

water shrew-mouse, because it is too much like the land one to have received a different name. There then remains the sea-wolf of Belon, the sable, and the Muscovy musk-rat, for the *latax*, the *satherion*, and the *satyrion*. Of these three animals, the sea-wolf of Belon is the only one that is larger than the otter, therefore it alone can represent the *latax*; consequently the sable and the Muscovy musk-rat, must represent the *satherion* and the *satyrion*. It must, however, be perceived that these conjectures, which I believe to be well founded, are not among the number which time can elucidate, unless some Greek manuscripts shall be discovered which are unknown at present, where these names are made use of, and explained by new indications.

THE SEAL, THE WALRUS, AND THE MANATI.

SEAL, Walrus, and Manati, are rather generic denominations than specific names. Under that of the Seal, we shall comprehend, first, the *phoca* of the ancients, which is probably the same animal as the seal; 2. The common