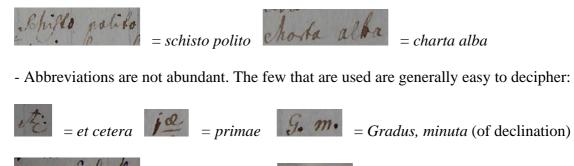
## Manuscript Hell a – geomagnetic observations in Vardø

This first series of photographs, referred to as "MS Hell a 1-14", depicts the manuscript exclusively concerned with Hell's geomagnetic observations in Vardø. The originals are presented half a page at a time, but the reader may expect some overlap between pictures. Thus, the last lines on MS Hell a 1 can be seen also in the uppermost part of Hell a 2. There is no pagination in Hell's manuscript, so this numbering is our own. We have made no omissions in our reproduction of these sheets.

MS *Hell a* contains the long listings of measurements that have formed the basis for our Figures 5, 6 and 7, along with several methodical and theoretical comments which we have commented upon in our text. As an aid to those who wish to examine our interpretations of Hell's Latin, we have marked below each picture at what page the reader may find our translations or discussions.

It is beyond the scope of this report to give a discussion of Hell's Latinity. Some notes on his handwriting, however, may be of help to those already familiar with reading printed texts in Latin, but lacking experience in reading 18<sup>th</sup>-century manuscripts.

- There is a tendency in Hell's manuscript of writing the minuscule letters o and a ambiguously, e.g.:



Victoria A. m. = *Hora*, *minutum* (of time) = Domini Niebuhr

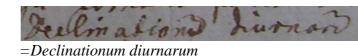
- The enclitic -que, and the present passive termination of verbs (-tur) may be shortened:



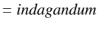
- Similarly, case endings in *-am*, *-em* and *-um* are sometimes shortened in this way:







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- In accordance with 18<sup>th</sup>-century usage, Father Hell writes German in Gothic letters. Thus, in the rare instance when he uses a German or Danish word, his handwriting changes:



= *Materialien Verwalter* ("caretaker")

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