

there was proved in it absolute falshood. It was not likely that captain Goram, when he had been sent on an enterprize of secrecy and importance, should come on shore to tell what he had seen to a poor Jew, before he gave an account of it to the officer who employed him; nor is it any more probable, that what he saw should contradict what the French officers themselves had just wrote home to their sovereign.

Captain Goram declared the whole an utter falsity. He assured all who asked him, that he never came on shore that night; nor then or at any other time had spoke with the Jew upon that subject.

This was a conviction there was no withstanding; the story was given up there, though it has been revived in England. The Jew was imprisoned as an impostor; but soon after discharged without punishment: the commander, whose reputation was intended to be hurt by this poor contrivance, being very much above such mean resentments. He considered the fellow as he was, the tool of a set of designing men; whom as he would not have condescended to punish in their own persons, much less would he regard this miserable instrument of their baseness. What account captain Goram really brought can be no secret; if lord Loudon be supposed a person interested in the