ffitz Patrickes Examinacon

Yeon Lawrence ffitz Patrickes his Lopps footman was produced. But before his Testimonie was read. the Earle of Castlehaven desired that neither yee nor any other might be allowed witnesses against him. untill they had at first taken the oath of Allegiance/

This by the Lord high steward is referred to the Lords the Judges who resolved against him unlesse the weare convicted Recusants/

Whereuppon ffitz Patricke was Read:

The Tenor whereof hee against confirmed by oath And yet in hee deposeth the Act of Sodomie to have bin twice committed by his Lord upon his person. That Skipwith had said the Lord made him lie with his owne Ladye And that yee made him usually lye with the Ladye Audley And that yee saw Skipwith in his shirt doe it my Lord beeing present. And that yee himselfe lay with Blandina in his Lords shirt And so did 4 more And afterward the Earle himselfe lay with her in their sight/

Henry Skipwith his Examinacon

Then Skipwith is produced And sworne his Examinacon read wee see there against confirmed, Hee therein deposeth That first the Earle of Castlehaven often solicited him to lye with the yonge Ladie Audley. And perswaded yee to lowe And yeild to him And to drawe yee thereunto hee urged that his Lorde her husband upon his knowledge loved her not And that in the End hee usually lay with the yonge Lady And that there was lowe between them, both before and afterwards, And that my Lord said hee had rather have a Boy of his begetting then of any other. And that shee was but 13 yeares of Age when yee first lay with her And that hee could not yeet Enter yee body without the helpe of Arte And that my Lord fetcht And Applyed an oyle

Applyed An oyle to open her bodie; But shee Cryed out And yee could not Enter her until his Lopp had Applyed Oyle the second time And then hee entred her bodye And there her Barnaby Skipwith Lie in the deposeth That the Lord made him lye with his owne Ladie But yee knew Cornet yet could his Lopp hee did. That yee spent 500li of his Lord purse. That yee lay for the most pte in bedd with the Earle That yet the Earle gave him his house in Salisburie And A Mannor of 1600li p Ann And That Blandina lived halfe A yeare in the Earles house It was A Common report/

ffitz Patricks second Examinacon

Hee saith that the Ld made him this deponent lye with him at Houlton And at Salisburie And once in the Bedd, And yet kissed on him but did not Penetrate his Bodye. What hee heard yee did yee with otherd, That Skipwith lay with the yonge Ladie often And ordinarily And that the Lord desired to have A Boye of his begetting, That Blandina lived halfe A yeare in the Lords house And was A Common whore/

Then two of his Servants Scotte & ffryer deposed.

That Skipwith frequently knew the yonge Ladye. And the Earle Encouraged him. And ffryer said that Skipwith Lay with her when the Earle was in Company And professed hee would faine have A Boye by Skipwith

Then was Read the yonge Laidie Audleys Examinacon

She Confesseth that shee was married to her husband by A Romish Preist in the Morninge, And at Night by A Preiest of Kilkennye. That shee was first to lye with Skipwith by the Earle of Castle havens Appointm. And that shee had no meanes but what Skipwith gave her. But shee would not lye with Patrick. Hee solicited her also to lye with one Greene but shee did it not. That the Earle himselfe gave Skipwith & her lye together divers And sundrie times, And many of the servaunts in the house