

of the warm climates of the new world ; for the two we have in the king's cabinet came from America. That which Tyson had, was sent him from Virginia. M. de Chanvallon, correspondent of the Academy of Sciences in Martinico, who has given us a young opossum, acknowledged the two others to be true opossums of America. All the travellers agree, that this animal is found in Brasil, New Spain, Virginia, and the Antilles ; and none mention having seen it in the East Indies ; thus Seba was mistaken in calling it the oriental philandre. He says, his philandre was sent him from Amboyna, under the name of *coes-coes*, with other curiosities, but he confesses, at the same time, that it had been transported from some other remote countries to Amboyna. This should be sufficient to shew, that the denomination of oriental philandre was improper ; for it is possible that travellers have transported this animal from America to the East Indies, but nothing proves that he is a native of Amboyna ; and even the passage of Seba, which we have quoted, seems to indicate the contrary. The cause of this error and even of the name *coes-coes*, is found in Piso, who says, that in the East Indies, and only in the island of Amboyna, is found an animal very much like the opossum of Brasil

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