

VI. *An Account of Two late Northern Aurora's, as they were observ'd at the Vicarage of Sutton at Hone in Kent. By the Reverend Edmund Barrell, Prebend of Rochester:*

ON February the 5th 1717⁶/₇. at Eight at Night. an *Aurora Borealis* appeared. It occupied at least $\frac{1}{2}$ or near $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Horizon; it was low, and shot out bright Rays, and, I believe, would have appeared very light, had it not been that the Moon shone at the same time, being about Five Days old, and that the *Aurora* disappear'd before the Moon set.

Again, on the 30th of *March* following, there was another *Aurora Borealis*. I saw it not till past Nine: 'twas dim then, and its highest Part cover'd the lowest Star in *Cassiopea's Chair*. It did not seem due *North*, but one Point to the *West*. About Ten it shot out very bright Rays, high, and tending somewhat towards one another. Near Eleven a Clock, there was (besides the *Northern Brightness*) a long Streak, not very broad, extended *East* and *West*: Which beginning in the *Serpent's-Head*, near *Hercules-Club*, and covering *Arcturus*, proceeded near *Berenices Hair*, and so went over *Cor Leonis*, and thence to the *Canicula*, and ended a little beyond that Star. It shone very bright at first, but faded away in about Eight or Nine Minutes. If it had Motion (which I am not sure of) it was Southward. I waited for the next Fit of Brightness of the *Aurora*; and in about Seven Minutes, the *Eastern Part* of the Streak, *viz.* from the *Serpent's-Head* to near *Berenices Hair*, became visible again tho' dim. and was quite effaced in Four or Five Minutes more: And I did not yet perceive any Change of its Place.

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