

Your Memorialists would not presume to dictate to Your Excellency the manner in which the object of this petition should be carried out, but they may be permitted to state their opinion that for a sum of Five Thousand Pounds and an annual endowment of One Thousand Two Hundred Pounds, a first-class Observatory could be efficiently and permanently constructed, equipped and maintained.

Your Memorialists, while urging with earnestness on your consideration this prayer, have all confidence in the wisdom and liberality of Your Excellency, and feel assured that should a National Canadian Astronomical Observatory be founded, it will be on a scale commensurate with the importance of the object and the character of the country.

And Your Memorialists as in duty bound will ever pray.

EDWARD J. CHAPMAN,      DE ROTTEBURG,      JOHN LANGTON,  
*1st Vice-President.      2nd Vice-President.      3rd Vice-President.*  
 J. GEORGE HODGINS, *Secretary.*

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TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING.—14th March, 1857.

Professor E. J. CHAPMAN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

*The following Donation for the Library was presented, and the thanks of the Institute voted to the Donor ;*

From T. Henning, Esq. :

“ Villa and Cottage Architecture,” by Calvert Vaux.

*The following papers were then read :*

1. By JAMES H. MORRIS, M.A. :

“ Notes of Travel in China.”

2. By Col. BARON DE ROTTEBURG :

“ Report of the Committee on Prof. Kingston’s paper on the use of the Electric Telegraph in giving notice of storms.

The report of the Committee was adopted, and remitted to the Council to be carried into effect.

3. By Col. BARON DE ROTTEBURG :

“ Extract of a letter from Mr. Chalmers of Barrie, F. R. Astronomical Society detailing some observations which he had made on the 26th February, on a supposed volcano in the moon.

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THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING.—21st March, 1857.

Professor E. J. CHAPMAN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

*The following Gentleman was elected a Junior Member :*

JAMES BEATTY, Esq.