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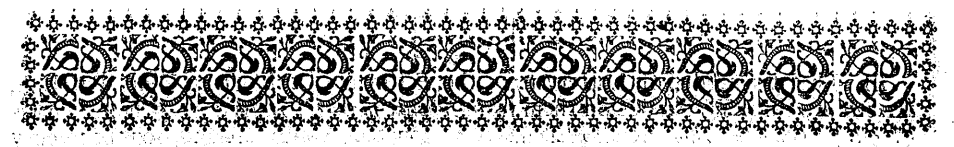
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THE
First SCHEME of the *South-Sea* Company.
 To the Honourable the Commons of GREAT
 BRITAIN in Parliament Assembled.



HE Corporation of the Governour and Company of Merchants of Great Britain trading to the South-Seas and other Parts of America, and for Encouraging the Fishery, having under their Consideration how they may be most serviceable to His Majesty and His Government; and to shew their Zeal and Readiness to concur in the Great and Honourable Design of Reducing the National Debts, in such Manner as may be consistent with, and for the Support of Parliamentary Credit, Do humbly apprehend, that if the Publick Debts and Annuities mentioned in the Annexed Estimate were taken into, and made Part of the Capital Stock of the said Company, it would greatly contribute to that most desirable End; which Debts and Annuities may be comprehended under the General Heads following, viz.

Annuities for Terms of Years.

Annuities granted for 99 Years or 96 Years,	amounting to per Ann. 667,705 l. 8 s. 1 d.	} 13354108 01 08
which at 20 Years Purchase amounts to		
Lottery 1710, remaining unsubscribed to the		} 569385 12 00
Company, about 40,670 l. 8 s. per Annum,		
which at 14 Years Purchase, amounts to		
Annuities of 9 l. per Cent. amounting to		} 1134000 00 00
81,000 l. per Annum; at 14 Years Purchase,		
amount to		
Total Value of the said Annuities		15057493 13 08

Debts Redeemable by Parliament.

Total after the Rate of 5 l. per Cent. per Ann.	11795466 05 6
Total after the Rate of 4 l. per Cent. per Ann.	428752 07 4
Total of the said Redeemable Debts	15924218 12 10

Therefore do humbly propose, that the said Company may be permitted to enlarge their present Stock, by taking in the said Annuities and Debts at any Time or Times until Lady-Day 1721, on the Terms and Conditions following, viz.

- I. That the said Annuities be taken into the said Company, either by Purchase, or by Voluntary Subscription of the Proprietors thereof, (and without any Compulsion on them,) at such Price and Prices as shall be agreed between the Company and the Proprietors of those Annuities.
- II. That for the Annuities for ninety nine Years, or ninety six Years for every 5 l. per Ann. taken into the Company, there be 5 l. per Ann. added to the Companies present Annuity, and 100 l. to their Capital Stock being after the rate of twenty Years Purchase.

III. That

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III. That the residue of Lottery 1710. be Estimated at fourteen Years Purchase, for twenty three Years, due on them from Michaelmas 1719. And that the Annuities of 9 l. per Cent. per Ann. Be also Estimated at fourteen Years Purchase, for the twenty two Years and three quarters, due on them from Christmas, 1719. And that there be an Addition to the Stock and Annuity of the Company Proportionably, (viz.) 70 l. Stock, and 3 l. 10 s. per Ann. Annuity for every 5 l. per Ann. of those Annuities which shall be into the Company.

IV. That the said Redeemable Debts be likewise taken into the Company, either by Purchase, Subscription, or paying them off by the said Company.

V. That for all the said Redeemable Debts there be added 100 l. to the Capital Stock of the said Company, for every 100 l. so taken in by them, and the like Annuity added to the Company's present Annuity as is now payable for the Interest of those Debts.

VI. That the Company be allowed for Charges of Management for their thus to be Encreased Capital, so much as it now Costs the Government for the Charges of Paying, Assigning, and Accounting for the said Debts or such Proportion thereof, as the Sum which shall be taken in by the Company, shall bear to the whole of those Debts.

VII. That the present Annuities for the Companies present Capital, and the Annuities for the thus to be Encreased Capital, be continued at the rates aforesaid till Midsummer, 1727. And that from and after that time their then Annuity for their whole Capital shall be actually reduced to 4 l. per Cent. per Ann. And likewise be thenceforth Redeemable by Parliament.

VIII. That the Company's present and to be encreased Allowance for Charges of Management, do continue till their Capital be redeemed as their Allowances for Charges of Management are.

IX. That the Annuities to the Company for their thus to be encreased Capital, be paid them weekly as their present Annuities are, and be Charged on the Funds now appropriated to the said Debts and Annuities so taken into the Company.

X. That for the Liberty of Encreasing their Capital Stock as aforesaid, the Company will give and pay into his Majesties Exchequer, for the Service of the Publick, and to be applied for paying off the Publick Debts Provided for by Parliament before Christmas, 1716. The Sum of three Millions and a half, by four equal Quarterly Payments, whereof the first Payment to be at Lady Day, 1721.

XI. That though the Company's Capital is proposed not to be Redeemable till Midsummer, 1727. Yet they do submit that so much as shall arise by the sinking Fund before that time, may (from and after paying off such part of the Publick Debts as may be redeemed within that time, and which shall not be taken into the said Company) be applied at the end of every Year, towards paying off, in even Hundred Thousand Pounds, that part of the Company's Capital, which carries 5 l. per Cent. per Ann.

XII. The said Company do farther submit, That for such of the present Exchequer Bills as the Parliament shall continue, and for such new ones as they shall Impower the Lords of the Treasury to Issue and Circulate (without the Subscription or Contract of any Persons or Corporation) the Company will be obliged (from and after Midsummer, 1720, till the Reduction of the Annuities for their whole Capital, to four per Cent. per Ann. and no longer) to pay such Proportion of Money and Interest as shall be found necessary by the Lords of the Treasury, or Trustees to be appointed by them, to Circulate the same as the Sum of One Million shall bear to the total Amount of such Exchequer Bills: The Company having the like Proportion of the Benefit of the Interest which shall be saved on such Bills, during the time they shall be in the Hands of any Publick Officer on in the Exchequer.

By Order of the General Court,

John Fellowes, Sub-Governour
Charles Joye, Dep. Governour.

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ESTIMATE.

The Particulars of the Government's Debts proposed to be added to the Capital Stock of the South Sea Company, viz.

Annual Sums.	Annuities for 99 and 96 Years.	Principal Sums.
124866 00 0	The 14 l. per Cent. turn'd into Annuities for 99 Years	
15663 13 6	Annuities for Lives Ditto for 96 Years	
104745 10 6	Ditto on 3700 l. per Week Excise	
46000 00 0	On Ditto a farther Sum Ditto	
184242 14 0	Tonnage and Poundage, &c.	} Annuities for 99 Years.
72187 10 0	On Low Wines, &c.	
40000 00 0	Overplus of Annuity Funds, &c.	
80000 00 0	Old Subsidy	
667705 08 01	per Annum being the Amount of the 99 and 96 Years Annuities, granted by several Acts of Parliament from the Year 1692 to 1708, at 20 Years Purchase, will make a Principal Sum of	13354108 01 08
81000 00 00	per Annum Annuities for 32 Years from Lady-Day, 1710, computed at 14 Years Purchase, makes	1134000 00 00
40670 08 00	per Annum, the Remainder of the Lottery 1710, not subscribed to the South-Sea Company, computed at 14 Years, makes	569385 12 00
		15057493 13 08

5 l. per Cent. Annuities, Redeemable on the Payment of the Principal Sums under-mentioned, viz.

Bank Annuities at One Years Notice	1079000 00 0
Several Lotteries without Notice	8875936 09 6
Bankers Annuities Ditto	674226 18 1
Lottery 1714, Blank Ditto	1055990 00 0
Treasurer of the Navy for a Deficiency to the South-Sea Company	110312 17 1
	11795466 05 6

4 l. per Cent. Annuities, Redeemable on the Payment of the Principal Sums under-mentioned, viz.

Civil List Lottery, Anno 1713	563307 00 00
Lottery 1714, Prizes	652020 00 00
Deficiency of Low Wines and Candles, 1716	413605 17 00
Ditto of the Funds Ditto	509127 05 06
Canada Bills	24195 18 02
Army Debts	965917 19 06
Edward Clent, Esq; Army Debenture	585 07 01
First Lottery, 1719	500000 00 00
Second Lottery, 1719	500000 00 00
	4128752 07 04
	15924218 12 10

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Abstract of the foregoing Debts, viz.

Redeemable Annual Sums.		Principal Sums.
The 5 l. per Cent. Annuities	589773 06 03	11795466 05 62
The 4 l. per Cent. Annuities	165150 01 10	4128752 07 04
<i>Unredeemable.</i>		
The 99 and 96 Years Annuities	667705 08 01 at 20 Years	13354108 01 08
32 Yrs. Annuity from Lady-Day, 1710.	81000 00 00 at 14 Years	1134000 00 00
Remainder of Lott. 1710, Unsubscrib.	40670 08 00 at 14 Years	569385 12 00
	1544299 04 02	30981712 06 62

John Fellows, Sub-Governour.
Charles Foye, Dep. Governour.



THE
Second SCHEME of the South-Sea Company.

To the Honourable the Commons of GREAT-BRITAIN in Parliament Assembled.

TH E Corporation of the Governours and Company of Merchants, Trading to the South-Seas and other Parts of America, and for Encouraging the Fishery, having on the 27th of January last, presented their Humble Proposal to this Honourable House, for Enlarging the Capital Stock of the said Company, by taking therein the several Annuities and Publick Debts therein Mentioned, on the Terms and Conditions in the said Proposal also Mentioned, in which Proposal such Advantages were offer'd to the Publick; as the said Corporation did humbly hope would have been to the entire Satisfaction of this Honourable House, and most Conducive to the certain Discharging and Paying off the whole Debt of the Nation, and to which Proposal they humbly crave leave to refer. But the Governours and Company of the Bank of England having the same day also delivered a Proposal to this Honourable House, for Enlarging their Capital Stock, by taking in the same Annuities and Debts on the Terms and Conditions in their Proposal also Mentioned.

This Corporation therefore further to manifest their Zeal and Earnest desire to Contribute their utmost to the reducing and paying off the Publick Debts, crave leave to offer the following Explanations and Amendments to their said Proposal.

I. As to the sixth Article of their said former Proposal, wherein they have humbly desir'd to be Allowed for Charges of Management, for their to be Increased Capital, so much as it now Costs the Government for the Charges of Paying, Assigning, and Accounting for the said Debts, or such Proportion thereof, as the Sum which shall be taken in by the Company, shall bear to the whole of those Debts.

TO THE COMMONS
OF GREAT-BRITAIN

They

They now offer by way of Explanation of that Article, that the Allowances therein Mentioned, are not to exceed a Proportion to the Allowance they now have by Act of Parliament on their present Capital for that purpose.

II. That whereas, in their seventh Article of their said Proposal it is Mentioned, that the Annuities for the Company's present, and to be Increased Capital, be continued at the Rates therein Mentioned till *Midsummer*, 1727. And that from and after that time their then Annuity on their whole Capital, shall be actually reduced to 4 l. per Cent. per Ann. and likewise be from thenceforth redeemable by Parliament.

They do humbly offer that if this Honourable House do think it more for the Interest of the Publick, that in lieu of the said seventh Article, all the Sums to be taken into the Company's Capital, in pursuance of their Proposal, shall be redeemable by Parliament, from and after *Midsummer*, 1724. in Sums not less than 500,000 l. at a time they do consent thereto.

III. And whereas by the tenth Article of their said former Proposal, they offer'd for the Liberty of Increasing their Capital Stock, as is therein aforesaid; that they would give and pay into his Majesty's Exchequer, for the Service of the Publick, the Sum of 3,500,000 l.:

They now humbly Offer, that over and above the said 3,500,000 l. They will farther give and pay into his Majesty's Exchequer, for the use of the Publick, by four Equal Quarterly Payments on the days Mention'd in their said former Proposal, 500,000 l. more certain, and also upon all the said Annuities for certain Terms of Years, which this Company shall take into their Capital Stock, before the first day of *March*, 1721. after the rate of four Year and half purchase, by four Quarterly Payments which if all the said Annuities be taken into the said Company, will Amount to the Sum of 3,567,503 l. or thereabouts, to which being added the said 3,500,000 l. and the said farther Sum of 500,000 l. will Amount in the whole to the Sum of 7,567,500 l. or thereabouts.

IV. That whereas in the eleventh Article of their former Proposal, they did submit that so much as shall arise by the sinking Fund before *Midsummer*, 1727. may from and after paying off such Part of the Publick Debts, as may be Redeemed within that time, and which shall not be taken into this Company, be applied at the end of every Year towards paying off, in even one Hundred Thousand Pounds, that part of the Company's Capital, which carries 5 l. per Cent. per Ann.:

They do humbly offer in lieu thereof, that if this Honourable House think fit to make their to be Increased Capital, Redeemable at *Midsummer*, 1724. That the said sinking Fund may till that time be applied half Yearly, to the paying off that part of the Company's which is to carry 5 l. per Cent. per Ann.

V. As to the twelfth Article of this Company's former Proposal, Relating to the Circulating of 1,000,000 l. in Exchequer Bills Gratis, and likewise pay the Interest for that Million, so as no other Exchequer Bills be Issued than what shall be Circulated by the Credit of the Exchequer, without the Aid of Subscription or Contract.

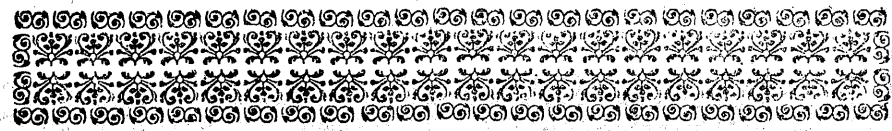
VI. And Lastly, that this Honourable House may be fully satisfied of the sincere Intentions of this Company to use their best Endeavours to take in all the said Annuities for ninety nine, and ninety six Years, which Amount to 667,705 l. 8 s. 1 d. per Ann. This Company do further Humbly offer to give and pay into his Majesty's Exchequer, for the Service of the Publick, by four Equal Quarterly Payments, one Years Purchase upon all such of those Annuities as shall happen not to come into the Company's Capital within the time aforesaid.

And whereas this Company is very Sensible, that the Prosperity of the Nation doth greatly depend upon the discharging the Publick Debts (a Motive which Induced them to make the first Propositions of this Publick and beneficial Nature) They do Humbly submit these Explanations and Amendments to this Honourable House, flattering themselves that that Readiness and Cheerfulness that engaged them so much earlier than any other Society, to endeavour to reduce that great Debt under which this Nation is Oppressed, will Intitle them to the the favour and preference of this House, since they are willing and do hereby declare they are ready to undertake this great work upon whatever Terms may be offered by any other Company.

By Order of the General Court,

Feb. 1. 1719.

John Fellows, Sub-Governour.
Charles Foye, Dep. Governour.



The first PROPOSAL of the Bank of England.

To the Honourable the Commons of Great Britain in Parliament Assembled.

The humble Proposal of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.

I. THAT in case they may have a Power granted to them by Parliament to purchase or take in, by way of Subscription the several Exchequer Annuities of Ninty nine and Ninty six Years; commonly called the long Annuities; and amounting together to the Sum of 667,000 l. per Ann. or thereabouts, from the several Proprietors of the said Annuities, in such manner as the said Proprietors shall voluntarily agree, and at any time before the 24th day of June, 1721.

And also that they may have added to the present Capital Stock of the said Governor and Company such a Principal Sum as all the said Annuities do amount to, being computed at the Rate of Twenty Years purchase, which will be 13,354,000 or thereabouts.

And that the several Funds granted for payment of the said Annuities may be charged with the payment of an Interest at the Rate of 5 l. per Cent. per Ann. payable weekly on the said principal Sums, or so much thereof as shall be purchased or taken in by the said Governor and Company before the said 24th day of June, 1721.

That then and in such case the said Governor and Company are willing to advance and pay for the use of the Publick, Three Years Purchase on every Annuity, (that is to say) 15 l. per Cent. on every 100 l. so to be computed as aforesaid, as the said Governor and Company shall purchase or take in by Subscription, in such manner and within the time as before mentioned, which if the whole Purchase be compleated, will amount to 2,003,100 or thereabouts.

II. It is Propos'd, That in case the said Governor and Company may have the like Power granted by Parliament to purchase (in the same manner, and within the same time, as is mentioned in the aforesaid first Proposition) or take in by Subscription the several Annuities granted for Thirty two Years, that is to say, the Fund of 9 l. per Cent. per Ann. and the Remainder of the Lottery 1710, which being computed at Fourteen Years purchase, will amount to 1,700,000 l. or thereabouts.

And also that a Sum of 1,700,000 l. be added to the present Capital Stock of the said Governor and Company, That the Funds granted for Payment of the said Annuities be charged with an annual Interest at the Rate of 5 l. per Cent. per Ann. payable weekly on the said principal Sum of 1,700,000 l. or so much thereof as shall be purchased or taken in by Subscription, before the said 24th Day of June, 1721.

That then and in such Case, the said Governor and Company are willing to advance and pay for the use of the Publick, three Years Purchase on every such Annuity so to be purchased or taken in by Subscription in the same manner, and within the limited time before mentioned.

Which three Years purchase (if the whole be compleated) will amount to the Sum of 364,500, or thereabouts.

III. It is Propos'd, That in case the said Governor and Company may have Power to pay off, or to purchase, or to take in by Subscription the several Debts here under specified, which are commonly called the Redeemable Debt, and which may amount to the Sum of 15,900,000 l. Principal, or thereabouts.

And that a Sum of 15,900,000 l. be added to the present Capital Stock of the said Governor and Company.

And

And also, That the said several Funds be charged with an Annual Interest, payable weekly at the same rate as the Publick now pays to the several Proprietors which said Annual Interest at the several Rates of 5 l. per Cent. and 4 l. per Cent. now paid, Amount to the Sum of 754,900. l. or thereabouts.

That then and in such case the said Governor and Company will advance and pay for the use of the Publick, at the rate of 20 l. per Cent. which upon the said Principal will Account to 3,180,000 l. or thereabouts, the same to be payable in such Manner as shall be thought most agreeable to the Publick Service.

Note, The particular Funds referred to in the aforesaid Proposition of redeemable Debts are, viz.

Several Lotteries
Bankers Annuities
Blanks in Lottery 1714
Navy Deficiency
And, Bank Annuities
Amount to 11,795,000 l. or thereabouts at 5 l. per Cent. per Ann. Interest.

N. B. This last at a Years Notice.

Civil List Lottery
Prizes in Lottery 1714
Deficiencies on Low Wines, &c.
Ditto on Funds
Canada Bills
Army Debts and Debentures
First and second Lottery 1719
Amount to 4,128,000 l. or thereabouts at 4 l. per Cent. per Ann. Interest.

IV. It is Propos'd, That all the said Sums Mentioned in the three foregoing Propositions to be purchased or taken in by Subscription or otherwise, and made part of, and added to the Capital Stock of the said Governor and Company, which in Case all the several Annuities be purchased, will Amount in the whole to the Sum of 30,954,000 l. or thereabouts, may be made redeemable by Parliament, from and after the twenty fourth day of June, 1724. and in Sums not less than 1,000,000 l. at any one Time.

V. It is Propos'd, That all the several Sums that shall accrue by this Proposal to the use of the Publick, may be applied to that part of the Discharge of the Fund of the Bank, that stands now Redeemable at one Years notice.

VI. It is Propos'd, That whatever may arise by the Surplus of the Funds commonly called the sinking Funds, may be every half Year applied to the paying of any of the 5 l. per Cent Funds that shall be purchased by Virtue of this Proposal, or made part of the Capital Stock of the Bank, if this Honourable House shall so think fit.

VII. It is propos'd, That the said Governor and Company are willing to undertake to circulate the present 800,000 l. in Exchequer Bills, that now remain in the Exchequer upon the said Terms, as the Governor and Company have agreed with the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for circulating the said Bills this present Year, and for so long time as this Honourable House shall think fit, not exceeding Four Years.

Note, The Terms at present for circulating the said 800,000 l. is at the rate of half per Cent. which amounts to 4000 l. per Ann.

VIII. It is Propos'd, That the said Governor and Company may have an increase of a proportionable allowance for Charges and Management.

IX. It is Propos'd, That the said new additional Stock, as well as the capital Stock of the said Governor and Company may continue free and exempt from all Parliamentary Taxes and Impositions whatsoever, and that they may enjoy the same Powers and Privileges that are already granted to them with an Addition of such farther Powers and Privileges as this Honourable House shall think necessary for carrying on so great an Undertaking.

X. That whereas there is at present no Transfer or Stamp Duties payable on the 5 l. and 4 l. per Cent Redeemable Funds, nor any Transfer Duties on any of the Annuities. It is propos'd that the Transfers of the said additional Stock may be exempted from all Stamp Duties, or Taxes, or Transfers.

XI. And whereas, In the aforesaid Proposition, a certain Sum or Stock is mentioned to be added to the present Capital of the Bank, in order to enable them to purchase the long Annuities; the said Governor and Company do, by way of Explanation, farther offer to this Honourable House, that they are content in case all the said Annuities are not purchased or taken in by Subscription, within the limited time aforesaid, That then and in such Case, a proportionable part of the said Stock shall be Annihilated.

By Order of the General Court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of England.

Jan. 17th 1719.

David Le Gros, Secretary.

The Second PROPOSAL of the Bank of *England*.

The Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*, do Humbly offer the following Explanation of the *Proposal* they Deliver'd to this Honourable Committee, the 27th of *January* last.

I. **W** H E R E A S in the third Proposition, it was Computed that the Redeemable Debts at five Pounds and four Pounds *per Cent per Ann.* would amount to fifteen Millions nine Hundred Thousand Pounds or thereabouts, for which they Offer'd twenty *per Cent.*

They now find that several of the said Debts do arise to a very Considerable Sum, more than was Calculated and will consequently Increase the total Sum of this Offer.

As for Instance, If the said Debts do Amount to six Hundred Thousand Pounds more: In such Case the total of their Offer will be three Millions three Hundred Thousand Pounds upon that Head.

II. Whereas they say in their fifth Proposition, that all the several Sums that shall accrue by their Proposal to the use of the Publick, may be applied to the discharge of that part of the Fund of the Bank that stands now Redeemable at one Years notice, their meaning is, that what shall remain over and above sufficient for the discharge of that Fund, may be applied to the discharge of any of the Funds of five Pounds *per Ann.* to be purchased by Virtue of this Proposal.

III. In the eleventh Proposition, where they Mention the long Annuities, they mean as well those for thirty two Years as the longer Terms.

IV. And whereas in the first and second Propositions, it is implied that the three Years purchase offer'd to the Publick, is not to be paid on such of the Annuities as shall not be taken in, or agreed for. The said Governor and Company beg leave to observe to this Honourable Committee, that they have good reason to believe they shall be able to Accomplish this undertaking.

However, that no doubt may remain of their sincere Intentions, they are content to be obliged to offer to the several Proprietors of the Annuities of ninety six and ninety nine Years, seventeen Hundred Pounds Bank Stock for every Hundred Pounds *per Ann.* who shall Voluntarily agree for the same, on or before the 24th of *June*, 1720. and the like Proportion for the Remainder of the shorter Terms.

By Order of the General Court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

February 1.
1719.

David Le Gros, Secretary.

And whereas in the fourth Proposition, the said Governor and Company do offer to have the several Funds to be now purchased Redeemable on the 24th of *June*, 1724. They do submit to the Honourable Committee, this Alternative that the said Funds may be actually Reduced to four *per Cent.* on the 24th of *June*, 1727. and to be thenceforth Redeemable by Parliament.

By order of the General Court of the Governor and Company of the Bank of *England*.

February 1.
1719.

David Le Gros, Secretary.