

That which we saw in the menagerie was always ready to rush on those who came near him : we could neither take a design nor a description of him, otherwise than betwixt the bars of his cage. He was fed with flesh, like the panther and leopard. This serval, or maraputé of Malabar and India, seems to be the same animal as the tiger-cat of Senegal and the Cape of Good Hope, which, according to the testimony of travellers, resembles our cat in its shape, and the tiger (that is the panther or leopard) by the black and white spots of his fur. " This animal (say they) is four times larger than a cat ; is of a very voracious nature, and feeds on monkeys, rats, and other animals."

From the comparison which we made of the serval and the *chat pard*, described by the gentlemen of the Academy, we discovered no other difference than the long spots on the back, and the rings on the tail of the latter, which the serval has not. The spots on the back of the serval are closer than those on the other parts of his body ; but these little disagreements are so slight that we cannot doubt of the identity of the species of these two animals.