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POSTSCRIPT:

EXPLAINING

Some of the Frauds of the three Country Collectors mentioned in the Case of the Sufferers by Derby Court Fire, as plainly appears by Mrs. Mortimers Perusal of the Briefs, to lay them fit for the Master's Inspection, and is Confirmed to be true by the Master's Report, which is as followeth.

THere are fewer Briefs by 1500 sent up, than by the Trustees Accounts they had sent them, including and accounting the Counterfeit Briefs, and the other Printed at *Exeter*, and the many Indorsements on one Brief and above a thousand Places according to the Account of Parishes in *England*, besides *London* and *Middlesex*, after all their bringing in of which they have given no Account, whither any thing Collected or not. There were 114 Briefs returned from *Cumberland* and *Westmorland*, as many as there are Parishes in those Counties, returned two years and half after that by the Briefs themselves it appears they were read. The Sufferers received not one Penny before the Patent had been out a Quarter of a Year, and then on complaint to the Lord Chancellor there was 120 l. paid in to the Trustees. Now by the Master's Report it appears, amongst other things, thus, *viz.* It has been admitted before me, that there are more Briefs yet standing out and not returned; but in what Counties or Places the same lye in, and in what Counties or Places the Briefs returned by them were laid, has not been made out to me by the said Collectors; nor can possibly be gathered by the Briefs brought before me, which lie in small Parcels, containing Briefs returned from different Counties, with a very great number of Indorsements in the Place of Briefs which should have been returned, and by which Indorsements the aforesaid number of Briefs are made up: I further Certifie that it has been objected before me on the Part of the said Mrs. *Mortimer*, that besides the not returning the Briefs in time according to the said Collectors Bond, there appears to be two other Impressions of Briefs amongst the Briefs returned, besides those delivered out by the Trustees, and which were Printed by Mr. *Jones* in the *Savoy*, some of which were Printed at *Exeter*, and are so mentioned to be at the bottom of them, and others are with an Impression imitating those Printed by Mr. *Jones* in the *Savoy*, with his Arms and Name thereto, which were not Printed by the said Mr. *Jones*, but by some other Person, and that the Major part of those last mentioned Briefs are amongst those which have been returned since the before mentioned Matters were referred to me, and that there are many Briefs returned with the Indorsements, Written all with one hand, and that some have many Indorsements Written on one Brief relating to diverse Parishes all of one hand Writing, and that above 700 Briefs have been returned without any Money Collected on them, and many of them having no more besides the Parish then the Words nothing Collected indorsed on them, and that there are a few small narrow Scrips of Paper, instead of Briefs, signifying that nothing is Collected in Parishes Named therein, without the Hand of the Minister or Church Wardens to Warrant them: As to which Matters so Objected the Solicitor for the Country Collectors took a Copy, but making great delay in returning an Answer, I inspected the said Briefs, with regard to the said Objections, being about to make a Report *Ex Parte* against the said Collectors, and found that there were about 100 Briefs, Imitating the said Impression of Mr. *Jones*, and to two of them Mr. *Jones's* Servants have made Affidavit before me, that the same were not of the said Mr. *Jones's* Impression, and that about 100 Briefs were Printed at *Exeter*, and that the other Objections appear to be true.