

motions are imposing, and announce his strength and power: his flight is majestic, but at the same time rapid. Dreaded by the other animals, who tremble and hide themselves at his approach, he seems to be the king, or rather, the tyrant of them. His wings have such an amazing extent, that they often serve to kill in the air, the birds which he has pursued, and which he afterwards seizes with his talons. His tail, which is large and long, contributes to the elevation of his flight.

His strength is so great that he tears to pieces in an instant the largest sheep. He pounces with rapidity on the *curious*: and experiencing no resistance in his empire of destruction, he pursues indifferently every species of wild animal: he dares even to attack men, no matter whether he see them prepared or unprepared; the pursuit of him, therefore, is dangerous, for when he feels himself wounded, he throws himself upon his back, folds his feet upon his breast, and remains immoveable as though he were dead: but if any one approach to take him, he rises suddenly by the help of his tail, and throws himself with such violence upon the arms of the hunter, that he pierces them through and