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## FAMOUS & IMPORTANT TRIALS.

...ED ON RECORD OF HIS AGE; BUT IT WAS NOT QUARANTINED.

February 11 following, *Hales* and *Kinnerley* flood in the Pillory at the *Royal-Exchange* in *Cornhill*.

February 15. They both flood again in the Pillory at *Fetter-Lane* End, in *Fleet-Street*. *Kinnerley* flood both Times in his Canonical Habit,

...FORGERY; WHICH

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X. Proceedings against JOHN HUGGINS, Esq. Warden of the *Fleet*, THOMAS BAMBRIDGE, Esq. Warden of the *Fleet*, RICHARD CORBET, one of the Tipstaffs of the *Fleet*, and WILLIAM ACTON, Keeper of the *Marshalsea* Prison.

A Report from the Committee of the *House of Commons* appointed to enquire into the State of the Gaols of this Kingdom, so far as relates to the cruel Usage of the Prisoners; which occasioned the following Trials.

*Jouis*, 20 *Die Martii*, 1728.

MR. *Oglethorpe*, from the Committee appointed to inquire into the State of the Gaols of this Kingdom, made a Report of some Progress which the Committee had made in their Inquiry into the State of the *Fleet* Prison, with the Resolutions of the Committee thereupon; and he read the Report in his Place, and afterwards delivered the same in at the Table, viz.

The Committee find, That the *Fleet* Prison is an ancient Prison, and formerly used for the Reception of the Prisoners committed by the Council-Table, then called the *Court of the Star-Chamber*, which exercised unlimited Authority, and inflicted heavier Punishments than by any Law were warranted.

And as that assumed Authority was found to be an intolerable Burden to the Subject, and the Means to introduce an Arbitrary Power and Government, all Jurisdiction, Power, and Authority belonging unto, or exercised in the same Court, or by any the Judges, Officers, or Ministers thereof, were clearly and absolutely dissolved, taken away, and determined, by an Act made in the sixteenth Year of the Reign of King *Charles* the First.

And thereby the Committee apprehend all Pretences of the Warden of the *Fleet* to take Fees from Archbishops, Bishops, Temporal Peers, Barons, and others of lower Degree, or to put them in Irons, or exact Fees for not doing so, were determined, and abolished.

That after the said Act took Place, the *Fleet* Prison became a Prison for Debtors, and for Contempts of the Courts of *Chancery*, *Exchequer*, and *Common-Place* only, and fell under the same Regulations as other Gaols of this Kingdom.

That by an Act of the 22d and 23d of King *Charles* the Second, the future Government of all Prisons was viced in the Lords Chief-Justices, the Chief-Baron, or any two of them, for the Time being; and the Justices of the Peace in *London*, *Middlesex*, and *Surry*; and the Judges for

Moiety of the said Office of Warden; and *Bambridge* gave Land and other Security, which the said *Huggins* was then content with, for 2500*l.* being for the other Moiety of the said Office.

That Mr. *Huggins* being examined touching an Instrument signed by him in *November* 1724, appointing *Richard Corbett*, one of the five Tipstaffs of or belonging to the *Fleet* Prison, acknowledged that he had no Power by Virtue of any Patent from the Crown to constitute such Tipstaff but that when he came to his Office he found that such an Officer had been so constituted, and he took that for a Precedent to do the same.

That since the said *Thomas Bambridge* has acted as Warden, the Books belonging to the Office of the Warden have been very negligently kept, and the Discharges not duly entered, to the great Prejudice of many of his Majesty's Subjects; and he hath not regularly taken Charge of the Prisoners committed to his Care by his Patent; and hath not, as he himself confesseth, ever had any authentick List of the Prisoners in the Rules delivered him, so he cannot have executed the Trust of keeping his Prisoners in safe Custody, when he did not know who or where they were.

The Committee find that the said *Thomas Bambridge*, who for some Years acted as Deputy-Warden of the *Fleet*, and is now actually Warden of that Prison, hath himself been aiding and assisting in an Escape: That he caused a private Door to be made through the Walls of the Prison out of the Yard where the Dogs are, the Key of which Door was kept by himself, and he with his own Hands opened the Door and let out *Boyes*, the Smuggler, charged at the King's Suit with upwards of 30,000*l.* and was afterwards seen at *Islington*, and hath been several Times let out of the Prison by *Bambridge*.

The Committee find that the said *Bambridge* hath by himself and his Agents often refused to admit Prisoners into the Prison, though committed by due Course of Law; and in order to extort Money from them, hath often, contrary to an Act of the Twenty-second and Twenty-third of King *Charles* II. without their free and voluntary Consent, caused them

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A selection of reports, separated from A Complete Collection of State Trials, not offprints or reprints. Large folio (250 x 450mm, 10 x 16 inches). Printed T. Wright, Essex Street, Strand; and Sold by G. Kearsley, No 46, near Serjeant's Inn, Fleet Street, London. 1778, Fourth Edition. All disbound.

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### **1729 JAILS COMMITTEE.**

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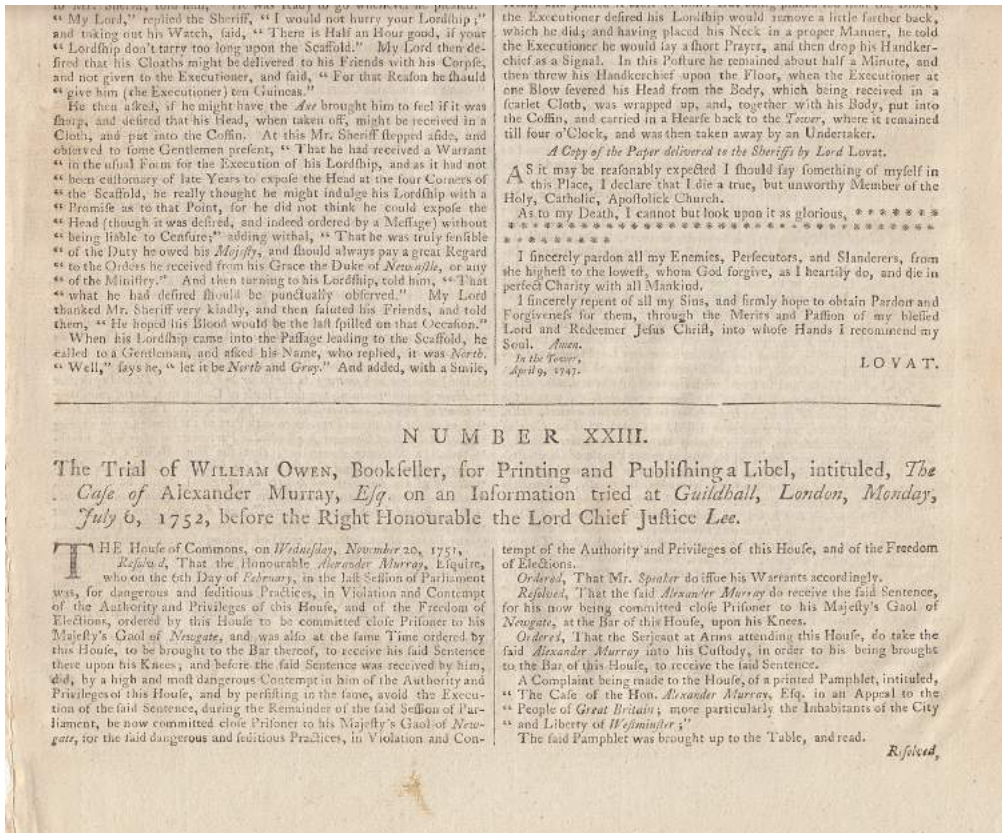
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“ My Lord,” replied the Sheriff, “ I would not hurry your Lordship ;” and taking out his Watch, said, “ There is Half an Hour good, if your Lordship don’t tarry too long upon the Scaffold.” My Lord then desired that his Cloaths might be delivered to his Friends with his Corpse, and not given to the Executioner, and said, “ For that Reason he should give him (the Executioner) ten Guineas.”

the Executioner desired his Lordship would remove a little farther back, which he did; and having placed his Neck in a proper Manner, he told the Executioner he would say a short Prayer, and then drop his Handkerchief as a Signal. In this Posture he remained about half a Minute, and then threw his Handkerchief upon the Floor, when the Executioner at one Blow severed his Head from the Body, which being received in a scarlet Cloth, was wrapped up, and, together with his Body, put into the Coffin, and carried in a Hearse back to the Yezzer, where it remained till four o’Clock, and was then taken away by an Undertaker.

**NUMBER XXIII.**

**The Trial of WILLIAM OWEN, Bookeller, for Printing and Publishing a Libel, intituled, *The Case of Alexander Murray, Esq.* on an Information tried at Guildhall, London, Monday, July 6, 1752, before the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice Lee.**

**T**HE House of Commons, on Wednesday, November 20, 1757, Resolved, That the Honourable Alexander Murray, Esquire, who on the 6th Day of February, in the last Session of Parliament was, for dangerous and seditious Practices, in Violation and Contempt of the Authority and Privileges of this House, and of the Freedom of Elections, ordered by this House to be committed close Prisoner to his Majesty’s Goal of Newgate, and was also at the same Time ordered by this House, to be brought to the Bar thereof, to receive his said Sentence there upon his Knees, and before the said Sentence was received by him, did, by a high and most dangerous Contempt in him of the Authority and Privileges of this House, and by persisting in the same, avoid the Execution of the said Sentence, during the Remainder of the said Session of Parliament, he now committed close Prisoner to his Majesty’s Goal of Newgate, for the said dangerous and seditious Practices, in Violation and Con-

tempt of the Authority and Privileges of this House, and of the Freedom of Elections.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrants accordingly.

*Resolved,* That the said Alexander Murray do receive the said Sentence, for his now being committed close Prisoner to his Majesty’s Goal of Newgate, at the Bar of this House, upon his Knees.

*Ordered,* That the Sergeant at Arms attending this House, do take the said Alexander Murray into his Custody, in order to his being brought to the Bar of this House, to receive the said Sentence.

A Complaint being made to the House, of a printed Pamphlet, intituled, “ The Case of the Hon. Alexander Murray, Esq. in an Appeal to the People of Great Britain; more particularly the Inhabitants of the City and Liberty of Westminster;”

The said Pamphlet was brought up to the Table, and read.

L O V A T.

*Resolved,*

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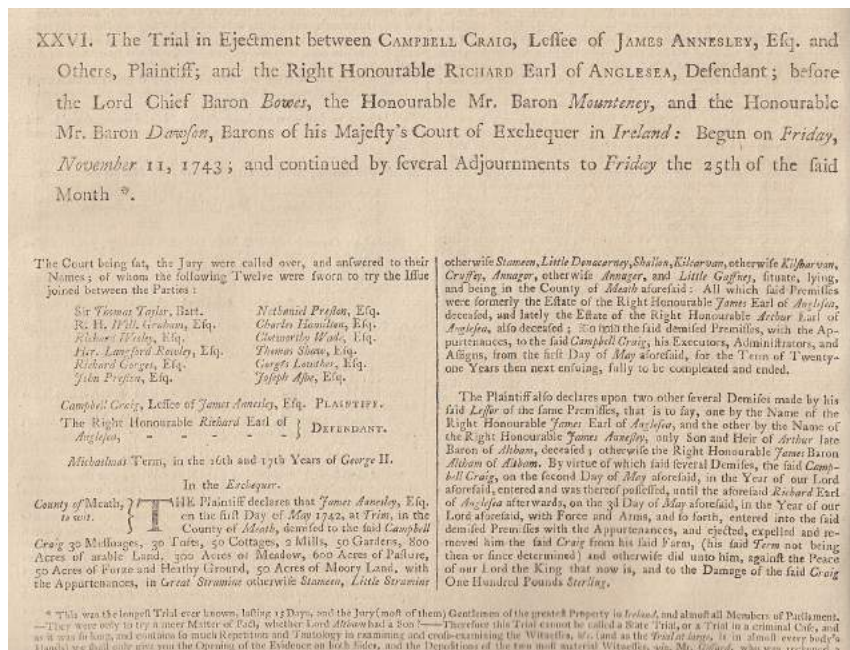
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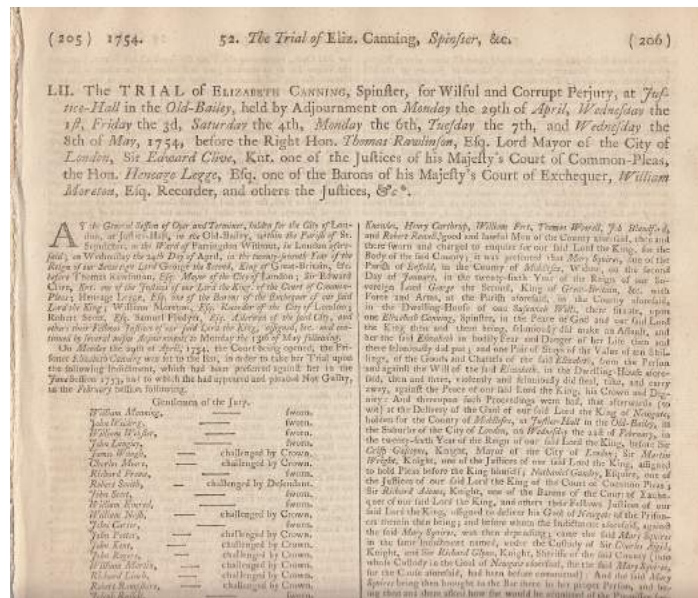
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