



P O R T R A I T S  
OF THE  
GAME AND WILD ANIMALS  
of  
S O U T H E R N A F R I C A

*Delineated from Life in their Native Haunts*

BY

CAPTAIN W. CORNWALLIS HARRIS

*Hon. <sup>ble</sup> E. I. C. Engineers, Bombay.*

*Drawn on Stone by Frank Howard.*



*Sapè diem noctemque, et totum ex ordine mensem  
Pascitur itque pecus longè in desertis sine ullis  
Hospitiis tantùm campi jacet! Omnia secum  
Venatorius Afer agit, tectumque, laborem  
Armaque, Anyclæumque canem, Cressamque pharetram.*

Virgil

London. Published for the Proprietor.

1840

Printed by Hullmandel & Walton.

## LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS

To Captain Harris's

PORTRAITS OF THE GAME AND WILD ANIMALS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF AUCKLAND, G.C.B., GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD ELPHINSTONE, G.C.H., GOVERNOR OF MADRAS.

THE RIGHT HON. LORD KEANE, G.C.B., G.C.H.

H. E. SIR JAMES RIVETT CARNAC, BART., GOVERNOR OF BOMBAY.

LADY RIVETT CARNAC.

LADY GRANT.

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA OF TANJORE, (4 COPIES.)

HIS EXCELLENCY RAJA TONDAMUN BUHADOOR, (2 COPIES.)

ALLAN, John, Esq.  
ANDERSON, Lieut., H. M. 41 Reg.  
ANDERSON, W. B. Esq.  
ANSTRUTHER, J. A. Esq.  
ARBUTHNOT, J. A. Esq.  
ARRIENS, Colonel.  
ATHERTON, H. Esq.  
ATKINS, J. Pelly, Esq. (2 copies.)  
ATKINSON, Capt. E. H.  
AWDRY, Sir John.

BAINBRIDGE, C. H. Esq.  
BALDWIN, Capt. J. T.  
BALFOUR, Lieut. D. W.  
BANNERMANN, R. A. Esq.  
BARROW, J. Esq.  
BATE, Lieut. J. C.  
BAXTER, W. Esq.  
BAZETT, H. Y. Esq.  
BECKWITH, John, Esq.  
BELL, The Hon. Col. C. B.  
BELL, J. H. Esq.  
BELL, W. W. Esq.  
BELLASSIS, Capt. J.  
BERTHON, Lieut.  
BETTINGTON, A. Esq.  
BILLAMORE, Major.  
BIRCH, S. D. Esq.  
BIRD, Hon. W. W.  
BIRD, Dr. James.  
BIRD, G. Esq.  
BISHOP, Major General.  
BLANE, David, Esq.  
BLANE, D. A. Esq.  
BLANE, G. J. Esq.

BLANE, J. L. Esq.  
BODDAM, Capt.  
BOLDERO, Capt. C.  
BOMANJEE Homanjee, Esq.  
BOMBAY, The Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of.  
BONAMY, Major.  
BORRADAILE, Capt.  
BOURCHIER, Frederick, Esq.  
BOYD, Capt. George.  
BOYD, W. S. Esq. (2 copies.)  
BOYÉ, Capt.  
BOWIE, Reverend M.  
BOWMAN, J. Esq.  
BOWSTEAD, Dr.  
BRACKEN, W. Esq.  
BRETT, Capt. W.  
BRIGGS, E. H. Esq.  
BROOKS, Major General.  
BROUGH, Major.  
BROWN, Major General.  
BROWN, Capt. G. St. Barbe.  
BROWN, Capt. W. J.  
BROWN, Dr. R.  
BROWN, Henry, Esq.  
BROWNE, Major Gore.  
BRUCE, F. Esq.  
BRUCE, W. C. Esq.  
BRUNTON, Lieut. Colonel.  
BURKE, Lieut.  
BURNES, Sir Alexander.  
BURNES, Dr. James K. H.  
BUSHBY, H. Esq.  
  
CAMERON, Hon. C. H.  
CAMERON, Major J.  
CAMPBELL, Major J.

CAMPBELL, Colin, Esq.  
CAPON, Colonel.  
CARDEW, Dr. J.  
CARGILL, W. W. Esq.  
CARRUTHERS, Colonel, C. B.  
CASE, Ensign C. H.  
CHAIX, J. B. Esq.  
CHAMIER, H. Esq.  
CHERRY, A. J. Esq.  
CLERK, Capt.  
CLERK, Robert, Esq.  
CLIBBORN, Major.  
CLOETE, Hon. H.  
COCKBURN, M. D. Esq.  
COCKE, Major.  
COLLINS, H. Esq.  
COLQUHOUN, James, Esq.  
COMPTON, Spencer, Esq.  
COMYN, Sir Robert.  
COOKE, Lieut. C.  
CORSELLIS, Capt.  
COTTERILL, Rev. H.  
COULL, A. D. Esq.  
COWIE, H. Esq.  
CRACKLOW, Major.  
CRAWFORD, Lieut.  
CRAWFORD, R. W. Esq.  
CRAWLEY, Major.  
CRUTTENDEN, Lieut. C. I., I. N.  
CUBBON, Colonel, (3 copies.)  
CULLEN, Colonel.  
CURSETJEE, Jamsetjee, Esq. (2 copies.)  
CURSETJEE, Manockjee, Esq.  
CURTIS, — Esq.  
  
DALGAIRNS, Colonel.

DAVIDSON, Captain D.  
DAVIDSON, F. M. Esq.  
DAVIDSON, R. Esq.  
DAVIES, Rev. Morgan.  
DAVIES, J. M. Esq. (2 copies.)  
DEACON, Dr. W.  
DELAMAINE, Capt.  
DE LA MOTTE, Major General C. B.  
DENT, J. Esq.  
DEVEREUX, Hon. H. B.  
DICKINSON, Colonel.  
DICKSON, Capt.  
DIGHTON, H. Esq.  
DOUGLAS, J. S. E.  
DOWDESWELL, W. Esq.  
DRURY, G. D. Esq.  
DUMERGUE, H. Esq.  
DUNCAN, Capt.  
DUNLOP, Hon. J. A. (2 copies.)  
D'URBAN, Sir Benjamin.  
DUTTON, Major.

EARLE, Capt.  
EASTWICK, Capt.  
ELLIOT E. E. Esq. (2 copies.)  
ELLIOT, E. F. Esq.  
ELLIOT, J. B. Esq.  
ELLIOT, L. Esq.  
ELLIOT, Walter, Esq., (2 copies.)  
ELPHINSTONE, A. Esq.  
ENGLAND, Colonel R.  
ENNIS, Capt. E. M.  
ERSKINE, James, Esq.  
ESTRIDGE Lieut. J.  
ETHERSEY, Lieut. R., I.N.  
EYRE, Lieut.

FABER, Capt.  
FALCONER, J. J. Esq.  
FANE, Sir Henry.  
FARIE, Gilbert, Esq.  
FARISH, Hon. J.  
FARQUHARSON, Major General F.  
FAWCETT, E. G. Esq.  
FAWCETT, H. Esq.  
FERGUSON, Cornet J. A. D.  
FERGUSON, J. H. Esq.  
FERGUSON, W. F. Esq.  
FISCHER, George, Esq.  
FLETCHER, Rev. W. K.  
FOGERTY, Dr. W. K.  
FOQUETT, Major.  
FORBES, Major D.  
FORBES, C. Esq.  
FORSTER, Lieut. Henry.  
FOSTER, Capt. R.  
FRENCH, Capt.  
FULLJAMES, Capt.  
FRANCIS, Lieut. M. P.  
FREESE, Arthur, Esq.  
FRERE, Hatley, Esq.  
FRITH, R. G. W. Esq.

GAMBIER, Sir Edward.  
GIBBON, Colonel.  
GIBSON, Major G. W.  
GILLESPIE, Capt.  
GIMORE, W. F. Esq.  
GLENNIE, Ensign E.

GOAD, P. L. Esq.  
GOLDING, B. Esq. (2 copies.)  
GORDON, Colonel W.  
GOUGH, Major General Sir Hugh.  
GOUGH, Capt.  
GOUGH, G. Esq.  
GRAHAM, Capt. D. C.  
GRANT, Captain C. M.  
GRANT, Capt. C. W.  
GRANT, Dr. John.  
GRANT, Alexander, Esq.  
GRANT, W. P. Esq.  
GRAVES, Hon. Capt.  
GREEN, Capt.  
GREENHILL, D. Esq.  
GRESLEY, Capt. F.  
GUICHARD, Charles, Esq.

HAGART, Major.  
HAINES, Capt. S. B., I.N.  
HAINES, Lieut. G.  
HAINES, Mrs.  
HALL, — Esq.  
HAMERTON, Capt. A.  
HART, Capt. L.  
HART, Capt. S. V. W.  
HART, W. H. Esq.  
HARTLEY, Capt. J. C.  
HAY, Capt.  
HEIGHINGTON, Capt.  
HENDERSON, Colonel.  
HENDLEY, Lieut. I. L.  
HENNELL, Capt.  
HOCKIN, Dr. P.  
HONNER, Lieut.  
HOOPER, G. S. Esq.,  
HORTON, Capt. Sidney.  
HOWARD, R. C. Esq.  
HOWARD, W. Esq.  
HUBERT, Colonel.  
HUNTER, W. F. Esq.

IMPEY, E. Esq., Assistant Surgeon.  
INVERARITY, J. D. Esq.

JACKSON, Lieut. C. F.  
JACKSON, Lieut. F.  
JACKSON, J. H. Esq.  
JACOB, Capt. G. Le Grand.  
JAMES, Lieut. Col. R.  
JERVIS, Major T.  
JOHNSTON, Dr. Henry.  
JONES, Lieut. Colonel.  
JONES, Major.  
JOPP, Major, (2 copies.)

KEANE, Hon. Major.  
KEY, T. B. Esq.  
KING, Colonel.  
KING, Colonel T.  
KIRKLAND, N. Esq.

LANG, Capt.  
LARPENT, A. de H. Esq.  
LAW, Lieut. W. C.  
LAW, J. S. Esq.  
LE GEYT, P. W. Esq.  
LEIGHTON, H. J. Esq.  
LE MESSURIER, Capt. A. P.

LE MESSURIER, A. S., Esq.  
LEWIN, F. M. Esq.  
LEWIN, M. Esq.  
LEWIS, Colonel, R. E.  
LIBRARY, 23rd Regt. B. N. I.  
LIBRARY, 25th Regt. B. N. I.  
LIBRARY, Bombay Circulating.  
LIBRARY, Calcutta Public.  
LIDDELL, Capt. J.  
LIDDELL, Henry, Esq.  
LIGHT, Lieut.  
LINE, John, Esq.  
LOGAN, Lieut. Colonel.  
LOSH, Lieut. J. J.  
LUARD, Major.  
LUMLEY, Lieut. J. R.  
LUSHINGTON, Hon. C. M.  
LUSHINGTON, J. Esq.

MACDONELL, A. E. R. Esq.  
MACLEOD, John, Esq.  
MACLEAN, Lieut. Colonel.  
MACLEAN, Lieut. Col. T.  
MAC NAGHTEN, Capt. R. A.  
MAINWARING, Rev. E.  
MAJOR, Lieut.  
MALCOLM, Sir Charles.  
MALCOLM, Capt. D. A.  
MALCOLM, G. Esq.  
MALET, Arthur, Esq.  
MALET, H. P. Esq.  
MANT, Capt.  
MARTIN, Capt. W.  
MARTIN, W. Esq.  
MARTIN, Wykeham, F. C., Esq., (Imp.)  
McCULLUM, D. Esq.  
McKELLIGAN, J. P. Esq.  
MESS, H. M., 6th (Royal Warwickshire)  
Regiment.  
MESS, Hingolee.  
MILL, Lieut. John.  
MONTEITH, Colonel W.  
MONTGOMERY, Hugh, Esq.  
MOORCROFT, Ensign.  
MOORE, Major J. A.  
MORRIS, Lieut. W. J.  
MORSE, Major General.  
MUNBEE, Lieut. Gore.

NEWCOMEN, C. G. Esq.  
NICOLSON, Captain P.  
NORTON, George, Esq.

O'BRIEN, Lieut. W.  
OGLANDER, Major General.  
OLIPHANT, Sir Anthony.  
ONSLow, A. P. Esq.  
ORR, John, Esq.  
ORTON, Dr.  
OTTLEY, Capt. W. J.  
OUCHTERLONY, J. Esq.  
OUTRAM, Major James.  
OWEN, Lieut.  
OWEN, A. M. Esq.  
OWEN, R. B. Esq.

PARKER, R. D. Esq.  
PARR, Capt., H. M. 54th Foot, (2 copies.)  
PARR, Capt. S.

PEARS, Capt.  
 PHILLIPS, J. L. Esq.  
 PLATT, J. Esq.  
 POOLE, Capt. S.  
 POWELL, Colonel Stratford.  
 PRENDERGAST, G. C. Esq.  
 PROWETT, W. H. E. Esq.  
  
 RAMSAY, Capt. George.  
 RAMSAY, Capt. John.  
 RAVENSCROFT, W. A. Esq.  
 READ, C. W. Esq.  
 REGIMENT, 20th, Bengal, N.I.  
 REGIMENT, 3d, Bombay, N.I.  
 REMINGTON, R. F. Esq.  
 RICHARDSON, W. Esq. (2 copies.)  
 RICHARDSON, C. G. Esq.  
 ROBINSON, Major.  
 ROLLAND, Lieut.  
 ROSS, Lieut. A. H., 42d, Regt. N. I.  
 RUSSELL, J. L. Esq.  
  
 SALMON, Capt. H. L.  
 SALTER, Major-General, C.B.  
 SALTER, Mrs.  
 SANDERS, Capt. J. P., N.I.  
 SAUNDERS, Major J.  
 SCOBIE, Capt.  
 SETON, Major Bruce.  
 SEWELL, R. B. Esq.  
 SHAW, Lieut. A. G.  
 SHAW, Alexander, Esq.  
 SHEE, Major, K.L.S.  
 SHORTT, Capt.  
 SHORTT, Lieut.  
 SIMPSON, Capt. W. H.  
 SIMS, Charles, Esq.  
 SIMSON, W. Esq.  
 SKINNER, Capt. P.K.  
 SKINNER, C. B. Esq.  
 SKINNER, John, Esq.  
 SLEIGH, Major-General, C.B.  
 SMITH, Capt. J.  
 SMITH, D. B. Esq.

SMITH, Robert, Esq.  
 SMOLLET, P. B. Esq. (2 copies.)  
 SOCIETY, Madras Literary.  
 SOCIETY, Royal Asiatic, Bombay Branch.  
 SOCIETY, Geographical, Bombay.  
 SOCIETY, Book, 5th Regt. B.N.I.  
 SONENKALP, J. A. Esq.  
 SPENS, Archibald, Esq.  
 SPIERS, W. Esq.  
 SPILLER, Capt. Royal Art.  
 SPOONER, Richard, Esq.  
 STALKER, Lt. Colonel, C.B. (2 copies.)  
 STEEL, Colonel, S. W.  
 STEUART, Reverend H.  
 STOKES, J. H. Esq.  
 STOPFORD, J. S. Esq.  
 STOQUELER, J. H. Esq. (2 copies.)  
 STRONG, Capt.  
 STUART, Dr. G. A.  
 STUDDERT, Lieut. T.  
 SULLIVAN, Hon. J.  
 SUPPLE, Lieut. J. C.  
 SUTHERLAND, Lieut. Colonel.  
 SUTHERLAND, Major Eric, (2 copies.)  
 SUTHERLAND, Hon. J. (2 copies.)  
 SWINTON, Capt. C.  
 SYMS, Mrs. Walter.  
  
 TAPP, Capt. T.  
 TAWSE, Dr. Alexander.  
 TAYLOR, Capt. C.  
 TAYLOR, Capt. Meadows.  
 TAYLOR, R. W., Esq.  
 THOMAS, R. Esq.  
 THOMPSON, E. P. Esq.  
 THOMSON, James, Esq.  
 TODD, G. L. Esq.  
 TOMKYN, Major G.  
 TREWMAN, Lt. Colonel, I.T.  
 TULLOCH, Lieut. G. A.  
 TURNER, Capt. T. M. B.  
 TURNER, Capt. H. B.  
 TURNER, Capt. W.  
 TYTLER, C. E. F. Esq.

UNDERWOOD, Major, J. J.  
 UNDERWOOD, W. E. Esq.  
  
 VAILLANT, Colonel, K. H.  
 VARDON, Lieut. Frank, Nizam's Inf.  
 VARDON, Lieut. J.  
 VAUGHAN, J. Esq.  
 VERREAUX, Monsieur Jules.  
  
 WADDINGTON, Major  
 WALKER, Dr. James  
 WALLACE, Lieut. R.  
 WARBURTON, Lieut. P. E.  
 WARD, T. W. Esq.  
 WATHEN, W. H. Esq.  
 WATSON, Major L. W.  
 WEBB, Capt. W. M., Art.  
 WEEKES, Dr.  
 WELSH, Major General  
 WENN, Capt.  
 WEMYSS, Lieut. F.  
 WHEELER, Capt.  
 WHISTLER, Capt. G. W.  
 WHISTLER, Lieut. J.  
 WHISTLER, Lieut. T. K.  
 WHITTINGHAM, C. Esq.  
 WILLIAMS, John, Esq.  
 WILLIS, Major General  
 WILLOUGHBY, J. P. Esq.  
 WINGATE, Lieut. Queen's Royals.  
 WINGATE, Lieut.  
 WILSON, Major General, C. B.  
 WILSON, Lieut. Colonel.  
 WILSON, Capt. Arnold.  
 WILSON, Reverend J., D.D.  
 WOOD, Lieut.  
 WOOD, H. Esq.  
 WOULFE, Brigadier.  
 WRIGHT, James, Esq.  
 WROUGHTON, J. Esq.  
 WYLLIE, Capt. W.  
  
 YULE, G. A. Esq.

## CONTENTS.

PLATE	PAGE	PLATE	PAGE
I. THE GNOO ( <i>CATOBLEPAS GNOO</i> ) . . . . .	1	XVIII. THE ROAN ANTELOPE, OR BASTARD GEMSBOK, ( <i>AIGOCERUS EQUINA</i> ) . . . . .	91
II. THE QUAGGA, ( <i>EQUUS QUAGGA</i> ) . . . . .	5	XIX. THE SQUARE-NOSED, OR WHITE RHINOCEROS, ( <i>RHINOCEROS SIMUS</i> ) . . . . .	97
III. THE SPRINGBOK, ( <i>GAZELLA EUCHORE</i> ) . . . . .	9	XX. THE KOODOO, ( <i>STREPSICEROS CAPENSIS</i> ) . . . . .	103
IV. THE KOKOON, ( <i>CATOBLEPAS GORGON</i> ) . . . . .	13	XXI. THE BLESBOK, OR WHITE-FACED ANTELOPE, ( <i>GAZELLA ALBIFRONS</i> ) . . . . .	109
V. BURCHELL'S ZEBRA, ( <i>EQUUS BURCHELLII</i> ) . . . . .	17	XXII. THE ELEPHANT, ( <i>ELEPHAS AFRICANUS</i> ) . . . . .	115
VI. THE ELAND, OR IMPOOFO, ( <i>BOSELAPHUS OREAS</i> ) . . . . .	23	XXIII. THE SABLE ANTELOPE, ( <i>AIGOCERUS NIGER</i> ) . . . . .	125
VII. THE CAAMA, OR HARTEBEEST, ( <i>ACRONOTUS CAAMA</i> ) . . . . .	29	XXIV. THE ZEBRA, ( <i>EQUUS MONTANUS</i> ), — THE KLIPSPRINGER, ( <i>OREOTRAGUS SALTATRIX</i> ) . . . . .	131
VIII. THE SASSAYBE, OR BASTARD HARTEBEEST, ( <i>ACRONOTUS LUNATA</i> ) . . . . .	33	XXV. THE RHEEBOK, ( <i>REDUNCA CAPREOLUS</i> ), — THE STEENBOK, ( <i>TRAGULUS RUPESTRIS</i> ) . . . . .	137
IX. THE GEMSBOK, OR ORYX, ( <i>ORYX CAPENSIS</i> ) . . . . .	37	XXVI. THE BUSHBUCK, ( <i>TRAGELAPHUS SYLVATICA</i> ), — THE GRYSBOK, ( <i>TRAGULUS MELANOTIS</i> ), — THE CERULEAN ANTELOPE, ( <i>CEPHALOPUS CERULA</i> ) . . . . .	143
X. THE OSTRICH, ( <i>STRUTHIO CAMELUS</i> ) . . . . .	43	XXVII. THE AFRICAN BOAR, ( <i>PHACOCERUS AFRICANUS</i> ), THE REITBOK, ( <i>REDUNCA ELEOTRAGUS</i> ) . . . . .	151
XI. THE CAMELOPARD, OR GIRAFFE, ( <i>CAMELOPARDALIS GIRAFFE</i> ) . . . . .	48	XXVIII. THE LEOPARD, ( <i>FELIS LEOPARDUS</i> ), — THE HUNTING PARD, ( <i>FELIS JUBATA</i> ) . . . . .	157
XII. THE HIPPOPOTAMUS, OR SEA COW, ( <i>HIPPOTAMUS AMPHIBIUS</i> ) . . . . .	57	XXIX. THE LION, ( <i>FELIS LEO</i> ) . . . . .	163
XIII. THE BUFFALO, ( <i>BUBALUS CAFFER</i> ) . . . . .	65	XXX. THE SPOTTED HYÆNA, ( <i>HYÆNA CROCUTA</i> ), — THE FUSCOUS HYÆNA, ( <i>HYÆNA FUSCA</i> ), — THE WILD DOG, ( <i>HYÆNA VENATICA</i> ) . . . . .	171
XIV. THE WATER-BUCK, ( <i>AIGOCERUS ELLIPSIPRYMNUS</i> ) . . . . .	71		
XV. THE PALLAH, ( <i>ANTILOPE MELAMPUS</i> ), — THE DUIKER, ( <i>CEPHALOPUS MERGENS</i> ) . . . . .	77		
XVI. THE BLACK RHINOCEROS, ( <i>RHINOCEROS AFRICANUS</i> ) . . . . .	81		
XVII. THE BONTEBOK, OR PIED ANTELOPE, ( <i>GAZELLA PYGARGA</i> ) . . . . .	87		

5

PORTRAITS  
OF THE  
GAME AND WILD ANIMALS

OF  
**Southern Africa,**

DELINEATED FROM LIFE IN THEIR NATIVE HAUNTS,

DURING A HUNTING EXPEDITION

FROM THE CAPE COLONY AS FAR AS THE TROPIC OF CAPRICORN,

IN 1836 AND 1837,

WITH SKETCHES OF THE FIELD SPORTS.

BY CAPTAIN W. CORNWALLIS HARRIS,

OF THE HONORABLE E. I. COMPANY'S ENGINEERS, BOMBAY ESTABLISHMENT.

DRAWN ON STONE BY FRANK HOWARD.

---

QUOD SPECIMEN NATURÆ CAPI DEBEAT EX OPTIMA QUAQUE NATURA.

CICERO.

---

LONDON :

PUBLISHED FOR THE PROPRIETOR, BY W. PICKERING, CHANCERY LANE,

AND TO BE HAD OF

P. & D. COLNAGHI, PALL MALL EAST; W. WOOD, TAVISTOCK STREET, COVENT GARDEN;  
AND T. CADELL, STRAND.

---

1840.

TO THOSE

WHOM IT IS UNNECESSARY TO PARTICULARIZE,

BUT WHO WILL UNDERSTAND THE SPIRIT OF THIS DEDICATION;

MY LOVED COMPANIONS IN THE MERRY GREEN-WOOD,

WHO HAVE SACRIFICED WITH ME IN HONOR OF THE CHASTE GODDESS;

AND

WITH WHOM IN DAYS GONE BY I HAVE OFT STALKED THE FOREST AND SCoured THE PLAIN,

*These Scenes in the African Wilderness*

ARE,

WITH EVERY SENTIMENT OF REGARD AND ESTEEM INSCRIBED

BY

THEIR AFFECTIONATELY ATTACHED FRIEND,

W. C. H.



## INTRODUCTION.

HUNTING, from the earliest antiquity, has formed no less the favourite pastime of the mightiest monarchs, than the chosen exercise of the most exalted heroes. Poets and minstrels have made the *merrye greene-wode* the theme and burthen of their wild song. Philosophers and sages have lauded the sylvan craft, as combining exercise to the body, with delight and entertainment to the mind; whilst painters and sculptors have made it the subject of the noblest creations of their skill and genius. The ancient schools instructed those who were destined for deeds of high emprise, to contest with the swiftest of the wild beasts in speed, with the boldest in strength, and with the most cunning in craft and subtilty;—"certare cum fugacibus feris, cursu; cum audacibus, robore; cum callidis, astu." Victories gained over the savage tenants of the forest constantly formed the prelude to heroic exploits in war;—and the splendid monuments which transmitted to after ages the military achievements of the Emperors of Rome, not unfrequently blended with their most celebrated triumphs, the glories of the chase. The pages of history record the high estimation in which our own ancestors, from the rudest periods, have regarded this noble diversion. Princes and statesmen have alike been its protectors; and whilst men of the greatest genius in Europe have not disdained to share in the excitement it affords, oriental potentates have far eclipsed the more civilized nations of the globe, in the splendour and magnificence with which they have indulged in the engrossing fascinations of the field.

Of those who have taken up the unpretending Narrative of my recent adventures in the wilds of Southern Africa, to which the present volume may be considered to form an amplification, few will deny that to wander through a fairy-land of sport, among the independent denizens of the wide wilderness,—realizing, as it were, a new and fabled creation amid scenes never before paced by civilized foot,—is in itself so truly spirit-stirring and romantic, that in spite of the many hardships and privations which are inseparable from a campaign directed against the *feræ naturæ*, the witchcraft of the desert must prove irresistible. Nor will any one who reflects that the regions I traversed were either totally depopulated, or very sparingly inhabited, complain, that my attention should have been so exclusively directed to the brute creation, which presented to the traveller the most prominent as well as the most engrossing objects of contemplation. In a region "where the grim lion prowls monarch of all he surveys," my interviews with the wild races of the human species were necessarily few and far between; and it seldom fell to my fortune to have opportunities of studying the natural history of those primitive children of the desert.

Africa, it is well known, is the great nursery of many of the most noble and interesting forms that exist in the animal kingdom. Her southern regions, which extend into the temperate zone, are surrounded on three sides by the ocean; and being divided from the milder climates of the northern hemisphere by the torrid belt that intervenes, are tenanted by a vast nation of indigenous quadrupeds. The grizzled Monarch of the forest—the stupendous Elephant—and the shapeless River Horse;—the mailed Rhinoceros—the gaily painted Zebra—and the richly arrayed Ostrich;—all claim alike some portion of her savage soil as the lot of their inheritance. An endless variety of grotesque and bulky ruminants also, offer to the keen disciple of "the mighty Hunter," *quarrées* no less glorious than eccentric. The towering Giraffe, by whose lofty side man dwindles to the stature of a pigmy;—the malevolent and stately Buffalo,

"With fiery eyes and angry roar  
And feet that stamp, and horns that gore."—

the mild, though ponderous Eland, enveloped in a goodly garment of its own fat;—the fantastic Gnool, with its scarcely less terrific-looking congener—the Unicorn-resembling Oryx, and the regal Koodoo;—the proud group of Aigoceri, and the graceful family of star-eyed Gazelles;—together with a whole host of subordinates, descending by fair gradations, link by link, to that tiniest of sylvan denizens, the Cærulean Antelope, and collectively filling the place which in other countries is occupied by the cervine race—all advance their hereditary title to a share in the trackless *plateaux* of that mighty portion of the earth.

The extensive field that yet remains unexplored of the great and mysterious Continent of Africa, doubtless contains a rich mine of hidden treasure, which in the progress of gradual development, will no doubt be one day fully exhausted. By the indefatigable exertions of modern travellers, the repositories of science have been already enriched with some of the choicest *exuvias* of most of the interesting forms with which we are yet acquainted: and the enterprize of others, also, has stocked our menageries, like the ark of Noah, with living specimens of nearly every variety. Widely different, however, is the graceful free-born of the desert, bounding exultingly in light and liberty over his native prairie, from the pampered cripple, pining in sad captivity, with sinews relaxed under the restraint of a prison-house. Yet it is from stunted subjects such as these, or worse still, from mummies and stuffed monstrosities, that the most popular illustrations of the African Fauna have heretofore been principally derived;—and so little likeness do some of the abortions and absurdities thus produced, bear to the brave originals, that it is frequently difficult, if not impossible, to trace in them the most remote resemblance to the actual works of the creation.

With the design, if possible, of supplying in some measure this palpable defect in our Zoological galleries, the portraits contained in the present series were originally undertaken. How manifold soever their imperfections, if viewed as productions of art, they can boast at least of being adorned with the beauties of truth, having all been delineated from living subjects, roaming in pristine independence over their native soil. "To study animals with accuracy," says the observant Buffon, "we ought to view them in their savage state;—

to accompany them into the retreats which they have chosen for themselves ;—to follow them into the deep caverns,—and to attend them on the frightful precipices where they enjoy unbounded liberty.” Devoted to wood-craft from the cradle, my predilection for sylvan sports has afforded me all the opportunities, alluded to by the great Naturalist, of waxing intimate with the dappled denizens of the grove and waste to an extent, which abler artists and more finished Zoologists have necessarily been denied. I have beheld the venerable and half-reasoning Elephant browsing in native majesty among his own contemporary trees, “in his huge strength impregnable;”—have torn the much-prized ivory from his giant jaws, and plucked the horn from the saucy nose of the Rhinoceros. I have stripped the proud *spolia* from the shaggy shoulder of the “king of beasts, who clears the desert with his rolling eye;”—have humbled the haughty head of the forest bull ;—and though “she scorneth the horse and his rider,” have despoiled the fleet Ostrich of her costly plumes. More—I have dragged forth *Behemoth*, “whose ribs are like bars of iron,” from his hiding place under the shady trees, in the covert of the reed and fens,—and have ridden familiarly by the side of the towering *Zamor*, the colossal glory of the wilderness, long classed with the wild chimeras of men’s brain.

The leading features of my Expedition, undertaken chiefly for these purposes, in the company of an esteemed and valued friend, have already been placed before the public in the Narrative above referred to;\* and it is therefore only necessary for me now to remark, that throughout the following views, which were all executed on that occasion, my object has been to combine to the fullest practicable extent, information which might prove acceptable to the naturalist, the sportsman, and the lover of wild scenery. Adapted to one standard, and corrected by actual measurement, they comprise faithful portraits of every game quadruped yet known to inhabit Southern extra-tropical Africa, including one which has been pronounced an unique and splendid discovery of my own;† and, as neither the relative size of the animals, the characteristics of their favourite haunts, nor their manner of congregating, has in any instance been lost sight of, the series will be found to convey an accurate and tangible idea, not only of the ordinary bulk of each, and of its gregarious, monogamous, or solitary habits, but also of the aspect and geographical features of the region to which it is restricted.

Those of my readers who, like myself, have been accustomed to the trappings and luxurious magnificence of Indian hunting expeditions, and who have enjoyed the sumptuous accommodation afforded by Oriental tents and retinue, can form but a feeble conception of the ten thousand difficulties, distresses, and drawbacks—the toils, trials, and troubles, that beset the wanderer in the African desert. He who would accomplish his object under the manifold disadvantages that there exist, must be well impressed with the maxim,

Omnia vincit labor, labor enim ipse voluptas ;

and I claim some share of merit for having in the domains of savage nature, not been disheartened from the exercise of the pencil under so many disadvantages. All the first sketches of my drawings were commenced either in the open air with the animal before me, in the scene of slaughter, or under the shelter of some neighbouring bush, and were completed upon my knees in the waggon, often amidst rain and wind. The indolence and apathy of our Hottentot attendants, who resemble the wild beasts as nearly in habits as in features, invariably obliged me to carry the appliances for drawing, as well as the embryo portraits upon my person; and that they should have been preserved to assume their present shape will probably excite surprise, when I add, that I often wended my solitary way from the sporting field, not only encumbered with my weapons and hunting gear, but also laden with venison, and staggering under the weight of the ponderous trophies which had fallen to my rifle.

Before concluding this introduction, I feel a proud satisfaction in publicly acknowledging the enthusiastic reception which has been accorded to my Narrative by my brother officers in India, with whom I have the gratification of knowing it has exalted me in credit and consideration; nor must I omit to express my obligation to the critics of Europe for the favourable manner in which my work has been received in my native land. It would have been too much to expect that my sylvan exploits should have enlisted the sympathies, or drawn forth the approbation of every reader, and if I am occasionally charged with lavish slaughter, I must e’en shelter myself behind the renowned deeds of bold Robin Hood and his gallant yeomen in the “greene forrest of Sherwood,” or summon on my behalf the still more sanguinary exploits of the famed heroes of Chevy Chase, as transmitted in ballads of the olden time;

“ And long before high noone they had  
Ane hundred fat bucks slaine;  
Then habing dined, the drobyers went  
To rouse the deare againe.”

From those kindred and congenial spirits, however, to whom especially I have inscribed the following pages—and who will not fail to interpret aright the intent of my dedication—I feel confident of approval. They, I know, will accord to their ancient ally, that fellow feeling of which others may be niggard or unsusceptible;—neither amongst my brother votaries of the Chase, shall there be found one, who turning over these leaves, will fail to participate in the enviable feelings of liberty and excitement which pervaded my breast, whether “pricking at a righte merrye pace” with my fellow-voyageur, over the broad bosom of the flower-decked prairies of Southern Africa, or engaged in “chance medley” with the four-footed giants that divide amongst themselves the empire of that hunter’s Elysium.

\* Narrative of an Expedition into Southern Africa, through the territories of the Chief Moselekatse, to the Tropic of Capricorn, &c.

† Vide Trans. Zool. Society, Vol. II, Plate 39, Page 216.