

**XXXIX. Astronomical Observations made at Cavan, near Strabane, in the County of Donegal, Ireland, by Appointment of the Royal Society, by Mr. Charles Mafon.**

Read November 7, 1770.

**Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.**

1769 April	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limbs, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadt. the nonius was set at.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and * passed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
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3 — 3	7 5 <sup>1</sup> 11 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> 54 45 58 15 —	1st wire middle wire } 3d or last wire	{ 64 56 Arcturus
	7 3 <sup>0</sup> 7 33 41 + 37 14 —	{	59 20 Ditto.
	9 20 14 25 36 31 1 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	{	72 40 Spica
3 — 4	7 47 46 5 <sup>1</sup> 19 54 49 +	{	64 56 Arcturus
	8 26 43 30 17 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub> 33 49 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	{	Ditto
	h   '   "		
	9 16 49 22 11 27 37 +	2 41 59 31 11 <sup>1</sup> <sub>2</sub>	{ 72 40 Spica
	9 43 35 + 49 49 56 11	2 15 10 8 56 + 2 35	{ 70 15 Ditto 11 59 23,3

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8 — 5	8 23 16½ 26 50 30 21½	{	59 20 Arcturus.	
	9 13 23 18 47 24 11	2 38 30 33 7 27 41	{ 72 40 Spica	
	9 40 8 + 46 23½ 52 44	2 11 44 + 5 30 + 1 59 9	{ 70 15 Ditto	11 55 56,5
h — 8	9 36 6½	middle wire	70 15 Spica	
D — 10	9 11 30 Clouds 21 12½	2 18 16½ Clouds 8 33	{ 44 55 ○'s upp. limb	
	21 33 26 32½	2 8 13½ 3 14½	{ 54 55 ○'s low. limb	11 44 33,5
	9 34 36 Clouds 45 31½	1 55 15 Clouds Clouds	{ 52 35 ○'s upp. limb	
	51 38	1 38 7:	Ditto ○'s low. limb.	
	8 6 9 + 9 44½ 13 16	{	59 20 Arcturus	
	9 23 3 29 16 35 38	1 54 35 Clouds 1 42 0	{ 70 15 Spica	11 38 49,0
8 — 12	7 59 18½ 8 2 53 6 25	{	59 20 Arcturus	

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8 — 12	h   /   "   h   /   "		°   '	
	8 49 25+ 54 46 9 0 13—	Cloudy at the time corre- sponding	{ 72 40	Spica
24 — 20	7 47 1 50 50½ 54 33½	3 47 46 43 59 40 16—	{ 62 36	☽'s upp. limb.
	8 6 27½ 10 17½ 14 11	3 28 24 24 29 20 38½	{ 60 00	Ditto
	8 31 58½ 36 6 40 9—	3 2 48½ 3 58 44 54 38½	{ 56 42	Ditto
	44 32½	2 50 19		☽'s lower limb
	7 35 23 38 56	{	59 20	Arcturus
8 — 21	7 28 23 31 58+ 35 30	{	59 20	Arcturus
	7	2 7 28::	{	
	7 59 31 8 4 22½	2 35 1 57 43½	75 5	Sipca
	8 18 28½ 23 52 29 18—	1 43 39— 1 38 16	{ 72 40	Ditto
h — 22	8 45 48 49 48 53 44:	{	48 12	Arcturus
	10 2 37 8 7— 13 44	{	39 25	Ditto

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3 - 25	8 35 33 :: : 39 27 43 25	h / " / "	48 12 Arcturus	
	8 52 53 57 2 9 I II	{ h / " / "	46 00 Ditto	
	9 52 I7 57 48 10 3 25	{ h / " / "	39 25 Ditto	
4 - 26	8 49 29 + 53 39 57 47 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 22 II 18 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 53	{ 46 00 Arcturus	
	9 48 57 54 28 10 0 5	{ h / " / "	39 25 Ditto	11 35 50, 2
5 - 28	8 8 46 47 50 52 :: :	{ h / " / "	46 00 Arcturus	
	9 7 51 12 26 16 59	{ I 50 4 45 29 40 55	{ 48 00 Ditto	11 28 57, 3
	9 42 5 47 35 53 12	{ h / " / "	39 25 Ditto	
6 - 30	12 5 9 10 11 15 19	{ h / " / "	40 51 Arcturus	N.B. This day I screwed the bob of the pendulum 7 revolutions and 17 divisions (of the nut) and set the clock at noon to nearly fiducial time.
	12 23 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 28 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ 34 40 :: :	{ h / " / "	39 5 Ditto	

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2 — 1	12 9 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ 14 57	h   t   / /   h   t   / /	0   /   40 51 Arcturus	
3 — 2	12 4 26 9 28 14 32 ::	{ }	40 51 Arcturus	
	12 28 9 + 33 57	{ }	39 5 Ditto	
3 — 3	12 4 4 9 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 14 11	16 7 14 16 2 11 + 15 57 5 $\frac{1}{2}$	{ } 40 51 Arcturus	
	12 27 46 33 36	15 43 32 37 43 $\frac{1}{2}$	{ } 39 5 Arcturus	14 5 38,9
3 — 6	12 2 55 + 7 58 13 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	{ }	40 51 Arcturus	
	12 20 58 26 38 32 27	{ }	39 5 Ditto	
3 — 10	12 39 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ 25 9 30 58	Cloudy at the time corre- sponding	39 5 Arcturus	
3 — 15	12 17 40 23 19 29 9	Clouds Clouds 15 33 15	{ } 39 5 Arcturus	14 1 12,0
4 — 18	11 58 30 12 3 31 8 37 +	16 1 40 15 56 41 :	{ } 40 51 Arcturus	14 0 5,0
3 — 24	1 2 58 7 3 11 4 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 54 38 — 50 33 + Clouds	{ } 46 24 ○'s upp. limb	

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1766 May	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance of points on the limb of the quadrat. the nonius was set at.	Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and * passed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
8 — 24	h   '   "   h   '   "	°   '		
	I 21 4     Clouds 25 23½     6 32 10½ 29 40     6 27 55 I 34 16½     6 23 19½	{ 44 10	☽'s upp. limb ☽'s low. limb	3 58 39,2
8 — 31	o 4 30     8 44 40 8 7     41 4 II 39     37 30 I 5 22½     33 48½ I2 45 40	{ 56 58	☽'s upp. limb ☽'s low. limb	4 24 27,0
			The ☽'s last limb set over a hill, at the distance of about 3½ or 4 miles.	
	I4 46 10— 49 44 53 14+		38 17	
	I5 I2 47 16 24— 19 56	{ Cloudy	4 28	Ditto
	I5 36 15+     Clouds 39 51 :     19 42 45 43 19½     39 16	{ 18 20	γ Draconis a * 2d mag. merid. z. d. 3 19 38 ::	
	49 8½     19 33 27 52 42     29 53 56 11     26 23	{ 16 29	Ditto	I7 41 17,5
June 24 — I	o 14 38 18 14½ 21 47 25 30 o 30 10 33 49½ : 37 27½ 41 14	{ 55 57 Cloudy at the times corresponding to these.	☽'s upp. limb Ditto low. limb ☽'s upp. limb Ditto low. limb	

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24 — 1	b   t   "   b   t   "		☽	
	1   6   31½			
	10   20			
	14   8 :			
	18   5			
	21   12½			
	25   9			
	29   2½			
	33   10½			
	2   4   53½			
	9   25			
	13   56 —			
	18   41			
	Cloudy with rain at night.			
25 — 2	23   28   24	9   35   41 ::		
	31   58½	32   6½		
	35   30	28   35		
	23   39   11	Clouds	☽	☽'s upp. limb
	23   55   11	9   8   53		
	58   45 +	5   17		
	0   2   16½	1   46		
	0   6   0	8   58   7½	☽	☽'s low. limb
	0   16   40 :	8   47   22½		
	20   15	43   45 +		
	23   50	Clouds		
	27   33½	Clouds	☽	☽'s upp. limb
	38   38½	Clouds		
	42   19	8   21   39		
	Clouds	8   18   5½		
	49   44		☽	☽'s low. limb
				4   31   53.5

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	16 5+		Low. limb last wire	
	I 22 2 Clouds Clouds	Clouds Clouds 7 41 43	{ 47 28 ○'s upp. limb	
	I 33 47	7 37 40	○'s low. limb	
	Clouds Clouds I 50 46	So hazy that I could not see the ☽'s limb at time correspond. 55 00	{ 44 47 ○'s upp. limb ○'s low. limb	
	2 o 2 :	Clouds Clouds Clouds	{ 42 38 ○'s upp. limb	
	3 1 00 6 55 13 4	Clouds 6 4 25 Clouds	{ .36 9 ○'s upp. limb	
	Then cloudy			

Though the air at external contact was not quite so clear as at some times I have seen, yet the sun's limb appeared well defined, and the spots in the disk very strong, their edges keen and distinct. At the internal contact, the air was much changed, and the limb of Venus seemed to cohere to the Sun's limb, by a protuberance that appeared like a dark shade: which seemed to prevent my seeing the thread of light for about 40" longer than I expected.

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	When the planet was upon the ○'s disk, there appeared a faint light shade (having a gentle fluctuating motion) round its peri- phery, and widest on that part farthest on the Sun's disk: it appeared as per fig. the black circle representing the periphery of Venus, and the dotted one that of the shade, which was very regular and well de- fined; <i>v</i> the upper, and <i>m</i> the lower part of the planet: and the whole shade was apparently of equal brightness.			
14 45 2½				
48 38			38 17 α Lyrae	
52 13 :				
15 11 39 +				
15 16½			34 28 Ditto	
18 48 +				
22 15	Cloudy with rain			
40	Cloudy			
49 28	The eclipse of the sun began			
49 35	Very plain			
52	Cloudy with rain			
23 28	The clouds began to break; and from this time to 23 <sup>h</sup> 54' I endeavoured with a micrometer (of Mr. Dollond's construction) to get measurements for determining the digits eclipsed; but was so inter- rupted by flying clouds, that nothing could be done with certainty; then cloudy with rain till the end of the eclipse was past.			
○ — 4	Cloudy			
— 5 14 44 19				
47 51 ::				
51 23			38 17 α Lyrae	

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2 — 5	15 10 56 14 31½ 18 5	{ h / //	34 28 α Lyrae	
2 — 7	14 43 32½ 47 6 50 36	{ h / //	38 17 α Lyrae	
2 — 11	14 42 4 45 37 + 49 8	{ h / //	38 17 α Lyrae	
2 — 15	Wound up the clock			
2 — 21	14 41 54 45 25	{ h / //	38 17 α Lyrae	
2 — 25	16 25 45 29 59 34 15	{ Cloudy at the time corre- sponding to these	23 22 α Lyrae	
2 — 30	2 30 23 34 5 — 37 43½  41 31  2 45 29 49 14 Clouds	{ Clouds Clouds 9 57 7 ::	51 23 ☽'s upp. limb	
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	14 49 35½	☽'s last limb set		6 17 28,9
	16 14 3 — 18 5	{ Cloudy at the time corre- sponding	25 6 α Lyrae	
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			23 22 Ditto	
24 — 6	2 12 20 15 56 19 29	11 7 21+ 3 44½ 0 13+ Cloudy at the time cor- responding.	57 30 ☽'s upp. limb	
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1769 July	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadrt. the nonius was set at.	○'s limb, and Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and *'s pa- ssed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
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○—16	Wound up the Clock		○	
☽—17	4 44 15 48 34 52 54 57 27½ 5   1 56 6 32— Clouds	Clouds 9 52 17— 47 59 43 24½ 9 38 55 34 14: Clouds	{ 43 45 ○'s upp. limb ○'s low. limb ○'s upp. limb ○'s low. limb	
♀—21	16 2 4 6 6 10 6½ 16 15 56½ 20 11 24 26½	{ } 25 6	Lyæ	7 20 33,5 high wind
☽—22	3 41 45½ 45 27 49 4 49 15 52 54½ 3 56 48½ 4 0 35 Clouds	11 35 12+ 31 32— 27 53 27 42 11 24 4 11 20 9½ 16 25 12 42:::	{ 55 6 ○'s upp. limb ○'s low. limb middle wire Ditto 3 <sup>d</sup> or last wire ○'s upp. limb	
	4 16 47½ 4 20 47 24 37+	11 0 11½ 10 56 23½ 10 52 23	50 50 ○'s low. limb Ditto	7 38 40,2
	16 1 42½ 5 43½ 9 44—	{ }	25 6	Lyæ

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769 July	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadrt. the nonius was set at.	Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and *'s pa- ssed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
T <sub>2</sub> — 22	16 15 33½ 19 49 — 24 4 }	h / "      h / "	• / 23 22 α Lyrae	
T <sub>6</sub> — 25	16 0 33 4 35½ 8 35½ }		25 6 α Lyrae	
	14 25 18 40 22 25 }		23 22 Ditto	
T <sub>2</sub> — 29	15 59 4 16 3 3½:: 7 5 }		25 6 α Lyrae	
	Then cloudy			
August ○ — 6	4 2 35+ 6 13½ 9 46+ 9 57 13 33	12 59 58½ 56 21 52 46+ 52 36 12 49 1	62 30 ○'s upp. limb ○'s low. limb Ditto	8 31 34,0
	4 18 36 22 17 25 54	12 43 58+ Clouds 12 36 42	60 15 ○'s upp. limb	Very high winds
	29 42+	12 32 53	○'s low. limb	
● — 7	Clouds Clouds 16 17 59		23 22 α Lyrae	
§ — 9			23 22 α Lyrae	
	16 17 15+			

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769  
April

	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽' limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the quadrat. the horizon was set at.	○'s Limb, and Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ○'s cent, and *'s passed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
8 — 9	17 25 24½ 29 00 — 32 32	{ h . t . " }	25 45 a Cygai	
	37 43½ 41 21 44 56	{ h . t . " }	24 00 Ditto	
8 — 16	17 22 49 26 25 — 29 57	{ h . t . " }	25 45 a Cygni	
	17 35 7½ 38 44½ 42 20+	{ h . t . " }	24 00 Ditto	
b — 17	17 51 17 — 54 58½ 58 38	21 57 23 53 41½ 50 22	{ 21 41 a Cygni }	
	18 4 23 8 9½ 11 55	{ h . t . " }	19 53 Ditto	19 54 20; Q
D — 21	17 49 47 — 53 28 57 8 —	{ Cloudy at the time corresponding. }	21 41 a Cygni	
	18 2 52 6 39 10 24	{ Cloudy at the time corresponding. }	19 53 Ditto	
24 — 24	17 19 47½ 23 22½ 26 25 —	{ Cloudy at the time corresponding. }	25 45 a Cygni	
	Clouds 18 5 30 9 17½	{ Cloudy at the time corresponding. }	19 53 Ditto	

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769 August	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadrat. the nonius was set at.	○'s limb, and Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ○'s cent. and *'s passed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
○ — 27	h   '   "       h   '   "       o   '     Clouds       }       25 45 $\alpha$ Cygni 17 22 15 $\frac{1}{2}$   Clouds       }			
	Clouds       }       24 00 Ditto 17 34 36     38 11       }			
	23 30       Saw a Comet near			
Sept. ♀ — 1				
24 — 7	Clouds       }       25 45 $\alpha$ Cygni Clouds       }     17 21 40     17 26 52       Rain in the       24 00 Ditto Clouds       }   night     34 2 $\frac{1}{2}$   34 2 $\frac{1}{2}$			
○ — 10	Cloudy with rain till about half past 4 in the morning, when the clouds broke in the east, and I saw the Comet a little to the south of Procyon; its tail extended nearly to the belt of Orion, and made a splendid appearance. Cloudy and rain in 8' after.			
○ — 11	Wound up the clock			
♀ — 15	17 23 53+       22 3 3+       } 24 00 $\alpha$ Lyrae 27 32—       21 59 26—     31 6       21 55 50 $\frac{1}{2}$   17 40 25::       — — —       } 21 41 Ditto       19 43 28,5 44 8       21 42 50     Clouds       — — —     19 54 59 $\frac{1}{2}$     21 31 58+       } 19 41 Ditto 58 46—       21 28 10+     2 32—       — — —			

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769 Sept.	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadrt. nonius was set at.	○'s limb, and Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ○'s cent. and *'s pa- red the merid. from the mean of the Observations.					
				h	“	h	“	o	“
2 — 18	17 22 46 26 24 + 29 59		24 00 $\alpha$ Cygni						
2 — 20	17 53 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 56 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ 18 0 39		19 41 $\alpha$ Cygni						
	Clouds								
	18 9 37 $\frac{1}{2}$		18 00 Ditto						
	Clouds								
24 — 21	8 10 33 15 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 9:  20 26 25 21	13 54 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 50 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 45 16  44 59 40 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	63 48 ○'s upp. limb  ○'s low. limb Ditto	11 3 5.6					
	8 32 44: 38 8 43 27	13 32 36 Clouds Clouds	61 30 ○'s upp. limb						
	43 46 49 15	Clouds	○'s low. limb						
	17 52 43 56 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ 18 0 17 $\frac{1}{2}$		19 41 $\alpha$ Cygni the * fluttered						
	18 5 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ 9 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 10		18 00 Ditto.						
28 — 29	9 9 9 14 54 20 45  Clouds 18 6 15 19 10	13 47 59 Clouds Clouds  Cloudy at the time correspond- ing to these	63 24 Very thick and hazy  18 00 $\alpha$ Cygni	○'s upp. limb					

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769 Sept.	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s limb, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quad. the nonius was set at.	Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and *'s pa- red the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
				h   /   ''
8 — 29	8 15 24 19 28	Cloudy at the time cor- responding to these	16 50 Ditto	
	18 26 14½ 30 39 35 3½		15 00	
	18 53 8 57 52 19 4 1	— — —	12 14	19 38 15,5
h — 30	8 40 12 45 10 50 5	14 23 27½ 18 34 13 37	66 55 ☽'s upp. limb	
	50 24 55 27	14 13 17½ 8 16	☽'s low. limb Ditto	
	9 3 34 9 3 14 32	14 0 8 13 54 40 49 4	64 35 ☽'s upp. limb	11 32 14,4
	9 9 18 14 55 20 41	13 54 25 13 48 45 43 2 :	Ditto low. limb	
	18 19 7	20 56 39	16 50 α Cygni	
	18 25 52½ 30 14 34 41	20 49 53+ 45 30 41 5	15 00 Ditto	19 37 52,7
8 Oct 4	9 18 33 24 12 29 53	14 11 15½ — — — 13 59 58	65 50 ☽'s upp. limb	
	24 29 30 16 36 7	— — — 59 32 53 37 :::	☽'s low. limb.	11 45 17,6

## Equal Altitudes of the Sun and Stars.

1769 October	Time per Clock of the equal Altitudes of the ☽'s Limbs, and of *'s.	Zen. distance or points on the limb of the quadat. the nominus was set at.	○'s limb, and Stars observed.	Time per Clock when the ☽'s cent. and *'s pa- sed the merid. from the mean of the Observations.
				h     "     h     "     "
8 — 4	9 44 35	13 45 15	63 36	○'s upp. limb
24 — 5	18 24 1 — 28 24 32 49	20 48 2 43 39 39 12	15 00	z Cygni
	18 49 52 55 39	20 22 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 20 16 25	12 14	Ditto
3 — 10	9 44 48 50 48 56 50	14 24 28: 14 18 30 Clouds	67 23	○'s upp. limb
	9 51 5 57 16			○'s lower limb
	10 3 33	14 5 42		
24 — 12	9 20 33 25 40 30 49	15 2 3 14 56 53 51 47	71 00	○'s upp. limb.
	25 55 31 10 36 26	14 56 36 51 25 46 8		Ditto low. limb
3 — 23	9 23 7 27 46 32 25	Cloudy at the time cor- responding	68 16	○'s upp. limb
	9 28 11 32 45			
	37 26 $\frac{1}{2}$	15 59 39 $\frac{1}{2}$		Ditto low. limb
	9 45 16 50 18 55 20	15 51 45 46 40 41 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	75 54	○'s upp. limb
	9 50 35 55 42	46 24 41 16		
	10 0 50	36 9		Ditto low. limb

## Apparent Zenith Distances of the ☽, ☿, and \*'s.

	☽, ☿, or *'s observed.	Apparent zenith distance on the meridian.	Barom.	Ther.
1769 April		° ' "		
10	Spica	64 45 24		
20	☽'s upper limb	42 51 00	29 69	52
	Ditto lower limb	43 22 40		
22	Spica	64 45 32		
	Arcturus	34 26 20		
	☿'s center	71 21 36		
	☽'s lower limb	77 30 36		
	Antares	80 38 40	29 52	42
25	Spica	64 45 16	20 93	46
26	Spica	64 46 6		
	Arcturus	34 27 00	29 85	52
28	Arcturus	34 27 8	29 92	49
29	Ditto	34 27 00	30 10	52
30	☽'s upper limb	39 37 40		
	Ditto lower limb	40 9 16	29 97	60
	Spica	64 46 00		
May 1	☽'s upper limb	39 19 24		
	Ditto lower limb	39 51 16	31 00	62
2	☽'s lower limb	39 33 26	30 20	59
3	Spica	64 46 00		
	Arcturus	34 26 52	30 05	55
	Antares	80 39 12		
4	☽'s upper limb	38 26 16	30 00	56
6	Spica	64 45 50	30 12	48
	Arcturus	34 26 52		
7	☽'s upper limb	37 36 00		
	Ditto lower limb	38 7 56	29 94	59
	Spica	64 45 50		
	Arcturus	34 26 48	29 87	47
	Jupiter's center	70 52 24		

## Apparent Zenith Distances of the ☽, ☿, and \*'s.

	☽, ☿, or *'s observed.	Apparent zenith distance on the meridian.	Barom.	Therm.	
1769		,	,	,	
May 10	Spica	64 45 46			
	Arcturus	34 26 48	29 86	43	
12	☽'s upper limb	36 17 16	29 60	54	
	Ditto lower limb	36 49 48			
	Spica	64 46 00:			
13	☽'s upper limb	36 2 42	29 52	58	
	Ditto lower limb	36 34 30			
14	☽'s upper limb	35 48 28	29 55	57	
	Ditto lower limb	36 20 2			
	☽'s upper limb	55 50 56	29 63	49	
	Spica	64 45 55			
	Arcturus	34 26 52	29 69	44	
15	☽'s upper limb	60 54 40	29 69	44	
	Spica	64 46 00:			
18	☽'s upper limb	34 53 40			
	Ditto lower limb	35 25 12			
	Spica	64 46 00	29 54	51	
	☽'s upper limb	73 30 32			
	☿'s cent.	70 30 20	29 64	37	
23	☽'s upper limb	33 53 00			
	Ditto lower limb	34 24 32	29 22	59	
	Arcturus	34 26 52	29 34	55	
24	☽'s upper limb	33 41 48			
	Ditto lower limb	34 13 38	29 41	64	
June 11	☽'s upper limb	31 25 40	29 41	53½	
12	Ditto	31 22 00:	29 66	55	
	Arcturus	34 26 44			
14	☽'s upper limb	72 27 14	29 36	55	
15	☽'s upper limb	31 13 00	29 46	58	
17	Antares	80 39 12			
	☽'s upper limb	78 44 48	29 35	47	
18	☽'s upper limb	31 7 54			
	Ditto lower limb	31 39 42	29 41	54	

} In observing the ☽'s zen. dist. I set the ☽'s limb just (or scarcely) to touch the wire; which is the reason why the ☽'s diameter is in this observation so much greater than made before.

} Observed without the dark glass; it being a very thick fog.

## Apparent Zenith Distances of the ☽, ☿, and \*'s.

	☽, ☿, or * ob- served.	Apparent zen. distance on the meridian.	Barom.	Ther.
1769		ft      f      "		
June	23 ☽'s upper limb	31 7 20	29 17	60
	Ditto lower limb	31 39 12		
26	☽'s upper limb	31 12 6	29 38	5
	Ditto lower limb	31 43 56		
30	☽'s upper limb	31 24 6	29 71	60
July	1 ☽'s upper limb	31 28 00	29 62	62
5	☽'s upper limb	31 48 00	29 72	67
	Ditto lower limb	32 19 56		
6	Antares	80 39 20	29 75	57
	9 ☽'s upper limb	32 14 46	29 57	63
13	☽'s upper limb	76 58 16	29 34	57
14	☽'s upper limb	32 56 12	29 49	59
	☽'s upper limb	78 27 10	29 66	56
	17 ☽'s upper limb	33 25 28		
	Ditto lower limb	33 57 26	29 12	59
22	Ditto	34 53 24	29 49	63
August	2 ☽'s upper limb	36 54 30	29 50	62
17 <sup>a</sup>	Aquila	46 33 12	29 69	54
	☽'s upper limb	61 39 20	29 70	51
	19 ☽'s upper limb	41 56 20		
	Ditto lower limb	42 27 56	29 40	57

## To find the Error of the Line of Collimation of the Quadrant.

1769 I set up a board at the distance of about 300 yards, painted black, with two white marks on it; April the diameter of each white mark =  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches, and the distance of their centers  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches = the difference of the height of the center of the telescope, when the quadrant is inverted, and made the following observations.

22

Zen. dist. of the upp.mark.
0 7 "
89 50 00
50 6
4
6
0
4
0
Mean — 89 50 3
Zen. dist. of the low.mark.
0 7 "
90 7 20
7 20
18
14
16
20
20
Mean — 90 7 18,3
89 50 3
179 57 21,3
180 0 0
2 38,7
Mean — 89 51 2
$\frac{1}{2} = 1 19,3$

To be added to the observed zenith distance.

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I took the telescope off the quadrant, and adjusted the line of collimation something nearer. I found the error of the line of collimation of the quadrt. in the same manner, as on the 22d, thus:

Zen. dist. of the upper mark.	Zen. dist. of the low.mark.
0 7 "	90 7 20
89 51 00	7 12
51 00	24
51 00	20
50 56	22
51 4	20
51 6	18
51 6	16
51 0	18
51 6	20
Mean — 89 51 2	12
$\frac{1}{2} = 1 0 50$	90 7 18,4
	89 51 2--
	179 58 20,1
	180 00 00
	2 39,9

To be added to the observed zen. distance.

N.B. This method is given us by the Rev. Mr. Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal, in his description of Mr. Bird's astronomical quadrt. published with his instructions for the observation of the late Transit of Venus, at the end of the Nautical Almanac of 1769, see p. 23, and may be followed with great accuracy; and to avoid the error that may fall on any two divisions of the quadrt. as many different divisions may be taken as the observer pleases, by the shifting the board that has the marks on it, higher or lower.

For the Latitude of the Observatory at Cavan.

	App. zenith distances on the merid.	Refra.	⊕'s px. in alt. hor. = 8'', 5	*'s ab. in decl.	*'s snut. in decl.	Error of the line of coll. of the quad.	True zen. distances.	⊕ or *'s true decl. at the time of observation.	Latitude from each observation.
1769	⊕ or * observed								
April									
10	Spica	0 1 11	1 + "	—	"	"	0 1 11	0 1 11	0 1 11
10	Spica	64 45 24	2 0,5	5,8	-7,6	-6,3	64 48 29,6	9 57 00,0	51 30
20	⊕'s center	43 6 50	0 53,1		-7,5	-6,2	43 8 56,3	11 42 55,2	51 51
22	Spica	64 45 32	2 2,4		-7,5	1.19+	64 48 39,7	9 57 00,5	51 39
22	Arcturus	34 26 20	0 39,7		-5,9	-5,8	34 28 7,0	20 23 33,8	51 41
25	Antares	80 38 40	5 41,0		-2,0	-2,7	80 45 35,3	25 53 56,7	51 39
	Spica	64 45 16::	2 3,0		-7,5	-6,2	64 48 24,3	9 57 0,6	51 24::
26	Spica	64 46 6	2 0,8		-7,5	-6,2	64 49 43,1	9 57 0,7	51 42
	Arcturus	34 27 0	0 39,1		-5,3	-5,8	34 28 18,0	20 23 33,6	51 52
28	Ditto	34 27 8	0 39,4		-4,8	-5,8	34 28 26,8	20 23 33,5	52 00:
29	Ditto	34 27 0	0 39,4		-4,8	-5,8	34 28 18,8	20 23 33,5	51 52
30	⊕'s center	39 53 28:	0 47,2	5,4			39 54 59,8:	14 50 48,5	51 48:
	Spica	64 46 00	2 0,5		-7,4	-6,2	64 48 46,9	9 57 00,8	51 46
May	⊕'s center	39 35 20	0 47,9	5,4			39 36 52,5	15 14 57,2	51 50
2	⊕'s L. L.	39 33 26	0 47,7	5,4			39 34 58,3	15 32 50,9	51 55
3	Spica	64 46 00	2 0,7		-7,2	-6,2	64 48 37,3	9 57 1,0	51 36
	Arcturus	34 26 52	0 39,0		-3,8	-5,7	34 28 11,5	20 23 33,4	51 45
	Antares	80 39 12	5 36,0		-2,6	-2,6	80 45 32,8	25 53 57,0	51 36
6	Spica	64 45 50	2 3,1		-7,0	-6,2	64 48 29,9	9 57 1,2	51 29
	Arcturus	34 26 52	0 39,9		-3,2	-5,7	34 28 13,0	20 23 33,2	51 46
7	⊕'s center	37 51 58	0 43,5	5,2			37 53 26,3	16 58 21,2	51 48
	Spica	64 45 50	2 2,4		-7,0	-6,1	64 48 29,3	9 57 1,3	51 28
	Arcturus	34 26 48	0 39,7		-3,0	-5,7	34 28 9,0	20 23 33,1	51 42
10	Spica	64 45 46	2 3,5		-6,9	-6,1	64 48 26,5	9 57 1,5	51 25
	Arcturus	34 26 48	0 40,0		-2,3	-5,7	34 28 10,0	20 23 32,9	51 43
12	⊕'s center	36 33 32	0 41,6	5,1			36 34 58,5	18 16 48,4	51 47
13	⊕'s center	36 18 36	0 48,0	5,0			36 20 1,8	18 31 36,0	51 38
14	⊕'s center	36 4 15	0 40,2	5,0			35 5 40,2	18 46 4,5	51 45
	Spica	64 45 55	2 2,5		-6,5	-6,1	64 48 34,9	9 57 1,7	51 33
	Arcturus	34 26 52	0 39,6		-1,5	-5,7	34 28 14,4	20 23 32,7	51 47
18	⊕'s center	35 9 26	0 39,8	4,9			35 10 50,9	19 40 40,0	51 37
	Spica	64 46 00	2 4,4		-6,1	-6,1	64 48 42,2	9 57 2,0	51 40
23	⊕'s center	34 8 46	0 36,9	4,8			34 10 8,1	20 41 36,8	51 45
	Arcturus	34 26 52	0 38,2		+0,2	-5,6	34 28 14,8	20 23 32,2	51 47
24	⊕'s center	33 57 43	0 36,5	4,7			33 59 4,8	20 52 44,3	51 49
25	⊕'s U. L.	31 25 40	0 34,0	4,4			31 26 59,6	23 8 38,7	51 26
	⊕'s U. L.	31 13 00	0 33,4	4,4			31 14 19,0	23 21 23,6	51 30

## For the Latitude of the Observatory at Cavan.

	$\odot$ or *'s observed	Ap. zenith distances on the merid.	Refra.	$\odot$ 's px. in alt. hor. = $8'',5$	*'s ab. in decl.	*'s nut. in decl.	Error of the line of coll. of the quadr.	True zen. distances,	$\odot$ or *'s true decl. at the time of observation.	Latitude from each observation.
1769		o 1 " + "	-	" " " + "	" " " + "	" " " + "	" " " + "	o 1 " o 1 " o 1 "	o 1 "	o 1 "
June	17 Antares	80 39 12	5 34,8					80 45 30,5	25 53 58,1	51 32
	18 $\odot$ 's center	31 23 48	0 33,9	4,4	-3,9	-2,4	0 50	31 25 7,5	23 26 37,1	51 45
	23 $\odot$ 's center	31 23 16	0 33,2	4,4				31 24 34,8	23 27 5,6	51 40
	26 $\odot$ 's center	31 28 1	0 33,6	4,4				31 29 20,2	23 22 25,0	51 45
	30 $\odot$ 's U. L.	31 24 6	0 33,8	4,4				31 25 25,4	23 10 26,0	51 38
July	1 $\odot$ 's U. L.	31 28	0 33,5	4,4				31 29 19,1	23 6 24,6	51 31
	5 $\odot$ 's center	32 3 58	0 33,7	4,5				32 5 17,2	22 46 20,6	51 38
	6 Antares	80 39 20	5 31,1		-3,8	-2,3		30 45 35,0	25 53 58,6	51 36
	9 $\odot$ 's U. L.	32 14 46	0 34,3	4,5				32 16 5,8	22 19 50,6	51 43
	14 $\odot$ 's U. L.	32 56 12	0 36,0	4,6				32 57 33,4	21 38 17,3	51 38
	17 $\odot$ 's center	33 41 27	0 36,2	4,7				33 42 48,5	21 8 52,0	51 41
August	22 $\odot$ 's L. L.	34 53 24	0 38,4	4,8				34 54 47,6	20 12 42,8	51 42
	2 $\odot$ 's U. L.	36 54 30	0 41,4	5,1				36 55 56,3	17 40 4,4	51 50
	17 $\alpha$ Aquilæ	46 33 120	59,5		+7,8	+3,9		46 35 13,2	8 16 25,9	51 39
Mean of the whole										51 40,8

N. B. By comparing Mr. Flamsteed's observations with those made by the Rev. Mr. Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal, in the years 1765 and 1766, Arcturus moves annually  $2,0^{\circ}44'$  Southward in declination; therefore  $18'',6$  is subtracted in the above from the declination of Arcturus, as settled from Dr. Bradley's observations for the beginning of the year 1760.

The following are the difference of R. A. between the D's limb and \*'s, observed by wires placed in the focus of the eye glass of a reflecting telescope, that magnified 80 times. The telescope was supported by a polar axis placed in the meridian, and on a strong stand, loaded with weight, which made it keep its position very steady.

1769 July		Time per Clock.	Difference of K. A. between the D's limbs and *'s.
24	20	X passed the D's 2d or Eastern vertical wires in the reflector.	same vert. wires
		h   '   ''	h   '   ''
	19	39 33	- - -
		39 43	19 43 32 $\frac{1}{2}$
		47 13	51 13
		47 24 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 25
		47 36	51 38
	20	5 11	20 9 35 $\frac{1}{2}$
		5 21 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 48
		5 34	10 00
		18 13 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 57 $\frac{1}{2}$
		18 25	23 9
		18 36	20 +
		18 48	32
	20	19 00::	44 $\frac{1}{2}$
	20	25 17+	30 12
		28	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
		39+	35
		51	46
	26	3	30 59
		33 54	39 2
		34 5	39 13
		34 40	39 48
		41 37	46 6
		41 48 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 7 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Clouds		47 19
	Cl.		30 $\frac{1}{2}$
	20	42 23 $\frac{1}{2}$	After these, it got so hazy that I could not see the star. 47 42 $\frac{1}{2}$

N. B. The \* passed along the wire parallel to the equator, or moved in a line parallel to the said wire. At the last observations the \* was about 18 or 20' north of the D's center.

Difference

## Difference of Right Ascension between the ♀'s Limb and \*'s.

Time per Clock.				Time per Clock.			
July ♀ — 21	♀'s 2d limb passed the wires vertical to the equator.	* $\infty$ passed the same vertical wires.	July ♀ — 21	* $\infty$ passed the wires vertical to the equator.	♀'s 2d limb passed the same wires.		
	h    m    s	h    m    s		h    m    s	h    m    s		
18	30 3½	18 33 53—		21 51 4	21 53 27½		
	30 15+	34 3		51 15½	53 39+		
	39 41+	42 13½		51 26	53 50		N.B. In all these
	39 32	- - -		51 37½	54 2		observations the *
	40 4	42 36—		51 49½	54 14		moved parallel
	40 15+	- - -		21 58 39	22 1 14+		to the equator.
	40 27—	42 59		58 50	- - -		At the beginning
18	53 39½	18 55 47		59 1	1 36		of the observati-
19	5 7	19 6 58		59 12+	1 48		ons the * was
	18	7 10—		59 24	2 00		North of the ♀'s
	29½	7 20+		22 5 50½	8 36		center about 18°.
	41½	7 32		6 1½	8 46		
	5 53½	7 43+		6 12	- - -		
	10 47	12 27½		6 24	9 10		
	10 59	12 38½		6 36—	9 21		
11	10+	12 49½		13 9	16 18		
	21½	13 1		13 20	16 29½		The differences
	11 34—	13 12½		13 31	16 41—		of A.R. after the
19	17 00	- - -		13 42	16 53		occultation are
	12—	18 42—		18 14	21 19+		very accurate, the
	23	18 52½		18 25	21 30½		♀ being near the
	35+	19 4		18 36—	21 41½		meridian, leaving
	17 47	19 16		18 47	21 53		the * nearly in
22	42	- - -		22 18 59	22 5+		a right line from
	53½	19 24 14		28 12½	31 32—		her center.
	4½	- - -		28 23+	31 43+		
	16	24 36½		28 34½	31 54½		
	28+	24 48		28 46	32 5		
	30 18	- - -		28 57+	32 18		
	30 30½	31 40		37 11	40 43—		
	42—	31 50		37 22+	40 54½		
	53½	32 1		37 33+	41 4½		
31	5½	32 14		37 44½	41 17		
				22 37 56½	41 29		

Immediately after these, it began to get foggy.

Difference of Right Ascension between the ♀'s Limb  
and \*'s.

		Time per clock.
July	♀ — 21	D's 2d limb passed the wires vertical to the equator.
		19 33 33½
		33 45 +
		33 56 +
		34 8
		34 20 +
		41 5 +
		41 16½
		41 28
		41 40 —
		41 52
		46 11
		19 46 23 +
		19 47 8

Left off to take the occultation.

		Time per clock.
1769	August ♀ — 16	D's 1st limb passed the wires vertical to the equator.
		A star of the 5th mag. passed the same vert. wires.
		h   '   "
18	4 30 —	- - -
	4 43 —	- - -
	4 55	18 25 1 +
	5 6	25 12 —
	5 18 —	25 23

Cloudy immediately after.

A bright spot in the ♀ moved along the directing wire, or wire parallel to the equator, and the \* followed about 6° North of ♀'s center.

Difference of Right Ascension between the ♂'s Limb  
and \*'s.

Time per clock.

1769	♂'s 2d limb passed the wires vertical to the equator.	16. Pisces passed the same verti- cal wires.	
Sept.			
9 — 15			
19 45 7			
19			
31			Cloudy
42 $\frac{1}{2}$			
45 54			
19 54 17 $\frac{1}{2}$	19 56 50		The * about 18' South of the ♂'s center.
30	56 2 —		
42 $\frac{1}{2}$	13		
53	23 +		
55 5	57 34 +		
	then cloudy		
20 29 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 30 44		
28	30 56		
40 +	31 8 —		
51 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 19		
30 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	31 30		
34 33 +	36 53 +		
45 +	36 5		
58 —	16 +		
35 9	27		The * by esti- mation 24' South
35 20 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 38 +		of the ♂'s center.
41 13 +	- - -		
25 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 33		
38 —	44 +		
48 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 +		
42 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	43 7 —		
46 16 +	- - -		In these the ♂'s center and * nearly at the di- stance of the field of the telescope, or as near the ends of the wires as the ♂'s limbs would admit of.
28 +	- - -		
40	20 47 41		
51 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 52		
47 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	48 3 $\frac{1}{2}$		
50 57 —	51 49		
51 8	52 0		
51 20 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 12		
56 39	57 23		
56 50 +	57 33 $\frac{1}{2}$		
57 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	57 45 +		

Note. In all these observations the \* was often tried if it would keep the wire parallel to the equator, after moving it off the wire, and bringing it on again (by means of the vertical screw). For in these observations I was obliged to bring the star more Southward after I had made it keep the wire, before I brought it back for the ♂; otherwise the ♂'s center would not follow through the field of the telescope; and I always found that it returned again to keep the wire with great accuracy: the wires very seldom wanting any alteration.

### Difference of Right Ascension between the ☽'s Limb and \*'s.

These may not be so accurate as the above.

The Star was to move along the equatorial wire in all these observations, and I look upon the whole to be very good; particularly those after the occultation, as the difference of declination of the  $\beta$  center and Star was by estimation not more than 4 or 5', nor even so much at the last observations.

## Difference of Right Ascension between the ☽'s Limb and \*'s.

		Time per Clock.		
Sept. 20		16 Pisces passed the wires vertical to the equator.	☽'s 2d limb pa- sed the same wires.	
		h   l   "   "	h   l   "   "	
		23 15 41 +	23 21 12 +	
		41 +	33	
		16 +	21 46 -	
		48 4	54 58 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		16 +	— — —	
		29 +	55 25	
		— — —	37 -	
		23 48 53	23 55 48 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		○ 3 16	○ 10 44 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		28 +	10 58	
		41	11 11	
		3 53 -	11 23	
		— — —	○ 11 35	
		a cloudy		
		D's 2d limb pa- sed the wires vert. to the equator.	h Leonis passed the same vertical wires.	
25		2 52 2	2 54 53	
		15 $\frac{1}{2}$	— — —	
		28 -	55 16 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		39 -	55 28 +	
		52 50 $\frac{1}{2}$	55 38	
		2 58 3 -	3 ○ 41 -	
		15 $\frac{1}{2}$	○ 52 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		28 -	1 4 -	
		39 +	1 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		58 51 -	3 1 27 -	
		3 3 54	6 18 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		4 6 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 +	
		19 -	43	
		30	52	
		4 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 5	
		3 15 10 -	17 12	
		22 +	24	
		34 $\frac{1}{2}$	36 +	
		45 $\frac{1}{2}$	47	
		15 57 +	17 58 $\frac{1}{2}$	

At these observations the Star followed the ☽'s center along the wire parallel to the equator.

## Difference of Right Ascension between the ♀'s Limb and \*'s.

		Time per Clock.		
1769 Sept.		♀'s 2d limb passed the wire vertical to the equator.	h Leonisa passed the same vertical wires.	
D — 25		h   '   "	h   '   "	
		3 21 9+	3 23 0	
		22	11½	
		34	24—	
		45½	34	
		21 57	23 46	
		27 38½	29 15½	
		51	27	
		28 3	39	
		28 15	50	
		3 28 26	30 1½	
		34 49½	— — —	
		35 2	36 23½	
		14½	36 35	
		25+	36 46—	
		35 37	36 57	
	3 44 Clo.	— — —		
	3 55 11	— — —		
	24—	3 56 6		
	34	18		
	47	28½		
	55 58	56 40		
	58 29½	59 6		
	42+	18		
	53+	29		
	59 5	59 41		
	Then cloudy			
	4 15	Clear		
		♂'s passed the wires vertical to the equator.	♀'s 2d limb pa- fed. the same wires.	
Oct.		h   '   "	h   '   "	
D — 16		4 9 18	4 12 10	
		9 31	22+	
		9 44½	36	
		9 55+	48	
		4 10 8	4 13 0½	

At these observations the Star followed the ♀'s center along the wire parallel to the equator.

At these observations the Star was about 4' north of the ♀'s center.

Difference of Right Ascension between the ☽'s Limb  
and \*'s.

		Time per Clock		
1769	Oct.	> * passed the wires vertical to the equator.		D's 2d limb passed the same wires.
		h	'	"
	16	4 16 40	19 51	
		16 52 +	4	
		17 4	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		16	.28	
		4 17 28	20 40 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		22 50	26 14	
		3	27	
		15	40	
		26	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		23 38	27 4	
		29 33	23 11	
		46	24	
		58	37	
		9	59	
		30 21	34 1	
		4 54 47	21	
		59 $\frac{1}{2}$	33	
		11 $\frac{1}{2}$	46 +	
		23	57	
		55 35 +	5 0 10 +	
		5 4 52	9 47 +	
		5 4	— — —	
		5 15 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 11	
		5 5 27	5 10 24	
		5 12 25	5 17 37 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		38	51 —	
		50 +	4 —	
		13 2	15 +	
		13 14	18 27 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		5 25 46 $\frac{1}{2}$	30 26 $\frac{1}{2}$	
		25 59	39 :	
		26 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	51 —	
		26 23	31 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ :	
		26 35	31 16	

The \* 10' south of the ☽'s center, and the \* passed along the middle wire.

\* moved along the lower wire.

The \* moved along the middle wire, after these I set the wires that the \* passed exactly along the lower wire.

The \* 15' south of the ☽'s center.

Difference of Right Ascensions between the D's Limb  
and D's.

		Time per Clock.		
1769	Oct.	D's 2d limb passed the same wires.		
D — 16		h   '   "	h   '   "	
		5 38 4+	5 44 13	
		17+	26+	
		29	40—	
		41—	44 51	
		38 53—	45 3 :	
23		Then cloudy		
D — 23		D's 2d limb passed the wires vertical to the equator.	a star of 6th mag. passed the same vertical wires	
		3 39 55½	3 43 16	The * about 6' north of the D's center.—The wires faintly illuminated and the * also appeared very faint.
		8—	28	
		20—	40	
		30½	50	
		40 42+	44 1	
		46.32+	49 40	
		45—	49 52	
		46 57	50 6	
		47 8+ —	— —	
		47 20½	50 27—	
		55 3+	57 55	
		16—	58 7+	
		28—	19	
		38½	29½	
		55 50½	58 41	
		4 1 21½	4 4 1	
		4 53 9½	54 14	
		20+	25	
		53 32½	54 36—	
		5 1 41+	— — —	
		1 54	2 43	
		2 6—	2 55½	
		2 16½	3 6½	
		2 30—	3 18—	

Clouds now began to interrupt the observations. Clear a few minutes before the D's limb, and \* passed the wires at the same time; and at

5 32 12 The D's 2d limb and \* was equal in right ascension: the \* by estimation 20' north of the D's center: then cloudy.

## The Transit of Venus.

1769	Time per clock	
June 12 — 3		
h /		
3 18	Rain	Viewed the ☽'s disk with the reflector (mag. 128 times), and saw nothing more than some large irregular black spots, with a black streak very near the edge of the ☽'s limb on the Eastern side.
3 45		
		Adjustment of the nonius on the side of the telescope, for distinct vision for the contacts
		o 35 15 128 } times
		Ditto for the micrometer o 30 5 62 }
		Ditto for the wire eye glass o 25 23
The air not quite clear {	10 30	Cloudy
Ditto more dense {	11 17 53	The external contact of Venus and the Sun's limb.
	35 30	The contact seemed to be formed by judging by their peripheries.
	36 8	Internal contact, the thread of light broke out.
		In. Ten. Non.
	o I 16	to the right-hand of ☽
	o I 8	to the left hand of ☽
	o I 13	right
	o I 6	left
		Venus's (horiz.) diameter. Those made to the left hand are set down where the nonius coincided, the compliment of which to 25 must be used.
12 12	Cloudy	
	4 o 20	
	4 o 20	
	I 00 ::	
		The ☽'s horizontal diameter, hazy.
12 21	Cloudy	
	o I 7	to the left-hand of ☽
	I 14	to the right-hand of ☽
	I 10	left-hand
		Venus's diameter.
		After these, I immediately extended the glasses again for the Sun's diameter, but was prevented by clouds from doing any thing farther.
12 45	Cloudy	
50	Ditto	

## Eclipses of Jupiter's Satellites, Occultations of the ♂ with the fixed \*'s, and other Phænomena.

	Time per clock	Apparent Time	
	h   /   "	h   /   "	
1769			
April 5	1 33 12	13 49 36	Immerion 1st satellite of Jupiter.
June 3	11 17 53	6 41 13	External contact of Venus's and the Sun's limb.
	11 36 8	6 59 25	Internal ditto, the thread of light broke out.
	22 49 28	18 11 1	The eclipse of the Sun began.
July 1	11 15 43	9 20 52	Emersion 1st satellite of Jupeter. { Twilight very strong, yet the satellites appeared well.
	21 20 19	12 42 16	Immers. ✕ into the ☽'s enlightened limb.
	21 33 27	13 56 18	Emers. of ditto from the ☽'s dark limb.
Sept. 20	21 17 35	10 16 20	Immers. of 1st ✕ into ☽'s light limb.
	21 48 54	10 47 35	Emers. of ditto from ☽'s dark limb.
	21 57 7	10 55 46,6	Em. of 2d ✕ from ☽'s dark L. dubious to 3 or 4".
Sept. 25	4 26 15	17 8 2	{ Immers. of h ✕ into the { Twilight pretty strong, but not ☽'s light limb. { to render the observation in the least dubious.
Oct. 16	3 50 46	15 23 33	{ Emers. of δψ from { Immediately after, a very thin the ☽'s dark L. { flying cloud passed over the ☽; but I believe no part of it ob- structed the observation.
Nov. 9	23 35 30 or 23 36 30	9 44 42 or 9 45 42	{ ✕immerged into the ☽'s dark limb. The second is true to a second, but which of these minutes is true, was rendered dubious by ac- cident.
Nov. 21	5 56 40	15 19 50	The ✕, ✕ seemingly emerged from the ☽'s dark limb, but rendered a little dubious by fly- ing hazy clouds.

Observations of the ☽, ☿, and \*'s passing the Meridian, made with a Transit Instrument, the length of the Telescope 4 feet; having 2 Object Glasses, and magnifying 50 times.

- 1769  
Sept.  
 24—21 The transit instrument, sent by the Royal Society, was brought to Cavan.  
 25 Began to set up the said instrument.  
 29 Examined the line of collimation of the transit instrument, and found it very much out.  
 30 Brought it very near, and found the level very good.  
 Oct.  
 1 Brought the line of collimation quite exact (by many trials), using a distinct object at the distance of about two miles.  
 2 At noon cloudy; in the evening it began to clear.

January 1, 1750, the mean A.R. of the Pole \* = 10 42 37  
 Annual preces. 158" then the preces. to this time = + 52 00  
 Aberration in A.R. + 8 34  
 Nutation in A. R. + 1 30

11 44 41 0 46 59

Appt. A. R. the 2d of October 1769.  
 Clock too slow for sidereal time by the observations }  
     of α Cygni made on the 30th of Sept. }  
 Clock loses in the interval of time between α }  
     Cygni's passing the meridian and pole \* }

— 56 27  
— 0 4

Pole \* transits the meridian, October 2d, at 23 50 28 by the clock.  
 At this instant of time shewn per clock, I brought the middle wire to bisect the Pole \*

, and after took the passage of the following \*'s over the meridian.

1st wire	2d wire	Time per clock of passing the me- ridian.	4th wire	5th wire
"	"	h m "		
		3 26 10 +		Aldebaran
		4 6 54 1/2		Rigel
		4 46 7		α Orion
		5 38 24		Syrius

Note, Just before I brought the wire to the pole \*, I set the axis of the transit instrument horizontal by the level; and at 3<sup>h</sup> 52<sup>m</sup>, I examined it again by the level, and found it very exact. In the morning I placed a mark in the meridian about  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a mile North, and took particular notice what natural marks the middle wire cut on the summits of two hills, the one North about two miles, and the other South at a greater distance; these served after as complete marks in the meridian: and few meridians there are, I believe, of such a length. At first, before I could depend upon the instrument's keeping its direction all night; I sent a man to place a candle in the center of the mark placed in the meridian, and it was very seldom that I found it vary in the least: what small difference might sometimes appear, was more probably owing to the placing of the candle, than the movement of the instrument.

## Observations made with the Transit Instrument.

Oct.			Time per clock of passing the me- ridian.	4th wire	5th wire		
	1st wire	2d wire					
1769 3	"	"	8 1 "	"	"		
	25 0	3 25 46½	26 32	27 18	Aldebaran		
	14 58	4 45 43	46 28	12 +	α Orion		
		5 38 00	45 +	39 31 ::	Syrius		
4	Clouds	Clouds	11 43 13 ::			Ω's 1st limb	
			11 46 23	3 26 10	47 51 +	Ω's 2d limb	
	22 +	4 6 7 +	52 -	36 -	Aldebaran		
	36 +	4 45 21½	6 +	50 ½	Rigel		
	50	5 37 37	22 ½	39 8 ½	α Orion		
					Syrius.		
5	15 +	0	18 37 45½	38 30	15 +	γ Aquilæ	
	Clouds	Clouds	Clouds	45 44	28 ½	α Orion	
	42 ½	29	5 37 15½	1	38 47 ½	Syrius	
6			23 49 12			Pole *, above the Pole	
		53	3 24 40	25 ½	Clouds	Aldeb.	
	38	4 5 23	8	52 + :	Rigel		
	7	51	4 44 36 +	21	46 5 +	α Orion	
	35 19	5	5 36 52	38	24	Syrius	
		6 29 5 ½	29 50	34 +	Procyon		
10		3 12	12 3 57			Ω's 1st limb	
		6 7	6 51 +	36 ½	Tried the line of collimation and the horizontal position of the axis, and found both correct.	Ω's 2d limb	
	22 ½	7 +	18 35 53			γ Aquilæ	
	38 37	22 -	18 40 7 -	51	41 36	α Aquilæ	
		22 35	20 23 22	24 7 ½	24 54	δ's 1st limb	
			20 27 51	28 37	29 23 ½	γ Capricorn	
			33 15	34 0 -	1st C. ditto		
	Clouds		3 23 10 ½	57 -	Clouds	Aldeb.	
11		2 46 +	4 3 32	4 16 +		Rigel	
		59 ½	4 42 45	29	14 -	α Orion	
	28	14	5 35 1 -	35 46 ½	33 -	Syrius	
	44 ½	29 ½	6 27 14 ½	58 ½	43	Procyon	
12		9 50 ½	12 10 35			Ω's 1st limb	
		12 46	13 30	14 15	Ω's 2d limb		
	3 1 ½	3 47	5 18 +	3 +	D's 1st limb		
	Clouds	Clouds	4 3 10	54 +	Rigel		
		42 23	7 +	39 ½	α Orion		

## Observations made with the Transit Instrument.

	1st wire	2ft wire	Time per clock of passing the meridian.	4th wire	5th wire	
1769						
Oct. 2 — 13	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
	38 14+	18 38 59½	39 44½	29—	* Aquilæ	
	55 42	5 28—	22 57 14	57 59	D's 1st limb	
	17½	2½	4 2 48	3 32	Rigel	
	31 +	16—	42 1—	4 17	* Orion	
	45		5 34 17½	3½	Syrius	
	1½		6 26 31+	50	Procyon	
				15½		
2 — 14						
	52½	51 39	12 19 27+	20 11½	20 56	○'s 2d limb
			23 52 26—	53 11+	53 58—	D's 1st limb
						Very windy.
○ — 15						
	19 6+	19 52—	12 20 37+	—	—	○'s 1st limb
			22 47	23 31½	24 16+	○'s 2d limb } windy.
	45—	29+	18 38 15	38 59	39 44	* Aquilæ
			41 47			¶ Ditto.
D — 16						
	28—	12½	12 23 58			○'s 1st limb
			26 9—	53+	27 39	○'s 2d limb
	36 22	7—	18 37 52	38 36½	39 21	* Aquilæ
	24+	9—	4 40 54	38½	23	* Orion
24 — 19						
	47	35 32	12 36 17½	37 2+	Cloudy	○'s 2d limb
	14½	59—	18 36 44	29—	13½	* Aquilæ
			1 47 22½			* Ceti
		7+	2 30 56	44+	32½	* Pleiadum
		2	3 19 49	20 34½	21 21—	Aldebaran
		59 48	4 0 33	1 17½		Rigel
		00½	4 39 46	40 30	16—	* Orion
	26	13+	4 58 2	58 50—	38	* Gemini
	4 28½	16	5 6 5	6 52½		¶ Ditto
	8 48½	9 37+	5 10 27	11 16+	5—	D's 2d limb
2 — 20						
	35 59	36 44+	12 37 29			○'s 1st limb
			39 41½	40 26½	41 11	○'s 2d limb
	0+	45—	4 0 11+	59—	1 41—	Rigel
		20 18+	4 9 30	10 14+	59—	* Orion
	II I	11 49	5 21 5	5 1		* Gemini
	22 24	8+	6 12 38	13 26+	14 14+	D's 2d limb
	6 29	10	6 23 53+	24 38—	22	Procyon
		Clouds				Pollux

## Observations made with the Transit Instrument.

	1st wire	2d wire	Time per clock of passing the meridian.	4th wire	5th wire	
1769						
Oct.	"	"	h m "	" "	" "	
5 - 21	56 17 +	57 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 57 49 :	Cl.	Cl.	$\gamma$ Pegasi
	Cl.	Cl.	3 19 4	Cl.	Cl.	Aldeb.
	- - -	- - -		39 45 +	Cl.	$\alpha$ Orion
○ - 22	- - -	24 53	18 35 38	36 23	7 +	$\alpha$ Aquilæ
	21 39	22 23 +	6 23 8 +	53	24 37	Procyon
	- - -	- - -	- - -	6 28	28 47 :	Pollux
	4 35 +	5 22	8 6 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 41	D's 2d Limb
			8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 57 +	52 42 $\frac{1}{2}$	28	Regulus
D - 23	46 16	47 1	12 47 46 $\frac{1}{2}$			○'s 1st Limb
	45 +	34 30	49 59	50 44	51 29 +	○'s 2d Limb
			18 35 15	59 +	44 +	$\alpha$ Aquilæ
δ - 24	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	39	6 22 24	8		Procyon
	30 $\frac{1}{2}$		6 26 21 +	11 $\frac{1}{2}$		Pollux
10	30 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 +	7 12 5	12 52	13 39	Saturn's center
49	40 +	26	8 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ 12	57	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	Regulus
46	23	47 8	9 47 54	48 39	Clouds	D's 2d Limb
♀ - 25	53 10 +	55 +	12 54 41 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cl.		○'s 1st Limb
	Clouds				57 39 +	○'s 2d Limb
	33 00	45 -	18 34 30		14 +	$\alpha$ Aquilæ
					59 -	
	10 Examined the line of collimation, and axis with the level, and found both very good.					
24 - 26	15 38 $\frac{1}{2}$	25 -	3 17 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 57	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	Aldeb. } From this time to the fourth of November cloudy, and rain.
Nov.						
b - 4	29 12 +	13 29 59				$\circ$ 's 1st Limb
		32 14 -				$\circ$ 's 2d Limb
10	40	11 28 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 12 17 +	32 59 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 54	D's 1st Limb { Hazy, the limb ap-
16		30 0 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 30 46 -	13 7	32 15	peared faint. $\alpha$ Aquilæ
	Great rains in the night.					

Observations

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	1st wire	2d wire	Time per clock of passing the meridian.	4th wire	5th wire	
1769 Nov.	" "	" "	" " "	" "	" "	
○ — 5		35 4 38½ 58 8 ○ 42 1 29+	13 35 50½ 18 30 24— 18 58 54½ 19 2 17+ 19 13 20— 19 18 25½ 19 31 3	36 36½ 8½ 59 40 3 4½ 14 6— 31 47½	Cl. 53 3 52	○'s 2d limb α Aquilæ 2β Capricorn D's 1st limb N°. 439 zodiac, de la Caille Telescopic star a little N. of the fore- μ Aquarii [going one.]
	Cloudy all the morning part.					
♀ — 8	Tried the line of collimation, and the horizontal position of the axis, and found both exact.					
			11 46 48	47 32 +	48 16½	Venus's center
4 — 9	46 37—	23	13 48 10 50 26 28 10 8 1½ 20 29—	51 12+ 29 40 20 8 46+ 31— 58½	58½ 24½ 15+ 23 43+	○'s 1st limb ○'s 2d limb α Aquilæ β Aquarii Pegasi Piscium D's 1st limb 19 Piscium
♀ — 10	50 17	51 4	13 51 51 54 7 48+ 18 28 34— 41 31½ 12 13½ 23 13 0— 51 37½ 3 52 23 ○ 12+ ○ 56½ 6½ 51—	53½ 18 3— 43 48+ 14 31+ 7— 53 52— 2 26— 32 20+ 33 5	40— 3— D's 1st limb Rigel 10 26— 10 “ Orion “ Orion	○'s 1st limb ○'s 2d limb α Aquilæ α Pegasi D's 1st limb Rigel “ Orion “ Orion
h — 11	42—	26+	18 28 12—	56+	41—	α Aquilæ
○ — 12	40 50½ 8 15+	41 39+	○ 42 28— 9 3 1 9 51½ 13½	15+ 10 39— 11 20+ 22 50	44 3— D's 1st limb “ Pleiadum 40	α Arietis D's 1st limb Aldeb.

Observations

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1769	1st wire	2d wire	Time per clock of passing the meridian.	4th wire	5th wire	
	h	m	s	h	m	s
Nov.	"	"	"	"	"	"
6—14		8 13	14 9 00	Clouds	10 33	○'s 2d limb
	25 36	21	18 27 6		35	α Aquilæ
Clouds	Clouds	Clouds		○ 43 20	α Arietis	
	39	25	3 10 12		11 43+	Aldebaran
			3 15 55			τ Tauri
	22 36	23 25½	3 24 15+	10 57+	25 54	○ 2d limb.
8—15	8 53+	9 40	14 10 27+		14 18	○'s 1st limb
			12 45	13 31+		○'s 2d limb.
24—16			14 16 31	17 17	4	○'s 2d limb
	40 12	0 41 00		41 48	42 36	α Arietis
	54½	40½	3 9 27		10 59	Aldebaran
	54½	39	4 29 24		53	α Orion
	9 32½	10 19	5 11 5+	11 51	37½	γ Geminorum
	36 24	37 13	5 38 1+	38 50	39 39	D's 2d limb * Occasioned by
	The position of the instrument in the morning was about a second (in the equator) too much Eastward for Stars to the South of the Zenith.					a fluttering more than common.
8—17	39 50+	0 40 38+		26+	42 14	α Arietis
	7 33½	19	3 9 6	51½	37½	Aldebaran
	12 2½	47	6 13 32	14 16	Clouds	Procyon
	38 31+	39 19+	6 40 7+	40 54½	41 42½	D's 2d limb.
8—21	37 33	38 21	0 39 9	57	44½	α Arietis
	6 4	6 50	3 7 36+	22	8	Aldebaran
		48	4 27 33	17½	2½	α Orion
	10 1½	10 47	10 11 33	10 4 0½	4 45	ε S.
				12 17½	13 3	D's 2d limb.
8—22	58 10	58 56	10 59 42		1 13+	D's 2d limb
	Clouds	Cloudy	Clouds	12 50 17	12 51 4	Arcturus.
24—23	2 ½	40 9	14 40 57	44	44	○'s 1st limb
		28		44 3	50+	○'s 2d limb
	22 17	1½	18 23 47	31+	16+	α Aquilæ.

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1769	1st wire	2d wire	Time per clock of passing the meridian.	4th wire	5th wire	
	" "	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Nov. 24			12 48 45 $\frac{1}{2}$	49 32 $\frac{1}{2}$	50 20	Arcturus.
D—27 δ—28	} Packing up the Instruments. { Tried the line of collimation, and found it good.					
Dec. 7	Sent off the Instruments for Dublin.					

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