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Who saith that betwixt 9. and 10. months last past he hath been acquainted with Philip Massey alias Roza, & the Said acquaintanceship came by reason the Said Unidentified made & p^{re}pared coulours, as Spanish Red, and White. And that about 3. months agoe he this Examinant became very familiar with the said Massey alias Roza upon which he told this Informant, that he could teach him to make Mettals of the weight and colour of Gold, and that he did learn the said Art of a Cosen of his who was a Neopolitan & lived at Paris, & that he had Seene his said Cosen make Several Lewis D'ores of that Metall. But this Examinant doubting the performance thereof, and only a trick to get money from this Informant for the Secrett. he the Said Unidentified told this Informant that to convince him he would do it, and afterwards would shew it to this Examinant And sometime afterward he this Informant goeing through S.^t Andrew-street saw M.^{rs} Unidentified Standing at a door, who called unto this Informant, and told him that M^r Massey alias Roza lodged there, whereupon he this Informant went into the said house where he saw the aforesaid Unidentified, and after some discourse he did shew unto this Informant a peice of the aforesaid Metall, which this Informant told him was nothing but {blanchet} Copper. And at the same time one Unidentified (whome he had not Seen before) and now shewn unto him). and the Said M^rs Unidentified now a prisner in Newgait were then Present, and the aforesaid M^rs Latouch did paize the Said Metall in her hand and cor^mended it to be like Gold, and the Said Unidentified and Unidentified used Severall Arguments to persuade this Informant that it would pass for Gold. But this Examinant not being satisfied herewith, the Said Massey alias Roza, & the aforesaid M^rs Unidentified did promiss to make and p^{re}pare another percell of the same sort of Metall and to show it unto this Informant in 8. or 10. days time And he this Informant returning within that Space to the house of the Said Unidentified, he the Said Massey alias Roza together with M^{rs} Unidentified and the aforesaid Unidentified (being all p^{re}sent) did show to this Informant another peice of Metall more like the Colour of Gold than the former, and then the Said Unidentified further said he could make the said Mettall answer what weight and Colour he pleased, & this Informant further saith that they being in the Kitching together below staires the same day, and did there see the aforesaid Massey alias Roza cast a Spanish Pistole in the p^{re}sence of this Informant, and that M^rs Unidentified & Unidentified did assist by blowing the fire which was all that this Examinant Saw at that house.

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And this Informant further upon his Oath saith that about 8. or 10. dayes after wards, the said Unidentified did {remove} into another house in George Alley in the Strand, together with the aforesaid M^rs Unidentified & the Said Unidentified. And saith that the Said Unidentified did shew him this Examinant a Furnace in the Garrot of the Said house & that he this Informant did contribute towards the change of Bellows, Flasks, & Mettall, to carry on the practice of counterfeiting the currant coyn of this Kingdom, and that M^rs Unidentified did pay another {moity} of the Said Change. And saith that after they had thus furnished them selves with Tools & Materialls, that the aforesaid Unidentified, did then make 5. or 6. counterfeit Spanish Pistoles of the p^{re}par'd mettall as aforesaid by casting them in Spand and Flasks, and that at the same time Unidentified was

p^{re}sent, and M^rs Unidentified came immediately afterwards up Staires, & they were shewn unto her. And this Informant further Saith that at another time he did se the said Unidentified cast 5. or 6. counterfeit Silver pistoles. And further doth say that some time afterwards the Said Unidentified did propose to this Informant to make some counterfeit Louis D'ors and accordingly he did cast 2. Then the Said Unidentified proposed to this Informant that by the same way and Method they might make English counterfeit Money and accordingly, the Said Unidentified did cast about 20. or 25. Shillings and Sixpences resembling the Currant Coyne of this Kingdome and the Said Unidentified did blow the fire, and when these peices were cast the aforesaid M^rs Unidentified came into the aforesaid Garrot And the next day afterwards he this Informant returning to the house of the said Massey alias Roza, the Said Unidentified & M^rs Unidentified did tell this Examinant, that they had passed or pried away, each of them 2. of the Counterfeit Shillings made as aforesaid, and that the aforesaid Unidentified did also say, that he went to put one off but that the person he offered it unto, did break it beyween their Teeth. And this Informant further saith that the Counterfeit English Shillings & Sixpences, together with the counterfeit Spanish and French pistoles, with the other Toolles and Utensels for the use of Coyning, and which were taken in the Lodgings of this Said Informant were of the making and using of the aforesaid Massey alias Roza, and were left in pledge to this Informant for about 3. Guineas that the said Unidentified did owe unto this Examinant.

Mace Capt. & jurat

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