

Another lump of the same *Craffamentum* being weigh'd in the same manner, its Specifick Gravity was 1082.9.

Sept. 18. 1719. I found the Specifick Gravity of another piece of *Craffamentum* to be 1082.1.

A second piece from the Blood of a different Person gave me 1086.1.

A third from the same Person gave 1086.6.

From this it follows that the Specifick Gravity of the Blood Globules is at least 1084, which is the *Medium* between these five Experiments.

But if we allow one half of the bulk of the *Craffamentum* to consist of *Serum*, filling up the Spaces between the Blood Globules, we shall find their Specifick Gravity to be 1138.

From this we must make a small abatement, because some part of the *Serum* must have been squee'd out from between the Globules, by their yielding to one anothers Pressure, when the lump of *Craffamentum* lay upon the Paper: and this will reduce their Specifick Gravity sufficiently near to 1126, as we had before determin'd it.

IV. *An Account of the Sunk Island in Humber, some Years since recover'd from the Sea. Being an Extract of a Letter Communicated to the Royal Society by John Chamberlayne, Esq;*
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THIS Island goes by the name of the *Sunk Island*, so called I suppose from the sinking Marsh Ground about it. As for its Original one may make pretty sure Conjectures of that I believe, because 'tis yet with-
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in the memory of Man, since it began to raise its Head above the Ocean, there being several old People here alive, who can remember when there appeared nothing of it but a vast and barren Sand; and that only at Low-Water too, when for the space of a few Hours it shewed its Head, and then was buried again till the next Tides Retreat: thus successively it liv'd and died until the Year 1666, when it began to maintain its ground against the insult of the Waves; about which time it began to be rescued wholly from future danger, by the Care and Industry of Colonel *Gilby*, who having, as I am inform'd, a Lease or Gift of it from the Crown, did raise Banks about the rising Grounds of it, and so defending it from the Encroachments of the Water, it became Firm and Solid; and in a short time afforded good Pasturage for Sheep and other Cattel. The Expences at first to improve it to what it is, must needs have been very considerable; it being encompass'd with high Banks, and deep Canals for receiving and discharging the Liquid Element, which every now and then notwithstanding threatens to repossess it self of its ancient Hereditament, but hitherto in vain; for I now acquaint you of its present Safety.

This Island is now about 9 Miles in Circumference, within the Banks, which seem to render it impregnable against all future attacks of the Sea, and is of a very fat and fertile Soil, affords good Grass, Corn and Hay, and is replenished with numerous flocks of Sheep, which are of a larger Size and finer Wool than those in *Hildernefs*, from which it is divided by about two Miles in Water; and from *Lincolnshire* by about four. It is stor'd with vast numbers of Rabbits, that seem innumerable, they appearing through all Parts in prodigious Swarms; their Skins are counted the finest in *England*, of a dark Mouse Colour, Shagg'd, and soft as Silk.

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There are also Cows and Horses feeding constantly in the Place, with great plenty of Wild Fowl.

The Inhabitants are not so numerous, there being only three Families that live constantly upon the Place; however they are never too solitary, there being abundance of Workmen and Labourers that continually resort thither, sometimes I am told to the number of a Hundred and upwards, for the repairing of the Banks, &c.

The Yearly Income of the Proprietor Mr. *Gilby*, amounts to about 800*l.* and pays the King's Taxes to those who Collect for the *East-Riding*, and is usually uplifted by those of the Liberty and Township of *Ottringham*, from the Marshes of which there is a Passage over the Sands to the *Sunk* at Low-water. But this Custom of paying the King's Cefs to them, proceeds only from the conveniency, not Necessity; for it never belong'd to that or any other Parish, so that I cannot resolve you in what Diocese this Island lyes, unless it had been united to some neighbouring Parish, or converted to one of it self; which if effected, the Tyth of Lambs, Wool and Rabbits, &c. would make up a handsome Benefice. It lyes nearer indeed to the Diocese of *Tork*, by at least two Miles, than to that of *Lincoln*, being two Miles South of *Holderness*, in the River *Humber*, and four Miles North of *Lincolnshire*, &c.

Welwick, April 14.

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