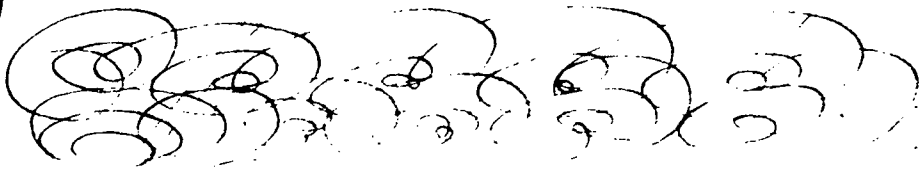


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known her before to his very great admiration, and as the Defendant querying with his said wife, what was the matter
 or cause of her being so much cast down, she the Defendants wife, gave me her husband the full information through
 with some aggravations as to above written Contumacious Dr. Couper Oxford and that he came upon the sabbath day
 to make his filthy proffers as a forso, and did most violently insult and manage his two provocations to act
 with himself with my said wife adding that if ever she the Defendant went abroad again she would never stay more
 at home or land to be so abused as she had been by her so Couper, praying and intreating me the Defendant to use all
 possible and speedy means to our remove from that place where we then lived further of from her Kinsman. The
 Defendant further declares that upon my wife's said complaint made to me I went forthwith to the Court of Chancery
 Oxford and in the presence of divers persons there challenged him for his said carriage and filthy proffers to my wife
 as aforesaid sharply rebuking for the same with grave and other satisfaction except to walk and drink at me and laugh
 at his own folly. The Defendant saith and further saith not

Memorandum that this day being the 29. of 10. 1696 and
 the Defendant John Saunders and made oath upon the
 holy Evangelists of the truth of all above written as
 his deposition. Witness my hand. Saml. Hopkins

John I Saunders
 his mark.



Somerset County. Upon Information brought in and at my own request by sundry persons that Thomas
 Oxford some years since the fact in hand to wit to the Court of Chancery and there finding for the said
 Gopes wife at home and her husband abroad, did in a base, lustful and detestable manner by words and actions
 the said Gopes wife, requiring the truth of the said information from the wife of John Couper aforesaid
 she saith and declares as follows to wit that sundry years past the said Thomas Oxford came to her house
 her husband being from home, and did then and there behave himself most rudely, contumaciously and with
 bold in words and actions, basely and fictitiously proffering to know what she had in my apron and notwithstanding
 the utmost opposition I could make both by words and other endeavours up to prevent the said Oxford in the said
 service and vice proceedings, he still insisted and pursued the same so violently to hands my body, getting his hand
 under my Coats and fustian and filthy carriage as is a shame to relate, of all which I did relate to my husband
 after his return home and

John Couper the wife of John Couper
 aforesaid appeared before me and made
 oath to the truth of her relation above written this 17. day of October 1696 Saml. Hopkins

John Couper
 his mark.

The aforesaid Jury having deliberated upon the aforesaid proceedings, as also the Oaths of Sarah Saunders and
 Martin Crautram, returned their Verdicts and are sent forth to determine the matter. And having thereon
 by returned the premises do returned in Court being unanimously agreed, brings in the following Verdict
 which being read in the audience of the said Oxford as followeth. vizt. That the said Thomas Oxford guilty
 Richard Chamberlaine

The Court orders the Verdict to be returned. That the said Thomas Oxford find for costs of
 Sabbath according to Law. And also that the said Oxford find 60. days words and 2. fool. That the said Oxford give
 good satisfaction for his behaviour during pleasars. That the said Oxford do receive pardon of the said Sarah
 Saunders and her Husband at the two first sabbath days at Snow Hill in publick assembly.

And upon came the said Thomas Oxford and a Recognizant, did acknowledge him self indebted to Her Majesty
 Mary King & Queen of England the just sum of 30. sterlina monny of England due to her Majesty upon his goods
 and chattels lands and tenements for their Malices used or committed towards the said Oxford two several vizt. for
 and Richard Holland and did like manner as aforesaid acknowledge them self indebted in the sum of 2. sterlina
 a piece like monny to be levied as above sd. Lic: Conditio. fo: 42