



Doctor Benjamin Franklin 1706-1790

Examination before the Committee of the Whole of the House of Commons, 1766

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[41] Q. And have they not still the same respect for parliament?

A. No; it is greatly lessened.

[42] Q. To what causes is that owing?

A. To a concurrence of causes; the restraints lately laid on their trade, by which the bringing of foreign gold and silver into the Colonies was prevented; **the prohibition of making paper money among themselves;** and then demanding a new and heavy tax by stamps; taking away, at the same time, trials by juries, and refusing to receive and hear their humble petitions.

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