

# MINT01547

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Citty of Chester Ss} The Examination of Unidentified Spinster taken before Unidentified Esquire Mayor and Unidentified Alderman his Majesties Justices of the peace for the County of the Said Citty the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 11.<sup>th</sup> Year of his Majesties Raigh King William the third over England &c.<sup>†</sup> Anno Dni 1699.

Unidentified of the Citty of Chester Spinster (daughter of Unidentified, of the same Citty Tanner) aged 17. Years or thereabouts being Examined Saith, that about Six Months agoe One M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified (whose Christian name she doth not know { }) came to her as she was standing at the her said fathers door in the Forest street in the said Citty and desired to Make himselfe known to her declareing great love and kindness for her, and about 3. Weeks afterwards she went to see Unidentified att her hause in the said Forest Street, And there found the Said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified, who Kept this Examinant about an houre and this Examinant beleiving the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified to have a real kindness, and affection for her, did Severall times afterwards entertain & receive him into her fathers house (unknown to the said Father) and about a Month agoe thisExaminants Said father told her, that he was informed that she had Admitted a strange gentleman into her company without his consent, which this Examinant did then confess to her Said Father & told him that he the Said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified was the same person & that he had lately Lodged at the house of M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified in the Said Citty and was then gone to London, he the Said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified haveing frequently told this Examinant that he must goe very shortly to London, thô in truth she did beleive he was not then gone, and the Said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified did continue to visit this Examinant frequently at ther said Fathers house and Severall times proposed to acquaint this Examinants said Father of his kindness for her and to desire his consent that he might <1v> marry her but this Examinant was unwilling her said Father should be acquainted with it, because she had told him before the said Unidentified was gone to London, and the said Unidentified Still declared he must goe thither very shortly (his mother haveing Sent for him Severall times) and that he stay'd only for the said Mr Unidentifieds company, and this Examinant further saith that on Munday the 9. day of this Instant October the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified was in company with this Examinant in M<sup>rs</sup> Unidentifieds Rown near the High Cross of the said Citty where they Stay'd to See the Bull baiting and afterwards the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified invited this Examinant thence to M<sup>r</sup> Unidentifieds house where she Stayd about half an hour, and she did not See the Said M<sup>r</sup> Roberts afterwards till Munday the 16. day of this Instant Octob<sup>er</sup> on which day about 2. or 3. a clock in the afternoon, he the said M<sup>r</sup> Roberts came to this Examinant at her Said fathers door and she being unwilling to stay with him there at so publick a place acquainted him that the Said Unidentified had entrusted her with the Key of her the Said Unidentifieds house, there being then no body in it, whereupon the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified came to her in the Said Unidentifieds house where they continued about 2. hours and a halfe and parted about between 4. and 5. a clock the same afternoon, the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified walking towards Baughton and saying he would See this Examinant again the same night (but did not mention what time) And about ten of the Clock in the Night of the Same day the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified and the said Unidentified came together to this Examinant at her Said fathers house (he being then Gone to bed) and they staid all three together in the Kitching of the said house all Night till about 6. or 7. a clock in the morning & then the said Unidentified first went out and p<sup>re</sup>sently returned and told this Examinant and the said Unidentified that M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified was taken up for coyning (or to that Effect) but the said

Unidentified Sayd he could not beleive it, for that he had lived so long with him and never observed any thing that was ill of the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified and then they parted, and this Examinant did not afterwards See him or hear from the said Unidentified untill Wednesday last the 18.<sup>th</sup> day of this Instant Octob.<sup>er</sup> on which day between 7. & 8. a clock at night he knocked at the door of her said Fathers house (her said Father not being within) and this Examinant let him in, and told him there was great Enquiry made after him in the Town upon suspicion of his being concern'd with the said M<sup>r</sup> Unidentified, to which the Said Unidentified made answer, God damm'em what business have they to Search after me and p<sup>re</sup>sently afterwards he desired he might Stay in one of the Upper Rooms of the said house till this Examinant could be at leisure to come to him, which this Examinant consneted unto and put him into one of the Upper Rooms of the said house, and there left him without a Candle, and returned to the business in the Kitching & p<sup>re</sup>sently afterwards one Unidentified a Constable and Some others came into the Said Kitching, and asked this Examinant if any man was in the said house, to which She answered no, And the said Constable desired to borrow a Candle from this Examinant which she readily lent him, and the Said Constable with the rest of his Company went to search in the outside or backside of the Said house, during which time this Examinant beleives the Said Roberts break one of the Windows of the Said upper Room & Escaped out of the Said house for that this Examinant p<sup>re</sup>sently afterwards went up, & found the Said Window so broaken and that he was gone thence and had left his hatt & a pair of shoes behind him SInce which time this Examinant hath not Seen nor heard from the Said Unidentified nor doth she know where he is or what is become of him in any wise  
Unidentified

Capt die et Anno sup<sup>ra</sup>d. Cester coram  
per Roger Comberbatch Cler. pacis &c.<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Bennett Mayor      Unidentified

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