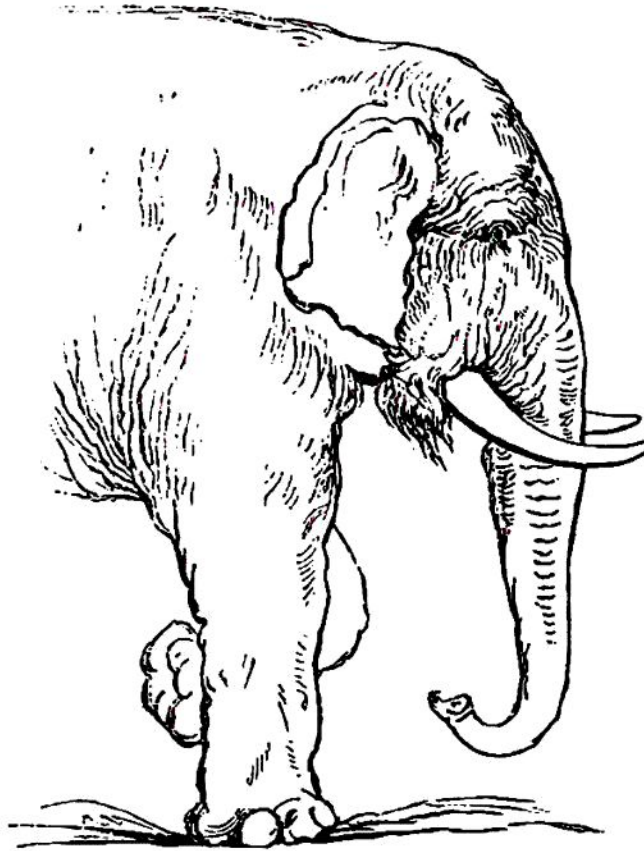


body : and thus the head is, as it were, a part of the body, without the interposition of the



neck. 7. But the animal must feed : and as its head cannot reach the ground, it must possess an instrument like a hand in the proboscis,—to minister to the mouth, to grasp the herbage and lift it to its lips. Thus we perceive that the form of the elephant, as far as regards the peculiar character in the shoulders and head, the closeness of the head to the body, the possession of the proboscis, and the defence of that proboscis by the projecting tusks, is a necessary consequence of the weight of the head, and, indeed, of the great size of the animal.

We may carry the inquiry a little further to