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## Father Abraham's speech : to a great number of people, at a vendue of merchant

The artificial Wants of Mankind thus become more numerous than the natural; and, as Poor Dick says, For one poor Person, there are an hundred indigent. 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? Father Abraham's speech : 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.

## Poor Richard Improved, 1758

How shall we be ever able to pay them? It has also served as the source for a number of lesser pieces incorporating its central ideas and preachments or imitating its method, but bearing very little direct relation to its actual words. Won't these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? These are not the Necessaries of Life; they can scarcely be called the Conveniences, and yet only because they look pretty, how many want to have them. We are offered, by the Terms of this Vendue, Six Months Credit; and that perhaps has induced some of us to attend it, because we cannot spare the ready Money, and hope now to be fine without it.

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Ready she stands her chearful Aid to lend; To Want and Woe an undemanded Friend. Translations survive in at least fifteen foreign languages.

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What would you advise us to do? The first Mistake in publick Business, is the going into it.

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How shall we be ever able to pay them? Won't these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? The Pleasing Instructor or Entertaining Moralist consisting of Select Essays, Relations, Visions, and Allegories collected from The most Eminent English Authors to which are prefixed New Thoughts on Education.

**Father Abraham's speech to a great number of people : at a vendue of merchant**

Reader, if thou wilt do the same, thy Profit will be as great as mine. Won't these heavy taxes quite ruin the country? How shall we ever be able to pay them? But this they might have known before, if they had taken his Advice; If you would know the Value of Money, go and try to borrow some; for, he that goes a borrowing goes a sorrowing; and indeed so does he that lends to such People, when he goes to get it in again.

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