

With regard to the Extent of the late Earthquake this Way (I mean due East from *London*) I cannot learn that it pass'd the little River *Rodden* that runs by my Gardens, and crosses the *Harwich* Road at *Great Ilford*. My own House stands about half a Mile North from the 6 Mile-Stone. I was in my Gardens with several Workmen, and none of us were sensible of any thing: but my Wife, who was in her Dressing-room, felt the House tremble so much, that, upon my coming in, she told me she verily believ'd there had been an Earthquake; the Motion of the House under her being exactly like what she had often heard describ'd when she was in *Italy*.  
I am,

*Aldersbrook, Feb. 27.*  
1749-50.

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Your most obedient  
humble Servant,

Smart Lethieullier.

IX.

*The President's Account of the Earthquake  
at London, March 8.*

*March 8, 1749.*

*Read March 8.*  
1749-50.

**A**T very nearly half an Hour after 5 this Morning, being then in Bed, but perfectly awake, I felt a very strong Shake, or rather 3 or 4 successive Shakes of an Earthquake, as I immediately took them to be. I judge the whole  
*Phænomenon*

*Phænomenon* to have lasted about 3 or at most 4 Seconds of Time; and the Shocks appear'd to differ from what I had felt on the 8th of last Month, in this Particular, that I did not now perceive that lifting upwards, and sudden settling again, which I was then sensible of; nor did I hear that distinct Noise, as of a great Weight falling, which most People were then surprized with: But what now most affected me was the Sensation of very quick Shakes, or of a *Tremor*, as it appear'd in a horizontal Direction; and I heard, during all the time, a sort of Crackling of the Wainscot, Window-Frames, and Floor, with such a Rattling in the Chimney, as I have sometimes heard upon a sudden and strong Gust of Wind.

I instantly jump'd out of Bed, to see if there was any Damage done; and going to my Chamber-Door, I met my Daughter running in a Fright from her Room, who said she was wak'd with such a Shock, that she thought her Room had been falling; two Men-Servants also, who lay in the Garret, and whom I had called to, answer'd me whilst I was talking to my Daughter, that they were both wakened by the Shock, and that they felt, as they both expressed it, such a Motion, as they had sometimes known given to a Child in a Cradle.

Presently after I had got on my Clothes, I spoke to some of my Neighbours, who all gave me very nearly the same Account as this I have been just giving of what I had observed myself; only some added, particularly a Gentleman who lives in an older House than mine, that he apprehended, from a crackling Noise over his Head, that a Chimney had been  
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thrown down, and was then breaking thro' the Tiles and Lathing of his House.

I sent a Servant out about 7 o'Clock, and he met a Countryman, who was bringing a Load of Hay from beyond *Highgate*, and who was on the other Side of the Town when the Shock happen'd; he did not, he said, feel it, as he was driving his Waggon; but that the People he saw in the Town of *Highgate* were all greatly surpris'd, saying they had had their Houses very much shock'd, and that the Chairs in some were thrown about in their Rooms.

The Chamber I lie in is up two Pair of Stairs forwards, and my Bed stands North West and South-East. I took particular Notice, that there was neither Cart nor Coach going by, but that every thing was entirely quiet at the Time.

## X.

*An Account of the same, by the Rev. Mr.  
Tho. Birch F. R. S.*

Read March 8. 1749-50. **T**HIS Morning, *Thursday March 8.* 1749-50. about 18 Minutes before 6, according to equal Time, or half an Hour after 5 by the Sun, I felt, in my Bed-chamber, on the second Story of my House in *Norfolk Street*, adjoining to the River, a Shock of an Earthquake, much stronger, and of longer Duration, than that which I had felt on *Thursday Feb. 8.* I was full awake, and had just begun to dress myself, when I was alarm'd with the trembling of the Room, attended  
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