

*To God, Optimal, Maximum. To Giovanni Alfonso Borelli, from Naples, famous philosopher, doctor and mathematician, who was called to teach at the universities of Messina, Pisa and Florence. He published works of geometry, physics, mechanics, and astronomy. Hired at the Academy of Cristina, Queen of the Swedes and Goths in Rome, where he received an annual pension. His house was ransacked by an unfaithful servant and he was taken into the house of the Pious Schools of San Pantaleo, for two years he taught mathematics to religious students. Here his admirable work "On the Movement of Animals" ended, and he also ended his life on December 31, 1679, at the age of 75. The Regular Clerics of the Pious Schools dedicate this tablet to such a great guest.*