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Middlesex The Examination of James Graham Esqre Merchant in London at No. 35 Leadenhall Street —

This Examinant says he went abroad in September last for the purpose of purchasing Arms for the Ordnance Board under the firm of Ross & Co. that on his return he remained about Six Months at Cubden, that he observed every Day instances of the Authority which the French Consul Chevadier exercises over the Municipal Officers, that whilst Examt was there Chevadier went to Meppen and Stopt the passage of all the English Goods there under pretence that he was searching for Arms, Examt understands that the Passport of every Stranger who comes to Cubden is submitted to him by the Magistracy and every person that he chuses to point out is carried before them and examined, Examt was so examined, whilst at Cubden he observed two Frenchmen named Le Sample and Le Clerque he is certain that he met them every day for eight Days, He is very confident they were there during eight Days Examinant became well acquainted there with an Englishman named Brown and from him he learnt several particulars relative to these persons which were afterwards confirmed by Examinants own observation, these Men when they arrived in Cubden went to one Mr Schroder who poses for the Vice Consul from England

and they told him they had a communication of consequence to make to the English Government but had no money to proceed forward with, Schroder however dismissed them, having on a former occasion of a similar nature got into some embarrassment with the Magistrates, these two French men employed themselves about — Embden particularly applying to the English and stating the same story and requesting money, they at last procured some from a person in an Embden House of Commerce named Torison, Brown had reason to think they were not in fact without money but had Louis D'ors concealed about them, Brown took the means to inform himself that these persons had a secret interview with Chevardier in which the name of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was mentioned and the word poison, this was distinctly overheard but the further subject of that interview was not discovered, Brown told Exam.t this and Exam.t believes it to be true, These french men were never once taken up examined or in the smallest degree — molested by Chevardier, altho' every other French man arriving from France was — questioned by him relative to his passports &c &c and although from the public manner in which they had addressed themselves to the person called the English vice — consul and to individuals relative to the importance of their business in England it is utterly impossible considering the influence Chevardier has in Embden and the great number of Spies he employs

that they could have escaped his direct knowledge, these two Frenchmen did not by any means affect to remain concealed they were every where and every day in Public and their pretended business was commonly talked of amongst the English in Dubden, Chant. had himself a Conversation with Baker an Englishman but a known Spy of the French Consuls relative to these two men, and he informed Chant. he thought they were going to England to communicate some project relative to Gunpowder or some scheme to get some Money for themselves, these two men a part of the time they remained in Dubden lived in the same House that Baker resided in, Chant. saw them every Day in Bakers Company and as he knew something of Baker he frequently spoke to him when walking with these two frenchmen from all these circumstances as well as at Brooms particular instance Chant. thought it his bounden duty to inform the Capt. of the St Albans that he suspected them very strongly and that he requested they might be detained, at Dubden no Captain under a penalty of 100 Ducats can take any person on board without a passport from the Stat. House, and an Officer waits on the Quay to inspect them this has been done since the plot against Bonapatte has been found out and every possible degree of vigilance is used in this respect, Chant. thinks that it was utterly impossible under the Circumstances these two Frenchmen were that they could have got on board a Vessel whether neutral or not without the knowledge and acquiescence of the

Sworn before me this 16th April 1804
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