

A. *Statutes made by George, Earl of Macclesfield.*

Whereas Thomas Lowndes, Esq^r. by his last Will and Testament did found a professorship of Astronomy and Geometry in the University of Cambridge, and did direct that Statutes for the same should be made by the Right Hon^{ble} George Earl of Macclesfield, Martin Folkes Esq^r then President of the Royal Society, James Bradley D.D. Royal Astronomer at Greenwich, and William Jones Esq^r.; and whereas the settling the said Statutes has been hitherto omitted; lest the good intent of the Founder should be frustrated, I, George Earl of Macclesfield, now the only survivor of the above mentioned Persons, do constitute and appoint the following Statutes to be observed by every Person who shall hereafter be elected Lowndes's Professor of Astronomy and Geometry in the said University :

I. The Person elected to be Professor shall within one Calendar Month after he shall be chosen repair to the University and exhibit to the Vice Chancellor the Instrument of his Election, and promise to observe the following statutes :

1. To reside the major Part of each Term, or two whole Terms every Year in the University, and therein to read yearly one Course of Astronomy consisting of at least 20 Lectures, explaining the Motions of the Sun, Moon, Planets, Comets and Stars, the Doctrine of Eclipses, Physical Causes of the Planetary Motions, Phænomena of the Tides, and such other Things as have Relation to Astronomy. And also to read one Course of Geometrical Lectures in every Year, not less than 20 in Number, upon Euclid, Archimedes, Apollonius or some modern Geometrical Author; explain the Principles of Plain and Solid Geometry, Trigonometry, the Conic Sections, &c. upon pain of Forfeiture of Twenty Shillings for every Lecture omitted.

2. To give Public Notice a week or ten days before of the Time and Place of Reading, and print a Syllabus of the Heads of the Lectures to be read.

3. To provide before the end of the first year after his election a good Clock and a Meridian Telescope, with other Astronomical Instruments (if not before provided) proper for observing the Transits of the Sun, Moon, and Planets, Eclipses of the Sun Moon and Satellits of Jupiter, and the Places of Comets, under the Penalty of Fifty Pounds to be deducted out of that years Salary. And with those Instruments to observe as many of such Phænomena as can be seen at Cambridge for 6 weeks in every year, together with a competent Number of Transits of fixt Stars: the Observations to be deposited in the University Library, and a Copy thereof to be sent by the Professor to the Royal Society within 6 Months after the end of the year wherein the Observations were made, upon Pain of forfeiting Twenty Pounds for every year such Observations shall not be made and communicated to the Royal Society as aforesaid. All the forfeitures to be applyed to the use of the University Library for purchasing Books of Astronomy and Geometry.

4. Such Instruments as shall be purchased by any Professor to belong to his Executors, except he gives them to the Professorship.

5. If the Professor be disabled by age or infirmity he may appoint a Deputy who shall perform the several Parts of the Duty above required¹.