

CHAPTER X.

OF THE COMETS AND EXTRAORDINARY SIGNS THAT
HAVE APPEARED AT QUEBEC OR IN ITS
NEIGHBORHOOD.

WE do not purpose giving here an exact account of all the irregular changes in the Comets that have been seen by us this year. Our design is to report [106] merely some observations, which may perhaps serve as data for the curious in obtaining some further information.

On the 29th of November of the year 1664, the first Comet began to be seen at Quebec. Some have said that they saw it about the 15th of the month, while others assert that it showed itself even before All Saints' day.

On the 30th of November, early in the morning, it was again seen; but, during the thirteen nights following, the clouds hid it from our sight and careful scrutiny.

On the 14th day of December, about a quarter past three o'clock, we saw the Comet a little better, without being able to take any complete observation. Its distance from Spica Virginis was 22 degrees, 30 minutes.

[107] We will state here — what ought to be known, for regarding the following observations — that the altitude of the Pole at Quebec is 46 degrees, 44 minutes.

On the 15th of December, we took the Comet's