

differs from that of any other. I think it does, in the absolute Necessity we are under to have this dormant Wealth twice as great in this Country as in any other. The Specie of every other Country carries on its Circulation and is proportioned to its Wants. We have no Treasure of this Sort. We have no Money. The Circulation of this Country is carried on by Paper. How soon may the imaginary Value which publick Credit gives to that Paper, be destroyed and annihilated. The first real Distress we feel the Phantom vanishes. What then becomes of our Circulation? How is it to be carried on? Why the Silver and Gold of Individuals must come to the Mint. I do not mean that it must be brought by Order of the Publick, for there will be no Need of such Order, nor will the Individual bring it from publick Spirit: In these Days I expect little from publick Spirit: But he will bring it for his own Convenience. It has indeed been said, that in a Time of Distress he would bury it. That is impossible. Whoever has a Hoard of Money and a Hoard of Plate, may bury his Plate while his Money lasts. But the Moment his Money is gone, he