

really possess, the producing of these moving bodies: and he says, vol. 1. p. 7, “*Quid fiet de omnibus illis particulis seu corpusculis præter illa animalcula semini virili hominum in hærentibus? Olim & priusquam hæc scriberem, in ea sententia fui, prædictas strias vel vasa ex testiculis principium secum ducere, &c.*” And in another part he says, that if he had formerly written any thing on the subject of these vessels found in the seed, we must pay no attention to it.

We shall observe in the third place, that if we compare the figures *a, b, c, d*, (PLATE III.) copied from the Philosophical Transactions, with those which Leeuwenhoek had engraved many years after, (PLATE IV.) we shall find considerable difference, especially in the figures of the dead animals, of a rabbit and in those of a dog, (which plate we have also copied for the satisfaction of our readers) from all which we may conclude, that Leeuwenhoek has not always observed objects entirely alive: that the moving bodies, which he looked upon as animals, appeared to him under different forms; and that he has varied in his assertions, with a view of making the species of men and animals perfectly consistent; he has not only varied in
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