

John Whitfield: The Examination of John Whitfield of St Andrews Street in St Gyles's parish Victualler 5 August 1698

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The Examination of Iohn Whitfield of S^t Andrews street in S^t Gyles's parish Victualler taken this 5th. day of
Aug^t. 1698

He saith that about five or six weeks ago one Ball now prisoner in Newgate received of one Lawson a
parcell of Counterfeit Spanish Pistolls wrapt up in a paper in Sight of this Examinant and that Lawson in
delivering the paper said that there was 20 pistolls in it but the Examinant did not see the pistolls in it and that
this was done in Lawson's house in Boswell Court on the backside of S^t. Clements The Examinant saith also
that a few dayes after the said Ball brought to the Examinants house two false pistoles which the Exam^t
believes to be part of the twenty and told the Examinant that if he could put them off he should have them for
6 shillings <7v> or at 5^s {11} rather then faile and this he offered in discharge of a Debt of about 8 or 9^s
owing by the said Ball to this Examinant And that about 2 or 3 dayes or a week after M^r. W^m. Butler
and Thomas Hall came to the Examinants house and in some discourse askt the Examinant if he could help
them to any Spanish pistolls to put off and thereupon the Examinant and his wife or one of them or one of
them gave the said Butler and Hall two pistolls to put off

He saith also that about 5 weeks ago M^{rs}. Mary Moore alias Miller brought to the Examinant 103 Sixpences
which the Examinant took to be pewter and offered them to the Examinant after the rate of 20 for a Crown
and that the Examinants wife kept one of those Sixpences and the Examinant another and gave a third to M^r.
Butler and returned the rest being an hundred in Number to the said M^{rs} Miller

Iohn Whitfield

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