



James Bloxham - Candidate for Election of Coroner

To the Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders, of the County of Wilts;

GENTLEMEN,

Mr. Henry Thresher, of Wilton, late Coroner for the South Part of the County of Wilts, being dead; I being a Native of the County, and for more than thirty Years settled in practice; my situation also convenient, and being countenanced by many Gentlemen to offer myself to succeed him in that Office, encourages me to desire the favour of your votes and Interests.

I am surprised to find, in last week's Journal, that Mr. Forsyth should think me disingenuous; The whole affair is this, two days after Mr. Thresher's Death, I acquainted Mr. Forsyth with my design of offering myself a Candidate in his Stead; he then shewed me a List of the Noblemen and Gentlemen who had recommended himself; upon which I then told him I thought I should decline it. But being some Time after much persuaded by my Friends to offer myself, I revived my first Intention, which he knew by my Letter before I advertised. That I by no Means made him a Promise not to oppose him, will appear from hence, that on his desiring my Interest with some Votes I told him I had secured, I consented to it with this express Exception, *if I should not offer myself.*

The Election will be at Wilton, on Tuesday the 29th Instant, at Ten o'clock in the Morning; at which Time I beg the Favour of my Friends to attend.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servant, JAMES BLOXHAM.

Amesbury, December 19, 1767.

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