of his plans, the inexhaustible vast of his resources, the
endless of his power, and the infiniteness of his wisdom.
Nothing could be more absurd than to think such knowl-
edge injurious to the mind. But such knowledge is
only obtained by mathematical investigation. It was
the mathematician who discovered the nothing upon which
the vast universe is suspended. And he with unerring step
and some endurance too I must confess, pursued the moon
in her revolutions, until she reluctantly confessed that
the mild beams she so profusely lavished upon us were
not her own but all borrowed from the sun. Then voyant
with alacrity he stored the sun in his face until he blush-
ingly exposed of a confused and spotted countenance. With
his ordinates and coordinates he steps from one fixed
star to another and measures the distance between
the tell us when and where the sun will withhold his
light and, the moon veil her face in darkness, and
planets refuse to contribute their mites. With an iron
grasp he catches the wild comet by his fiery tail and
will not let him go until he tells him when he
will be round again. At his gaze the nebulae
which appear as vapor to earth, are increased to fixed stars
of other nebulae appear in the far distant, which all
though yet remains to be done before the end of space can be
seen in by a mathematician.