

Elizabeth Bond: The Examination and Information of Elizabeth Bond of St James's parish in Westminster wife of John Bond Bricklayer 15 July 1698

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She sayth that alittle before 2 yeares ago in or about the month of May she sold to M^{rs}. Jackson alias {Labree} a do{g} and $\frac{1}{2}$ of pidgeons and helped to putt them at the house of the said M^{rs}. Jackson at the Whittingtons Catt in Church lane in the strand and as the Deponent was asking the said M^{rs}. Jackson in putting them one M^r. Gibbons came into the house {boltnight} without knocking and asking M^{rs}. Jackson if her name was Jackson <20r> She answered yes and asked if he would speak with her and he replying yes she went into a litle adjoyning room where there was a Bedd and he followed her and after they had spoke together the Deponent heard M^r. Gibbons say he must go up then they came out of that room and M^{rs}. Jackson trembled with her hands and Iawes and lookt pale and M^r. Gibbons askt her who that woman was meaning the Deponent & she answered that it was a poor woman she bought things that knows noe buisness then M^r. Gibbons stept to the Chamber door to see if it were lockt and finding it lockt charges the Deponent to let nobody in or out nor to let any body goe up the staires meaning a pair of staires within the room up into the Garret nor to stir her self then he went up staire and M^{rs}. Jackson followed him and the Deponent heard a knocking upon the floor as it were with the end of a stick or sword and soon heard a lambering and jingling like money or Iron and after a while they came down againe and M^{rs}. Jackson desired M^r. Gibbons to sitt down and said to him that she hoped he would give her time to send for her friend and looking in a very great concern and consternation she desired the Deponent to go to Bond street for M^r. Obryan who (as the Deponent thinks) was then in custody of a Messenger and to bring M^r. Obryan with her or els she should be undone and she {this} Deponent not to tell M^r Obryan that any body was with her and when she this Deponent had delivered the message to M^r. Obryan he said he would follow her and as she returned another young Gentleman (who had been at M^{rs}. Jacksons when the Deponent came to sell her the pidgeons but was gone before M^r. Gibbons came in) followed the Deponent and askt her if the pidgeon pye was ready and when they came to Mrs. Jacksons and saw M^r. Gibbons there he bowed to him saying your servant M^r.

Gibbons and when M^r Gibbons had saluted him by his name he askt M^r. Gibbons how M^r. Porter and M^r {Lendergrass} did and if he would let him see them and Mr Gibbons answered that they were very well and that he might see them and then the Gentleman took his leave & went away and M^r Obryan came in and M^{rs}. Jackson dismiss the Deponent. And a day or two after the Deponent calling againe of m^{rs} Jackson to know if she wanted anything, M^{rs} Jackson replyed noe she had not yet eat the pidgions and then the Deponent askt her what made her be so surprised the other day she answered that she might well be surprized for she must have gone to Newgate and lost her life if she had not given M^r. Gibbons 50^{ll}. and that he stood upon a hundred or two and she had much ado to get him to take 50^{ll} and that she was fain to borrow 20^{ll} ofit of M^r. Bilby a Goldsmith And the Deponent asking her what was the matter she replyed that it was about <20v> writings which a friend had left in her custody and made a place them in the boards and put them in with his or her own hands and them betrayed them to M^r. Gibbons so that he could go to the very place and the Deponent asking if the place was open she said no there was a padlock upon the Boards to lock it down and that M^r. Gibbons knockt upon the boards with his sword to see where they were hollow but needed not have done that for he knew the very place and had told her who it was that betrayed her she said also to the Deponent that she knew not what to do for money for she had laid by a litle Gold to provide for a Child but it was gone and 20^{ll} more which she borrowed of M^r. Bilby and that Gibbons kept in her custody for some tyme till she could get the money she desired the Deponent to ask her brother to lend her 20^{ll} to pay M^r. Bilby but when the Deponents brother could not lend it she sent the Deponent with a silver {Tan} said to borrow some money upon that

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