rarely come in their way; as they do not ap-
“ pear after sun-rising, or before sun-set. In
“ the heat of the day they will come to the
“ mouth of their hole, I believe for air. I
“ once, from my parlour-window, observed a
“ large toad I had in the bank of a bowling-
“ green, about twelve at noon, a very hot day,
“ very busy and active upon the grass. So un-
“ common an appearance made me go out to
“ see what it was; when I found an innumera-
“ ble swarm of winged ants had dropped round
“ his hole; which temptation was as irresistible
“ as a turtle would be to a luxurious alder-
“ man. In respect to its end, had it not been
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