

**COLLEGE MUSEUM.**—A few months ago we had the pleasure of announcing to the public, that many valuable donations had been presented to the great national museum now forming in the University of Edinburgh. Since that time numerous interesting specimens and several valuable collections have been transmitted to Professor Jameson, for the University Museum. Sir James Macgregor, chief of the Medical Board, has presented a second collection of animals and minerals. Sir George Mackenzie, a very important series of rocks and minerals, collected by him during his remarkable journey through Iceland. Henry Millar, Esq. of London, through Mr Constable, bookseller, a rich and most beautiful collection of South American birds, with several fine specimens of rare quadrupeds, and curious dresses of the natives of Patagonia, Robert Hartle, Esq. surgeon to the forces in Antigua, a collection of the minerals and shells of that island. Mr Bonar, banker in Edinburgh, an interesting and valuable relic, viz. the skull of a beaver found on his estate of Kimmerghame, in Berwickshire. Dr John Thomson, professor of military surgery, several valuable zoological articles from North America; and that distinguished officer, Captain Ross, the remarkable sledge drawn and described by him in his voyage to Baffin's Bay. While individuals are thus patriotically contributing to the museum, the Principal and Professors have purchased the classical cabinet of zoology in the possession of M. Dufresne of Paris, and have added many splendid and rare animals to the collection, from the museum of Mr Bullock, now selling in London,

A few days ago, there were landed at Leith, from one of the London traders, many packages, with objects of natural history, for the College Museum, purchased at the sale of Bullock's Museum in London, by Dr Adam of Edinburgh. One of the cases contained the finest specimen in Europe of the male greaffi, or cameleopard. It is nearly eighteen feet high, and in perfect preservation. Professor Jameson has already the female, and, we believe, no other museum in the world possesses both the male and female of this wonderful animal. Another bulky case inclosed a large and perfect Asiatic elephant; there was taken from a third, a magnificent specimen of the great rhinoceros; and a fourth contained two fine lions, one of them measuring fully nine feet in length. The black orang outang, an animal very rarely met with in cabinets of natural history, and a beautiful collection of monkeys and baboons, were taken from another case. The splendour and beauty of the cases of preserved fishes and of birds, were very striking, as well as the appearance of the ichneumons, the jackall, the gigantic manis; the wombat, the pigmy antelope (not larger than a hare), and many other curious and rare quadrupeds.

We are informed the Lords of the Admiralty have instructed the Admiral on this station to dispatch one of his squadron to Havre, to take on board the zoological collection of Dufresne, lately purchased in Paris, for the University of Edinburgh, by a well-known naturalist, Captain Brown of this city.

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