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Lancast<sup>er</sup> Ss. The Information of Willm Nevill taken upon Oath (he liveing at Leversey in this County Weaver) June 5.<sup>th</sup> 1704

Who Informeth and Saith that he being informed about 2. years agoe that one John Crawshaw of Barrowfold about 6. miles from Skipton in the County of York Smith could make and did forge dyes for Stamping of money, and did also make the stamp or impression thereupon, this Informant was desirous to be acquainted with the Said Unidentified, and for that purpose went to his house, and after that this Informant had told him what character he had heard of him, and this Informant<sup>s</sup> inclination being that way, he was free with this Informant and own'd that he had lately made a pair of Stamps or dyes, for one Unidentified of Unidentified aforesaid Weaver for stamping halfe Crowns, as alsoe a Mill for milling or lettering half Crowns upon the Edges, and the Said Unidentified at the same time shewed to this Informant halfe a Crown which he said he had Stamped with the Said Instruments And the Said Unidentified understanding that this Informant was a trader and could put off money he told this Informant that if about a month afterwards, this Informant would come to him he would let him have 10.<sup>£</sup> in Counterfeit money for <1v> Seaven pounds Good money, but this Informant never went again to the Said Unidentified, but was shortly after comitted to the Goale of Lancaster on suspicion of Fellony, but upon his tryall being acquitted the next assizes (now about a year agoe) this Informant went over to Dublin where this Informant continued untill Aprill last past. and comeing over to Leverpoole in this County about a week before last May day from thence this Informant repaid to the house of Unidentified aforesaid The Said Unidentified before this Informant went over into Ireland haveing shewed him the Instruments which the Said Unidentified had made for him as aforesaid which he said he liked very well, and after he this Informant had continued some dayes at Unidentifieds house he was very free in owning what couinterfeit moneys he had lately made, and in particular on thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May last fetched out his Instruments for coyning, and Setting a Crucible on the fire, in his own house, he putting therein a peice of Silver in Bullion & some brass or Copper halfpence togeather he melted them down, and then pouring the metall into a Socket or instrument for that purpose, cast (in this Informant<sup>s</sup> presence) a blank peice of the bigness of a halfe Crown, but without the Edging upon it, and then putting it into his mill he made the letters on it, and then putting it into his Dyes Stamped upon it the Impression of a good halfe Crown and on the same day and place, this Informant did see the Said Unidentified in like manner make nineteen more of the like Counterfeit halfe Crowns and putting them all togeather into a pann where was white Argill Allom Salt Peter and comon Salt which after being boyl'd for some time, they had the perfect colour of the current Coyn all which was done in the presence of this Informant And after that the Said Unidentified gave unto this Informant tenn of those twenty new counterfeit halfe Crowns, and at the same time told this Informant that if he would bring him 5.<sup>£</sup> of good money within a week or ten days, he would deliver Seaven pounds ten shillings more of the like counterfeit money. And about Saturday after that this Informant had left Unidentifieds house and the day after this Informant came to his own house at Leversey (where he stay'd with his own wife untill Tuesday following the 9.<sup>th</sup> of may, and that day goeing to the house of Unidentified of Overdarwelle (with whome this Informant had a former acquaintance) and after some discourse betwixt them (viz<sup>t</sup>) about thursday the 11.<sup>th</sup> of May, he shewed this Informant his Flasks and Spawd wherein he cast counterfeit money; his Spawd being as he shew'd this Informant made up of Allabaster finely pounded, and sifted, and putting to it bole Armonack and the whites of Eggs made a past of it, and putting that into the Flask made upon it the impression of a halfe crown and after bakeing the Spand on the fire till it was very

redd hott, he then run his Metall into it, and cast a  $\frac{1}{2}$  Crown, but without letters on the Edge, which he afterwards made with a Mill, he also had for that purpose, and in like manner this Informant saw the said Unidentified cast about 20.<sup>s</sup> and 10. halfe Crownes and he telling this Informant that he had not a good way of colouring them this Informant told him of the Ingredients above mentioned, which he the day <2r> after sent for to Preston, and boyling the said  $\frac{1}{2}$  Crowns and Shillings in it liked them very well, the said Unidentified told this Informant that one Unidentified of Overdarwell a Smith made his Flasks, but his Mill he said was one Unidentifieds near Billings near Blackburn in this County a dealer in Fustions, That on Satturday the 13.<sup>th</sup> of May the said Unidentified, came to the aforesaid Unidentified's house with about 16. Stamped Shilling but without any Nicks on the Edges, which Unidentified said he had made at his own house, but by reason of some company that was there he had not an opportunity to Finish them, but threw them down upon the Table in Unidentified's house, after that the Said Unidentified and Unidentified went to work and that night cast severall halfe Crowns and Milled them, and boyled them as aforesaid, and of that money the Said Unidentified took away about 6. of the halfe Crowns, and about 20. of the Shillings, which he said was to pay off at Blackburn the Monday following. But the Said Unidentified Unidentified and this Informant pearting in a fright about day break on sunday morning the 14<sup>th</sup> of May last, this Informant brought away with him the aforesaid Sixteen unedged Shillings thither brought by Unidentified as aforesaid and goeing to his own house at Leversesy that day, where continued, till last Wednesday the 31.<sup>st</sup> of may when the Constable of Leversey app<sup>re</sup>hended this Informant and Searching his pocket found the aforesaid 16 counterfeited unfinished Shillings and with them brought this Informant before M<sup>r</sup> Justice Unidentified of Preston who cor<sup>m</sup>itted this Informant to Lanc<sup>er</sup> Goale. This Informant further saith that the abovesaid Unidentified of Skipton hides his stamps and mill in a hole in the Chimney Range of his house (in Skipton where he now dwells) covered with a stone, but his handvice ha<sup>m</sup>er and Files generally lye upon a cupboards head comeing into the house.

And further saith that when this Informant last parted with Unidentified, he desired this Deponent to tell one Unidentified, of Liversey Weaver that he had broak his word with him in not bringing him the money he owed him in Exchange for counterfeit money, which the Said Unidentified had received of the aforesaid Unidentified; which this Informant did tell the said Tho.<sup>s</sup> Holding accordingly, who owned he was to give him 11.<sup>£</sup> or 12.<sup>£</sup> of good money but said he would goe over to him Shortly.

And this Informant further saith that Unidentified told this Informant that besides the Mill before mentioned, he had also a pair of Crown Stamps, and said that he bought them of Unidentified late near Moulding-water blacksmith (who is now gone into Ireland) and of one Ric.<sup>d</sup> Annesworth, now of Lockholse in this County of Lanc.<sup>er</sup> giveing either of them 50.<sup>s</sup> a peice for the Said Crown Stamps. Will<sup>m</sup> his

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