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Westm^{ld} Ss. The Examination of Unidentified of Preston near Bolton in the County of York taken before Unidentified of Levens Esquire &c.^{tt} this 4.th Nov.^{er} 1704.

He being brought before me by Robt Thornbeck Constable of Middletin in this County as being found beging and asking of Alms. Hee sayes that he came there to avoyd being arrested, but there being found in his breeches West band, and in a bagg to the vallue of 36.[£] as he calls it, which gave great Suspicion that he was a Coyner or vender of false and Counterfeit money, he owns himself to have been an Inhabitant of Preston aforesaid, & to have follow'd Husbandry, and had a Farm under the Unidentified of 20.[£] per annum, and that about 3. weeks before Michaelmas they threatned to seize him for arreares of rent, so he saith that he sold Good Slotts & Why's and sold also unto Unidentified of Bainbridge Ten Steers for which he paid him in Gold 17.[£] 7.^s 7.^d or thereabouts and sold to Unidentified of Walburnhall 8. Steers for which he received 12.[£] - and that he received the Silver money now found upon him of the Said Unidentified, and that he sold the Steeres not in any Pasture but upon Preston Moore, and received the money of Unidentified at Walburn Hall aforesaid and that he received of Unidentified of Cawdstones house in the parish of Dowham in Swaledale 7.[£] 10.^s 0.^d for 6. Why's & 2. Cowes part of it in Guineas & the rest of his Goods were Seized on by M^r Unidentified the Deputy of Boltons Steward, being asked what he design'd to do with this money he Said he designed to pay 15.[£] to W.^m Lonsdale, Fran:^s Lonsdale and Unidentified all of Bellerby in the County of York and that he intended to pay to Tho:^s Freare of Bolton Castle and Tho.^s Harmond of the same town, the rest of the money & Gold found upon him as aforesaid and being asked whether any of the aforementioned person{s} who paid the money, did direct him to pay it to any particular person, he answered that he would hang himselfe before he would hang anybody else, being asked why he brought this mony hither, which he says he desig'd to pay at Bellerby aforesaid he answered that he had no friend to leave it withall

Unidentified Capt. coram me Unidentified.
