Lords will know that in the proceeding
Ore tenus, the Confession of the Offenders
must bee the ground of my Informacon,
and your Judgment. All collaterall testimonie
that may bee read against them, may bee
read for aggravacon and not for Condem=
=nacon, and therefore the Examinacons of
the Prisoners must bee showed them, wch
being done, they were asked whether hee
were their hands, which being confessed by
them, hee proceeded to their Judiciall charge,
whereinn hee said hee would take them
not after their rank but after their
Offences, and first would charge ye
Countess, hee made some protestacon that
the rest were all his Friends, but hee
thought hee could not show his love
better to them then to make them know
their faults; His charge against them
hee said consisted in a high misdemeanor
in scandalizing and defacing the Justice
of his Maties in a cause Capitall among
all the Royall Actions of his Maties there
being none more eminent in him then
his Justice, which indeed is the Mr-Vertue
of all other Cardinall Vertues, for all
the other minister unto Justice, and doe
serve to doe Justice, wisdome serveth
to discerne and to finde out the
Offence, Fortitude ministreth constancie
and courage to execute, temperance
to carry

to carry her selfe free from passion, & keepe
her free from precipitacon, in confining
none, and mistaking none, All these
serving but as Handmaydes to Justice,
God having lately raised a Stage for his
Maties to act his Princely Vertues in the
late Conspiracie and untimely death of Sr
Tho: Overbury, his Maties did exhort all due
proceeding against the Offenders thereby
to free himselfe from the Guilte of blood,
being a Sinne which doth stinke in ye
Nostrills of God; those yeare as it seemes
observing the greatness of this Vertue
in his Maties have endeavoured to calumny=
=niate and traduce it or otherwise to
give some affront unto it, the greater
his Justice therein is, the greater
is their fault that seeke to traduce it
the ground of this business being cause
beneficij; First I will speake somewhat
of the generall proceeding, and then seve=
=rally of the particular proceeding of
Sr Tho: Overbury, and thirdly of
his Mat. care to have the truth sought/

It is written of Caius Caligula being
a man of blood, hee could tutu sanguine
tinctu et maceratu naire, mingled
with blood, and of all men of blood
those that shedd innocent blood be proper
are the basest and most guiltie I have
observed all Examples of blood shed in
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