







PHILOSOPHICAL TRANSACTIONS.

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I. *A Letter from Monsieur N. Witsen to Dr. Martin Lister, with two Draughts of the Famous Persepolis.*

THIS Ingenious and Inquisitive Gentleman having already often obliged the World with Communications of his Discoveries, lately sent the following Letter with the Draughts to *Dr. Lister*, who was pleased to permit their Publication in these Tracts: The greatness of the Curiosity we hope will recommend them to the Lovers of Antiquity, little of those Famous Remains having been yet publisht, and those that have been, but ill designed or graved. *Monsieur Witsen's Letter*, translated from the *French*, is as follows.

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SIR,

S I R,

Since I had the Honour of receiving your last, there came to my hands several Curious *Shells* from you, with a piece of *English Agate*, and the Transactions of the *Royal Society* for the Month of *June* last, for which Favours I return my Humble Thanks. As to the *Cockles* of the *Caspian Sea*, and from the Mouth of *Volga*, I have Advice from *Moscou*, that they are expected there this Winter: Meanwhile I herewith send you some *Snail-Shells*, taken out of the River *Faute*, not far from the City of *Moscou*. Our *Apothecaries* make use of them powdered, and probably for the same purpose as *Crabs-Eyes*. There are some others likewise which are found in the Rivers of *Moscou* and *Neglina*, and in the *Volga*. Since you have been pleased to communicate to me an Inscription found at *Persepolis*, I thought it would be acceptable to send you the Draughts of part of the Ruins of the Stone-work of that Proud Palace, given me by the Person himself that drew them upon the place. I should be much satisfied had I any thing worthy of your Curiosity and the Publick, which you so often Oblige with your Discoveries, which justly merit mine and the Thanks of all that esteem them as much as myself, who am the Cherisher of your Friendship, and desirous to shew that I am,

S I R,

Your most Humble and Obedient Servant,

Amsterdam;
Jan. 1. 1694.

N. Witsen.

II. *Dr. Gwithers's Discourse of Physiognomy. Communicated by Mr. Owen Lloyd, Secretary of the Philosophical Society at Dublin.*

I*ndex animi vultus*, is a saying frequent in the Mouth of every Pedant, and every Fortune-telling *Charletain* pretends to read a Man's Face; as the *Astrologer* does Heaven's.
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