

methodically, that is to say, scholastically, heaped together a hundred useless and trifling characters, he does not say a single word on the substance of the horns, and leaves us ignorant whether they are solid or hollow, or whether they fall off or not. I refer to the description of Hasselquist, not for its utility, but for its singularity; and to excite travellers to make use of their own knowledge, and not to view objects through the spectacles of other men.

In the year 1764 a drawing and an account of the giraffe was sent to the Academy of Sciences, by which we are informed that this animal is not particular to Ethiopia, but is also found in the neighbourhood of the Cape of Good Hope.\* The drawing was so badly executed that no use can be made of it,† but as the account contains a sort of description we have given it a place. “In an excursion from the Cape, made in 1762, we travelled about two hundred leagues up the country, and met with the *camelopardalis*, a drawing of which we have subjoined. Its body resembles that of

\* Vaillant also, in his travels into the interior parts of Africa, asserts, that he met with giraffes in very great numbers.

† This we have also obviated, our figure being from a drawing taken by M. Vaillant from life.