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Who saith that one Ellenor Grainger of an uncertain Habitation used frequently within this $\frac{1}{2}$ year last to come to this Informants Shop in the Long Walk near the Hospitall in Smithfield to drink Brandy and after severall times comeing there she told this Informant and one Richard Baker who is now a Prisoner in Newgate for making false money <84v> that a person's life (whose name was Riccaby) was in her hands and that she could help the said Baker or this {Informant} to work with the said Riccaby in making false money But afterwards the said Grainger promissed to learn the said Baker and this Informant to make false money but the said Grainger being afterward put into prison for Theft she did not come to this Informant's said shop But this Informant, the said Baker and one Iohn Haly (who is now a Prisoner in the Compter for Debt) took a Garret in S^t. Martins Le Grand in order to make counterfeit money in and in the beginning of Aprill or the latter end of March last past the said Richard Baker Iohn Haly + this Informant did blanch some Copper in the said Garret in order to make it into counterfeit money and did try there to make false Mill'd money viz^t. Shillings and Sixpences and the said Baker moulded the Flasks with the Impressions of such money but they could not make the Metall run well into the Mould so as to make money which would pass for Current and that about 6 weeks ago the said Baker and this Informant made counterfeit money of pewter by casting shillings and six pences in S^t. Martins Le Grand in the Lodging room of Thomas Dee a Sho'maker who was assistant to them in filing the said counterfeit money and that mrs Bell had some of this counterfeit money for a hood which this Informant bought of her at her Lodging room in Church Lane in the parish of S^t. Gyles in the fields And that about a month ago the said Baker and this Informant made counterfeit money of pewter by casting shillings and sixpences at the said Lodging room of Thomas Dee aforesaid who was then in the room where they made the said false money but did not assist them in doing it and that upon Fryday was sennight (the day that Baker was apprehended) this Informant saw in a Clossett belonging to the said room of Thomas

Dee aforesaid (where the said Baker and his sister and her husband Thomas Dee above mentioned were at that time) {a} Flask ready Moulded with <85r> severall Impressions of Milld shillings in order to cast counterfeit money in as this Informant doth believe and as Baker did then declare

And this Informant further saith That in February last past the said Ellenor Grainger did (in order to teach this Informant and the said Baker to make counterfeit money try to cast half pence at this Informants said Shop in long Walk but could not make the Metall run well into the Mould

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