

Whitehall 15<sup>th</sup> May 1800

ten o'clock

James Hadfield

was brought by Mich<sup>d</sup>: Ford Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 one of His Majesty's Justices of the  
 Peace for the County of Middlesex  
 before the Secretary of State, charged  
 with High Treason in having  
 attempted to kill our Sovereign Lord  
 the King by firing a Pistol at His  
 Majesty loaded with Powder and  
 Shugs. Present.

His Grace the Duke of Portland  
 The Earl of Chatham

W<sup>m</sup>: Pitt

Exam<sup>n</sup>  
 of Jas.  
 Had-  
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 Wit-  
 nesses  
 May 15  
 - 17  
 1800.







The Speaker of the House of Commons.

The Attorney, and Solicitor General.

John King Esq<sup>r</sup>

Richard Ford Esq<sup>r</sup>

The Prisoner was examined by Mr.

Attorney General Mr Ford taking

the said examination in writing  
Middlessex<sup>r</sup>. The examination of James Hadfield

a Goldsmith - he works for Mr.

Solomon Bingham Aldersgate Street

has been two years next November

with him - he was in the same line

before that - he was a Soldier and

was discharged in 1796 - he was in the

15<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons has a Wife

and one Child - they live N<sup>o</sup> 22

Clerkenwell



Clerkwell Close - he was at the  
Play House this Evening in the  
Pit - went there as soon as the  
Doors were opened - had been no  
where before today but at work had  
dined at home - left his Lodgings and  
went round several parts to consider  
himself - he went to Greenhills Rents  
and to Dick's a young fellow in  
the same Trade - he left his House  
about 4 and went to the Play  
House, it was before he was at  
Dinner that he went to Greenhills  
Rents about  $\frac{1}{2}$  past one and <sup>at</sup> Low Cross  
at past two near three - he went  
then



then to get shaved, does not know  
him, but his name is Williams,  
never was shaved by him before  
he went to Williams because he  
had the Pistol with <sup>him</sup> and if he  
had gone to the other Man, who is  
now a Prisoner, he would have  
enquired about it, he had a deal  
on his own mind, whether he should  
make away with himself or do  
what he did do, he knew his time  
was pretty near come and he wished  
for it - he got the Pistol of the Man  
who is now a Prisoner - he said he  
was going to make an exchange  
with



with his young Master with a  
Blunderbuss - he loaded the Pistol  
at W<sup>m</sup> Masons in Red Lion Street  
in the Privy - he went there after  
four O'clock after he had left his  
House - the Pistol was loaded  
with two pieces of Lead - he took  
~~two scraggling bits from the Work~~  
Shop - he bought the Powder in  
St. John Street - he has now only  
sixpence - he had none till he  
borrowed five Shillings from his  
Masters Nephew - he had three and  
sixpence to go to the Play, and the  
rest for what he wanted - he went  
to



to the Play to do what he did, for  
he thought then somebody would  
do for him - he meant to fire a  
Pistol thinking somebody would  
say, that he meant to fire at the  
King, tho' he did not, - he was on  
the Bench in the Pit when he shot  
he knew the higher he was the  
Slugs would go higher - he wished  
the Slugs should go higher, because  
they would then miss His Majesty's  
Person - he did not mean to hurt  
any body - he put the Slugs in  
first to shoot himself - afterwards  
he could not unload it - he had no  
room



room, he fired the Pistol slanting  
upwards - he had looked at the  
Place before the King came, up in  
the corner. he did not mind where  
it went so it did not hurt anybody  
he knows many People in his  
neighbourhood - he knows the Baker  
the Butcher, the Publican, the Butcher  
is Davis in Clerkenwell Close, the  
Baker is Johnstone, the corner of  
Bertley Street & St. Johns Lane, the  
Publican is Bastide in Clerkenwell  
Close at the Horse Shoe - Brougham  
has no Children - he has a Nephew  
a Footman, two Maids and more  
than



than thirty Workmen - he thought  
his time to depart this life was  
near, he was told so - his own mind  
told him so - his family is not in  
any distress, he has no superfluity  
he has plenty of vittuals and  
Drink in good bed and cloths, he  
has a good deal on his mind,  
something very great must be done  
soon, what Nobody knows but his  
Maker, & himself - his Maker has  
five years ago told him so when  
he was in Prison in France, the  
French flogged him and beat him  
and hand cuffed him, he did not  
feel



feel it, somebody else felt it for him,  
he knows when he is at an end, the  
World is to be at an end, he was  
told it so by him that made him  
he talks to him when he is by  
himself, and when he is at Work,  
and makes him go down stairs  
to Private Place, he is ~~as~~ so happy  
as when by himself, he has been in  
Prison five years and three quarters  
his Blood and Bones has been let  
loose, nothing else, his Father and the  
Spirit has lashed him, he does not  
go often to Places of Worship, but it  
is the same if he is in a closet, he  
used



used to go to Lady Huntington and  
 M<sup>r</sup>. Wildleys - his Wife is of no  
 particular Religion, there are two or  
 three People of Religion in his House  
 M<sup>r</sup>. Scruby, who opens the Pew in  
 Northampton Chapel and is Landlady  
 and M<sup>r</sup>. Jones - he was married  
 January the 8<sup>th</sup>. the day after the  
 Princess of Wales was born, he has  
 two Wives, the other is a common Whore  
 he does not know where she lives, she  
 is known by the name of Young, and  
 is near Gouy Lane, she lived in  
 Bennets Court - Harry is a Friend  
 of his and is a Clock face Maker, and  
 works



works for Mr. Boddington in Cheshamwell

Examiner is 29 years old the 16<sup>th</sup>

July - Dick is a petty Master and

keeps a few men - he went to him to  
day and asked him what he meant  
to do and what he was up to -

Examiner one time before attempted

to hang himself, but he was recalled

he told Dick today that he had done

Spoon-making, he bought the Gun

Powder at Clark's next door but one

to Mahelins - the Pieces of Lead were

as big as the top of his finger, he

fired the Pistol not to hurt His

Majesty's Person, but that it might

be



be thought so, and he might be killed  
 if he had killed himself he would  
 have gone to the Devil - he never  
 thought of it till this afternoon  
 one of his Shop-mates said The King  
 was going to the Play - Leaminant  
 said he should like to go, but he  
 had no money, he then went and  
 borrowed five Shillings and the  
 whole matter popped into his head  
 he went down stairs and talked it  
 all over by himself - he had an idea  
 of doing it out of the House, but he  
 thought then, he should be torn to  
 pieces by hundreds.

Taken this 15<sup>th</sup> of  
 May 1800 at Whitehall







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*The Examination  
of James Hadfield*

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The deposition of James Ede,  
Clerk to Mr. Hougham  
Goldsmith in Aldersgate Street

Middlesex St. Deponent says he well knows  
the Prisoner James Badfield that  
he has worked for his Master  
about a year and a half, during  
which time he has always  
behaved as a very steady man  
and good workman - he has  
heard of his having had a fit  
some months ago - and last  
Tuesday the men belonging to  
the workshop informed this  
Deponent that said James  
Badfield was as they thought  
deranged



deranged, in consequence of which,  
Deponent went to see him, he  
was in the workshop and relating  
to the men around him that  
the day before he had been in  
White Conduit Fields and seen  
two soldiers punished, that a  
person named Truelock out  
Islington a cobbler had told him  
that shortly there would be need  
of no more soldiers, that Jesus  
Christ was coming on Earth &  
he would be the only King Depon-  
asked said Badfield how he  
could believe such nonsense,  
and that if he knew where the  
said Truelock was he would  
inform the Magistrates of  
him



him, Hadfield said he would do  
 so, if he could conveniently come  
 at a Magistrate. Deponent  
 observed nothing particular in  
 him on Wednesday, yesterday  
 he was told he had left his work  
 rather earlier than usual. -

(Signed)  
 James Ede

Sworn before me  
 this 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1800 }  
 at Whitehall. -

(Signed)  
 Rich<sup>d</sup> Ford



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Separation of  
James Cole.



Pudding-st. The Examination of Horace Cartels of  
 Drury Lane Theatre Musician — says he  
 saw the Prisoner James Woodfield fire a  
 Pistol from the Pit at Drury Lane Theatre  
 at His Majesty's Box — the Pistol seemed  
 to be fired at the persons in that Box —  
 he stood on the Bench — the Prisoner was  
 in the second Row from the orchestra as he  
 believes — Seamanant helped to take  
 him out of the Pit into a Room under  
 the Stage — Prisoner was perhaps twenty  
 yards from the Box nearer the opposite  
 side

Horace Cartels

Sworn this 15<sup>th</sup> May 1800  
 before me at Mithall

Richard Ford











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Reports of the



Middlesex The Examination of Solomon Brigham of  
 Aldersgate Street Goldsmith — he knows  
 James Hadfield, he has worked with him he  
 thinks <sup>about</sup> a year — he does not see much of his  
 Men — about four months ago Hadfield  
 was in a violent fit and was deranged,  
 and last night Seamanant was told that  
 Hadfield was again rather deranged as  
 before — Seamanant thought when he  
 was in the fit of phrensy which lasted  
 for some hours, he would have dashed  
 himself to pieces if he had not with  
 great difficulty been prevented — Seamanant  
 was told it was the effect of drinking,  
 and that he had copied a sort of  
 religious theory — Seamanant has a  
 nephew about 27 years old

Sol. Brigham

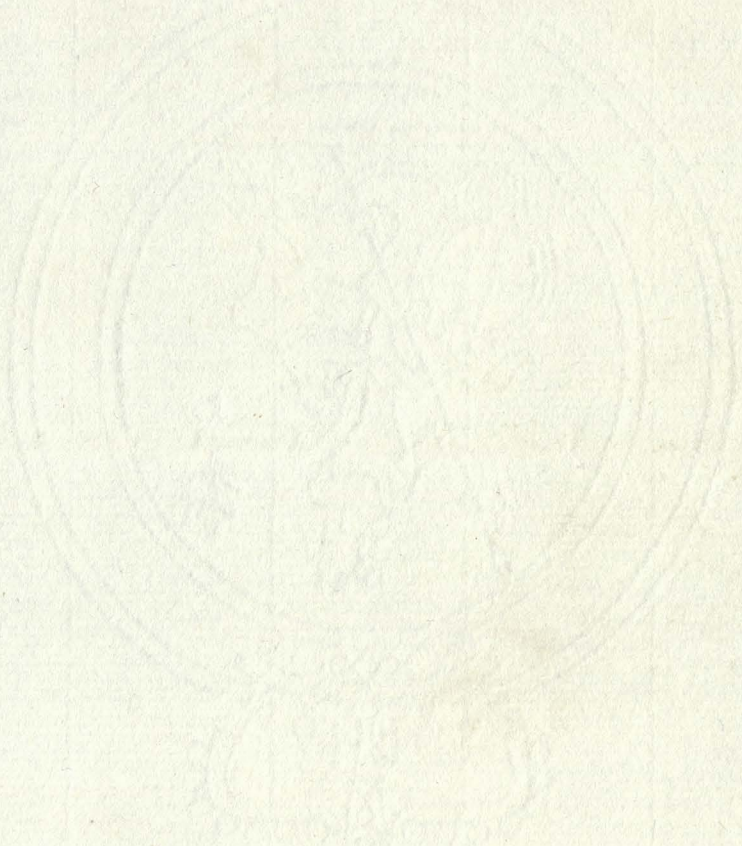
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 15<sup>th</sup> May 1800 Whitwell

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Middlesex

The Examination of Bartholomew Waklin a  
Broker and Hairdresser No. 57 St. John St.  
Has lived here 24 years. has been a Housekeeper  
since 1782. has known Hadfield many years,  
and since he has lived with Mr. Hougham.  
He has bought goods of him. He bought a  
pair of Pistols of him, and said his young  
Master wanted to change a Blunderbuss for  
a pair. Never had any conversation with  
Hadfield about what he meant to do with  
the Pistols. Examinant has been at Norton  
Tulgate all day at a Sale.

Taken before me this  
15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1800.

Bartholomew Waklin

R. Ford











Copy of the Examination  
of Mr. Malcolm MacKinnon

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The Depositions of John Meale and  
John Carter Carpenters in Drury Lane  
Theatre.

Middlesex *ps.* These Deponents say that they  
were doing their Business as Carpenters  
in the Theatre this Morning, in the  
course of which they looked for the  
Bullets or Slugs which had been  
discharged from the Pistol fired at  
His Majesty last Night - that they  
observed a mark on the Cove over Lady  
Milner's Box, and looking more  
particularly they saw where the  
said



said Cove was rubbed and over that  
rub a dent as of a Ball or Slug,  
that looking in the Box, they  
found in the said Box the leaden  
Slug now produced by the said  
John Meale, which has never since  
been out of his Custody.

John Meale

John Carter

Sworn before me this  
16<sup>th</sup> May 1800 at Whitehall



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Michael B. Maynes

The departures of  
John Meade and  
John Carter.

John



Address of The Deposition of Jeremiah Parkinson of  
 Langate Street Lambeth musician.

This Deposition says he was present yesterday  
 evening in the orchestra of Drury Lane Theatre  
 when His Majesty came into his Box — that  
 he observed the Prisoner James Madfield in  
 the second Bench in the Pit about two yards  
 from Deposition — he saw him standing upon  
 the Bench and saw him level a Pistol at  
 His Majesty's Box — he levelled it deliberately  
 and quite time enough to take a direct and  
 steady aim as far as it appeared to Deposition  
 who had his Eye quite on him — soon after  
 Prisoner was taken into the Musicians Room  
 when H.R.H. the Duke of York came in, and  
 the Prisoner said to H.R.H. "this is not the  
 'wast of it'" or words to that effect

J. Parkinson

Sworn before me this 16<sup>th</sup>  
 May 1800 at Whitehall

R. Ford











Robert of Formosa  
Catharine

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Middlesex Court - The Deposition of Major  
Wright of White Horse Square Agent to the  
Lower Danube's Militia - This Deposition  
says he was yesterday evening in  
the Pit of Drury Lane Theatre, in  
the first Row next the Orchestra.  
he saw the Prisoner James  
Bradfield immediately behind him,  
he was there about three quarters  
of an hour, he saw the Prisoner  
frequently, but observed nothing  
in any degree particular in his  
conduct, if he had acted in the  
smallest degree in any unusual  
way, Detachment must have  
noticed him, as he was so very  
close to him. - When His Majesty  
came into the Box this Deposition  
heard the Report of a Pistol  
immediately behind him, Deposition  
turned



turned round, and saw Hatfield  
standing on the Bench, apparently  
very much confused; Deponent  
pulled him to him saying he  
had got him safe enough -  
he then brought him down to  
the orchestra, and seeing a young  
Lady who is on a visit at  
Mr. Walter's, who sat immediately  
behind the Prisoner, who pointed  
towards the Pistol now produced,  
which Deponent immediately  
picked up, and has kept in  
his possession ever since, and  
which he has now marked  
in the presence of His Royal  
Highness the Prince of Wales.

Sworn before me  
this 16<sup>th</sup> May 1800  
at Whitehall

Rich<sup>d</sup>. Ford

Major Wright







Department of Marine  
Weights

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Addressed to wit. The informant of David Moses  
Dyke N. 8 Mansel Street Goodman's Fields  
Stationer.

Who says he sat immediately behind the  
Person who fired the Pistol last night in  
the Pit of Drury Lane Theatre - That he  
heard the Pistol discharged, and saw it in  
the Person's hand after it was discharged.  
That he immediately seized him and helped  
to force him into the Orchestra - That he  
was a long time near the Prisoner, he  
observed nothing particular in his  
behaviour, if there had been any thing  
he would not but have taken notice of it  
being so very near, the Prisoner behaved  
just like any other Person.

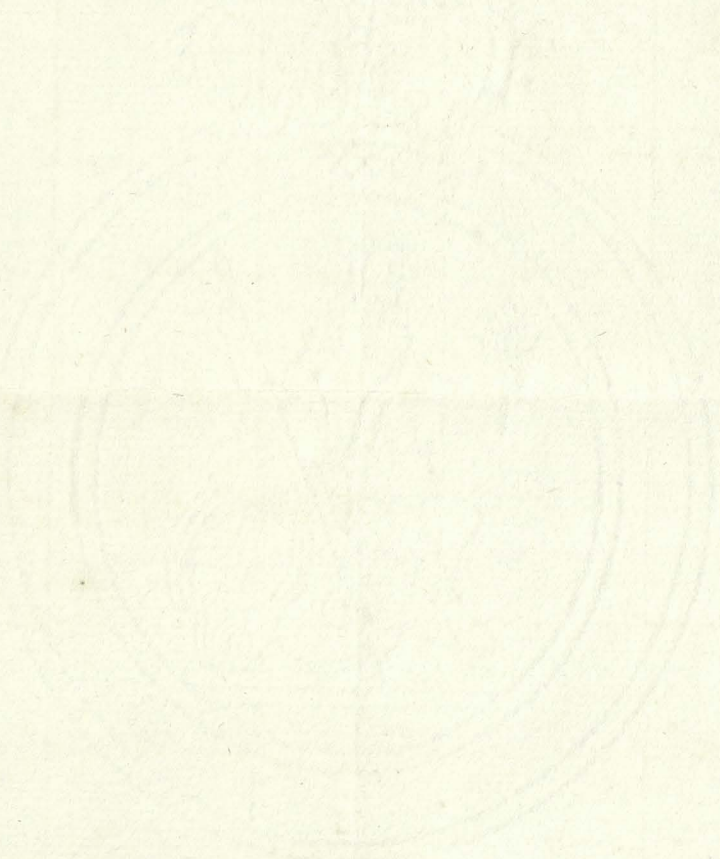
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May 1800 -

D. M. Dyke

R. Ford.



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16<sup>th</sup> May 1873

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Middlesex to wit, the information of William  
Harrison, a Hair Dresser in Cow Cross.

Says he has known the Prisoner Saefield  
for seven years, by occasionally shaving him.  
Had no other acquaintance with him. He  
came to him yesterday about half past two  
o'clock to be shaved, at which time Examt.  
was going out, and the Prisoner said he  
would come again, and returned about  
three o'clock, and Examinant shaved him.  
Prisoner said that he was going that evening  
to the Play - Examinant observed nothing  
particular about him, but saw him take  
a pair of pinchers out of his right hand  
Coat pocket, and put them into his inside  
left hand Coat pocket. Examinant shaved  
the Prisoner off and on for seven years  
above a hundred times, before he went  
into



into the Army, and twice a week since  
he returned, and has never observed any  
thing particular in his conduct or behaviour.

his  
William X Harrison  
mark

Sworn before me the 16<sup>th</sup>  
of May 1800. A. Ford



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Copy of the Deposition  
of William Harrison.  
16<sup>th</sup> May 1800

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Middlesex Court. — The Examination of Mary  
Mason of the Sign of the Red Lion,  
in Red Lion Street Clerkenwell, Widow.

Says she knows the Prisoner  
James Hadfield, who comes occasionally  
to her House, tho' she thinks he has  
not been there for these two Months  
before yesterday, when he came near  
about five O'Clock in the afternoon,  
and drank a Glass of Raspberry. —

Examinant observed to him he looked  
very pale, and seeing him dressed  
asked him where he was going, and  
he said he was going to the Play  
and



and was very well in health. — he  
then walked out in the back Yard,  
where he staid she thinks about a  
quarter of an hour; and she saw him  
returning thro' the Passage, when she  
observed to her sister, "there goes that  
"poor Man" — she said this, having  
heard a day or two before, that he  
was a little deranged, and that  
his Wife was forced to watch him —  
She did not observe he had any  
Pistol with him, nor did she hear  
any Report of a Pistol, while he  
was in the yard — The Person  
that informed her that Hadfield  
was



was deranged was one James  
Hudson a Barber in S<sup>t</sup>. Johns Street.

Sworn before me this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1800 }  
at Whitehall. —

A. Ford.



The Deposition of  
Mary Queen of Scots

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Middlesex to wit. - The Examination of  
 Thomas Harding of the Sign  
 of the White Hart in Foster Lane  
 Cheapside, and also a Journey  
 man to Mr. Hougham of  
 Aldersgate Street, Silversmith  
 Says he knows the Prisoner  
 James Hadfield, who is his  
 Shopmate, does not always  
 work in the same Room, has  
 known him about a year and  
 a half. Says he has been  
 occasionally a good deal  
 deranged from Liquor, being  
 apt to drink. That when  
 he is sober no man is more  
 quiet or civil. - About a  
 week ago as Exant. was going  
 home to his Dinner he saw

a



as a crowd of People at a Public  
House Door / the Ben Johnson's  
Head / in Westminster Buildings  
Aldersgate Street. — Curiosity  
led him to the Door, when he  
saw the Prisoner Hadfield  
apparently in a fit, held by  
four Men; the last time  
Exant had seen him before  
that, he was very well. —

He did not see him last  
Monday, or Tuesday, nor  
heard any thing particular  
of him till last night, when  
he heard of this business,  
of which he was informed  
by one of his Shopmates named  
Turnell. — Exant now  
recollects that on Tuesday  
Afternoon



Afternoon he walked with  
 the Prisoner and George  
 Creek, to see some Curtains.  
 in the course of the Walk  
 the Prisoner said to Examt.  
 "What a strange piece of  
 "Business will take place  
 "M. Harding in less than  
 "three Days" Examt. asked "what?"  
 The Prisoner answered "What  
 "a strange Alteration will  
 "take place in the State of  
 "things in this Country in  
 "less than three Days." - and  
 said a Coffer at Islington  
 whom he could not disbelieve,  
 told him so. - After this  
 they went and saw the  
 Curtains, and then went  
 to



to a Public House in Red  
Lion Street Holborn, where  
the Prisoner said "What a  
"hard thing, it was that a  
"Poor man after fighting so  
"hard for his King and Country  
"Should be so ill rewarded"  
and wished he could have  
an Audience with The  
Duke of York, or some great  
Man who could recommend  
him to him. — before he  
said this he had taken  
off his Coat, and shewn  
his Wounds in the Public  
Tap Room. — In a short  
time after, this Examinant  
left



left the Prisoner and Coak,  
and they talked of going  
to Islington and Examinaut  
returned to his Business.

Examinaut understands the  
Prisoner is a Pensioner of  
Chelsea Hospital.

Thos. Harding

Sworn before me this  
16<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1800  
at Whitehall.

R. Ford:











Propositions of Thomas  
Harding.

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Middlesex p<sup>t</sup>. The Examination of Elizabeth  
 Studfield Wife to the Prisoner James  
 Studfield N<sup>o</sup>. 22 Cliftonwell Close.

Examinant says she was married  
 to the Prisoner the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 1796 in  
 St. James's Church Piccadilly - she was  
 before that a Servant to M<sup>rs</sup>. Eaton a  
 Widow Lady in High Street Mary Lebone  
 her Husband has been frequently ill,  
 and deranged, he then talks of going  
 to see God Almighty and of visiting  
 The King - he continues often a  
 fortnight in these deliriums - he has  
 been unwell for these last twelve days -  
 two Nights ago he got up in the Night  
 and



and wanted to kill the Child, saying  
it should go with him to Mount Zion  
that he would, and build a House  
in White Conduit Fields, for he was  
going to live there and be a servant  
to God Almighty - when in his senses  
he is a very good Husband - she  
knew nothing of his buying any  
Pistols - he has never said anything  
specially about the King - she remembers  
he has often blessed him and said of  
His Royal Highness the Duke of York  
that he would serve him by Night  
and day - He dined at home yesterday  
and ate some Beef Stake he has not  
eaten



eaten much lately - He told Examinant  
on Monday or Tuesday that he had  
seen God Almighty in White Conduit  
Fields - he said he had seen a  
Cobler one Truelock who had talked  
to him about the Affairs of the Nation  
and that all things were at an end -  
he shewed a written Paper he said  
Truelock had given him which  
Examinant read, it was very badly  
written and spelt, she could scarcely  
make it out, it was about the King  
and Queen and that they were to  
be destroyed in the year 1800 - Examinant  
called her Brother George Addison  
who



who heard the same read the Paper—  
she thinks her Husband has got the  
paper, for she cant find it, tho' she  
has looked for it all this day—  
Examinant went on Wednesday Evening  
to Truelock and told him it was  
a shame he talked so to her Husband  
and put such things in his head,  
Truelock said it was no harm, and  
she would see what would come to  
pass — yesterday afternoon Hadfield  
came home about four o'clock, and  
said he wanted his best Cloaths, he  
then washed himself and put them

on



on - He said he was going to be  
made an odd Fellow, and that she  
must not sit up for him if he did  
not come home by ten O'clock - he said  
they were a sort of Free Masons - he  
then drank some tea - he called her  
a Bitch and damn'd her eyes and  
Limbs - he frequently does so when  
he is unwell - Examint has never  
consulted any Physician about her  
Husbands' Health - she never saw  
any Pistols he had, she thinks he  
never brought them home - she does  
not know of his ever going to any  
Meeting House or Place of Worship,  
except



except now and then to Clerkenwell  
Church - He was bred up a Silver  
Smith, and was apprentice to M<sup>r</sup>. Wallis  
of N<sup>o</sup>. 54 Red Lion Street Clerkenwell Green  
Esau's son never heard of this business  
untill this morning about 9 o'clock  
when one Harry Webb, one of M<sup>r</sup>.  
Koughan's men came and informed  
her of it - Madfield has not many  
acquaintances, her Brother is one  
of the Chief of them - Harry Webb is  
another of them, Edward Lee is another  
and John Kayler is another she does  
not know one Cooper, or Carter, or  
Eastburne or Blythe or Tunbridge - Her  
Husband



Husband may know them without  
 her being informed of it - when her  
 Husband came from abroad, he worked  
 first with M<sup>r</sup>. Blake in Leicester  
 Fields a spoon Maker and afterwards  
 with M<sup>r</sup>. Wallis and then as a Polisher  
 at Crossleys in Giltspur Street, he  
 afterwards went to M<sup>r</sup>. Hougham's  
 where he has remained ever since.

Elizabeth Hadfield

Taken before me this  
 16<sup>th</sup> of May 1800 at Whitehall

Rich<sup>d</sup>. Ford



Whitehall 16<sup>th</sup> May  
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The Communion of  
Elizabeth Warfield  
Wife to the Prisoner

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Middlesex ft. The Deposition of Robert Wilson Captain  
in the 15<sup>th</sup> Light Dragoons

This Deponent Robert Wilson says he  
well knows the Prisoner James Hadfield  
that he was a Private in the said Regiment  
he has quitted it about four years ago  
he was not in Deponent's Troop — Deponent  
remembers Prisoner's serving abroad in  
Flanders where he always behaved extremely  
well — he was wounded and taken Prisoner  
by the French at Roubaix — he remained  
in Prison about 16 Months; on his release  
he returned to the Regiment, which then  
lay at Geyden — soon after he was  
taken ill and the Doctor of the Regiment  
William Hadderdale was of opinion it was  
a confirmed Lunacy — during his Sick  
he was obliged to have a Strait Waistcoat  
put on him — he was in consequence  
discharged — Since that time Deponent  
has known nothing of him, only that he  
heard



heard that he had been permitted to go at  
large which Mr Liddendale told I should  
be thought a very improper thing in his  
dangered state

R. S. Wilson

Capt 15<sup>th</sup> Regt L.D.

Sworn before me this 16<sup>th</sup>  
May 1800 at Whitehall

R. Ford



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Whitehall 16 May 1800

Middleton St The Deposition of Joseph Collier of Wells  
Street organ Street Musician.

The Deponent says he was in the orchestra  
of Drury Lane Theatre last night when his  
property came into his Box that he  
observed the Prisoner James Hatfield standing  
on the second or third Bench of the Pit  
near to the orchestra — that as Deponent's  
Station there is with his back to the Stage,  
he pointed the Prisoner — he saw him present  
a long Pistol towards his Majesty's Box,  
and as Deponent thinks shortly at this  
Majesty's Prison — Deponent is of opinion  
that the Prisoner could not be above two  
yards from him thro' Deponent, so that he  
could see exactly what he did — He was  
on the side of the Pit opposite to his  
Majesty — he heard the Pistol go off and  
he thinks it was levelled by the Prisoner  
quite true enough for him to take a  
direct aim at his Majesty — Deponent  
seized the Prisoner and assisted in pulling  
him



him over into the orchestra, from whence  
he was taken into the Musicians Room,  
soon afterwards His Royal Highness the  
Duke of York came into the said Room  
when the Prisoner said to His Royal Highness  
"this is not the worst that is bearing" or  
some words to that effect

Jos<sup>h</sup> Calkin

Sworn before me this  
16 May 1870 at Whitehall

R. Ford



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Middlesex to wit. The Deposition of John Francis  
 Wood, Musician at Drury Lane Theatre,  
 who says he was in the Orchestra of the  
 Theatre last night and sitting with his  
 face towards the Audience. That he  
 observed the Person get up on the Seat of the  
 Second or Third Row of the Pit, and in an  
 instant he saw the Person holding a Pistol  
 in his hand, pointed upwards in a direction  
 to the Box in which his Majesty was.

That the Person appeared to hold the Pistol  
 very steady and fired it off in the direction  
 he was so pointing it at his Majesty's Box,  
 and immediately afterwards this Deponent  
 assisted with others in securing said Person

Sworn before Me the  
 16<sup>th</sup> May 1800 -

J. F. Wood

R. Ford











Copy of the Report  
of John Francis Ward  
16<sup>th</sup> Aug 1888



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The Deposition of John Holroyd of Great  
Scotland yard Member to His Majesty

Middleton St.

This Deponent says he was in the Pit of  
Drury Lane Theatre last night, and sat on  
the left hand side of the Prisoner James  
Madfield and immediately next to him -  
he was next to him he thinks three quarters  
of an hour; he observed nothing particular  
in Prisoner's conduct during that time -  
he said nothing, nor did he appear in  
any degree agitated - when His  
Majesty came into his Box, the Prisoner  
got on the Bench, drew a Pistol; Deponent  
seeing this circumstance struck the Prisoner  
down but not before he had fired the  
Pistol - Deponent says he pointed  
the Pistol directly at His Majesty's Person -  
Deponent cannot say whether the Pistol  
was levelled time enough for a direct  
aim - Deponent afterwards secured  
the Prisoner, and pushed him over the  
substantive Rails

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at Middleton Robert Ford

John Holroyd











Robert J. Roberts

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The Deposition of George Speaks of N<sup>o</sup> 24 Gloucester  
Row Boston Silversmith.

Middlesex Co. His Deponent says he has worked for Mr  
Laugham about two or three months. He  
knows James Sadfield. He is a good Workman.  
On Tuesday Evening Deponent wanted to go to  
buy some Window curtains in Red Lion Street,  
and he asked Sadfield to go with him. They  
went there, and when they had done their business,  
not thinking it worth while to go back to work,  
they walked towards Salington. In passing by  
some waste pipes Sadfield said he had sat on  
these Pipes that morning about two hours.  
Deponent asked him why he had sat there.  
Sadfield said there was a great work to be  
done, or I have a great work to do, Deponent  
cant say exactly which, and it was to be kept  
a great secret. Deponent asked what secret,  
but Sadfield said he must not divulge it.

Nothing



Nothing farther passed till they got towards  
Islington, when coming to a Cobblers Stall,  
Hadfield said this is the man I wanted to see,  
meaning the Cobbler. He then told the Cobbler  
he had brought a Shopmate of his to see him.  
Deponent asked the Cobbler many questions  
about Religion. The Cobbler said Religion was  
~~new nonsense~~, that he thought Preachers  
saw nonsense, and many more things to  
<sup>that</sup> ~~that~~ effect. After this, Deponent asked Hadfield  
to go and play a Game at Cricket, but  
Hadfield refused saying he could not go,  
he had something to do, or words to that  
purpose. He appeared to be insane.

Sworn before me this 16<sup>th</sup> of May  
1800 at Whitehall.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Ford

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Copy of the Deposition  
of George Cook  
16<sup>th</sup> May 1800

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Middlesex<sup>st</sup> The Examination of Minister  
Truelock of Putonville. Examinant  
Examinant says that he knows  
James Hatfield - he saw him on  
Tuesday last, and they had  
some discourse about Religion.  
Examinant says that Gog and  
Magg were about to appear  
very soon, that all things were  
then to be put down, and their  
power taken away - the wild  
Branch is to be consumed by him.  
Examinant firmly thinks so; for he  
converses frequently with the Lord  
God in the Spirit in Heaven  
whenever he Examinant chooses.

Exam. is Gog the servant of God.

Taken before me this 16<sup>th</sup>

Feby<sup>1700</sup> at Whitehall.

A. Ford.

Examinant



Examiner further says that  
Yesterday about Three o'Clock -  
a woman who said she was  
the wife of James Godfield now  
in custody came to his Shop  
and upbraided him for talking  
worse to her Husband, and  
told Examiner he might see  
her Husband was decharged -

Examiner did not at all  
perceive Godfield was decharged,  
but considered him very  
correct in his conduct and  
conversation. -

Taken before me

The 16<sup>th</sup> May 1700

R. Ford.



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Middleton p<sup>r</sup> The Examination of Barrister Sullock a looked  
on the Coffin and Seal, and stationed at  
Wherman Roberts in Mining Lane —

Deponent says he is father to Barrister Sullock  
a Collier at Solington — he served his time  
with one John Payne of East Ginsted — he has  
a Shop at Solington not far from Saunants —  
he has not seen him above once this month —  
he is a very good lad and very steady at  
his work and will earn a good deal a week.  
he lives as far as Deponent knows very well  
with his wife — he has very good common  
sense — never heard any body say his son was  
crazy or deranged — he does not think he is so.  
his wife has been at Saunants House within  
this week and never said a word about her  
husband — he is a very steady man — he runs  
a little too much on Religion — Saunant knows  
nothing of his going to Church — he thinks he  
is rather a Methodist — he does not think  
he is a foolish man, but is perfectly rational — he  
has good common sense but not much learning

Taken before me this 17<sup>th</sup> of  
May 1800 at Whitehall

Barrister Sullock

R. Ford











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Memorandum of Proceedings

of the Board of Directors

of the Bank of England

17 May

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Collesey J<sup>s</sup>: The Depositions of Thomas Fosbrooke  
 Boykeeper of Drury Lane Theatre,  
 Alexander Johnston Property  
 Maker, John Peters and W<sup>m</sup> Rogers  
 carpenters employed in the said  
 Theatre. — This Deponent John  
 Peters says that after the Prisoner  
 James Hadfield was apprehended  
 yesterday evening in Drury Lane  
 Theatre for firing a Pistol at His  
 Majesty, he was directed to go into  
 the Orchestra, and look for any  
 Bullets or Slugs that might have  
 been discharged from the said Pistol.  
 That he found in the said Orchestra  
 the leaden Slug now produced  
 It was on the ground about  
 fourteen feet from His Majesty.

He



He picked it up and gave it to  
this Deponent Rogers - and this Deponent  
Mr Rogers says he assisted John  
Petten in looking for the said  
Bullets or Slugs, and that he saw  
said Petten pick up the Slug  
now produced - Deponent received  
it from Petten and immediately  
gave it to Mr Alexander Johnston  
And this Deponent Alexander  
Johnston says he took the said  
Leadern Slug now produced from  
the said Mr Rogers, and in presence  
of the Deponent Thomas Fosbrooke  
gave it to His Royal Highness  
The Duke of York - and this Deponent  
Thomas Fosbrooke says that he  
received the Leadern Slug now  
now produced from His Royal  
Highness The Duke of York, that  
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His Royal Highness having taken  
it from said Alexander Johnston  
and caused it to be wrapped up  
in the Paper now produced and  
sealed with his own Royal Seal,  
gave it to this Deponent James  
Fosbrooke with orders to keep it  
until it was necessary for the  
purposes of Justice for him  
to deliver it up. —

J. Fosbrooke

Alex<sup>r</sup>. Johnston

John Beten

W<sup>m</sup>. Rogers. —

Sworn before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1700  
at Whitehall. —

A. Ford.

The further Deposition of Alexander  
Johnston — This Deponent says that  
having received orders from the Lord  
Chamberlain and other Persons to  
search for any Bales or Sacks that  
might have been discharged from  
the Pistol mentioned in his former  
Deposition



Deposition, he in the presence of  
Richard Ford Esq. one of His Majesty's  
justices of the Peace for the  
County of Middlesex examined  
several of the Boyes adjoining to  
His Majesty's Box, and he perceived  
the mark of a Slug or Bullet as  
he thinks on the front of the Box  
in which their Majesty's Attendants  
sat and that the said mark had  
been very recently made, as the  
painted whitening or Dye putty  
which the Box is done over with  
appeared to have been broken off,  
and lay in a sort of dust on the  
fillet immediately under it.  
He shewed the said mark and  
dust immediately to Mr. Ford  
and this Deponent says he  
thinks this was about one o'clock

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A. M. of this day —

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16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1800

Richard Ford



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Depositions of Messrs

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Middlesex St. - The Examination of Hannah  
Truelock Wife to Barrister Truelock -  
says she has been married about two  
years next October - her husband is  
from East Grinstead - he served his  
time to a Mr. Payne a Shoemaker  
in that Place - his Father is in the  
Custom House and his Brother is in  
the Excise Office - her Husband is a  
very steady man and a good Husband  
never goes to any Public Houses or idles  
his time away - he is always in his  
Stall or at Home - he never goes  
preaching about, or indeed scarcely  
ever goes out but with Examinaunt -

He



He goes to no meeting House or Place  
of Worship - She has heard him talk  
about Gog and Magog, but she never  
attends to such folly - Examinaunt  
is very sure he is not mad, or has  
the least sign of it - she frequently  
sees her Husband's Father, but never  
heard him say any thing about  
her Husband's being out of his  
senses - none of the Neighbours  
think him at all out of his mind  
She does not think they have any  
reason to think so - he never has  
been in the habit of drinking much -  
he



he never talks of visions or prayers  
when he goes to Bed or gets up.

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17<sup>th</sup> of May 1800 at Whitthall

Rich<sup>d</sup> Ford



Disposition of Hannah  
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Middlesex: The Deposition of William  
Harriman, a Silver Spoon maker  
N<sup>o</sup>. 4. Green Street Leicester Square  
and Journeyman to Mr. Dick of  
Green hill Rents. —

Deponent says he has known  
James Hasfield about seven years,  
and he was a Journeyman in the  
shop of Mr. Blake in Leicester field.  
when Deponent went as an  
Apprentice to him — on Thursday  
last Hasfield called on him at the  
shop of Mr. Dick where Deponent  
works about two o'clock. He showed  
Deponent a Pistol and told him  
that he had just bought them —  
Deponent enquired of him what  
he wanted with them and he  
said he had bought them for his  
young



young master, had given eight  
shillings for them and thought  
he could get twelve shillings for  
them, after he had cleaned them.

Hadfield left one of the Pistols there  
saying if he took it home he should  
frighten his wife. - While he lived  
with Mr. Blake Deponent recollects  
he had a fit and did not come to  
work for three or four days. -  
on Thursday he seemed very well,  
and Deponent could perceive  
nothing the matter with him,  
unless it appeared he was not in  
such good spirits as sometimes.

Wm. Harrison

Sworn before me the  
27<sup>th</sup> May 1800. -

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Middlesex to wit. - The Deposition of Thomas  
Dick N<sup>o</sup>. 36 Greenhill Nents Row  
Cross Silver Spoon Maker. -

Deponent says that he knows  
James Hadfield from his  
having worked with him  
for about three weeks about  
a Year and an a half ago. -

He has occasionally seen  
him from time to time  
since. - On Thursday last  
a little after two o'clock he  
came to Deponent's Shop to  
see a young man who works  
there. - Deponent observed he  
had a Pistol, and enquiring  
about it Hadfield said he

had



had got a Bargain, for he  
had given Eight Shillings  
for a Pair of them - Deponent  
said he did not think them  
worth four, and there the  
conversation ended about  
the Pistols. - soon after  
that, he went out, and  
Examinant perceiving he had  
left the Pistol, afterwards  
asked him why he did so,  
and he said he would not  
take it home for fear of  
frightening his Wife, and  
Deponent put it behind a  
cupboard, lest Deponents  
Child should get to it. Whilst  
he was there he drank part of  
a Pot of Beer with Deponents  
young



young man. He appeared  
rather solidly than usual  
and not in such spirits. -  
He said he should not go  
to work that afternoon as  
he was going out. -

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17<sup>th</sup> May 1800 - }  
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Whitehall 17 May 1800.

The Departion of  
Thomas Dick. -

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Middlesex. The Deposition of Solomon Rogers, Nephew  
to Mr. Solomon Southam, Goldsmith in  
Aldersgate Street. but residing N<sup>o</sup>. 2 Little  
Armond Street Queen Square.

Deponent says he well knows James  
Hadfield who works with his Uncle. He is  
as good and steady a workman as the  
generality of them are. He has had fits, but  
when he had not fits, he seemed quite rational  
as other persons are. He may have had fits  
about two or three times since he has been  
employed by Deponent's Uncle, they do not  
last long, and he is well when they are over.  
He heard of his having had a fit within these  
last ten days. - In the winter some of the  
workmen mentioned a house that had been  
broken open, asked Deponent as he passed  
by, whether he was secure or not, Deponent  
said



said he had a Blunderbuss, but that he doubted its goodness, as the Pew would not fly up. Hadfield said if he should chance to meet with a pair of Pistols he would purchase them, and Deponent might exchange his Blunderbuss for them. Deponent heard nothing more of it until Wednesday, when Deponent passing through the Shop, saw two Pistols lying on the Board, and Hadfield said they were a pair of Pistols that would suit Deponent. Deponent seeing they were very bad objected to them, but Hadfield said they were very good and would do for Deponent. For these last few days he seemed unsettled. On Thursday about Eleven in the morning he came to Deponent and borrowed five Shillings. He then seemed unsettled, and Deponent speaking to him about it, he said he could not get that man the fobber out of his

his



his head. Deponent did not conceive  
Hadfield for these few last days to be a  
man thoroughly in the right use of his  
senses.

Sol<sup>d</sup>. Rogers

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of May 1800 at Whitehall

R. Ford



Copy of the Declaration  
of Solomon Rogers.  
17. 2. May 1800

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The Deposition of George  
Webb, Shopboy to Mr James  
Clarke Gilman No 74 St. Johns  
Street Clerkenwell. -

Middlesex to wit. - Depoent says he remem-  
bers on Thursday last between  
Three and Four o'clock, a  
man with a Scar in his Face,  
and his Eye seemingly drawn  
with it, come into the Shop,  
and said he wanted an Ounce  
of Gunpowder, Depoent's  
Mistress came in, and asked  
him what sort of Powder,  
he said Superfine, it was to  
try a Pistol. - The Mistress  
said she had no Superfine

Powder



Powder then in the Shop, but  
she would send to the  
Warehouse, and told him to  
call again; Deponent knows  
nothing more of it, going  
out with a message soon  
after. -

George Webb. -

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May 1800 at Whitehall

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The Deposition of  
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The Deposition of Harriet Rowed  
Landlady of the White Horse Buckingham  
Gate.

Middlesex f. - This Deponent says that on  
Thursday afternoon between six and  
seven two men dressed in rough brown  
great Coats one of them looking like  
a Coal Heaver, came into Deponent's  
House and called for a pint of Beer  
when they got it, one of them said,  
"what shall we say" meaning what  
toast shall we drink - the other said,  
"success to the day" - they then both  
drank, and were going out of the  
House



House, when they stopt short, and  
one said shall we have any thing  
else, the other said he had no objection  
they then returned to the Bar, and  
called for some Gin, one of them, as  
far as Deponent can recollect said, in  
drinking the Gin "may he be in his  
"Coffin before the morning" - the Men  
then went away seemingly in great  
haste thro' Buckingham Gate into the  
Park - the Coal Weaving looking  
Man gave the first Toast - she does  
not recollect, but rather thinks the  
other man gave the second Toast -  
They



They were very tall men, between  
 thirty and forty years of age - she  
 does not think they were Soldiers -  
 they were in Boots and struck her  
 as two Persons just come out of the  
 Country.

Harriet Baved

Sworn before me this  
 17<sup>th</sup> May 1800 at Whitshall

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Whitehall 17<sup>th</sup> May 1702

The Deposition of  
James O'Connell

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 Middlesex St. The Deposition of John Deighton a Carpenter  
 107 White Hart Court Charter House Lane  
 Deighton says that having been used to work at  
 Mr. Bingham's he became acquainted with James  
 Madfield — as Deighton was drinking at the  
 Blacking's Head in Bartholomew Lane on Tuesday  
 last between two and three o'clock with Michael  
 Dove of Nine yard Aldgate Street and Richard  
 Dove near old Street Church (both Sign-makers of  
 this Deposition) James Madfield came by, and  
 Deighton asked him if he would have a drop of  
 Beer — upon which Madfield stopped and said  
 he would have a Drop — Something was  
 said about the high price of Groceries, Deighton  
 can not say what — Madfield said he had  
 been to see a Review and had met a very  
 clever man who had told him his Majesty  
 would be dethroned in six weeks and that  
 he would be attempted to be destroyed but  
 that it would have no effect — The clever man  
 had told him there was a Plan laid — Madfield  
 appeared to believe that what the clever man  
 had said would come to pass, and seemed to  
 have a great opinion and reliance in his words —  
 Dove



Dove and Clare were both present and heard the whole of the conversation and joined in it — neither Dove or Clare were absent any time of this conversation nor went from the Door — Dove could not have been off from hearing it.

John Edgerton

Sworn before me this 17<sup>th</sup> of  
May 1800 at Whitehall

R. Ford

Deponent's Deposition of Michael Clear of No 3 Lane yard  
Aldersgate Street Carpenter — Deponent says he  
remembers being on Tuesday afternoon last between  
2 and 3 o'clock at the Door of the Clakeney's Yard  
in Bartholomew Court with John Edgerton and  
Richard Dove — Hatfield came by and they  
asked him to drink which he did — they had  
some conversation together during which Hatfield  
said after having mentioned something about  
the high price of provisions that he had been to  
see a Review that day, and had met a very  
clever man who had informed him the King  
would be dethroned in six weeks — Dove was  
present and Deponent thinks must have heard the  
same



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Michael Cur

Seen before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of May 1800 at Whitehall

R. Ford



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