

and would therefore use the same measure with that employed in buildings. It appears then that this foot was used in superficial measurement; and Vitruvius, who derives his measures from the proportions of the human body, which he assumes as a standard, makes no difference between the foot used in the construction of buildings, and that employed in the mensuration of distances on the road. The author of the *Treatise de Mensuris* says farther, that the measures taken from the proportions of the human body are those "quæ ad viatores seu ad cursores pertinent."

Romans  
used one  
kind of foot  
measure  
only.

We may then, I think, fairly conclude, that the Romans used one foot measure only, and that the Cossutian foot was the Roman foot for all purposes.

Dr. Murdoch speaks twice of the *pes monetalis* of Athens, for which he seems to cite Græaves, who is so far from regarding it as an Attic measure, that he calls it the *pes monetalis*\*, or *Romanus*.

Dr. Murdoch again says, that the proportion of the *pes monetalis* to the English foot is as 19 to 20; and adds, that the term *monetalis* is to be found in Hyginus. It is certainly mentioned twice by that author; but it refers in both places to the *Roman*, and not to the *Attic* foot.

*Pes mone-*  
*talis*  
whence  
derived.

The word *monetalis* is of Roman†, not of Greek extraction, and

† *Rei Agrariæ Scriptores*, Goessii, p. 320.

‡ On the Roman foot.

\* *Μόνηρα ἢ Ἡρα παρὰ Πυρρῶνισι*. Phay. Lexic.  
Vocem ab æde Junonis ex arce extitisse,  
quocirca Junonem illam appellatam *Monetam*,

Cicero de Divinatione.

The Romans, being in want of money at the time of the war with Pyrrhus, invoked the assistance of Juno; who replied, in answer to their applications, that if the war which they carried

derived from an epithet of Juno, in whose temple the money was coined. The *pes monetalis*, or rather its subdivisions, seem to have been the standard for measuring the diameter of the silver coin; and it appears from Vitruvius<sup>b</sup>, and others, that there was much connection between the Greek and Roman measures and the Greek and Roman money. The *pes monetæ* is mentioned frequently by the writers of the middle ages, and is defined from one of these by Du Cange, to be “*meta monetariis præscripta in cudendis nummis, quam omnino observare tenentur.*” From this hint, I examined several very fair Roman coins<sup>c</sup>, both aurei and

carried on was just, money should not be wanting. The Romans then, after gaining what they wished, paid divine honours to *Juno Moneta*, or the Adviser; and decreed, that the money should be coined in her temple. Suid. Lexic. Vox *Μόνητα*.

<sup>b</sup> Ex eo etiam videntur civitates Græcorum fecisse, uti quemadmodum cuobitus est sex palmorum, ita in drachmis quoque, eo numero uterentur. Illæ enim æreos signatos, uti asses ex æquo sex, quos obolos appellant; quadrantesque obolotum, quæ alii dichalca, nonnulli trichalca dicunt, pro digitis viginti quatuor constituere.

Palmus autem habet quatuor digitos, ita efficitur, uti habeat pes sexdecim digitos, et totidem asses æreos denarius. Vitruv. lib. iii. cap. 1.

As the denarius contained sixteen asses, so the foot contained sixteen digitos. And as the assis was divided into twelve uncias, so likewise the foot was divided into twelve uncias; and therefore the dodrans is used by Frontinus, and the semiuncia and Sicilius by Pliny, for proportionable parts of the Roman foot, as the same are used by other classical authors for proportionable parts of the Roman assis or uncia. Greaves of the Roman foot.

<sup>c</sup> The length of the digitus, or sixteenth part of the Roman foot, is, according to Mr Greaves, 72525 decimal parts of an inch; but as so many figures denote fractional parts too minute to be ascertained by actual measurement, I have used the three first figures only; and the reader will remark, in the table annexed, how nearly the diameter of the beaded circle stamped upon the Roman coin accords with Mr. Greaves's calculation of the extent of the digitus. Some irregularity takes place; but this may be imputed, either to the inaccuracy of the workmen, or perhaps, in some degree, to the inequality of force in the blows of the hammer, with which the ancient money was struck: but the coincidence of this part of the impression with the digitus in the consular coins, and those of the higher empire, renders it more than probable that this measure was intended to be the standard of the dimensions of the die. The coins referred to were selected from a considerable number, for the fairness of the impression, and the clearness with which the beaded circle was marked out. The measurements were taken with a pair of fine hair-compasses, and a brass scale of inches and decimal parts, made for this purpose by Mr. Troughton.

denarii, and found the beaded circle impressed on them to coincide very nearly with Mr. Greaves's proportion of the digitus.

Dr. Murdoch himself cannot discover the length of the Roman itinerary foot, as he calls it, from any of his calculations. In the estimation of the distance between Bologna and Modena, he computes the Roman foot at one-sixty-fourth, or a quarter of a digit, less than the English: in reckoning the distance between London and Verulam, he makes it to be one-thirty-second, or half a digit, less; which differs very little<sup>d</sup> from the proportion assigned by Mr. Greaves.

Again, he computes the Roman itinerary foot to be to the English as forty-five to forty-four, or one-forty-fourth part greater. Such confusion arises from unauthorised suppositions. The Roman itinerary foot<sup>e</sup> as distinguished from the common Roman foot, is to me as visionary as the pes monetalis of Athens.

*Table of the dimensions of the beaded circle on the circumference of several Roman Coins.*

Gold Coins.	Diameter of the beaded circle in decimals of an inch.	Silver Coins.	Diameter of the beaded circle in decimals of an inch
Vespasian	.71	Claudius	.695
Trajan	.74	Domitian	.725
Trajan	.725	Domitian	.70
Hadrian	.74	Domitian	.69
Reverse	.725	Domitian	.71
		Trajan	.71
Silver Coins.		Trajan	.71
Consular	.695	Hadrian	.71
Consular	.725	Hadrian	.705
Consular	.725	Marc. Aurelius	.725
Divi filius	.725	Alex. Severus	.71 bad silver
Divus Augustus	.725	Gordian	.775 bad silver
		Philippus	.82 bad silver

<sup>d</sup> 967 : 1000 :: 31 : 32.005.

Having thus, I hope; settled the length of the Roman, it remains to speak of the Greek foot, and the proportion which these bear to one another.

Proportion  
between  
the Greek  
and the  
Roman  
foot,

This is computed by Greaves to be in the ratio of 25 to 24, the Greek foot exceeding the Roman in that proportion, which is the same within a very minute fractional part with that of 1007.29\* to 967; and this proportion has been adopted by Arbuthnot, and indeed, with an almost imperceptible difference, by Dr. Reinhold Forster.

Our knowledge of this proportion is deduced from

how dis-  
coverable

1. The difference of number between the Greek and the Roman feet, said to be contained in the stadium, there being 600 Greek feet, as we have already seen, and 625 Roman feet, which, if we suppose the stadium to be of an equal length in both computations, makes the Greek foot to be longer than the Roman, in the ratio of 25 to 24.

2. The passage of Polybius cited by Strabo, and mentioned above, which seems to give the same proportion.

3. The proportion of the Philæterian foot, which is described to be  $\frac{1}{25}$  part of a stadium, and appears to have been the Greek foot, and was, as Salmasius<sup>f</sup> lays it down,  $\frac{1}{24}$  part longer than the Roman foot, or pes monetalis.

\*  $25 : 24 :: 1007.29 : 966.9984$ .

Græcus et Philæterius, Romano, five monetali.

<sup>f</sup> Sic vigesima quarta parte major erat pes

Salmaf. Plin. Exercitat.



## ON THE MEASURE

4. From the description of the Ptolemaic foot, given by Hyginus<sup>2</sup>, which appears to be the same with the Greek, and was half an inch longer than the pes monetalis, or as 25 to 24.

5. From the measures of ancient buildings, now remaining. "Mr. Stuart," as we are told by the editor of the two last volumes of the *Antiquities of Athens*, "appears to have taken very great pains to discover the true length of the Greek foot, from different measures of the temple of Minerva Parthenon; which, from its name Hecatompodon, was supposed to contain a measure of an hundred feet, in some conspicuous part of the building."

The difference of the foot, and the proportion it bears to English measure, taken from various parts of the building, are as follows.

TABLE I.

	ENGLISH MEASURE.	
	Inches,	Dec. parts.
I. Length of the upper step in front of the temple gives for one Greek foot . . . . .	12.	139
II. From outside to outside of the angular columns . . .	12.	095
III. From center to center of the front columns . . . .	12.	0928
IV. From the Roman foot, by measure of the obelisk of Sesostris . . . . .	12.	11551
V. Length of the architrave . . . . .	12.	0625
VI. From length of the third step in vol. ii. pag. 8. . .	12.	137
Average of the whole . . . . .	12.	10697
Average of Nos. I. II. III. V. VI. . . . .	12.	0808

<sup>2</sup> Præterea pes eorum qui Ptolemaicus appellatur habet monetalem pedem et semunciam. Hyginus de Limitibus constituendis.

# OF THE GREEK STADIUM.

## TABLE II.

Suppose the English foot to be as . . . . .	1000.
The Greek foot, according to Greaves, is . . . .	1007.29
According to No. I. in the other table . . . . .	1011.591
According to No. II. . . . .	1008.
According to No. III. . . . .	1007.68
According to No. IV. . . . .	1009.6
According to No. V. . . . .	1005.21
According to No. VI. . . . .	1011.41
Average of Mr. Stuart's calculations . . . . .	1008.915
Proportion of Greek foot to Roman . . . . .	25 : 23.9614
Length of Greek Olympic stadium, according	Eng feet. Dec parts.
to Mr. Stuart's calculation of the foot . . . .	605. 341

The near coincidence of these calculations with those of Mr. Greaves is a strong presumption of the correctness of both, and proves how much those have been deceived who have attempted to reduce the Greek foot to less than two-thirds of the English. But of this more hereafter.

Mr. Rennel, in his work entitled "The Geographical System of Herodotus," mentions the Olympic stadium of 600 feet, but alleges, that, "there is no testimony of the application of this stadium to itinerary purposes. On the contrary, every portion of distance, as well throughout Herodotus's history, as the writings of other Greeks, appears, on a reference to the ground itself, to be measured by a stade of a much shorter standard, most of them rising above that of Xenophon, which is of 750 to a degree, but falling below that of Strabo, which is of 700."

To

To Mr. Rennel's assertion, that there is no testimony of the application of the Olympic stadium to itinerary purposes by Herodotus, it may be replied, that there is as much testimony as could be expected. It is described as a superficial measure by that writer, and its parts or subdivisions particularised, and this but a few lines after he had specified the extent of the lake Mœris, which he estimates at 3600 stadia, or 450 miles, in circumference, a space which Mr. Rennel will surely allow to be sufficient to be accounted an itinerary computation. Now Herodotus never describes any other stadium, or gives any reason to think, that the one used in computing the extent of the lake Mœris was of a different length from the one described just after. It is worth remarking, that Herodotus, at the beginning of the same book, tells us, "that those who have but a small portion of land, measure it by the *ὀργυιὰ*, or fathom; those who have more, measure it by the stadium; those who have much, by the *parasanga*; and those who possess countries of great extent, by the *schœnus*; the former of the two last-mentioned measures consisting of 30, and the latter of 60, stadia." Now the *ὀργυιὰ* is mentioned as the next division to the stadium in both these places, and of course we have reason to think that the same stadium was meant in both.

From the  
dimensions  
of the lake  
Mœris

From the  
distance be-  
tween Pisa  
and Athens,

In order to prove that Herodotus meant to express a stadium smaller than the Olympic, Mr. Rennel takes the distance between Pisa and Athens, which, he says, "ought, if the numbers be not corrupted, to be accounted decisive." This distance was, according to Herodotus, fifteen stadia short of 1500, or 1485 stadia; and this, he says, agreed nearly with the one between Heliopolis in Egypt, and the sea. "The direct distance," Mr. Rennel says, is, "in D'Anville's map of Greece, 105 Greek miles." I have that

that map now before me, and this distance measures upon it 990 Olympic stadia, or 123 Greek miles and  $\frac{1}{4}$ . If we add to this  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or 15 miles and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , for the winding of the road, it will make up 139 miles and  $\frac{1}{4}$ , equal to 1114 stadia of 600 to a degree. Say then,  
<sup>b</sup> 1114 : 600 :: 1485 : 799.8, or almost 800 to a degree.

Let us now see what the number of stadia to a degree would be by Mr. Rennel's own numbers:  $118. \times 8. = 944$ ; 600 :: 1485 : 943.856, both calculations very different from that of Mr. Rennel.

But the road which we may presume was usually travelled is as follows :

From Pisa to Corinth .....	570	} Olympic stadia, according to D'Anville's map.
From Corinth to Megara .....	250	
From Megara to Athens .....	220	
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Direct distance from Pisa to Athens	1040	

Add  $\frac{1}{4}$ , or 131 stadia, for winding of the road, and the numbers will be 1180 stadia. Say then 1180 : 600 :: 1485 : 755.08, a number not very different from the one assigned by Mr. Rennel, but not deducible from those calculations which he has specified.

<sup>b</sup> 600 Olympic stadia are reckoned equal to a degree, on Mr. D'Anville's map of Greece,

<sup>i</sup> This is the number assigned by Mr. Rennel, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$  for winding of the road.

The distance, according to Mr. Rochette's map of Greece, stands thus :

From Pisa to Corinth .....	63	} English miles
From Corinth to Megara .....	27	
From Megara to Athens .....	26	
<hr/>		
Distance from Pisa to Athens .....	116	
Add $\frac{1}{2}$ or $14\frac{1}{2}$ miles, for winding of the road	14.5	
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	130.5	

Say then,  $130.5 : 1485 :: 69.5 : 790.86$  for the number of stadia in a degree.

From the  
distance be-  
tween  
Olympia  
and Sparta.

But whatever dependence Mr. Rennel may place on this calculation, he owns that the account given by Pausanias, of the distance from Olympia to Sparta, leads to a different conclusion, and gives a stadium of no more than 707 to a degree. Pausanias estimates this distance at 660<sup>k</sup> stadia; and Mr. Rennel says, "that on the map this distance is 50 Greek miles, or 56 by the road, giving a rate of 707 to a degree. The Theodosian Table has 61 mille passus only, equal to about 49 Greek miles by the road."

The distance between Olympia and Sparta is, according to Mr. D'Anville's map, 500 stadia, or  $62\frac{1}{2}$  Greek miles, equal to 57.23 English miles, which last is nearly the distance laid down in Mr. Rochette's<sup>1</sup> map. If we add to this  $\frac{1}{2}$  for winding, it will make

<sup>k</sup> ὁδοῦ δὲ τῆς ἐς Λακεδαίμονα ἐξ Ὀλυμπίας ἐπὶ ἵππων γήδων τὴν ἐν Λακεδαίμονι μέτρα εἶναι σταδίων ἑξακκοσίας. Pausan. lib. vi. p. 492.

Edit. Kühn.

<sup>1</sup> This is the same with the one in Stuart's Antiquities of Athens.

up  $562\frac{1}{2}$  stadia, or 70 Greek miles, or nearly  $64\frac{1}{2}$  English miles. Say ~~then~~,  $64.326 : 660 :: 69.5 : 713.09$ , which is not far from Mr. Rennel's conclusion, though not founded on his calculations.

Let us now see how the account will stand, according to his own computation.  $51.28$  Engl. m. =  $56$  Greek m. :  $660 : : 69.5 : 817.22$ ; very different from Mr. Rennel's calculation of  $707$  to a degree.

As to what Mr. Rennel says respecting the distance being by the Theodosian or Peutingerian Tables  $61$  M. P. I answer, that I have these now before me, in Bertius's edition of Ptolemy's Geography, and find that there are two roads put down from Olympia to Lacedæmon, one the more direct by Melæna, the other following for a considerable part of it the sea-coast. The more direct road has the distances marked on it no farther than from Olympia to Melæna, which last place is set down as  $12$  miles from Olympia, which, by Mr. D'Anville's map, appears to be nearly the true distance; but no farther specifications are to be found for the remainder of the way.

The road by the coast is as follows; with the distances as marked in the tables, and those measured in a straight line, in Mr. D'Anville's map of Greece.

From

	Peutingarian Table.	D'Anville's map.
From Olympia to Samaco . . . .	15 M. P.	17 M. P.
From Samaco to Cypariffa . . . .	24	18
From Cypariffa to Pylus . . . .	15	14
From Pylus to Methone . . . .	30	19
From Methone to Afine . . . .	12	11
From Afine to Messene . . . .	30	28
From Messene to Lacedæmon . . . .	30	30
	<hr/> 156 Total.	<hr/> 137
Add $\frac{1}{2}$ , or 17 M. P. to Mr. D'Anville . . . .		17
		<hr/> 154 Total.

The agreement between modern and ancient computation is here very remarkable; but I suspect that the road, to which Pausanias alludes, was more circuitous than the common allowance of will account for.

Let us now examine some of the distances of which we may be supposed to have more accurate accounts, and which Herodotus himself is said to have measured. He says, that the length of the Bosphorus is 120 stadia. According to the large map of the Propontis, it measures 16<sup>m</sup> English miles; and, according to Mr. Arrowsmith's chart, 13° = 15 English miles. If we take the medium of these two computations, we may say, 15.5 : 120 :: 69.5 : 538 nearly.

From the account given by Herodotus of the length of the Bosphorus

We know not indeed the points between which Herodotus formed his measurements; but they could not be far from those

<sup>m</sup> Rochette's map makes it to be 15½ English miles.

here

here fixed on ; and this instance would argue, that Herodotus used a stadium considerably greater than even the Olympic. Again, Herodotus says, that the Propontis is 1400 stadia in length ; but <sup>Of the Propontis</sup> by the large map it measures, including the Bosporus, which Herodotus says belongs to it, 142.5 English miles. Say then,  $142.5 : 1400 :: 69.5 : 683$  nearly, a strange disproportion between two distances so nearly connected.

The same writer estimates the length of the Hellespont at 400 <sup>Of the Hellespont.</sup> stadia ; but it measures, from Gallipoli to the opening into the Ægean sea, no more than 38 English miles, or about 331 Olympic stadia ; though it winds so much, that Herodotus's calculation of the course of the Strait may be nearly just, and indicates, that he measured on this occasion by the Olympic stadium. But the truth is, that the measurements of Herodotus are in general so inaccurate, or so corrupted, as not to be depended on, and cannot be regarded as a foundation on which any standard measure can be established, and fully justify the observation of Dr. Blair\*, that " nothing is more common than to find a confusion of numbers in " the distances given us by ancient authors."

Mr. Rennel observes truly on the distance between Pisa and Athens, as laid down by Herodotus, that the distance from Heliopolis<sup>o</sup> to the sea, which Herodotus describes as equal to the other, is not in reality more than 80 Greek miles.

Let us then apply to Xenophon, who, as he travelled himself,

\* Hist. of Geography. Strabo acknowledges the same inaccuracy, οὐ γὰρ ὁμολογεῖται περὶ τῶν διαστημάτων. Strab lib. iv. pag. 178.

<sup>o</sup> From Heliopolis to Tanis is 80 Greek miles by D'Anville's map, or 73½ miles by Faden's map. 1802.



Length of  
the daily  
march of  
the army  
of Cyrus.

the distances, which he describes in Asia Minor, may afford more satisfactory information. Mr. Rennel tells us, that “Xenophon’s ordinary march was 150 stadia daily, which both he and Herodotus accounts to be equal to five parasangas.” The proper way, I apprehend, of computing the march of Xenophon’s army, is to take that part of it where they marched over ground with which they were acquainted; not where they were harassed and pursued by the enemy. I would therefore select the account of their march from Sardis to Babylon, a space where the distances were measured, and more to be depended on than those which occurred when they were traversing backwards and forwards deserts, and other difficult and dangerous paths, with which they were totally unacquainted.

*March of Xenophon, with the Greek Auxiliaries.*

	Parasangas.	Days journey.	Stadia, according to D’Anville.
From Sardis to the Mæander . . . . .	22	3	475
From the Mæander to Colosea . . . . .	8	1	200
From Colosea to Celænæ . . . . .	20	3	475
From Celænæ to Peltæ . . . . .	10	2	250
From Peltæ to the Market of the Cramians	12	2	
From the Market of the Cramians to Caystrus	30	3	600
From Caystrus to Thymbrium . . . . .	10	2	250
From Thymbrium to Iconium . . . . .	20	3	675
From Iconium to Tyana . . . . .	25	4	1275
From Tyana to Tarsus . . . . .	254		535
From Tarsus to Pharus . . . . .	10	2	
From Pharus to Pyramus . . . . .	5	1	350
From Pyramus to Issus . . . . .	15	2	300
From Issus to the Gates of Cilicia . . . . .	5	1	125
From the Gates of Cilicia to Myriandrus	5	1	150
From Myriandrus to Calus . . . . .	20	4	600

From

	Parasfan- gas.	Days journey.	Stadia, according to D'Anville
From Calus to Daradax . . . . .	30	5	475
From Daradax to Thapfacus . . . . .	15	3	930
From Thapfacus to Araxes . . . . .	50	9	
From Araxes through Arabia . . . . .	35	5	
From Corlotæ to Pylæ . . . . .	90	13	
Through Babylonia . . . . .	12	3	
	<hr/> 474	<hr/> 76	<hr/> 7065

Now 474 divided by 76 gives 6.2368, or almost *six* parasfangas and a quarter, for a day's journey, not *five*, as Mr. Rennel says. Again, 6.2368 multiplied by 30 gives 187.104 stadia for a day's march, which, if we count by Olympic stadia, is equal to 21.34 English miles. This measure of a day's march differs much from the computation of Mr. Rennel, who assigns 15 miles only; but it is more agreeable to the accounts we have from antiquity of such military movements. But more of this presently.

The fourth column in the foregoing table marks the distances between the stages mentioned in Xenophon, measured from the scale of Olympic stadia annexed to Mr. D'Anville's map of Asia Minor. It is continued only from Sardis to Thapfacus, as the limits of the map did not afford an opportunity of pursuing it farther. The distance between every stage mentioned by Xenophon is not set down, as the several stages are not all marked in the map; but this makes little or no difference in the whole distance; and the coincidence of the numbers specified by Xenophon with those in D'Anville's map, is very remarkable. The distance between Sardis and Thapfacus was, according to Xenophon, 287 parasfangas; which, reckoning 30 stadia to a parasfanga, amounts to 8610 stadia. According to Mr. D'Anville's map, the sum of the direct

direct distances between each stage amounts to 7665 Olympic stadia. If we add to this  $\frac{1}{8}$ , or 958 stadia, for winding of the road, the comparative account will stand thus.

*Distance from Sardis to Thapsacus.*

According to Xenophon, 8610 stadia.	According to D'Anville's			} Olympic stadia.
	map . . . . .	7665	<hr/> 8623	
	Add $\frac{1}{8}$ . . . . .	958		
	Difference from Xenophon 13 stadia, or a 663d part of the whole distance.			

Surely this coincidence, in a space of such an extent, is a sufficient proof that Xenophon used the Olympic stadium.

The above calculation for a day's march implies, no doubt, that it was accelerated beyond the usual rate; and that it was actually so, we are expressly told by Xenophon himself. After having said, that some of the marches were very long, he adds, that "upon the whole, Cyrus appeared throughout to hasten their march, stopping no where, unless to get provisions, or for something else that was necessary; for he judged, that the quicker he marched, the more unprepared the king would be to encounter him, and the slower, the more numerous would be the king's army; for it was obvious to any person of attention, that the Persian empire, though strong with regard to the extent of the country, and the numbers of men, was however weak by reason of the great distances of the places, and the division of its forces, when surprised by a sudden invasion."

\* Spelman's Translation of Xenophon's *Anabasis*, p. 31. It must however, I think, be admitted, that the acceleration of the march of Cyrus could not have been very great, otherwise

Arrian tells us, that Alexander marched from the lake Ascania <sup>q</sup> Of Alexandria, to Celæne in five days. This is, according to D'Anville's ancient map of Asia Minor, 1250 Olympic stadia, and 143<sup>1</sup> English miles by Rochette's map, and the same by D'Anville's modern map of Asia Minor. This makes 250 stadia, or 28½ English miles, for each day's march, allowing nothing for the winding of the road. If it be allowed on that account, each day's march will be 280 stadia, equal to 32 English miles<sup>1</sup>.

Herodotus tells us, that 200 stadia, or 25 Greek miles, equal to <sup>Account's</sup> 22.893 English miles, was a day's journey for a foot traveller; and <sup>from Herodotus.</sup> that 150 stadia, or 18½ Greek miles, was a day's march for an army.

Strabo assigns 250, or even 300, stadia for a day's journey for a <sup>From</sup> foot traveller; and Procopius<sup>1</sup> mentions 210 as the usual com- <sup>Strabo.</sup> <sup>From</sup> <sup>Procopius.</sup> putation.

Vegetius<sup>u</sup>, at a time when the Roman discipline began to de- <sup>From</sup> <sup>Vegetius.</sup> cline, says, that the usual daily march of the army was 20 miles, which was performed in five hours<sup>\*</sup>; and that if they accelerated

wife it could scarcely have been continued for so many days successively.

<sup>q</sup> Καὶ ἀφικνῆται ἐς Καλαίνας πεμπήλας. Arriani Vit Alexandri, lib. i.

<sup>1</sup> 143 English miles are equal to 1249.248 Olympic stadia.

<sup>u</sup> Alexander, when more at leisure, marched from Gaza to Pelusium in seven days, which is, according to Mr. D'Anville's map, with the allowance of  $\frac{1}{4}$  for winding of the road, 1237.5 Olympic stadia; or, according to a later map,

1252 stadia, which is about 178 stadia each day, or more than 20 English miles.

<sup>1</sup> Bello Vandalico, lib. i. c. 1. Procopius says, a little after, that it was 40 days journey for a foot traveller from Chalcedon to the Phasis. The distance is, according to Arrian, 8505 stadia, or 212.6 stadia nearly for each day.

<sup>u</sup> He lived about A. D. 387.

<sup>\*</sup> Lib. i. cap. 9.

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their pace, they could march 24 miles in the same time. If this appears to be a greater effort than soldiers in the present age are equal to, we should consider the effects of habit and exercise. The armour of our own forefathers, which was easily carried by them, and under the weight of which they even performed feats of activity, could scarcely be supported by a man of moderate strength in the present age. Vegetius tells us, that in his time the weight of the armour and provisions, which was carried by the Roman soldiers on these long marches, amounted to 60 pounds. Yet we have reason to believe that this was done without any extraordinary difficulty. Their military exercise was a constant habituation to fatigue, whereas that of modern times is more adapted to the practice of quick motions, and rapid evolutions, than to the endurance of hardship and labour. This circumstance gave the soldiers of antiquity a capacity of performing what we can scarcely conceive. Yet we must not deny what is so incontestably proved, from writers of the best authority, and indeed from the general tenor of history.

Cicero gives nearly the same account with Vegetius of the

From  
Cicero

<sup>1</sup> Livy reckons 25 Roman miles (equal to 200 stadia, as appears from the corresponding passage in Polybius) to be a day's journey or march for a body of men, on a military expedition. Twenty-five Roman miles were equal to 22.893 Eng. miles. Liv. lib. xxi. sect. 28.

<sup>2</sup> Pondus bajulare, uique ad sexaginta libras, et iter facere gradu militari frequentissime cogendi sunt juniores, quibus, in arduis expeditionibus necessitas imminet annonam pariter et arma portandi. Nec hoc credatur

esse difficile, si usus acceperit, nihil enim est quod non assidua meditatio facillimum reddat. Quam rem antiquos milites fecitavisse Virgilio ipso teste cognoscitur. Veget. lib. i. cap. 19.

Silvam cedere, portare onera, transilire fossas, natare in mari seu fluminibus, gradu pleno ambulare, vel currere, etiam armatos, cum sarcinis suis frequentissime convenit; ut quotidiani laboris usus in pace, difficilis non videatur in bello. Veget. lib. ii. cap. 23.

Roman

Roman discipline<sup>a</sup> in his time, and of its effects, which Marius had before experienced in the Cimbric war. Men who could undergo such fatigues might well perform longer marches than those to which Mr. Rennel objects. But, says Mr. R. the space of 14½ miles was the mean distance travelled by an Indian army. But that of Cyrus was not a tumultuary multitude of that kind. Xenophon himself relates a remarkable<sup>b</sup> instance how forward the principal persons among them were to expedite the march of the army by their personal exertions. Cyrus himself was the most consummate general of the age in which he lived; he commanded forces raised in Greece, or in countries connected with it; he himself admired and practised the Grecian discipline; he promised himself the empire of Persia, by the aid of the Greeks; and although a tragical accident put an end at once to his life and to his hopes, his allies, in the midst of an enemy's country, and subject to every disadvantage, returned sword in hand, in despite of all the efforts of their enemies, by a different road, and reached Greece in safety. Surely such forces were as capable of a long

<sup>a</sup> Nostri exercitus unde nomen habent vides: deinde qui labor, quantusque agminis, ferre plus dimidiati mensis cibaria; ferre, si quid ad usum velint: ferre vallum? Nam scutum, gladium, galeam, in onere nostri milites non plus numerant, quam humeros, lacertos, manus: arma enim membra milites esse ducunt. Ciceron. Tusc. Disp. lib. ii. sect. 15.

<sup>b</sup> Once, where the road was narrow, and so deep that the carriages could not pass without difficulty, Cyrus stopped, with those about him of the greatest authority and fortune, and ordered Glus and Pigres to take some of the barbarians belonging to his army, and help the carriages through: but thinking they

went slowly about it, he ordered, as in anger, the most considerable Persians who were with him to assist in hastening on the carriages. This afforded an instance of their ready obedience; for, throwing off their purple robes, where each of them happened to stand, they ran, as if it had been for a prize, down a very steep hill, in their costly vests and embroidered drawers, some even with chains about their necks, and bracelets round their wrists; and leaping into the dirt with these, they lifted up the carriages, and brought them out sooner than can be imagined. Spelman's Expedition of Cyrus, p. 30, 31.

march as the Roman armies were in the middle of the fourth century.

Mr. Rennel again allows that Strabo reckoned eight stadia to a mile, and that seemingly on his own judgment; and afterwards says, that if the opinion of Polybius is to be followed, one-third of a stadium is to be added, as he has allotted  $8\frac{1}{3}$  stadia to a mile. But I have before produced a passage from the works of Polybius, now extant, in which he allows eight stadia only to a mile; and it is probable that the passage cited by Strabo might be only to accommodate the Greek to the Roman measure, if it be not, as I have before hinted, a mistake of Strabo himself.

It is rather incorrect in Mr. Rennel to say that  $8\frac{1}{3}$  Olympic stadia, of 600 feet each, were equal to 5000 feet. If he measures the Olympic stadium by Roman feet, and allows only 600 of these to a stadium, contrary to the account given by all the Roman writers, who assign 625 Roman feet to a stadium, his calculation will hold good; but it is more natural to suppose that a Greek measure should be computed by Greek feet. If these were meant, eight Olympic stadia, without any addition, though containing only 4800 Greek feet, would be equal to 5000 Roman feet, as has been observed before.

Mistake of  
Mr. Rennel.

It is unfortunate that a person of Mr. Rennel's sagacity and abilities should fall into such a mistake, as to suppose that a figure of eight could be substituted in place of a figure of nine, in the MSS. of Strabo, when the use of the Arabic numerals was not introduced until a later date than that of any good MSS. of that writer, and when the number is not expressed by any numeral figures

figures at all, but by the Greek word ὀκταστάδιον<sup>c</sup>, which requires more than the change of a single letter to metamorphose it into ἐννεαστάδιον.

The measures of some of the ancient buildings may be applied towards ascertaining the length of the stadium, as well as that of the foot.

Testimonies concerning the length of the stadium, drawn from the measures of ancient buildings.

Pausanias tells us, that the Peribolus, or wall<sup>d</sup> furrounding the court which inclosed the temple of Jupiter Olympius at Athens, was at most<sup>e</sup> four stadia in circumference. The dimensions, according to Mr. Stuart, are as follows :

	Feet.	Inches.	Dec. of an Inch.
Length . . . . .	688	6	5
Breadth . . . . .	463	5	37
	1151	11	87
			2
	2303	11	74

equal to 2286 Greek feet nearly, which are one-nineteenth part and a half short of four Olympic stadia ; but nevertheless sufficiently coinciding with the expression of Pausanias, supposing he meant Olympic stadia ; but not if he meant stadia of the dimensions assigned by Mr. Rennel.

<sup>c</sup> Ptolemy assigns only 500 stadia to a degree, or eight stadia and one-third to a minute, or 60 Roman miles, at 625 feet to the stadium. Geogr. cap. vii. A Greek or Roman mile is about 75 to a degree on the equator ; of course 600 stadia would be the proper

number.

<sup>d</sup> Pausanias, lib. i.<sup>o</sup>

<sup>e</sup> The words of Pausanias are, σταδίων μάλιστα τεσσάρων ἰσὶν<sup>o</sup> which means, at most or near four stadia. Conf. Lexic. et Steph. Thesaur. Vox μάλιστα.



The length of the area of the Panathenæan stadium is yet distinguishable. It was accurately measured by Mr. Vernon, who accompanied Sir George Wheeler to that place, A. D. 1676, and was determined by him to be 630 English feet; and with this account both Dr. Chandler and Mr. Stuart agree. If we consider that the racers in the stadium, in the course called Δίαυλος, returned in the same direction in which they set out, we may allow 25 feet for the turn at the end round the meta; and if so, the length of the course will be 600 Greek feet, or 605 English feet; which, from this measurement, I think more than probable.

Opinion of  
Mr. Barré  
considered

In the nineteenth volume of the French Memoirs of Literature, including from the year 1714 to 1746, there are some dissertations on the length of the stadium, by Mr. De la Barré<sup>f</sup>. That gentleman had conceived a notion, that the stadium of Herodotus was only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the length of the one employed by Pliny; and this position, which abridges the length of the stadium more than any which I have seen, is supported by him with much learning and ingenuity, though ~~not~~ altogether with candour and impartial representation.

He founds his argument on the length of the Pythic stadium, which, Censorinus tells us, consisted of 1000 feet; whilst the Italic contained only 625, and the Olympic but 600 feet.

Mr. Barré thinks, that the Romans adopted the Pythic stadium from the intercourse which they had with Greece, when they sent, as they often did in early times, to consult the Pythian or Delphic

<sup>f</sup> Sur les Mesures Géographiques des Anciens,

oracle. But this is all a conjecture of his own. The Pythic stadium never could have been in general use among the Romans, as it is never, as far as I can find, noticed, or even named, by any other writer than Censorinus, even by those who treat professedly of the mensuration of distances. It seems probable that it was a local measure only, perhaps of the Gymnasium<sup>s</sup> belonging to the place, and not in use elsewhere. But let us examine his arguments.

He begins with saying, that Pliny, translating a passage from Theophrastus, renders the words *τρῆς καὶ δέκα ὀργυιάων*, by *centum triginta pedum*; and as the words so applied signify that each *ὀργυιά*, or fathom, contains ten feet, which is four feet above the length assigned by Herodotus, it follows, that the fathom in the time of Pliny was as five to three to that used in the time of Herodotus; and from thence infers, that the stadium of Pliny exceeded that of Herodotus in the same proportion. But, supposing the reading to be genuine, all that I can infer from it is, that thirteen fathoms in the time of Theophrastus were equal to 130 feet in the time of Pliny; and of course, that the fathom was increased in the proportion of five to three from the time of Herodotus to that of Theophrastus, a thing difficult to conceive, as the interval was no more than 137 years. But this no ways concerns Pliny's calculation of the length of the stadium, which he never reckons by fathoms, but by paces and feet; and says positively, that a stadium

Argument from the words of Theophrastus, as translated by Pliny.

<sup>s</sup> The Pythian games were celebrated at or near Cirrha, in the neighbourhood of Delphi, where, as it appears from Pausanias and Pindar, there was a horse-course (*ἵππώδρομος*) and a stadium.

Πυδοῖ τε γυμνῶς ἐπὶ  
 Σταδίων καταδάντες ἤλυξαν  
 Ἑλλανίδα σπαρτιάς ἀνύτη-  
 τι. Pindar. Pyth. Od. xi. vers. 73.

See also Pausan. Phocic. p. 893. Edit. Kühn.

contain;

contains 125 of the former, and 625 of the latter. To suppose on such a random conjecture that Pliny ascribed 1000 feet to a stadium, when his own words so directly contradict it, would be the height of absurdity.

But let us now examine, from the testimony of various writers of authority, Greek as well as Roman, if the measure of ten Roman feet would not be utterly inconsistent with the description of the ὀργυιά, or fathom, itself.

Xenophon <sup>h</sup>, who flourished only 54 years after Herodotus, describes the ὀργυιά to be the measure of the distance which reaches from the extremity of one arm to that of the other, when both are extended at right angles to the body. Phavorinus<sup>i</sup>, Suidas<sup>k</sup>, Hesychius<sup>l</sup>, and Julius Pollux<sup>m</sup>, explain it in the same way.

The same measure, though without a name assigned to it, is described by Vitruvius, who makes it equal<sup>n</sup> to the length of the body. It is also evident that Vitruvius meant hereby a measure of six feet, as he reckons the measure<sup>o</sup> of the foot as one-sixth part of the height.

Of the authors above cited, Vitruvius lived about 126 years be-

<sup>h</sup> Χίρτες μὲν γὰρ, ἢ δύο αὐτὰς τὰ πλεον ὀργυιάς διέχοντα ἅμα ποιῆσαι, ἐκ αὐτῶν δύναντο. Memorab. lib. ii. cap. 9. sect. 19.

<sup>i</sup> Ὀργυιά τὸ ἐξηπλωμένον μέτρον τῶν χερῶν, ἢ τῆς ἑκτασίου τῶν χερῶν. Phavorin.

<sup>k</sup> Ὀργυιά τὰ μὲν ἰδίαν χερῶν μέτρα. Suidas.

<sup>l</sup> Ὀργυιά ἢ τῶν ἀμφοτέρων χερῶν ἑκτασις. Hesychii Lexic.

<sup>m</sup> Εἰ δ' ἔμφω τὰς χεῖρας ἐκταίνουσας, ὥς καὶ τὸ γένον αὐταῖς συμμετρεῖν, ὀργυιά τὸ μέτρον. Jul. Polluc. lib. ii. sect. 158.

<sup>n</sup> Nam si a pedibus imis ad summum caput ~~stadium~~ erit, eaque mensura relata fuerit ad manus parvas, invenitur eadem latitudo uti altitudo. Vitruv. lib. iii. cap. 1.

<sup>o</sup> Pes vero altitudinis corporis sexta. Ibid.

fore Pliny; Julius Pollux lived about eighty years later, and Hesychius about 300 years after Pliny\*. Is it reasonable then to suppose that Pliny should assign ten Roman feet to a measure, universally allowed in his own time to be equal to the height of a man, as a standard? Six Roman feet are, in English measure, equal to 69.624 inches, or rather more than five feet nine inches and a half, which is nearly the medium size of well-proportioned men. But if Pliny estimated the height of a man at ten Roman feet, equal to nine feet eight inches English measure, we must suppose he borrowed his standard from the heroic ages, and was himself infected with the "*Græciæ fabulofitas*," of which he more than once complains. But I suspect the passage cited from Pliny to be corrupt. It is certainly incorrect, as it describes the cedar, whose extraordinary size he records, as growing in Cyprus, when Theophrastus expressly says<sup>q</sup>, that it grew in Syria.

Mr. Barré next remarks, that the circumference of the earth, as reckoned by Posidonius, who lived in the time of Pompey, was 240,000 stadia; which number, he observes, is to 400,000 (the number assigned by Aristotle) as 6 is to 10; and concludes from thence, that there was a difference of  $\frac{2}{5}$  in the length of the stadia, by which they respectively calculated. But Posidonius nowhere says that his computation was derived from Aristotle; on the contrary, we know from Cleomedes<sup>r</sup>, that it was deduced from an

\* Lib. iv. Argum. Lib. xii. cap. i. lib. v. cap. i.

<sup>q</sup> Theophrast. lib. v. cap. 9.

<sup>r</sup> Lib. i. cap. 26.

observation of the star Canopus\*, made by himself. He remarked,

\* Height of the North Pole at Rhodes 36 27  
 Distance from the Pole to the Equator 90  
 Declination of Canopus South 52 31

Subtract this sum 178 58  
 From . . . . 180

Remainder . . . . 1 2

• Add for refraction 24

Apparent altitude of Canopus at Rhodes 1 26

Height of North Pole at Alexandria 31 11

Distance from the Pole to the Equator 90

Declination of Canopus South 52 31

Subtract this sum 173 42  
 From . . . . 180

Remainder . . . . 6 18

Add for refraction . 8

Apparent altitude of Canopus at

Alexandria . . . . . 6 26

Subtract for its apparent height

at Rhodes . . . . . 1 26

Remainder . . . . 5

which is the difference between its apparent height at the two places. Five degrees of latitude, at 69.25 English miles each, = 346 English miles, = 3023 Olympic stadia; which should be, according to this calculation, the distance between Alexandria and Rhodes, supposing them to lie under the same meridian. But Alexandria is 1° 51' to the east of Rhodes, a space in the latitude of Alexandria equal to 110 English miles.

Square of 346 119716

Square of 110 12100

Sum 131816

Square root 363.65 E. miles.

for the distance from Alexandria to Rhodes, = 3177 Olympic stadia. But this distance is too small, owing to the proportionally greater refraction at the altitude of 1° 2', than at 6° 18', which amounts to 16' in altitude, and to about 17' in distance.

True altitude of Canopus at Rhodes 1 2  
 at Alexandria 6 18

Difference 5 16

Equal to 364.71 English miles.

Square of 364.71 133013 37

Square of 110 12100

Sum 145113.37

Square root 380.97 E. miles.

Equal to 3328 Olympic stadia, for the distance from Alexandria to Rhodes.

Let us now see how the calculation of Posidonius, respecting the circumference of the earth, would stand, had his observations of the respective altitudes of Canopus at Alexandria and Rhodes been correct, though without allowing for refraction. The apparent difference of altitude at the two places was, as I before observed, 5°. Say then 5° : 360 :: 5000 stadia to 360,000 = 41207.4 English miles, just double to his later calculations, being 10000 stadia to a degree. By his other computations, derived from the gnomonic measurements of Eratosthenes, and which estimate the distance only at 3750 stadia, it would stand thus—5 : 360 :: 3750 : 270,000, or 750 stadia to a degree.

Posidonius, it is evident, made two mistakes, besides that of supposing Rhodes and Alexandria to lie under the same meridian; the first in supposing Canopus to have no altitude at Rhodes, whereas it has a real one of 1° 2',

that this star was but just visible in the horizon of Rhodes, and that at Alexandria its meridian height was a forty-eighth part of a great circle in the heavens, or  $7^{\circ} 30'$ ; and inferred from thence, what part of a great circle on the earth this difference would amount to. The distance between Rhodes and Alexandria he took for granted to be 5000 stadia; and of course the circumference of the earth would be 240,000 stadia. Cleomedes was however doubtful of this measurement; as he observes, that a less sum is to be taken, if the distance between Rhodes and Alexandria should be found to be less than 5000 stadia; which distance, Mr. Costard<sup>t</sup> very properly observes, ~~from~~ Strabo, was not obtained by any attempt at mensuration, but only from the estimation of navigators<sup>u</sup>. But when Posidonius heard that Eratosthenes had, by gnomonic observations, ascertained the distance between Alexan-

$1^{\circ} 2'$ , and an apparent one of  $1^{\circ} 26'$ , and the second in over-rating the altitude of the star at Alexandria, which he took to be  $7^{\circ} 30'$ ; whereas it is no more, including the effects of refraction, than  $6^{\circ} 26'$ . These errors caused him to under-rate the extent contained in  $7^{\circ} 30'$ , although he over-rated the real distance.

The following comes nearer the truth:

Distance between Rhodes and

Alexandria . . . . 380 97

Subtract for difference of lon-

gitude . . . . 16.26

Remains 364.71 E. miles.

Say then,  $316 : 364.71 : 21600 : 24935.27$   
English miles, only five English miles different from modern calculation, and equal nearly to 217840 Olympic stadia, for the circumference of the earth, or 605.11 Olympic stadia to a degree on the equator, very near to what it is

computed to be in Table IV.

Cassini observed, that the medium number between the calculations of Eratosthenes and Posidonius, respecting the circumference of the earth, which the former supposed to be 252,000, and the latter to be 180,000 stadia, is 216,000; which number, divided by 360, gives 600 stadia to a degree, and 10 stadia to a minute.

The respective latitudes and longitudes of Alexandria and of Rhodes are as below stated

	Latitude.		Longit.	
Alexandria, Robertf. Navig.	$31^{\circ}$	$11'$	$30^{\circ}$	$17'$
— from Denon's Trav.	$31^{\circ}$	$12'$	$29^{\circ}$	$55'$
— from Walfh	$31^{\circ}$	$13'$	$29^{\circ}$	$45'$
Rhodes, Robertson's Navig.	$36^{\circ}$	$27'$	$28^{\circ}$	$26'$

<sup>t</sup> Costard's Astronomy, p. 207.

<sup>u</sup> Strabo, lib. ii. p. 125, 126. Ed. Cafaub. Paris.

dria and Rhodes to be no more than 3750 stadia, and taking this interval to be (what it is not) a forty-eighth part of the earth's circumference, he reduced his computation to 180,000 stadia<sup>\*</sup>; and this measure, in which the number of degrees assigned by Posidonius, and the number of stadia measured by Eratosthenes, are made use of, was received by Marinus<sup>†</sup> of Tyre, and others, and is generally ascribed to Ptolemy, because he makes use of it in his geography.

Besides, Eratosthenes, who lived during the interval between Aristotle and Posidonius, and 123 years ~~later~~ than Aristotle, had concluded the circumference of the earth to be 250,000 stadia; or, as most account it, 252,000 stadia, from an observation of the distance between Syene and Alexandria<sup>‡</sup>, and the respective meridian altitude<sup>§</sup> of the sun at each place.

<sup>\*</sup> Strabo, lib. ii. p. 95.

<sup>†</sup> Long's Astronomy, vol. i. p. 128.

<sup>‡</sup> Eratosthenis Geograph. Fragmenta, p. 53.

<sup>§</sup> Arat. Phænomen. Edit. Oxon. 1672. p. 37.  
*κατασπίσμων.*

De stadiis Eratosthenis nihil pro certo affirmare audeo, quale stadium in animo habuerit. Hoc tamen expectandum esset, aliud Eratosthenis si habuerit stadium, a Strabone esset indicatum. Nunc autem Strabo octo stadia mille passibus Romanis adnumerat, cui convenit Plinius, centum viginti quinque passus Romanos stadio tribuens semperque, ubi Eratosthenis stadia passuum numero exhibet, hac dimensione utens. Secundum hæc itaque terræ maximus circulus esset 31500 milliaria Romana, seu 6300 milliaria nostra (Germanica) geographica. Nam unum milliare geographicum est æquale quinque milliariis Romanis. Error itaque esset 900 mill.

geograph. Nam secundum nostrorum dimensionum geographicarum ambitus circuli maximi est 5400 mill. geograph. Ex hoc ipso apparere videtur, eo stadio, quod Olympicum vocant, usum fuisse Eratosthenem. Etenim secundum ejus dimetiendi rationem, magnitudinem circuli maximi nimiam æstimare sane debebat. Secundum accuratorem dimensionem autem non nisi 600 stadia Olympica uni gradui conveniunt. Stadium Ægyptiacum, quorum quindecim sunt æqualia uni milliario Romano, nullo modo dimensionem Eratosthenis potest accommodari adversus stadium Græcum minus testatur locus Strabonis. Eratosthenis Fragm. Edit. a G. C. F. Seidel, Goettingæ, 1789. p. 58.

Univerſum autem hunc circuitum Eratosthenes in omnium quidem literarum subtilitate et in hac utique præter cæteros solers, quam cunctis probare video ducentorum quinquaginta,



Archimedes<sup>b</sup>, who was contemporary with Eratosthenes, mentions that 300,000 stadia was the number assigned by some for the circumference of the earth in his time

The proportion therefore, which Mr. Barré remarks between the numbers of Aristotle and those of Posidonius, was in all probability casual, and serves only to confirm the remark of Dr. Blair, above cited, “that nothing is more common than to find a “confusion of numbers in the measurements given us by ancient “authors.”

In order to prove the ancient Greek stadium to be only  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the length of the one used in later times, by which Mr. Barré means those subsequent to the age of Alexander, he observes, that it had been before remarked, that a Roman mile did not always contain eight stadia, but sometimes only seven and a half. This might prove that there was a difference in the length of the mile, but proves nothing respecting that of the stadium. Strabo says, that in his time the usual computation was eight stadia, but that some reckoned only seven and a half. This difference seems however to have been provincial only.

Polybius, as I have before remarked, reckons in general eight stadia to a mile; which, he says, ~~was~~ according to the Roman measurement. Livy appears to have used the same computation with Polybius. Thus, what Polybius calls *δρακόνια στάδια*, lib. iii. sect. 47. 7. Livy calls *viginti quinque millia*, lib. xxi. sect. 28.

quaginta, duorum millium stadiorum prodidit. Quæ mensura, Romana computatione, efficit trecenties quindecies centena millia pas-

sum. Plin. lib. ii. cap. 18.  $31500 \times 8 = 252000$ .

<sup>b</sup> In Arenario.



What Polybius calls ἀπὸ τῆς πόλεως ἑκαταίδεκα σταδίου, lib. iii. sect. 101. Livy renders by *duo ferme a Geronio millia*, lib. xxii. sect. 21. What Polybius calls ἑκατὸν εἴκοσι σταδίας, lib. viii. sect. 28. Livy calls *quindecim millia*, lib. xxv. sect. 9. The words of Polybius, lib. xiv. sect. 4. περὶ γὰρ ἑξήκοντα σταδίας, are rendered by Livy, *septem enim millia itineris erant*, lib. xxx. sect. 4. where, as Sigonius observes, the whole passage is cited by Livy from Polybius. Again, περὶ τριάκοντα σταδίας, Polyb. lib. xiv. sect. 8. is rendered by Livy, *quatuor ferme millia*, lib. xxx. sect. 8.

Mr. Barré next attempts to prove ~~that~~ the Roman foot was equal to the πῆχυς, or cubit, of the Greeks. Let us see how he supports this extraordinary position.

His first argument is drawn from the description of the plant called dracunculus; or, by Dioscorides, δρακόντιον<sup>c</sup>, which the last-mentioned writer says is two cubits high, and which Pliny describes as “bipedali fere altitudine.” Taking it then for granted that Pliny copied Dioscorides, he would infer, from the last-mentioned passage, that the foot of Pliny was equal to the cubit of Dioscorides. But Pliny<sup>d</sup> himself is doubtful if the plant he calls dracunculus be in reality the δρακόντιον of the Greeks. The height of the plant (as Mr. Barré would reconcile the accounts) is the only circumstance in which they agree. Dioscorides mentions only two kinds, Pliny specifies three; and the description of their qualities in the respective authors by no means coincides.

Bodæus a Stapel, the learned editor of Theophrastus, thinks the

<sup>c</sup> Lib. ii. cap. 160.

<sup>d</sup> Lib. xxxiv. cap. 16.

account given by Pliny to be very erroneous ; and adds, that the plant supposed to be the *δρακόντιον* is three feet high<sup>c</sup> ; which agrees with the description given by Dioscorides, supposing the cubit to be a foot and a half, but not with Pliny's account.

Again, Mr. Barré says, that the Greeks employed two different measures, or palms, in estimating the foot and the cubit ; the smaller called *πалаισή*, and the larger *σπιθαμή*. The former of these he defines to be the breadth of the four fingers, laid close to one another ; and the latter to be the breadth of the four fingers, with the addition of that of the thumb, in what he calls its natural state ; which he explains to be when it appears a little separated from the fingers, as it always is when the hand is opened.

His definition of the former of these measures is just<sup>e</sup>, but not so of the latter. The *σπιθαμή* is the span<sup>h</sup>, not measured from the fingers lying close together, but from the thumb to the little finger, when both are extended. Indeed this is what the word itself denotes, being derived from *σπίζω*, which both Eustathius and the Scholiast on Aristophanes interpret to be of the same meaning with *ἐκτείνω*.

<sup>c</sup> *Caulem erigit tripedalem.* Theophrast. p. 836.

<sup>f</sup> La palette est composée de quatre doigts de la main joints les uns contre les autres, auxquels en ajoutant le pouce dans son état naturel, c'est-à-dire un peu écarté d'eux, comme il est toujours quand la main est ouverte, on a la *spithame*. Vol. xix. p. 522.

<sup>g</sup> *Τῶν δὲ μέτρων ἐστὶ μίνοι καὶ δακτύλος, δοχμὴ δὲ συγκλινομένη οἱ τέσσαρες δακτύλοι.* Jul. Poll.

lib. ii. sect. 157.

*Παρά τὸ πύλας συναγαίν τὰ ὄσα, id est, πλησίον ποτὶ τὰς δακτύλους.* Etymolog.

<sup>h</sup> *Εἰ δὲ τὰς δακτύλους ἀποτείναι, ἀπὸ τοῦ μεγάλου πρὸς τὸ μικρότατον μετρίως, σπιθαμὴ τὸ μέτρον.* Jul. Polluc. lib. ii. sect. 157.

*Τὸ μέτρον τὸ ἀπὸ τοῦ μεγάλου δακτύλου ἐπὶ τὸν μικρὸν διάστημα.* Hesych. vox *σπιθαμή*.

<sup>i</sup> Steph. Thesaur. Græc. Vox *σπίζω*.

Mr. Barré again assumes first, that there was the same difference between the *σπιθαμή* and the *παλαιστή*, as there was between the cubit and the foot; namely, that they were each to the other as three to two; and again, that the *σπιθαμή* was equal to four Roman digits only, or a quarter of a foot. Now as he supposes the *σπιθαμή* to have been equal to the palmus, which was four Roman digits also, it follows that four spithames, which, according to his computation, are equal to six palestes, would be equal to the Greek cubit; and as each spithame was equal to the palmus, it followed that the Greek cubit would be equal to the Roman foot. But the length he assigns to the spithame can by no means be admitted. The *δωρον* and the *παλαιστή* were only different names<sup>k</sup> for the same thing. The word *didoron*, we are told by Vitruvius<sup>l</sup>, implied half a foot; and we learn from Hero<sup>m</sup>, that the *δωρον* was the third part of the *σπιθαμή*.

This is agreeable to what might be expected from the derivation of the terms. The breadth of the four fingers of a man's hand of moderate size is about three inches, or four Roman digits; and the extent of the fingers when stretched out, as above described, is nearly nine inches, or twelve Roman digits, agreeable to the proportion above laid down.

It appears also, that, where accuracy of length is to be specified, the Romans translated the Greek word *πῆχυς* by the Latin word *cubitus*. Thus Herodotus<sup>n</sup>, describing the cell wherein the body of Orestes was deposited, says, that both that and the body were

<sup>k</sup> Julii Polluc. lib. ii. sect. 157.

<sup>l</sup> Lib. ii. cap. 3.

<sup>m</sup> Hero de Mensuris.

<sup>n</sup> Lib. i.

seven cubits in length; and Pliny<sup>o</sup>, copying professedly from him, translates the word *επταπύχου* by *septem cubitorum*; and Aulus Gellius<sup>p</sup> does the same, and adds, that these seven cubits were equal to 12½ Roman feet, which would make the Greek cubit longer than it has hitherto been supposed in any computation.

Again, the authors of the Septuagint, in describing the height of Goliath, who is represented to have been a man of gigantic stature<sup>q</sup>, translate the corresponding Hebrew words into, *ἡψὺς αὐτοῦ τεσσάρων πύχων καὶ σπιθαμῆς*. This, if understood to be of the Greek cubit, according to common interpretation, will amount to six feet nine inches and six tenths of an inch; and, if we reckon according to Aulus Gellius's computation, will be seven feet seven inches and a quarter; both of them extraordinary heights, though neither of them exceeding credibility; as I have seen a man much taller than either.

But if we diminish this, according to Mr. Barré's calculation, to four Roman feet three inches, (equal to four English feet one inch and a quarter,) we shall sink this boasting giant into a dwarf, and probably make him much inferior in stature to his antagonist, David, whom he so much despised.

We should consider that the authors of the Septuagint were persons of great learning, and knowledge both in the Greek and in the Hebrew tongues; and were also prior in date to Dioscorides by 336 years, and who must have known the real length of the

<sup>o</sup> Lib. viii. cap. 16.

<sup>p</sup> Lib. iii. c. 10.

<sup>q</sup> All of gigantic size, Coliah chief.

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Greek measures in their own time, too well to represent a man as a giant, who was only four feet and a quarter in height.

It must indeed be owned that the later Greek writers (incorrectly, I think) are apt to confound the spithame<sup>r</sup> and the paleste. Thus Aetius, speaking of the viper, describes it as being in general of a cubit's length; and the longest *παλαισῶν τριῶν*. This last measure would amount but to 12 digits, or only three-quarters of a cubit, supposing the cubit to be of a foot length only. But if we understand that he meant three spithames, or thrice three-fourths of a Greek foot, such a measure exceeds a cubit in a proper proportion, or as three to two, or as 27 to 18. And this appears to be the real size of these animals.

Mr. Pennant says<sup>s</sup>, that "they are seldom of a greater length than two feet; though once he saw a female viper almost three feet long." This proves Aetius meant a foot and a half, and not a foot only, by the cubit. Many more instances of the confounding the two measures may be found in Constantine's Lexicon<sup>t</sup>.

Mr. Barré next produces an argument from the size of the

<sup>r</sup> Illud vero etiam dignum quod admisceatur, Græcos alterum pro altero usurpare. Const. Lexic. Vox *παλαιστή*.

Sometimes the true or larger spithame was distinguished by the name of *σπιθαμὴ βασιλική*. Thus Hert says, "the *ἐργυία*, or fathom, contained eight royal spithames, (of 12 digits each,) or six feet and one common spithame." By the latter he undoubtedly meant

a measure of four digits, or the paleste; which shews that the *orguia*, which the Greek writers reckon as six feet, was by the Romans counted as six and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of their feet, which makes the proportion of the Roman foot to the Greek to be as 24 to 25.

<sup>s</sup> British Zoology.

<sup>t</sup> Vox *παλαιστή*.

pygmies, which Pliny, Aulus Gellius, and Strabo say, were three spithames in height; or, as Pliny expresses it, “*ternos dodrantes non excedentes*,” and Aulus Gellius, “*non longiores esse quam pedes duos et quadrantem*.”

Eustathius, as Mr. Barré alledges, says of these people, that they were οὐδὲ πηχυαῖος τὸ μέγεθος, not of a cubit's size; and then reckoning the cubit as a foot only, he still farther reduces the size of these little folks. But I think Eustathius meant no more than to represent in strong terms the diminutive size of the pygmies, and not to assign to them any determinate proportion. Eustathius had before observed, that the δῶρον, or four fingers breadth, was one-third of the spithame; and of course, that two spithames made a πῆχυς, or foot and a half.

Again, Mr. Barré, taking it for granted that the Greek cubit was equal to the Roman foot, adds, that of course 600 Greek feet were equal to 400 Roman feet; and that there must be 12½ Olympic stadia to make up the mile: and as the Pythic stadium was greater by  $\frac{2}{3}$ , it must follow, that seven and a half of the latter would be required to make up the mile; and that 7500 Greek feet, equal to 5000 Greek cubits, or 5000 Roman feet, would be equal to a Pythic stadium.

But Herodotus<sup>u</sup> and Diodorus<sup>x</sup>, neither of whom reckoned by the Pythic stadium, assign 3600 stadia for the circumference of the

<sup>u</sup> Τῆς τὸ περίμετρον τῆς περιόδου εἰς τὰ διὰ ἑξακλίσιοι καὶ τριηκλίσιοι. Lib. ii. p. 177. Ed. Weffel.

σταδίων τρισχιλίων καὶ ἑξακοσίων. Diodor. lib. i. p. 61. Ed. Weffel.

<sup>x</sup> Τὴν μὲν γὰρ περίμετρον αὐτῆς φασιν ὑπάρχειν

lake Mæris; and Mucianus<sup>y</sup>, a person of great authority, and frequently cited by Pliny, says, that it is 450 mille passus. Now  $450 \times 8 = 3600$ .

I wish to repeat here in some degree what I before mentioned cursorily respecting the Olympic foot and the Olympic stadium. We are told by Aulus Gellius, that these measures exceeded the others in the same proportion as the foot of Hercules did that of ordinary men. The foot, we should recollect, was supposed to be one sixth of the height of the person. But what must we think of the stature of Hercules, should the length of his foot be reduced to eight Roman inches<sup>z</sup>? What must we think of the common race of mortals at that time, when he who is described, “corpore excelsiorem quam alios<sup>a</sup>,” was only of the diminutive size above described?

I agree with Mr. Barré, that it is probable that Pliny copied Herodotus in his account of the thickness and height of the walls of Babylon: but his account is very incorrect, and inconsistent with the original, as Mr. Barré, and before him Salmasius, had observed. If the royal cubit was three digits longer than the

<sup>y</sup> Plin. lib. v. cap. 9.

<sup>z</sup>  $8 \times 6 = 48$  inches, = 4 feet.

Ruciolus observes, that if the foot of Hercules, according to the common computation, was  $\frac{1}{6}$  of his height, he must have been six Roman feet three inches high, or rather more than six feet one inch and a half, English measure. Apollodorus makes Hercules to be four cubits high, which, according to Mr. Barré, is four feet only.

Τετραπηνχυαίον μὲν γὰρ εἶχε τὸ σῶμα.

Apollod. lib. ii. cap. 4. sect 9.

If we even add eight inches, (or one foot more, as calculated by Mr. Barré,) to make up his height seven feet, which is said by an ancient writer, cited by Tzetzes, to be his height, it will not bring him to the pitch of what is now accounted an inferior stature. See Notes on Apollodorus, ed. Heyne, vol. ii. p. 330.

<sup>a</sup> Aulus Gellius.

common cubit, the royal foot could be only two digits longer than the common foot.

It should however be remarked, that Pliny, when describing the extent of the circuit of the walls of Babylon, lays it down as being sixty miles, which corresponds with the 480 stadia of Herodotus, reckoning these at eight to a mile, which is very different from Mr. Barré's calculation.

In like manner the city of Nineveh is described in the book of Jonah as being very great, and about three days journey in circuit, (*ὥστε πορείας τριῶν ἡμερῶν.*) It is agreed that 20 M. P. are the allotted measure<sup>b</sup> for a day's journey, so that the whole amounts to 60 M. P. equal to the 480 stadia assigned by Diodorus for the circumference of that city.

The promontory of Sunium is, according to Strabo, 330 stadia from Piræus; and, according to Pliny, 42 Roman miles. Now  $330 \div 8 = 41.25$ , very near Pliny's calculation, at eight stadia to a mile.

Arrian, in the Periplus of the Euxine sea, says, that the distance from the Temple of Jupiter Urius to the river Rhebas is 90 stadia. This measures on the large map ~~of~~ the Propontis about nine English miles; to which if we add  $\frac{1}{4}$ , for the winding of the road, we shall have about 89.87 Olympic stadia, almost exact to Arrian's

<sup>b</sup> Hæc mensura legitima putabatur ad iter unius diei, ut ex jureconsulto clarum est. Sic tam apud Græcos, quam apud veteres Latinos

diurnum iter viginti millibus passuum definitur. Salmat. Plin. Exercitat. p. 351, 352, where this subject is largely discussed.



calculation. The distance from the Rhebas to Acra Melænæ is counted by Arrian 150 stadia; but it measures by the large map 18½ English miles nearly. If to these we add  $\frac{1}{4}$  for winding, we shall have upwards of 20½ miles, equal to about 179 stadia, or nearly a fifth part more than Arrian's computation. But, on the other hand, from Heraclea to Amastris is, according to Arrian, 690 stadia; but by Arrowsmith's chart it measures, in a straight line, 542 stadia; to which if we add  $\frac{1}{4}$ , it comes nearly to 609 stadia, or 81 short of Arrian's computation.

Again, from Amastris to Carambis is, according to Arrian, no more than 480 stadia; but by Arrowsmith's chart<sup>c</sup> it measures, in a direct line, 550, and with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 619 stadia. It is obvious that no just conclusion respecting the length of the stadium can be drawn from the two last instances.

From Sinope to Amisus is, according to Arrian, 1020 stadia; but by Arrowsmith's chart it is, in a right line, 786 stadia only; and 884, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The difference in the distance between Amisus and Cerasuntum is still greater. Arrian makes it 1570 stadia; Arrowsmith's chart no more than 926, in a direct line; and, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , only 1041.

Faden's map however makes it to be 1226 stadia, or 1379, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . D'Anville makes it 1110 stadia in a direct line, or 1248.7 with the addition of  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Modern geographers in this instance vary nearly as much from one another, as modern do from ancient.

<sup>c</sup> The measurements on the chart were made with a due allowance for the difference of the degrees of longitude in different latitudes.

The last instance I shall produce from Arrian shews a nearer coincidence. From Cerasus to Trapezus is, according to Arrian, 745 stadia. It measures on D'Anville's map 660; and, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , = 85 stadia, makes up 745, agreeing exactly with Arrian. Arrowsmith's chart agrees nearly herewith. It measures by that 649 stadia; and, with the addition of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , equal to 81 stadia, makes up 730 stadia; not differing so much as two Greek miles from the calculation of Arrian.

There is in the 28th volume of the *Mémoires de Littérature*, page 362, a paper written by Mr. De la Nauze, on this subject. He is of opinion that Herodotus, Xenophon, Aristotle, and other writers of antiquity, employed a stadium of ten to a mile. He begins his proof of this with saying, that Herodotus ascribes fifty fathoms, or *ὀργυιὰ*, to the depth of the lake Mœris in Egypt, which is rendered by Pliny fifty paces; and as the former of these measures was to the latter in the proportion of 6 to 5, he inferred that the stadia of Herodotus were ten to a mile. But first, the proportion of 6 to 5 is not correctly the same with that of ten to eight.  $6 : 5 :: 10 : 8.333$ . Again, there is reason to think that the pafus, when applied to explain the *ὀργυιὰ*, means six feet, and refers to the expansion of the arms, not of the legs. Pitiscus's *Lexicon* derives it "a passis vel expansis brachiis, et dicitur Græcis *ὀργυιὰ*, "quæ est mensura sex pedum, quæ ~~inter~~ <sup>inter</sup> ambas manus, mensurato "simul pectore, continetur expansas."

Another instance adduced by Mr. La Nauze is taken from the supposed distance between Ephesus and Sardis. But this has been so differently computed by geographers, modern as well as ancient, that it is difficult to draw any conclusion.

*Distance from Ephesus to Sardis.*

According to Herodotus 540 Olympic stadia.

According to Mr. La Nauze, from De Lisle's map of Ancient Greece,  $37^{\circ} = 42.704$

English miles, = 373.075 Olympic stadia.

According to Mr. D'Anville, 480 Olympic stadia.

According to Mr. Rochette, 66 English miles, = 576 stadia.

According to Mr. Arrowsmith,  $59^{\circ} 30''$ , = 68.623 English miles, = 602.5 Olympic stadia.

It must be observed, that these calculations of the modern geographers refer to the direct distance. If  $\frac{1}{8}$  be added, it will stand thus :

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$37 + \frac{1}{8} (= 4.625) = 41.625 = 48.48$  English miles, = 423 Olympic stadia ; which last number is to that assigned by Herodotus, (540) as 8 to 10.2126 ; and of course should give the last-mentioned number for that of the stadia contained in a mile.

D'ANVILLE, *Map of Asia Minor.*

$$480 + \frac{1}{8} (= 60) = 540 ;$$

the same with Herodotus, and eight to a mile.

ROCHETTE, *Map of Greece.*

66 Eng. miles,  $+ \frac{1}{8} (= 8.25) = 74.25 = 648.7$  Olympic stadia, or 6.6595 to a mile.

ARROWSMITH, *Map of Turkey in Europe.*

$68.623 + \frac{1}{8} (= 8.57) = 77.201 = 675$  Olympic stadia, or 6.4 to a mile ; which makes the stadium of Herodotus longer than the usual computation of the Olympic in the proportion of 5 to 4. For  $5 : 675 :: 4 : 540$ .

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This instance then, if it proves any thing, proves the direct contrary to the opinion of Mr. La Nauze.

The same gentleman again alledges, that Herodotus has estimated a ship's sailing for a day and a night at 1300 stadia; whereas Ptolemy allows 1000 stadia only; which difference he supposes to be owing to their employing stadia of different lengths. But the voyage of Scylax, whose date, though not ascertained, is confessedly much prior to the age of Ptolemy, allows no more than 1000 stadia; and Herodotus speaks of 700 stadia as a long day's sail; *μακρομερίη*: and the words, which assign 600 stadia as a night's sail, are in many copies wanting altogether.

The ancient writers made a great difference between a long day's sail and one of a common day. Xenophon says, that a trireme galley could row, in a very long day, (*Ἡμέρας μάλα μακρὰς πλοῦς*,) from Byzantium to Heraclea; which distance is, by Arrow-smith's chart of the Black sea, 131 English miles, or 1144 Olympic stadia. The longest day in that latitude is less than 15 hours, and the complement of this number to 24 would allow time sufficient to complete a voyage of more than 1300 stadia (supposing them to be Olympic) in a day and night.

The last instance I mean to ~~cite~~ from Mr. La Nauze does, I think, no credit to his candour. He says, that Herodotus lays down 200 stadia as the extent of a day's journey of a foot traveller; and that Vegetius had mentioned 20 miles as the day's march of the Roman soldiers; which, he observes, is just ten stadia to a mile. But Herodotus expressly refers to the distance travelled by a foot messenger, not to the march of armies. When the  
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latter is understood, he assigns 150 stadia only, or  $18\frac{1}{2}$  Roman miles, a distance sufficiently near to Vegetius's calculation.

The above facts and arguments will, I trust, prove that, where the stadium is mentioned, and no specification of a different measure appears, the Olympic stadium of eight to a mile is understood; especially in the earlier writers, as Herodotus, Xenophon, Diodorus, Strabo, Arrian, and even Pausanias.

# APPENDIX.

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THE learned Bishop of St. Asaph, Dr. Horsley, in a note annexed to Dr. Vincent's Account of the Voyage of Nearchus, has expressed himself to be of a different opinion, respecting the length of the stadium, from the one above specified. I shall take the liberty of examining briefly his Lordship's arguments; and must request the reader's patience, if I repeat some part of what has been urged in the foregoing Dissertation.

He begins with observing, that the circumference of the earth amounted, according to Eratosthenes's calculation, to 252,000 stadia; and, according to Aristotle, to 400,000 stadia; and infers from thence that the stadium of Aristotle was to the stadium of Eratosthenes as 252 is to 400, or very nearly as five to eight.

But this proposition takes it for granted that Aristotle and Eratosthenes agreed in opinion respecting the dimensions of the earth, and differed only in respect to their estimations of the measure which each of them respectively employed; a position which can by no means be admitted.

It does not appear on what grounds Aristotle\*, or rather the mathematicians of his age, estimated the circumference of the earth to be 400,000 stadia: but this is certain, that Eratosthenes did not borrow his calculations from them, but formed his opinion from observations of his own, which are yet preserved. He attempted this arduous task by an actual measurement of a segment of a great circle on the globe, making his computation upon the whole by uniting observations made in the heavens with a corresponding distance, measured (as it was supposed to be) on a meridian of the earth.

The segment of the meridian, which he fixed on for this purpose, was that between Alexandria and Syene, the distance between which places he is said to have measured, and found to be 5000 stadia. He also found that the angle of the meridian shadow upon the scaphia or sun-dial at Alexandria was equal, at the summer solstice, to  $\frac{1}{32}$  part of the circle; and that there was no shadow from the gnomon at Syene at the same period of time, and at the same instant of the day.

Supposing then Alexandria and Syene to lie under the same meridian, he concluded that the distance between them was  $\frac{1}{32}$  part of a great circle of the earth; and this distance being (as was supposed) by measure, 5000 stadia, the whole circumference of the earth must be of course 250,000 stadia. But in the account of this process, which is accurately detailed by Cleomedes, not a

\* Dr. Blair suggests, that this may be an objection to that work being written by Aristotle, as Eratosthenes was generally allowed to be

the first who attempted that mensuration. Blair's Hist. of Geography.



word occurs respecting the calculation of Aristotle, who, I believe, however great in other instances, had not much skill in astronomy.

Dr. Long laments "that the Babylonian Observations, a treasure almost inestimable, and which he neither knew how to make use of himself, nor so much of their value as to induce him to use the necessary means for their preservation, for the use of those who did, had not fallen into the hands of Eudoxus, rather than into those of Aristotle."

There is then neither proof nor presumption that Eratosthenes accommodated his calculation to that of Aristotle; or that the itinerary stadium was less in the time of Aristotle than it was in that of Eratosthenes<sup>b</sup>. But I fear we can place no great confidence either in the observations or in the measurements of Eratosthenes. He thought that Alexandria and Syene lay under the same meridian; whereas they are found to differ by a space equal to 100 minutes of latitude, equal nearly to 115½ English miles, Alexandria being so much to the west of Syene. The difference of latitude is about  $7^{\circ} 20'$ ; so that the real distance between the two places is about 521 English miles, equal nearly to 4552 Olympic stadia.

This falls short of Eratosthenes's calculation by 448 stadia, equal to 51 English miles: but we must consider that the distance laid down by Eratosthenes is the one found by measurement, which must exceed the difference of latitude, since the measurers

<sup>b</sup> Eratosthenes lived about 123 years after Aristotle.

did not discover that the two places lay under different meridians. The numbers of Eratosthenes above specified were not however acquiesced in by succeeding astronomers, since Marinus and Ptolemy allotted, as Dr. Blair observes, no more than 3600 stadia<sup>c</sup> to that distance; as the seven degrees twelve minutes (a calculation of the latitude not very different from that of Mr. D'Anville before-mentioned) amounted exactly to that number on the proportion of 500 stadia to a degree; which, Ptolemy tells us, was agreeable to measurements allowed and acknowledged.

The learned Prelate's calculations in the next paragraph are rather incorrect. He states the proportion of the Roman foot to the English to be as 97 : 100; whereas it appears from Greaves, whose measurement the Bishop seems to have adopted, to be only 967 : 1000; which makes a difference of nearly  $\frac{1}{11}$  part, and amounts nearly to 16 feet in the space of an English mile; which, although an inconsiderable difference in small distances, is necessary to be taken into account in the estimation of large extents; and this error, by over-rating the length of the Roman foot, vitiates in some measure his subsequent calculations.

This appears in the next sentence of his Lordship's observations; where he urges, "that if eight Olympic stadia were equal to a Roman mile, and that Polybius's addition of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a stadium was an error of his own, arising from the difference between the Roman and the Olympic foot, then one Olympic stadium would be 606.25 feet, London measure;" which computation over-rates

<sup>c</sup> 3600  $\times$  50 gives only 180,000 stadia,      ference of the earth.  
or 20603.4 English miles for the circum-

the length of the stadium by one foot and 875 decimal parts, equal to 22.5 inches, amounting to more than 15 feet in the extent of an English mile.

The Bishop next lays it down, that the opinion of the Greek foot being to the Roman in the proportion of 25 to 24 was erroneous, though current among the Romans themselves. But it is difficult to suppose that persons of rank, science, and education among the Romans were ignorant of the difference between the Greek and the Roman foot, when we consider the intimate connection which subsisted between the two countries; or that Pliny, perhaps the most learned and philosophical man of the age in which he lived, and who, as appears from works of his, published by himself, and still extant, bestowed much labour on geographical researches, would assign 625 feet to a stadium, when he must know that 600 only was the proper quantity, and that too in a passage, wherein he was speaking of the stadium only, without any reference to the mile.

Nor can I admit with the learned Prelate, that the Romans, even in their popular valuation of the Greek measures, would be apt to reckon eight Olympic stadia to be exactly equal to their own mile, taking no account of the fraction mentioned by Polybius, supposing that such an addition was necessary to complete the true extent of the mile.

Can we suppose this to have been the case with those persons to whom the care of the mensuration of these distances was committed, when we are told by Polybius, not at second-hand, as in the quotation from Strabo, but in a passage now extant in his  
original

original works, " that the distances between places were distinctly " and accurately marked and divided by the Romans into portions " of eight stadia each ?"

Would it have been consistent with the character of these *mensores terrarum*<sup>d</sup>, persons of rank entrusted with this charge by public authority, to have neglected one part in twenty-five of the distance which they were directed to measure, which, in large extents, would have amounted to a considerable space?

Thus Herodotus tells us, that the circumference of the lake Mœris amounted to 3600 stadia; which extent is estimated by Mucianus, a person of the greatest authority, and frequently appealed to by Pliny, to be 450 M. P. which is eight stadia, and no more, to a mile. Had the third part of a stadium been added, it would have amounted only to 432 M. P. or about 18 miles short of Mucianus's calculation; a space too large to be properly overlooked in any survey that pretends to accuracy.

Again, Pliny tells us, that the 252,000 stadia, which Eratosthenes computed to be the circumference of the earth, amounted in Roman measure to 31,500 M. P. This, it is obvious, is no more than eight stadia to a mile; and it is surely very improbable, if Pliny had known (as he must have done, had it really been the case) that  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a stadium was necessary to be added to make up the

<sup>d</sup> In judicando, *ensor bonum virum et justum agere debet, nulla admonitione aut sordibus moveri, servare opinionem, et arte et moribus omnis illi artificii veritas custodienda est. Totum autem hoc judicandi officium homi-*

*nem bonum, justum, sobrium, castum, modestum, et artificem egregium exigit. Aggen. Urbicus de Officio Menforis.*

*Vix est illi sua lectio, ostendit quod dicit, probat quod didicit. Cassiodor. Var. iii. 53.*

mile, that he did not take such an additional quantity into the account, where it would make so great a difference.

Two hundred and fifty-two thousand stadia, at eight stadia and one-third to the mile, amount only to 30,240 M. P. which is 1260 M. P. short of Pliny's calculation. Can we then suppose that Pliny, on whose scientific character it is needless to enlarge, would knowingly have passed over, as not worthy notice, a space, which, at 75 M. P. to a degree, amounts nearly to 17 degrees of latitude, or about 1153 English miles?

But the learned Prelate would do well to consider, that Pliny is not the only Roman writer who has assigned 625 feet to the stadium. Columella, in a part of his work above cited, which was written professedly to explain the *præcepta mensurarum*, allots the same number with Pliny, both of paces and of feet; and Censorinus, Frontinus, together with the authors of the treatise de *Limitibus*, and that de *Mensuris*, preserved among the *Rei Agrariæ Auctores*, all concur in giving the same description of this measure. Is it possible to suppose writers of such rank and accuracy all uniting in the same mistake, respecting a circumstance of such common occurrence? Is it not more reasonable and more natural to suppose the meaning of Polybius to be, that the stadium, measured by 600 Roman feet, would be defective one part in 24, compared with its length, if measured by the same number of Greek feet; and that therefore it would be necessary to add  $\frac{1}{4}$  part, or 25 additional Roman feet, to make up the deficiency? and that these 25 feet were really added, the testimonies above produced demonstrate.

The Olympic foot, we are expressly told by Aulus Gellius, exceeded the common foot in the same proportion as the foot of Hercules exceeded in length the foot of an ordinary man; and this difference appears to be in the proportion of 25 to 24.

It is proper to remark, that all the Greek writers, who describe the Olympic or itinerary stadium, and who might be supposed to reckon by Greek feet, as Herodotus, Hero, and Suidas, concur in assigning to this measure 600 feet. On the other hand, all the Latin or Roman writers, to whom the Roman foot was more familiar, who describe the stadium in use among the Romans, uniformly ascribe to it the measure of 625 feet. Yet we have no reason to think that the Greek and the Roman stadium were of different dimensions.

The Greek foot, as deduced by Mr. Stuart, from measurements of different parts of the Hecatompodon at Athens, exhibits, as I have before shewn, as nearly as possible, allowing for small inaccuracies in the mensuration, and perhaps for some in the construction of the building itself, the proportion of 25 to 24, as compared with the Roman foot described by Mr. Greaves to be sculptured on the marble monument of Cossutius at Rome; which proportion coincides with the difference of the number of feet assigned to the stadium by the Greek, and that assigned to the same measure by the Latin or Roman writers. If Hercules was taller than other men, "*aliorum procerius*," as it is expressed by Aulus Gellius, the measure taken from his foot, supposing that to be in proportion with the rest of his body, must exceed the usual measure of length; and of course fewer Herculean feet than feet of the usual size would be required to make up a given length. To this

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we may add, that the proportion of 25 to 24 is no extravagant or improbable excess of stature above that of ordinary men, for one so celebrated for strength, activity, and other athletic exercises, as Hercules is reported to have been.

Supposing the height of an ordinary man to be five feet ten inches, English measure, the addition of a 24th part will make that of Hercules to have been rather under six feet and one inch, which is no extraordinary height, though superior to the common standard of mankind.

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EXTENT OF THE DEGREES OF LONGITUDE,  
AT EVERY TEN MINUTES OF LATITUDE,  
RECKONED FROM  
THE EQUATOR TO THE POLE.



TABLE I.

*Table of the proportion which Greek Stadia bear to Greek Miles, to English Miles, and to English Feet.*

Greek Stadia.	Greek Miles and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	English Feet and decimal parts.	Greek Stadia.	Greek Miles and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	English Feet and decimal parts.
1 equal to	.125	.114465	604.374 <sup>a</sup>	17 equal to	2.125	1.945875	10274.358
2	.25	.228930	1208.748	18	2.25	2.06034	10878.732
3	.375	.343395	1813.122	19	2.375	2.174805	11483.106
4	.5	.457860	2417.496	20	2.5	2.289300	12087.48
5	.625	.572325	3021.87	21	2.625	2.403765	12691.854
6	.75	.686790	3626.244	22	2.75	2.518230	13296.228
7	.875	.801255	4230.618	23	2.875	2.632695	13900.602
8	1.	.915720	4834.992	24	3.	2.747150	14504.976
9	1.125	1.030185	5439.366	25	3.125	2.861615	15109.25
10	1.25	1.144650	6043.74	26	3.25	2.976070	15713.724
11	1.375	1.259115	6648.114	27	3.375	3.090535	16318.098
12	1.5	1.373570	7252.488	28	3.5	3.205000	16922.472
13	1.625	1.488025	7856.862	29	3.625	3.319465	17526.846
14	1.75	1.602490	8461.236	30	3.75	3.43395	18131.22
15	1.875	1.716955	9065.61	31	3.875	3.548415	18735.594
16	2.	1.831410	9669.984	32	4.	3.66288	19339.968

\* The length of the Greek stadium, expressed as here laid down in English feet, is correct according to the numbers given by Mr. Greaves, who has employed only two places of decimal figures. If we extend these to six figures, (and it may be done indefinitely,) the proportion will be as below stated.

$$24 : 25 :: 967 : 1007.291666$$

$$\text{Again, } 1007.291666 \times 12 \div 1000 = 12.087509992$$

$$\text{Again, } 12.087509992 \times 600 = 7252.5059952$$

$$\text{Again, } 7252.5059952 \div 12 = 604.3754933$$

which differs from the calculation used in the Tables less than .018 decimals of an inch, or considerably less than  $\frac{1}{30}$  part of an inch in the extent of a stadium.

TABLE I. CONTINUED.

Greek Stadia.	Greek Miles and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	English Feet and decimal parts.	Greek Stadia.	Greek Miles and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	English Feet and decimal parts.
33 equal to	4.125	3.777345	19944.342	55 equal to	6.875	6.295575	33240.570
34	4.25	3.891810	20548.716	56	7.	6.410040	33844.944
35	4.375	4.006275	21153.090	57	7.125	6.524505	34449.318
36	4.5	4.120740	21757.464	58	7.25	6.638970	35053.692
37	4.625	4.235205	22361.838	59	7.375	6.753435	35658.066
38	4.75	4.34967	22966.212	60	7.5	6.8679	36262.44
39	4.875	4.464135	23571.586	100	12.5	11.4465	60437.4
40	5.	4.57860	24174.96	200	25.	22.893	120874.8
41	5.125	4.693065	24779.334	300	37.5	34.3395	181312.2
42	5.25	4.807535	25383.708	400	50.	45.786	241749.6
43	5.375	4.921995	25988.082	500	62.5	57.2325	302187
44	5.5	5.036460	26592.456	600	75.	68.6789	362624.4
45	5.625	5.150925	27196.830	700	87.5	80.1255	423061.8
46	5.75	5.265390	27801.1204	800	100.	91.572	483499.2
47	5.875	5.379855	28405.578	900	112.5	103.0185	543936.6
48	6.	5.494320	29009.952	1000	125.	114.465	604374
49	6.125	5.608785	29614.326	2000	250.	228.930	1,208748
50	6.25	5.723250	30218.7	3000	375.	343.395	1,813122
51	6.375	5.837715	30823.074	4000	500.	457.86	2,417496
52	6.5	5.952180	31427.448	5000	625.	572.325	3,021870
53	6.625	6.056645	32031.822	10,000	1250.	1144.65	6,043740
54	6.75	6.171110	32636.196	20,000	2500.	2289.3	12,087480

TABLE II.

*Of the proportion which English Miles bear to Greek  
Stadia.*

English Miles and decimal parts.	Greek Stadia and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	Greek Stadia and decimal parts.	English Miles and decimal parts.	Greek Stadia and decimal parts.
$\frac{1}{8}$ or .125 equal to	1.09203925	17 equal to	148.517338	40 equal to	349.45256
$\frac{1}{4}$ or .25	2.18407850	18	157.253652	41	358.188874
$\frac{3}{8}$ or .375	3.27611775	19	165.989966	42	366.925188
$\frac{1}{2}$ or .5	4.36815700	20	174.726280	43	375.661502
$\frac{5}{8}$ or .625	5.46019625	21	183.462591	44	384.497816
$\frac{3}{4}$ or .75	6.55223550	22	192.198908	45	393.134130
$\frac{7}{8}$ or .875	7.64427475	23	200.935222	46	401.870444
1	8.736314	24	209.671536	47	410.606758
2	17.472628	25	218.407850	48	419.343072
3	26.208942	26	227.144164	49	428.079386
4	34.945256	27	235.880478	50	436.81570
5	43.681570	28	244.616792	51	445.552014
6	52.417884	29	253.352106	52	454.288328
7	61.154198	30	262.08942	53	463.024642
8	69.890512	31	270.825734	54	471.760956
9	78.626826	32	279.562048	55	480.497270
10	87.36314	33	288.298362	56	489.233584
11	96.099454	34	297.034676	57	497.969898
12	104.835768	35	305.770990	58	506.706212
13	113.572082	36	314.507304	59	515.442526
14	122.308396	37	323.243618	60	524.17884
15	131.044710	38	331.979932	100	873.6314
16	139.781024	39	340.716246	200	1747.2628

TABLE II. CONTINUED.

English Miles.	Greek Stadia and decimal parts.	English Miles	Greek Stadia and decimal parts.	English Miles.	Greek Stadia and decimal parts
300 equal to	2620.8942	800 equal to	6989.0152	4000 equal to	34945.256
400	3494.5256	900	7862.6826	5000	43681.570
500	4368.1570	1000	8736.314	10,000	87363.14
600	5241.7884	2000	17472.628	20,000	174726.28
700	6115.4198	3000	26208.942		

TABLE III.

*Greek Feet reduced to English Measure.*

Greek Feet.	English Feet, Inches, &c.			Greek Feet.	English Feet, Inches, &c.		
	Feet.	Inches.	Decimals of an Inch.		Feet.	Inches.	Decimals of an Inch.
1 equal to	1		08748	26 equal to	26	2	27448
2	2		17496	27	27	2	36196
3	3		26244	28	28	2	44944
4	4		34992	29	29	2	53692
5	5		43740	30	30	2	62440
6	6		52488	31	31	2	71188
7	7		61236	32	32	2	79936
8	8		69984	33	33	2	88684
9	9		78732	34	34	2	97432
10	10		87480	35	35	3	06180
11	11		96228	36	36	3	14928
12	12	1	04976	37	37	3	23678
13	13	1	13724	38	38	3	32424
14	14	1	22472	39	39	3	41172
15	15	1	31220	40	40	3	49920
16	16	1	39968	41	41	3	58668
17	17	1	48716	42	42	3	67416
18	18	1	57464	43	43	3	76164
19	19	1	66212	44	44	3	84912
20	20	1	74960	45	45	3	93660
21	21	1	83708	46	46	4	02408
22	22	1	92456	47	47	4	11156
23	23	2	01204	48	48	4	19904
24	24	2	09952	49	49	4	28652
25	25	2	18700	50	50	4	37400

TABLE III. CONTINUED.

Greek Feet.	English Feet, Inches, &c.			Greek Feet.	English Feet, Inches, &c.		
	Feet.	Inches.	Decimals of an Inch		Feet.	Inches.	Decimals of an Inch.
51 equal to	51	4	46148	400 eq. to	402	10	99200
52	52	4	54896	500	503	7	74000
53	53	4	63634	600 equal to a stadium.	604	4	48800
54	54	4	72392	700	705	1	23600
55	55	4	81140	800	805	9	98400
56	56	4	89888	900	906	6	73200
57	57	4	98636	1000	1007	3	48000
58	58	5	07384	2000	2014	6	96000
59	59	5	16132	3000	3021	10	44000
60	60	5	24880	4000	4029	1	80000
100	100	8	74800	5000	5036	5	40000
200	201	5	49600	6000	6043	8	88000
300	302	2	24400				

TABLE IV.

*Of the proportion which the Minutes upon the Equator, reckoned from one to sixty, bear to English Miles and decimal Parts, to English Feet, and to Greek Stadia and decimal Parts.*

*N. B. A Degree is reckoned to contain 365640 English Feet, according to Mr. Picart's calculation.*

Minutes	English Miles.	English Feet	Greek Stadia	Minutes	English Miles.	English Feet	Greek Stadia.
1 eq. to	1.154166	6094	10.083127	22 eq to	25.391652	134068	221.828794
2	2.308332	12188	20.166254	23	26.545818	140162	231.911921
3	3.462498	18282	30.249381	24	27.699984	146256	241.995048
4	4.616664	24376	40.332508	25	28.854150	152350	252.078175
5	5.770830	30470	50.415633	26	30.008316	158444	262.161302
6	6.924996	36564	60.498762	27	31.162482	164538	272.244429
7	8.079162	42658	70.581889	28	32.316648	170632	282.327556
8	9.233328	48752	80.665116	29	33.470814	176726	292.410683
9	10.387494	54846	90.748143	30	34.624980	182820	302.494900
10	11.54166	60940	100.831270	31	35.779146	188914	312.576937
11	12.695826	67034	110.914397	32	36.933312	195008	323.660064
12	13.849992	73128	120.997524	33	38.087478	201102	332.743191
13	15.004158	79222	131.080651	34	39.241644	207196	342.826318
14	16.158324	85316	141.163778	35	40.395810	213290	352.909445
15	17.312490	91410	151.246905	36	41.549976	219384	362.992572
16	18.466656	97504	161.330032	37	42.704142	225478	373.075699
17	19.620822	103598	171.413159	38	43.858308	231572	383.158826
18	20.774988	109692	181.496286	39	45.012474	237666	393.241953
19	21.929154	115786	191.579413	40	46.166640	243760	403.325080
20	23.083320	121880	201.66254	41	47.320806	249854	413.408207
21	24.237486	127974	211.745667	42	48.474972	255948	423.491334

TABLE IV. CONTINUED.

Minutes.	English Miles.	English Feet.	Greek Stadia.	Minutes.	English Miles.	English Feet.	Greek Stadia.
43 eq. to	49.629	262042	433.574461	52 eq. to	60.016632	315888	524.322604
44	50.783304	268136	443.657588	53	61.170798	322982	534.405731
45	51.937470	274230	453.740715	54	62.324964	329076	544.488858
46	53.091636	280324	463.823842	55	63.479130	335170	554.571985
47	54.245802	286418	473.906969	56	64.633296	341264	564.655112
48	55.399968	292512	483.990096	57	65.787462	347358	574.738239
49	56.554134	298606	494.073223	58	66.941628	353452	584.821366
50	57.708300	304700	504.156350	59	68.095794	359546	594.904493
51	58.862466	310794	514.239477	60	69.25	365640	604.9898



TABLE V.

*Of the extent of the Degrees of Longitude in English Miles and decimal Parts, at every ten Minutes of Latitude, reckoned from the Equator to the Pole.*

De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.
Equator.		69.25	4		69.08130	8		68.57680
	10	69.24973	4	10	69.06700	8	10	68.54773
	20	69.24885	4	20	69.05203	8	20	68.51883
	30	69.24736	4	30	69.03650	8	30	68.48936
	40	69.24531	4	40	69.02043	8	40	68.45930
	50	69.24271	4	50	69.00375	8	50	68.42865
1		69.23945	5		68.98648	9		68.39740
1	10	69.23565	5	10	68.96863	9	10	68.36563
1	20	69.23125	5	20	68.95020	9	20	68.33323
1	30	69.22646	5	30	68.93120	9	30	68.30360
1	40	69.22086	5	40	68.91160	9	40	68.26675
1	50	69.21454	5	50	68.89142	9	50	68.23263
2		69.20783	6		68.87600	10		68.19800
2	10	69.20500	6	10	68.84915	10	10	68.16268
2	20	69.19260	6	20	68.82740	10	20	68.12683
2	30	69.18410	6	30	68.80486	10	30	68.09400
2	40	69.17500	6	40	68.78173	10	40	68.05340
2	50	69.16535	6	50	68.76600	10	50	68.01583
3		69.15510	7		68.73366	11		67.97770
3	10	69.14426	7	10	68.70900	11	10	67.93880
3	20	69.13285	7	20	68.68354	11	20	67.89966
3	30	69.12085	7	30	68.65756	11	30	67.85980
3	40	69.10825	7	40	68.63100	11	40	67.81935
3	50	69.09510	7	50	68.60380	11	50	67.77837

TABLE V. CONTINUED.

De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.
12		67.73671	17	50	65.92263	23	40	63.42583
12	10	67.69455	18		65.86066	23	50	63.34470
12	20	67.65181	18	10	65.79813	24		63.26330
12	30	67.60850	18	20	65.73504	24	10	63.18083
12	40	67.56460	18	30	65.67150	24	20	63.09100
12	50	67.52020	18	40	65.60721	24	30	63.01483
13		67.47510	18	50	65.54246	24	40	62.93130
13	10	67.42951	19		65.47716	24	50	62.84670
13	20	67.38340	19	10	65.41130	25		62.76181
13	30	67.33663	19	20	65.34490	25	10	62.67641
13	40	67.28930	19	30	65.27793	25	20	62.59050
13	50	67.24141	19	40	65.21040	25	30	62.50430
14		67.19300	19	50	65.14233	25	40	62.41743
14	10	67.14400	20		65.07371	25	50	62.33953
14	20	67.09436	20	10	65.00453	26		62.24150
14	30	67.04423	20	20	64.93480	26	10	62.15293
14	40	66.99350	20	30	64.86454	26	20	62.06383
14	50	66.94220	20	40	64.79373	26	30	61.97420
15		66.89036	20	50	64.7237	26	40	61.88460
15	10	66.83800	21		64.65044	26	50	61.79340
15	20	66.78500	21	10	64.57800	27		61.70220
15	30	66.73141	21	20	64.50500	27	10	61.61050
15	40	66.67730	21	30	64.43141	27	20	61.51825
15	50	66.61260	21	40	64.35731	27	30	61.42550
16		66.55736	21	50	64.28266	27	40	61.33223
16	10	66.51156	22		64.20750	27	50	61.23844
16	20	66.45520	22	10	64.13160	28		61.14413
16	30	66.39827	22	20	64.05550	28	10	61.04930
16	40	66.34078	22	30	63.97864	28	20	60.95400
16	50	66.28271	22	40	63.90130	28	30	60.85809
17		66.22410	22	50	63.82341	28	40	60.76171
17	10	66.16493	23		63.74494	28	50	60.66481
17	20	66.10520	23	10	63.66600	29		60.56741
17	30	66.04500	23	20	63.58646	29	10	60.46950
17	40	65.98460	23	30	63.50640	29	20	60.37107

TABLE V. CONTINUED.

De- grees	Min- utes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees	Min- utes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees	Min- utes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.
29	30	60.27214	35	20	56.49425	41	10	52.13126
29	40	60.17270	35	30	56.37750	41	20	51.99845
29	50	60.07274	35	40	56.26027	41	30	51.86518
30		59.97501	35	50	56.14260	41	40	51.73150
30	10	59.88507	36		56.02442	41	50	51.59735
30	20	59.76980	36	10	55.90580	42		51.46280
30	30	59.66783	36	20	55.78667	42	10	51.32777
30	40	59.56534	36	30	55.66710	42	20	51.19232
30	50	59.46234	36	40	55.54739	42	30	51.05646
31		59.35884	36	50	55.42651	42	40	50.91008
31	10	59.25483	37		55.30651	42	50	50.78341
31	20	59.15034	37	10	55.17135	43		50.64624
31	30	59.04534	37	20	55.06211	43	10	50.50864
31	40	58.93983	37	30	54.93963	43	20	50.37062
31	50	58.83383	37	40	54.80423	43	30	50.23220
32		58.72732	37	50	54.69353	43	40	50.09330
32	10	58.62032	38		54.56972	43	50	49.95400
32	20	58.51270	38	10	54.44550	44		49.81430
32	30	58.40487	38	20	54.32080	44	10	49.67414
32	40	58.29538	38	30	54.19562	44	20	49.53358
32	50	58.18740	38	40	54.0982	44	30	49.39261
33		58.08792	38	50	53.94390	44	40	49.25115
33	10	57.96814	39		53.81736	44	50	49.10938
33	20	57.85752	39	10	53.69035	45		48.96714
33	30	57.74660	39	20	53.56290	45	10	48.83878
33	40	57.63520	39	30	53.43510	45	20	48.68143
33	50	57.52326	39	40	53.30665	45	30	48.53796
34		57.41094	39	50	53.17783	45	40	48.39410
34	10	57.29796	40		53.04860	45	50	48.24980
34	20	57.18460	40	10	52.91887	46		48.10510
34	30	57.07074	40	20	52.78872	46	10	47.96000
34	40	56.95641	40	30	52.65811	46	20	47.81448
34	50	56.84160	40	40	52.52710	46	30	47.66855
35		56.72628	40	50	52.39560	46	40	47.52224
35	10	56.61050	41		52.26366	46	50	47.37551

TABLE V. CONTINUED.

De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles	De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles	De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles
47		47.22840	52	50	41.83640	58	40	36.01112
47	10	47.08085	53		41.67571	58	50	35.83890
47	20	46.93294	53	10	41.51464	59		35.66639
47	30	46.78462	53	20	41.35324	59	10	35.49357
47	40	46.63590	53	30	41.19149	59	20	35.32045
47	50	46.48680	53	40	41.02940	59	30	35.14732
48		46.33730	53	50	40.86693	59	40	34.97331
48	10	46.18740	54		40.70412	59	50	34.79930
48	20	46.03712	54	10	40.54100	60		34.62500
48	30	45.88644	54	20	40.37750	60	10	34.452981
48	40	45.73531	54	30	40.21367	60	20	34.27551
48	50	45.58391	54	40	40.04952	60	30	34.10033
49		45.43209	54	50	39.88501	60	40	33.92486
49	10	45.27992	55		39.72008	60	50	33.74911
49	20	45.12726	55	10	39.56410	61		33.57306
49	30	44.97428	55	20	39.39947	61	10	33.39674
49	40	44.82092	55	30	39.22362	61	20	33.22014
49	50	44.66716	55	40	39.05746	61	30	33.04324
50		44.51304	55	50	38.89094	61	40	32.86608
50	10	44.35854	56		38.72411	61	50	32.68863
50	20	44.20367	56	10	38.55694	62		32.51090
50	30	44.04842	56	20	38.38945	62	10	32.33290
50	40	43.89280	56	30	38.22164	62	20	32.15463
50	50	43.73671	56	40	38.05350	62	30	31.97610
51		43.58044	56	50	37.88534	62	40	31.79724
51	10	43.42371	57		37.71629	62	50	31.61820
51	20	43.26661	57	10	37.54715	63		31.43812
51	30	43.10915	57	20	37.36913	63	10	31.25922
51	40	42.95131	57	30	37.20800	63	20	31.07934
51	50	42.79312	57	40	37.03795	63	30	30.89920
52		42.63456	57	50	36.86759	63	40	30.71880
52	10	42.47565	58		36.69692	63	50	30.53813
52	20	42.31540	58	10	36.52593	64		30.35720
52	30	42.15673	58	20	36.35463	64	10	30.17602
52	40	41.99676	58	30	36.18325	64	20	29.99458

TABLE V. CONTINUED.

De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles	De- grees	Mi- nutes	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles
64	30	29.81290	70	20	23.30591	76	10	16.55751
64	40	29.63095	70	30	23.11613	76	20	16.36190
64	50	29.44874	70	40	22.92614	76	30	16.16610
65		29.26631	70	50	22.73591	76	40	15.97015
65	10	29.08362	71		22.54551	76	50	15.77407
65	20	28.90071	71	10	22.35504	77		15.57785
65	30	28.71751	71	20	22.16521	77	10	15.38152
65	40	28.53410	71	30	21.97335	77	20	15.18505
65	50	28.35041	71	40	21.78222	77	30	14.98840
66		28.16172	71	50	21.59092	77	40	14.79170
66	10	27.98231	72		21.39941	77	50	14.59490
66	20	27.79800	72	10	21.20771	78		14.39760
66	30	27.61331	72	20	21.01590	78	10	14.20050
66	40	27.42852	72	30	20.82340	78	20	14.00360
66	50	27.24344	72	40	20.63162	78	30	13.80623
67		27.05813	72	50	20.43930	78	40	13.60878
67	10	26.87251	73		20.24674	78	50	13.40120
67	20	26.68682	73	10	20.05402	79		13.21323
67	30	26.50084	73	20	19.86112	79	10	13.03540
67	40	26.31461	73	30	19.66806	79	20	12.81782
67	50	26.13820	73	40	19.47428	79	30	12.61981
68		25.94150	73	50	19.28144	79	40	12.42170
68	10	25.75463	74		19.08790	79	50	12.22343
68	20	25.56752	74	10	18.89417	80		12.02510
68	30	25.38021	74	20	18.70030	80	10	11.82670
68	40	25.19261	74	30	18.50621	80	20	11.62820
68	50	25.00431	74	40	18.31207	80	30	11.43951
69		24.81700	74	50	18.11772	80	40	11.23081
69	10	24.62881	75		17.92322	80	50	11.03200
69	20	24.44044	75	10	17.72858	81		10.83308
69	30	24.25181	75	20	17.53380	81	10	10.63408
69	40	24.06308	75	30	17.33882	81	20	10.43500
69	50	23.87409	75	40	17.14372	81	30	10.23560
70		23.68490	75	50	16.94847	81	40	10.03650
70	10	23.49550	76		16.75310	81	50	9.81455

TABLE V. CONTINUED.

De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.	De- grees.	Mi- nutes.	Length of Degrees of Longi- tude in English Miles.
82		9.63774	84	50	6.23618	87	40	2.81938
82	10	9.43822	85		6.03554	87	50	2.61809
82	20	9.23862	85	10	5.83484	88		2.41673
82	30	9.03894	85	20	5.63409	88	10	2.21546
82	40	8.83919	85	30	5.43329	88	20	2.01412
82	50	8.63935	85	40	5.23245	88	30	1.81275
83		8.43945	85	50	5.03156	88	40	1.61138
83	10	8.23942	86		4.83064	88	50	1.40998
83	20	8.03943	86	10	4.62967	89		1.20858
83	30	7.83932	86	20	4.42866	89	10	1.00716
83	40	7.63915	86	30	4.22761	89	20	.80574
83	50	7.43890	86	40	4.02653	89	30	.60431
84		7.23860	86	50	3.82541	89	40	.40288
84	10	7.03823	87		3.62427	89	50	.20144
84	20	6.83780	87	10	3.42301	90		.00000
84	30	6.63732	87	20	3.22188			
84	40	6.43678	87	30	3.02064			



# TABLE VI.

*Of the Greek Numerals, and of the Characters used by PTOLEMY to express Minutes of Longitude and Latitude.*

## GREEK NUMERALS.

$\alpha$ 1	$\beta$ 2	$\gamma$ 3	$\delta$ 4	$\epsilon$ 5	$\zeta$ 6	$\eta$ 7	$\theta$ 8	$\iota$ 9
$\kappa$ 10	$\lambda$ 20	$\mu$ 30	$\nu$ 40	$\xi$ 50	$\omicron$ 60	$\pi$ 70	$\rho$ 80	$\sigma$ 90
$\varphi$ 100	$\sigma$ 200	$\tau$ 300	$\upsilon$ 400	$\phi$ 500	$\chi$ 600	$\psi$ 700	$\omega$ 800	$\lambda$ 900
$\alpha$ 1000	$\beta$ 2000	$\gamma$ 3000	$\iota$ 10,000	$\kappa$ 20,000	$\rho$ 100,000			

*Characters used by Ptolemy to express Minutes.*

$\beta$ 5	$\epsilon$ 10	$\delta$ 15	$\gamma$ 20	$\gamma\beta$ 25	$\zeta$ 30	$\zeta\beta$ 35	$\eta$ 40	$\zeta\delta$ 45	$\zeta\gamma$ 50	$\zeta\gamma\beta$ 55	$\alpha$ 60
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