

XVII. *The Latitude of Madras in the East Indies, deduced from Observations made by William Stephens, Chief Engineer. Communicated by John Call, Esq. F. R. S.*

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Time.	What objects.	Latitudes of Madras,		
		from Southern Z. dist.	from Northern Z. dist.	
1776, Oct. 4.	Sun	—	13 3 58	—
	5. Sun	—	13 4 20	—
	19. Sun	—	13 4 16	—
	22. Sun	—	13 3 56	—
Nov. 1.	β Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 42
	α Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 58
	γ Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 44
	δ Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 39
2.	δ Capricorn	—	13 4 29	—
	Fomalhaut	—	13 4 29	—
	β Ceti	—	13 3 55	—
3.	Moon, this rejected in medium,	—	—	13 6 58
10.	Sun, very good,	—	13 4 9	—
	γ Lacerta	—	—	13 5 25
	α Andromeda (called λ)	—	—	13 5 25
	β Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 42
	α Cassiopea	—	—	13 5 9
		13 4 11	13 5 37	

Mean latitude $13^{\circ} 4' 54''$ North.

The above observations were taken with an astronomical brass quadrant on the top of the house usually inhabited by the chief engineer.

