

The use of this Planisphere. Chap. 5.

IF the use of this Planisphere much more might be written then now I have leysure or cause to sette downe, a great parte hercof being in such sort to be performed, as hath bene heretofore accustomed in the common sea Chart, sauing that this nauticall Planisphere generally bringeth you to more certaine trueth in conclusion, then the ordinary Chart hitherto hath done, or possibly can do. Something notwithstanding, (for the better satisfaction of the reader) I thought meete at this time to adde to the former treatise (especially in those poynts which may be most seruiceable for sea men, and wherein the use of this nauticall Planisphere differeth from the use of the common sea Chart, heretofore ordinarily practised.

To knowe vpon what point of the compasse one place in this Chart lyeth from another, trye with your compasses from what rumbe both places haue equall distance, which may be found truly inough, for the marriners use for the most part by estimation onely. But if you would be precise, do thus, Draw a straight line by both places, for a line paralell to it from the center of the next rose or fly (as it is called) is the rumbe of those two places, shewing vpon what poynt of the compasse you must go from the one to the other.

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Or thus, (if you list nor draw any lines vpon your Chart) lay the edge of a long ruler (reaching ouerthwart the Chart) to both places: take with your compasses the distance of the center of the next sic from the edge of the ruler, then guiding and carrying one foote along by the edge of the ruler, leade the other foote parallel-wise (that is, keeping it alwayes equally at that distance from the ruler) for so it sheweth you how those places lie one from another.

The distance of twoo places (as the martiners commonly take it, and measure it in their Charts, is the segment or part of the rumbe intercepted betweene them, which howe much it is in the ordinary measure of leagues shall truly be found out by this Planisphere, thus:

If both places haue the same latitude, take with your compasses the length of a degree of the meridian at that latitude (take halfe the degree aboue, and halfe beneath that latitude) for so oft as you shall finde that length betweene the two places, so many score leaues are there betwixt them. If the distance be great, for the more expedition you may take siue times the length of that degree, and counting it for an hundreth leagues, procede as before.

If both places haue not the same latitude, the equinoctiall also not coming betweene them, subtract the lesser latitude out of the greater, but if the equinoctiall come betwixt them, adde both latitudes together, so haue you the difference of latitude betweene both places.

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Now if both places haue the same longitude, so many degrees as there is in the difference of latitude, so many score leagues is the distaunce.

But if they differ also in longitude as well as in latitude, looke howe many degrees the difference of latitude containeth, so many degrees of the equinoctiall take with your compasses, and leading one foote in the equinoctiall, moouue forwardes the other also parallel-wise, keeping alwayes that distance, till it crosse the rumbe of those two places, in such sort, that one foote resting in that crossing, the other carried about, may but onely touch the equinoctiall. Then hauing taken with your compasses the segment or parte of that rumbe betweene that crossing and the equinoctiall, set both feete in the equinoctiall, and see howe many degrees are contained betwixt them, for so many score leagues is the distance of those two places.

Or if that segment of the sayd rumbe be greater then wel can bee taken with the compasses, take the length of siue degrees of the equinoctiall, betweene the feete of your Compasses, and looke how oft you can finde that length in the segment aforesaide of the rumbe, for so many hundreth leagues is the distance of those two places.

The demonstration hereof cannot be obscure to him that well considereth the geometrical reason of the projection, and making of this nautical Planisphere before sette downe in the second Chapter, from whence it foloweth; that bicause the sphericall superficies (whereof this Planisphere is conceiued to be geometrically made) extendeth it self

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euery way equally, at euery poynt of latitude betwixt the æquinoctiall and Pole, till it applie and ioine it selfe round about to the concavities of the circumscribed cylinder; therefore the segments of the meridian, and of any other rumb intercepted betwixt any the same two parallels, must needs increase in one and the same proportion.

And consequently, as often as the segment of a meridian between any two parallels, is contained in the segment of any rumb intercepted, betwixt the same parallels in the Globe, so often is the like segment of a meridian contained in the segment of the same rumb intercepted between the parallels correspondent in this Planisphere. Therefore (supposing the saide segment of the meridian in this Planisphere to be diuided into so many equal parts as it containeth degrees) it followeth that so often as one of these partes is contained in the segment of the rumb aforesaide in this Planisphere, so many score leagues is the distance of the two places set at the endes of that segment.

Now it is manifest that by these three segments, that is, the segment of the rumb between the two places, the segment of the meridian betwixt one of the places, and the parallel of the other) that is, the difference of latitude) and the segment of the parallel intercepted betwixt one of these places, and the meridian of the other, (which is the difference of longitude. I say it is manifest that by these three segments a right angled triangle is made, because the segments of the meridian and parallel (which are two sides of this Triangle, include a right angle.

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Again it is plaine, that taking with your compasses so many degrees of the æquinoctiall as are contained in the difference of latitude: then guiding one foote in the æquinoctiall, and carrying forwardes the other parallel-wise, till it crosse the rumb of those two places, in such sort, that one foote of the compasses being sette in that crossing, the other mooued about, may but onely touch the æquinoctiall: and lastly, drawing from that crossing a line perpendicular to the æquinoctiall: It is plaine I say, that by this perpendicular and the two segments, one of the æquinoctiall, betweene this perpendicular and the rumb, the other of the rumb, betweene the perpendicular and the æquinoctiall: by these segments I say, and the saide perpendicular, there is comprehended another right angled Triangle: which by the 14. e 4. & c. 3. e. 7 *RAM.* is like to the former right angled Triangle, because two angles of them both are equal, that is, the right angles, and angles of the same rumb. In the last of these triangles, the side perpendicular to the æquinoctiall, is proportionable to the difference of latitude, and the segment of the rumb between the end of this perpendicular and the æquinoctiall, is proportionable to the segment of the same rumb contained betwixt the two places. Therefore by the 2 p 6. & 17 p. 11 *Eucl.* because the line perpendicular to the æquinoctiall, containeth so many equal degrees of the æquinoctiall, as there are equal parts in the difference of latitude (that is) so many as there are degrees in the difference of latitude: these equal parts also of the perpendicu-

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lar and difference of latitude are proportionable. Whereof it followeth that so oft as one of these equal parts of the difference of latitude is contained in the segment of the rumb betwixt the two places (which before wee shewed to bee so oft as a degree of the meridian in the globe, is contained in the segment of the rumb betwixt the same places in the globe) so oft is one of the said equal parts of the perpendicular aforesaid (that is a degree of the æquinoctiall) contained in the segment of the same rumb betweene the foresayd crossing or ende of the perpendicular, and the æquinoctiall. Therefore Locke how many degrees of the æquinoctiall there are found in the segment of the rumb of the two places, so many score legues is the distance of those two places, which was to be demonstrated.

Thus haue you a way infallible to find out the distance betweene any two places measured in their rumb: which because it is then onely their true distance (that is the shortest space betwixt the vpon the superficies of the terrestriall globe) when both places lie north and south each from other, or east and west, hauing no latitude: whereas otherwise the segment of the rumb betweene the two places is alwaies greater (yea sometimes greater by halfe and more, in places farre northwardes or southwardes) then the true distance: I thought good also here to sette downe the way to finde out the true distance of any two places, wherein I haue bene, and yet am publikely charged with my promise, and meane at this time to discharge my selfe thereof.

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The true distance betwixt two places is the arch of a great circle intercepted betwixt them, which is thus to be found out.

If both places haue no latitude (as when they are both vnder the æquinoctiall) and one of them also no longitude, the longitude of the other being lesse, or not more then 180. degrees: the longitude is the distance.

But if the longitude be greater then 180 degrees, subtract it out of 360. the remainder is the distance.

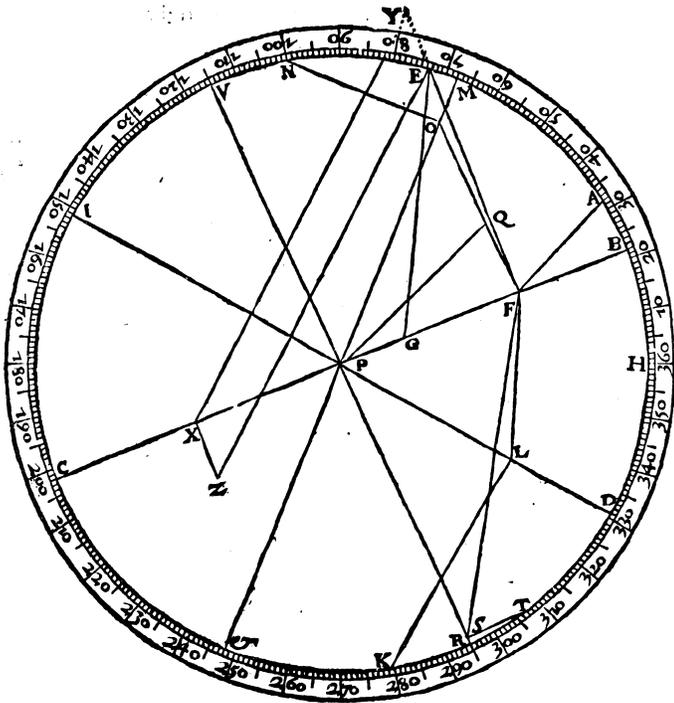
If both places haue either none or the same longitude (as when they are in the same semicircle of the meridian betweene the poles) and one of them onely haue latitude, that latitude is the distance. But if both places agreeing in longitude haue latitudes also of like denomination (as both northerly, or both southerly) subtract the lesser latitude out of the greater, the distance remaineth. If one place haue northerly latitude, and the other southerly, adde them together, the summe is the distance.

If one or both places haue latitude, and differ also in longitude: in a great circle diuided exactly into degrees (with figures set to euery fifth or tenth degree) note the longitudes of both places.

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Now if one place onely haue latitude, drawe a diameter from the longitude thereof, noted in the circle, and with your compasses take so many degrees and minutes in the same circle, as that latitude containeth: then setting one foote of the compasses

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ses in the longitude of that place, with the other make a pricke in the circle, which may be called the poynt of latitude. From this poynt draw a line perpendicular, crossing the diameter drawne from the longitude of that place. Take with your compasses the distance of this crossing, from the poynt of the other places longitude, noted in the circle, and leauing one foote in the sayde crossing, with the other make a pricke, in the foresaid diameter: take the distance of this pricke from the poynt of latitude noted in the circle. Then setting one foote of the compasses in that poynt of the circle where the degrees beginne to be numbred, the other foot extended that way, which the nũbers proceed, shal shewe you in the circle the distance of the places.

Take for example the cittie of *London*, and *Saint Thomas* Iland, which lieth right vnder the æquinoctiall line, in 32 degrees of longitude. The longitude of *London* admit: to be 22 degrees, the latitude 51 degrees, 32 minutes. Marke the longitudes of *Saint Thomas* Iland and of *London* with *A* and *B*. From the longitude of *London*. (because *London* hath also latitude) draw the diameter *BC*. Hauing taken with the compasses the latitude of *London* in the circle, set one foote in *B*, and with the other make the pricke *E* in the circle, and draw the perpendicular *EF*, crossing the diameter *BC* at *F*. Make *FG* equall to *FA*. which is the distance of *Saint Thomas* Iland from the sine of *London*'s latitude. Then *GE* shall bee the line subtending the distance of those two places. Taking therefore the length of *GE* with the compasses, and setting one

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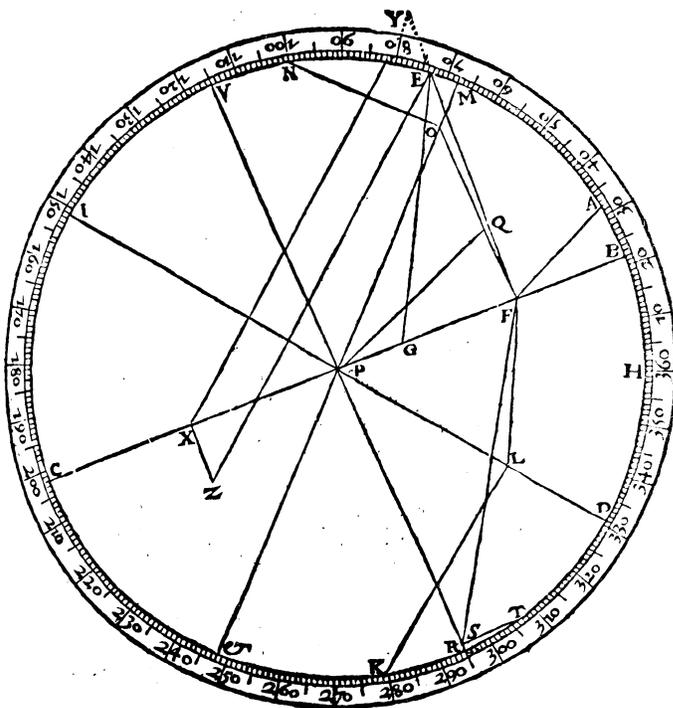
foote in H (where the degrees beginne) the other stretched forwardes in the circle, will poynte you out the distaunce of Saint Thomas Ilande and London, 52 degrees of a great circle, and about one halfe, that is, 1050 leagues, or 3150 english miles.

If both places haue latitude, do the like for both places as before you did for the one place hauing latitude, till you have crossed both diameters with perpendiculars: then take with your compasses the distance of those crossings, Now if both their latitudes bee of one denomination (that is, both northerly or both southerly) and equal, sette one foote of the compasses where the degrees begin to be numbred in the circle, and the other foote extended therein, that way which the numbers succede will shew you the distance.

As for example, London and Cape Blanco (neare the coast of new found land) haue both northerly and almost equal latitude of 51 degrees, 32 minutes. Having therefore drawne as well the diameters BC and DE, from B determining the longitude of London (viz. 22 degrees) and from the poynt of the longitude of Cape Blanco (which admittes to be 331 degrees, as also the perpendiculars or lines of both their latitudes, EF, and KL, (as before was shewed) crossing the diameters in F and L. The distance FL taken with the compasses, and translated into the circle (as the former example) will shew you the distance of Cape Blanco from London, to bee almost 31 degrees, of a great circle that is 620 leagues, or 1860 miles.

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one denomination, leauing one foote of the compasses in the crossing of the sine or perpendicular descending from the poynt of the greater latitude, with thother foot make a prick in the same diameter, wherein that crossing is: Then if the latitudes be

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the line subtending the distance of London and S. Thomas Iland by the 2. c 7. Ra. 4. 26. pr. 1. *Eucl.*

Also, because all the sines of latitude (being perpendicular to the same plaine of the equinoctiall) are parallels, by the 5. c 21. *Ram* 6. pr. 11. *Eucl.* Therefore by the 11. c 2. *Ram.* or 35 d. 1. *Enc.* FL is the line subtending the distance of London and Cape Blanco.

Againe, because FP whereto EF is perpendicular is made equall to FO, (the distance of the sines of London and Hierusalem, to which (distance) EF is also perpendicular in the globe) and EQ also equall to NO: Therefore FQ being the difference of the sines of Londons and Hierusalems latitudes: there must needs be the same distance betwixt P and Q that there is betweene the toppes of the sines of Hierusalems and Londons latitudes in the globe.

Lastly, FX being equal to FS (the distance of the sines of latitude of London and Culco in Peru) & XZ perpendicular to FX, and equall to ST the sine of Culcoes latitude: as EF is the sine of Londons latitude and perpendicular to the same line XF: EZ (to which XY is equall by the 6. c 12. e 5 *Ram.* 33. pr. 1. *Eucl.* YE being equall and parallel to XZ must needs be equall to a streight line extended within the globe betweene the points of latitude of Culco and London.

Now out of this demonstration it were an easie matter (if any list take the paines to be so curious) to find out the distance of any two places arithmetically by the doctrine of triangles, hauing alwaies

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two sides giuen which are the sines of the complements of the latitudes of the twoo places as OP, FP: LP, FP: RP, FP: AP, FP: together with the angle intercepted that is the difference of their longitudes: whereby FA: FO: FL: FS, the distances of the sines of latitude being found by the 2, 3, 4, 5, *Copernic. de Triangulis planis*, the lines also subtending the distances of the places may most easily be found by the 3. *Copernic. de Triang. plan.* For the squares of the distance of the sines, and of the difference of the sines of their latitudes (if both be northerly or both southerly) or of the summe of the sines of their latitudes (if one be northerly another southerly) are equall to the square of the line subtending the distance of the places 5. c 12. *Ram.* 47. pr. 1. *Eucl.*

With no lesse facilitie also by helpe of the former Tables, and the Canon of Triangles, any twoo places being giuen, there may arithmetically and most exactly be found out, first, by their longitudes and latitudes, the rumbe, and distance measured in the rumbe: secondly, by their distance, and latitudes, the rumbe and difference of longitude: thirdly, by their rumbe, and latitudes, the distance and difference of longitude: fourthly, by their longitudes, rumbe, and one latitude, the other latitude and distance: fifthly, by the rumbe distance and one latitude, the other latitude, and the difference of longitude: or any other nauticall or geographical probleme that by the Chart may mechanically be performed: and the whole Arte of Navigation arithmetically (as some call it) may as easily be pra-

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Asked: So as, hauing onely the longitudes and latitudes of the places (by which, and to which you are to saile) set downe in a Table, you may by arithmeticall calculation onely (if you list take the paines) without any chart, mapp, or globe, shewe the course and distance from any place to other: and so giue most exact direction for the performance of an whole voyage to any knowne place assigned, how oft soeuer you haue trauesed or bin toiled this way and that way by reason of scant, violent, or contrary windes, or any other occasion.

But seeing the first groundes of this Art, that is, the obseruations of the latitudes, but especially of the courses at sea, cannot but be farre from such exquisite truth as is to be found in those arithmetical operations: howe exact soeuer you be in the rest of the meanes, you can look for no more truth in conclusion then such as is answerable to the first groundes and principles, out of which the conclusion is gathered. So as the Mariner shall not need to trouble himselfe any further herewith, but only to cast vpon this account vpon the chart truly made (as it should be shewd) which of al other is most fit & ready for his ordinarie vse. Now therefore it may be sufficient, onely to shewe how the former Problemes may mechanically be performed vpon the nautical planisphere before described.

First, By the longitudes and latitudes of both places giuen, the rumb and distance may thus be found: drawe parallels by both latitudes: take the distance of these parallels: according to which distance drawe a parallel to the æquinoctiall. Then
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from the end of the difference of longitude reckoned from the concurse of the rumbes in the æquinoctiall erect a perpendicular crossing the saide parallel: A line drawn by this crossing from the concurse of the rumbes is the rumb of the two places. Now to finde out the distance, take so many degrees of the æquinoctiall as the difference of latitude containeth: and guiding one foote of the compasses in the æquinoctiall, with the other foote carried parallel-wile at equall distance from the æquinoctiall, crosse the rumb newly found out: take the distance of this crossing from the concurse of the rumbes, and set both feete of the Compasses in the æquinoctiall, for the degrees intercepted shew you the distance desired.

Secondly, By the distance & latitudes (knowing which place is more eastwardes, or westwardes) the rumb & difference of longitude is thus found: Take with the compasses so many degrees and minutes of the æquinoctiall, as the difference of latitude containeth: According to that distance draw a parallel to the æquinoctiall, take so many degrees of the æquinoctiall with your Compasses as the distance giuen cometh to: then one foote being set in the concurse of the rumbes in the æquinoctiall, with the other crosse the parallel aforesaide: A line drawne by that crossing from the concurse of the rumbes in the æquinoctiall, giueth you the rumb desired. Then both latitudes being noted in the graduated meridian, therein take their difference with the compasses, and guiding one foote in the æquinoctiall, with the other carried at that
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distance parallel-wise from the æquinoctial, crosse the rumbe of the places : the distance of that crossing from the meridian (that commeth from the common meeting of the rumbes in the æquinoctial) taken with the compasses, and brought to the æquinoctial, shal shew you the difference of longitude. Or a perpendicular to the æquinoctial from that crossing shal poynt you out therein, the difference of longitude.

Thurdly, By the rumb and latitudes (being both northerly or both southerly) the distance and difference of longitude is thus found : Take the difference of latitudes in the æquinoctial: according to that distance draw a parallel to the æquinoctial (as before) crossing the rumb of the two places giuen: take the distance of this crossing from the concurse of the rumbes : Then both feete of the compasses set in the æquinoctial wil shew the distance of the places. The difference of longitude is found as before.

Fourthly, By the longitudes rumb and one latitude (knowing whether it be the lesser or greater) to finde the other latitude, and the distance, do thus : From the concurse of the rumbes in the æquinoctial count the difference of longitude: from hence erect a perpendicular crossing the rumb: the distance of this crossing from the æquinoctial translated into the graduated meridian (setting one foote in the knowne latitude, and extending the other northwardes or southwardes according as the vnknowne latitude is greater or lesser) shal shew you the latitude desired. Now to finde the distance

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distance worke as before in the first Probleme.

Fiftly, by the rumb, distance, and one latitude, you may finde the other latitude and the difference of longitude after this manner : Take the distance giuen with the Compasses in the æquinoctial: set one foote in the concurse of the rumbes, and with the other crosse the rumb giuen : from this crossing draw a perpendicular to the æquinoctial: the length of that perpendicular taken with the Compasses and brought into the æquinoctial shal shew you the difference of latitude. Thus hauing both latitudes giuen, the difference of longitude may also be found as before Prob. 2.

Nowe in euery one of these problemes there may be some particular cases wherof some diuersitie of working may follow, yet such as can breed but small trouble to him that well shall conceiue the reason of that is already set down in these five former Problemes : which are especially to be applied to such places as are both on the same side of the æquinoctial, and differ also both in longitude & latitude: of which sort is the greatest number, and in which the greatest vlc, and most difficultie of working consisteth. To prosecute euery particularitie at large (whereof some perhaps lesse acquainted with the reason of these mathematical practises may be desirous) would be now for mee too long and tedious. For some taste therefore of the vse of this nauticall planisphere, let thus much for this time briefly suffice.

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