

# John Wood: The Examination of John Wood Sword Cutler now in custody 3 December 1699

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The Examination of Iohn Wood Sword Cutler now in Custody taken before Isaac Newton Esq<sup>r</sup> one of his Majesties Iustices of the peace for the County of Middlesex aforesaid this 3<sup>d</sup> day of December anno Dom: 1699

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Who being duly examin'd saith that about a year ago he this Examinant became acquainted with Richard Elsam who then Lived in {blow} anchor ally near moor fields by the means of one M<sup>r</sup> Morgan the said Elsam did solicit this Examinant to make counterfeit Spanish Pistolls for hims this Examinant did promise so to do & Elsam gave him give pounds in order to go on with the Design aforesaid & in a little time afterwards this Examinant gave two good Spanish pistoles to the said Richard Elsam, and told him he made them himself and a little afterwards the said Elsam gave to this Examinant forty five pounds in order to carry on the design of making counterfeit Spanish pistoles but this Examinant did not make any and he further saith that the argole and other things that one now produced and which were this fay found in his house by M<sup>r</sup> Rewse and M<sup>r</sup> Saker are things which he designed to make us of in his Trade of Sword cutler

John Wood

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[1] Middlesex Ss

[2] 294

[3] Cap<sup>t</sup> die et anno p<sup>r</sup>dict  
coram Is: Newton

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