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## REGISTER OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE FOR HIS ANNUAL REPORT.

Place of Observation Prophet's Side County of King George State of Virginia  
 Latitude \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude \_\_\_\_\_ Height above the sea 60 feet  
 Name and address of Observer Edward J. Taylor, Comm. P.O. For the month of January, 1868.

| Name and address of Observer                       |  | Edward S. May Jr. |  |
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| THERMOMETER IN THE OPEN AIR.                       |  |                   |  |
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EXPLANATION OF THE ABOVE COLUMNS.

**THERMOMETER IN THE OPEN AIR.**  
 This is intended for the register of the thermometer, and for the daily mean or average of the three observations.

**RAIN AND SNOW.**  
 Under this head are entered the time of beginning and ending of the fall of rain or snow, and the amount, in inches and hundredths, of rain or melted snow collected in a gauge at the surface of the ground; also the depth of the snow. Rain to be indicated by R, and snow by S. When there is no rain or snow, mark 0.

**CLOUDS.**  
 Under this general head are entered three daily observations on the aspect of the sky, &c. 1st. The "Amount of cloudiness," designated by figures, 10 being entire cloudiness; 5 half cloudiness; 0 entire clearness; and intermediate numbers in proportion. 2d. "Motion of the higher clouds," which pass directly over the head of the observer, as given to eight points of the compass. The direction from which they move is to be given. This observation is important, as the course of the higher clouds is sometimes different from that of the surface wind, which is given in another column. 3d. The "Velocity," or rate of motion, 10 being the highest, and 0 apparent rest. 4th. The description or "Kind of clouds," to be entered by means of the following abbreviations: St. Stratus; Cu. Cumulus; Cir. Cirrus; Nim. Nimbus; Cir. st. Cirro-stratus; Cu. st. Cumulo-stratus; Cir. cu. Cirro-cumulus.

**WINDS.**  
 This is for the record of the direction from which the wind is blowing as indicated by a vane, and its force by estimation. The direction is entered in eight points of the compass: N., N.E., E., S.E., S., S.W., W., N.W. The force is to be estimated and registered by the following table, in figures, from 1 to 10:

|                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Very light breeze       | 2 miles per hour. |
| 2. Gentle breeze           | 4 "               |
| 3. Fresh breeze            | 12 "              |
| 4. Strong wind             | 25 "              |
| 5. High wind               | 35 "              |
| 6. Gale                    | 45 "              |
| 7. Strong gale             | 60 "              |
| 8. Violent gale            | 75 "              |
| 9. Hurricane               | 90 "              |
| 10. Most violent hurricane | 100 "             |

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