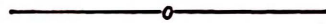


BOOK II.

FORM AND DIMENSIONS OF THE TERRESTRIAL GLOBE.



In his hand
He took the golden compasses, prepared
In God's eternal store, to circumscribe
This universe and all created things ;
One foot he centred, and the other turned
Round through the vast profundity obscure ;
And said, " Thus far extend—thus far thy bounds—
This be thy just circumference, O world ! "

MILTON, *Paradise Lost.*