whether they bee true or not. Soe that Justice may receive
Fur due. Wee bringe yo^u this day upon Tryall doeing heere
in like the Almightie King of Kings in the 18th of Genesis
verse 20 21. who went downe to see whether the Synnes of
Sodome and Gomorrha were soe grievous as the cry of
them that came up before him. Because the Cry of Sodome
and Gomorrha is great and their Synne grievous I will
goe downe saith the Lord and see whether they have done
altogeather according to the Cry of it wch is come up unto
mee. And Kings on Earth can have noe better Patterne
to follow then that of the King of Heaven. And there-
fore wee most gracious Soveraigne Gods vicegerent sent on Earth.
hath by Speciall commande summoned these yo^u Peeres this day
sent to Assemble themselves to bee Iudges in the opinion of
the world yo^u generally have lost yor reputation soe by the ver-
dict of these yo^u noble Iudges yo^u may publiquely be acquitted
of the scandalls z against restored (if yo^u bee Innocent) to yor
lost good name; or if yo^u bee found guilty of these hei-
nous offences wherewith yo^u stand charged that it may appe-
rre unto the world yo^u are justly condemned being afforded
soe noble yo^u Just and soe Indifferent Iudges. For the de-
sire of yor tryall is that yo^u tryall should bee as equall as
Justice and Equitie it selfe. And for that these these
yor Peeres (whose parts are full of Integritie Justice z
trutte as their birthes of noble bloud) are this day to trye yo^u
wherefore if yo^u bee Innocent speake boldly and Confident
ly And feare not to Justifie yor selfe for bee Assured
that who doe Accuse yo^u (if yo^u quit yor selfe) shall not
escape free. But if yo^u bee guilty I advise yo^u to give
the honor to god And the King And freely confesse yor fault
for it is not A vaine confidence or standing out in denial
that can kill yor Accuse And therefore all shifts and sub-
tilties against it, are but Consilia adversus dominum
Upon the truth touch yo^u at the last And yor owne con-
science Accuse yo^u wch is as A thousand witnesses And gods
grace w^ch

Grace wch is greater then both prince yo^u. Stand not out
against truth, for if yo^u doe, God will never the lesse infuse
into the harts of these noble Peeres yo^u Peeres the truth
thereof. Soe as they shall certainlye find it out And doe
Justice

Heere upon the Lord Audley
spake as followeth

May it please yor Grace, I have stood Committed right this pe-
riod, wherein I have beene deprived of the knowledge of
the Crimes laid to my charge
And beeing unskilfull in Advantages or disadvantages as I have
And also but weake of Spirit wherein I am at the best I
desire I have the liberties of Counsell to speake for mee,

Heere upon the Lord High
Steward replied.

As for yor long Imprisonment my Lord that hath beene
of Speciall fave unto yo^u Lord. For thereby yo^u have had time
Enough to bethinke yor selfe. And more then ever man had
that hath beene Committed for such heinous offences, And fr-
that hath beene Committed for such heinous offences, And fr-
doede yo^u have found more grace then ever any that came
to this Barre. For yo^u shall not demande that wch the
Lawe may Allowe yo^u But it is graunted yo^u. And therefore
Lawe may Allowe yo^u But it is graunted yo^u. And therefore
as touching this yor first demande I must move it to the
Iudges who shall satisfie yo^u therein. And not onely in this but
also in any other thing yo^u shall require

whereupon his Grace propounded to
the Iudges whether this demande of
the Lord Audley might bee granted

who answered

That in Criminall Causes Counsell is not to bee allowed for
matter of fact But for matter of Lawe it may.

Upon the Lord high Steward demanded the
Indictiments to bee read. wch being 3 in number
Sr Thomas Fanshawe according
lye did read.

The first whereof