

had never seen him, although, as he tells us he had, for the teeth of the hippopotamus are very large and very singular. To clear up every doubt and uncertainty, continues Zerenghi, I have here given the figure of the female hippopotamus; every proportion has been taken exactly after nature, as well as the measure of its body and limbs.

“ The length of this hippopotamus, from the extremity of the upper lip to the beginning of the tail, is nearly eleven feet two inches.\*

“ The circumference of the body is about ten feet.

“ The height, from the bottom of the foot to the top of the back, is four feet five inches.

“ The circumference of the legs near the shoulders is two feet nine inches; and taken lower, is one foot nine inches and a half.

“ The height of the legs, from the bottom of the feet to the breast, is one foot ten inches and a half.

“ The length of the feet, from the extremity of the nails, is about four inches and a half.—

*Note.* I have taken the medium measure between the two that Zerenghi gives, for the length of the feet.

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\* This measurement is according to Paris feet and inches.