

to be used ; violence and ill-usage only serve to make him sullen and untractable for ever : he should be stroaked and caressed, and frequently fed with boiled barley, bruised beans, and other nourishing food of the same kind, mixed with a little salt, all of which he is very fond ; he should be frequently tied by the horns some days before he is put to the yoke ; and he should at first be yoked to the plough with another *ox* of the same size which is already trained. They should be tied together at the rack, and led to the same pasturage, that they may become acquainted, and habituate themselves to the same common motions. The goad should never be used at the beginning, as it would only serve to make him ungovernable. He should only work a little at a time, for he is soon fatigued when not perfectly broke ; and for the same reason, he should then have more food than at another time.

The *ox* should only be worked from three years old to ten ; and he should then be taken from the plough to fatten, as the flesh will be better than if he be kept longer. The age of this animal is known by his teeth and horns. The first front teeth fall out when he is ten months old, and are replaced by others which are larger and not so white ; at 16 months