

It is a curious fact that until I was making my researches for this work nobody had recognized in the name of the defendant that of the noted goldsmith of this period. Probably that is due to the legal mind being conversant only with the name as given in the text-books, but when this suit was first brought to my notice\* I immediately made investigations, with the result that I found the legal form of spelling incorrect. The defendant being the Paul De Lamerie of whom I write it would be interesting to know the name of the delinquent apprentice, who might himself have eventually become a notable goldsmith under the tuition of such a master.†

The damages and costs incurred in this suit must have been of some considerable amount, but probably not more than what the goldsmith could bear; yet it must have been a great blow to him to have to pay so heavily for his apprentice's delinquency. Still, it did not affect his ability as a craftsman in any way, and posterity has not suffered as a result.

The evidence in this case shows that Paul De Lamerie kept not only a workshop but also an open shop for ordinary trading purposes, and that he dealt in jewellery. I shall show later—from a document issued after his death—that this was the case, and that he did not rely solely on his factory for his prosperity.

As a liveryman of his Company Paul De Lamerie would naturally as a citizen exercise his vote at various elections taking place in the City of London. I take the following extracts from 'The Daily Journal' [Burney Collection, Brit. Mus.]:

Numb. 1211, Monday, December 7, 1724. "A List of the Persons who have Polled for Sir Richard Hopkins, at the late Election for a Member of Parliament, to represent the City of London, in the Room of Peter Godfrey, Esq., deceas'd, from the 23rd to 28th of Nov."

Amongst the names of those who voted as goldsmiths is that of Paul De Lamerie, in this guise, "Delaman, Paul."

Numb. 2121, Tuesday, October 31, 1727. The list of "Persons who Poll'd for Sir John Eyles or Sir John Thompson, or some other of that List" [for the Office of Chamberlain of the City] includes "De Lemery Paul Windmill-str. St. James's."

In another newspaper, 'The Daily Post' [Burney Collection, Brit. Mus.], Numb. 2714, Monday, June 3, 1728, I have found mention of Paul De Lamerie in an advertisement of a reward for stolen property, as follows:—

\* In 'The Law Journal' of February 14, 1931, in connection with a letter of mine to 'The Times' referring to the subject of this biography.

† The following is a list of Paul De Lamerie's apprentices taken from the records of the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths.

Name	When Apprenticed	Premium Paid £	Freedom
Peter Johnson	1 Feb., 1715 [probably 1714/5]	...	....
David Eymars	3 July, 1718	35	....
Daniel Mangannell	28 Feb., 1718 [probably 1718/9]	35	....
Bennett Bradshaw	21 Apr., 1721	20	....
Thomas Pettet	20 Apr., 1723	35	....
Michael Olivier	15 Dec., 1724	20	....
Samuel Collins	22 Sept., 1732 [vide p. 39]	10	....
William Hulme	4 Sept., 1735	10	1 May, 1744
Charles Bardin	5 Aug., 1736	31.10	6 Feb., 1744
Peter Archambo (a)	5 Dec., 1738 [of much note in later life]	...	3 Feb., 1747
Abraham Portal (b)	3 July, 1740 " " " " " "	35	7 Mar., 1749
Henry Ainge	2 Aug., 1743	45	....
Samuel William Hodgson	2 Oct., 1749	20	....

Transferred over to William Cripps in 1751 [of much note as a goldsmith]

(a) Extracts from the records of the Goldsmiths' Company.

5th December, 1738. Be it remembered that I, Peter Archambo, son of Peter Archambo, Citizen and Butcher of London do put myself apprentice to Paul de Lamerie, Citizen and Goldsmith of London for the term of Seven years from this day.

Note. Turned over on same day to Peter Archambo, his father.

[The father was also a noted Huguenot goldsmith, his name being variously spelt Archambeau, Archambault, Archambaut, Archambaud. He was a Freeman of the Butchers' Company.]

3rd February, 1747. Peter Archambo, late apprentice to Paul de Lamerie and turned over to his father, Peter Archambo, Butcher, was sworn and made free by service.

(b) Vide 'Abraham Portal and his Descendants,' by Sir William Portal, Bart., F.S.A. [now Lord Portal], of Laverstoke (1925).