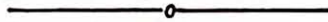


BOOK I.

ON THE SITUATION OF THE TERRESTRIAL GLOBE IN SPACE.



Nature's great works no distance can obscure,
No smallness her near objects can secure :
Ye 'ave taught the curious sight to press
Into the privatest recess
Of her imperceptible littleness.
Ye 'ave learned to read her smallest hand,
And well begun her deepest sense to understand.

ABRAHAM COWLEY, *To the Royal Society.*