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Com Lanc.^f Ss. The Examination of Unidentified of billington in this County Blacksmith taken 18.th day of may 1704.

Who on Examination Saith that on monday the first of this instant May he this Examinant being at the house of Willm Winleys (an Alehouse in Billington aforesaid [Editorial Note 1]) there he light on a man who call'd himselfe Unidentified, and falling into discourse with him over a pot of Ale, he told this Examinant he was by trade a Whitesmith, and could also make Clocks, and enquired how far Unidentified liv'd from thence (with whom he Said he was acquainted) and the Said Unidentified being Shew'd the way to his house went that night thither, and the next morning came to this Examinant^s shop, and stay'd not long but went out to Hinkleys the Alehouse and in the afternoon came again to this Examinant^s shop and then desired this Examinant to let him file an handvice which he brought with him rough and unfinished, which this Examinant consented unto, and that night Unidentified, wnet back to Unidentifieds house to lye, which is about a mile from this Examinant^s Shop, but that he took part of this Examinant^s dinner, which was a veale pye brought to this Examinant^s Shopp, And on wednesday morning he came again unto this Examinant^s Shop, and continued working at his hand-vice, and that night lay at this Examinant^s house, as he did for 7.nights then next following viz.^t till thursday the 11.th instant, in which time he was till fryday morning the 5. instant working at his hand-vice, promissing that for that kindness and for meat and loging he would make this Examinant a clock if this Examinant would but send for some materialls to Wiggon. which he Said this Examinant might buy for 10^s and on Fryday the 5th Instant, the Said Unidentified (out of this Examinant^s Iron) forged Six hoops or rings in this Examinant^s Shop, which he Said were for some parts of the Clock this Examinant helping him to cut the same out of the barr of Iron, & on Thursday the 11.th instant the Said Unidentified took out of this Examinant^s shop without this Examinant^s consent or knowledge the Said Six hoops as also a melting pan or Iron of this Examinant^s and from that time this Examinant never saw the Said Unidentified, till last Tuesday that he came with a Warrant in company of Unidentified and others to apprehend this Examinant

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This Examinant denyeth that ever the Said Unidentified proposed any thing to this Examinant concerning coyning o makeing counterfeit money or any Tools or Instruments for that purpose nor never app^{re}hended the Said Six hoops to be of use, or intended to be used in or about makeing or casting money nor for any other use than for the clock aforemention'd.

This Examinant also denyeth that Edw.^d Holt & Tho.^s Holt his son (whome this Examinant doth very well know) or either of them, or Sam.ll Fletcher Unidentified or Alexand^{er} Fletcher or any of them were ever at this Examinant^s house as aforesaid[Editorial Note 2] but beleives the Said Unidentified might come sometimes to this Examinant^s Shop (which is halfe a mile distant from the house) whilst Unidentified was working in the shop, they the said Unidentified being Customers to this Examinant in his trade of a smith. And further saith that he beleives the Said Unidentified made no more than Six hoops or rings whilst he work't in this

Examinant^s Shop, but the six hoops (own'd by the Said Unidentified) now Shew'd to this Examinant he will not positiviey say they or any of them are the same, (though they are like them) which he made in this Examinant^s Shopp, neither doth he this Examinant owne the melting pan (now Shewn to him) to be this Examinant^s melting pan or that it ever was in this Examinant^s Shopp and further saith not.

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[Editorial Note 1] See Deposition No. 481.

[Editorial Note 2] See Deposition No. 481.
