

seen, and call by the name of *zebu*, is no more than a variety in the species of the ox.

5. The *bonasus* of Aristotle is the same animal as the bison (*fig.* 138) of the Latins.

6. The *bison* of America might originally come from the bison of Europe.

7. The *urus* or *aurochs*, is the same animal as our common bull, in his wild and natural state.

8. The bison only differs from the *aurochs* by accidental varieties, and consequently he is, as well as the *aurochs*, of the same species as the domestic ox; so that, it appears, all the denominations, and all the pretended species of the ancient and modern naturalists may be reduced to three; namely, the ox, the buffalo, and the bubalus.

I do not doubt that some of the propositions which I have laid down will appear mere bold assertions, particularly to those who are employed with the nomenclature of animals, or have endeavoured to give a catalogue of them; nevertheless, there is not one of these assertions which I am not able to prove. But before I enter into critical discussions, each of which demand particular propositions, I shall explain the observations and facts which conducted me into this enquiry, and which  
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