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To correct some zoological errors in English poetry by a comparison with the writings of modern Naturalists, is the design of the following compilation.

The Poets are early read, and hence the erroneous notions imbibed from them are deeply fixed, and long retained; from the very circumstance, too, of the medium which conveys, and the authority which supports them: the utility, therefore, of the application of natural history to the present purpose is obvious.

False representations of natural objects can never be necessary: the beautiful features of Nature are inexhaustible, and a faithful delineation of them is capable of being set off by the hand of Genius and Taste with all the graces of poetry. Neither are the poets always re-