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NATURAL HISTORY.

HISTORY OF THE BRUTE CREATION.

CHAPTER I.

OF THE NATURE OF ANIMALS.

AS all our knowledge turns upon the relations by which one object differs from another, if there existed no brute animals, the nature of the human being would be still more incomprehensible. Having considered man in himself, ought we not to derive every assistance, by comparing him with the other parts of the animal creation? We will proceed