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DELINEATION

OF CURIOUS

FOREIGN BEASTS AND BIRDS,

IN THEIR NATURAL COLOURS;

WHICH ARE TO BE SEEN ALIVE

AT

The GREAT ROOM OVER EXETER CHANGE,

AND AT

The LYCEUM, in the STRAND.

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THE RHINOCEROS.

THIS wonderful Beast has a coat of mail, or hard skin, which is difficult to pierce with a sword; a horn projects from his nose about two feet long as he grows in age; with this he tears up the ground, rips up the elephant, to whom he is a mortal enemy, pulls up trees by their roots, and throws large stones over his head to a great distance. His sense of smelling is surprisingly acute: when he scents any thing he pursues it in a right line, and tears up every thing in its way; but it is one happiness that his eyes are exceedingly small, and so fixed, that he can only see straight forward, so that it is easy to avoid him by slipping aside, as he is a long time in turning himself, and longer still in getting sight again of his object. He will not, however, attack a man unless provoked, or unless he is dressed in scarlet. He feeds principally on shrubs, thistles, and a plant which resembles the juniper, and which, from his fondness of it, is called Rhinoceros-bush.

They are natives of Africa and Asia. The

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Rhinoceros

Rhinoceros of which this is the figure was brought from the Great Mogul's Empire, and was presented to an English Nobleman by an Eastern Rajah, as a rarity seldom to be met with; and his Lordship has complimented the curious of his native country, by presenting him to a Gentleman who has brought him home for their inspection.

He arrived in London the 5th of June 1790, and was purchased by Mr. Clark, for a large sum, for the inspection of those who admire the wonderful productions of the Creator on animated nature, at one shilling each person. This wonderful Herculean Quadruped is said to be more compact in his formation and stronger made than the Elephant, and that he weighs near a ton weight. He is now about three years old, and in perfect health.