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Monmouths Ss The Examination- of Unidentified of the Parish of Penshaw the County of Monmouth aforesaid Taken Before me Unidentified Esquire one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace of the Said County this sixth day of October Anno Regni Domini {nei} William tertii Regis Anglie et octova Annoque domini 1696.^o

The Said Examinant being duely examin'd upon Oath Saith That he being intimately acquainted with Unidentified of Chepstoll in the Said County Mercet the Said Unidentified very much in Debt did about the month of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Six hundred ninety three Importune this Examinant to manage his Shop and Trade for him effecting thereof he did, then Say that he would make a bill of Sale of all his shop goods & Wares to this Examinant & accordingly this Examinant was then prevailed with to undertake the management thereof and the said Unidentified did then make a Bill of Sales of all his shop goods and Wares to this Examinant who for two months & upwards mannaged his the Said Unidentified his Shop and trade for him During all which time the Said Unidentified did abscond from his Creditors And this Examinant further Saith That in a Weeks time or thereabout after he came to the Said Unidentified his house at Chepstoll aforesaid to manage his concern as aforesaid there came to the Said house one Unidentified of Micheldeane in the country of Gloucester Pinmaker Brother in Law to the Said Unidentified & continued there a Week or thereabouts at that time, During which time this Examinant being one day in a low room in the Said House & hearing a noise in a Chamber there near him did look into the Said chamber through a hole in the partition that parted the Said chamber from another Room, and did then and there See the Said W^m Hopkins clipping SILver mony and one Unidentified of Chepstoll aforesaid Sadler fileing & rounding the Same after it was clipt. Whereupon this Examinant went up Stairs into the Said chamber but before he had got up Staires the Said Unidentified and Unidentified had hid the Said Silver money and the Instruments they worked with all, saveing a file which the Said Unidentified had in his hand fileing of a Shoe buckle however when this Examinant came into the Said chamber he asked the Said Unidentified & Unidentified what they were doing & the Said Unidentified made answer you See what we are doing I am fileing my shoe Buckle, Whereunto this Examinant went down Staires and the Said W^m Hopkins and Unidentified immediately followed him, and he this Examinant went into a low room in the Said House and this Examinant went about a quarter of an hour after into a yard that belongs to the Said House, and there found some clippings of Silver which he took up & brought in to the Said W^m Hopkins and Unidentified and shewed the Same to them telling them this Shews what you were doing, a little While agoe. Whereupon they confessed to this Examinant that they had clipped the Said money as aforesaid and shewed the Clippings and sheares and file they worked withall to this Examinant but desired this Examinant not to discover the Same which he promised to doe.

And this Examinant further Saith That in the Month of July in the year of our Lord one thousand Six hundrd ninety three this Examinant went in Company with the Said Unidentified, Unidentified, & Unidentified towards Bristoll fair which began the five and twentieth day of July in the Same year, and that in their Journey thither they Lodged at an Inn near Bristoll called Katharines Lodg and next morning the Said Unidentified Unidentified and Unidentified got up out of bed before this Examinant and assoon as this Examinant got up he enquired were they were and being told by one of the Servants in the Said Inn that they were in the shuffle board room there he went to the Said shuffle board room door & knocked thereat finding the Same fast bolted or locked Whereupon the Said Unidentified opened the door and then this Examinant

went in to the Said shuffle board room and there found & Saw the Said William Hopkins clipping with a pair of Sheares the current coin of <1v> this Kingdom viz.^t half crowns, shillings & Six pences, and the Said Unidentified and Unidentified fileing them after they were clipt; & this Examinant told them they never would Leave off untill they were hanged to which they answered that they would never be hanged unless this Examinant would do it.

And the Said Examinant further Saith that the Said Unidentified Did then desire this Examinant to carry the Said Money (which they the Said Unidentified Unidentified & Unidentified then & there clipped as aforesaid being twenty pounds) with him to Bristoll, one of the Creditoures of the Said Unidentified and this Examinant desired the Said Unidentified would seal the Same up in a Bag which he accordingly did, and this Examinant did deliver the same so sealed up to the Said Unidentified who accepted thereof.

And this Examinant further Sayth, that before the end of the Said fair this Examinant together with the Said M^r Unidentified and Unidentified returned to the Said Inn, where the Said Unidentified had continued while they were in the Said fair) and thence the Said Unidentified Unidentified and Unidentified & this Examinant came to Chepstoll aforesaid the next day, and further Saith that within the Space of a Month or thereabouts after his return from the Said fair to Chepstoll aforesaid & saw at Severall times the Said Unidentified & Unidentified his Wife clipping the current coin of this kingdom in his Said House at Chepstoll aforesaid, which they never endeavoured to conceal from this Examinant

And further saith that within the Space of a months or thereabouts after his return from the Said fair, he Saw the Said Unidentified & Unidentified clip the current coin of this Kingdom in the Said Unidentified his house afterwards melt the clippings of the Said coins therewith coin new Money in Imitation or resemblance of hammer'd half Crownes.

And this Examinant further Saith That Some few dayes after he had Seen the Said Unidentified Unidentified clipping & coining as aforesaid he the Said Unidentified did desire this Examinant to go with him to Michellsdeane aforesaid where this Examinant did accordingly go with the Said Unidentified and Lodged there at the Said Unidentified his house, and then and there Saw the Said Unidentified his Wide Clip, with a pair of Sheares the current coin of this Kingdom And this Examinant saith That the next day after this Examinant {&} the Said Unidentified came to Michelldeane as aforesaid the Said Unidentified demanded Some mony from the Said Unidentified, as a debt due to him whereunto the Said W^m Hopkins answered that he had none then but that he would have Some by the next day and the Said Unidentified told this Examinant That he must that night coin Some mony to pay the Said Unidentified,

And further saith, That the Said Unidentified went in the beginning of that night with one Unidentified of Michelldeane aforesaid Pinmaker, into the Said Unidentifieds house, and told this Examinant that he would return in an hours time but did not, Which made this Examinant to goe to the Said W^m Cutlers house (being over against the Said Unidentified his house) to see for the Said Unidentified, and looking into a low room in the Said Unidentifieds house in through the Window there he Saw the Said Unidentified & Unidentified Setting a Crucible on a fire in the Said room and afterwards takeing itt off The fire and pouring what was therein into a Mould, and then this Examinant returned to the Said Unidentified his house, and did not See the Said Unidentified till next day when he paid ten shillings to the Said Unidentified which he said he and the Said Unidentified had coined the night before.

And this Examinant further Saith That the Said Walter Harris did then at Michelldeane aforesaid Inquire for one Unidentified of the County of Hereford Gent: (to whom this Examinant had before that time seen the Said Unidentified deliver Some Clippings of Silver) and the Said Unidentified was then told that he might find him at a Village called Legg being about a Mile from Michelldeane aforesaid, where the Said Unidentified & this Examinant immediately went and found in an Inn there the Said Unidentified & one Unidentified of Leg aforesaid Smith and after that this Examinant the Said Unidentified & Unidentified had been there together about halfe and houre) the Said Unidentified being then gone forth) the Said Unidentified asked the Said James Boyle whether he had any <2r> {mony.} Whereunto the Said Unidentified answered

that he had none then ready, Why then replyd the Said Unidentified go & get me some & thereupon the Said Unidentified went forth and in an houres time returned with Six half Crownes, which this Examinant takeing in his hand asked the Said Unidentified whether he had made the Same So Soon, to which the Said Unidentified answered no, but that he had finisht them Since he went forth which Six half Crowned the Said Unidentified delivered to the Said Unidentified.

And this Examinant further Saith, that about the month of Novemb^r in the Said Year one thousand Six hundred ninety three, he this Examinant} haveing then left the mannagem.^t of the Said Unidentified his Concern) did go to a fair kept then at Michelldean aforesaid and haveing occasion to Speak with the Said Unidentified Did then in his return from Michelldean aforesaid call at Leg aforesaid at the said James Boyle his house and inquired for the Said Unidentified and his Now Wife directed this Examinant to him to a Chamber in his Said house where this Examinant going found the Said Unidentified with a pair of Shears Clipping the current Coin of this Kingdom and the Said Unidentified fileing and rounding the Same and this Examinant the Said Unidentified and Unidentified came then down Sraires to the Said Unidentified his shop where this Examinant Seeing a pair of Sheares asked the Said Unidentified who the Same Was for to which the Said Unidentified made answer That it was designed for Unidentified late of Chepstoll aforesaid, who now as this Examinant is informed) Collects the duties charged upon earthen Wares & tobacco pipes within the Said County of Monmouth And the Said Unidentified then told this Examinant that the Said W^m Morgan had Sold Some Clippings of Silver to the Said Unidentified

Henry Waters

Jur die & Ano Supradict coram me

Tho Morgan
