

**COL/SJ/03/005 (MISC MSS 3.37 No. 16)**

**Transcript of Robert Goddard's witness statement**

Cozen Goddard

I being on the 16 <sup>th</sup> of September last sent for by Mr
W[illia]m Phillips my Clyent to the Savoy where he had then
newly taken possession of an house wherein Mr Anthony
Shockey had some few dayes before dwelt and w[i]th Mr
Philips recovered from the said Mr Shockey who is a
Chirurgion & a ffrenchman & a reputed Papist, I went
after dinner thither and when I came there I found in one
Roome two bundles of long rods severall of which had
fireworkes tyed to them. The fireworkes were of severall
sorts & divers shapes some being wrapped up in fine linen
cloth others in pastboard some greater some lesse some haveing great heads w[i]th
abundance
of lesser workes in the heads made w[i]th pastboard others
haveing abundance of Quills filled w[i]th fireworkes I asked
what they were for, and Mr Phillips his man said that not long
before there were ten tymes as many but what was become
of them they knew not I asked some w[hi]ch seemed to be Mr
Shockeyes servants what use they were made for because
they were very suspicious and they answered they were
made against the thanksgiving for the peace, but they
seemed to have been made a good while, I did see some
of them fired singly (for they durst not fire them in
that manner as they were made) and they burnt very
violently especially that w[hi]ch was wrapped in rags and
the bodyes of those wrapped up in pastbord burnt all the
tyme I was there w[hi]ch was above halfe an houre, some of

them I brought w[i]th me & shewed you, God knowes the	
true end they were made for, This is all I know and all	
I saw Mr Phillips lives in Drury Lane, who w[i]th his	
man were there, I wondered much to see them in that house	
for I knew Mr Shockey was a surgeon & dealt in ffrench	
wines and not in fireworkes, Soe I rest	
Yo[u]r Lo[ving] ffreind	
To Mr Robert Goddard	Tho[mas] Peachell