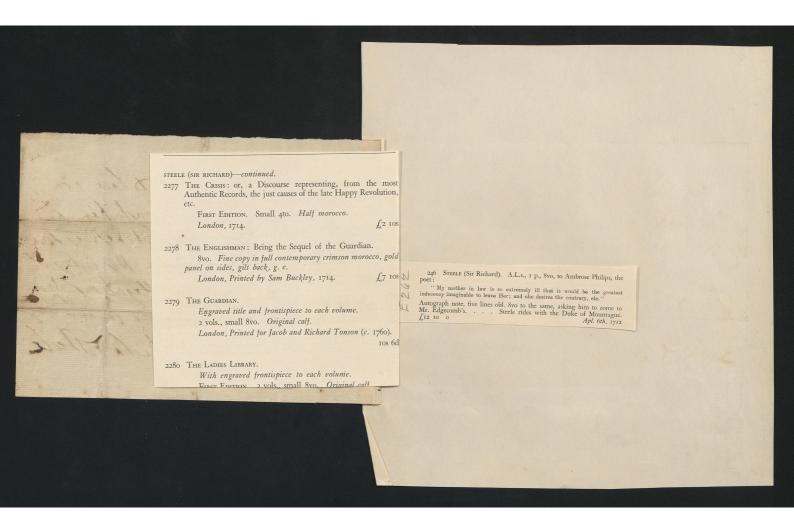
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Richard Steele

Dec 22d

1720.

I believe that this note refers to some dispute arising out of the South Sea Bubble affair. There was a Robert Knight who was cashier of the South Sea Co. His son married Henrietta St John (later Lady Luxborough, friend of Shenstone and Somerville. In July, 1720, the shares of the company had reached the 1000 mark. In August they began to fall, and by November they were 135. Thousands were ruined.

Steele warmly combatted the South Sea mania in two pamphlets, one of which had appeared on February 1, 1720, and the other on February 27.