their malice to light, I shall show for truth yo Lords wth A few words in defence of my selfe A^gt yoe slanders unjustly obiected A^gt me. For I call yoe Almightie to witnes (that of all those wonnes wth my Adversaries this day have bounded A^gt me) I am as innocent as yoe child newly borne. It is not my Lds My sinnes that make me this day A spectacle to the world, but lay my life in yo hands It is yoe ingratitude of A found And yoe wickednes of A wife my sonne drawes upon yoe Age of 21 yeares his ffather did And late held his Estate too long. And now yoe thinke it time to sit in his ffathers seate. A bloodie purchase A dangerous president. It is my Estate that doth drive me this day And nothing else. What my vicious life hath bin hitherto is well known I will not for my parte oppose yoe old yeares ffor thee eyes where first

Now therefore I have but just cause to call her see seeing Shee would cast of her Ider for other causes then shee makes shew of

(my Lord) It is A thing very unlikely & almost impossible to bee imagined That A husband should force his owne wife to bee the trumpet of Another And of whom, of one that came into my howse by her own procuring. And Continued not there above five months. It bee A pleasure to Consult ture A sinne I should rather pleade for her as were my own sinne Especially being A matter of Treason; for being also revealed, it were A forfeiture of noe less then my life, yo Lds may then take into yo Considerations, That in A wrong done unto my life I would make her Creature the Cabinet of sinne secretly, and these witnesses are but Impostures falsely suborned to take away A guiltless life. Besides my Lord how came it to passe that this woman, soe much grieved, as shee reports, That shee was ready to dispatch her selfe out of the world, was long living yet noe sooner in soe many Moneths, There was A ruffe for it, there must bee sufficient meanes made. witnesses must be suborned to prove A Rape, where none was

Thus much my Lords for the first parte of my Arraigne In answere wherunto I will onely adde, that I take it not needfull nor warranted by any Law That the wife should bear witnes A^gt her husband,

Off this I would

Off this I would Intreate yo Lds to consider And of the dangerous consequence thereof & I desire that yo Lords the Judges may give there opinion therein.

For my other pte of my Arraigne noe less haynous then the former, A Crime Abhorred & punished by God & odious to men I hope yo Lds will consider the qualitie of my Arraigners They are base, fugitive and indigent persons, Both of them were my Servants for A little time; But upon Lawdning the mischiefe I put them away for their misdeameanors & wth out wages. But now I see they would pay me home; The were no friends out of my Howse But they were retained by my sonne an wife; & if I had bin those fitter There liberalitie towards them were great, & to what purpose; This days worke shewes It was only to bring them up to make A prey of my Life, There Testimonies I trouble cannot bee sufficient to Condemne their M^rs for what mischiefe will not the pricked and offended malice of A Servant contrive but Admitting their Testimonies to bee true, ab[illegible] is nothing more false) I do yet rounde the offence laid to my Charge to bee Sodomie wth out Penetration, & in that I referred my selfe to yo Lds Doome; & the opinion of my Lords the Judges here affirmed & to conclude his Defence Amongst other Arreptions A^gt his wifes bee first treate, That by her testimonie shee was discharged with Broadway, whereunto the Ld High Steward Answered, that this made A^gt his Lds. And therefore bee ought not to Allege for his defence that ffact as an imputation to his wife wth bee forced by his Compulsion & violence

2 Then bee objects the Incompetentie of the witnesses, as yo one his wife yo other his servants, And that drawne to this by his Sonnes Practise who sought his life, And bee desired to know whose the w^ds were of Statute I desired the Incompetency of witnesses

The Judges resolved that there was none touching witnesses but in Cases of high Treason there was A Statute Concerneing Accusors

3 Bee desired to bee resolved, whether bee Broadway doth not depose of any Penetration But only that bee spent his seed upon him whether that should bee A ffelony for a Rape.

The Judges Resolved it A Rape and Consequently ffelony

4 Then bee demanded, whether his wife bee to bee allowed A witnes against him

The Judges