

there is a necessary tendency in those amusements to produce that lamentable effect. There then remains, in support of the propriety of such amusements, the argument from the healthiness of the stimulus which they communicate to the mind as well as to the body; thus invigorating both: while they act as a present recreation, which in some shape or other is required by all. But if the pursuit of smaller and weaker animals should appear objectionable to any one, there still remain, in other countries at least if not in this, the wolf, the wild boar, and the tiger: and in subduing these, to which no one will probably object, the dog lends most effectual assistance to man. He is indeed of all animals the most undaunted and courageous. Mr. Burchell, who during his long residence in southern Africa had frequent opportunities of witnessing the character of this faithful guardian of man, has asserted to the author of this treatise, that he has, again and again, seen the fiercest and strongest animals shrink from the defiance of the dog; but he never saw the dog shrink from the defiance of any other animal.^u

^u Linnæus, in enumerating the characters of the lion, makes, by implication, a somewhat similar observation with respect to the dog. "*Leo esuriens prædatur equis et aliis majoribus animalibus;—canibus coercetur.*" (Linn. System. Gmelin. tom. i. p. 76.)