

rein-deer ; upon which subject M. le Vicomte de Querhoënt has informed me of the following fact : “ The Portuguese first brought stags to the Isle of France, and although they took their origin from those of Europe, they were small and their colour grey ; there were great numbers of them upon the island when the French took possession of it ; they destroyed many of them, but a great proportion secured themselves in the most retired places ; these by degrees have become quite domestic, and some of the inhabitants keep them in large flocks.”

There is a small kind of stag at l'Ecole Vétérinaire, which I have seen, and which is said to have come from the Cape of Good Hope. It was spotted with white, somewhat like the axis, and was called the hog stag, merely, as it should seem, because its legs were shorter, and it was not so agile as the common kind. The length of this from the muzzle to the extremity of the body, was only three feet four inches ; its legs were short, and its feet and hoofs small ; it was yellow with white spots, black eyes, and black hair on the upper eyelid ; the nostrils were also black, as were the corners of the mouth ; the head was nearly of the same colour as the belly, and it had large ears, white on the in and yellow on the outside.