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Notes by James Douglas of a conversation with Jan Wandelaar regarding drawings of Rhinoceros and the stuffed specimen in the botanoical garden, Leiden. Dated on one side: Leyden Decr 31 [1734 or 1735].

Wandelaar draws and engraves for Albinus. Drawing of Rhinoceros with two horns engraved from drawing sent to Commelinus from Cape of Good Hope, not from Kolben's book. List 5 parts improved by Wandelaar, drawings at Hunterian Av.1.17 fols 22 and 24.

Leiden, 1734

1734 ?

James DOUGLAS

Notes made during a visit to Leiden

In Douglas collection, Glasgow

[i]

Mr Wandelaar, who draws and engraves for professor Albinus, told me that the figure of the Rhinoceros with two horns was not in Kolbens high dutch edition, but as he was employed to copy the original plates for the Dutch edition, he procured a drawing from Commelinus to whom it had been sent from the Cape of Good Hope of this animal and engraved it.

By good luck the gardiner had Kolbens book where the figure was which we compared with the stuffed skin that was very whole and at the same time Mr Wandelaar was so good as to make the following corrections of several parts that were not so well represented as

a front view of the head

a side view of the same

one fore hoof

just one half

one hind foot

a side view of the hind foot

--- fore foot

[ii]

du commencement du cul jusqu'au bout du nez
la longueur est cinq pied et quatre pouces

round the largest of the body 4 foot one inch

it is said never to have been born

the length of the tail half a foot and one inch

round the hoof demigned [?] 2 pouce hind foot, 3 pouce fore foot

The body seems longer, perhaps stretched out in the drying
on the hindfeet a kind of ungula equina

the folds on the sides were wanting

the middle hoof very large, the other two small

The skin was whiter of a light ash, and the spots were not so large

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Leyden

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in some instances in the legs as but on the
the length of the body 4 feet
one inch sp.  

round the largest of the body 4 feet

one inch sp.  

the hind network

has been torn

The length of the tail

Half a foot or one inch

some the hoof, 2 pairs, 2 pairs, 2 pairs

the body seems longer than the
to be on out in the drooping

on the hind feet a kind of angular
the folds on the feet were very

the middle of the body large the other two small

The skin was white and the spots were not large

of the body

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for professor Albini, tells me that the figure
of the Rhinoceros with two horns was not in Kistley
his only edition but as he was employed to copy the
original plates for the 2nd edition he pro-
duced a drawing from Comandini to whom it
had been sent from the Cape of Good Hope
of this animal. The engraver has

by a mistake taken the wrong
figure was which was compared with the African
that was very whole in at the same time. Mr
Wandelaar was so good as to make the following
corrections of several parts that were not so well
represented as

a fortification of the head

a fortification of the face

one face had the same

one had the same

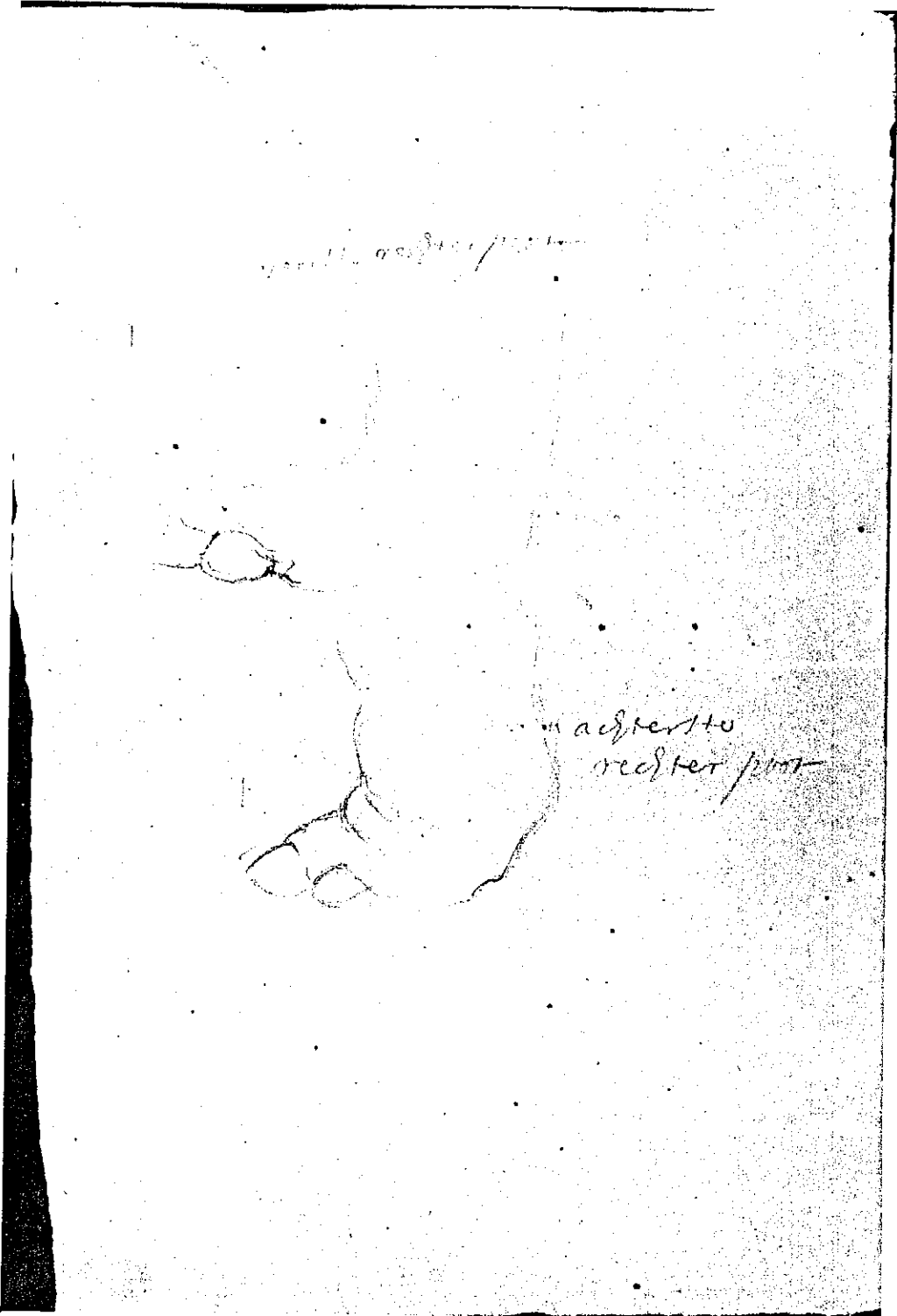
one had the same

one had the same

Rhinoceros.
Sketches from Wandelaar, with
Dr Douglas's account of them.

(From Dr. Hunter's Museum)





...a destra

...a destra
...a sinistra

