

fectly described, that they cannot be traced to their true species. One may judge by this of the credit which Seba's voluminous book deserves. This animal which he calls *tamandua murmecophage* of America, and the figure of which he has given*, cannot be compared with either of the three we are now treating of, it is sufficient to be convinced of his error by reading his description. The second which he terms *tamandua-guacu* of Brasil, or the *bear ant-eater*, is described in a vague, equivocal manner; yet I am inclined to think with Klein and Linnæus, that he meant the true *tamandua-guacu*, or great ant-eater, but it is so badly described, and so imperfectly represented, that Linnæus has comprehended, under one species, the first and second of Seba's animals. M. Brisson considered the last as a particular species, but I do not believe his establishment of this species better founded than his criticism on M. Klein, for having confounded it with that of the great ant-eater. The only just reproach M. Klein has incurred, is to have added to the good description he has given of this animal, the erroneous indications of Seba. In fine, the third of these animals, whose figure is given in that work, is so badly described, that I cannot persuade myself, notwithstanding

* Seba, tom. I, p. 60, tab. 37. fig. 2.