

the approach of cold weather, they retire to their winter recesses, and lie torpid in the holes and crevices of hollow trees. It frequently happens, that a few warm sunshiny days so invigorate them, that they will come out of their holes, and appear abroad; when on a sudden the weather changing to cold, so enfeebles them, that they are unable to return to their retreats, and will die of cold.

The *cameleon* has a crooken cylindrical tail; the head of a large one is almost two inches long, and from thence to the beginning of the tail, it is four inches and a half; the tail is five inches long, and the feet two and a half: the thickness of the body is different at different seasons; sometimes, from the back to the belly, it is two inches, and sometimes but one, for he can expand, and contract himself at pleasure; this swelling and contraction is not only of the back and belly, but also of the legs and tail.

These different motions are not like those of other animals, which proceed from a dilatation of the breast in breathing, and which rises and falls successively; but they are very irregular, as in tortoises and frogs. The *cameleon* has continued, as it were blown up for two hours together,