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deleted draft of a Latin paragraph
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As for the alteration of the standard we are humbly of opinion that the value of the several species to be hereafter coyned be diminished without changing the denomination, & it will occasion the melting down & recoyning the species already coyned for the profit that may be made thereby. And if the value be encreased the people will value their goods by the old money already coyned in which they are to be paid & the new money of more value (if any shall be coyned) will be pickt out for exportation & the Importer who coyns it will lose the overvalue to he discouragement of the coynage & in payments made by tale to forreigners, the nation will also lose the overvalue // But if it be proposed to retain the value of the several species & to alter only the weight & allay , we are humbly of opinion that it would be more uniform to coyn the silver eleven ounces fine as the gold is coyned here & as both gold & silver are coyned in France Spain & portugall, Pistoles in Italy & some silver money in Italy & other places, & for this end to cut the pound weight into 3_℥. 1. 5 6_℥. For this is readier for computation & where o_{er} money goes abroad, the odd two penny weight of silver above 11 ounces is apt to be lost in reconings. And if small money which by continual use weares away fast & is apt to be lost, (suppose pence, two pences, three pences & groats & perhaps sixpences) were coyned of coarse allay as is done in several countries abroad, provided it were well coyned to prevent counterfeiting such money would weare longer & be less apt to be lost or melted down or exported.

In secunda had editione inventia virium quibus corpora in figuris fati revolve possint, facilius redditur per Cor 3 Prop VI & Cor 3 Prop VII & Scholia Prop X & XVII Lib. V Theoria Resistentiae fluidorum accuratius investigatur & novis experimentis confirmatur in {Se}ct VII Lib II Theoria Lunæ & Præcessio

Æquinoctiorum ex Principijs suis ex Principijs suis pretius decuc{illeg}tur & {illeg} Theoria Cometarum
pluribus et accurationibus exemplis confirmatur , Libro III. ut alia præterum. 26 Martij.

1712

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