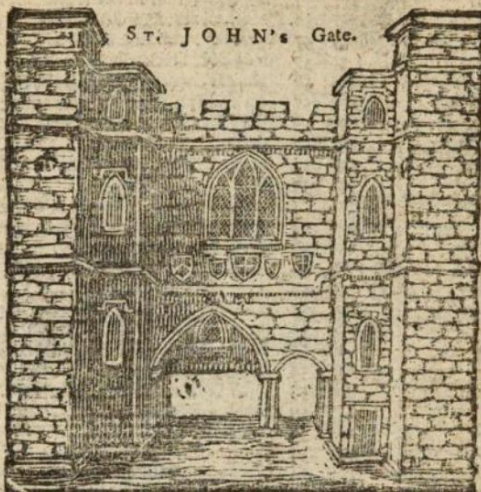


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was opened between them and more enlightened nations. In these emigrations the refuse of the community would be expelled, and they would have but few stages to travel before they arrived at a confirmed state of savagism. In this manner the origin and extent of the savage state may be accounted for, without supposing such a state to have been universal. Facts seem to prove that soil and climate contributed very little towards retarding or accelerating civilization. Powerful and populous states were, at a very early period, highly civilized by the superior talents of certain men among them*; whereas small clans and tribes sunk early into a savage state, and never recovered till their correspondence with more polite nations was renewed. Dr. D. in this little volume, has treated the subject with great ingenuity and ability; and we cannot help recommending it as an accession to literature and philology.

259. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London. For the Year 1793. Vol. LXXXIII. Part I. 4to.*

ARTICLE I. Account of two primary rainbows, not concentric, but touching each other at one point, seen, at the same time, at Alverstoke, Hants, July 9, 1792; with a secondary bow to each, which touched likewise: by the Rev. Dr. Sturges; who supposes the large and more permanent bow was produced by the sun itself, and the other by his reflection from the smooth sea acting as a speculum.

II. Description of the double-horned rhinoceros of Sumatra: by Mr. William Bell, surgeon at Bencoolen. It was young, and not full-grown, and much like the single-horned rhinoceros. "The horns were black, the larger placed immediately above the nose, pointing upwards, and bent a little back, and was about 9 inches long. The small horn was 4 inches long, of a pyramidal shape, flattened a little, and placed above the eyes, rather a little more forward, standing in a line with the larger horn, immediately above it. They were both firmly attached to the skull, nor was there any appearance of joint or muscles to move them." The animal had not

* Thus the Chinese look up to their Fohi, the Indians to Brahma, the Persians to Zerdusht, the Chaldeans to Oanes, the Egyptians to Thoth, the Phœnicians to Melicerta, the Scandinavians to Odin, and the Peruvians to Marico; all of divine original or commission.

that appearance of an unicorn observable in the single-horned rhinoceros. A female, which Mr. Bell afterwards examined, had less of that appearance, and was more of a lead colour. Our readers will recollect, that Dr. Parsons, in the XLIInd volume of *Philosophical Transactions*, claimed the merit of discovering the double-horned rhinoceros; and, in answer to a critique of one of our correspondents (vol. XXXVIII. pp. 208, 269), he affirms, that "ALL those which inhabit *Africa* have the double horn; whilst those of *Asia* have only a single one:" though we think, had that been strictly true, Martial would not have spoken of the double-horned rhinoceros as a *rarity*. Mr. Bell has accompanied his paper with a drawing of the entire animal, the cranium and the upper and under jaw separated from each other.

III. Description of a species of the fish called *Chætodon*, caught at Bencoolen, and other parts on the Western coasts of Sumatra: by the same gentleman. The bones are full of tumours, as represented in the drawing.

IV. Account of some discoveries in animal electricity, made by Mr. Galvani, of Bologna; with experiments and observations on them: by Mr. Alexander Volter, F. R. S. French.

V. Farther particulars respecting the observatory at Benares; of which an account, with plates, is given by Sir Robert Barker, in vol. LXVII. In a letter from John Lloyd Williams, Esq. of Benares. This is little more than a supplementary illustration of Sir Robert Barker's plates, which ought to have accompanied it. See our vol. XLVIII. p. 319. The present Bramin professors of astronomy are of opinion that the instruments were made more for show than use by the Rajah Munjung, and finished in two years, on a set of cells built by another rajah long before for the repose of pilgrims, who came to perform their ablutions in the Ganges. Mr. Hodges gives no account of this observatory, though he is very particular in his description of the other ancient buildings at Benares.

VI. Extracts from two letters from the Rev. Edward Gregory, M. A. rector of Langen, in Nottinghamshire, to Dr. Maskelyne, concerning the discovery of a comet, first seen by him on January 8, 1793. On the 10th, 11th, and 12th, it had a faint tail.

VII. Dr. Maskelyne's account of the comet, from Jan. 18 to Feb. 7.

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