

Martha Hartwell: The Deposition of Martha Hartwell daughter of Martha Atkinson 27 October 1697

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This Deponent saith that on Saturday between 5 and 6 weeks ago She and on M^r. Cook being together in the Great Room up 2 pair of Stairs in the house of M^r. Iohn Gibbons near Charing Cross this Deponents mother Martha Atkinson called her to the Door and told her the house was going to be searcht and the Deponent returning back into the room told M^r. Cook the same and there upon the said M^r Cook taking the Deponent's Riding hood put into it a Flask and some pots and other things and giving it to the Deponent bid her carry it out of the doores and he would take the paper (meaning almost a Ream of paper part of which was stampt) for he knew how to dispose of it and as the Deponent was going down staires with the said Hood and things in it she was stopt and brought back into the room by one who came with a Constable and others to search the house the Deponent saith also that about 3 or 4 days before the searching the house she did see M^r. Cook pour something out of a litle pot upon the fire into a Flask and asking him what it was he answered that it was Gold and that about a week before that time the said Cook pulling some money out of his pocket amongst which was an unusuall piece of Gold the Deponent asked him what it was he told her it was a Spanish Pistoll. She saith also that since the said Cook was apprehended he protested to the Deponent that he did never {make} any more pistolls then 10 and these they had. The Deponent saith also that she hath rented of the said M^r. Gibbons for a year and a half untill the apprehending of the said Cook 4 rooms up 2 pair of stairs in the said Gibbons's after the rate of 10^{ll}. per annum and soo after she first rented them one mr Neale <40r> was brought to the Deponent and rented of her a room for 2^s. per week for about 3 months together and in that room built a Furnance in the Chimney and used to come in in the morning and go back at night and keep himself lockt up in the room all the day and when he went away he went into Holland (as Cook told this Deponent) and left in the room all the Toolles which have been since taken upon the said M^r. Cook and also severall pieces of Dutch money imperfectly Cast

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