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AS the Natural History of Quadrupeds commences in this Volume, the Translator thinks it necessary to mention a few circumstances, which, to some readers, might have the appearance of not closely following the original.

In the history of domestic animals, the COUNT DE BUFFON has not given the *SYNONYMA* of authors. The same omission sometimes happens in his account of wild animals. In all these instances, the Translator has added the *SYNONYMA* from other sources of information.

Another circumstance must be noticed. Many articles of the original work were published near thirty years ago. The COUNT DE BUFFON quoted from the editions of books which were at that time the last. But, as many of these books have since undergone different impressions, and the authors have made considerable amendments in their definitions, and even in their systematic arrangements, the Translator, in justice to these Naturalists, has referred to the passages and pages as they appear in the corrected editions. Hence the references in the translation frequently