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Summary Information

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Abstract	This volume was made at Wilmington, Delaware, for determining the longitude, from 1 July-14 October. It records the position of selected stars and planets. Contains also: Note regarding his astronomical clock, and entries relative to his work in continuing the Mason & Dixon's line.

Background note

David Rittenhouse was an instrument-maker, astronomer, and treasurer of Pennsylvania. Elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1768, he served as its president from 1791 to 1796.

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Other Descriptive Information

This slender volume contains meteorological and some astronomical data taken at Wilmington, Delaware from July 1 to October 14, 1784. In addition to the data, the volume contains marginalia on the weather, his astronomical clock, and his calculations for finishing the Mason-Dixon Line.