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OUR MISTAKES

Appropriately, both of the errors careful readers have brought to our attention in recent weeks involve our own work in the summer issue on error-correction at the U.S. Supreme Court. First, from Philip R. Schatz, we have:

I do believe that your “excommunicated” (17 GREEN BAG 2D at 458) is an erroneous transcription of Mr. Chief Justice Fuller’s corrections.

He is, of course, correct. There should be two “m”s after the “o” and one “n” after the “u” (although we must say that in Fuller’s handwriting they all just look like a bunch of bumps in a row). Schatz also says that “attention should be paid to John Oliver’s canine Supreme Court videos,” though he does not go so far as to suggest that we have erred by failing to do so. But the least we can do to thank him for his useful correction is to take a look at the link he provides: www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFAKiADzUCU. Second, from Rachel Davies, we have:

You have no doubt been notified of the misspelling of “nothing” in your additions on the first page of the reprint.

She too is correct, of course. Nothing in the English language is spelled “Nothinig” (the nearest match in the OED is “nothingist”), but “Nothinig” is what we printed. We should have printed “Nothing” or nothing. We are chagrined and, again, grateful.