

W.O. had another example of the 1683 issue all the time.

Among the treasures in the Thomas Brown collection is of the

Certain
Miscellany
Tracts.

Written by
Thomas Brown, Kt,
and Doctour of Physick;
late of Norwich.

London,
Printed for Charles Mearn, Bookseller
to his most Sacred Majesty,
MDCLXXXIII

On the back fly-leaf is this note:-

In Wilkin vol. IV. p. XII "I have erroneously assigned to the former (Miscellanies) 1684 as the date of its first appearance. I have a copy of it bearing the date 1683 which belonged to John Evelyn, and contains several important, though brief, notes MSS by himself, with his autograph and motto "Catalogo J. Evelyni inscriptus; meliora Retinet". inscribed above the portrait, which is by Vander Bane and which was, without doubt published with the volume. I am inclined, however, to think that only a few early copies were ~~that~~ dated, and that 1684 was the date of the impression."

W.
Vanderbane
~~Vanderbane~~

Tract 12 of these Miscellanies is a prophesy concerning the future State of several Nations. One paragraph of which is of some interest to-day:-

When America shall cease to send forth its Treasure
But employ it at home for American Pleasure.

That is, When America shall be better civilized, new policied and divided between great Princes, it may come to pass that they will no longer suffer their Treasure of Gold and Silver to be sent out to maintain the Luxury of Europe and other parts: but rather employ it to their own advantages, in great Exploits and Undertakings, magnificent Structures, Wars or Expeditions of their own.

When the new World shall the old invade

That is, When America shall be so well peopled, civilized and divided into Kingdoms, they are like to have so little regard of their Originals, as to acknowledge no subjection unto them: they may also have a distinct commerce between themselves, or but independently with those of Europe, and may hostilely and practically assault them, even as the Greek and Roman Colonies after a long time dealt with their Original Countries.