But here (my good Lds) it seemed not a little strange unto mee at the first, how a Gentleman of his birth and qualities should fall into such abominable sinne. But when I had found he had given himselfe over unto lust, and considered that Nemo repente fit Pessimus: And that ill men habit themselves in Evill, it is no marvell if they fall into any sinne & was then easilie induced to believe that nothing is impossible for that man to doe, who in truth is of no Religion and whose life is but a continuance of wickednes, wherefore Compelleth mee to unfold the passages of his life. Before I proceede to the point of charge, I beseech that plant in yo Grace and the rest of the Lds: A belief that he that sate bin so wicked in all Actions, may also add the latter Crimes to his former sinne/

Heere the Prisoner perceiveing the Attorney digressed from the Indictments, and begun other Circumstances he interrupted him and desired that his Religion may not bee touched nor any thing els but that wch conduced to the Crimes whereof he stood charged. And therefore required him to keep himselfe to the poynts of the Indictmt.

But the Lord Steward prayed his Lopp to be patient, Assureing him he should bee also heard in time Conuement at full.

whereupon Mr Attorney spake in this manner, I come not hither to trouble yo Grace, nor the rest of the Nobilitie wth impertinent discourses, nor indeed wth any thing that conduceth not to the condemnation of the Prisoner, of the Crimes wherof he stands indicted, notwthstanding I can speake it (maye it please yo Grace) wth that great Comfort and Consolation that duringe all the tyme of my sorrowe, both in the days of his Ma: late royall father and now since his highness came to the Crowne (now before had occasion to speake in this place Ag: A Peere of the Realme, And yet God knowes I now doe wth much sorrow and greife and I hope I shall never hereafter have occasion to doe yo like/

But my Lds:

But my Lds his Ma:tie who is the Modell of all Vertue and Goodnes not onelie in this Eminency of place as hee beareth the office and dignitie of

A King: But in his Person also, As hee is simply a man of weake it is hard to judge whether hee doth more in Justice or Mercie, But I for my p:te thinke rather in Mercyes, wch have the Ld Audley the Prisoner at Barre, heard wth as much favour As A Crime of this Nature can pmit, Although wrongs hee first heard thereof, hee gave strict Commaunde that the Cruelty should bee searched out, to end this Treasonous Peaple might bee cleared from such heavie And hainous Sinne, And hereupon hee was Indicted in his owne Country according to the Lawe, And by gente of qualitie and worth the Bill was found And now hee is personally brought to this Barr. To bee tryed by his Peeres, such of whose wisdome and Iuiserie, there can bee neither doubt nor Equall Lightnes made but hee shall find A most Kind: And Equall Hearinge.

And Now (my Lds) I returne my selfe before I leave, if yo Grace could bee pleased, that this wicked Ld at Barr. hath been before too A vertuous life, And had the feare of God before his Eyes of his Actions hitherto had bin Pandes & unspotted, then it is likelye & probable that theise foe Rainous Dry mes non laid to his charge proceeded from Malice, And are fallye suggested & forged by his Adversaries to bring him Lord on the Jeopardie & hazard of his Innocent Life into Jeopardie, But if all his Actions (As by Iudgement it will plainelye appeare) have bin beyond Imagination, Brutish & Bestially yea unparalled in any former Age, And I feare in the future shall never be fine stated, yea all his dayes have bin but continuall Accumulations And heaping of sinne upon sinne, then have yo Lopps just Cause to judge of the point by that wch is formerly past & Groome of him as in all mischeife daring offender.

To begin therefore wth his worst p:te the leading part to all enquire the feare of all Lawe, And yo fountaine wrong springe this Prodigal manstrume, his Religion hee was bred up in the Protestant Faith & Doctrine But his wandering And fickle —