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AN
ACCOUNT
OF
THE EMPIRE OF MAROCCO,
AND
THE DISTRICT OF SUSE;

COMPILED FROM
MISCELLANEOUS OBSERVATIONS MADE DURING A LONG RESIDENCE IN,
AND VARIOUS JOURNIES THROUGH, THESE COUNTRIES.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,
AN ACCURATE AND INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF
TIMBUCTOO,
THE GREAT EMPORIUM OF CENTRAL AFRICA.

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having a centinel to keep watch on some eminence; and when any person appears he gives the alarm, and they all run off together to the woods, climbing the trees. The females will jump from one branch to another with their young on their shoulders; they are very subtle and vindictive, though easily appeased.

The Rhinoceros.—Reem is the Arabic name of the Rhinoceros. Various and contradictory have been the accounts of both the ancients and moderns respecting the beast with one horn, called the Unicorn, which is probably no other than the young rhinoceros, the Reem being reported by the Arabs to have but one horn till a certain age, when a second appears, and some affirm that a third appears when the animal grows old. The horn of the Reem is called Kirkadune by the Arabs, and figuratively, gurn min gurn, i. e. horn of horns, being extremely hard and fine-grained, and receiving a high polish; it is sold at a most enormous price, and is used for the hilts of swords. With regard to the animal called by our heralds the unicorn, and represented in armorial bearings, I doubt if ever such an animal existed: the Reem* is called also Huaddee, which signifies the beast of one horn, Aouda signifies a mare, hence perhaps, by an easy corruption of names, the Aouda has been mistaken for Huaddee, and the figure of a horse with a horn has been adopted as the figure of the *Reem* in our heraldic supporters; for I have frequently conversed with men who had been twenty years in the different countries of the interior of Africa, but never could learn that a beast with one horn existed, in figure resembling a horse. The Reem is also figuratively denominated *boh girn el harsh* i. e. the father of the hard horn.

* Job, c. 39, v. 9, 10.