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D E D I C A T I O.



Ad eundem

IMP. AUGUSTUM,

D O M I N U M.

EGO verò, Cæsar Sacratissime, Dedicatione Operis, in quo per annos XXVI. sudavi, jam M^{ti} V^{ra} factâ, et si, veluti qui alienâ vehitur navi, in idem necessariò littus exscensionem facere videor, ad quod puppis appulit: privatas tamen habeo rationes, quibus motus, etiamsi mea solius fuisset elec^{tio}, eundem in portum vela mea fuerim directus. Præcessores M^{ts} V^{ra}, sacratissimæ memoriarum.

RUDOLPHUM & MATTHIAM, Patronos habui: si ab his mihi demandatorum officii muniorum rationes, quas reddere non potui superlitis, reddo Successori; id, opinor, recte fit & ordine. Quid hujus non debeo Illi, qui etiam stipendia vetera solvit, quæ debeat Antecessores? Quid non Illi, sub cuius Imperio Tabulas istas, inde à TYCHONIS obitu imperfectas, pertexui, consummavi, perfeci? Quid non Illi, qui proposita mea, hæredumq; TYCHONIS, de Tabulis edendis, rata habuit, auctramento sanxit; Qui desiderium suum editionis maturimæ, Majestate in comitatem temperatâ, percontando demonstravit; Qui ut Imperatoria liberalitate numerarentur mihi sumptus in opus necessarii, magnificen-
tissimè mandavit?

Nova sunt ista: vertar ad vetustiora, primamque curarum & speculationum, quæ de meo collatæ sunt in Tabulas istas, originem ab ipso repetam ovo.

Cùm ante annos undetriginta GRÄTII STYRIÆ, quæ tunc Aula FERDINANDUM Archiducem populis promittebat Imperatorem, numeris nescio quid offerrem Astronomici: memini me, plenum fiduciâ de successu in hac facultate (tantum poterat unius Mysterii Cosmographici recens tunc inventio) illud unicè abs Ser^{te} V^{ra} petere; uti mihi observatio-
nes siderum fidas quærenti, manus porrigeret auxiliares. Nondum tunc TYCHO suas ad me missitabat literas; nondum in BOHEMIAM ille ascen-
derat. Nimis sensum aliquem fati jam jam imminentis, præ se ferebant vota mea. Biennium non plenum fuit lapsum: cùm TYCHONIS Obser-
vationibus (quibus fide & subtilitate nullæ pares) cùm TYCHONE ipso,
profectus ad eum in Boëmiā, sum potitus. Votum hoc sub ipsa Ser^{ts} V^{ra}
gubernationis initia, tanquam sub ejus auspiciis, concepi; spes meas ob-
sernissimos ejus oculos adduxi: quin igitur & eventum foelicem, qui nunc
tandem consecutus est, ejusdem conspectui sisterem, dedicarémq; cùm
illum