

August 31, 1747.

WHEREAS some idle and malicious Persons have raised and spread several scandalous Reports, concerning the deceased Father of us the Subscribers, occasioned by an Accident which befall him when he was a Child, whereby he lost his Ear; and have industriously insinuated, that the Loss of his Ear was a legal Punishment for some Crime or Misdemeanour. We therefore think it a Duty incumbent on us, as well in Justice to our injured Father's Memory, as to prevent any undeserved Aspersions on our own Characters, to take this Method of convincing the Public, that the said Reports are intirely false, groundless, and malicious, as by the subsequent Depositions and Certificate may appear.

RICHARD CROXALL,
JAMES CROXALL,
CHARLES CROXALL.

Mayor of the said Burrough, Arthur Noone, and John Pares, Gent. Justices of the Peace of the said Burrough; and upon his Oath saith, That about 26 Years ago, he was riding upon a Cart in the Fields of Nether-Whiteacre aforesaid, with one Richard Croxall, Son of Richard Croxall, then of Nether-Whiteacre aforesaid; and by a sudden Jolt of the said Cart, the said Richard Croxall, and he the said Robert Butler, were cast off and thrown from the same, and by the Fall, the said Richard Croxall lost one of his Ears. And further the said Robert Butler saith, that the said Richard Croxall lost his Ear no other way than as aforesaid.

Jurat' apud Burg' Leic'
in Com' Leic' die &
anno supradicti coram
nobis,

Francis Lewin, Mayor,
Arthur Noone,
John Pares.

ROBERT BUTLER.

Burg' } ff. MEMORANDUM, That on the 4th Day of Leic' } August, in the second Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq' Dom' 1716, Richard Croxall, of Stoke-Golding, in the County of Leicester, Farmer, came before us, Francis Lewin, Esq; Mayor of the said Burrough, Arthur Noone, and John Pares, Gent. Justices of the Peace of the said Burrough, and upon his Oath saith, That in the Year of our Lord 1690, Richard Croxall, Son of the said Richard Croxall, being upon a Cart loaded with Rubbish, and one Robert Butler was in the said Cart with him; and he the said Richard Croxall the Father did drive the said Cart, and going over a little Trench in the Fields of Whiteacre, near C. Lypit, in the County of Warwick, where the said Richard Croxall and his said Son then dwelt; the said Cart gave a great and sudden Jolt, or Jogg, and threw the said Richard Croxall his Son, and the said Robert Butler, off from the said Cart; and with the Fall, he the said Richard Croxall thought his Son was killed, and looking where he was wounded, found one of his Ears was struck off. And he the said Richard Croxall further saith, that the said Richard Croxall his Son lost his said Ear no otherwise than by the Misfortune, and sad Accident aforesaid.

Jurat' apud Burg' Leic'
in Com' Leic' die &
anno supradicti coram
nobis,

RICHARD CROXALL.

Francis Lewin, Mayor,
Arthur Noone,
John Pares.

These are to certify whom it may concern, that the above written several Memorandums were taken upon the several Oaths of the several Persons therein named, the Day and Year the same mention to be taken before us the above-named Mayor and Justices; in Testimony of which, I the said Mayor, and we the said other Justices, have set our Hands and Seals the said 4th Day of August, 1716.

F. LEWIN, Mayor, O
ARTHUR NOONE, O
JOHN PARES. O

These are to certify also, that the Originals of the said Memorandums are upon Record, in the Sessions-Rolls of the said Francis Lewin's ayoarality.

THO. JORDAINE, Clericus Pacis Burgi praedicti.

It is expedient for a Person designing to settle in a foreign Country, to have a Testimonial from Neighbour who knew his Conversation in his Town, that he may not impose upon Strangers by his single Affirmation, nor lose the encouragement which they are ready to give to Sobriety, Honesty, and Diligence, when they are assured that these Virtues are not assumed for a Pretence, but have been a constant Character.

For this Reason, we the Inhabitants of Stoke-Golding, and thereabout, in Leicester-shire, England, do freely attest what we know or believe concerning Richard Croxall, the younger, now in Maryland.

His Father Richard Croxall lives in good Credit and Reputation with us; and we know no other Reason of his Son Richard's going abroad, than the great Success of Mr. Jethro Bradfords, who went from hence to Maryland; and the many Inducements, of which we have heard him frequently discourse.

Richard Croxall's Age was between seven and eight, when he came with his Father to live here; and his Carriage has been all along suitable to his Years, dutiful, modest, civil, sober, industrious, in minding the Duties of Religion, and of his Station in the World.

We will only add an Account of a Misfortune, which was taken Notice of soon after he came hither; it happened, as we are assured, thus: When five Years old, as he was riding on the fore Part of a Cart, he was flung off by a sudden Jolt, and fell before the Wheel, which run so close to his Head, that it cut off his Ear; and thro' the divine Mercy, did him no more Hurt.

July 3, 1715. Stoke Golding.

Richard Croxall,
Tho. Hoitier,
Hum. Remington,
William Piercy,
Moses Wasfon,
Henry Chamberlain,
James Wale,
Richard Goud,
John Pegg,
John Duffarn.

Sam. Par, Rector,
John Farmer, Curate,
Lucy Trymuel,
Anne Johnson,
Thomas Dawill,
Richard Wastis,
John Bradford,
John Everard,
William Everard,
William E. or,
Tho. Partrig,

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Jurat' apud Burg' Leic'
in Com' Leicestriae, die
& anno supradicti coram
nobis,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Francis Lewin, Mayor,
Arthur Noone,
John Pares.

June 24, 1747.
Whereas there is a Vacancy for a Master in Queen Anne's County School: Any Person properly qualified, upon applying to the Visitors, will meet with such Encouragement as the Law relating to Free Schools will support them in.

Signed by Order,

NATHAN WRIGHT, Registr.

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