

sagacity of the beaver, the dexterity of the ape, the sentiment of the dog with the peculiar advantages of strength, bigness, and longevity. We must not forget his arms, or tusks, with which he can pierce through and conquer the lion. We should also recollect that he shakes the ground at every step ; that with his trunk he roots out trees ; that with the strength of his body, he makes a breach in the wall ; that though tremendous by his strength, he is more invincible by the resistance of his bulky massiveness, and the thickness of his skin ; that he can carry on his back an armed tower filled with many men ; and that he alone moves machines, and carries burthens, which six horses cannot move. To this prodigious strength, he joins courage, prudence, coolness, and an exact obedience ; he preserves moderation even in his most violent passions ; he is more constant than impetuous in love : in anger he does not forget his friends ; he never attacks any but those who have given him some offence ; and he remembers favours as long as injuries. Having no taste for flesh, and feeding chiefly upon vegetables, he is not naturally an enemy to any living creature ; he is beloved by them all, since all of them respect, and no one has cause to fear him. For these reasons, men at all