

cannot be denied, as public and indisputable authorities *are ready to be produced to prove it*.---The glorious *revolution of these states was not made to destroy, but among other things, to protect private property; and as the grant to Messrs. Franklin, &c. would have passed under the British government,---can it be supposed, that the Congress of America, so famed for wisdom, fortitude and liberality, will be less sensible to the influence of justice, than the King of England was*---Forbid it virtue;---forbid it equity:---The mind revolts at an idea so injurious to the national honour and probity of the *United States*,---who abound in too much wisdom not to know,---that after all the proceedings had upon the contract so recognized by the privy council, &c.---if there had been any denial of justice in *England*, the court of chancery of that kingdom, upon the application of Messrs. *Franklin, &c.* would have decreed a *specific performance of the agreement* on the part of the crown. This the most celebrated judges and lawyers of that kingdom, have uniformly declared, as “ IT IS A  
 “ KNOWN AND ESTABLISHED RULE IN EQUITY,  
 “ THAT FROM THE TIME OF THE CONTRACT, *the*  
 “ Vendor is a TRUSTEE for the Vendee, 'till the CON-  
 “ VEYANCE IS EXECUTED, and if the vendor should  
 “ afterwards sell the same lands to another, having  
 “ notice of the precedent contract,---*he shall* fill  
 “ TRANSFER the TRUST, and the first vendee may,  
 “ in such case, bring his bill against the second vendee  
 “ for a *specific performance*.”