

specting the hippopotamus, in which that author observes, “ that among the various animals produced by the Nile, the crocodile and hippopotamus deserve the most particular attention ; the latter is five cubits long ; he has cloven feet like ruminating animals, and in each of his jaws he has three large tusks, somewhat like those of a wild boar ; while the prodigious size of his body resembles that of an elephant. His skin is exceedingly hard and strong, possibly more so than that of any other animal. He is amphibious, and remains as perfectly at ease under water as upon land ; he, however, comes on shore in the night to seek pasture, and if the species were numerous, they would prove very destructive to the cultivated lands of Egypt. To hunt this animal a number of men assemble, and going in several boats attack him ; when once fastened to a rope, they leave him till he is exhausted with plunging and the loss of blood : his flesh is hard, and not good for digestion. Dr. Klockner has also given an account of the manner in which the skin was prepared of the one sent from the Cape of Good Hope, and is now in the Prince of Orange’s cabinet, the dimensions of which corresponded very nearly with those of Zerenghi’s. He likewise adds, that he was informed by the nephew of Charles

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