The admonitions (said hee) of this Court
I have alwaies found as vsefull as the
Censures thereof; And though his Matie
this day of mercie has freed these Lords
and gentlemen, yet let others take notice
how in the like manner to demeane them=
=selves, and that they maie see, although
the Author were found, there had not bine
an end of punishm^t. I ame sure the opinions
of the grave Judges goe wth me, that the
Comon lawe can take hold of such offences,
though there were not statuts in that
case provided; ffor yf the meanest man
can have an action of case for defamacon,
shall not the Kinge? There is a statute
runnes thus That yf any newes rumors &c
bee spread (the statute saies not whereby
a mutinie may arise to the overthrowe
of the Estate) but whereby discord or
occasion of discord may arise to a
disturbance. Now yf this paper that
carries in the bosome of it, not sparkes
of light disagreeinges, but flames of
dareinge sedition, yf this bee received
and diwulged, and that by copies and
communication, who confesseth not but
that the reward of punishment should bee

proportionable both to the nature of the
offence, and the ruyne wth it would
necessarilie vnlesse prevented, bringe wth is
verie greate. Twere somthinge had it bine
reiected or discovered, but it was soe farr
from beinge disclaymed, as it was tooke vpp
and nurst, And then stronge enough to goe
(almost w^thout hands) beinge gott a broad,
and is lest to the free interpretation of
all that shall receive it; I confesse they may
thinke well themselves, but they binde not
others to thinke soe wth them, Besides yf
these Lords received this paper onlie as a
matter of noveltie, yet doe wee not knowe
what consequences maie prove dangerous
from curiositie though not accompayned
wth malice

The Lord Richardson thought in like manner
wth the Lord Keeper and indeed only repeated
what the former had spoken vizt that had
not his Matie bine pleased to prevent theire
Censure wth a pardon the defendants had
bine deeplie adiudged and that the Comon
lawe w^thout the statute could have punished.

Whereupon the Attorney craved leave of
theire Lo^pps to move one thinge vizt that
they would bee pleased to inipe some Justice
wth mercie; for hee freelie could them,