

Aurora Borealis appeared vertically, shooting Rays of all Colours around, which turned to a very deep red Colour.

LV.

Part of a Letter from the Rev. Henry Miles, D. D. F. R. S. to Mr. H. Baker, F. R. S. concerning the Earthquake felt on Sept. 30. 1750.

Tooting, October 30. 1750.

Read Nov. 1. 1750. **A** Worthy Friend, the Rev. Mr. *Daniel Goodrich*, who liveth at *Oundle* in *Northamptonshire*, has sent me an Account of the Earthquake felt in that and the neighbouring Counties, on *Sept. 30th*, at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ at Noon.

He informs me, that he was then at *Uppingham* in *Rutlandshire*, sitting in a Room intent on writing and thinking, when he was surpris'd with a Sound very strong and awful; which, at the first Moment, made him think of the rattling of a Coach upon the Pavement: But this Apprehension was immediately corrected by somewhat very different in the Sound, and rais'd in him an Idea of the crashing of a falling House. He felt himself in a very shaking way: The Table at which he sat shiver'd, and the Windows of the Room jarred: But he did not think of an Earthquake, till the People of the House came into the Room, and told him what had happened. Some Slates were shaken off the Houses, and in one House the Hammer of a Clock struck the Bell: Some Chimnies were thrown down; many talk'd of a sensible

sensible Heaving of the Ground: But, he says, he is credibly informed, that, in one House in that County, the Mud Floor was cracked not a little in three or Four Places. In one House, in the Town of *Uppingham*, where two Men and a Woman were sitting, upon the Approach of the Sound (tho' they had no Thought of an Earthquake), the Men could hardly draw their Breath in the House; but were immediately obliged to go out for fresh Air; but the Woman felt no Disorder. My Friend adds, that attentive Observers apprehended the Sound to have moved from the N. to the S. or from N.W. to S.E. and that himself had the same Apprehension; and that, according to his present Intelligence, the whole Shock was felt in the Counties of *Northampton, Leicester, Nottingham, Rutland, and Lincoln*, affecting a Tract of the County of about 60 Miles in Length, and as much in Breadth. I have given you the Account in his own Words, with very small Variation.

LVI.

A Letter from the Rev. Mr. John Nixon, F. R. S. to the President, serving to accompany a Letter from Mr. William Smith to Mr. Nixon, giving a very particular Account of the Earthquake felt on Sept. 30. 1750.

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*Higham, November 8.*Read Nov. 15.
1750.

THIS waits upon you with a Letter. I have just received from *Peterborough*. I hope the Veracity of my Correspondent, who