

BLAND GAZETTE,

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THURSDAY, June 4, 1752.

ER, March 9.

Blandy, who is to be married next, Mr. Littleton (a) deposed, that Henley some Time since, and on his 10th of August, the Deceased, Master much distressed of Tea for and said to her, "der in it;" upon to have a Tremor Room; that the th the Tea, and that stood in the could eat no more into the Room to her Father had other had thrown and that he had sed, and would that he had said e, this Witness, t; and when he ke a Walk with As they went r into his Hand, l to Capt. Cran- he hearing that if suspected, he d then carried it my poor Love- Woman co for a the Letter was

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upon this, in some Agony she answered, "I am afraid I have destroyed that which would have hanged that Villain; but here take this Key. search my Drawers, and see if you can find any Papers that will be of Service." That there being a Gentlewoman there who better knew the House than himself, he declined going, and desired her to search; that she did, accordingly, but could find nothing of Consequence.—Being asked by the Prisoner's Council, if he believed the Prisoner had any Intention to go off, and if she was not very ready to come back with him from the Angel, he answered, she was very ready to come back, and desired him to protect her from the Mob, and that it did not appear to him she had any Design to make an Escape.

The other Witnesses on Behalf of the Crown were, Dr. Addington and Dr. Lewis, Mr. Norton the Apothecary, Mrs. Mountney, Susannah Gunnell the Chamber maid, and Elizabeth Binfield the Cook-maid; and here the Council for the Crown, tho' they had many more Witnesses to call, reited their Proof against the Prisoner, who was thereupon called to make her Defence, whch she did to the following Purport:

My Lords,

In my unhappy Situation, if I should express myself in any Terms that may be thought improper, I hope I shall be forgiven; for it will not be, I assure your Lordships, with any Design to offend. My Lords, some Time before my Father's Death, I unhappily contracted an Acquaintance with Captain Cranston. This gave Offence to some particular Persons, that avoyed not well to the Repose of our Family; these Persons having first prepossessed my Father, they were continually filling his Head with idle Stories, to my Prejudice; and, unhappily for me, they so far succeeded, that from one of the most indulgent Parents, he grew very peevish and disjussful. I am extremely passionate, which I must own as a Fault, and when I have found my Father without any Cause angry with me, about Captain Cranston, I might let fall an unguarded Expression, but never to wish any Injury to his Person, much less to desire his Death; but, on the contrary, I did all that was in my Power for his Recovery, while I was permitted to be at Liberty to attend him in his last Illness, as the Witnesses against me have not denied. My Lords, the first Step my Enemies took against me in my Father's Illness, was to persuade him to forbid me his Presence; then having him entirely to themselves, I was ordered to be close confined to my Chamber, my Buckles and my Garters were taken from me, nor was I permitted to have a Knife to cut my Victuals, insinuating that I might be wicked enough to destroy myself. Thus confined, my Lords, and guarded by Men, I was not permitted to have a Woman to attend me, to do any Offices proper to be done by my own Sex. My Father being dangerously ill, myself confined to my Chamber, accused of being the Cause of that Illness, and not permitted to see my Father to justify myself, or see that he had proper Care taken of him; judge, my Lords, how great must be my Distress! I was almost distracted.

When my Father was dead my Guard left me, and I was at Liberty to go where I would. The next Day after my Father's Death, I was told his Body was to be opened, and being ill with Confinement in the Room, and not being able to bear the Shock of being in the House during that Operation, I took a Walk over Henley-Bridge to take the Air, but in my Way I was insulted, a Mob raised about me, so that I was obliged to go into the Angel, a Public-House, on the other Side the Bridge, for Shelter. When Mr. Fisher came to me I desired his Protection, and to go home with him, which I did. When I was sent to Oxford-Castle, my Lords, the Malice of my Enemies could not rest here, the numberless Calumnies that have been invented, and industriously reported abroad, do abundantly shew; and particularly a Pamphlet was published, with the Affidavits taken before the Commiser, and all the aggravating Circumstances of this melancholy Affair,

calculated to inflame the Minds of the Public, and thereby prepossess them against me. It has been said, that I am a wretched Drunkard, a profane Swearer, that I never went to Chapel, contemned all holy Ordinances, and in short gave myself up to all Kinds of Immorality. Quite the reverse of this, my Lords, is my true Character. I am rather abstemious than otherwise in Drinking; profane or immoral Discourses are my Aversion; and for my Attendance on religious Duties, the Rev. Mr. Swinton, the Chaplain of the Prison, can testify, that I never neglected Chapel, when my Health would permit me; for I was very ill in Gout, and when so, Mr. Swinton constantly attended me in my Room. But this not being enough against me, it was confidently asserted, that I attempted an Escape; this occasioned Orders to have an Iron put on my Leg, which Report the late High Sheriff was concerned was malicious; he therefore in Person came and ordered it to be taken off, and promised I should not be so affronted again. I did not enjoy this Ease long, the Sheriff came again, and, with much Reluctance, ordered another heavier Iron to be put on my Leg; he named a noble Lord, at whose Instance, he said it was done. I told him I calmly submitted to whatever should be done to me, for I always made it my Rule to obey those that were set over me.

I will not deny, my Lords, that I did put some Powder into my Father's Water Gruel; no, my Lords, I will not attempt to save my Life at the Expence of Truth; and I here solemnly protest, as I shall answer it at the great Tribunal, and God knows how soon, that I had no evil Intent in putting the Powder into his Water Gruel; nor did I know it had a poisonous Quality: It was put in to procure his Love, and not his Death.

Several Witnesses were called in her Defence; but the King's Council in the Reply observed, that the Prisoner had given no Evidence in Contradiction of the Facts established by the Witnesses for the Crown: That indeed Anne James and Mary Banks had sworn to an Expression of Elizabeth Binfield, which, if true, served to shew some Ill-will in Binfield towards the Prisoner; but that there was so material a Contradiction to each other, that he thought they deserved no Manner of Credit. That the other Witnesses produced by the Prisoner, served only to prove, that Mr. Blandy was a very fond, affectionate, and indulgent Parent, therefore there could be no Pretence for giving him Powder, or any Thing else, to promote in him an Affection for his Daughter. That it had come out in the Examination of Hearn, one of the Prisoner's own Witnesses, that once when he was in the Castle to visit her, upon hearing that Cranston was taken, she broke out into Expressions that amounted, he thought, to a full Confession of Guilt. That however the Prisoner's Council might endeavour to explain it away, he was sure no Man in his Reason could understand these Words otherwise than a Confession, "I am glad the Villain is taken, that he may receive the Punishment he deserves, as well as I." That if the Jury believed the Prisoner to be innocent, they would take Care to acquit her; but if on the other Hand, they believed her to be guilty, they would take Care to acquit their own Consciences.

The Prisoner desired Leave to speak in Answer to what the King's Council had said, which being granted, she said, the Gentleman was mistaken in thinking the Powders were given to her Father to procure his Affection to her, for that they were given to procure her Father's Love to Mr. Cranston.

The Judge summed up the Evidence in a clear and impartial Manner to the Jury, and they, without going out of Court, brought in their Verdict, Guilty, Death, as beforementioned.

This unhappy Woman is about thirty-five Years of Age; and tho' not reckoned a Beauty, her Face is agreeable, and her Hair, Eye Brows, and Eyes, are black. She is of a middle Stature, a genteel Person, and a polite Behaviour, as her Father, who

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