stand wth the course of the lawes,
I will cast thers from, the Kings Counsell,
and ye Lopps, and will confesse my
selfe guilty of ther fact, in the same
manner as it is laid in the indictm,
or yet that may not be omitted by
lawe, yet shall I give sure evidence
agst my selfe, as I shall not have it
needfull in ame point to bee aggravatte,
onlie in sone circumstances I will
endeavor yet not to extenuate the fact,
yet at least to move ye Lopps, and
ther worthie audience to pittie my
case, wherein as I knowe I can say
nothinge of substance that can helpe
me in a legall proceedinge, soe I
mure feare that in those circumstances
I wouldd deliver, I shall not bee able
at full to expresse my owne thoughts
bothe for my owne imperfections, and
also for that I lack the speeche of
ther Countrie; but for that, in sure
passages bee I shall not bee understood
in, I will humblie intreate ye Lopps
in ye wisdome, and ther audience in
ther charitie, to consider that my
meaninge

meaninge is, to make a full and true
relacion of all ther business. The
first motive of ther fatall accident,
was (as is well knowne) that I never
playinge wth me at foyles, now about
seaven yeares past at my Lord Morris
his house in Oxford there rose out
one of my eyes, and that (as my soule
and conscience was onlie witnessed)
willinglie and of set purpose: At the
takinge up of his foyles I cast
into him I played but as a scholler,
and not as one that would contend
wth a Master in his owne profession,
and therupon requested him that
he would play as wth a scholler. The
order whereof, thoughe it bee unacquain-
ted to ye Lopps, yet to diverse hono-
rable
Knayes and gentlemen that were
present, it is knowne to bee to sharp
the fate. After ther losse of my eye
and wthe it the greate hazard of the
losse of my life, I must confesse I
bare kept a grudge in my soule, but
not of purpose to have taken soe ligt
a revenge, yet in the course of my