The certain proof, she was with child by him, & of Mr A's intercourse with the Dss & Ld O. (who had never employd him before) & the Duke calling on him as a man of Honor, to declare whether he was not privy to her being with Child, & entrusted by the Dss & Ld O. with the Knowledge thereof, he replyd, it was much against his Inclination, he had ever been made acquainted with her Pregnancy, that being so, he thought himself bound, as a man of Honor, not spontaneously to reveal it; but thought it equally unbecoming a man of Honor to aver a Falsety, & therefore being so solemnly called upon, he could not avoid declaring, he had been made acquainted with her Grace's Pregnancy; was sorry he was to be called upon as a Witness, but as he found it unavoidable, he saw no means, as a man of Veracity, of concealing it; nor should he attempt to depose in the least Title to an Untruth, when called upon, in a Court of Justice: He at the same time told the Duke, he had acquainted Ld O. with his Grace's Letter, & told him he should speak the Truth, when called upon so to do: The Proponent says the Visits of Mr A. to the Dss, & her & Ld Os Intercourse with him, were on the Subject of her future Delivery; that it was contrived in the most secret manner; & that the Dss & Ld O. repeatedly confessd to Mr A. her Grace's Pregnancy; & that he administrd Medicines to, & bleddd her on that Account —

21 Art — 29 June Ld O. visited the Dss at Combe, & staid with her till near 2 in the morning, & during the whole time save at Supper, the were alone in the afd Room, wch had a Communication, with the unfurnishd Room, having a Couch, 2 Chairs, & the Birds being there as afd.

22 Art — 13 June the Duke desired Richd Stonehewer Esq to deliver a written Message to the Dss — That Mr S. sent it in a Letter by his Servant 1 July — That it was delivered to the Dss, who said, It requird, no Answer —

Duke of Gs Letter to Dss of Grafton dated Grosv: Square 30 June 1768.

The Duke of Grafton desires Mr Stonehewer would be so kind to deliver this Message from him to the Dss of Grafton —

" That the Duke of G. has, to his firmest belief, Evidence
" already sufficient of the Dss of Gs Pregnancy & Conduct
" to entitle him to a Bill of Divorce; he therefore gives
" her this Open Notice of it, in order that, on the one
" hand, she may have an Opportunity to take what
" measures, she may think expedient, to demonstrate,
" (if she is able) to the World, the Injustice of this Accusation
" &, on the other, that she may not be disquieting her life

" Or Health, by trying methods of concealing her Delivery,
" the Detection of which, cannot escape the Duke of Gs
" Vigilance —"

23 Art — 1 July afd, when the said Message was delivered to the Dss Mr James Bridenell, & Miss Legge, came to visit the Dss at Combe; she was walking in her Garden when they came, but bid her Servant say, she was so much out of Order, she could not see them; tho, in fact, she was in perfect Health, & had no motive for refusing to see them, but the Appearance of her being with Child, and expecting a Visit from Ld O. who came an Hour after they were gone, & staid till near 4 in the Afternoon: when Ld O. came, Ly Georgiana, the Dss' Daur, was with her but on Ld Os coming in, she ordered Ly G. up to dress, tho it was long before the usual Time, who being gone, the Dss & Ld O. continued several Hours alone together —

24 Art — The Duke having no Answer to his Message from the Dss, but, "that it required no Answer; thought it incumbent on him to acquaint Ld Ravensworth with the affair; that if there was no doubt, of the Truth, of the Information, the Duke had received, it might be proved false; & accordingly wrote Ld R. the following Letter.

Duke of G. to Ld Ravensworth

My Dear Lord . . . . . Grosv: Square 8 July 1768 . . .

" With every Sentiment of unfeigned Esteem, & Regard, wch
" I bear to Lady Ravensworth, & your Ldp, I have the
" Mortification to feel, more & more, every day, that my
" Marriage into your Family, has been the Commencement
" of all the Misfortunes of it; this I can ever has
" happend, in spite of every Endeavor of mine to turn
" that Event, to the Happiness of your Lives, my only
" Comfort is, that I can acquit myself of hav: rendered
" unhappy two most deserving Persons: I could wish
" that they had met with from a Daughter that Re-
" turn, which was due to their Tenderness, Indulgence;
" my Separation from her proves to be the Beginning
" only of that Sorrow, which her Conduct since, must
" if my Evidence for my present Charge turns out
" as clear, as the Grounds & Reason I had for that
" former Step; I must hope that the Justice of my
" Country, will not leave us, long united; Genl Ellison
" has already, by last nights Post, acquainted your Ldp
" with this affair, which has given him the most
" sensible Concern; from the Shock, he well knew, it
" must bring to those Friends, to whom he is, so truly
" attached; the inclosed Paper is the Copy of one sent
" by my Desire, by Mr Stonehewer, to your Daur; yes-
" terday Morning: his Servant after staying some
" time for an Answer, which he was ordered to bring back,