

Moses Stringer: The Examination of Moses Stringer of Villers Street in York buildings Chymist 29 June 1698

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He sayth that about 6 or 7 weeks ago calling to see m^r Oades Deputy {Receiver} Winchester he found him taking the numbers of a great parcel of Exchequer bills which were cancelled and to be returned into the Exchequer the next day and thereupon offered the said m^r. Oades this assistance in taking the numbers of them and as he was assisting him he said to m^r. Oades what a {brave} parcell of bills are here and m^r. Oades replied that they were not all worth 2^d. and the Examinant made answer then give me 3 or 4 to wye my with and M^r. Oades replied he would not doe the Examinant so much dammage because it was ill jesting with such Edge Toolles but afterwards one of them dropping down he took it up privately without the knowledge of M^r Oades and carrying home and being presst with extream necessity he tryed with sweet oyle or Vitriol (viz^t 80 of \oplus digested with once or twice its weight of \forall) to take out the Cross with which it was cancelled on the {foreside} and the {Menstruum} took out the cross and left the paper something yellow and brittle read to {cralk} and the Examinant put it off to m^r. Cooper a Salesman in Cannon street who offered it to a Collector but the Collector refusing it m^r. Cooper brought it back to the Examinant saying it was a {banck} bill <16v> pasted paper on the backside to hold it together and then the Examinant shewed it to his wife and told her that he had it of one mr mills and she carryed it to a Goldsmith in Fleetstreet who said it was a good one and afterwards she put it off to a Mercer on Ludgate hill about 3 weeks ago

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The above mentioned Moses Stringer sayth further that half a year ago he borrowed of m^r. William Walford of Leadenhall street by Creed Church Oyleman a 5^{ll}. Exchequer bill to be paid in specie in 5 dayes and that m^r. Iohn Matthews against the suger loafe alehouse in Bucklers bury Oyleman and as the Deponent thinks partner with the said Walford was then present and that M^r. Samuel Walsall caffee-man in Bartholomew Lane was surety to m^r. Walford for the payment of the money by a Note which he and the Examinant gave to mr Walford, and that Walsall kept the bill till the Examinant paid it awaly So that the Examinant had it not in his hands above $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour and that the Examinant the next day after he thus borrowed this bill of Walford paid it

away to one siphorus Lee at the 3 Cups in Tooly street Southwark Furrier for 50^s. debt and 47^s. 6^d ready money and that he never saw in the hands of m^r. Oads any Exchecquer bill or bills except at the tyme above mentioned nor ever saw M^r. Oades since that tyme

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