

terprizing man; and having mounted, no matter by what means, to the Chair of this Province, he saw, in a young growing country, vast prospects opening before his eyes; and he conceived great designs of aggrandizing himself, his family, and his friends. Mr. Hutchinson and Mr. Oliver, the two famous Letter-Writers, were his principal Ministers. Russell, Paxton, Ruggles, and a few others, were subordinate instruments.--Among other schemes, one was to raise a Revenue in America by authority of Parliament.

In order to effect their purpose, it was necessary to concert measures with the other Colonies. Dr. Franklin, who was known to be an active, and very able man, and to have great influence in the Province of Pennsylvania, was in Boston in the the year 1754, and Mr. Shirley communicated to him the profound secret, the great design of taxing the Colonies by Act of Parliament. This sagacious Gentleman, and distinguished Patriot, to his lasting honour, sent the Governor an answer in writing, with the following remarks upon his scheme. Remarks which would have discouraged any honest man from the pursuit. The remarks are these.

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