םתם ספרי דדייני מיגמר גמירי

Generally the scribes¹ of the judges are knowledgeable

OVERVIEW

The גמרא said that even according to רבי מאיר who is concerned about the minority, nevertheless we are not concerned that the אלא לשמה was written שלא לשמה since (סתם ספרי גמירי and also) סתם ספרי גמירי. However, seemingly all it does is to make it a smaller מיעוט nonetheless. ר"מ does not distinguish between the sizes of the מיעוט for which he is שחווש, so what have we accomplished by minimizing the מיעוט?

תוספות explains:

והוי כמו מיעוטא דמיעוטא –

And the concern that a עלא לשמה written שלא לשמה is like a minority within a minority, since a majority² of all people are aware that a על must be written לשמה, therefore it is only a minority that are not aware, and this member of the minority, when he will go to a סופר to write the על און, he (the סופר) will presumably be aware of the לשמה requirement, therefore there is only a slight probability that this person who is not aware of will happen to find a discarded טופר wrote להתלמד (or he will happen to go to a סופר who also is not aware of לשמה); this is extremely unlikely –

דלא חיישינן אפיו לרבי מאיר –

Therefore even ר"מ, who is concerned about a minority possibility, but such a distant possibility of a מיעוטא דמיעוטא, even מיעוטא **is not concerned** at all about it.

<u>SUMMARY</u>

When a ששש is limited to a case where two minorities have to coincide, even אר"מ, who in general is חושש למיעוטא, in such a case he is not חושש.

THINKING IT OVER

Why does תוספות refer to our situation as: "כמו מיעוטא דמיעוטא"?

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¹ They are the סופרים who usually write the גיטין.

 $^{^{2}}$ As the גמרא just stated: רוב בקיאין הן.

נח"מ See נח"מ.

⁴ See מהר"ץ חיות שמצייו לע"ז לד.ב. עיי"ש.