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Com Westm<sup>er</sup> Ss. The Information of Unidentified of Middleton in this County taken before Unidentified Esquire &c.<sup>tt</sup> Nov.<sup>er</sup> 4. 1704.

The said Unidentified deposeth upon Oath that on fryday the third Instant he goeing into Lancashire to seek a Horse of his Fathers which he suspected to be stolen or Stray'd, that he met with one Unidentified (as he calls himselfe) of preston in Wensedale in the County of york, who being a Stranger and idleing about, seized upon him as a vagrant, & as a susitious person, being out of the Kings highway, where some Cloaths were hanging on a neighbours Hedge, and did there see the said Unidentified handleing and twineing them, he this Deponent Stopt him but finding nothing that they could lay to his Charge concerning the Cloaths, he this Deponent and severall others of the neighbourhoud let him goe. but this Deponent still suspecting that the Said Unidentified did loijter there upon some ill design, stopped him again and upon searching him he and some neighbours finding some Ropes and something like a Slipp, they Suspected might be for catching and leading away horses (there being many Stoln in this Countrey) pursued him again and found him lying on his back in a Wood call'd the Hagg, and then brought him into the Highway where the Said Unidentified, proffered 1.<sup>s</sup> a peice to 3. persons then p<sup>re</sup>sent to let him goe away, & this is all this Deponent can say.

Unidentified Capt. jurat &c.<sup>t</sup> coram me Unidentified.

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