

In the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, Benjamin Franklin wrote under his pen name, Americanus, to oppose England's expelling their prisoners to America.

Benjamin Franklin used his sarcastic wit to express his displeasure of the mother country's practice of sending their convicted felons to the States.

In response and as a matter of reciprocation, he suggested sending a large number of venomous rattlesnakes to Britain, explaining that they would be easily captured during the spring, when they are lethargic, particularly if America offered a small bounty per head.

He recommended their subsequent distribution in London, in the gardens of the nobility throughout the land, but particularly to those responsible for sending the felons, such as prime ministers, lords of trade and members of Parliament.

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