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Erasmus Bartholin was a transitional figure in Danish astronomy. He edited works of Tycho Brahe and taught Ole Römer. Foremost a physician, Bartholin observed the comet of 1665 (C/1665 F1). He is better known for describing the optical phenomenon of double refraction.

## Selected Reference

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