

figure ; but the description Columna has given, is not so good as that of Zerenghi's, and he must be reproached for only quoting the name and not a word about the work of this author, though published three years before his own : he must also be accused of swerving from his description in many essential points, without giving any reason for it ; for example, Columna says, that in his time, in 1603, Frederico Zerenghi brought from Egypt to Italy an hippopotamus preserved in salt, while Zerenghi himself says, he brought only the skin. Columna also gives to his hippopotamus thirteen feet in length, to the circumference fourteen, and the legs three feet and a half long ; while the measures of Zerenghi makes the length of the body but eleven feet two inches, the circumference ten, and the legs one foot ten inches and a half, &c. We must not, therefore, rely on the description of Columna ; nor excuse him upon the supposition that he took it from another subject ; for it is evident, from his own words, that he made it from the smallest of Zerenghi's two hippopotami ; since he acknowledges that some months after Zerenghi shewed a second hippopotamus much larger than the first. What makes me so strenuous on this point is, that no one has rendered