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PREFACE.

THERE being no other Way practicable of raising the Credit of the South-Sea Stock, than by immediately Trading to the South-Sea ; and as no stock Jobbing, nothing that depends upon the Humour and Caprice of the People can do it ; nay, and since it is impossible that the Subscriptions should be answer'd, there not being Money enough in the Nation to answer them, by which alone it might have been supported something longer. I have thought