Consistory

M.T. 4 Sess:

Godlin — N° 176. The Duke v The Dss of Grafton. — Stevens

Dr Harris & Calvert — Dr Collyer & Wynne

Libel admitted without Opposition. 6 Dec: 1768. Sentence was given for the Divorce 10 Feb: 1769.

1 Art. That the Duke of Grafton in 1755 being about 19 a Batchelor, & free from all matrimonial Contract, did (with his Grandfathers Consent) his father being dead, & his mother married again) pay his addresses to the then Honble Anne Liddel, aged about 18, with her father, Ld Ravensworth's Consent, & about 25 Jan: 1756, was married by Special Licence with Consent of the Duke of Grafton & Ld Ravensworth —

2 Art. They lived, cohabited, & consummated by carnal Copulation, & Procreation of Children, till their Separation in 1764.

3 Art. The Dss was delivered of a daur Georgiana, 8 May 1757 — of Geo. Henry 14 Jan: 1760 — & of Charles in July 1764 — all living begotten by the Duke —

4 Art. The Duke behaved always affectionately to the Dss; notwithstanding which, in the latter End of 1763, & Beginning of 1764, her Behavior created great Disagreements between them; & in the Beginning of 1764, her ill Conduct & Declarations of an utter Aversion to his Grace, determined him to cohabit no longer with her; but as She was with Child defered acquainting her with his Resolution till after her Delivery (in July 1764) & being out of danger; when he acquainted Ld Ravensworth by Letter, that her ill Conduct determined him to live from her, & that he had defered acquainting him with it, whilst the Dss was with Child: that Ld R. informd the Duke, that the Dss sh: as soon as She was able, go to her Lps House in the North; which She did about 6 Weeks after her Delivery, & staid there till the Winter following: during which time she wrote several Letters to the Duke, acknowledgeing her Misconduct, which the Duke dont think right to annex, unless called on so to do —

5 Art. 11 Jan. 1765 Articles of Separation were entred into, between the Duke & Dss, whereby he allowed her 3000 £ pr: to be paid quarterly from Mich^s 1764.

6 Art. From the Separation in 1764, the Duke has never had the Carnal Use of the Dss' Body; nor any Conversation, or personal Intercourse with her; nor been one in her Company, tho, often sequested by her especially at a very Critical Time. as Vide Art: 56

Vide 56 Art. — N.B. in Jan: 68 when She was a Month or 6 Weeks gone with Child.

7 Art. After the Seperation, an Intimacy arose between the Dss & Ld Ossory, which increased to an irregular & criminal, & adulterous Conversation between them —

8 Art. In the Summer of 1767, the Dss pretending Illness went to Brightheimston on pretence of bathing in the Sea, but really to carry on, an adulterous Conversation with Ld Ossory, who came there soon after She arrived; &

carried on an adulterous Conversation: Letters & Messages passed almost daily between them; the Earl was almost daily at the Dss' House, & when there, they fastend themselves in the Room without permitting any other Person to be there. When Ld O. came, She ordered her Servants, if any body came, she was not at home, unless a Card Party was agreed on, after which, he remained locked up with the Dss several Hours after they were gone — They used to be 2 Hours after dark without Candles, & whilst so locked up, the Duke supposes they committed Adultery —

9 Art. In Autumn 1767, the Dss went to Ld Rs in the North, & staid till Nov: foll^g during which she continued her Criminal & irregular Intercourse with Ld O. by Letters under Cover, to Charlotte Lefebvre, since Dubarq (wife of Alex^r Dubarq:) her Servant & Confidant in London for him to forward to Ld O. who conveyd Letters to the Dss secretly by sending them to her Servant in London, to put them in a Cover addressd to the Dss by said Servant —

10 Art. The Dss arrived at Seymour Place 3 Nov^r — within 1/4 of an Hour after Ld O. came, & staid with her some Hours; great part thereof locked themselves in a Back Room, up one pair of Stairs, to wch Room there was no Communication, but thro, the fore Room, & thro, a door wch led to the Stair Case, wch last was constantly fastend — The Door into the Back, from the fore Room was never locked when the Dss was alone, or with any Company except Ld. O. — from such back Room, there was a small Room or Closet, which had no Communication, but from such back Room, & from the Stair Case; & wch Communication from the Staircase to such Closet, was constantly fastend, so that there was no Communication, to such back Room but thro, the fore Room; nor any Communication to such Small Room, or Closet, but from such back Room, & that there was a Couch in the Back Room, & also in the small Room —

11 Art. From her Arrival Decr 3. 1767. to 2 June 1768. She continued in Seymour Place, & then removed to Combe near Kingston, Surry, from wch Arrival to her going to Combe, Ld O. & She continued, their adulterous Conversation daily: Ld O. visiting her morning, noon, & night She order d her Servants to deny her even to Ld R. by name they sat in the Back Room, were frequently heard to go into the Closet, & after some time to return; the Dss order d the Servants not to come up, till rung for: Ld O's Visits were about 7 or 8 at Night; he used to stay till abt: 2 or 3 in the Morning, in such back Room; continued their former practice of setting in the dark, 2 or 3 Hours after dark, & order d the Servants not to bring Candles till called for — In Xmas 1767 Ld Euston, went to open the