

a Rainbow, only the Colours very faint. It was in a horizontal Direction North of the Sun, and from it projected a long luminous Ray, which terminated in a Point. — It continu'd very strong for more than half an Hour after I saw it, and then vanish'd away by degrees.

P. Collinson.

VII. *Extract of a Letter from Mr. Benjamin Cooke F.R.S. to Mr. Peter Collinson F.R.S. concerning the Property of new Flanel sparkling in the dark.*

Newport, Isle of Wight, Jan. 13. 1746-7.

Read March 19. 1746-7. **S**INCE I have read the *Transaction* N^o. 476. with respect to the sparkling Lady, who could communicate a kind of electrical Fire to her Garments, I can give you an Instance nearly like it, of a Lady who was surpris'd at such an Appearance from a Flanel Petticoat, which she happen'd to shake in the dark. But at last we found, that new Flanel, after some time wearing, would acquire this Property; but that it lost it by being *washed*.

VIII.