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How shall we ever be able to pay them? Time will seem to have added Wings to his Heels as well as Shoulders. Won't these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? Father Abraham's speech to a great number of people, at a vendue of merchant-goods: introduced to the public by Poor Richard, a famous Pennsylvania conjurer and almanack-maker, in answer to the following questions: Pray, Father Abraham, what think you of the times? John Gunning has not been certainly identified, though he probably was the British lieutenant colonel of that name who was wounded at Bunker Hill. How shall we ever be able to pay them? But Idleness taxes many of us much more, if we reckon all that is spent in absolute Sloth, or doing of nothing, with that which is spent in idle Employments or Amusements, that amount to nothing.

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We may make these Times better if we bestir ourselves. Prodigality of Time produces Poverty of Mind as well as of Estate. Title Father Abraham's speech Title remainder to a great number of people, at a vendue of merchant-goods; introduced to the publick by Poor Richard, a famous Pennsylvania conjurer, and almanack-maker, in answer to the following questions.

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Eighteenth-century translations include 28 into French including one each printed in London, Brussels, and Utrecht and four in Lausanne, 11 into Italian, 3 into German, and one each into Dutch, Gaelic, and Swedish. Pray, Father Abraham, what think you of the times? While Laziness travels so slowly, that Poverty soon overtakes him, as we read in Poor Richard, who adds, Drive thy Business, let not that drive thee; and Early to Bed, and early to rise, makes a Man healthy, wealthy and wise. What, should your Taper light Ten Thousand, burns it to yourself less bright? What would you advise us to? To which are added, seven curious pieces of writing.

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It would be thought a hard Government that should tax its People one tenth Part of their Time, to be employed in its Service.

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You expect they will be sold cheap, and perhaps they may for less than they cost; but if you have no Occasion for them, they must be dear to you.

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