

AMUSING STORIES.

DESCRIPTION OF A TIGER HUNT IN INDIA.

THE royal tiger is considered as one of the most beautiful amongst quadrupeds; but as if to show us the error of prizing a beautiful appearance when it is not recommended by a good disposition, it is, at the same time, the most cruel, destructive; and rapacious animal in the creation.

In India, where it grows to a very large size, it often does considerable mischief, carrying off cattle, and lying in wait near the public roads to seize upon the unwary traveller. Whenever, therefore, this common enemy is discovered near a populous village, every person in the country prepares to follow him into his haunts; and though the chase is attended with much danger, it is very seldom that he escapes from his pursuers. With great people, tiger-hunting is a favourite amusement, and they will often take the field against these animals, mounted on elephants, and attended by considerable bodies of armed men.

The following letter was written by an English gentleman to Sir William Jones; and cannot fail to interest, from the lively manner in which the hunt is described. It is stated to have taken place upon