

them as of the same species. The civet is a native of the same countries as the hyæna, and like him has a streak of long hair along the back, and also a particular opening, or glandular pouch; characteristics which belong only to a few animals, and which induced Bellon to suppose the civet was the hyæna of the ancients. As to the baboon, which has hands and feet like those of a man or a monkey, he resembles the hyæna still less than the other three, and it must be solely from their name that they have been confounded together.

The hyæna, according to Dr. Shaw, is called *dubbah* in Barbary; and Marmol, and Leo Africanus, say, the baboon is distinguished by the name of *dabuh*; and as the baboon belongs to the same climates, scratches up the earth and is nearly of the same form with the hyæna; these circumstances first deceived travellers, and naturalists adopted their blunders without investigation; and even those who distinguished the two animals, retained the name of *dabuh* to the hyæna, which in fact belongs to the baboon. It appears, then, that the hyæna is neither the *dabuh* of the Arabians, the *jeseſ* or *seseſ* of the Africans, nor the *deeb* of Barbary. But to put a final stop to this confusion of names, I shall give, in a few words, the substance