

canus, and since copied by Marmol. “The *dabuh* say these authors, is of the size and form of the wolf; and scratches up dead bodies from their graves.” From which it was supposed to mean the *dubbah*, or hyæna, although it is expressly stated in the same passages that the *dubbah* has hands and feet resembling those of a man; a remark which, however applicable to the baboon, cannot be applied to the hyæna.

From taking a view of the *lupus-marinus* of Bellon, which Gesner has copied, we might mistake it for the figure of the hyæna, to which it bears a great resemblance; but his description corresponds not with our hyæna, for he says, the *lupus-marinus* is an amphibious animal which feeds on fish, and has sometimes been seen on the coasts of the British ocean; besides this author says nothing of the peculiar characteristics which distinguish the hyæna from all other animals. It is possible that Bellon, prepossessed with the notion that the civet was the hyæna of the ancients, has given the figure of the real one under the name of *lupus-marinus*, for so striking and singular are the characters of that animal, that it is hardly possible to be deceived in them; he is, perhaps, the only quadruped that has four toes.