A Compendious description of Merrin Late Earle of Castle Haven, wherein the True Picture of his mind & affections towards the Latter end of his Time is faithfullie Represented:

The late Earle was extracted from the Loynes of noble Progenitors, he was well qualified wth gifts of nature & that he had not small hopes of augmenting that original honor by his personall strength of a sharpe & quicke apprehension upon small & light Inducements able to make strange discoveries of his disposition, soldome walking thorow Lowe and shallowe fords. But wadeing in the greatest depthes. too many given to disguise his Intentions wth differing Apparantes. At the first happily to bee received. but when his Actions were soe foule that they blushed to appeare in their owne shape. It was his ordinarie to make them till at the last a habit of sinne tooke away all sense and feeling of his honor & reputation that he grew lefte Sautelous of his Credit & more bould in publique profession of his enormious practises. his disposition was free Loueing & Ingenious. able to steale the hearts of men as were soe ignorant wth him. boyes of pride & Choller especially at fier times. wth soe had dedicated to his pleasures. sometime or non pollutinge his mouth wth foule cattle. Lauendolie towards the latter end of his tyme he knight of his dobauncries. Temperet he was in excesse of drinkeing, yet non guilte of those hatefull compulsions in the Amongst gallants who are not contented to bee volunteeres in drunkenness themselves but prefer others to the same excesse of Hyett. A vice he dome not wth in his late days raised a high hand on him. yet was he not as a rendinde prone thereunto by nature but meerly afforded to fill the vessel of his reyeing & robbeinge Concieuce rendrepting by the juice of the grape to extinguish y light. not daring at any tyme to bee by himselfe, no sharpe sowre Censurer, in his dealeinge Euer Just, & sure of his word, Carefull of running into debte, & more carefull to pay where soe borrowed, after his Estate prudent & carefull, improueing his Inheritance

Inheritance rather then Abateing it & more better it weld have bin had soe not Emptied himselfe too much upon his creatures who wed him of his hart & upon whome hee too much doted.

A greater pte of his life soe spent honorably & religiously till at last soe made shipwracke of bote, & to assure us that Religion is the life & soule of hono^r in the absence of that soule this body was dead and putrified & never prospered after the other began to decay, & whether, yet in his greatest fitte of Euill, as A man might heard him to his greifes, sometimes to applaud, sometimes to dispraise his Intentions wth A renouncent hart to words religious solemnities and A certaine Euidence of some good seeds y lay deepe in his harte: to spring forth & appeare. when the greate tree dresser saw time to wait his time yeare wth Confesse soe did the waters of Marah the bread of Affliction

The Vine was see Clustered wth wild Grapes y^t there was noe shakeing of that foule fruite

But by striking at the roote the stock & stromption him by imprisonment that soe Enlarged his hart into mischiefe: & soe forcing a kind of all good fruite that gentle reynes would not lead him to heaven (Called to his owne words) But A snaffle was necessarie to curbe this untamed Colt. And surely if Euer hee auoid suffered violence it was when soe tooke that kingdome: & most violent strouges required greate force in stopping soe wth glide wth an Rapid Current, mercie was A greater hand over faint Saulle: in his Conuer[illegible] mauie teares were spent to reconcile st Austine unto God Fathan Desposing all hee might supportinge all p hope wee Enimie soe was like to gaue of them. God but this now effects to his schoole (the Crosse) were what efficient soe was his witnesses are in heaven, And allthough happily before his Tryall soe had one foote upon this life yet generally his Conversation was in Heaven, after the Prison had not filed away all the rust of Corruption surely in the furnace of his Tryall soe was refined & after the sentence of death was passed upon him, seemed then most worthy to liue, now all his thoughts were employed in learning that great Lesson to dye well. And soe happily by the Example of his saue who not onely at the poynte of death forgaue but prayed to his father to forgiue his Enimies thereby not Contented to bestow