

does nothing towards erecting or reverſing, but repreſents the Image as it is in the *Diſtinct-Base* of the *Object-glaſs* before it, that is, inverted. The third Glaſs erects, or rather reſtores what was before inverted. The fourth repreſents the Image as it receives it from the *Diſtinct-Base* of the third, that is, erect. And this I think a ſufficient Solution of this Problem.

An uncommon Inſcription lately found on a very great Baſis of a Pillar, dug up at Rome; with an Interpretation of the ſame by the learned Dr. Voſſius.

THis Inſcription was lent by that excellent Philoſopher and Mathematician Mr. *Adrian Auzout*, who copyed it from the Stone, to Mr. *Fuſtel*, who was pleaſed to communicate it to the *Royal Society*, together with the Sentiments of Dr. *Voſſius* therupon, of which the Reader may Judg.

The Inſcription is three fold upon three ſides of the Baſis, and as follows.

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 CVRIONI. IIII, VIRO. ALBA
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SCRIBARVM. AEDILIVM. CVRV
LIVM. FRETRIACO. NEAPOLI. EV
NOSTIDON. DECVRIONI. ET
SACERDOTI. APOLLI
NIS. ALBANI. LONGA
NI. BOVILLENSES. DE
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An Extract of the Letter of Dr. *Vossius* to Mr. *Iustel*
 upon the Subject of this Inscription.

— Bene nosti classem Ægyptiacam sive Cataplum Alexandrinum antequam portus Ostiæ esset exstructus, singulis Annis appulisse Puteolos, unde demum frumentum Romam deferrebat. Postquam vero Augustus, & Claudius Casares & postea Nero Ostiæ portum aperuerant, jam annona non tantum Puteolos sed & longe maxima sui parte Ostiam appetebat. Constat autem tempore Tiberii pulsos Romam fuisse Judæos & Ægyptios; unde factum est ut ab Ostia per agrum Laurentem deportaretur frumentum Ariciam et Albam longam usque ad Bovillas, ad decimum nempe ab Urbe Lapidem; neque enim longius progredi permittebatur. A Bovillis enim Romam per Institores Romanos deferrebat, neque enim Ægyptiis aut Judæis in Urbe habitare aut horrea habere erat licitum. Mensuris vero & Venditoribus frumenti Ostiæ & passim alibi præfuisse Decuriones & hoc quoque ex jure constat Sed vero omnibus istis minoribus Decurionibus, qui in singulis locis & Urbibus frumenti curam haberent, præfuisse alium Decurio-

nem, qui vicem Praefecti Annona obiret, & in omnibus istis inferiorum Decurionum Collegiis primum teneret locum, id manifeste ex hac patet Inscriptione, ubi minores Decuriones Bovillani honorem faciunt Equiti Romano & Palatino, qui Decurio seu Curialis & Fretriacus in omnibus esset locis & urbibus, a quibus & per quas Annona Aegyptiaca Romam devehebatur. Decuriones vero promotos fuisse ad honorem Sacerdotii, ita ut simul Flamines, Luperci, Epulones Jovis, & Parasiti fierent Apollinis; & hoc quoque multis constat exemplis. Omne vero dubium tollit, quod in hac Inscriptione eques ille Romanus vocetur Antinoiton & Eunostidon Decurio. Antinoi enim urbs praecipua tum temporis Aegypti superioris erat Civitas, unde per multas fossas frumentum deferebatur ad Mareotin lacum, qui ad Eunosti portum exit in Mare. Ab hoc portu dicti Eunostida curatores frumenti Aegyptiaci; unde demum consecutus deus Eunostus rei frumentariae Inspector, qui huic praesideret portui.

Several Observations of the Eclipse of *Jupiter* by the *Moon* on *March* the 31th. 1686. *St. Vet.* whereof some account has already been given in *Trans- action* No. 181.

THe most accurate Observation of this Eclipse we have received, is that of *Mr. Cassini*, made in the Royal Observatory at *Paris*, published in the *Journal des Sçavans* of the 10th of *June* last, the substance whereof is as follows.

April 10th. *St. N. Vesper* *Mr. Cassini*, assisted by other Astronomers, attended upon this Occultation with Telescopes of 21 and 70 foot, while one was deputed to take the Altitudes of ψ to verifie the time.

At 9^h. 31^m. 6^{sec}. ψ was in a perpendicular falling on the Limb of the ν over against the Northern Part of the spot *Grimaldi* (*Mareotis*) near to *Riccioli* (*stag. Miris*) and was distant from the Limb about four times as much as the said spot.