

parison with the size of its head, which gives it a mischievous aspect."

It gives us great pleasure to have here an opportunity of testifying our thanks to M. de Poivre, who from a real taste for natural history, and a friendship for those who cultivate it, has presented to the cabinet a great number of scarce and curious animals.

The animal called *berbé* in Guinea seems to us to be the same as the fossane, and consequently that this species exists in Africa as well as in Asia. "The *berbé* (says Bosman) has a more pointed snout, and a smaller body, than our cat, and is speckled like the civet." We know of no animal with which these characters so well agree as with that of the fossane.

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THOSE who have spoken of this animal have taken it for a ferret, to which indeed it has a great resemblance; but it differs in characters sufficiently strong to warrant our considering