dred lunations, but throughout the year 1864) a fair trial of the kind, should record the state of the sky as to cloud on three successive nights of each lunation—that on which the full moon occurs, and those immediately preceding and succeeding it, from an hour before the rise of the moon, and thence hourly to as late an hour of the night as his usual habits will allow—noting the strength and direction of the wind, and accompanying his memoranda in every instance with a note of the day and hour at which the observation it refers to was made.