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His Majesty

THE ZOOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

To see all things in God, has been accounted one of the peculiar privileges of a future state; and in this present life "to see God in all things," in the advice of the Creation to behold and adore the reflected glory of the Creator, is no mean attainment; and it possesses this advantage, that thus we sanctify our passions, and instead of loving the creatures for themselves, are led by the survey of them and their attributes, to the love of Him who made and endowed them. The more, then, we study the works of Creator, the more will the wisdom and the goodness of the Creator be manifested; and while we admire the order and harmony of the whole, or the beauty and variety of its parts, it will be impossible not to adore "Him who is wise in letters and wonderful in working;" and at the same time confess, with humility of soul, that—
"THE HAND THAT MADE THEM IS DIVINE."

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(As Manager for a Society of Gentlemen, to whom this Collection belongs.)

Begs to inform the Ladies and Gentlemen of this Town, that he has just arrived with that extensive and valuable Museum, containing many Thousands of

NATURAL CURIOSITIES,

Where may be seen the progress of Art in the different Ages of the World, exemplified in the variety of Customs each Nation in each Century has produced. NATURAL HISTORY may, in this place, be studied from Nature herself,—no great as the variety breeds contained of the most curious productions of the Earth, Air, and Water. The MANAGER takes the liberty to mention, that the Museum contains the most RARE

Quadrupeds, Birds, Fishes, Reptiles, Insects,

Minerals, Shells, Fossils, and Coins.

FROM EVERY PART OF THE WORLD.

ALSO, THE HEADS OF TWO

CHIEFTAIN WARRIORS,

From the South Pacific Ocean, curiously tattooed according to the custom of the Country, and embalmed in such admirable style, as to preserve the natural character of those Islanders.

THE QUADRUPEDS CONSIST OF

African & American Lions
Panthers, Tigers, Leopards,
Greenland and Russian Bears.

The Insects

Exceeding TEN THOUSAND, comprise the RAREST SPECIMENS IN THE WORLD, are justly admired by Naturalists, for EXTRAORDINARY SIZE, WONDERFUL FORMATION, and BRILLIANCY OF COLOURS, having been collected from every Region of the World, at an enormous expense: an Inspection of this Department, alone, WOULD GREATLY REVEAL ANY INNOVATIONS, CAPABLE OF IMPROVING THE WEAVINGS OF CLOTHING, and is particularly recommended to every one interested in the cultivation of the Rising Generation.

THE BIRDS

OF WHICH THERE ARE SIXTEEN HUNDRED CASES,

Consist of the most rare and beautiful, from the Deserts of Asia and the Indian Islands, Botany Bay the Interior of Africa, North and South America, and the West Indies, from the Vulture to the various and splendid Tribes of the almost Insect Humming Bird; whose varied Plumage and extraordinary Form, render them worthy the attention of the Admirers of the Works of Nature.

The Reptiles,

Of which there are TWO CROCODILES, TWO ALLIGATORS, TWENTY-FIVE different SERPENTS, the KING BOA SERPENT, twenty-eight feet in length, the GREAT BOA CONSTRICTOR SERPENT, GERBENDER SERPENT, RATTLE SNAKE, SPECTACLE SERPENT, WHIP SNAKE, GARTER SNAKE, &c. &c.

THE FISH

Consist of the Wonderful SWORD FISH, the voracious Shark, Blood Fish, Balance Fish, Cat Fish, Wolf Fish, Porcupine Fish, Angel Fish, Lump Fish, Flying Fish, and many others.

This Collection has been made at considerable expense, and with several years of unremitting and laborious search. To convey an adequate idea of it in the limits of a hand-bill would be impossible. The Manager fathers himself that nothing on his part shall be wanting to render the Museum worthy the attention of those Ladies and Gentlemen who may honour him with their patronage and support, which he humbly solicits. As no Room could be had of sufficient dimensions for this Collection, the Proprietor has fitted up several commodious Caravans upon an entirely new principle, in which, by means of constant fans, the beautiful Plumage of the Birds, and the various Colours of the Beasts, &c. are preserved in their natural splendor—a desideratum in this department of Natural History.

Admittance—Ladies and Gentlemen, 1s.—Working People and Children, 6d.

* * This Exhibition is open from 10 in the Morning till 9 in the Evening.—Descriptive Catalogues, (Sixpence each,) may be had at the Place of Exhibition.

Birds, Beasts, Insects, &c. Bought, Sold, or Exchanged.

(TURN OVER)

AN ADDRESS
ON A VISIT
TO
The Museum.

BY THE REV. W. HARRISON.

Plymouth, Oct. 30, 1824.

SEAMAN, a tributary lay
Thy beauteous scenes demand,
Which, amidst the wonders of the day,
Without an equal stand.
Struck with emotions of delight,
At what therein I viewed,
I could have tarried through the night,
With pleasure still renewed.
There met what ev'ry soil bestows,
From India's burning zone,
To where stern Winter piles his snows
Around his arctic throne;
Affording all the Traveller's joy,
Without his toils and frights,
Which but too oft the bliss destroy
That Novelty excites
From the Equator to the Pole
Enraptur'd Fancy runs,
Unfrozen at her Northern goal,
Unburnt with torrid suns,
There, tame, the lordly Lion dwells,
And thirsts for blood no more;
Ner fills the air with dying yells,
Or death-denouncing roar.
There, harmless Alligators lay,
As by their native Nile;
And round his vainly struggling prey,
The Serpent twists his coil.
And there, with neither need nor cause
Of Fear or Fortitude,
The Rattlesnake distends his jaws,
With poison'd fangs endued,
With open mouth the Pard appears,
In attitude to kill;
While from his coil the Viper rears,
As meditating ill.
The Swordfish there his station keeps,
Array'd in shining mail,
No more the tyrant of the deeps,
Or terror of the whale,
But surely such a tribe of Birds
Ne'er in one group appear'd,
As this delightful scene affords,
Since Noah's ark was clear'd:
From the wild Ostrich, swift and tall,
Down to the Humming Race;
With thousands not so large or small,
To fill the middle space.
There, too, the flying Fish and Bat,
With nature's plan accord;
This joins the Fowl and Fish,—while that
Unites the Beast and Bird,
What Insects to arrest our eyes,
Of every class and name,
Which for their beauty, form, and size,
Our admiration claim!
From these that ooze, in countless swarms,*
Were messengers of wrath,
To those whose diminutive forms
Enliven every path.
In short, where'er our optics turn,
New wonders we explore,
And latent beauties still discern,
Which past unseen before;
But while this well-connected Plan
So gratifies the view,
Let us beware of giving man,
What is his MAKER'S due:
Though honor to the Artist's skill,
Is but his lawful meed,
Our praise, ascending higher still,
Should up to GOD proceed!
If these so fair and perfect seem,
How unconceiv'd, unheard,
Must be the power of the SUPREME,
Who form'd them with a WORD!
They are Thy works, ALMIGHTY SIRE,
And teach us more and more,
What time we wonder and admire,
To wonder and adore!

W. HARRISON.

To Mr. Seaman,

Lecturer Museum, Ely.

* Locusts.