

Barbary ; and they have thought, with me, that it was the bubalus of the ancients.*

4. *The small ox of Belon is only a variety in the species of the ox.* We shall easily prove this, by only referring to the figure of the animal given by Belon, Prosper Alpinus, Edwards, and to the description we have made. We have seen it alive ; his conductor told us, that he brought him from Africa, where he was called *Zebu* ; that he was domestic ; and that they used him to ride on. This animal is, in fact, very gentle and familiar ; he is of an agreeable figure, though heavy and thick ; nevertheless he so perfectly resembles the ox, that I cannot give a more just idea of him, than by saying, if we were to look at a very handsome bull, through a glass that diminishes objects one half, the figure would very near approach that of the zebu.

5. *The Bonasus of Aristotle is the same as the bison of the Latins.* This proposition cannot be proved, without a critical discussion, with the whole detail of which I shall not trouble the reader. Gesner, who was a learned man, as well as a naturalist, and who

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* The zebu, or small ox of Belon, has none of the characters of the bubalus ; it differs from it almost as much as our ox differs from the antelope : Belon also is the only naturalist who has considered this small ox to be the bubalus of the ancients.