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In it is an article: The Villainy of Stockjobbers detected, and the Causes of the late Run upon the Bank and Bankers discovered and considered.

It is very curious to see that Mr Leeman has been anticipated by more than 160 years, and to find the same arguments used by him in defence of his Bill have been published by De Foe, and the same desire shown, mutatis mutandis, to make banks solvent, by Act of Parliament, who have allowed their funds, which ought to be fructifying in commerce and easily available, to be extracted from them by reckless contractors, leaving for the depositors nothing but Lloyd’s bonds and sham scrip of unproductive American railways.

Will any of your correspondents be good enough to inform me of the date when this pamphlet was originally published?

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[This pamphlet was originally published in 1701. See Wilson’s Defoe, i. 342, where will be found much curious information respecting two tracts bearing upon the same subject, and its connection with parliamentary representation, and of which The Villainy of Stock Jobbers may be considered the completion.]