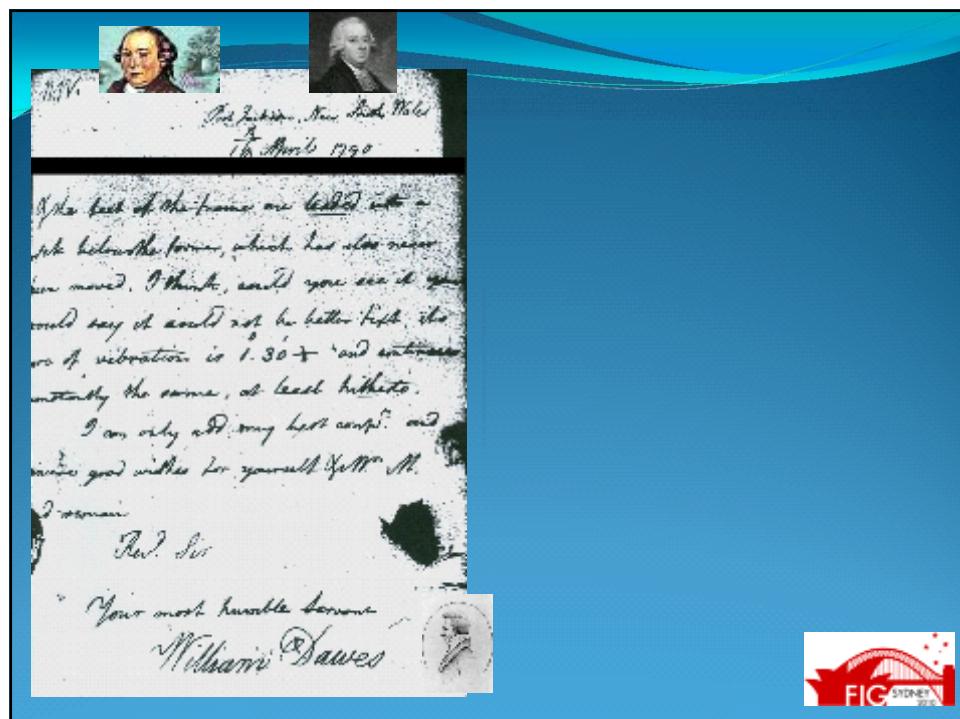


# William Dawes' Gravity Measurement in Sydney Cove, 1788

Case BOSLOPER,  
Australia



# Clock Rate and setting of nut

Oct 1, 1788

The Clock has lost after the Rate of 37' 25" on ~~redirection~~  
in one sidereal day, the screw was at 15 on the Nut, but  
I intend to alter it to 17 before the Fishburn & Golden  
Grove sail which will be perhaps in about 6 Weeks  
or two Months hence. This goes by the Services to the



# William Dawes

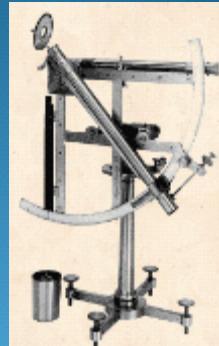
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Distance	Time	Wind
10 miles	2 hours	1 West
20 miles	4 hours	2 East
30 miles	6 hours	3 South
40 miles	8 hours	4 North
50 miles	10 hours	5 East
60 miles	12 hours	6 West
70 miles	14 hours	7 South
80 miles	16 hours	8 North
90 miles	18 hours	9 East
100 miles	20 hours	10 West



# Dawes' List of Observations



# Gravity Observation by Cook

Equal Altitudes for the Going of the Clock N° 2, when at St. Peter and Paul the second time.									
1779.	Time of Noon per Clock uncorrected.	Half Inter- val or Obser- vation.	Time of Noon per Clock corrected.	Clock fast for observed Time.	Daily Rate of the Clock.	Obser- ved Rate.	Phenomena and Remarks.		
	H.    M.    S.	H.    M.    S.	H.    M.    S.	M.    S.	N.				
4 Aug. 26.	10 18 38,	1 4 58	10 19 1,56	0 48,06	0 0-ming.	14	Sun.		
5 Sept. 1.	10 41 49,	1 4 16 54	10 42 10,70	2 1,2	12,18	25	Do.		
6 ——	2. 10 45 40,	0 4 5 2	10 46 0,29	2 13,79	12,59	20	Do.		
7 ——	4 10 53 18,	0 5 0 0	10 53 42,68	2 41,82	14,02	16	Do.		
8 ——	5 10 57 7,	6 4 54 42	10 57 31,90	2 54,40	12,57	16	Do.		
9 ——	6. 11 0 57,754	46 0	11 1 21,75	3 6,85	12,45	12	Do.		
10 ——	7 11 4 48,184	51 12	5 12,84	3 20,54	13,69	17	Do.		
11 ——	8 11 8 38,414	43 30	11 9 2,77	3 34,47	13,93	14	Do.		
12 ——	11 39 27,59	3 45 48	11 39 50,35	5 36,05	15,07	12	Do.		
13 ——	19. 11 51 1,03	9 20	11 51 22,62	6 22,37	15,44	11	Do.		
14 ——	24. 12 10 14,494	26 6	12 10 36,39	7 37,09	14,94	12	Do.		
15 ——	25. 12 14 4,973	30 48	12 14 27,82	7 52,00	14,91	20	Do.		
16 ——	26. 12 17 53,484	12 634	18 17,93	8 7,10	15,10	16	Do.		
17 ——	27. 12 21 42,744	2 7	12 22 9,69	8 21,86	14,76	12	Do.		

The pendulum vibrated from  $1^{\circ} 31\frac{1}{2}'$  to  $1^{\circ} 32'$  on each side ( $\sigma$ ), which is  
7" more than before; this seems owing to the weather being much warmer.



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**Astronomical Observations [made at ...] for  
determining the going of the Clock**

sent thither by the Royal Society

**in order to find the Difference of Gravity between  
the Royal Observatory at Greenwich and the place  
where the Clock was set up [.....].**



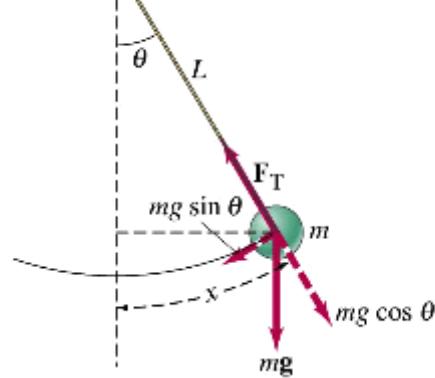
**The Shelton  
Astronomical  
Regulator  
Clock**



# Error Budget



## Linearity issue



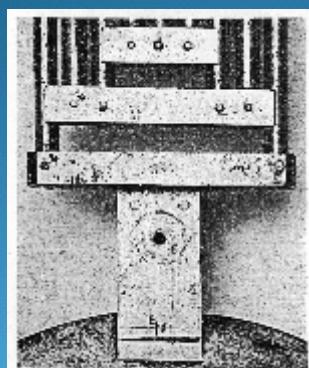
# Pendulum equation

$$T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{L}{g}} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} \sin^2 \frac{\theta_M}{2} + \frac{1}{2^2} \frac{3^2}{4^2} \sin^4 \frac{\theta_M}{2} + \dots \right)$$

$$g = (4\pi^2 L/T^2) * (1 + \Delta)^2$$



## Setting the Pendulum length



# A Regulator Nut



## Solve for Pendulum Lengths with EGM 2008

Mean 39.111<sub>2</sub> inches, Std dev of mean 0.002 inch (51 microns)

The Resolution, Captain Cook and William Wales											L Solved
Places	Date	Clock B gains on sidereal time		Lat. D.dd	Longitude	EGM 2008 normal gravity	Add Gravity Anomaly	clock rate sec	Obsv'd swing arc D.d	with obsvd arc from vert	
Greenwich	March 1772	0	5.03	51 28.67N	51.48	0	9.81157137	0.00010	5.03	1.68	39.1508
Madera	July 1772	0	-36.60	52 33.5N	32.56	17 11.25W	9.79525478	0.00015	-36.6	1.67	39.1031
Cape of Good hope	Nov 1772	-1	15.48	53 55.25S	35.92	18 28.25E	9.79538135	0.00010	-75.45	1.68	39.1428
Dusky Bay	April 1773	0	-4.07	45 47.5S	45.79	165 18E	9.80066641	0.00000	4.07	1.58	39.1124
Palm: Venus	August 1773	-1	28.42	17 29.5S	17.49	210 25.5E	9.78494586	0.00000	-88.42	1.65	39.1083
Cook: Charlotte's Sound	Dec 1773	0	-21.12	41 6S	41.1	174 18.5E	9.80263555	0.00000	-21.12	1.63	39.1189
Palm: Venus	May 1774	-1	22.64	17 29.5S	17.49	210 25.5E	9.78494586	0.00000	-82.64	1.58	39.1094
Cook: Charlotte's Sound	Oct 1774	0	-15.58	41 6S	41.1	174 18.5E	9.80263555	0.00000	-15.58	1.63	39.1139
Tierra del Fuego	Dec 1774	0	36.52	55 22S	55.37	70 1.33W	9.81534269	0.00015	36.52	1.63	39.1172
Cape of Good Hope	April 1775	0	-42.21	53 55.25S	35.92	18 23.25	9.79538135	0.00010	-42.21	1.65	39.1125



## Length change for one rev of nut

From length ratio to length difference:

$$\begin{aligned} L_o/L_i &= T_o^2 / T_i^2 \\ L_i - L_o &= L_i - \left( L_i * T_o^2 / T_i^2 \right) \\ &= L_i \left( 1 - T_o^2 / T_i^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Estimate L with  $g/\pi^2$

**Result: One revolution of nut is 0.0258 inch  
of length change for the pendulum**



## London pendulum length or not?

From normal gravity ratio to pendulum period ratio:

$$\begin{aligned} T_L^2 / T_S^2 &= g_S / g_L \\ T_L &= T_S \sqrt{(g_S / g_L)} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: William Dawes pendulum is too short by  
one revolution of the regulator nut.

Result:

Sydney Cove gravity value in 1788  
979.705 gal



# The Appropriate Pendulum Lengths

The Resolution, Cook and Wales			
Places	Date	Adopted pendulum length	1775 Gravity value
Greenwich	March 1772	39.137	9.81364
Madeira	July 1772	39.111	9.79739
Cape of Good Hope	Nov 1772	39.137	9.79504
Dusky Bay	April 1773	39.111	9.80651
Point Venus	August 1773	39.111	9.78561
Queen Charlotte's Sound	Dec 1773	39.111	9.80086
Point Venus	May 1774	39.111	9.78684
Queen Charlotte's Sound	Oct 1774	39.111	9.80211
Tierra del Fuego	Dec 1774	39.111	9.81394
Cape of Good Hope	April 1775	39.111	9.79609



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THE END



- Supporting background information



# A Six-figure relative gravity value in 1768

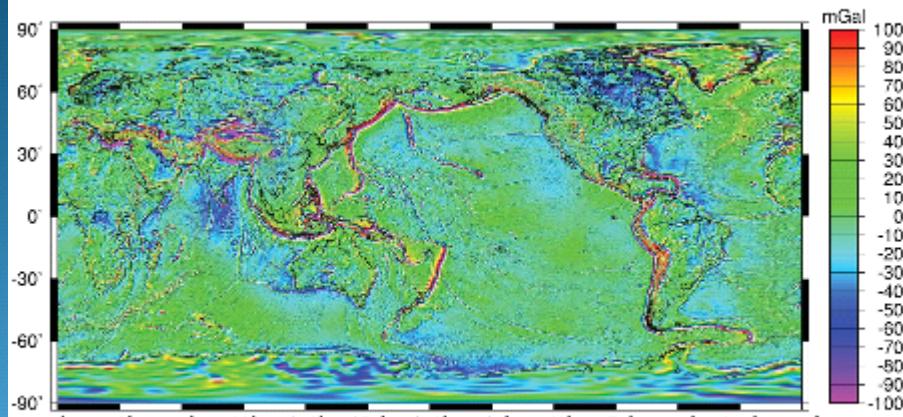
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July 18, 1768. Therefore the force of gravity at Greenwich is to that at King George's Island, as 1000000 to 997075. N. M.



## EGM 2008 Anomalies

Free-air Gravity Anomalies From the Earth Gravitational Model 2008 (EGM2008)



Free-air gravity anomalies computed from EGM08, averaged over 6 arc minute by 6 arc minute cells on the surface of the Earth. A gravity anomaly is the difference of actual (observed) gravity from a nominal (theoretical) value. The unit is the ICGF (defined in Gal, where 1 mGal =  $10^{-8}$  rad $^2$ ), which corresponds approximately to 1 part per million of the gravity acceleration sensed by an observer on the Earth's surface. Notice the numerous geophysical features that are revealed, such as ocean trenches, ridges, subduction and fracture zones, and mountain chains.

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(b) equations

$$Y_{eq} = \frac{GM}{a^2} \left\{ 1 - 3 \bar{J}_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) - \frac{w^2 a^3}{GM} \right\}$$

$$a = 6378137$$

$$GM = 3.98600410 \cdot 10^{-14}$$

$$\bar{J}_2 = 485.6514179 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\sqrt{3} \bar{J}_2 = 1082.626175$$

$$w = 7292.118 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ rad/sec.}$$

$$f = 1/298.257223563$$

$$Y_{eq} = 9.798285479 \left\{ 0.998162547 \right\} = 9.798281594$$

$$\beta = -f + \frac{3}{2} m - \frac{17}{24} \bar{J}_2 m + \frac{15}{24} m^2$$

$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{8} f^2 - \frac{5}{8} f m - 346.397391 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$m = \frac{w^2 a^3}{GM} = \left( \frac{w^2 a^3}{GM} \right)^{-1} = 3449.786007 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

Andrade P = 498.1072136

$$f = \frac{3}{2} \bar{J}_2 + \frac{m}{2} + \frac{9}{8} \bar{J}_2^2 + \frac{17}{24} \bar{J}_2 m + \frac{5}{24} m^2$$

$$Y_0 = Y_{eq} (1 + \beta \sin^2 \varphi + \beta_1 \sin^2 2\varphi)$$

$$b = a(1-f)$$

Used  $\bar{J}_2$  as the not-normalized second degree zonal gravitational coefficient  
 $(\sqrt{5} C_{20})$



12.0

$$\text{Iteration 1: } \bar{J}_2 = \sqrt{5} \left( \hat{C}_{20} \right) = 1082.626174$$

$$\text{where } w_1 = 3449.786007 \cdot 10^{-6} \quad f = 1/298.25722356$$

$\frac{3}{2} \bar{J}_2$	$1623.439131 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$w/2$	$1714.893254 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$9/8 \bar{J}_2^2$	$1.3185769 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$15/16 \bar{J}_2 m$	$2.006501 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$3/16 w^2$	$0.437755 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$13.52 \cdot 789460 \cdot 10^{-6}$	

$$\rightarrow f = 1/298.25722356$$

Iteration 2:  $w_2 = 3449.786281$

$\frac{3}{2} \bar{J}_2$	$1623.439131 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$w/2$	$1714.893254 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$9/8 \bar{J}_2^2$	$1.3185769 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$15/16 \bar{J}_2 m$	$1.006301 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$3/16 w^2$	$0.437755 \cdot 10^{-6}$
$13.52 \cdot 789467 \cdot 10^{-6}$	

$$\rightarrow f = 1/298.2572239066$$

Iteration 3:  $w_3 = 3449.786281$

Has converged.  
 $\rightarrow f$  now stable, no m stable.

$$\beta = -f = -3449.786407 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$\frac{3}{2} m = +8649.666495 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$-\frac{17}{24} \bar{J}_2 = -14.044115 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$+\frac{15}{24} w^2 = +44.628353 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

$$5301.469327 \cdot 10^{-6}$$


$$\beta_1 = \frac{1}{8} f^2 \quad 1405149.676 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$-\frac{5}{8} f_m \quad 7229005.140 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$= 5823.855.664 \cdot 10^{-12}$$

$$\text{or } 5.8239 \cdot 10^{-6}$$

OR

$$g_0 = 9.7802816 \left( 1 + 0.00530226 \sin^2 \phi \right)$$

$$- 0.000005814 \sin^2 \phi \frac{\text{m/s}^2}{\text{m}^3}$$

for EGM 2008

In six decimals (and 7 for coefficients):

$$g_0 = 9.780282 \left( 1 + 0.0053023 \sin^2 \phi - 0.0000058 \sin^2 \phi \right) \frac{\text{m/s}^2}{\text{m}^3}$$

for WGS84 / EGM 2008.



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Read December 15, 1768.