

Q. Do you know any thing of the rate of exchange in Pennsylvania, and whether it has fallen lately ?

A. It is commonly from 170 to 175. I have heard that it has fallen lately from 175 to 162 and a half, owing, I suppose, to their lessening their orders for goods ; and when their debts to this country are paid, I think the exchange will probably be at par.

Q. Do not you think the people of America would submit to pay the stamp-duty, if it was moderated ?

A. No, never, unless compelled by force of arms.

Q. Are not the taxes in Pennsylvania laid on unequally, in order to burthen the English trade, particularly the tax on professions and business ?

A. It is not more burthenfome in proportion than the tax on lands. It is intended, and supposed to take an equal proportion of profits.

Q. How is the assembly composed ? Of what kinds of people are the members, landholders or traders ?

A. It is composed of landholders, merchants and artificers.

Q. Are not the majority landholders ?

A. I believe they are.

Q. Do not they, as much as possible,
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