

be seen, and where, from the deficiency of combustible matters, fire is almost as scarce as water.

THE BUFFALO, THE BONASUS, THE AUROCHS,
THE BISON, AND THE ZEBU.

ALTHOUGH the Buffalo is now common in Greece, and tame in Italy, it was known by neither the ancient Greeks nor Romans; for he never had a name in the language of these people. The word *buffalo*, even indicates a foreign origin, not derived either from the Greek or Latin tongues. In effect, this animal is originally a native of the warmest climates of Africa and India, and was not transported and naturalized in Italy, till towards the seventh century. The moderns very improperly apply the name of *bubalus* to this animal, which, in Greek and Latin implies indeed, an African animal, but very different from the buffalo, as it is easy to demonstrate, by many passages of ancient authors. If we would ascribe the *bubalus* to any particular genus, it rather belongs to that of the antelope, than to that of the ox or the buffalo*. Belon having seen a small hunched

* Upon the first publication of Buffon's History, M. Caetani made some remarks upon the assertion that the buffalo had