

A newly discovered animal! : The bonassus from the Apalachian mountains of America, is seventeen months old, and five feet ten inches high ... to be seen at 287, Strand between St. Mary-le-Strand and St. Clement's churches, aslo with an entrance at 41, Holywell-Street ...

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Patronised by The Royal Family.

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THE BONASSUS

From the APALACHIAN MOUNTAINS of AMERICA,
IS SEVENTEEN MONTHS OLD,

AND
Five Feet Ten Inches High,

Is particularly interesting to the Naturalist, the Man of Science, the Philosopher, and the Historian; and in addition to his Royal Patron, has excited the unqualified Admiration of

HER MAJESTY QUEEN CAROLINE,

His Serene Highness The Prince of Saxe Cobourg,

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF GLOSTER,

Duchesses of Clarence & Kent, Princess Feodore & Prince Ernest,

Who, with a numerous retinue, honoured the Exhibition with their presence.

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE,

PRINCE CASTELCICALA, THE FOREIGN AMBASSADORS,

And numerous distinguished Officers in His Majesty's Naval and Military Service;

The Bishops of LONDON, CARLISLE, OXFORD, &c.

Have also honoured him with their attention.

And **LADIES**, the most exalted in the circle of Rank and Fashion, succeed each other in calling with their Families to witness the Exhibition of the greatest Wonder in Natural History that ever crossed the Atlantic Ocean.

J. E. JAMES, Proprietor of the BONASSUS, after a residence of four months at 287, Strand, begs leave to return his grateful thanks for the very great patronage his Animal has received. Not only has this stupendous work of Nature's God been honoured by the favor of the Chief Nobility, but the Naturalist, the Man of Science, and the acute Philosopher, have come from all parts of the Kingdom to see him, and agree in pronouncing him to be without parallel in Europe; and the most extraordinary picture of those combined, and gigantic powers, which he possesses in an eminent degree over all the known part of the brute creation.

"Take him for all in all, we never may look upon his like again."—*Shakespeare.*

Every day increases the number of visitors, and Ladies of the first distinction bring their families in large parties to see him. He is quite secure, and a female who has a perfect knowledge of the Beast's habits and disposition is ready to devote her attention to all inquiries, as well as the proper keeper. Whilst J. E. James has the honor to be patronized as he hitherto has been, he will diligently attend to all that can render visitors comfortable, and prove that he is not unworthy of the favours of a liberal and discerning Public, to whom he returns his most grateful thanks, and humbly solicits a continuance of their Patronage.

The BONASSUS becomes an object of peculiar attention, from the fact of his having been mentioned by ARISTOTLE, the Philosopher, and tutor of ALEXANDER THE GREAT. PRINCE, the younger, the friend of the Emperor TRAJAN, also notices him; but like the Mammoth, he was supposed to be extinct, till revived by the present specimen, which is unequalled in Natural History.

THIS ANIMAL IS A MALE, AND WHEN FULL GROWN IS SUPPOSED TO WEIGH

TWO TONS,
And stand upwards of Seven Feet.

He is remarkable for his strength, activity, and terrific appearance.—From his size and power is classed with the Elephant, Rhinoceros, and Hippopotamus, and his ferocity is truly astonishing; he neither fears nor shuns the attack of the Tiger or other wild beasts, but when he discovers his enemies, he bounds upon them with the greatest impetuosity, and instantly destroys or puts them to flight. This curious beast partakes of Four or Five different Species combined in one; having the Head and Eye of the Elephant; the Horns of the Antelope; a long and black beard like that of a Goat; the hind parts of the Lion; the fore parts of the Bison; is cloven Footed, has a flowing Mane from the Shoulder down to the Fetlock Joint, and claws the cod. The piercing eyes of this animal are placed upon the high part of the cheek bone—he never makes the smallest noise even when most irritated—and in the formation of the ear approximates near to the human species; outwardly the organs appear to be the same that Heaven has bestowed upon man, and they are placed directly under the horns, a thing hitherto unknown in any quadruped—his peculiarities are so striking, that an one sees him without astonishment, nor quits him without expressing to the owner the satisfaction they have derived from the inspection of this phenomenon in the animal creation—he is much admired by the ladies, who visit him daily in large parties in carriages.

The Proprietor has collected together several rare animals (that never were in England before) which may give delight to juvenile minds.

N.B. A pair of beautiful silver coloured Zebras for Sale.

From climes to Europe distant far,
Bonassus ran his race;
Suppose he wad a bloody war,
And sweep the desert's space.
Sovereign of all his survey'd,
He tore the bloody spoil;
Until a captive he was made,
And bent to human toil.
Great ARISTOTLE told his fame,
As he the scenes unfold'd
That stamp'd on ALEXANDER'S nose,
The Monarch of the world.
And PRINCE, on Rome's glorious hills,
Of wild Bonassus spoke;
Whose presence every bosom thrill'd,
Though bent beneath the yoke.
The sage, the sophist, and the seer,
Have wish'd to see the day
When proud Bonassus should appear,
Beneath a Christian's sway.
He who in nature's power could reign
O'er hills and valleys green,
Is now bent down by slavery's chain,
And may in peace be seen.
Yet still his restless, daring soul,
Exists in tenfold rage;
No power can his fire control,
Or dare with him engage.

Ye who in nature's forms delight,
That seldom have been known,
Bonassus waits you, day or night,
He always can be seen.
So various are the beautiful race
Within his form combin'd,
None can his generation trace,
It beats the power of mind.
His eyeballs restless as the dash
That starts the living fire;
And when we see his motions rash,
We feast—but must admire.
Tis said Bonassus never roars,
And ne'er respires above his breath;
Is horrid rage, in wild surprise,
He still is tranquil, mute as death.
Although Bonassus does not roar,
His fame is widely known;
For no dumb animal before,
Has made such noise in Town.
Then haste ye who are nature's friends,
Bonassus calls you here;
For time he'll make you all attend,
Nor count your minutes dear.
The keen and philosophic eye
In him may wisdom find;
The youthful ponderer deary
Amusement for his mind.

TO BE SEEN AT

287, STRAND,

Between St. Mary-le-Strand and St. Clement's Churches, also with an Entrance at

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From Ten in the Morning till Ten in the Evening.

ADMITTANCE—One Shilling.

37 The Strand Entrance is recommended as most convenient for Carriages.

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