

Jan^y 9th 1746

Westminster Court



The Examination of Ralph
Griffiths of Hoxton —
Esq. near London Gentleman —

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Being shewn a Pamphlett entitled Ascanius & the
Young Adventurer a True History translated from a
Manuscript privately handed about at Versailles —
& sold Printed for G. Smith near Temple Bar, & sold —
also by Mess^{rs}. Grimby and Voquet Booksellers in
Amsterdam, & by all other Booksellers in Great
Britain, & Ireland & Holland, and being asked —
what he knows of the same, he saith, that —
he, the Exam^t is the author ^{as well} of the Pamphlett —
now produced to him, as of all the other Pamphletts
which have been published & sold about the Town —
under the Title before mentioned: That, he never
heard of any other Pamphlett entitled Ascanius. —
That, the Exam^t composed the said Pamphlett from
the accounts of the Rebellion published in the
London Gazette: That, he believes it is about a
Month since he sent the abovesaid Pamphlett —
to the Press: That, the Exam^t apply'd to one
William Faden a Printer in Salisbury Court in

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in Fleet Street to print the said Pamphlett for
the Exam^t: that, the Exam^t: gave the said Faden
Directions to print five hundred of the said
Pamphlets, which the said Faden accordingly did:
that, the Exam^t: directed Faden to send the whole
Impression to one Mr Owen a Bookseller at
Hornet Head near Temple Bar, to whom the
Exam^t: apply'd, & whom the Exam^t: appointed to
be the Publisher of the said Pamphlett, called
Ascanius &c, and the Exam^t: directed the said
Owen to advertise the said Pamphlett in the
Daily Papers, before the Impression was finished
which was accordingly done:

That, Mr Owen is to account for the
Profits of the said Pamphlett to the Exam^t: & the
Exam^t: hath already received of the said Owen
the Sum of Thirty Six Pounds on account of the
Sale of the said Pamphlett, & he saith, that
the account between him & Owen for the Sale
thereof is not yet adjusted:

That the first Impression of the
said

said Pamphlet was sold off within 8 or 10 —
 Days after the Publication, whereupon the —
 Exam^t. gave Directions to the before named —
 Jaden to print off two hundred & fifty more —
 of the said Pamphlets, & to send them to the —
 said Mr Owen to be sold & published: That, —
 These 250 were disposed off in a few Days: —
 That, thereupon the Exam^t. gave Directions —
 to the said Jaden to print off a further —
 Quantity, but what Number in particular —
 he ~~was~~ printed off the Exam^t. is not certain, —
 tho', If he conformed to the orders which —
 the Exam^t. gave him, he must have printed —
 off 500 more: So that, the Exam^t. saith, the —
 whole Number of the said Pamphlets which —
 the Exam^t. gave particular Directions for —
 printing, amounts to 1250, besides which he —
 saith he gave the said Jaden a Discretionary —
 Power to Print off more as they should be —
 wanted.

The Exam^t. saith, That he hath —
 not yet paid Jaden for printing any Part of the —
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He said Pamphlets, but he saith, that he, the
Exant, is the only person upon whom the said Exant
hath a Demand for the printing thereof; and, that
no other person is entitled to the Profits of the
said Pamphlet but the Exant.

That, in like manner he hath not
yet paid Mr. Owen for the Publication of the
said Pamphlets, but he looks upon himself
obliged thereto, & that he only is liable to pay
Mr. Owen's Demand thereupon.

That, the Printer is to be paid at the
Rate of so much a Sheet for Paper & Printing,
& the Publisher is to be allowed so much for
the Sale of every hundred:



He saith, that he did not receive
any written Memoirs from any Person whatsoever
in order to assist him in the Composition of the
said Pamphlet: That, he composed the whole
from Gazettes & other News Papers, & from a
Pamphlet called Alexis or the Young
Duchess a Novel printed at Edinburgh,

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which Pamphlet is was indeed the first —
thing that induced the Exam^r. to set about
writing ascarias.

He saith, that he hath been
author of several Pamphlets on the behalf
of the Government, & that he never intended
by this Pamphlet of Ascarias to give
offence, or to move Compe^{ss}ion on the behalf
of the Prison, against whom He should
have thought it his Duty, & was to have taken
up arms with great zeal, if it had been
required of him.

He saith, that as to his religious
Principles, he is a Dissenter: that, as to his
Fortune & Circumstances in Life, he can live
independant of the world, & that this way of
writing which he hath taken to for some
time past, is a pleasant Expedient to pass
away the time, & calculated for no bad
purposes whatever.

Taken & Signed
before me
Waite



Ralph Griffiths

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The Genl. further saith, that
as he found the Pamphlett called *ascarius*
met with a favourable Reception from
the Scots upon account of its Impartiality,
in order to do what Service he could for
the Government, he had determined & is
at this time about writing a Pamphlett
with the same Title, in which he shall
lay open to the world the odiousness of
the Rebellion & of the Pretender's
Character.

Taken & Signed
at the same time
before me J. W.

Ralph Griffiths