

power of man and the other independant. It is the same with respect to the lamas and the pacos, which were the only domestic animals of the ancient Americans : these names belonged to them in their domestic state. The wild lama was called huanacus, or guanaco ; and the wild pacos, vicuna, or vigogne.\* I conceived this remark necessary to avoid the confusion of names. These animals are to be found only in the New World : they seem even to belong to some particular parts, beyond the limits of which they are never to be seen. They appear confined to that chain of mountains which stretches from New Spain to Terra Magellanica : they inhabit the highest regions of the globe, and seem to require a purer and more refined air than that of our highest mountains.

It is singular, that although the lama and the pacos are domestic in Peru, Mexico, and Chili, like the horses in Europe, or the camels in Arabia, we scarcely know any thing of them ; and notwithstanding the Spaniards have had possession of those vast countries for above centuries, not one of their authors have given

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\* The Peruvians yet call the lama by the name of *runa*, which signifies sheep. *Lama* is a generic word signifying *animal*, *brute*, and at this day they understand by the word *runa llasna*, an Indian sheep. A modern traveller observes, that the *guauaco*, and the *chillebueque* are animals quite distinct from the *lama*. It is therefore improperly that these names are found among those cited by Buffon as applied to the *lama*.