

bucks, and live upon the edges of mountains, that their flesh is good, but they are principally hunted for their skins.

There remain but very few real muflons in Corsica, the many wars in that island having probably been the cause of their destruction, but the present race of sheep still retain a resemblance to them in their figures, as I observed to be the case in one I saw in August, 1774, belonging to the Duc de Vrillière.

THE AXIS.

THIS animal being only known by the vague names of the *hind* of *Sardinia*, and the *deer* of the *Ganges*, we have preserved the name given him by Belon, and which he borrowed from Pliny; because, the character of Pliny's axis agrees with this animal, and the name has never been applied to any other; and, therefore, we are not afraid of falling into confusion or error, for a generic denomination, joined to an epithet derived from the climate, is not a name, but a phrase, by which we may confound one animal with others of his genus,