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Who saith that the day after St. Andrews day last past he sold a Cow in Shrewsbury and one William Fosbrooke who keeps the Mytre Inn there paid this Informant for the said Cow in Guineas and this Informant questioning whether they were good ones or not the said Fosbrooke said that they were good for that this Informant's Couzen one Thomas Iordan who lives in the Councill house at Shrewsbury made the said Guineas, and the said Thomas Iordan the same day did own to this Informant that he made the said Guineas himself And one Richard Swift brother of the said Iordan and dwells in the same house with Iordan hath severall times ownd and declared to this Informant that he the said Swift and his brother Iordan had made counterfeit Guineas severall times togeather and that his said brother Iordan cheated him for that he let him have the worst Guineas and kept the best for himself and that one Richard Downes a Labourer who lives in Castle Foregate in Shrewsbury used to assist the said Iordan and Swift frequently to make counterfeit Guineas as he declared to this Informant and one Chambers who is apprentice to the said Swift did oftentimes declare and own to the same to this Informant that Downes did And one Eliz Roberts who is a Servant to the said Iordan hath told this Informant that her {maste{r}} Iordan and the said Swift have made false Guineas in her sight And that one Samuel Hughes who lives at Shrewsbury + is a Mill Wright told this Informant that he made a Mill for the said Iohan but what sort of Mill it was the said Hughes did not declare

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