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The ensuing Night was very stormy; a large Quantity of Hail fell about Two in the Morning; and the Barometer was extremely low.

Those are the principal Circumstances that I am acquainted with, relating to the late Earthquake. I depend upon your Candour and Goodness to excuse the loose manner in which they are thrown together.

## XLIV.

*Mr. Henry Baker F. R. S. to the President, containing an Extract of a Letter from Mr. W. Arderon F. R. S. concerning an Explosion in the Air, heard at Norwich, June 7. 1750.*

## S I R,

Read June 15. 1750. **M**R. Arderon writes me Word from *Norwich*, that, on *Thursday* last, the 7th instant, as he and a Friend were walking to take the Air, a little to the Westward of that City, they heard, about 7 o' Clock in the Evening, a kind of hollow Noise, as loud as that of a large Cannon. Which Noise was once repeated nigh the same Place as an Echo, and then continued dying as it were away for about half a Minute.

They saw no Lightning, nor any Clouds, except a few thin whitish ones in the Western Horizon.

It was heard, he says, by great Numbers of People in the City of *Norwich*, notwithstanding the continual

continual Noise and Hurry there: He likewise received Accounts of it from *Swanthorpe*, 6 Miles S W; and from *Racka*, 4 Miles N E of that City, agreeing with the above Description.

He has not heard that any Person observed any Tremor of the Earth; and confesses his own Surprize was so great, he does not know whether there was or not.

Mr. *Wilson*, a Gentleman who was with him, thought the Noise much resembled the Fall of a great Building; and a Gentleman at *Norwich* described it like a large Weight falling down upon a Chamber-floor over his Head.

I received the above Account last *Monday*; and as this Year has been productive of many unusual *Phenomena*, I hope you will excuse my laying this before you amongst the rest. I am,

S I R,

Your most obedient Servant.

Catherine-Street,  
June 14. 1756.

H. Baker.