The CAPITAL *of the* SOUTH-SEA *Company,* *at* Midſummer, 1720, *is Computed as followeth,* viz.

BY the Two Thirds of the Abſolute Terms, ſuppoſed to be Subſcribed, - - - - -	*l.* 3,430,000		
By the Two Subſcriptions, at 300 *l.* and at 400 *l. per Cent.*	3,650,000		
		l. 7,080,000	
The Old Capital ſuppoſed to be - - - - -		11,200,000	
			l. 18,280,000
10 *l. per Cent.* for *Midſummer* Dividend - - - - - - -			1,828,000
The Total Capital will then be - - - - - - - - -			20,108,000

Debts due from the Company.

To their Bonds to the Proprietors of the Abſolute Terms taken in,	*l.* 2,720,000		
To Purchaſe the remaining One Third Part of the Long and Short Terms, at 32 and 17 Years Purchaſe, - - - -	7,780,000		
		l. 10,500,000	
To Purchaſe the Redeemables, - - - - - - -		16,500,000	
		27,000,000	
To be Paid the Publick, - - - -		7,600,000	
			l. 34,600,000

In Caſh, or due to the Company towards the Diſcharge of this Debt,

By the Produce of the Firſt Subſcription of 2,250,000 *l.* at 300 *l. per Cent.*	*l.* 6,750,000	
By the Produce of the Second Subſcription of 1,400,000 *l.* at 400 *l. per Cent.*	5,600,000	
		12,350,000
Remaining Debt will be - - - - - - - -		22,250,000

But ſuppoſe the Capital at *Midſummer*, 1720, to be 20 Millions; the Debt due to the Company from the Publick to be 42 Millions; and the Debt due from them to particular Perſons 22 Millions;

Then the Value of 100 *l.* Stock at *Midſummer* 1720, will be 100 *l. viz.*

	l.	*s.*	*d.*	*l.*	*d.*
The Proprietors of 20 Millions being Intitled to 42 Millions, each 100 *l.* in the Capital of 20 Millions is Worth - - - - -	210	: 00	: 00		
But the Debt of 22 Millions on the ſaid Capital, is a Debt on each 100 *l.* Stock of - - - - - - - - -	110	: 00	: 00		
The remaining Value is - - - - - -				100 : 00	: 00

A few Millions more or leſs in a Matter of this Magnitude, according to the preſent high Price of *South-Sea* Stock, ſeems to be very Inconſiderable; I will therefore ſuppoſe, That the Company, by encreaſing their Capital only to 21 Millions, will be entirely out of Debt, and will be then Intitled to the 42 Millions due from the Publick. Is it not apparent, that this Capital of 21 Millions (excluſive of the Profits by Trade) is Worth only 42 Millions; and that every Share therein can be but of a proportionable Value; and ſo 100 *l.* Stock, Worth only 200 *l.* excluſive of the Profits by Trade.

If, after the *Midſummer*-Moon is over, the preſent reigning Madneſs ſhould happen to ceaſe, and no new Purchaſers ſhould be found; but the preſent Proprietors of the *South-Sea* Stock left to pleaſe themſelves, with the imaginary Value thereof, until the Debt due to them from the Publick ſhould be repaid; Could it poſſibly be of any more intrinſick Worth than I have before ſuppoſed; and if not to them, Can it become more Valuable to any others, to whom they ſhall Transfer the ſame?

I will readily agree, That if new Purchaſers come in at high Prices, the Condition of the preſent Proprietors will be thereby mended; but whatever they Gain the others Loſe. For whether the Stock be 21 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions more; or be 30 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 12 Millions more; or be compleated to 42 Millions, without any further Dividend in Stock; it is evident, that the whole Capital can be intrinſically Worth only 42 Millions, and no more, excluſive of the Profits on Trade.

It is alſo evident, That whether the Company divide the remaining 21 Millions amongſt their preſent Proprietors in Four, Fourteen, or any other Number of Years, it can be only of an equal Value to an immediate Dividend at once of the ſaid remaining 21 Millions; and in that Caſe, 200 *l.* in ſuch encreaſed Capital Stock would be Worth no more than 100 *l.* in the preſent Capital. Becauſe ſuch encreaſed Capital would be Intitled to no further Dividend in Stock; but the preſent Capital is Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions; *viz.* of *Cent. per Cent.* And there cannot, ſurely, be a greater Deluſion; and yet it ſeems to prevail, that after ſeveral Dividends made in Stock, that the remaining Stock will ſtill continue as Valuable as that which was before diſpoſed of; or that 100 *l.* Stock in ſuch encreaſed Capital is Worth as much as 100 *l.* in a leſſer Capital; as if 100 *l.* Stock in the Capital of 21 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions more, were not of a much greater Value than 100 *l.* Stock in a Capital of 30 Millions, Intitled only to a Dividend of 12 Millions; or in a Capital of 42 Mil-

[illegible]e Absolute Terms, supposed to be	*l.* 3,430,000		
By the Two Subscriptions, at 300 *l.* and at 400 *l. per Cent.*	3,650,000	*l.* 7,080,000	
The Old Capital supposed to be		11,200,000	
			l. 18,280,000
10 *l. per Cent.* for *Midsummer* Dividend			1,828,000
The Total Capital will then be			20,108,000

Debts due from the Company.

To their Bonds to the Proprietors of the Absolute Terms taken in,	*l.* 2,720,000		
To Purchase the remaining One Third Part of the Long and Short Terms, at 32 and 17 Years Purchase,	7,780,000	*l.* 10,500,000	
To Purchase the Redeemables,		16,500,000	
		27,000,000	
To be Paid the Publick,		7,600,000	
			l. 34,600,000

In Cash, or due to the Company towards the Discharge of this Debt,

By the Produce of the First Subscription of 2,250,000 *l.* at 300 *l. per Cent.*	*l.* 6,750,000	
By the Produce of the Second Subscription of 1,400,000 *l.* at 400 *l. per Cent.*	5,600,000	
		12,350,000
Remaining Debt will be		22,250,000

But suppose the Capital at *Midsummer*, 1720, to be 20 Millions; the Debt due to the Company from the Publick to be 42 Millions; and the Debt due from them to particular Persons 22 Millions;
Then the Value of 100 *l.* Stock at *Midsummer* 1720, will be 100 *l. viz.*

	l. *s.* *d.*	*l.* *s.* *d.*
The Proprietors of 20 Millions being Intitled to 42 Millions, each 100 *l.* in the Capital of 20 Millions is Worth	210 : 00 : 00	
But the Debt of 22 Millions on the said Capital, is a Debt on each 100 *l.* Stock of	110 : 00 : 00	
The remaining Value is		100 : 00 : 00

A few Millions more or less in a Matter of this Magnitude, according to the present high Price of *South-Sea* Stock, seems to be very Inconsiderable; I will therefore suppose, That the Company, by encreasing their Capital only to 21 Millions, will be entirely out of Debt, and will be then Intitled to the 42 Millions due from the Publick. Is it not apparent, that this Capital of 21 Millions (exclusive of the Profits by Trade) is Worth only 42 Millions; and that every Share therein can be but of a proportionable Value; and so 100 *l.* Stock, Worth only 200 *l.* exclusive of the Profits by Trade.

If, after the *Midsummer*-Moon is over, the present reigning Madness should happen to cease, and no new Purchasers should be found; but the present Proprietors of the *South-Sea* Stock left to please themselves, with the imaginary Value thereof, until the Debt due to them from the Publick should be repaid; Could it possibly be of any more intrinsick Worth than I have before supposed; and if not to them, Can it become more Valuable to any others, to whom they shall Transfer the same?

I will readily agree, That if new Purchasers come in at high Prices, the Condition of the present Proprietors will be thereby mended; but whatever they Gain the others Lose. For whether the Stock be 21 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions more; or be 30 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 12 Millions more; or be compleated to 42 Millions, without any further Dividend in Stock; it is evident, that the whole Capital can be intrinsically Worth only 42 Millions, and no more, exclusive of the Profits on Trade.

It is also evident, That whether the Company divide the remaining 21 Millions amongst their present Proprietors in Four, Fourteen, or any other Number of Years, it can be only of an equal Value to an immediate Dividend at once of the said remaining 21 Millions; and in that Case, 200 *l.* in such encreased Capital Stock would be Worth no more than 100 *l.* in the present Capital. Because such encreased Capital would be Intitled to no further Dividend in Stock; but the present Capital is Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions; *viz.* of *Cent. per Cent.* And there cannot, surely, be a greater Delusion; and yet it seems to prevail, that after several Dividends made in Stock, that the remaining Stock will still continue as Valuable as that which was before disposed of; or that 100 *l.* Stock in such encreased Capital is Worth as much as 100 *l.* in a lesser Capital; as if 100 *l.* Stock in the Capital of 21 Millions, Intitled to a Dividend of 21 Millions more, were not of a much greater Value than 100 *l.* Stock in a Capital of 30 Millions, Intitled only to a Dividend of 12 Millions; or in a Capital of 42 Millions, Intitled to no further Dividend in Stock.

☞ It is not pretended, that the aforegoing *Calculations* are Exact; or that there are no Mistakes in the Inferences made therefrom; But People must be left to compute and reason as they are able, until the *Directors* of the *South-Sea* Company shall think fit to publish an exact State of this Matter; and thereby shew, the real and intrinsick Value of their Stock.

And if they can make it appear to be really Worth the Prices at which they have hitherto Sold, or shall hereafter Sell the same, they will bless the Nation with a most agreeable Discovery of an immense hidden Treasure, which they only were able to bring to Light.

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