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The SPEECH of the Honourable Patrick Gordon, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Pennsylvania, and Counties of New-Castle, Kent and Sussex, upon Delaware. To the Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province, met at Philadelphia, April the 2d, 1729.

answer the End proposed, it will be evident to all Men, who will coolly consider it; that the Peoples Disappointment will not lie at my Door.

P. GORDON.

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives.

The ANSWER of the Representatives, to the Governour's Speech of the 2d of April, to this House.

Can scarce express my Astonishment, upon perusing the Bill for Emitting more Paper-Currency, as you have returned it to me, when I observe there is not the least Amendment in any of the material Points, mention'd in my Message of Tuesday the 15th of March, conceded to, except the Abatement of the Sum from Fifty to Forty Thousand Pounds, which is still greater than the most Eager for a Paper-Currency, that I meet, or can converse with, think either proper or reasonable for us.

May it please the Governour,  
 " IT is with great Concern we find our selves disappointed, in obtaining the Governour's Approbation to the Paper-Money Act, in which we have spent so much Time and Pains; and tho' we could not agree to all the Amendments proposed by the Governour, yet we hope it will not from thence be infer'd, that we have come short of that Respect which is due to the Governour's Judgment: For we conceive it is the undoubted Privilege of this House, to judge of any Amendments made by the Governour; and only agree to them as they seem just and agreeable to the true Interest of the People whom we represent: And we take Leave to assure the Governour, that as it is our earnest Desire to provide for the Necessities of the People of this Province, by an Addition to our Paper-Currency; so we shall not be wanting to do every Thing on our Parts, that we can conceive safe and honourable, for effecting that good End. But forasmuch as this House cannot clearly apprehend from any Thing hitherto said to us by the Governour, what it is in which we differ, We humbly propose, that the Governour will be pleased to agree to a Conference with this House; in order to clear up those Difficulties which we at present seem to lie under, in not rightly understanding the Governour's several Messages on the Subject of our Paper-Currency.

Sign'd by Order of the House,

David Lloyd, Speaker.

Surely you have not considered, that one full half of the Powers of Legislature is lodg'd in me, and that I represent both his Majesty, and our Governour in Chief; otherwise I might have expected to have heard your Reasons for such a Conduct. I am very sensible there are some amongst us, who on certain unjustifiable Projects, would be better pleas'd to see the Bill rejected, than that I should have the Pleasure of doing an Act, so much for the Service of the People of Pennsylvania: But as there has always hitherto subsisted a perfect good Understanding, between the Assemblies of this Province and me, since my first Arrival, I hope your House, Gentlemen, will resolve effectually to disappoint all such dishonourable Views.

## FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

I have openly declared my self a Friend to our Paper-Currency, and am desirous to promote an Addition to it, in such a Manner, as I can account for to his Majesty, and my Superiours. We are both agreed on the Necessity of the Thing, but unhappily differ in the Manner of doing it: I am for the cautious and most secure Part, for the Interest of the whole Country. And tho' I am of Opinion, the postponing the Emission, 'till his Majesty's Royal Assent can be had to the Bill, may give great Delay, yet I believe another Expedient may be found safe and honourable for us both: You, on the other Hand, apprehend there is so little Danger of a Repeal, that you have even blended our present Currency with the Sum to be emitted by this Bill, by which we evidently hazard both; and indeed 'tis strange, that while we are endeavouring for more Money, we should risque the Sum we now have, and by grasping at too much, may probably loose all: For whatever Construction People are pleas'd to put upon the Directions of my Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantation, I think my self oblig'd to pay a due Deference to that Honourable Board, as his Majesty's Council, in what regards the Interest and Prosperity of his American Colonies.

Madrid, Feb. 1. We continue to receive News every Day from the Court, they lay the 15th past at Arroye, and arrived betimes the next Day at Badajoz, where they were received with great Demonstrations of Joy by the Inhabitants and the Officers of the Troops of the Garrison. The 17th the King sent the Duke of Seferino to compliment the Court of Portugal, who arrived the Evening before at Elvas, and the Count de Montejo to carry the Presents to the Princess of Asturias: The same Day the King of Portugal sent the Marquess of Alegretta to compliment the Court of Spain, and the Marquess of Cascais to bring the Presents to the Princess of Brasil: The 18th the Ceremonial for the Exchange of the Princesses was settled, which done on the 19th their Majesties and their Royal Highnesses setting out from Badajoz after they'd dined, in a stately Coach, accompanied by all the Lords & Ladies of the Court, went on board the Barge that was built on Purpose, and lying on the little River of Caya, that separates the Dominions of the two Kingdoms at the same Time that the Court of Portugal came into the

There has been already too much of your Time spent to little Purpose; I am sorry, yet sure that I am not to blame for it. If it is really intended, that the Necessity we are under should be relieved, by a reasonable Addition to our Paper Currency, the Means I think are not very difficult, in which I shall most chearfully join; for I have nothing so much at Heart, as giving Ease and Satisfaction to the People of this Province: But if it should be insisted on, that this Bill in the Terms 'tis now conceived, and none other, must