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OCCUPATIONS.

In 1769, Mr Clarkson was engaged in some work which his memorandums call "viewing, levelling and surveying the ground between Chesapeake and Delaware bays." This employed him from May 23 to 30. The first entry is "May 23, 1769, Tuesday, left Philadelphia at quarter past six, in company with Mr. R. Hoopes; dined at Newcastle; at half-past seven arrived at Witherspoon's, where we met with John Lukens, Esq., Surveyor-General, John Sellers, of Darby and John Stapler, of Wilmington." He was often interested in work of this kind, as "February 7, 1774, Mr. Luke Morris and Artr. [Arthur] Donaldson measured from south side of Almond street on the ice to Windmill Island." His papers show that he was more than a mechanical surveyor, being abundant in mathematical, astronomical, navigation and gauging problems and calculations done in the neatest style of penmanship and drawing.

Mr. Clarkson must have been one of those prominent, practical and popular citizens, who are judged, in a better