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**PIETRE-STONES REVIEW OF FREEMASONS-FREEMASONRY**

**Rivista di Massoneria - Revue de Franc-Maçonnerie - Revista de Masoneria**

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The word exposure expresses the purpose of unmasking an imposture. In a masonic context, it refers to printed matters (newspapers' articles, books or pamphlets) issued in order to make a mockery of a celebrity or to hurt Freemasonry by publicizing information, especially of a ritualistic nature, obtained by illicit means or divulged by a renegade who was once a freemason. These 'genuine' exposures. But some pamphlets issued in England as well as in France during the 18th century are little else than the product of the imagination of their authors. These are 'fancy' exposures, not necessarily printed with a blamable intention but as a practical joke played on credulous readers. They are often off the scent, in which case the authors may well have been freemasons. A mason can quickly recognize whether a contemporary exposure is genuine or not. It is often difficult to appreciate the genuineness of an exposure of the 18th century. Both kinds of exposures include either catechisms (that is, a masonic catechetical dialogue) or narratives, or both.

The first series of English masonic exposures comes to an end with the publication of *Masonry Dissected* in October 1730. The second series starts with the publication of *The Mason's Confession* (April 1760) and of *Jachin and Boaz* (March 1762)[iv]. '[They] show a certain development in the place' wrote John Hamill with a remarkable talent for understatement (*The Craft*, 1986), the thirty-year gap is an interesting and hitherto unexplained fact. Early English exposures of the first series together with transcripts of early manuscript catechisms have been published in *Catechisms*, as mentioned above. Some exposures of the second series have been reproduced in facsimile or transcribed in books or pamphlets.

**Three Distinct Knocks - Jachin & Boaz**  
An Introductory paper by W.Bro. Alair Bernheim

-  1723 The "Post Boy" St Exposure
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