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Of the Several Papers deliver'd to, and the Several Examinations taken by the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of the Goals of this Kingdom touching a Charge against Sr. Robert Eyre, Knight, Lord Chief Justice of his Majesties Court of Common Pleas.

Ecclesiasticus — Chap. 8. Verse 14.

Go not to Law with a Judge, for they will Judge for him according to his Honour (i.e.) Opinion)

Sr

My supposed Attachment to the Interest of Mr. Bambridge cannot I am sensible but have prejudiced me in the Opinion of all good Men and therefore before Sr I offer my Service to you & to my Country it may not be amiss to say something of the Motives that at first induced me to Joyn in with his Party and also of those which have since determined me to quitt it.

After the Report of the late Comittee I will not presume to say I thought Mr. Bambridge innocent but I confess I look'd upon to be farr less Guilty than since by examining his own Side only of the Question I find he is. The Atrociousness of his Crimes took off to me much of the probability of his committing them and it was hard for a Man who had any Virtue himself to believe there was another so perfectly abandoned. Mr. Bambridge took all the Opportunities he could of gaining those he thought might be of Use to his party, amongst the rest he applyd himself to me. I confess at first the Art with which he palliated his Offences deceived me I went heartily into his Concerns and did all for him in my Power as for a Man struggling against the Current of the times But as I grew into his Confidence the Mask was taken off and I found the use he intended to make of me was not to assist an Oppress Man in his Defence but to Screen a Guilty person from his just Punishment.

As to the personall Injuries I have received (& sure no Body has received more) I forbear to mention them since

since my private pique shall never add an Edge to
any Information I may hereafter give you I am
weary of the part Sr which hitherto I have acted in
this Affair 'tis with pleasure I quitt the Side of
Artifice & Dissimulation and with Joy I enter into
the Service of Truth and of my Countrey I heartily
begg pardon for any Faults I may already have
committed and assure you Sr it shall be always my
Study for the future to testifie by my Actions as
well as Words how much

I am

Sr Your Faithfull & Devoted
Humble Servant
John Campbell

October 29th 1729.

Sent under Cover to James Oglethorpe Esq.
& Delivered by him to Edward Hughes Esq.

Sr

The last time I did my self the Honour of
writing to you I promised to give you all the Informa-
-tions in my power that might any ways tend towards
carrying on with Effect that Generous Enquiry made
by the late Committee of the House of Commons In
pursuance of which promise Give me leave Sr to
lay before you certain Observations which tho' at
present little more than Conjecture Yet are such as
I despair not by Time and Application to produce the
strongest Evidence of their Truths.

The late Warden Mr Bambridge notwithstanding
all his Vanity and Rashness could never have been
capable of so much Folly as to have committed so many

notorious —

notorious Offences in his Office if he had not presumed on the Interest of some superiour power which (at least as he fancied) might be able to prevent any Inquiry into his Conduct or if that by no Arts were to be evaded would at last Screen him from punishment.

That this presumption of his was but too well founded I am apt to believe is pretty apparent The Behaviour of a certain Court when Complaints were made against him The Difficulties there were in procuring Rules on the plainest proofs of the most flagrant Oppressions. The ambiguous Terms in which such Rules were generally drawn up The little Regard he paid those Orders when served upon him & his Impunity notwithstanding such Disrespectful Arguments which amount almost to a Demonstration of his being in Confederacy with a certain Person who no doubt took Care to receive from him an adequate Satisfaction for such Favours.

But as a Correspondence of this Nature was equally criminale in the Receiver and the Giver it cannot but be supposed that the uttmost Caution was used in order to the carrying it on with impenetrable Secrecy But when the House of Commons thought fitt to imprison Bambridge a third hand became absolutely necessary towards that purpose and from thence so much light has been let into that dark Affair that by Degrees I no way doubt but that a perfect Discovery may be effected.

I will only begg leave to add one thing to this long Letter and that is that althō' I may be contagious in the Nature and that I have long conversed in Intimacy with Mr. Bambridge Yet if I know my own Heart I will venture

Sir

Sir to assure you there is nothing I so much hate as Disingenuity and that for the future I shall let slip no Opportunity of shewing with how much Sincerity

I am Sir,

Your Faithfule & Devoted

Humble Servant

John Campbell

Novemr. 12. 1729.

Sent under Cover to James Colthorpe Esqr.
& Delivered by him to Edward Hughes Esqr.

Sir.

Having in my former laid before you those Reasons which induced me to believe a Correspondence between Bambridge and a certain great Man at whom I have already pointed I now begg leave to add such Facts as have at any time come to my knowledge and which seem to confirm it.

First Sr. give me leave to observe that Bambridge in regard to his Expences in private Life has since his Imprisonment been very much streitned but where Councele or any thing else that was necessary towards his Defence was wanting Money has not only been expended but lavish'd I lay the more Stress on this because in some respect it falls within the Circle of your own Observance, When Mr. Bambridge attended last at the House of Commons his Councile was pleas'd to say for him that the present Narrowness of his Circumstances obliged him to appear but with one Councile But since that fruitless Negotiation in w.th this' his Arts I was so unlucky as to become an Agent we have seen a very different Turn and the Courts of

Chancery.

Chancery Kings Bench Common plear & Ols Baily have all in their Turns been Crowded with Orators in his Favour. The lowness of his Fortune at the time of his coming to his Office at the Fleet is notorious to the World & tho' I believe as to getting of money he can by no means be charged with being Idle yet (even tho' the most extravagant Calculation should be admitted) the Shortness of his Stay there could not but prevent his acquiring half that Sum of money which has been expended already in Defence of these prosecutions.

Add to this that his own Creatures have Imprudence enough to mention this as the strongest part of what they call a formidable Interest and that I my self have seen his Clerk deliver a Letter to that Great Man in Westminster Hall to which Lordship said I thank you Sir, I am obligd to you Sir, or words to that purpose.

But that which has given me the Strongest Assureances and such as I hope will one Day terminate in the clear Evidence is the Conversation I have had with one Mr. Berry who is himself perfectly intimate with Bambridge & whose Wife has given very extraordinary Instances of her Attachment to his Interests This Gentleman tho' he still owns the greatest Freindship to him yet has confessd to me that to his own knowledge Bambridge had it in his Power to hang that Great Man (that was his Expression) not only in Respect of things done as to the Office of the Fleet but in other Respects also & that was sorry Mr. Bambridge was not perswaded to give him up to Justice which might be a means not only of saving himself but would also make some Attonement for his Faults He

promised

promised me also to make so strict an Enquiry into
this affair as to furnish me with a Clue by which
might be unravelled this whold Work of Darkness,
for this purpos I was to have mett on Fryday but
something having intervened he has putt it off 'till
Tuesday next 'tile when I shoud delay'd this Letter
but that I was impatient of giving you some further
proof of that Sincerity with which

I am Sir,
Your Faithfule & Devoted
Humble Servant
John Campbell

Novemr. 13th. 1729.

To Edward Hughes Esq.

Sir

Mr. Harbin having acquainted me
that he intended to make you a Visit I was unwilling
he shoud go without carrying with him this as a Mark
of my Duty and Respect especialy so remarkable an
Event (I speak with regard to the prosecution) as the
Acquittale of Mr. Bambridge having happend since
your going down into the Countrey.

I do not pretend Sr. to give you an Exact Detail of that
Extraordinary Affair The publick Prints having doubtless
and probably a Manuscript Copy of his Tryale may
long ere now have reached your hands all I shall
endeavour will be by a short Observation or two upon
it to give you some Light into the Means by which
that unexpected Event was brought about.

It is agreed on all Hands that a Legall Distress for Rent

is

is a very innocent as well as lawfull Action but if under Colour of such Distress a person comes & with a Felonious Intent steals and carrys away Goods the pretence of a Distress will be so farr from extenuating that it will highten the Offence since it is done in Fraudem Legis & the Law which is intended to preserve & to protect the property of the Subject is thereby made a Meanes to destroy it.

A Felonious Intent is only to be proved from the Actions of him who commits the Fact and that such an Intention actuated Mr. Bambridge in this extraordinary Seizure is pretty apparent from the two following Circumstances which attended it —

Turner the person employ'd by Mr. Bambridge as an Appraiser (tho' a prisoner and Creature of his own) yet thought fitt humbly to represent to him that he had never seen necessary Wearing Apparrell Distrained before (as indeed by Law it cannot) Upon which Mr. B. order'd him in taking the Inventory instead of setting down a Gown & petticoat as the Thing really was to sett down Silk sufficient for a Gown and petticoat and made use in severall other Instances of the same Artifice, a Thing in it self so plain & flagrant that even Mr. Bambridge could not find out Evasion. But in that he was kindly helped out by the Bench from whence in Summing up the Evidence it was declared That the Appraiser's was only an Idle Objection to which Mr. Bambridge gave away meerly because he would have nothing left out in the Inventory.

The other was this It was fully proved that Mr. Bambridge

carried

carried away four Rings in his pocket tho' but one is mentioned in the Inventory & that too is called a Chrystal tho' it was indeed an Amathyst To us who were Spectators this appeared to have a very great Weight but it seems it appeared in a very different Light to the Gentleman who Tryed him since it escaped both his Memory and his Notes.

Having twice mentioned that Gentleman I cant help doing him Justice on this Occasion by observing that (however in other respects his Enemies may asperse his Character) there is one part of the Judges in which I believe no Man ever came up to him I mean in being Council for the Prisoner

I am afraid I have been already too Prolix & will therefore lengthen this Letter no further than to assure you Sr of my being with the utmost Deference & Respect

Your Obedient & Devoted
Humble Servant
John Campbell

Decemr 20th 1729.

To Edward Hughes Esqr

Dear Frank,

I find that Mr Bambridge however unlikely he is in succeeding will undoubtedly move the Court of Kings Bench for Judgment & Damages upon the Writt of Appeal and hopes great Advantages from the favour of the Gentleman who Try'd him on the first Indictment for the Murder I do not find from Cosnor that he has any affidavits to support this Motion or at least if he has any he has not trusted him with them however.

however am to see Cod nor this Evening and if any thing
material shou'd occur shall leave a Line so that you
may have it very early in the Morning I find he and
all his party are very alert at present and are so farr
from being apprehensive from the present Temper of
the House of Commons that they on all Occasions beat
the late Committee with the utmost Insolence & Contempt
However as there is little likelyhood that his Assurance
will be able to defeat the united Endeavours of those
Gentlemen for the Relief of the Unhappy I please my
Self with hoping that all will at last go right

Jam Yrs
Campbell

Feb: 2. 1729/30.

To Mr Harbin

Sir.

Mr Harbin having informed me that
you have been so good as to enquire after me, I thought
it necessary for me to excuse my self for not attending
you by acquainting you with the Reason; which is, that
my being seen at the House Guards as things stand at
present, might be some hindrance to my entring into
the knowledge of some things about which it is at
present my Duty to enquire.

There is another Motive which induced me to give you
this Trouble and that is that you wou'd be so good as to
mention it to the Chairman that as my Time (the only
thing valuable that is left me in my Misfortunes) is
almost wholly taken up in endeavouring to do Service

to

to the present Inquiry and as it has involved me in the Hatred of a party of the worst of Men who ~~let~~ slip no Opportunity of making me uneasy I hope it may not be thought unreasonable to give some Directions for my receiving a moderate Assistance. I confess Mr. Harbin has been in this Respect very kind but as I have been hitherto unused to ask any body for every Shilling & Six pences that is necessary to be laid out I conceive it would be for both our Advantages to have it putt into another Channele.

. Before my engaging in this Affair I confess I used sometimes to prepare some little Labours for the press but as ^ these are the Employments of a Mind at Ease in my present Circumstances it is no way in my power to Compose them.

As this is a Subject on which I should never have prevailed on my self to speak and on which I write with the greatest Reluctancy I hope you will Forgive this Trouble from

Your Obliged
& Obedient Servant
John Campbell

Thursday Morning.

To Edward Hughes Esq.

The Several Letters before mentioned ~~except that directed to Mr. Harbin~~ were sent under Cover to Edward Hughes Esq. were deliverd to the Committee by Edward Hughes Esq.

At the Committee appointed to enquire into the State of the Goals of this Kingdom

1. Ann Jones the Widow of a Linnen Draper who became a prisoner for Debt in Newgate and the Daughter of a Mariner belonging to a packett Boat at Harwich being Examined in the most solemn manner this Twentieth Day of April 1730. Saith That She this Examinat. was for sometimes a Barr keeper in the press Yard in Newgate And that she was also a Servant to one Brown a prisoner there And not being fully employd by him She this Examinant was also hired as a Servant to Thomas Bambridge then also a prisoner in Newgate who gave this Examinant half a Crown for the first Week and she was to have two Shillings a Week afterwards And this Examinant further saith That about a Month or five Weeks after the said Bambridge's Committment to the said prison She this Examinant saw a person come to visit the said Bambridge which person stayd with the said Bambridge for the Space of two Hours or thereabouts And that about a fortnight after the said person came again to visit the said Bambridge in Newgate both which times were before the said Bambridge's first Tryall came on but the Exact times this Examinant cannot more particularly remember And the said person then remained two or three hours in Close

Conference

Conference with the said Bambridge And this —
Examinant took the said person for a priest he
being Dressed in Black and in a broad Brimm'd Hatt
like a Quaker And being directed by her Master —
Bambridge to go out of the Room and not to return
'till she should be called for And that she saw the
said person Sitt in a great Easy Chair and the said
Bambridge near to and just before him And this
Examinant observed they were both silent during
the time of her staying in the Room when she bro.t
in Wine and Glasses Except as to the Words above —
which Mr. Bambridge sayd to her from which —
severall Circumstances above she was Inclined to
believe the said Bambridge was a Roman Catholick
and that the said person came to take his Confession
which Opinion of the said Bambridge's being a
Roman Catholick She then declared to severall of
the State Prisoners then in Newgate And this Exam.t
observ'd the person whom she took to be a priest had
his Teeth out before and ruddy Cheeks and Complexion
and full large black Eye brows and a very black Wigg
And this Examinant further saith that a considerable
time after the said person had been with the said —
Bambridge John Campbell came to this Examinant
and ask'd her if she remembered any thing about a
Romish priest coming to Mr. Bambridge And upon
this Examinant telling the said Campbell she
remember'd a person's being twice with her Master
Bambridge as above he desired her to describe him
which she did by telling his Appearance & Dress as
above.

above and about a Week or Fortnight after being over
about the Fifth of March last She this Examinant
was askd if she should know that person again To
which this Examinant answering Yes that she should
certainly know him She was desired by the said
Campbell to go with him to Chancery Lane which
she accordingly did and there saw a Man come out
of a Coach whom the said Campbell desired this Exam.
to take Notice of And this Examinant says that was
the person whom she took for the preist with Mr.
Bambridge Upon which the said Campbell told her
that he was the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre And this
Examinant further saith That about an Hour ago
She this Examinant saw the same person whom
she took for a preist with her said Master Bambridge
sitting between two Judges upon a Bench on the
Right Hand in Westminster Hall And this Examin.
further saith That to no other person that came to
visit the said Bambridge during the Thirteen Weeks
that this Examinant attended & the said Bambridge
whilst in Newgate did he pay the Compliment as
to this person whom she supposed to be a preist
by the Manner of his Complaisance.

Ann Jones.

The said Ann Jones being again Examined
in the most Solemn manner this Twenty first day
of April 1730. Saith That She this Examinant went
to live with the abovenamed Thomas Bambridge as
a Servant in Newgate on the Twenty first day of

March

March 1728/9 And that she left the said Bambridge's Service on the Eightsouth day of June 1729 and did not afterwards live in the said prison. And this Examinant further saith that it was about the Latter End of February last that the abovemention'd Mr. Campbell asked this Examinant about the proist And that it was on the Fifth of March following that this Examinant went with the said Campbell to Serjeants Inn in Chancery Lane, as abovementioned

Ann Jones.

2 - - - - - James Brown being Examined in the most solemn manner this Twentieth day of April 1730, Saith That about ten days before the House of Comons broke up the last Sessions He this Examinant dined with Thomas Bambridge in the Goal of Newgate And soon after Dinner a Gentleman came up to Mr. Bambridge and as soon as the said Gentleman entred the Room where the said Bambridge was this Examinant and one Johnson who was then also present rose and went out of the Room, And this Examinant passed by the said Gentleman within a Yard of him and Look'd the said Gentleman full in the Face who was a round visaged Man with red Complexion and a black Wigg and a full Stature of Body who remained with Mr. Bambridge about two Hours And this Examinant was reading when the said Gentleman came down from Mr. Bambridge's Chamber

Chamber into the press Yard where this Examinant was then sitting on One of the Benches over against the Cells where the Condemned prisoners are putt And the said Gentleman then askd the said Bambridge what those places were pointing to the Cells To which the said Bambridge answered These are the Cells My Lord where they putt the Condemned prisoners and Bambridge push'd the Door, My Lord askd Is there no other way in? and Bambridge sayd No My Lord. Upon which Expression this Examinant Recollected what he had before heard the said Bambridge say (when this Examinant another time Dined with the said Bambridge and the said Johnson was also there) that they should soon see a Great Man come to pay him (Bambridge) a Visit. And this Examinant afterwards having a Tryale at the Court of Common pleas this Examinant Said the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre sitting on the Bench of the said Court which said Lord Chief Justice Eyre was the same person this Examinant saw with the said Bambridge in Newgate And it being alledged that the press Yard was no part of Newgate being held by a seperate Lease This Examinant at the time of the said Tryale was going to speak the following Words to the said Lord Cheif Justice Eyre Viz.

"When your Lordship did Mr. Bambridge the Honour
"to Visit him at Newgate, you stood in the press Yard
"when you askd What place is this pointing to the
"Cells, which Mr. Bambridge answered is the Cells My

"Lord

" Lord which this Examinant was going to say was
" the worst part in Newgate; But this Examinant
having been interrupted as he was speaking to the
Court before he did not venture to speak what he
intended. And this Examinant further Saith That at
the seeing the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre, it came ripe
in his Mind that he was the Man whom he had seen
in Newgate with Bambridge and whom Bambridge
had Called My Lord as aforesaid — Has seen + ff Lord.
Chief Justice Eyre several times since & is certain
in his Conviances he is the same Person he saw in
Newgate as aforesaid

James Browne

John Campbell being Examined in the most
solemn Manner this Twentieth day of April 1730.
Saith that One Ann Jones who formerly waited on
Mr. Bambridge whilst a prisoner in Newgate having
Described to this Examinant a person whom as she
says She took for a Priest that visited the said —
Bambridge And this Examinant apprehending
from this Description that it was a person within
the knowledge of this Examinant He this Examin.
took the said Ann Jones with him to Chancery Lane
and there in the Entrance of Serjeants Inn the
said Ann Jones Seeing the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre
going from his Coach up to his Chambers the said
Ann Jones then declared that he was the very Person
she had so taken for a priest as aforesaid — and this

times

time of seeing him the Lord Chief Justice Eyre was abo.
the beginning of March last

John Campbell

4 ..... Loggan Sandys being Examined in the most
Solemn Manner this Twentieth Day of April 1730.
Saith that he was bred an Attorney at Law and
Concerned in a Cause between James Brown Baker
and ---- Pitt the Keeper of Newgate That the Tryal
came on before the Lord Chief Justice Eyre on the
Twenty fifth of February last that the Cause turnd
upon whither the Press Yard was part of the Goal
of Newgate and Brown his Clyent fearing he sho.
be Cast if it was determined as it was declared that
the Press Yard was not part of the Goal of Newgate
He the said Brown was going to speak to the
Court but was prevented by some of his Freinds
And the said Brown told him this Examinant
since That what he was then going to say was to
ask my Lord Chief Justice Eyre whither his Lord-
-ship did not take the Press Yard to be part of
Newgate when he visited Bambridge there or
Words to that Effect.

L: Sandys.

---- Roger Johnson being Examined in the most
Solemn Manner this Twenty First Day of April
1730. Saith that he remembers James Brown in
the Press Yard of Newgate And that he likewise
remembers Thomas Bambridge in Newgate and

that

that this Examinant Eat and Drank severall
times with the said Bambridge And that he
dined one Day with the said Bambridge when
the said Bambridge told him that the next Day the
Lord Chief Justice Eyre would visit him the said
Bambridge And that on the next day this Examin.t
and the said Brown dined with the said Bambridge
who said to this Examinant and the said Brown You
will Retreat when My Lord comes And this Exam.t
Saith That a person coming up whom this Examin.t
Supposed to be the said Lord Chief Justice Eyre bid this
Examinant and the said Brown went out of the
Room and Did not take particular Notice of the
Face of the said person but observ'd him to be a
a Fatt Jolly Comely Man who stay'd with the said
Bambridge about two hours. That this Examinant
and the said Brown went down into this Press Yard
to read the News and stay'd there untill the said person
came down with the said Bambridge into the said
Press Yard where they walked backwards & forwards
And the said person pointing to the Cells asked Bambridge
if that was all the place they had to Confine Condemn.d
Prisoners in To which the said Bambridge answer'd
Yes My Lord And this Examinant further Saith
That on the Day he dined with the said Bambridge
when the said Bambridge told this Examinant of
the said Lord Chief Justices coming on the Morrow
This Examinant went down into the Lodge of the
said Prison where this Examinant saw Wm. Richard
Bishop drinking punch and the said Bishop asked

this

this Examinant to Drink a Glass and then this Exam.
sayd to the said Bishop the following Words Viz. Bambridge
tells me he shall have a Great Man to Visit him to
morrow, No less a man than the Lord Chief Justice Eyre
And this Examinant further Saith That the said
Bambridge came to this Examinant Since he was
on the Debtor Side of Newgate and shewing him a
paper told him that if he this Examinant would sign
that paper he should have his Liberty which paper
this Examinant did Sign before he Read it And the
said Examinant being asked by the Committee the
purport of the said paper Saith That it was "to give
"Evidence that John Campbell had made such & such
"Offers to him this Examinant and others if he would
"Swear that he had seen the Lord Chief Justice Eyre
"several times with Bambridge And that he the
"said Lord Chief Justice Eyre had given the said —
"Bambridge Money. He this Examinant should have
"his Liberty And that the Gentlemen would come
altho' it was twelve or One of the Clock in the Morning
And that the Gates should fly open. And this Examin.
further Saith That Thomas West and Wm. Beatniff
came to him this Examinant and told him that they
had been with the said Lord Chief Justice Eyre & had
found the said Lord Chief Justice at his Son or Son in
Laws House in Lincolns Inn fields And that they
had an Authority or Commission from his Lordship
to take this Examinant that if he this Examinant
would Stand by that paper he should have his Liberty
And the said Beatniff who had been Clerk to the said

Lord.

Lord Chief Justice gave this Examinant a Copy of
the said paper which is his the said Beatniffs
hand writing (which Copy is hereunto annexed)
but upon the said Beatniffs shewing to this Examinant
the said Note and delivering unto this Examin.t
the said Copy He this Examinant says he could
not Swear to the Contents thereof and that he
was Sorry he had Signed it Whereupon they
Invited to have it back again as they have done
several times since and of late Three or Four
Times in a day And this Examinant further Saith
That after he was acquitted of his Accusation for
Treason this Examinant was Ironed & Confined
in One of the Cells for the Space of 6 Weeks and at
last was forced to give Two Guineas to Allen to
gett them taken off. And that he this Examinant
and another person now pay half a Crown a Week
for a Dark Room not above eight or nine Foot
square And this Examinant hath remained
there under such close Confinement near Six
Weeks And this Examinant further Saith That
it was about the latter End of April or beginning
of May and (to the best of this Examinants
Remembrance) about fourteen or perhaps
Twenty Days before the Parliament broke up
that the said Bambridge told this Examinant
that the said Lord Chief Justice was to make
him a visit in Newgate And this Examinant
further Saith that this Day the said West came
to this Examinant and asked him, how do you do,

J.

I have been with Mr. Bambridge and he says it wile
do, if you wile Stick to the paper you have a Copy of
And then the said West went away and in half an
Hour afterwards came again to this Examinant &
sayd that he the said West had been at Westminster
and that Bambridge was attending there And further
sayd to this Examinant There is an Order come down
for you to attend the Committee to day To which this
Examinant answered he did not know he was not
positive whether he should or not
And then the said West repeated, If you wile Stick
by that it wile ake do, you wile have your Liberty.
I must go to Bambridge who is waiting at the Lobby
And the said West then further Sayd to this Exam.t
If you &c &c go before them whatever Questions they
ask you, never spare them stick by that, that will
do, and you wile have your Liberty. And the said
West further Sayd That now at the Breaking up
of the House the Fire would be out And that the
Lord Chief Justice Eyre was Resolved to Transport
Cod nor and Campbele for Perjury & Subornation
And this Examinant further Saith That the said
Bambridge sent this Examinant two Bottles of
Brandy and sayd he would send this Examinant
any thing Wine Brandy or Malt Liquors And this
Examinant hath been informed and verily believes
that the Son of the said Lord Chief Justice Eyre frequent-
-ly comes to Mr. Huggins in the press Yard of
Newgate

R. Johnson

Sr

Newgate 1 April 1730

One John Campbele an Attorney who served his

times

Imie with Mr Metcalfe in Threadneedle Street
about five Days before Jack Everett's Death came
to me in Newgate and in the presence of my wife
would have prevailed on me to have Sworn that I
had seen the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre in Company
with Mr Bambridge in the press Yard in Newgate
severale times and that I had seen him give
him Money and the said Campbell sayd you
know I have seen him here as well as you and
sayd if you will Swear it and then named some
Men of Honour's Names and said they should come
themselves and make the Gates fly open at any
time day if it was Twelve or One in the Morning
and I should have my Liberty and at the same
time said you know I know as much as you &
I'll Swear it my self when Called on and so soon
as he repeated the Words I took the poker out of
the Fire and swore Damn you for a Villian if
you don't go out of the Room I'le knock your
Brains out, if you you Villian will Perjure your
Self I wont for all the Liberty in the World upon
which he went down Stairs and went away &
about a Week after he came again to the Press
Yard and came up to my Room and lifted up
the Latch of my Door and I seeing him told him
if he did not go about his Business I would knock
him down Stairs if he offered to come near me
any more for that he was a Villian and upon
which he went down Stairs and went out and a

Few

few days after he came to the Gate and the Turnkey
was a going to let him in which I seeing I asked
Richard Ackerman who is the Turnkey of the Press
Yard who the Villian came to who replyd I thought
he came to you, I answered Come to me, He is a
Villian a Rogue and a Spy about the Goal & that
he wanted me to perjure my Self and Campbele—
hearing that made no Reply but turned short on
his Heel and went away. — Campbele not only—
endeavoured to Engage me and my Wife in Commit-
-ing the aforesaid perjury but used Meanes with—
others and prepared written papers for that purpose.
which I Communicated to Mr. West & Mr. Bambridge
at large not doubting but they would have found
Meanes to have putt a Stop to such wicked practices
but not knowing the Reason of their Silence and
being sensible of your Regard for that Honourable
person with whom you formerly lived I think
my Self obliged in Justice to Truth to have this
Matter made known and as I suffered my Self so
much by perjured Villians I desire you to take
the Trouble of assisting Mr. West in speedily arquaint
-ing My Lord Cheif Justice Eyre therewith Imm-

This is the paper Mr. Beatniff wrote before me as
a Copy of the Original he gott me to sign before I
Bambridge
read it, nor have I read the Original But Beatniff
read the Original and gave me this as a Copy and to
the best of my Remembrance this is a Reale Copy

of

of what he read And this Informant Saith West read the Original a second time which makes one Confident this is a true Copy 21. April 1730

R. Johnson

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Ann Johnson the Wife of Roger Johnson being Examined in the most solemn Manner this Twenty third Day of April 1730. Saith That She saw Mr. West several times with her Husband in Newgate on the Master's Side and Beatniff twice That She asked her Husband what they came about he sayd about a paper & Mr. Bambridge was Endeavouring to prevail on her Husband to Sign That it was about three Weeks or a Month past She Saw them first with her Husband And that She was not actually in their Conversation but they had a Sneecher of Punch and Drank together but She saw West since that time alone with her Husband And this Examinant's Husband told her Mr. Bambridge had been there and got him to Sign a paper, but before this the said West and Beatniff came to her Husband & told him Mr. Bambridge would gett him to Sign a paper And this Examinant Saith That about Three Days after the said West and Beatniff had been with her Husband She went to her Husband and was Sitting upon his Bedside when the said West alone came up into the Chamber to her Husb. and Sayd Mr. Johnson Are you not up Yet, Mr.

Bambridge.

Bambridge is below in the Lodge and wants to —
speak with you to which this Examinants Husband
replyd, If he wants to speak with me let him come
up, I don't Care to go down, upon which the said
Bambridge came up and after some Compliments
passed the said Bambridge sayd Mr. Johnson wont
you gett up, I have Coffee making won't you —
Breakfast with me, No sayd he, I will Breakfast
with my Wife here is none but my Wife and the said
West being withdrawn the said Bambridge sayd
Mr. Johnson won't you let your Wife go to that
place this afternoon, to which Johnson answered
She may go if she will. This Examinant sayd I
don't Care to do any Thing Upon which the said
Bambridge sayd to this Examinant Your Husband
Stands very much in his own Light I don't see any
hopes of his ever having his Liberty unless he takes
this Step I am advising him to, To which this —
Examinant sayd She hoped he would do nothing
but upon honourable Terms or what was —
Honourable, he has been Trifled with too much
already And the said Bambridge replyd I will leave
him to consider of it and you may Consult together
about it, I will send for you and Mr. West shall call
on You at four of the Clock in the afternoon Upon —
which this Examinant ask'd where am I to go, To
which Bambridge answered You are to go to a
grave old Gentleman who will do you no Hurt, And
this Examinant asked what is it for, To which —

Bambridge

Bambridge replyed Your Husband will tell you
And then this Examinants said Husband waited
upon the said Bambridge down to the Gate and
took a Dish of Coffee with him but did not go into
the Lodge as she thinks for she saw her Husband
as She stood at the Stairs head have a Dish of
Coffee in his hand and thinks he was absent
about a Quarter of an Hour And when he came
up She asked him where she was to go this after-
noon to which her Husband answered Mrs. West
was to come for her and to go to a Gentleman
where she was to make the Affidavit that was
to be prepared for her And this Examin.t replyd
She would not go or have any thing to do in it
for he was a vile Fellow meaning Bambridge
And this Examinant was to go to see the Affidav.t
which was to be in Favour of Bambridge And
this Examinant sayd That She would not go
over the Threshold of the Door to serve Bambridge
but went home And this Examinant Saith That
on the next Day She asked her Husband if West
had been there to which he answered Yes And
that Bambridge would be very Angry that She
did not go with him and swear the Affidavit
that was prepared for her And this Examin.t
Saith that afterwards she went several times
backwards and forwards to her Husband and
observing him to be very uneasy She prest him
to tell her what made him so To which he answerd

her.

he had Signed a paper he did not Know the Contents
of And he Sayd Mr. Bambridge gave him that
paper to Sign And this Examinant further —
Saith That Mr. Brown and this Examt. Husband
talking about the Great Man that had been —
there Sayd one to the other It was a Shame to See
so great a Man come to such a place to See such
a Man upon which this Examinant ask'd Who is
this Great Man To which they both answered
together Judge Eyre and laughing and talking
together Sayd who would think such a Thing, One
would think it a Shame for such a Gentleman to
be Seen in such a place to visit such a Fellow —
particularly Mr. Brown Sayd this and her Husb.
sayd so it is But nothing is to be wondred at,
at this time of Day They talked about a Ship —
given Judge Eyre and other large presents And
this Examinant Saith That this Discourse was
about the beginning of last May And this —
Examinant Saith That Mr. Brown talked as
if he had seen My Lord with Mr. Bambridge —
Looking towards the Walk and Cells and ask'd if
that was part of Newgate and was told it was —
the places where the Condemned prisoners were
Confined which Conversation between her —
Husband and the said Brown was about Eight
of the Clock And when Brown talked of My Lord
Cheif Justices being there he spoke as if he had
knowledge of him And this Examinant being —

asked

asked how long she had known Mr. West She
repl'd about a Twelvemonth or from that time
of Mr. Bambridge's being a prisoner And that
she Saw him several times before he came
with Beatniff and with her Husband alone
and when other people were there, And that
West at one time brought two Bottles of Brandy
from Bambridge as a present to this Examt.
Husband And this Examinant Saith That
She knew Campbele who sometimes came to
Bambridge and believes Campbele came
frequently to the Press Yard and that he may
have been there about Ten times within these
Three Months And Saith She may have been
in the said Campbell's Company with others
and talked about News And that the said
Campbele came to the Press Yard two Days
before Everett's Death And that She saw him
speak to Everett's Wife but had no particular
Conversation with him And this Examinant
Saith That the said Everett was a prisoner in
the said Bambridge's time in the Fleet And
kept the Sapp, a Sutler in the Fleet prison
And this Examinant hath seen the said
Campbele with her Husband in the Press
Yard but her Husband never told her what
passed between 'em

Ann Johnson

Roger Johnson being Examined this Three and Twentieth day of April 1730. in the most Solemn Manner Saith That he hath known Mr. West many Yeares And being Askd whether he hath seen West any little time before Beatniff came with him This Examinant Saith That he Saw West Singly and Beatniff Singly And being asked whether he had ever sent Messages by West to Bambridge this Examinant Saith That West askd him several times to send Letters but he says to West if Bambridge hath any thing to speak to me he may come himself but that he never sent any other Message or wrote to him any Letter And the said West came to this Examinant and told him Mr. Bambridge would have him write and give him an Account how his Affairs stood and that he would help him out To which this Examinant answered He would not Employ him And this Examinant Saith that he doth know John Campbell who is Reputed an Attorney And that he remembers about the time Everett was Hanged he Saw John Campbell but had no particular Conversation with him And that he had been in his Room whilst Bambridge was there, That he had no Quarrell with Campbell But when Colonel Chartres was there walking in the Yard this

Examt.

Examinant ask'd Ackerman whom he (meaning Campbell) came to now Bambridge is gone And this Examinant Admitts that he hath Eat and Drank with him with the said Bambridge but never remembers he had private Conversation with him (Campbell) And the said Examinant being ask'd what Habit the Gentleman sayd to be Lord Chief Justice Eyre had, Says he thinks he was in Black And being ask'd a Question upon a former Examination why he believed the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre's Son frequently visited Huggins in Newgate Saith that Mr. Brown told him that the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre's Son was Concerned for Huggins and for Pitt the Keeper of Newgate and that he was several times with Huggins.

R. Johnson

Roger Johnson being Examined in the most Solemn Manner this Twenty fourth day of April 1730. and being ask'd how he knows the Paper Writing now produced to him Mark'd to be a true Copy of the paper which he Signed Saith that the Original paper which he this Examinant Signed was Read to this Examinant twice, Once by Richard Beatniff and

said once by Thomas West whilst this Examinant
had the said produced Copy in his hands & read
the same And that he this Examinant saw the
said Originale paper in the Hands of the said —
West and Beatniff whilst the same was Read over
to this Examinant and also saw his this Examin.
Name wrote or Subscribed by this Examinant to
the said Original paper Writing whereby this
Examinant knew the said paper Writing Read
to this Examinant by the said West and Beatniff
as aforesaid to be the same paper Writing which
he this Examinant had Signed And that the said
Original paper as the same was Read by the said
West and Beatniff to this Examinant agreed —
Verbatim with the said produced paper And this
Examinant doth verily believe that the said —
produced paper was wrote by the said Richard
Beatniff this Examinant having Seen him write
part thereof in his this Examinant's Chamber
where this Examinant left him to Finish the
Same / this Examinant having been Called down
Stairs And after this Examinants Return to the
said Beatniff He the said Beatniff deliver'd to
this Examinant the said produced paper as a
True Copy of the paper which this Examinant had
Signed as aforesaid And this Examinant Saith
That when he Signed the said Original paper the

Same

Same was foulded down that this Examinant
might not nor could See the Same nor Read the
Contents thereof For which Reason this Examin.t
Objected to the Signing of the same Whereupon
the said West and Thomas Bambridge who bro.t
the said Original Paper to this Examinant or
one of them (but which of them this Examinant
doth not now remember) Urged this Examinant
to Sett or Subscribe his Name thereto Saying, What
are You affraid off? Do You think We woud do you
any Harm, Depend upon it this wile do your
Business; by which Perswasion this Examinant
did Sign the said Original paper without reading
the same or knowing the Contents thereof And
immediately after this Examinant had so Signed
the same The said Bambridge and West or one
of them Carried the same away And afterwards
the said Beatniff and West came to this Examin.t
and they or One of them brought the said Original
paper Writing again to this Examinant when the
said Beatniff made and delivered to this Examin.t
the said produced Copy or paper Writing as afores.d
And this Examinant Saith That he had but very
little Sight of the said Originale paper Writing
but beleives the same was wrote in a little
Stronger Hand than the said produced paper and
without any other difference as this Examinant
beleives but cannot be positive Neither can this

Examin.t

Examinant Say whether the said Original paper was wrote only on one Side or whether it was wrote on two Sides this Examinant cannot say, the Same having been folded or doubled down when this — Examinant Signed the Same as aforesaid. And this Examinant further Saith That he cant be positive what Discourse passed between him this Examin.t Brown and this Examinant's Wife the Day on which the Gentleman supposed to be the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre was with the said Bambridge in Newgate but this Examinant remembers there was Some Discourse between them relating to the L.d Cheif Justice's having been there And this Exam.t believes that such Discourse was began by the said Brown And that he this Examinant Joined with him therein And this Examinant further Saith That on the first Day that he attended this Honourable — Committee after this Examinant's Return to Newgate he this Examinant was Insulted by a Runner or Messenger belonging to the said Goal And that he hath since been Treated with ile Languages and — upbraided by others for attending this Committee & particularly this Examinant Saith That Thomas Loyd a Turnkey of the said Goal called this Examinant Informing Rogues and Villain

Minutes,

Sabti 25° die Aprilis 1730.

Richard Ackerman Turnkey to the Goal of Newgate was Examined in the most Solemn Manner and Saith He is one of the Turnkeys of Newgate, has been Turnkey about four Years and was Turnkey about the latter End of April or beginning of May last 1729 And that he had no person that attended the Key chiefly but himself.

Knows Lord Chief Justice Lyre in his Gown upon the Bench but believes he should not know him in any other place.

Has seen him at the Court of Comon pleas at Westminster & Guildhall about 2 or 3 times.

The first time he remembers he ever Saw him to observe his Face was abo.t 2 Months ago.

Has attended the Courts of Westminster but can't Say he took particular Notice enough of Lord Chief Justice Lyre to know him again.

Can give but little Account of his first Seeing him because he was not apprised of him.

Altho' he has been Turnkey four Years and hath been often at Westminster Hall he can't take upon him to say when he first Saw him to know him but thinks it was within these two Months that he first Saw him to take Notice of him which was the only time he ever did take Notice of him and that was at the Court of Common Pleas at Guildhall.

He

He Cannot say whether he ever saw Lord Chief Justice Eyre before And had not taken notice of him then had it not been upon a particular Tryal.

He Cannot take upon him to Say that he ever Let in any Such person as Lord Cheif Justice Eyre.

Does verily believe he never did Let him in.

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Now Mr Kenn attended to take the Minutes —

I was a Turnkey but had a partner. Was any body admitted into the Goal but by your self or partner? No body could be let in but by my Self or partner and I don't know that I was absent a Day. Did you in the Months of April and May 1729 attend constantly your self? To the best of my knowledge I did attend my self. Was you at any times in those Months from the Gate and left the Key with your partner? I think not. Did not your partner in the Months of April or May let in any body? I can't take upon me to Say that. Do you believe your partner Let in any Body in the Months of April or May? I can't say whether he did or not. During these Months was you all Day and every hour of the Day at the Key? I can't take upon me to Say I was. When you was Absent who was left to Let persons in? If I was absent Smith was at the Key. Was you absent any One Day in April or May? I can't take upon me to Say. Did you never leave the Key in the Door? No: If I was Absent from the Door I took the Key always with

with me, and never left it with any One but Smith. Did you leave the Key with Smith in April or May? I can't Say I did or did not. Did not you go out of the Goal in the Months of April or May? To the best of my knowledge I don't know I was out. When you went to yo[ur] own House did you use to leave the Key or only leave it when you went at a Distance? I usually kept the Key my self when I went home and never left it but when I went at a Distance from my House to take the Air or so. Did you leave the Key with Smith during the Months of April or May? I can't Say whether I did or not. Did you ever leave the Door unlock'd? No. When you Let in people did not you take Notice of them? Yes generally. Did not you Say that the first time you knew Lord Cheif Justice Eyre was Two Months ago? Yes. Do you think if you should let a man into Newgate now, and See him not like Nine or Ten Months hence you shou'd know him? I can't Say I should for there are a vast Number of people come in and out in a Day, and 'tis impossible to remember a Face that I only Once Saw.

Thomas Osborne was Examined in the most Solemn Manner, and being Shewn

the

the Letter annexed to Roger Johnson's Examination
Says that Letter is the hand writing of Richard
Beatniffe.

Being askd how he knew it to be his Hand —
Writing — Says that when he was Clerk to Mr.
Bambridge Mr. Beatniffe and the Examinant
wrote some Four, Five or Six Days together at Mr.
Bambridge's Chambers in the Kings Bench Walks
and the Examinant Examined Beatniffe's Hand
Writing with severale other Writings.

Being askd What those Writings were — Says
That they were petitions to the Lord Chancellour
and some Affidavitts about Bambridge's own
Affairs.

Luna 27° die Aprilis 1730.

Bell Anna Alinda Birnie was
Examined.

A

Are you Single or Married? I am Married to
Mr. Birnie. Was you at the Old Bayly when
Bambridge was Tryed for Felony? I was. Had
you any Conversation with Bambridge? Yes.
Where was that Conversation had? In the Bars:
Bambridge beckoned to me with his fingers to come
to him, which I did; It was just as Lord Cheif Justice
Eyre went off the Bench, he stay'd off a considerable
time. What did he say to you? He sayd nothing,
but askd how I did; Then I spoke to him and askd
him if he designed to be Tryed by Lord Cheif Justice

Eyre

Eyre, or if he was to be Tryed by Mr. Justice Reynolds who was then upon the Bench. What Answer Did he give you? He told me by L.C.J. Eyre: I sayd it was not convistant with his Lordship's Honour, and your Interest to be Tryed by him, I thought he did not intend to try you, To which Bambridge repl'yd, By God he shall try me, he dare not but try me, for I have his Life (snapping his fingers) between my finger & Thumb. What coud cause you to give Bambridge such Advice? It had been very commonly reported that Bambridges and Lord Chief Justice Eyre had been very great, there was a Story about a Ship, but this is mostly Hearsay and mostly come from Bambridge himself. What was there particular that Bambridge sayd to you? I have heard him say sometimes that he never had a Favour from Lord Chief Justice Eyre in his Life and in a small time after, in a Day or Two I have heard him declare that he had received a great many Freindships from him, but he Swears and forswears so often that there is no beleiving him. Where was Bambridge when he sayd this? In Newgate.

Have you seen Bambridge lately? Yes - about Three or Four Days ago. Where did you see him? He sent to me and I went to him, and he sayd he had heard I had made an Affidavit

before

before some of the Gentlemen of the Committee, and if I did think fitt to go on to say any more or say any thing relating to Lord Cheif Justice Eyre, he would ruin me and my Husband, And he sayd One Campbele had given Evidence, and if I did the same I shou'd involve my Self in the same Ruine, for he (Bambridge) and Lord Cheif Justice Eyre would — ruin them ake, And he sayd Let me Swear what I would, he would find Twenty Witnesses to say he had not spoke a Word to me ale that Day.

Did he make any Proposales to you? He sayd if I had a Mind to Redeem my Husband from his Misfortunes, and not have him thrown into a Goal to perish, I must write a Letter to him (Bambridge) wherein he would have me declare ale that I might have heard either from Mr. Hughes, Mr. Harbing, or Mr. Campbele or any of the Gentlemen of the — Committee and that I would in that Letter insinuate that I thought the Witnesses that had given Evidence at the Committee were not come by fairly and he would deliver that Letter if I sent it to the Lord — Cheif Justice. — Did he name what Lord Cheif Justice? It was Lord Cheif Justice Eyre we were speaking of, and he (Bambridge) sayd that he would take Care that every thing shou'd be done for me, and my Lords would take Care that my Brother shou'd do me Justice, and he wished Campbele would write such a Letter too, or he would be undone if he did not.

Did Bambridge use any Threats to you? He sayd

Sayd my Husband should be ruined & thrown in
Goal, The meaning of that is, That he hath the
Security Bond in his Hands and he hath no other
Way than to burn it. How do you know he has
the Security Bond in his Hands? I sent to Mr.
Brayfield to know if he had it, and he sent for
Answer, he had it not.

Did Bambridge make no other Application
to you? Bambridge Called at my Lodgings abo.
Three Weeks ago, and told my Husband that he
wondred that he suffered me to Converse with the
Gentlemen of the Committee and their Agents, for
they would lead me to a precipice and there leave
me, for every Body would be overturned that
meddled in that Affair: I mentioned this to
Bambridge about four or five Days ago, and did
ask him again if he had left such a Message &
he owned to me that he had.

Mrs. Ophley Crew Hawkins was with me
when I was with Mr. Bambridge the Day of his
Tryal for Felony and I don't know but she
might hear some of the Words that were spoken.

How comes this Meeting with Bambridge to
be appointed Three or Four Days ago? Bambridge
sent One Mrs. Gough to me Three or Four Days
ago to meet him, and sent Word It would be the
worse for me, if I did not come. Where was
the Meeting? In Henrietta Street Covent
Garden at the Cross Keys Tavern.

Your.

You say that Bambridge would have had — you wrote what Conversation you had with Campbell and Harbing; Have you had any Conversation with them? Yes. What Acquaintance had you with them? I have known Mr. Campbell for several Years. Have they had any Discourse with you about this Committee? Yes they have asked me what I knew of Matters. Did they make use of any Gentlemens Names? They brought me to Mr. Hughes to make an Affidavit. Did they often talk with you about this Affair? It has been talked of as Common Discourse We have talked about this Matter, as a Matter of Common Conversation.

(The Witness being shewn a Letter which she had sent to Mr. Oglethorpe acknowledged it to be her Hand writing.) Vide A.

Was that Letter which Bambridge desired you would write to be directed to him? Yes.

What is your Husband? An Advocate of the Kingdom of Scotland and a Doctor of Physick. Who is your Brother? Mr. How of Gloucestershire he is my half Brother.

Did Harbing and Campbell ever say they talked about this Affair with any Gentlemen? Who did they say desired them to speak to you? They said they were desired by Mr. Oglethorpe and Mr. Hughes to ask what I knew of any of these Affairs.

What was it induced you to alter yo. Resolution of not Coming to be Examined? I have received Two Orders since, and Mr. Bambridge daring to say that he would bring Twenty Witnesses to say I was not there

that

that Day, provoked me to it.

You say the Conversation you had with Bambridge was at the Old Bayly? Yes: I spoke to him in the Barr, I stood there Five hours & could not gett any farther.

Had you any Acquaintance with Bambridge? My Husband being a prisoner, Bambridge gave him the Liberty of the Rules and in return I was willing to do him any Service I could. How came you to be at the Barr? I was in the place next to the Barr; Bambridge had sent for me four times that Day. Was you sent for to be Examined? Bambridge had sent me & Mrs Hawkins to Mr Berkley whose Goods were Seized and we were to have declared if Occasion what she sayd. What was the Message you was sent about? I was Sent to ask what Jewelles she had lost and She sayd she had lost Two or Three Rings.

You sayd that Campbele and Harbing often came to you about this affair to make an Affidavit!

They told me Mr Hughes had heard such a thing and desired me to come up.

Do you believe Mrs Hawkins was near enough to hear what was sayd? Yes. Who was by you? Mrs Hawkins and Mr Campbele. Was there any body else? There was a great many but I can't recollect who they were.

When you went to Mr Hughes Did you go with an Intent to make an Affidavit? I can't say I did tho I came there but I apprehended It was

to

to be asked Questions about this matter. Did you find the Affidavit ready wrote? No, I was asked Questions there and it was wrote upon Mr. Hughes's Desk while I was there.

(Mr. Hughes.) [You take Notice in your Letter as if it was a private Conversation you had with me. I believe that is Misapprehended, for I meant that I did not care to swear to any thing I had heard in private Conversation.

Then I ask you whether that Affidavit was not the Matter you came to me about? Yes, that was the Matter.]

Was you here attending last Week? Not 'till Saturday. Where did you wait a Saturday? I was at Alice's Coffee house and then went to a Tavern in the palace Yard and there waited 'tile the Committee was up. Did you leave Word where you went? I left Word with Harbing. Who was you with at the Tavern? Harbing and Campbell. What time was the Committee up? I can't tell, I did not goe away 'till Four or Five o' Clock.

Mr. Harrington Door Keeper to the Committee being Called in was Examined, as to Mrs Birnie's being sent after on Saturday.

Was there not several Messages came to you about Mrs Birnie? Word was brought that She was at Alice's Coffee house, and I sent Comber & Savage to Alice's and they brought Word she was gone, And then I sent to the Swan in the New palace Yard. Did they Say She left Word? They did not. Where was Harbing?

He

He was gone to Mr. Hughes's House for a paper.

Mrs. Birnie being again Examined

You said that you was provoked to come, Had no person applyd to you to alter the Resolution you had taken? I was no otherwise applyd to than by a Message left at my Lodging by Bambridge.

Did Campbell make any Application to you either to come or stay? He applyed to me to come to -- make an Affidavit, and he sayd he wondred I would Disobey the Orders of the Comittee. How came Campbell to busy himself? He told me by way of Freindship, and that he thought if I did not go, I should be Committed.

When was it you was at the Cross Keys? It was One Day in Last Week, It was Wednesday or Thursday, but I can't say positively.

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I have seen Campbell every Day since. Was the Meeting of Bambridge before or after the Writing of that Letter? I can't be sure whether it was the Night before or not. When you came down on Saturday, did you come alone? No, I came with Mr. Campbell. Have you had any Meeting with any person and whom at a Tavern by Charing Cross? Mr. Harbing carried me to the Ship Tavern, Mr. Hughes having Company, till they were gone, and then I went to Mr. Hughes and made the Affidavit.

Mrs Offley Crew Hawkins was Examined.

Are you Married? Yes. Was you at the Old Bayly the Day Mr. Bambridge was Tryed for the Loss when Lord Chief Justice Lyttelton was upon the Bench? Yes. Did you hear Bambridge say any thing to Mrs Birnie? No, But I saw Madam Birnie talk to Bambridge for about Three Minutes, And when She had done, She look'd Surprized and in a Great Confusion, which I took Notice of to her, and she said to me that he certainly was bewitched and mad, for he will be Tryed by Lord Chief Justice Lyttelton, which will be the Ruin of himself and my Lord, I asked her why, she said for Reasons best known to my Self. When Bambridge first came to the Barr he gave a Beck to Mrs Birnie with his Finger, upon which she went to him, and they talked together Three Minutes. Did you hear any Words that passed? No, But several all times in the Day they whispered together. Where was Mrs Birnie when Bambridge beckoned to her? I was in the Slip near the Barr, and Mrs Birnie was then with me when he beckoned. Was you acquainted with Mr. Bambridge? No, only having Seen him at Mrs Birnie's. How farr is the Gallery from the Barr? About Two Yards and an half. When Mrs Birnie came back from Bambridge & spoke to you, Do you imagine any body heard what she said besides You? I do not, because She held up her Fan.

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The Rev.d Mr. Henry Smith

Rector of Weybridge was Examined.

Did you visit Bambridge in Newgate? Yes. Give the Committee an Account of any particular time that you was with him. I never made any Memorandum as Bambridge had a House in my Parish and lived there, I thought fitt to pay a Visit to him. Was you there more than once? I was there Three Several times, and was very remarkable about the latter End of September, It was the Day that he had received an Answer to his petition to Lord Chancellor as to the Appeal for Murder; He had sent a Footman to have a Copy of the Orders, and the Footman brought Word that the Clerk would bring it, and it was Examined Word for Word before me, and the Keeper came up Two or Three Several times to let him (Bambridge) know that the time was come for people to go, — Bambridge says that he had some particular — people with him, & if he shutt the Gates, he knew what to do; Upon this we continued 'tile after they had Examined this Copy brought from Lord Chancell. & 'tile ten o'Clock & then I took my Leave of him.

How many times did you Visit him. Three times. Did yo go in the Habit of a Clergyman? No. What was it you had on? It was a Grey Corded thing. Had you a Hat with a Rose? I had a Hat without a Rose. Had you Boots on? I believe I had no Boots on, I rid in Spatter Dashes which unbuttoned.

so I generally take them off as soon as I come to Town.
When was the last time of your being there? It was in
the Month of September. Was you there in the Summer
Months? I believe I was. How often was you there?
The whole time, were three times. What Distance
of time were the former Visits from the last? I can't
charge my Memory. Can you recollect the time of
the Day that you was there? It was towards the
afternoon each time, for I stay'd twice 'till the time
of their going to Shutt up the Gates. Were there other
persons in the Room? There was my Son he was a
Lusty young Man. Were there any prisoners or any
one else? There was one Jn.o Smith with whom
Jn.o Bambridge had lodged. Was you ever in the
press Yard 'till you visited Bambridge? No. Did
you speak any thing as you went along about the
Cells? I called to the Fellow that opened the Gate &
I don't know that any Man spoke a Word going to or
coming from Bambridge. Do you remember any
thing particular of a Chair, as an Elbow Chair or
Great Chair? What Chair did you sitt in? I think
it was a common armed Chair, but I can't be
positive. Did Mr. Bambridge call you My Lord?
No. What Wigg had you on? A brown Wigg such
as I now wear. Did Bambridge come down from
his Chamber, and pass with you through the press
Yard? Yes, Once he did, I was complaining to him
that they made me stay a Quarter of an Hour
before I could gett out, upon which he sayd he would
go along with me to get me let out. Did you ask

what

what those Cells or Buildings were? I don't remember any thing of that. Did you ever desire to be in private with him? No never, I only went to pay a Visit, for I thought he would take it kindly for any Body to call and ask him how he did. Was Mrs. Smith there the whole time you was there? Yes. Was you ever in private with Mr. Bambridge? No. Can you say you was never alone with him? I can't say that for his Servant might leave the Room. If you found Comp.a there, did the Company go away immediately? No. Did the Company withdraw upon your Coming in? I don't know that they did. Was you yourself alone with him? No. Did you never wear a black Wigg? No. One time you Say there was Company, at the two other times was there any body there besides his Servant? I don't know, but when I went there the first time, his Servant might go out of the Room and I might be alone with him; but that any One went out of the Room to leave me with him I don't remember. Do you remember at any of the times you was there that you Saw any of the prisoners with him? I do remember one time, but whether it was the first or second I can't be certain that there was one Johnson, who came in backwards & forwards I asked who he was, Bambridge sayd don't you know? I sayd how should I know him? Bambridge made Answer It is the famous Johnson. I remember that That was the Day that the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen Sat upon the Examination of W.m Kooper

of

of Newgate and Johnson came in and accused Jnº Allen who was the Keeper of some Cruelties and Bambridge ask'd — what he had done, Johnson reply'd I have given it him home, I have done his Business. — Was Johnson in the Room when you came in, or did he come in after you was there? He was not there when I came in, he came in a good while after. Was there any other person in the Room with Bambridge that same Day? I believe there was some other Company I believe there was One or Two besides. Can you Recollect the Hour of the Day? It was after Dinner about Three or four o'Clock. Did these persons quitt the Room when you came in? No, they did not. Did you stay during the whole time they were there? I went away first I did not stay long. Were they Drinking? I believe they were drinking a Bottle of Wine. You say that one of the times Bambridge went with you thro' the prest Yard to the Gate, was it this time or any other? I cannot Say. Did your Son go with you that Day Wm Smith was there? probably he might but I cant be particular. Was there any Mention made by you of the Cells as you went thro' the prest Yard? No. Do you think you should know Johnson? I am very well assured I should not. † / Have you lost your Teeth — before? No.

† Mr Hughes — Mr Smith, have you all the Teeth in your Head? Upon which he opened his Mouth, showed his Teeth (which appeared to be very white & not one wanting) & laugh'd & said to the Chairman He thought he had a Mind to be merry with him.

Mr Hughes The Question I ask You is of too great Consequence to Admit of Mirth (2 l. 5 11 s. 10 d. — Mr Hughes 1 l. 2 s. 6 d. 10 l. 7 s. 6 d.)

Roger Johnson was Examined.

You have given an Account of a fatt Jolly Comely person to be with Bambridge in Newgate are you positive and Sure that the View you had of him was Sufficient to distinguish him, and that you should know the person that was sitting in his Armed Chair with

Bambridge

Bambridge? I cannot be positive but I believe I
should know him. What habit had he on? Black
Cloaths with a Sort of a batt a pretty large Hatt.
Can you Recollect what Day it was? No. Do you
remember when the Aldermen Sat at Newgate, was
you with Bambridge that day? I was there every
Day. Was there any Body with you that day when
the Lord Mayor and Aldermen were Sitting there?
I can't be positive as to that. Did you give any
Account of what you did before the Aldermen? I can't
remember that. Did you give Evidence Yourself
the day that the Aldermen were there? Yes, I believe
I did. What was the Evidence you gave? It was in
Relation to the Hardships I had laboured under in
prison. Do you remember the Day? No. Do you
remember the Month? No. Was that the Day
you thought you Saw that plump Gentleman? I
can't be positive whether it was or not. Don't you
know all the Judges by Sight? I can't Say I do. —
Did you never See most or all of them in the Courts
of Justice? I can't Say that, I have been at the —
Kings Bench. Did you go to Bambridge that
day that your Examination was taken at Newgate
by the Aldermen, and give him an Account of what
had passed? I believe I might, because I told him
every thing. Do You remember any body's being
with Bambridge then? I can't say there was or
there was not. Was it not some time about the
latter End of April or the beginning of May that
you was Examined by the Aldermen? I cannot say.
Was it twelve Months ago? I believe it was abo[t] twelve

Months

Months ago, I believe in this Month, but I can't be positive. Was you in the Room when this plump Gent came in? I was going out of the Room. Did you return? No. Did you go into the Room? No, I went down into the Yard. How long did you stay in the prest Yard? About two Hours or better.

Then Mr. Smith was again Called in & directed to look upon Johnson —

Mr. Smith. (Looking upon him) I believe this is Mr. Johnson that was in Mr. Bambridge's Room.

Johnson. Did you ever see that Gentleman? Not to my knowledge before now. Are you sure that is not the fatt Jolly Comely Man that was there with Bambridge?

Smith ... I remember a remarkable Circumstance, he — (Johnson) took out a China Tea Cup, and he Complained that Allen had extorted a Sett of the like China from him.

Johnson was directed to look at Mr. Smith which he did;

Did you ever see him before? I dont remember I did.

Smith -- I remember he Complained that Allen had extorted several Guineas and a Sett of China, and pulled out of his pocket a broken Cup.

Johnson -- I do remember Allen had extorted some China Cups from me, but I don't know I shewed it to — Bambridge.

Smith - Johnson went out of the Room and Bambridge Sayd, Do You know that Gentleman? I sayd, Why should you ask me? Bambridge then sayd, It was the remarkable Johnson. When he came in again, and sayd I believe I have done Allen's Business, for I told them I had

had lain 'tile I was taken up with Lice.

Smith was directed to putt on his Hat & walk about

Johnson ... Looking upon Mr. Smith, I don't remember to have seen him before. Are you sure that he was not the Man you took for Cheif Justice Eyre? I cannot undertake to say that he was or not. Do you remember any of the Discourse that Mr. Smith has repeated? or any thing that you sayd to Bambridge? I don't remember it when Mr. Smith was present. Did you ever say these things to Bambridge? I believe I might.

Smith ... I think this is Johnson, and I am sure Johnson was there three or four times that day.

Johnson ... Can you say that was not the person that was there, when the Aldermen were there? I can't say whether he was or not. What was the Month that the person was in Newgate that was taken for Lord Cheif Justice Eyre? It was either the latter End of April or the beginning of May.

‡ Mr. Smith. What was the time you saw Johnson there? I cannot recollect the Month, It was the beginning of the Summer. Was this time the very Day that the Aldermen were there? It was, and I never saw him before or Since.

Johnson ... How many times was the Lord Mayor & Aldermen there? I was Examined Once. Was it the Day that the Lord Mayor was there, that you Shewed the Cup to Bambridge? I can't say it was, I believe it was not. Did you Complain of Allen's taking a Sett of China? Yes. Did you produce to the Aldermen a peice of China, to Shew the kind? Yes. And you had it in yo. pocket? Yes. Did you go to Bambridges with your

China

Elvina in your pocket? I don't know I did. You went to Bambridge that Day? Yes. Did not you acquaint Bambridge with what you was Examined to before the Aldermen that Day? I believe I might in the Evening when I was by myself. Was this the person (bidding him look upon Mr. Smith) that came down into the press Yard and was shewn the Cells? I can't say it was, or was not. Can you say he was not the person? I can't say he was not. Did you mention to Bambridge your being eat up with Lice or Shew him a Cup? I believe I might but I don't remember the Circumstances. If Lord Chief Justice Eyre and this person were to go Cross the press Yard, Should you know the One from the Other? I can't say whether I should or not, I believe Lord Chief Justice Eyre is taller.

Mr. Smith. What Wigg had you on? A Wigg of this Colour, a Litish brown.

Johnson. What Question did the person ask that went down with Bambridge in the press Yard? He ask'd what part that was, and Bambridge putt his Hand upon the Door and sayd the Cells, and then he asked if that was all the place they had to walk in Bambridge sayd Yes. What was Bambridge's Answer? Bambridge sayd they were the Cells, and the person ask'd Bambridge if that was all the place to walk in, and Bambridge sayd, Yes, and please you my Lord, that is all.

Did this person Called my Lord walk about the press Yard? I believe he turned once or twice, he went a little way down and then turned back & Bambridge pushed the Cell open. Did he walk out of Curiosity? I can't say. Was it Day Light? It was in the Afternoon I believe & was Day Light. Was there many persons

in

in the press Yard? There was Jn.º Brown. Is the press Yard for prisoners? Yes.

‡ Smith

When did you go away? I went away before dark that Day I saw Johnson.

Johnson.

Did this person supposed to be Lord Chief Justice Eyre come in, in a publick or private Manner? I believe he came in, in a private Manner. How do you know? Because he held his Handkercheif rubbing his Mouth. Was this person's Countenance so open that every body might see him? I looked at him but once, because I knew he came to Bambridge. Did he hold his Handkercheif at that time when he turned Once or Twice? I did not look very Stern at him, but I believe he had a Handkercheif then. Was the press Yard a publick place that the prisoners may go there at their pleasure? Yes those that lie on that Side the Goal. What is the Number of those that lie on that Side? I believe there is Ten or Twelve lies there now. When that person who you take My Lord came up into the Room, did you and Brown retire? Bambridge desired us to retire, & we went down into the Yard. Was that the same Evening that Brown was with you? It was the same Day. Brown went out of the Room, Did you return into the Room? Not 'till after the person was gone.

Do you remember what Conversation you had with Bambridge that Evening after you returned? I don't remember I had any. Did you spend the Evening after he was gone with Bambridge? I believe did not. Do you remember with whom you spent that Evening? I believe with Jn.º Brown in his Room.

Was.

Was there any other Company? No, Except my Wife. Had you any Conversation with Brown that Evening about this person? We were saying nothing would affect Bambridge, while such a person stood by him. What did you mean by such a Man? Because Mr. Brown says it was Judge Eyre, Then I sayd I was informed he had made him a present of a Ship made of Amber, I don't remember any more of it.

Mr. Smith. That Day you was in Newgate, Did you know who dined with Bambridge? That very Day Johnson shewed the Cup of China he came in to Bambridge & the Victuales was not taken away, Johnson was out when I first Came in, and Johnson came in after, and spoke of the Cup, and by what I could recollect, I believe Johnson dined there.

Johnson -- Do You remember Mr. Brown sayd he knew him to be Lord Chief Justice Eyre that afternoon that he was there. Yes he did.

Mr. Smith - Did you walk that night with Bambridge in the press Yard? I never did.

Johnson. Did Brown positively tele you that he knew That person that you Two had Seen, was Lord Chief Justice Eyre at that very time? Brown did tele me so.

+ The Comm: being in Debate who to Exain Mr Hughes the Chairman observed to the Committee that It might be proper to Examin Mr Birnie for that he had had this Morning some Queries put in his hands to Examin her to.

Whereupon the Committee desired they might be read which was accordingly done, and they are as follo

1. Whether Bambridge while in Newgate did not desire her to go with a Lre to Serjeants Inn in Chancery Lane.

(Turn over)

Jovis 30° die Aprilis 1730.

+ Then after some Debate

John Campbell was called in & Examined in the most Solemn Manner,

I desire he may be asked if he delivered any paper to any persons Hand belonging to this House relating to any Inquiry.

It

1. To whom was that Letter carried & what was the purport thereof?
3. Upon your refusal do you know, who was employed to Carry it, and what answer was received by them?
4. Did Bambridge tell you that L.C.J.L. was in Newgate with him Bambridge?
5. How often did he tell you so?

Then the Committee called upon Mr Hughes to know how he came by those Queries. Who informed the Committee that they were put into his Hands this Morning by John Campbell.

It was asked Mrs Birnie (Answer the Question directly) Please to shew me the Paper, Answer the Question directly. I did deliver a paper to that Honble Gentleman in the Chair. Whom did you deliver it? I believe there was Two papers delivered Can you repeat the Contents of that delivered this Morning? to him. The One was delivered this Morning, the Substance of that paper I had from the Mouth of Mrs Birnie, It was

Whether Mrs Birnie was not desired by Bambridge while in Newgate to go with a Letter to Serjeants Inn in Chancery Lane.

To whom that Letter was to be carried and the purport thereof.

Whether she did not refuse carrying of it and who was employed to carry it, and what Answer was recd.

When was this Conversation? I have had several Conversations with Mrs Birnie (No body would have appeared here had they not been Called upon) I sayd to her Madam there has been a great many things sayd.....

.... Do you know of any Sume of Money received from any Honble person by Bambridge? She says I can't say I did, but Bambridge desired me to carry a Letter to Serjeants Inn, She sayd she beleived She was Obnoxious to the person and it was not fitt for her to go, And She sayd Bambridge sayd if She would not go, a Gentlewoman Mrs Smith should; She told me, Mrs Smith went to the person and brought

brought a hundred Guineas. Do you know who she brought it from? I don't know who she brought it from of my own knowledge, but I apprehended she brought a note which was changed into Money, this was a little before his Tryals Commencon. Did She (Mrs Birnie) tele you of the Contents? She Sayd it was directed to an Honble person, and that she (Bambridge) had not a Guinea in the House, and desired that person would make provision for his Safety. — You mention several times that you had Conversation with Mrs Birnie, When was the first time? I cannot tele, It might be Three Months ago, I was always Cautious in telling her to say nothing but what was true. How long ago did She tele you She was to Carry this Letter? A Considerable Space of time. Whom did you first mention it to any body? I did mention it to Mr Hughes three Weeks ago (I am sure I spoke of it to Harbing). Where was that? I can't tele. Was Harbing by? I can't Say. Was any body by when you had the Conversation with Mrs Birnie? I cant Say. What Account did Mrs Birnie give you that She knew the Contents of the Letter? — Bambridge used to Converse with her about many Secrets, and (inter alia) she might be intrusted with this. Whether this was only Conjecturale or reale? Mr Bambridge would never intrust me with a Secret of a base Natures. How Came Mrs Birnie to tele

you

You this Secret Transaction? The Reason that Mrs Bonnie told me this, was this, Bambridge had great Intimacy with her and he had endeavoured to Suborn person to Swear that I had Suborned them, and I told that Lady that in Justification to herself as She had been intrusted by Bambridge, She could not wipe off that Stain so wele as by acquainting the Gentlemen of the Committee of Goals with ale She knew about it, She made Answer it was private Conversation, I told her where — private Conversation contained anything detrimental — ale to her Country, She ought to do Justice to her Country and discover it. You sayd from your own knowledge that you knew Mrs Bonnie had frequent Conversation with Bambridge, and you beleive She knew many things that were Secrets of his. I sayd that Bambridge had made an Attempt to Suborn Evidence to give Evidence that I had — Suborned Evidence to

I was also assured that there Blanks left in the Scheme for Subornation, and I did not know but they might be filled up with Some of the Members of this Honble House for whom they were designed, and I was informed that there was a Scheme laid for Roger Johnson to Swear that he was Suborned to give false Evidence against some Gentlemen and I made use of this why Mrs Bonnie should not keep any thing as a Secret.

This

This Contrivance. What do you mean by this Contrivance
The Subornation, Johnson told me that he was to Swear
that I came into Newgate to Swear against an Honble
person. What Honble person? The person Suggested
against whom I was to give Evidence was Lord Chief
Justice Eyre. Birnie mentioned the Letter three Weeks
ago? I believe that was the time. Was it longer?
I can't Say. How happened it that you did not mention
so material a Circumstance in your former Examination?
I was not Examined then as to any Conversation with
Mrs Birnie. Did you not apprehend this to be as
material Circumstance as to what She sayd before?
I'le putt this Matter out of Doubt, I did putt some
Queries of this Matter in a Letter to Harbin directed to
Edward Hughes Esq.r (Which see †) Why did you not encution it
on your former Examination. It was the first time
I was Examined, and I did not know whether I ought
to Speak to any thing that I was not ask'd to. What
were those Queries you sent to Harbin? The Title of
them were for Mrs Smith, the Subject was not altered.
Was those Queries before delivered as to Mrs Smith of
the same Substance as those to be ask'd Mrs Birnie?
As to the Substance they were, as farr as Circumstances
cou'd agree with the Nature of persons they do agree.
Did you ever Shew this paper to Mrs Birnie. No,
I don't think it proper any person should be shewn
any paper they are to be Examined to or prepossessed
with what they were to be Examined to. — You have
mentioned one Harbing, I desire to know if you ever

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† Heads for Examining Mrs Smith.

Whether Two or Three Days before Wm Bam.r Tryall for the felony was expected to come on during the time B's being in Newgate, She did not carry a Leter to L. C. J.

Whether the said Letters were not conceived in these or the like Terms Viz.t That he Bambridge had not a single Guinea in the House & that — therefore his Tryal coming on such a Day he (B'ge) hoped his ..... would provide for it accordingly.

Whether upon Her Carrying this or any other Leter from the said Bambridge to ..... the Sum of One Hundred Guineas in Gold or some Such large Sum were not Sent by her Hands from ..... to Bambridge.r

Whether She ever carry'd any other & what Message from B'ge to ..... & whether She ever received any other & what Sum at any time upon that Account.

To Edward Hughes Esq.r
These.

received any Money from Harbing? Some I received sometime ago, and some I received lately. How much have you received in all? In Six Months time I have received Ten pounds or under. Upon what Account was that Money paid you? I apprehended that Money to be for the Expences I was out of pocket nor was I a Gainer one Shilling. What have you been out of pocket for? This seems to be thought a very Material point, I will give you a direct Answer. I had a great deal of trouble in going about to persons and bringing people to and fro. Where and upon what Occasion were those persons brought? All the persons were not brought by me, for I did not bring down above Three. Who Employed you? I understood Harbing to be employed to Enquire into those Matters and to take Informations. I ask you whether the bringing down persons to these places was not to Draft. nail down their Evidences? I never drew an Affid.t so strong as people gave their Evidences. You say You had a great Deal of Labour and Expences, who Employ'd you? It would be difficult to tell you who Employ'd me, I had some Correspondence with Bambridge and finding I was ill used, I thought it necessary to reveal that which I did by sending Letters to the Honble Gentleman in the Chair. Who did you receive Directions from? It was Harbing constantly directed me to inquire into what I knew, but not to use any indirect Means and which I can say, I never did. You say you have two or three times taken

Witness

Witness before a Justice of peace in order to have them
Sworn, Name them? I brought two persons to Mr Hughes
and one to Justice Bever. Who were those persons
brought to Mr Hughes. Mr Brown Mr Johnson and Mrs Birnies.
Name the times when? The affidavits were Dated the
Day they were taken and they will Speak themselves.
I desire to know if any Affidavit of Mr Brown's was
taken in writing? Yes. Before whom? Mr Bever.
In whose hand was it putt after it was Sworn? I beleive
it is in the Hand of Mr Hughes, I desire to know whether
you did not desire an Allowance to be made and from
whom? I did writes a Letter to the Gentleman in the
Chair, for an Allowance for my time, I wanted no Bribe
to induce me not to do right. Did you receive any
Money from any body but Harbing? Yes, I had Occasion
to bring Mrs Birnies to Mr Hughes over Night and stay
late and could not see him, and then I brought her
the next morning and Mr Hughes gave me a Guinea
and I was three and Twenty Shillings out of pocket.
Can you remember when that was? Harbing was
gone down to attend the Bill against Acton at the
Assizes at Guildford, and that is the best Circumstance
I can recollect by. Was the Money that Harbing
paid you paid out of his own pocket on his own Acc.?
I heard Harbing often Say it was out of his own
pocket, and he did not know whether he should be
paid it again. Had you no promise made you
that you was to be paid? I had no other promise
than that if a man did Service to his Country he
possibly would be rewarded for it and probably might

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be taken Care of. From whom did you receive that promise? I believe I might be told it by Mr. Hughes and Harbing. Was this after you had Communicated this affair? It was after the Letters were sent that are in your hands (speaking to the Chairman) and I had Communicated all I knew. I desire to know if you had any promise that you should be paid? I do declare I never did receive any promise I should be paid. Did any body see the paper of Queries but your self? No person to my knowledge but my self when I wrote them, and I deliverd them into Mr. Hughes's hands, whose hands they have been in Since I can't tele. Did you write them all? I don't know. I thought you sayd you wrote them all? It was impossible for me to tell you that, without seeing them. What part did you write? I told Mr. Hughes of this Matter Mr. Hughes desired me to write them down that they might not slip out of his Memory, (before shewn the paper of Queries) was ask'd whether he wrote them all? I wrote the Three first. Who wrote the others? I can't tele, nor did I see this paper with those Queries annex'd to it 'till now. Whose hand are they? Upon recollecting I take them to be the Hand writing of Harbing from the Conversation he had with Mrs Birnie. What do you know of the Conversation Harbing had with Mrs Birnie? The Case is this, That Mrs Birnie in my presence and Harbing's did declare the Substance of what is in that paper. When was it? Last night. Were those Queries wrote in that

paper

paper before they were delivered by You? I sayd I never saw those Queries before now. Where were those Queries wrote? They were wrote in Mr Hughes's outer Office. At what time? About nine o'Clock this Morning. — Was the Chairman present? No. What did you do with them? As soon as they were wrote I delivered them to the Chairman. Had you no Conversation before about them? I believe I told the Chairman I had had a further Conversation with Mrs Birnie that was proper to be known, and the Chairman sayd, if any thing was proper to be known, putt it down as Queries. Had you any Discourse with Harbing about these Queries? I told Harbing the Substance but that Harbing told me how to draw them, he did not, I think myself Capable. You say that you received a Guinea when you brought Mrs Birnie? The Guinea was not given then when I brought Mrs Birnie, I had brought Mrs Birnie to — Mr Hughes, Mr Hughes being desirous to know what she sayd, and I sayd 'tile twelve o'Clock from Six but had not an Opportunity of seeing him, and then I — carried Mrs Birnie back again and brought her up in the Morning. How often was you at the Chairman's with Mrs Birnie? Three or four times, I believe it was four times. Was you with Mr Hughes about any other Affairs? No. Was there any thing sayd. but what She sayd in your presence? I believe there might. When you was first Called in, you spoke to the Substance of those Queries, How do you know who that Letter was directed to, or the Contents? Do You ask with Regard to my own knowledge? No, What Mr Birnie

told

told you— I had told Mrs Birnie that it had been Suggested that Bambridge had received Money from Lord Chief Justice Eyre and I sayd to her, you have been in many of his Secrets, Do you know nothing of this to your own knowledge? She sayd She was directed to carry a Letter to Lord Chief Justice Eyre by Bambridge and She made this Answer to— Bambridge, I look upon that Gentleman as— obnoxious to me and I to him, so I am improper to go. Did She say any thing of the Contents of this— Letter? The Contents were that he had not a Guinea in the House and his Tryale was to come on such a time and he hoped some provision would be made. Did Birnie say She had seen the Inside of the— Letter? I can't say, I had not Forecast enough at that time to ask her whether she had or not.— Did Mrs Birnie explain what she meant by being Obnoxious? Yes, She had a Tryale before Lord Chief Justice Eyre in which She and her Husband were Defendants in her Right as Executrix and She had been Comitted with her Husband and complained of it to My Lord as being a new thing and irregular and he sayd if there was no precedent, he would— make one, upon which She conceived he did not like her. Have you talkd with Mrs Birnie since that? I spoke to her to day. Had you any Conversation about this besides this day? Yes, several times and she told me the same thing in the— same Manner, — Are you particular as to any time or place She told you about this? I believe I can

recollect

recollect the first time. I can't be positive, I believe the
first time was at the Queens Head in the Old Baily.—
Do you remember the time? I do not. Was any One
in Company? I believe there was no body in Company,
for if there had She would not have spoke of it to me.
What is Harbing? I don't know what to Call him, He
was a person I knew in the ffleet prison, and never
was Guilty of any ille thing and was recommended to
the Gentlemen of the Committee and was Employ'd by
them. Do you think Harbing to be in such
Circumstances as to be able to give you Ten pounds
out of his pocket? I did not understand it to be Charity.

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Mrs Birnie told me that since this Enquiry began, She
was met by Bambridge in Bell Savage Yard and—
Bambridge sayd he would speak to her, and if She would
consent to write a Letter to Lord Chief Justice Eyre that
there was an Attempt made to Suborn Witnesses to Swear
against him, or gett me to write such a Letter, then he
would be the Faithfull Messenger to Carry this Letter to
Lord Chief Justice Eyre, and he should be a Friend to us.
Had you any Intimation that you should not see the
other Evidence before you was Called in? No, upon my
Oath there was none. Upon what Account did you meet
last with Mrs Birnie and Harbing? We met in the Old
Baily but no Direction was given by Harbing or me to
her. Was this Enquiry the Means of this Enquiry as to
Lord Chief Justice Eyre? About the beginning of Novem.
last I began to discover some things carried on in which
probably I might be involved and in order to extricate

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my Self, knowing Harbing was made use off by the Committee of Goals, I did apply my Self to him and told him I apprehended I was under the Displeasure of some of the Committee, and I told him that the Bambridge did not intrust me with his Secrets, my Eyes were open and I might discover some of his Designs, I was previously told I was not to expect any kind of Favours or Reward, I told him I did not expect it and in pursuance of that I wrote five several Letters and in those Letters I told all that I knew of my own knowledge, I saw a Clerk of Bambridge's deliver a Letter to Ld. Chief Justice Eyres upon the Bench, and in my Letters I sayd I had heard that Bambridge had plenty of Money.

Bambridge did pretend to me to be Capable of great Discoveries and I went and acquainted Mr. Cg Cotthorpe about it, and the Man out of his great good Nature let Harbing and my Self go back, but Bambridge trifled as he always did & we could gett nothing Material from him, there was a Door artfully left open (that our Conversation might be overheard) The Day before Bambridge had no Money but soon after he had a great Affluence which I believe must come from Somebody that see us there this amongst other things I putt in writing. I was told One Everett who was come into Newgate for robbing on the Highway could make some Discoveries, At last Overtures was made to Harbing. I sayd It may be of Consequence, we will go and

accordingly

accordingly we went to the Gate and could not get in,
And the next Day the Dead Warrant came down for his
Execution, the Man had but one Day to live which is
an Extraordinary thing no Sunday intervening, however
I did go to the Man, and he did make a Discovery as to
Lord Chief Justice Eyre's having been there, and he
sayd there were severale, he mentioned one Brown and
Roger Johnson that knew it, and Johnson made the same
Answer to it, and I told Johnson that his Character as
Everett's was in such a Situation that I would make
no use of them, I did endeavour to save Everett's Life
but did not prevail, and one Corbett a Creature of
Bambridge's attended that Man every Day and gave
that Man hopes of his Life, that he might be hanged
out of the way, This Story was talked of and came to be
mentioned up and down and there was a Maid Servant
that had lived with Bambridge Sayd She had seen a
person there who by his Dress She took to be a popish
Priest, and I went down with her to Serjeants Inn &
She saw Lord Chief Justice Eyres going out of his Coach
and She Sayd he was the person that had been with her
Master Bambridges without being Dictated to. Not-
withstanding Johnson did tell me about this Matter
yet he was of so base a Character that I would not make
use of any such person. Did not you give Instructions
to Jones what she was to do? I never did or gave —
Instructions to do any thing but what was right and
just. (Mr. Oglethorpe) When was the Conversation
with me? The very Day that Bambridge was acquitted

for.

for the Murder of Castell. Was that the Wigg you had at that time? I wore a black wigg at the time. Did Jones say that was the Man, without your saying any thing to her? Yes, I did not ask her any Questions. Did you not shew Lord Cheif Justice Eyre to her? No, I never shewed her him at all. I think you went with her to Serjeant's Inn in Chancery Lane, what was the purpose of your going? Harding and I went to see if she knew Lord Cheif Justice Eyre. Did you say nothing about Lord Cheif Justice Eyre to her? I did not shew him to her, I did not direct her to him, She look'd upon him and sayd that Gentleman in the Open Sleeve Gown was the Gentleman. When he came out of his Coach was you standing still? Yes, I stood on purpose that if he came out she might see him, Lord Cheif Justice Raymond came out of his Coach before him a Quarter of an Hour, and she look'd at him and sayd he was not the Man. Had you any Discourse before you went down with her, what she was to do? I believe I might. What was that Conversation? I believe the Conversation was this, Mrs Jones this is a Matter of great Importance therefore do nothing but what is just and I carried her to Lord Cheif Justice Raymond's industriously to try if she could distinguish the person. For what purpose did you carry her there? To be satisfyed if she should See the person by Chance she had See'n at her

Master

Master Bambridge's She could know him again.—
Had you any Discourse about the Habit of the Man?
No, upon my Oath. Did she say to any body else—
this is not the Man! The Reason She sayd Lord Chief
Justice Raymond was not the Man was his being in an
Extraordinary Habit. I desire to know what time of
the Year it was that you went down with Jones to
Serjeants Inn? About the beginning of March.—
Was it in the Morning or in the afternoon? In the
afternoon. What Gown had he on? An open Sleeve
Gown. What Colour was it? Black. What Judge
was Everett Tryed before? I don't know. Was Lord—
Chief Justice Eyre there or no? I can't tell. To whom
did you make Application to save the Man? His Wife
brought up a Man who had some papers of his in—
his Custody and I sent Harbing with him to the
Chairman.

Then Mr. Hughes was desired to Inform the
Comittee how the Two last Queries came to be wrote
in the paper of Queries.

Mr. Hughes. I remember upon looking upon that paper Mr.
Harbing was at my House, and Harbing wrote part
of them—

Bell Anna Alinda Burnie
was Examined

Give the Committee an Account whether you
recollect the former Conversation you had with—
Bambridge about a Great Man. The first Conversation

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I repeated the last time I was Examined. Give an
Account of what Conversation you had w.th Bambridge
when in Newgate about going with a Letter to Serj.ts
Jun.r About Three Days before Bambridge was to
come upon his Tryal and he refused to be Tryed by
Sr. Wm. Thompson he asked me to go to Serjeants Jun
with a Letter, Serjeants Jun said I. Yes said he, —
you know where, I made Answer it would not be
acceptable to me to carry the Letter there, upon w.ch
he said, that Mrs. Smith shou'd go, and Smith was —
sent for but whether she went or no, I can't say;
He had but one Guinea that Day and that Night
or the next Day he had a hundred. You saye that
Bambridge sayd you was to go to Serjeants Jun
you knew where, How came he to say you knew
to whom? Because before we had been talking of
Lord Cheif Justice Eyres. What was the Conversation
about Lord Cheif Justice Eyre? Bambridge was
saying that the Gentlemen of the Comunitee had
a Mind he shou'd give up Lord Cheif Justice Eyre &
that he wou'd dye before he wou'd do it, Upon
that he desired me to carry the Letter to Serjeants
Jun and sayd you know where or you may guess
where and I sayd if I knew where I believed I —
shou'd not be an Acceptable person to go there. —
Had any one in Serjeants Jun done you an Injury
that you cou'd not be acceptable? I had a Tryal
on the Twenty ninth of May was two Years before

Lord —

Lord Chief Justice Eyre said he was beginning to
sum up the Evidence before ten of my Witnesses were
heard, and I was forced to putt him in Mind of it. &
he had patience to hear three only but heard no more.
Did you Complain of this? Yes, publickly. Did you to
Bambridge? Yes. How came Bambridge to desire
you to go to him? My Lord might not know me. Had
you any Conversation with Campbelle in Relation to —
this Letter? I believe I may I have told Campbele of it
I have told a great many people. Was you acquainted
with Campbele? Yes. Did you not Converse with him
about this Letter? I believe I might. Was there any
particular time that it was talked of as a Secret? I
may have talked of it as a Secret, but I can't recollect;
I don't remember that it was in a Secret private —
Manner. I desire to know if the Lady is Married?
Yes. Have you been with Campbele at a Tavern? Yes.
Did you ever meet Campbele alone at a Tavern? Yes,
I was to wait on Mr. Hughes and was with Campbele
alone. What part of the Town was it at? at the Ship
Tavern at Charing Cross. Did you talk any thing of
this Letter there recollect? You may as well desire
me to recollect every thing since I was born. Did you
never meet Campbele at any other Tavern at any
other time? I have met him very often, I have been
with him at a Tavern alone about Business. Did
you never go to a Tavern on purpose to talk about this
thing? I don't know that I did. Can you recollect at
how many Taverns you have been with Campbele?

Sr

Q. You are very Witty upon Taverns, xxxx
But my irreproachable way of Life! Defy any thing that can be sayd of Taverns as to me. —
Do you remember any particular Tavern you met Campbell at when you talkd of this Letter?
I cannot. Did you ever meet at any Tavern in the Old Baily or near the Old Baily? I have met him at the Crown Tavern, I met him I can't say I went along with him. Can you recollect any other Tavern in the Old Baily that you was with Campbell I can't recollect in an Acquaintance of a long time and upon business done for my Husband, I may have been at every Tavern there. Did Bambridge deliver the Letter to you? No. Did you see the Superscription? No. Was there any Superscription? I only saw that it was a Letter. What was the Substance? I was for Money, he told me Smith had brought it. From whom? He did not tell me that. Do you remember the last time you spoke to Campbell about it, Did you speak to Mr. Campbell within this Week? I believe I might. Did you speak last Night of it? I can't say whether I did or no, very likely I might. Did Bambridge tell you Lord Cheif Justice Eyre was in Newgate to visit him? I have heard Bambridge say he knew nothing of him, and I have heard him say in three Days after that Lord Cheif Justice Eyre must take some Care of him or he'd undoe him. —

Recalled

Recollect whether you had any Conversation with Campbele last Night about this Matter? It is possible I might, I had a long Conversation with him last Night but cant Charge my Memory. I desire to know if you can fix the time when Bambridge shewd the Letter. It was three or four Days before his Tryal when he refused to be Tryed by Baron Thompson. — When was the first time that you discoursed about this Letter and to whom did you discourse about it? I believe I spoke to my Husband and talked of a Letter that Bambridge would have had me have carryed. — When was the first time you told Campbele of it? I have told him severale times but do not recollect the first time I cannot Charge my Memory with it. (I was a very unwilling Witness here and refused — four Orders before I attended) Did you ever tele Harbing? I believe I have very lately. When did you first tele Harbing of it? very lately. Did you arquaint Harbing a fortnight or a Month ago? I don't believe it's so long I do believe it's abo. fourteen Days ago. Did you give any Information of this Fact before the Committee? No, I had no Inclination to give any Information, for what I sayd to Mr Hughes was what I had before sayd to Harbing & Harbing told Mr Hughes of it so I was sent for. Did you tele Campbele voluntarily? The first time I told him was in Common Discourse, not apprehending I should be called in Question. Can you recollect w. Arguments Campbele used to you to Come? When I had had three

Orders.

Orders served upon me he wondred I would not
appear and told me he thought my Husband
and I had Trouble enough already to make me
not withstand the power of the House of Comons.
Where did Mrs Smith carry the Letter? When
Mrs Smith came back Bambridge ask'd her if
she had had any Succes? She sayd Yes, but
Did not then declare what it was. What Answer
Did you make to excuse coming to be Examined?
I saye'd it was only Committing me from one
Goal to another and if I did come the Serjeant
should bring me in his Arms, and I would not
speak a word when I came. Was that time you
mentioned the first time that Campbele apply'd
to you to appear? It was not the first time, for
Campbele had heard some Words I sayd and had
acquainted Mr. Hughes with it and Mr. Hughes
had me there and I went and informed him
what I had sayd. Did Campbele make use of
any Arguments to gett you there? He sayd I
ought not to be so Nice in a Matter that was for
the Common Good of my Country. Can you
recollect whether it was before the Twentieth
of March that you told Campbele of this Letter?
I can't Say. Did Campbele hear any thing of it
before the Twentieth? I can't say what Campbele
heard. Have you not spoke of it Commonly &
publickly before the Twentieth of March? I

don't

dont know but I might. What Reason have you to
1. suppose that Mr. Smith carried the Letter to Lord
Chief Justice Eyre? My Reason is, That Jo. Bambridge
was in Conversation about My Lord Chief Justice Eyre
and Bambridge sayd to me, I want you to go to Serj.ts
Inn but I sayd I was not a proper person to solicit
Mr. Smiths. Who did perswade you to make an
Information upon Oath? Harbing and Campbell
both sayd when I sayd the Words that there was a
9.— strange Contrivance of Bambridge's wherein he had
a Mind to involve me, I sayd he talks of a Justifi-
cation, he forgetts what he sayd to me in the Barr.
but whether it was Harbing or Campbell told Mr.
Hughes, I cant say. Where did you make this
Affidavit? Before Mr. Hughes. Did Bambridge
† tell you Lord Chief Justice Eyre was with him at
Newgate? He did tell me so, but I would not depend
upon Bambridge's Veracity. Did you ever pretend
to tell the Contents of the Letter to Campbell? I never
saw the Inside, I never ***could tell the Contents.
+ Did you Conjecture the Contents? Yes. Did you tell
Harbing or Campbell of it? Yes. Give an Account
of any Conversation you had with him the Day he
refused to be Tryed by Sr. Wm. Thompson? He sayd the
Gentlemen of the Committee wanted him to give up
Lord Chief Justice Eyre but he would be Cutt in peices
first, and a Day or two after he sayd, if he knew how
to give him up and the Gentlemen of the Committee
would have any Confidence in him, he would give
him up and he would have had me made an Applicatio

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(speaking to the Chairman)
to you or Mr. Egglethorpe and he sayd if I would
Communicate this Affair to any one Gentleman
he would give him up and in the Evening he sent
for me again and sayd he would not do it. —
Did Bambridge Assign any Reason? He did not,
but he sayd it was in his power, he was sure it
was in his power, and Lord Chief Justice knew
it was in his power. What Reason have you to
believe Mrs. Smith brought Money from Lord Chief
Justice Eyre. Mrs. Smith came into the Room &
Bambridge sayd have you Success? She sayd I
have; That Day he told me he had but One
Guinea and the next I see him have a hundred
Guineas.

Elizabeth Smith was Examined &c

Can you recollect that you carried any Letter
from Mr. Bambridge and where? I carryed a
Letter about three days after Mr. Bambridge was
Carryed into Custody to Mr. Huggins in St. Martins
Lane, and I carried it open it was relating to his
private Affairs, and that was all the Letters I
carried in my Life for Mr. Bambridge, There was
some Memorandums I was to tell Huggins by
Word of Mouth. Was Huggins at home? Yes,
And he was at his House in St. Martins Lane?
Yes. You did not carry any other Letters? No.
Did you ever Carry any Letter to any person in
Serjeants Inn? No. Did you ever give any
Account that you had carried such a Letter and
had Success? No never. Had you no Conversation
with Mrs Birnie
on

on the Subject Matter of a Letter. Q. No. Was there any Money came thro' your hands to Bambridge while in Newgate? Yes, a great deal. I desire to know if you can tell from whence you received it. I received Some from Smithfield from Graziers, Some from Barnard Street, some from Romney Marsh, some from one Ashford of Bear Key, & Some from a — Hoyman and Bank Bills I have received. — Can you give an Account of Bambridge's Circumstances when he was first Committed. When Bambridge was first taken in Custody, he Lodged at my House, He came home pretty early in the Evening and went up into his own Apartment and desired to speak to me and Sayd was there any thing in his Apartm.t that I wanted out for he should not stay that Night I ask'd him what was the Meaning. He sayd he believed the House of Commons had order'd him into Custody xxxhe was opening his Scrutore and he took out several Bank Bills and a purse of Gold, I sayd what are you taking with you all your Money, you'll run away, He said I have no Guilt upon me, and so I am under no fear, about twelve o'Clock he came down into the parlour, and went away, after he went to Newgate he desired I would Send him those papers that lay in his Room and the Money, accordingly I did and there was several Guineas, Two Guineas wrapp'd up in a paper and some Silver. After he was Carryed to Newgate some of the Gentlemen of the Comm.ittee

came

came to my House with Bambridge as my Maid
told me for I was out. Who was it of this House?
Some of the Gentlemen came from the Fleet to my
House I believe Alderman Parsons was one.—
Was the Money you received in Exchange for Bills,
or did you apprehend it to be a present? No, never.
Was the money Changed for Bills you received for
him? There were several Bills came in Letters,
I carryed those Letters to him, some of the Bills
were for three Days, some for a Week's payment.
Can you give any generale Account what Sums
were received in this Manner for his (Bambridge's)
Acount. I can't give an exact Account there-
were several hundreds of pounds. — Can you
tell what Sums the Bills amounted to. I believe to
or Six hundred pounds in Money and Bills. —
Was you ever at any time in Newgate with
Bambridge and Mrs Birnie? Yes, several
times. Did you bring any Money at any time
when She was there? I have sometimes I
believe I may. Was there any Question askd
you if you had Success as to any Letter you
carried for him? I never could be askd such a
Question, because I never carryed such a Letter.
Did you ever bring him the Sume of One
hundred pounds or one hundred Guineas in
one intire Sum? I believe I have 50 or 40. —
If you ever bought a hundred Guineas at one
time, and where you received it? I have recd

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hundred Guineas from Alderman Child, I did
not receive it all at one time. Where had you the
Note? It was payable to himself. From whom
did these Bills come? They came from several
Tenants of the Country. How do you know that?
Because I have seen the people's Names on the Bills
and Letters directed for me at my Houses. About
what time did you receive the Money from
Alderman Child, was it at his Tryals? I can't
recollect, I remember I received fifty pounds from
a grocer in Smithfield. Where was Bambridge
when you delivered that Letter to Huggins? At
Mr. Pope's the Messenger's House. Did you ever
bring the Sum of a hundred Guineas from Lord
Cheif Justice Eyres or any other Sum to Bambridge?
No, I never was with Lord Cheif Justice Eyres.
Did you carry any Letters to Lord Cheif Justice Eyre
or any body in Serjeants Inn? No, I never carried
but that one Letter to Mr. Huggins. Was you ever
desired to carry a Letter from Bambridge to any
body at Serjeants Inn? No. Were these Notes
Bank Notes or Bills drawn upon Mr. Child? I can't
recollect, I think they were Bills payable to Mr.
a Bambridge Mr. Child's were Notes. What were those
Notes you received out of the Country? They were
Notes that were sent by Tennants out of y Country
to be paid in Town, I carryed them to the Men who
was to pay them to accept them, and then they paid
them. Where had you that Note of a hundred
pounds

pounds received of Mr. Alderman Child? From Bambridge. You were saying Several Members came to your House? My Maid said so, I was not at Home. By what means did you bring the Money you paid to Bambridge? By Notes I had from Mr. Bambridge on people that were due to him. Did you go to receive the Notes? Yes. Where did you receive the hundred pounds from? Mr. Child, I think I received part first and so endorsed the Remainder on the back of the Note, and I carryed that Money to Bambridge. Who had you the Notes from? From Bambridge. Whose Note was it? I think it was Mr. Child's Note.

Mrs Birnie being again called into the Room to be confronted with this Witness as to the carrying a Letter to Lord Chief Justice Lyttelton to Serjeants Inn was again Examined.

Mrs. Birnie. Is this Mrs. Smith you spoke of? Yes. Is this Mrs. Smith that Carryed the Letter that you refused to carry and who you heard give an Account that she had Success? I say Sr. that Mr. Bambridge desired me to carry a Letter which I refused — Bambridge told me he did deliver that Letter to Mrs. Smith and was Sitting in the Room when Mrs. Smith came in, and Bambridge asked her if She had Success, and Smith says Yes.

Mrs. Smith. I give an Account what you remember of this Conversation. I remember nothing of it because it never was, Mr. Bambridge never gave

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a Letter to me from Newgate to Carry.

Mrs Birnie. What I have to Say is that Bambridge Sayd if I would not carry the Letter Mrs Smith should, I did not See the Letter delivered to Mrs Smith, Mr Bambridge Sayd She should carry it, I was in the Room when Mrs Smith came back, and all I heard Bambridge Say was Have you Success, and Mrs Smith Sayd Yes.

Mrs Smith. Is that true or not? I don't remember any thing of it.

Mrs Birnie. Did you not Say that Mr Bambridge Sayd he had Changed his last Guinea, and when Mrs Smith came back he had a hundred. Bambridge told me he had Changed his last Guinea or had his last Guinea in his pocket, and the next Day or that Evening Bambridge sayd he had a hundred. —

What Reason had you to give so false an Account to the Committee? Why did you suppose this Letter was carried by Somebody else? I did say that I talked of Lord Chief Justice Eyre with Bambridge, what I was talking about was my own Tryals, & Bambridge sayd I have a Letter to carry to Serjeants Inn, you know where, I replyd, if I know where I shall be an unacceptable Messenger, then he sayd he would get Mrs Smith to go.

Mrs Smith. When you returned to Bambridge, did he ask you what Success you had. I don't recollect it. —

Mrs Birnie When was it. I believe it was three or four Days. — before Bambridge was to be Tryed, and was not Tryed.

J.

82. Mrs Smith.

I begg Mrs Smith may be askd if she fetched money three days before the Tryal? I believe I did not. What time did you receive that hundred — pounds? Towards the latter End of the Summer. Don't you recollect when you came into Mr. — Bambridge's Room that you saw that Lady there? I saw her several times. Had you fetched any Money when she was there? I might but I can't recollect any particular times. Did you give — any Account that you deliverd a Letter from Mr. — Bambridge and the Contents? I could do no such thing because I never did do it.

Mrs Birnie having Something to say to the Committee Mrs Smith was ordered to withdraw.

Mrs Birnie.

Have you had any Conversation with any body since your Last Examination? Mr. Harbing came to fetch me but I had no Conversation with him I should have disputed the Veracity of Mr. Bambridge by Summoning people who were to Swear a Conspiracy against Mr. Oglethorpe and others. I told you that Mr. Bambridge had threatned me that in Case I — came here if I dared to Swear what I have Sworn he would bring Twenty Witnesses to Contradict what I should say, I told him I had nothing to speak but Truth in Consequence of this he has Summoned — twenty people his Creatures who have formed a Conspiracy against Mr. Oglethorpe and other Gentlemen part of these Twenty Witnesses which he has to produce and has given a List to be Examined here I don't think after having had such a Design against

Mr.

Mr. Oglethorpe in particular, I think the Witnesses are not proper to be beleived if I may have leave to give my Reasons I will go on, The two Goughs did before my Face take Directions of Mendez Solas and hee did say he could Swear this Way or that Way & would Swear any Way for Two Guineas and these two persons were to Swear upon what Mendez Solas sayd. — How do you know who was Summon'd to attend.? I heard Yesterday the two Goughs did attend. Do you know what this Conspiracy was? That Bambridge had given Mendez Solas two Guineas to Swear that Mr. Oglethorpe did say that he might Swear what he pleased against Bambridge, for he should never See him but at Tyburn.

Thomas Smith was Examined

Have you any Employment about Newgate.? Not at this time. Had you the Latter End of April or beginning of May last.? Yes. What was it.? Turnkey. — Did you constantly attend at the Gate when your Partner was away.? Yes. And no body cou'd be let in but by your Partner or yourself.? I can't say that. — Did you ever part with the Key.? No, but to my Partner. Did you let any other person let persons in.? No, not at my Door. — Do you know ale the Judges.? I know some of them. Who do you know.? I know them ale by Seeing them. Do you know Lord Chief Justice Eyre.? By Name. Do you know him in person.? I know him by bringing prisoners before him. How long have you known him.? About two Years. Did you ever See him in Newgate.? Never to my knowledge. I desire to know

know if ever you heard or remember that any person of that Character was there? To the best of my remembrance I do not. How long have you left Newgate? About Six or Seven Weeks ago. You say You was Turnkey there abou a Year and a half? Yes. Was you there in April or May last? Yes. You say you know Said Chief Justice Eyre? Yes. Did you never let that person in? To my knowledge I did not. Did you ever let any person in like him? I can't say. Did you ever see him out of his Robes? No. If you saw him out of his Robes, should you know him? I can't say, I believe I should for he is a very remarkable Man. When you had not the Key was it constantly in the Custody of Ackerman? Yes. In the Months of April or May did any body attend besides you and your partner? No body but my Self or him. Was you Turnkey all the time Bambridge was in Newgate? Yes. — What other Door was it you spoke of? There is a sort of a Door that come out thro' a Room by Allen's House into the Press Yard. Had you the Key of that Door? No, Mr. Allen kept the Key of that Door. Who was Allen? He was Deputy Keeper of Newgate. — Was there but one Door where you Turn the Key by the Cells? Only one by the Cells. And your partner and your Self kept the Key? Yes. — What part of Newgate does the other Door open into? Into one of the Rooms in the Press Yard. Was that Door near to the Cells? No.

Thomas.

Thomas Langley was Examined

Have you any Office or Employment about Newgate? I am Turnkey. How long have you been so? I believe this twelve Years. Did you attend at the latter End of April or the beginning of May? I am about the Goal continually. What part? The Masters and Debtors and Felons Side. Do you keep any Door that goes into the press Yard? No. Have you ever heard or remember of a Report in the Goal of a Judge's coming to Visit Bambridge? Never did I tile within these few Days. Do you know George Weland? Yes. Have you seen him lately? Yes. Have you seen him in Newgate lately? Yes, about five Weeks ago. Who was in Company? There was a Strange Man with him Was there any Prisoner in Company? The Man that came with Weland said he had an Old School fellow in Goal, I ask'd him who it was, he said Roger — Johnson. Did Johnson come in Company? Yes, & drank punch in that Company. † Was there any Mention made of a Judge's being in Newgate? I don't know. Was Campbell's Name mentioned? I heard — Campbell's Name mentioned, and heard Johnson reflect upon Campbell. What was it for? I can't tell what it was for but Johnson pulled a Letter out of his pocket and said it is his hand writing, but whether it was Campbell's or not I can't say. Can you remember any part of the Discourse you had from Roger — Johnson? I did hear him Say that Somebody would have had him Swore something, but he would not for the World, I can't Say who it did Concern I was going

backward

backward and forward. Who was that person w.th Welland when you heard him mention Campbele? - should you know, was his Name West. No, I know West. Was it Beatniff or West? No, it was neither of them. When was this? About a Month or five Weeks ago. /

George Welland was Examined

What are you? An Attorney. Have you been Lately in Newgate, and how long ago? About five Weeks, I was in Company with Joseph Brewer, - Thomas Langley and Roger Johnson. - Was there any Discourse as to any person's being with - Bambridge? Sometime after I was in Company Roger Johnson Sayd he had been Tampered with by some Gentlemen of this Honble House to give Evidence against Lord Chief Justice Eyre, that he had been with Bambridge and that Application was made by One Campbele from some of the Gent of the Committee to Swear that Lord Chief Justice Eyre was in Newgate. Who was it tampered with him? One John Campbele, and he sayd he should have his Liberty forthwith if he would Swear - that Lord Chief Justice Eyre had been w.th Bambridge. How was his Liberty to be had? In the first - place Campbele sayd he should be removed by Habeas Corpus to the Kings Bench, and then he should have his Liberty, then Johnson produced a Letter Signed J. C. and sayd that now was his time to have his Liberty if he would Swear that Lord

Chief

Chief Justice Eyre had been there. You say he was to be removed by Habeas Corpus, How was he to gett his Liberty? By being first removed and then he was to have his Liberty by Compounding with the Commissioners of Excise. Who was to procure that Habeas Corpus? He sayd Mr. Hughes & Mr. Oglethorpe. I ask you whether Johnson only told you so, or whether you had any other Assureance? I saw a Letter from Campbele signed J. C. or John Campbell and the purport of that Letter was, if he would Swear that Judge Eyre was with Bambridge he should be removed by Habeas Corpus and his Liberty would be procured by Mr. Oglethorpe and Mr. Hughes. Did you read the Letter? Yes. — Did Johnson declare if he knew Lord Chief Justice Eyre was in Newgate? Roger Johnson sayd he did not know Lord Chief Justice Eyre, and that he was not at Newgate, and he would not Swear it. Did the Letter Express that Mr. Oglethorpe and Mr. Hughes would get his Liberty? Yes, that they would get his Liberty, Langley told me that he believed — Johnson had the Letter now about him. When was this Letter sent? Johnson sayd it was sent the same day. Who was it signed by? By J. C. or John Campbele. What day? I believe it was this Day five Weeks. Who was there? Joseph Brewer and Tom Langley. Was Langley there all the time? Roger Johnson sayd to Langley, take Care of Campbell or he will Swear against you; & Langley sayd I don't value what he can Swear, I am not afraid of him. What other Conversation was there between

Langley

Langley and him? I can't tell. Was there any other Conversation? Mr. Brewer sayd Roger I— hear you are disposing of your plate and Jewels in order to Come out, he says he I have don[illegible] way of coming out So he began and told what I— have sayd, Then he informed us that Campbell had been Tampering with him that if he would Swear to Lord Cheif Justice's being with Bambridge he should have a Habeas Corpus and gett his— Liberty by Compounding with the Commissioners of the Treasury. Was this Conversation had before or after he produced the Letter? After he produced the Letter that Campbell desired him to Swear. What was the Contents of this Letter? That he had had Conversation with Johnson about Lord— Cheif Justice Eyre's being with Bambridge and if he would Swear that the Lord Cheif Justice Eyre had— been with Bambridge, now was his time to gett his Liberty or never. How long did you give Notice of this? I gave no Intimation of it, this is the first I have sayd of it. You saw this Letter, how came you not to give an Account of it? I— thought it would never come upon the Carpet— because Johnson sayd he would do no such thing. How do You know that Campbell wrote the Letter? I know Campbell's Hand writing very well— To whom did you tell it first? To Mr Barnes the philazer. Was Langley in Company when the Letter was produced? Yes. Did he read the Letter

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in the Hearing of Langley? Yes. Did Langley make any Reply? No, but I made a Reply. What Reply did you make? I. sayd I should have heard if Lord Chief Justice had been there. Was ale this sayd in the Hearing of Langley? Yes. Where is this Letter now? Langley says he believes Johnson has the Letter now.

Roger Johnson being Called in to be Confronted with Welland was again Examined

Johnson. — produce the Letter that you received from Campbele. I have no Letter nor ever had from Campbele. Did you ever receive a Letter from Campbele, and when? I never received a Letter from Campbele. Have you not in your pocket this Letter? I have several ale. If you have one from Campbele produce that? I have none. Have you ever a Letter Signed J. C.[r] No.

Then the Witness took a Letter out of his pocket. Is that Campbell's Hand? No. Give up to the Clerk whatsoever Letters you have.

(The Committee did not think it proper to insist upon that so he did not produce them.)

Welland. — Was Shewn the Letter annexed to Johnson's Examination. — Was that the Letter you saw? No, the Letter I saw was about half a Sheet of paper. — Do you Say this is the Roger Johnson you spoke of? Yes, he knows it. Did you see the Letter of Campbell to him? I saw it in his hands, and he gave it me to

read

read. What was it you sayd as to his having the Letter now? I sayd Langley sayd he believed that Johnson had it now.

Johnson ... Was you in Newgate at that time? Yes. Did you produce any Letter from Campbell before him, or to him? No, not from Campbell, but a Letter from Beatniff which he came to fetch from me.

Welland ... Beatniff's Name was not mentioned then. Did you go to Newgate to Johnson, or was it your Friend I had recommended Brewer to One Stapler a Distiller and as we were going by Newgate Brewer desired to see Roger Johnson.

Johnson ... Did you ever receive a Letter from Campbell? No. Did you receive a Letter from J. C.? No. I shewd no Letter to him except the Letter I produced the other Day. Was you ever in the Lodge in Newgate with Welland Brewer and Langley? Welland came and gave me a three shilling Bowl of punch and I sayd he came from Bainbridge about a Letter from Beatniff and that is the Letter I delivered to the Gentlemen of the Com.ee Was Brewer and Langley by? I don't know whether Langley was. Was Brewer present? I believe he was.

† Did you ever shew such a Ltr to Welland? No.

Welland .... Was Shewn the Letter annexed to Johnson's Examinacon. — Is that the Letter Johnson produced to you? It is not the Letter. Are you sure that is not the Letter? I am sure that is not the Letter. What place was that Letter you saw

91 † saw dated from? The Horse Guards. Do you know whose hand writing that Letter is, now produced to you? I do not. Was that Letter that you saw of the same Sized paper? It was upon half a Sheet of paper. Was it on one or both Sides? I cant take upon me to say, I believe it was only on One Side.

Joseph Brewer was Examined

What Business are you? a Victualler. Was you in Newgate and did you See Roger Johnson there? Yes. When was it? About five Weeks ago. — What Conversation had you with Roger Johnson? I came by Newgate and called in to See him, I had not Seen him before for Twenty Years, I call'd for a Bowl of Punch, and while we were drinking it Langley and † Welland had Conversation with Johnson about the Affair of Bambridge and Johnson pulled a Letter out of his pocket and saiyd a Man had Tampered with him to asperse the Character of some certain Man, ‡ and Johnson sayd he never Saw the Gentleman in the Goal in his Life and he should not know him out of the Goal. Was you by there all the while? I was by there all the while, I sat smoaking my pipe. What did you hear Johnson say? I heard him say that a man was Tampering with him & wrote a Letter for him to asperse the Character of a certain Gentleman but his Name was not mention'd + in my hearing. How near was you? We were all at

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one Table near one another. Did they talk aloud? Sometimes they whispered, Sometimes they talkd aloud. What part of the Conversation was it that was talkd aloud? That part that was talkd aloud was that a Letter was wrote to Johnson to asperse a Gentleman, and that it would be for his Service to do it, and he was to be well rewarded for it. Did you hear what Gentleman it was? No. How was he to asperse the Gentleman? As far as I can take it, He was to say that a certain Gentleman had been with Bambridge in Newgate and Johnson sayd he had not been in Newgate & that he would say no such thing. Did any thing else pass? I asked as to the Advertisement about himself as to his selling his Plate and Jewells in Order to be Cleared, and I sayd I was glad to hear he was so rich as to do it, and he sayd that the very same Gentleman that wrote the Letter was the Occasion of putting that Advertisement into the papers, and he was a Villain and a Rogue for his pains. Who was he to asperse? He did not mention his Name. Was it a Gentleman? Yes. What was the Occasion of his putting the Advertisement into the Papers. He sayd the man that wrote the Letter to him, and that Letter he produced and it was read and it was to have Johnson asperse a Certain Gentleman. What did Johnson say? Johnson said he never saw that Gentleman in Newgate, and he should not know

him

him if he was to see him. Did you not hear what kind
of benefit Johnson was to have had? No, but he sayd
that he should be well rewarded. Where was the Letter
dated from? I did not hear the Date. Who was it
Signed by? I believe I saw the Name. Was there a
Name wrote at full Length, or only Two Letters? I
Can't be positive. Do you know the Name you read?
I Can't charge my Memory with it. Do you know
the Contents of the Letter? I believe I know some
of them.

+ Mr Wills

The Witness was Shewn the Letter annexd
to Johnson's Examination

Is that the Letter that was read in Newgate? I
Can't Say whether it is or not. Did Johnson give
the Letter to Welland to read? Yes. Did you see the
Did Johnson give Welland the Letter to read aloud? No
Letter? I think I took it in my hand. Did you
read it? I Can't charge my Memory. Did Welland
give the Letter to Johnson again? Yes, and Johnson
hugged it up Close. Did Welland desire Johnson to
destroy it or give it to him? Neither. Did Welland
desire any paper at all from Johnson? No. Did you
not hear Welland ask Johnson about any paper. No.
Did one Side of paper contain the whole? I have
forgott. Was there any Name to the bottom of the
Letter or not? I Can't Charge my Memory with it.
Was there any Discourse about Johnson's having his
Liberty? The Discourse was concerning the Contents
of the Letter But Johnson sayd he could not do it but
if he did do as the Letter desired, he should have his

Liberty

Liberty. And I took that Letter to be putting him into a Method of getting his Liberty. What Method? By aspersing the Character of a Gentleman. — Was it sayd to be a Letter to Johnson? It was sayd to be a Letter to him. Did you see the Direction? No. How come you to understand that the Letter was Directed to Johnson? Johnson sayd so. — Did you hear the Name of Lord Chief Justice Eyre in all that Conversation? No. Should you have heard it if it had been menthioned? There were some Words whispered.

Thomas Langley was again Called in and Examined

Who was Johnson's Acquaintance? Not Holland. It was the other Man with Holland. Was he and Johnson very familiar? I cant say they were — Did you hear the Conversation that passed? I — Did Some. Did you hear them mention the Name of Campbell? Yes. Was Brewer in Company then? Yes. Can you Charge your Memory what Name was mentioned by Johnson? I know nothing more than what I sayd before. Did they talk pretty — loud? Yes. Did they whisper? No, I did not perceive them to whisper. Where were you? I was to and fro in the Lodges. Did you ~~hear~~ see them Whisper? No. — Did you hear them mention Lord Chief Justice Eyre's Name? I cant say I did.

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+ Whilst Thomas Langley was under Examination Sr Robert Walpole sitting near Mr Hughes, whilst he was in the Chair beckond to Mr Scroop Secretary to the Treasury to come to him, he then asked him if he had a Copy of Mr Hughes's Letter to Mr Metcalf the Solicitor to the Comrs of the Customs in relation to the Removal of Roger Johnson to which Mr Scroop replyd, he should have it immediately, wch Mr Hughes hearing, said he had the Copy of that Letter in his pocket, which he gave into the Hands of Sr R: Walpole who read it, & said Yes, this is the Letter, & then returnd it to Mr Hughes, very soon after Mr Scroop, brought him a fair Copy of the same Ltr which Sr R: Walpole handed up to the Members about him, who thereupon gathered in a Crowd to read it, which Mr Hughes observing from the Chair called them to order desiring them to take their Places, & when the Examination of Thomas Langley was ended, he ordered to withdraw Mr Hughes rose up & (addressing himself particularly to Sr Robert Walpole) said "I am very desirous to "sit easy in the Chair, where "I have the Honour now "to be. I have seen a "Letter handed about, said "to be signed by me. I "desire it may be read, Whereupon Sr Robert Walpole moved for Mr Metcalf to be called in & examined him as follows

Did you see the Letter? I saw a paper but what it was I can't tell. Did you hear the Letter read? No. — Was it read? I believe it was. Did you hear the Contents of that Letter? No. Can you charge your Memory with any thing in that Letter? No. — Do you know what become of that Letter? No. — Do you know that it is in Somebody's pocket? No, I sayd I believed Johnson had it. — What Reason have you to think that Johnson had it? Because he sayd he would take Care of it. — Did you say any thing to Weland about that Letter? I sayd to Weland that I believd Johnson had it in his pocket. Was it a Letter? I judged it to be so. When you heard Campbell's Name mentioned, was it at the same time that the paper was produced? Yes. Did you apprehend that paper to have any Relation to Campbell? I can't say whether it had or not. † Did Weland desire that paper to be destroyed? I believe he did not. Are you sure this happend before the first Day of April? I only sayd I judged it to be a Month or five Weeks ago. What was the Reason you believd Johnson had the Letter about him? Only observing what Care he took of it.

+ Left out — Mr George Metcalfe one of the Solicitors to the Customs was Examined

Upon what Account is Roger Johnson in Newgate? He was Convicted a great while ago for eight hundred pounds, and he run away but being taken

taken upon another Occasion, he is now in Execution. Did you receive any Letter from any Gentleman, and whom, relating to him? I had a Letter which I received from Mr. Hughes. When did you receive it? I received it the Twenty second of April. Who brought the Letter? One Harbing. Who was it directed to? The Man brought it to me under Cover, and I returned an Answer (a Copy of which he delivered to the Committee) Then the Letter and Answer were read, and are as follow Viz.t

"Sir,

" I had the Honour to be in the Chair of
" the Goal Committee yesterday when Mr. Roger
" Johnson was under Examination, and made a
" useful Discovery, and by an ingenious Con-
" fession I think hath done the Publick Service;
" Mr. Harbin told me, he thought you would not
" oppose his removing himself to the Fleet by
" Habeas Corpus, on the Debt due to the Crown,
" if I signify'd this to you, And the Man is in
" a Terrour to be under the Newgate Keepers —
" after this Evidence, I am

Your most humble and
Devoted Servant
E: Hughes.

" House Guards
" 22d. April 1730.

Sir

I am favoured with yours of this Day wch. I laid before the Comrs. of the Customs who have directed

directed me to acquaint you that they Cannot Consent to the Removale of Roger Johnson to the Fleet without an Order from the Lords Comrs of the Treasury.

+ Elizabeth Haynes was Examined.

Where do you live? I am a prisoner in the ffleet.

Yard. How long have you been so? Three Months.

For what? For Debt. Was you ever desired by any body and whom to Swear against Lord Chief Justice Eyre? Yes I was. By whom? By One — Blanchville the Day that the Dead Warrant came down to Execute Everett. Who was Blanchville? A prisoner in the ffleet Yard. Where is he now? In Newgate. What was you desired to Swear? — Blanchville said there was one Campbell came down into the ffleet Yard and there was a mighty hurry upon his coming in, and Everett was then at the Chappell at prayers and when he came down he called for pen Ink and paper. I wondred what was the Matter and the Gent: where I was came up and sayd Everett would save his Life, I askd how? He said by going to make a Discovery to the Committee of the House of Commons. What sayd I is he — afraid of his Neck? what he can say now, will do. Then the Matter went off at that time and I heard no more till the next Day. And as I was going to Bed, Blanchville came and Sayd, Are you a bed? I sayd No. Upon which he desired that I would step into his Room, and Sayd it was true as I had Sayd that this Letter of Everett's Could do no good. and if I would I could Save his Life yet. I asked how

& One West had been with him to suborn him to give false Evidence, I thought such a ~~I should not have done~~, I have done it with an Intention of Good & ~~Thy~~ Intention

+ Thos Mr Hughes rose up & said, "I think it my Duty to acq: "the Committee from whence "this arose. Roger Johnson "was under Examinacon before "the Committee, & he acquainted "them, that he was under great "Terrour as to his Confindm: "in Newgate, which made "him unwilling to go on with "his Evidence, upon that he "was ordered to withdraw, "and the Committee thought "fit to direct me to assure "him, they would give him "their protection, & that he "should be under no "Difficulties, he then produced "a paper, It was a Report "from the Comrs of the Customs "to the Treary, in which the "Comrs agree that the Sum "of 800 should be given "pounded for 400. The "next day Mr Harbin Solr: "to the Committee came & told "me that Roger Johnson "was under very great "Terrour, a very great Dread "even of his Life.

"This man being ordered "to be examined again & "being under continual "Terrour, I believed he "would not deliver that "Evidence, which the "Committee might wish "to know the Truth by; "Harbin told me that "Johnson desired to be "removed from Newgate "to the Fleet by Habeas "Corpus, which was due "to him as a Subject of "Great Britain, Sought "to be so, & Harbin said "if I would signify by "Letter to Mr Metcalf Solr: "to the Commissioners of the "Customs how this affair "Stood, he believed they "would consent to it, upon "which I sat down & wrote "this Lr. - I wrote it "without a thought that "what I did was wrong, & "I think it must appear so "to every Gentleman, when "I sent it to a publick Office, "where it must remain to "appear ag: me if I had "done wrong. This is the Reason "that I wrote it, this the person "that was before You, said, "that Campbell should say "to Johnson that Mr Oglethorpe "& Myself had promised that "he should be removed by "Habeas Corpus. The hour "I wrote this Letter the Comrs "was up, Mr Oglethorpe was "not with me nor did I ever "talk with Mr Oglethorpe "upon this Subject nor was "it ever in My Mind to "write such a Lr till the "Moment I wrote it, when "Johnson gave Evidence, "that Bambridge, Boatmn & "Discovery useful. If I have done ought of Ill.

how? He sayd if I would make an Affidavit that the Lord Chief Justice Eyre was in Newgate with Bambridge, you may save his Life. Says I, I make an Affidavit! Do you think I'll be an Irish Evidence? No. Says he, you have seen him with Bambridge in his Room. I made Answer, I did not know Lord Chief Justice Eyre, what do you talk of making me Swear. And Blanchville made Answer, that he thought I had been better Natured than to hang a Man, To which I answerd why Should I make an Affidavit to hang an honest Man to Save a Rogue? And I think it to be a meer Design to gett me in to make an Affid.t against Lord Chief Justice Eyre. The next Day a Man who had been Clerk to Bambridge Came to See me (One Codnor). How came Codnor to See you? He used to write Sometimes in my Room, so I was acquainted with him, And he sayd that it was not for want of Respect that he had not come oftner, and he Came to Breakfast with me, and brought Tea, and another Came along with him, and he Sent the Woman that used to do my Business to fetch some Rolls and Butter. And whilst She was gone, He sayd he wanted to ask me a Question or two, and ask'd me if I had made no Observation who Came to Bambridge? I sayd No. Sayd he, Not of a Certain Great person? No, Nor of a little One neither. Then

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they mentioned the Discourse that Blanchville had had with mee, and I sayd I thought they were all mad.

You sayd when Connor came there was another person with him. Do you think you should know him? I think I should not, I took him to be his — Brother. Do you know Roger Johnson, or Brown? Yes. Was it either of them? No.

About the Sixth of ffebruary Mr Johnson came to borrow the Key of my Room for a little Water, and he not bringing the Key again, I sent another to fetch it, but not bringing it I went my self and when I came down for the Key, Johnson desired me to walk into his Room and drink some-thing, he was always rude to me before, I was — surprized at his Civility, I accepted his Offer and went in, and there was a Gentleman and his Wife with Roger Johnson and his Wife, and they began to talk of other Stories, And Johnson sayd He hoped to see Bambridge and two or three of the Judges hanged in two or three Months time.

Who was the Woman that first spoke to you when Blanchville spoke to you of this Affair? Mrs Ironmonke. What was it they told you? That I might save Everetts Life. Who told you that? Blanchville.

James Fitzgerald was Examined

I desire he may be asked if he was not desired to Swear against Lord Chief Justice Eyre? Not to Swear. What Application was made to you? One

Savage

Savage and Harbin have been to and again with me these Six Weeks or two Months, sometimes twice Sometimes Once a Day, and Sometimes not in two Days together, and they told me that I knew Lord Cheif Justice Eyre was in Newgate to Visit Bambridge, and that I had Carryed Money from Lord Cheif Justice Eyre, and sayd that there were Affidavits made of it, and if I went voluntarily my Self to Mr. Oglethorpe and Mr. Hughes, it would be the better for me and my Family, I askd Savage what I should gett by going there? He sayd it would be the making both of him and me, I sayd In what Respect? Sayd he, to let you know I have expected something of business some time, And he pulled out a paper which was a petition to James Oglethorpe Esq.r in which there were several things relating to what he (Savage) had sayd at the Old Baily and he told me that one Codnor, Bambridge's Man and one Campbell would Swear that I was the person that Carried Messages backwards & forwards between Lord Cheif Justice Eyre and Bambridge. and that I saw Lord Cheif Justice Eyre in Newgate. What did Harbin say! Harbin askd me several times if I saw Lord Cheif Justice there? I sayd never, and that I knew nothing of Lord Cheif Justice Eyre. After you told them, you knew nothing of Lord Cheif Justice Eyre, did they speak to you? Yes, last Fryday. What did they say to you? They

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were always upon the same Subject, and Savage sayd it would be a merit to do it, but Harbin was not so Strenuous as Savage. Did Harbin say the same thing? No, Savage sayd it would be the making of him & me. Was Harbin present then? No, when Savage sayd it would be the making of him and me, he shewed me a petition which was of his own writing, it was something relating to what he had sworn at the Old Baily & he sayd there was only one Day's difference in Swearing which made them Call him a perjured Man Was Harbin present, when Savage told you, it would be the making of him and you? No — Was he present at the time when Savage shew'd you the petition? No, but Savage and Harbing both told me that there were Affidavits made already, and that I knew these things and mentioned that Codnor Campbell & Bambridge's Man had made Affidavits of it, and Savage sayd you don't know the Consequences of not going along with me and it will be better for you and me if you will go. Was Harbin then by? Yes. When was this? This was last Fryday. At any time after You told Harbin you could not speak to this Matter, Did Harbin speak to you? Yes, They spoke to me and ask'd me if I had thought any thing of this Matter, again, Cait you give us any Minutes and sayd if I would go, My Name should not be talked in Question, I should go privately. To whom? To Mr Oglethorpe and Mr Hughes. What Answer did you give to Savage and Harbin, when they press'd you first to this Information? I used to laugh at them

them sometimes, and told them I knew nothing
of the Matter. How long is it since they made the
first Application to you, whether it was about
six Weeks ago? Yes. After you laughed at them,
Did they continue to make Applications to you?
Yes, last Fryday they came to me. How many
times did they come to you? I may say Twenty
times. Did you in any one Conversation give
them Reason to believe you knew Lord Cheif Justice
Eyres? No, not that I know of. What is Savage?
I have known him for three or four yeares. —
Where did you know him first? In the Fleet. —
What Busines was he of? Something belonging
to the Custom House. What is your busines? I
was a Master Weaver in Spittle Fields and by
Misfortunes became a prisoner in the Fleet &
kept the Coffee house there. Who was it told you
You might come privately? Savage spoke it
in the presence of Harbin, and Harbin sayd it
would be better for me to go, and sayd I wile bring
you a Summons my self, but if you trifle you
wile be putt under Arrest; and Savage sayd —
Consider the Confinement and Fees may ruin you.
You wile be sent to the Gate House. — What
pretences did they make to you that such things
were sworn upon you? They told me that Affid.ts
were made already that I knew it, and if I did
not Say it, I should be Committed. — Did you know

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any thing of it? No. — Had you any Acquaintance with Harbin before? Yes, in the Fleet. — Was you ever in the press Yard? A great many times. — Was you a prisoner there? No. — How came these people to think you could say any thing of Lord — Chief Justice Eyre? I can't tell. — Did they tell you of Affidavits or shew them to you? They did not shew them to me. — You said that they spoke to you to come and that it would be an Advantage to you to attend Mr. Oglethorpe and Mr. Hughes. — Was you ever at Mr. Oglethorpe's or Mr. Hughes's? Yes, when there was a Noise about Sr. William Rich last Years. I went to Mr. Oglethorpe's. — Do you know Mr. Oglethorpe? Yes. — When did you say you see him? When the House was about Sr. William Rich. — Was you an Evidence upon that Occasion? No, I never was an Evidence one way or the other. — Where did you live in April or May last? In the Fleet.

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After S^r Robert Walpole had ended, the Attorney General made a Short Speech, & made the following Motion

That it appear to this Committee that there hath been a wicked Conspiracy carried on by certain infamous & profligate persons to vilify & asperse the Character of the Right Honble the Sir Robert Eyre Knight Lord Ch: Justice of his Majesty's Court of Common Pleas

This motion made by S^r Philip York Att^e Gen^l delivered to me in the chair. E Hughes

Then S^r George Oxendon rose up & made the following Motion

That it appear to this Committee that the Information given to this Committee of the said Lord Ch: Justice Eyre was false malicious scandalous & utterly groundless.

There remarkable Expression, S^r I know it is my Duty always to address my self to the Chair But never more so then Now

This motion was made by S^r Geo. Oxington delivered up to him by the Att^o Gen^l & wrote in the Att^o Gen^ls his own hand. Delivered down to me from S^r Geo. Oxington when I was in the chair upon the Question being put Tho^s Lewis Esq^r said no by G— E Hughes

So soon as the said Motions were agreed to, & before W^m Hughes had put the Question for adjourning, several of the Members standing out of their places on the Floor, & S^r Robert Walpole having got to the Barr going out of the House, W^m Hughes called to order & desired Gentlemen to take their

places

& then spoke as follows Viz.t:

Had the very hon.ble person acquainted this Committee with the Application of Campbell to him, he would have done justly, & what became him; × he would ~~had & acted kindly if he had~~ been pleas'd to ~~have~~ let me ~~have~~ known what Attempt had been made upon him, It would have ~~been a~~ given Light to the Inquiry.

+ Then paused
said, Had The very hon.ble
person