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LIV. l. 32. c. 21.

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Of the Honourable

Mrs. WELD and her HUSBAND,
whom she Libelled for *IMPOTENCY*, &c.

C O N T A I N I N G,

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| I. Eighteen Letters written by Mr. WELD to his WIFE, after their Marriage. | <i>Fisher, Rebecca Mann, and Mary Baker, concerning the Virginity of Mrs. W E L D.</i> |
| II. A Letter from Mrs. WELD to her Husband's Mother. | V. The Proceedings upon the APPEAL, in the Court of DELEGATES, And Dr. <i>Bettesworth's</i> Sentence at Large; which was fully confirmed. |
| III. The Certificate of Five Surgeons, <i>viz.</i> Mr. Serjeant <i>Dickens, Claud. Amyand, William Cheseiden, Alex. Small, and William Green,</i> in Behalf of Mr. WELD's <i>Virility.</i> | VI. The ALLEGATIONS admitted, on the Behalf of both PARTIES, which perfect the whole Proceedings in this Cause. |
| IV. The Certificate of Three Midwives, <i>viz.</i> <i>Elizabeth</i> | |

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Of the Honourable
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upon the subject of
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T H E
C A S E Stated.



DWARD WELD, Esq;
married the Honourable CATHERINE
ELIZABETH, Daughter of the Lord
Aston, June 22, 1727; *Ætat.* 22,
the Lady 19. After his *Marriage*,
he cohabited with his *Wife* at his
own Seat, *Lulworth-Castle*, in the
County of *Dorset*, till June, 1728,
excepting one Month, wherein,
being *indisposed*, she came to *Lon-*
don for Advice. She goes to *Stan-*
don, in the County of *Hertford*,
the Seat of her Father, where, in
October following, her *Husband* co-
habited

habited with her about a *Month*; then left her, and returned to his own Seat, *Lulworth-Castle*, where he continued till *February*, 1728-9, and came back to his *Wife* at her Father's Seat, and stayed with her about *Three Weeks*. Left her there a second Time, and went home to *Lulworth - Castle*, and continued there till the latter End of *May* following. Then returned to her again for *One Week*. After this they both came to *London*, and cohabited as Man and Wife for about *Five or Six Weeks*. After which Time Mr. *Weld* goes home to *Lulworth*, and stayed there till *November* following; Mrs. *Weld* goes to her Father's, where Mr. *Weld* and she again cohabited for about *Three or Four Weeks*. He leaves her there; but *thinks*, in all this Time, that he did *once or twice* CARNALLY Know her *. Like-
wife,

* See his *Answer to the Libel*. Part I. p. 12.

wife acknowledging *her* to be *Able*,
Apt, and *Fit* for the PROCREA-
TION of *Children*. Yet, farther
confesses, that, for Relief of his
Natural Impotency, he consulted
Mr. *John Williams*, a Surgeon, who
advised him to apply to Dr. *Mead*;
this, *he did not do*, but applied to
Dr. *Strother* concerning the same.
Lastly, he owns that he did de-
clare to the Duke of *Norfolk* and
Mr. *Colclough*, that he had *not Con-*
summated his Marriage; and that
his Wife will not therefore any
longer cohabit with him. He urg-
ed to her, that, *Many married*
People had lived together like Brother
and Sister *. But this Kind of
matrimonial Life his Spouse justly
disliked, replying, *My Dear*, we
ought not to live together after this
Manner. All the Fair Sex will a-
gree with Mrs. *Weld*, that a *married*
State

* See his *Answer* to her *Allegation*. Part I.
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State ought to be another *Manner of Life*. However, we shall now leave every Reader, Male and Female, to judge, as they think proper, of this *un-conjugal* Conjunction,

V A L E.




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S E Q U E L
T O T H E
C A S E
O F T H E
Honourable Mrs. WELD, &c.

INTRODUCTION.

AVING upon OATH
(made before the late
Right Hon. and truly
upright Judge, Sir *Robert Raymond*, Lord
Chief Justice of his Majesty's Court
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of *King's-Bench*, on the 10th Day of *March* 1732) published all the *genuine Proceedings* I could then procure, in a *Cause depending in the Arches Court of Canterbury*, between the Hon. Mrs. WELD and her Husband, whom she libelled for IMPOTENCY. I now offer, according to my Promise, what was in that Tract omitted, *viz.* Nineteen LETTERS, which were sent to the LADY by her HUSBAND, sometime before she commenced the Suit against him; as likewise one LETTER wrote by her to his MOTHER, which is here inserted. And as the Abstracts of the several DEPOSITIONS in the former Tract, made by *Matrons* and *Surgeons*, were so imperfect, that there did not, I acknowledge, appear sufficient Grounds to found a Sentence upon them: The Reader will find in this Tract, the full Substance of all those DEPOSITIONS,

TIONS,

TIONS, which were, indeed, the most material in the Case. Here is farther added, a just Translation of the Sentence given in the *Court of Arches*, which was confirmed (upon an APPEAL) by the *Court of Delegates*, a Sentence, in every Part, esteemed by all Men of Learning, most equitable: For, tho' a Cause of *Frigidity* and *Impotency* may be justly commenced after *Three Years* Cohabitation of the Parties Married, where no *Consummation* was had, when repeated Endeavours were used to that End; and, tho' this plainly appears to be the Case here, from the Answer of Mr. WELD *himself*, from the DEPOSITIONS of *Witnesses* of great Honour and Credit, containing frequent Complaints made by him of his own *Inability* that Way; from the *Reports* likewise of the *Matrons* who inspected the *Lady*; yet it appearing in the same Cause, by

the *Report* of very able *Surgeons*, commissioned to inspect the *Husband*, that he was then, before Sentence given, *able to perform the Act of Generation to all Intents and Purposes* ; and, moreover, the former Obstruction and Cause of the *Husband's* not Consummating his Marriage, being clearly accounted for, by *Mr. Williams*, another skilful Surgeon, and the *Removal* of the *Obstacle* attested by him. The *Court* could not be supposed to give any other *Sentence* than what they did ; for it must ever be allowed a sufficient Reason to discharge the *Husband* from such Complaints made by his *Wife* against him ; that, there is, at the Time, an *Ability* to consummate the *Marriage* notwithstanding any previous Defect.

One Thing more, I beg leave to say, That without enquiring into the
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the Case of Others differently circumstanced from the present, this *Lady* must always be esteemed blameless in commencing this Suit, as *she* was herself, and her *Husband* likewise, a *Roman Catholick*. For it is very well known, that by their Religion, Matrimony is a *Sacrament*; and it is understood amongst those People, that this *Sacrament* is violated by such as continue together in that State, while they are conscious to themselves, that they cannot Answer the *holy Ends* of MATRIMONY.

Oct. 29.
1733.

JOHN CRAWFURD.

The



The following DEPOSITIONS
are Supplementary to those printed
in the former Part of this *Case*.
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DEPOSITION I.

MR. WILLIAMS * deposed,
Aug. 10, 1730, That Mr.
WELD came to him last Summer,
and that upon examining the *Penis*,
he found the *Frenum* too streight,
which he set at Liberty, by clip-
ping it with a Pair of Scissars; and
examining that Part, that Day, again,
found nothing amiss in the Organs
of Generation.

DEPO-

* *An eminent Surgeon.*

DEPOSITION II.

LORD ASTON deposed, that Mr. WELD and Mr. COLCLOUGH being together at his House in *Hertfordshire*, in *May 1729*, He desired Mr. COLCLOUGH to speak to Mr. WELD about his *not having consummated the Marriage with his Daughter.* Mr. COLCLOUGH declared, he had spoke to him, and he confessed, he had *not consummated his Marriage with the said Mrs. WELD*; and, that he had *some outward Defect, that was painful to him, and hindered him from consummating his Marriage.* That Mr. COLCLOUGH had recommended one Mr. WILLIAMS to Mr. WELD, who had cured him; and that the said Mr. WELD told the Deponent, at the
 Lady

Lady HOWARD's, that Mr. WIL-
LIAMS had *cured him, but that*
some Soreness remained; but, he did
not doubt but he should be well in a
little Time.

DEPOSITION III.

THE Duke of NORFOLK
deposed, That in *June 1729,*
when he talked to Mr. WELD
about the Affair, he acknowledged,
he had *not consummated his Marriage*
with the Honourable (Mrs. ASTON)
but had advised with Physicians;
and hoped, in a little Time, he should
be able to consummate it.

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LETTERS

SENT FROM

Mr. WELD, to the Hon.
Catherine Elizabeth, while
she was absent from his
House, and resided at Lord
ASTON'S.

LETTER I.

My DEAR,

Nothing could give me more
Satisfaction than your ready
Compliance with my Desire, in re-
gard to your Maid; your not men-
tioning your Design to do so, but

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referring it, with other Things, to the Time of our Meeting, occasioned the Letter that, I suppose, you have received upon *Tuesday*. I propose now to hasten all Things for my Journey, to enjoy the Satisfaction of your Company that is so dear to me, and always shall continue to be promoted all that lies in the Power of the Person that calls himself

Your faithful Husband,

and humble Servant,

Lulworth, Oct.

16. 1728.

E. WELD.

P. S. My Mother sends her Blessing; my Brother and Sister their Love.

L E T T E R II.

My DEAR,

THE Weather was an Hindrance to me in setting out from *Wallington-Park*, so soon as I designed; so that I only arrived here *Wednesday* last very safe and well. I likewise found every body here well, who return their Respects to you. I shall take the next Post, or the following, to return my humble Thanks to my Lord, for the kind Entertainment I met with at *Standon*; but in the mean Time, I desire you would let him know, that I am safely arrived, and am obliged to him for all Favours.

I am, my Dear,

*Your affectionate Husband,
and humble Servant,*

*Lulworth, Saturday,
Dec. 14. 1728.*

E. WELD.

L E T T E R III.

My DEAR,

I Received yours the last Week, and am very glad to hear you are all well: My Brother has received yours, which you desired to know in your last: As to the other Things you mention, I desire that they may be sent as soon as you can. I shall wait with Impatience till I hear from you again, that you have received this, and my Lord, my last. We have had some Snow, but it is now going away; I suppose you likewise have not been without your Share.

I am, my Dear,

Your humble Servant,

and Husband,

Lulworth, Jan.

6. 1728-9.

E. WELD.

P. S. *We hear that my Lord Arundel is married by this Time in Town.*

L E T T E R IV.

My DEAR,

I Received yours today, and I
 Design to send you the *old*
Turky-Cock, because the young one
 being bred here, is more acquainted;
 next Week it will be in Town.
 It happened very well, that you
 now sent, for they wanted Parting
 after so many Battles that they
 have had at this Season of the
 Year. I think, I told you, in my
 last, what I would have you to
 do with the Pamphlets. Please to
 return my Thanks to my Lord for
 his kind Letter: It pleases me
 mightily to find he is so Well this
 Frosty Weather. I hope he has
 good luck with the *Woodcocks*; if
 I thought he had not; and they
 were more plenty here, a Pye, or
 a Pot

a Pot of them should have been a
Christmas Remembrance to him.

From, my Dear,

Your humble Servant,

and Husband,

Lulworth, Jan.

11, 1728-9.

E. WELD.

*P. S. My Mother and Sister pre-
sent their Service to you.*

L E T T E R V.

My DEAR,

YOURS came to me last
Week; I hope this will find
you well, and my Lord; I was very
sorry to hear from you, that my
Lord would be a loser by the break-
ing of this Man; but in the End,
I hope it will not prove so to him,
tho' I continue in the same Appre-
hensions I mentioned to my Lord
in my last. My Affairs here, which
have

have been very troublesom, and something disadvantageous, I hope, are now in such a State, that I propose to myself, the Happiness of enjoying your Company, upon *Saturday* Sevensnight. I should have been glad to have had the Satisfaction of seeing the Person I so much Love before now; but what has deprived me of it, cannot but be a reasonable Excuse with you. Colonel *Stroughton* has favoured me with his Company these two or three Days, and presents his Respects to you, as do all here.

I am, my Dear,

Your faithful, and

affectionate Husband,

Lulworth, Feb.

3. 1728-9.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R VI.

My DEAR,

I Arrived here last Night; I am sorry I have disappointed you in not coming down as tonight, as I proposed; but I hope, upon *Monday* or *Tuesday* you will see me at *Standon*. I left all very well at *Lulworth*, and find my Lady *Howard* so here. I leave it to you to excuse the Trouble I shall bring to my Lord, tho' it is with the Satisfaction that I shall wait upon his Lordship; I hope I shall find you in good Health.

I am, my Dear,

Your affectionate Husband,

Ormond-street, Feb.

15. 1728-9.

E. WELD.

LETTER VII.

My DEAR,

I Can with Pleasure acquaint you, that I arrived here on *Saturday* Night, by the Help of my Uncle's Pad, my own having fell *Lame* before I came to *Watlington-Park*. I hope my Lord and you keep your Health Well; please to tell my Lord, the News I wrote him from Town has been confirmed to me by two or three Hands, of which I am very glad, and do Congratulate my Lord upon it. I was so happy as to have Mr. *Stroughton's* Company down to *Watlington-Park*; from whence he designs to Travel into the *West*, to take a View of Mr. *Cottington's* Estate, under his Grace of *Norfolk*. My Respects and Thanks, wait upon my Lord for the mighty and obliging Reception

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tion I was honoured with at *Stan-*
don.

I am,

Your humble Servant,

and Husband,

Lulworth, March

24, 1728-9.

E. WELD.

LETTER VIII.

My DEAR,

I Had the Pleasure of receiving
your Letter, which removed
from me a great deal of Uneasiness
occasioned by your not Writing
so soon (after my Lord had ac-
quainted me, that you had been
out of Order) as I could Wish. I
had an Epistle from Mr. *Thraffeild*
last Post, concerning the *Chard* *
which I hope to see here to mor-
row. In that he acquainted me you
were

* *Chard-Fish,*

were all well at present. I am pretty well recovered of my Illness, but Dr. *Mitchel* has been here prescribing something to my Brother, who has been very much out of Order, tho' now the very Sight of the Physician has put him in a fair Way. I am very glad we have found the Nests of our three *Turkeys*, and in them almost one with another twelve Eggs apiece: So that I have a great Prospect of young *Pouts* against the Summer. These are from,

My Dear,

Your humble Servant,

and Husband,

Lulworth, April

12, 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R IX.

Mr DEAR,

I Have received both your Letters concerning the House-keeper; you will enquire into her Character, while you are in Town; but I think seven or eight Pounds a Year enough for me to give: If she won't come for that, and you cannot find out another that will, I propose to put *Margaret* to take Care of the House and Linnen, and help to wash at the same Time; for I shall keep only one House Maid, and one Cook. In five or six Weeks Time, I hope you, and the Maid you have provided, will be ready to come down. I propose to be with you before that. *Costin's* Bill was not brought to me before I went out of Town, so I suppose he is uneasy for not being paid soon enough. If you have Money enough
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by you, I desire you will Discharge him: As to the Church Stuff, I suppose you have made Choice of that you mentioned to me at *Standon*.

I am, my Dear,

Your affectionate Spouse,

Lulworth, April
16, 1729.

E. WELD.

LETTER X.

My DEAR,

I Am very much obliged to the *Lady Howard*, that she would please to favour me with a Letter so soon, and I hope mine found her Ladyship well; I am glad to think the Time draws so near of seeing you, for I have now resolved to set out for *Watlington*, on *Thursday* the 15th, and by the End of the next Week to be in *Ormond-Street*.

I should

I should be very glad, my Dear, if you could prevail with my Lord to carry you to Town by that Time, for I want to have his Company, tho' I cannot possibly wait upon him at *Standon*; yet if you desire it, I will do myself the Satisfaction to see him there for two or three Days, and then return with you to *Lulworth*, without much Stay upon the Road: If you have received any Money from Mr. *Wright*, I desire you would give it *Standon*. What I did design to do, I told you of before; if you cannot prevail with my Lord to come to my Lady's about that Time, let me know at *Watlington-Park*, and then I will wait upon him on *Tuesday* or *Wednesday*, the 27th or 28th of this Instant, and return upon *Saturday*, and set out upon *Monday* or *Tuesday*, as you will think fit. If you could order your Affairs so, it would look very
well

well here, since you design to
live here; and to come down so
soon, would oblige,

My Dear,

Your faithful Husband,

and humble Servant,

Lulworth, May
14, 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R X I.

My DEAR,

I Arrived here but yesterday, and
but then received yours. I am
sorry we could not meet in Town
this Week, as I proposed; but
tho' my Affairs press on so much,
I shall wait upon my Lord upon
Wednesday or *Thursday*, the 28th
or 29th, and return to *London* upon
Saturday, in order to be at *Lul-*
worth upon *Corpus Christi* Eve. I
desire you will finish your Affairs,
so

so as to be ready by that Time,
since your Stay there has been so
long.

*I am, my Dear,
Your humble Servant,
and Husband;*

*Watlington-Park,
May 22, 1729.*

E. WELD.

*P. S. My Mother sends you her
Blessing, my Uncle and Sister their
Respects.*

LETTER XII.

My DEAR,

MY Journey was very safe to
Watlington-Park, where I
found my Uncle *Simeon* well; he
returned his Respects to you and
my Lord; but, in the Way from
thence hither, I was forced to take
up with a little Cottage upon the
Downs,

Downs, to save my self from the hard Rain, which continued for seven Hours incessantly, there I staid my Stomach till Supper-time, with a Rather of rusty *Bacon*, and a Mug of Ale; after that, my Journey was pleasant, and I arrived here upon *Saturday*. The House-Keeper came upon *Friday*, and pack'd up your Things and sent them to *Gildon's*; but she tells me, she can't find the Money, but will look again, if you can guess whereabouts it may be.

I am, my Dear,

Your most humble Servant,

and Husband,

Lulworth, Aug.

4. 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R XIII.

My DEAR,

I Was very glad to receive a Letter from you, to put us in a way of finding what you was so much concerned about; which it is plain to be seen, was only a Mistake in the Search, since she ought to have looked in that Place the first. There should have been no need of putting me in Mind to search in the strictest Manner, and to have sought out the Offender, as much as if it had a thousand Times exceeded the Sum, which was found, which I hope comes up to what you expected, and had placed there. I am now concerned for my Brother *Aston*, since you expected him so soon; I hope he has safely passed the Water, and before this Time has seen my Lord and you.

Please

Please, my Dear, to give my Respects and Love to him; I wish his native Air, and *English* Physicians may perfectly recover him. I imagine upon his Account, my Lord is scarce set out for *Staffordshire* yet, tho' it is a Week exceeding his proposed Time. I desire my Duty, with all Respects to him, and a second Time wish him a safe Journey.

I am, my Dear,

Your most faithful Husband,

and humble Servant,

Aug. 25. 1729.

E. WELD.

*P. S. My Respects to my Brother
Jemmy and Mrs. Mano.*

L E T T E R XIV.

My DEAR,

I Am sorry to tell you, that an Affair here, I am afraid, will detain me longer than the Time I propos'd; it is what must be done before I come to Town. I hope you have taken care to order Mr. *Skinner* to make *Tom* a new Livery; for I dare say he is ashamed to be seen with the Cloaths he has on; if you have not thought on it, I desire you will speak soon. I have received some Things from the House-Keeper in a readiness to bring them up to you, which I shall endeavour to do with Safety.

I am, my Dear,

Your faithful Husband,

and humble Servant,

Lulworth, Sept.
30. 1729.

E. WELD.

P. S. My Respects where due.

L E T T E R XV.

My DEAR,

I Return you Thanks for the Favour of yours, which was very agreeable to me ; I hope you continue in good Health, and likewise the Family you are with, to whom I present my humble Respects. I shall have the Happiness in a very short Time of seeing you. I am sorry that some small Things that required my Sanction, have detained me so much longer from you than I could wish. The Time of my Return will be towards the End of the next Week, till when I shall wait with Impatience.

I am,

Your affectionate Husband,

and humble Servant,

Oct. 27. 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R XVI.

My DEAR,

I Am sorry I had not the Happiness to meet you and my Lord here as I expected, which would have taken off something of my Journey in seeing you well, since my Lady hath acquainted me that you have been something out of Order before you went into the Country; I hope I shall have the Pleasure of finding you, and my Lord, and my Brother well within this Week; but accept this with my Love, till I shall find more Time being just come to Town, since when I have heard that melancholly News of Mr. *Ingleby's* Death, which is an Occasion of Grief to me, since my Brother *Weld* is left alone at *Paris*. My Lady is well, and presents her Service, give me leave to present
mine

mine to my Lord, and my Brother
Aston.

I am, my Dear,

Your affectionate Husband,

Nov. 8. 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R XVII.

My DEAR,

WITH your last I received a great deal of Satisfaction to find that you and my Lady were well; and my Brother *Aston* likewise, better than you could have expected. I hope the last Letters you received out of *Staffordshire*, left my Lord in good Health, and by this Time thinking of his Return to *London*. I am sorry my Country Affairs have made it necessary for me to remain here so much longer than

than the Time I proposed to be absent from you; but I hope to return to you about the End of the next Week, when, without fail, you may expect me; in the mean while please to make my Compliments acceptable to my Lady and Mr. *Saltmarsh*, and welcome them to their new House.

I am, my Dear,

Your most dutiful, and

affectionate Husband,

Lulworth, Nov.

29. 1729.

E. WELD.

L E T T E R XVIII.

My DEAR,

I Am very glad to hear you are pretty well recovered of your Cold, as well as my Lord, to whom my Duty and Respects; and please to inform him, that it shall be with the greatest Pleasure and Satisfaction to me to comply with his so kind Invitation to *Standon*. I never made any doubt, but that thro' my Lord's Goodness and Civility shewn to me, I should always be received with a Welcome there; but as to your Letter that mentions it, I only received it here, since I was set out upon that *Monday* for *Brightwell*. I am afraid I must stay till *Sunday* or *Monday*, before I can please myself so far, as to wait upon my Lord

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and

and you. I desire you will present my Respects to my Brother *Aston.*

I am,

Your affectionate Spouse,

Nov. 11. 1729.

E. WELD.

P. S. I have so far prevailed with my self to have Mr. Lully to put me in a better way.

Dick brought it.

LETTER XIX.

My DEAR,

MY Business continuing, I was obliged to surpass the Time I appointed for my Return to you; please to make my Respects and
Service

Service acceptable to my Lord, and my Brother. My Lady *Howard* has desired me to acquaint my Lord, that his Letter was received this Afternoon, only upon *Saturday* and *Monday* I was present at the the Tryal of Mr. *Fitzgerald* and Lord *Falconberg*, wherein several Aspersions were laid to my Lord *Aston*, but fully cleared by the Counsellors *Strange*, *Fenwick*, and Another. When I come down, which will be, I hope, the next Week, I shall give you a farther Account.

I am, my Dear,

Your affectionate Husband,

and Servant,

London, Dec. 9.
1729,

E. WELD.



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Mrs. WELD, to her Husband's Mother.

To Mrs. WELD, at Watlington-Park, Oxfordshire.

MADAM,

I Suppose by this Time my Sister is arrived; she has all the good Wishees possible that I am capable of; and if you will do me the Favour to tell me it is done, I will wish her Joy by a Line to her

her my self. I hope you have received my Letter, wherein I was in a true Concern for my Brother, and am very glad to hear it is only an Ague, which I hope is quite gone by this Time. I am extremely sorry I could not see you before I left *London*, which makes me give you this Trouble, to assure you, I would not tell my *Lady Howard*, tho' she pressed me several Times to know if I was easy at *Lulworth*. I am sure, Madam, you are very sensible to the contrary; and you must also be a very good *Judge in the Cause*, being you never seemed easy nor contented with any thing: This, Madam, I hope, will convince you I have a true Respect for all your Family; I am sure it was my daily Care, I need not name Particulars, not doubting, you are sensible how many Things you have vexed me in; therefore, I hope, when

when you have considered them, you will not think me unreasonable in desiring you to take away your Furniture from *Lulworth*, and fix your self in some other Place; then, I do promise you, I shall never desire to live in any other Place. I am too much convinced, that when one is Married, they are to make That their Home, and I am very willing to do it, if I have no other Person to please than my Mr. WELD. I Considered before I was Married, and, tho' I was in great Concern to part with my Papa, I was resolved to remove that Contradiction and it has been daily more easy to me, because it has pleased God to give him his Health; but if this is not agreeable to you, then you may easily persuade my Mr. WELD to *live elsewhere*, if you live at *Lulworth*. Mr. WELD's Concerns will not suffer any thing, for your former

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mer Experience has proved it so. This being only betwixt us, it may be easily done without Noise, or the World knowing it. I beg your Answer. I am following the Doctor's Prescriptions; I cannot say I am much better; pray present my Respects to Sir Ed. Simmons, and humble Service to all the rest.

I am, Madam,

Your Dutiful Daughter,

and faithful humble Servant,

Aug. 8.

CATHERINE WELD.

The Substance of the CERTIFICATE of the five SURGEONS.

THAT they had carefully inspected the *Parts* of E. WELD, that are designed for *Propagation*, and did find them fully and justly *proportioned*, and fitly and sufficiently *formed* for the Act of *Carnal Copulation*; and that it did evidently appear to them, that he was capable of performing every Thing requisite to the *Propagation* of his *Species*.

Ambr. Dickens, Serj. Surg.

Claud. Amyand.

William Cheselden.

Alexander Small.

William Green.

*The Substance of the Three
MIDWIVES Certificate.*

THAT they are well skilled in the Art and Practice of Midwifery, and have very carefully and diligently inspected the *private Parts* of the Body, of the Hon. *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, which are naturally designed for *carnal Copulation*; and that to the best of their Skill and Knowledge, she is a **VIRGIN**, and never had *carnal Copulation* with any **MAN** whatsoever.

Elizabeth Fisher,

Rebecca Mann.

Mary Baker.



THE
SENTENCE
IN THIS
CAUSE.

IN *the Name of God* Amen.
We JOHN BETTESWORTH,
Doctor of Laws, Official-Principal
of the *Arches Court of Canterbury,*
London, lawfully constituted, right-
ly and duly Proceeding, having
heard, seen, and understood, and
fully and maturely discussed the
Merits of a certain Cause of Nul-
lity of Marriage, by Reason of
Impotency and Frigidity, which is
controverted, and remains unde-
termined before us in Judgment,
between

between the Hon. *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, otherwise *Aston*, the Wife of *Edward Weld*, Esq; of *Lulworth-Castle* in *Dorsetshire*, of the Diocese of *Bristol*, and Province of *Canterbury*, the Party Agent and Complainant on the one Part. And the said *Edward Weld*, Esq; the Party accused and complained of, on the other Part. And the Parties aforesaid, lawfully appearing before us in Judgment by their Proctors; and the Proctor of the said *Edward Weld*, praying Sentence to be given, and Justice to be done to his Party. And the Proctor also of the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, earnestly praying Sentence and Justice to be done to his Party. And having first carefully and diligently searched into, and considered the whole Proceedings had, and done, before Us in this Cause; and having observed All and singular the Matters and Things,

that by Law, in this Behalf, ought to be observed, in order to give our Definitive Sentence and final Decree in this Cause. We have thought fit to proceed, and do proceed, in Manner following, That is to say, forasmuch as We have by the Thing enacted, deduced, alleged, exhibited, propounded, proved, and confessed, in this Cause, found and clearly discovered, that the Proctor of the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld* hath not sufficiently and fully founded and proved his Intention, deduced in a certain Libel and other Pleadings, and Exhibits in this Cause, admitted on her Behalf, and now preparing in the Registry of this Court (which We take, and will have taken, as if here read and inserted) but intirely failed in the Proof thereof.

Therefore

Therefore we JOHN BETTESWORTH, Judge aforefaid, having God before our Eyes, and having heard Counfel in this Behalf, Decree, pronounce, and declare, that the faid *Edward Weld* ought to be Dismiffed; and to all Intents and Purpofes of Law, We do Dismiff him from all Suit and Action commenced againft him, by the faid *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, as deduced, fet forth, and prayed by Her, in her intended Libel aforefaid; and that the faid *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, alias *Afton*, ought to be enjoined perpetual Silence in the Premifes; and We do accordingly injoin her Silence, by this our Definitive Sentence, or final Decree, which by thefe Presents We do promulge.

After

After this Sentence given, Mrs. *Weld* was admonished by the Court to go home to her Husband, and Cohabit with him at Bed and Board, at *Lulworth-Castle*, his Mansion-House, and accustomed Place of Abode in the County of *Dorset*.

But, there being an APPEAL from this Sentence to the King, in his High Court of *Delegates*, the Cause was Re-heard at *Serjeant's-Inn*, and by the Judges there, the foregoing Sentence, and all other Proceedings of the Dean of the *Arches*, in this Cause, were Affirmed.



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ALLEGATION

GIVEN INTO

The Court of *Arches*, on
Behalf of Mr. *WELD*, the
12th of *Nov.* 1733.

I. **T**HAT the Marriage be-
tween the said *Edward*
Weld, Esq; and the said *Catherine*
Elizabeth Weld, formerly *Aston*,
the Parties in this Cause, was
solemnized on the 22d Day of
June, in the Year of our Lord
1727, and not before.

2. That

2. That after the Solemnization of the said Marriage (to wit) on or about the 20th of *July* 1727, the said *Edward Weld*, and the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, his Wife, went down to the Seat of him, the said *Edward Weld*, at *Lulworth Castle*, in the County of *Dorset*, and there continued, and lived, and cohabited together, until on or about the 26th Day of *October*, then next following, on or about which Day the said *Catherine Elizabeth* went from *Lulworth Castle* aforesaid, to *London*, where she continued for the Space of a Month, or thereabouts, without the Company or Conversation of the said *Edward* her Husband; and for all the said Time, They the said *Edward* and *Catherine Elizabeth*, did not live, cohabit, or lie together.

3. That

until the Month of *October* then next following ; and she the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, did live separate and apart from her said Husband ; and for, and during all the said Time, they did not live and co-habit together at Bed and Board.

5. That in *October*, 1728, the said *Catherine Elizabeth* being at the House of her Father, the Right Honourable the Lord *Aston*, at *Standon*, in the County of *Hertford*, the said *Edward Weld*, her Husband, went thither to her, and stayed there with her about three Weeks, and applied to her, and desired her to go home with him, and told her, that his Affairs required his Presence in the Country ; but she refusing to go Home with him, he the said *Edward* returned to *Lukworth-Castle* aforesaid, leaving the said *Catherine Elizabeth* at

at *Standon* aforefaid; and, during that Time, he the faid *Edward Weld*, was at *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid alone, and continued there, without the Company of his faid Wife, until the Beginning of *February* following.

6. That towards *Lent*, or about the Beginning of *February*, 172⁸, the faid *Edward Weld* went to his faid Wife, then at her Father's House aforefaid, and then again applied, and defired her to go Home with him to their Habitation at *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid; but he the faid *Edward* continued at *Standon* aforefaid, expecting his faid Wife would have returned with him to *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid; but finding ſhe would not, he the faid *Edward* did return to *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid alone, and there continued, without the Company of the faid *Catherine Elizabeth*,

his Wife, until the Month of *May*,
1729.

7. That in the Month of *May*,
1729, he the said *Edward Weld*,
hoping to prevail with the said *Catherine Elizabeth* his Wife, to re-
turn with him to their Habitation
at *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid, went
to her, then at her Father's House
at *Standon* aforefaid, where he con-
tinued for about the Space of a
Week, and then the said *Edward*
and *Catherine Elizabeth* came to
London together to the Right Ho-
nourable the Lady *Howard*, of
Workfop, then in *Red-Lion-Square*,
for the Space of five Weeks or
thereabouts, and then the said *Ed-
ward* earnestly pressed and impor-
tuned his said Wife to go home
to *Lulworth-Castle* aforefaid, which
she refused; and thereupon he the
said *Edward* applied to the Lord
Aston, her Father, aforefaid, and
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not prevailing with him by Intreaties, to cause his said Daughter to return home with him the said *Edward* her Husband, did, in a serious and solemn Manner, demand her of her Father, and required she should go home with him, which he absolutely refused, and would not suffer his said Daughter to go home with the said *Edward Weld*, her Husband, to *Lulworth-Castle* afore said.

8. That at several Times, and more particularly at the Time mentioned in the preceding Article, when the said *Edward Weld* desired, and earnestly requested, the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, his Wife, to go home with him to *Lulworth-Castle* and cohabit there with him, as by Law she ought to do, the only Reason then suggested and pretended by her to him the said *Edward Weld*, for not cohabiting with

with him there, was, that her Mother was still resident in his Family, and continued to live with him, notwithstanding she the said *Catherine Elizabeth* had wrote a Letter to his said Mother to forbid her the House in very peremptory Expressions, without the Consent or Knowledge of the said *Edward Weld*, her Husband, consequent to which, the said *Edward Weld* did not hinder the Effect of the said Letter, and his Mother, Brother, and Sisters, thereupon did remove from his Seat of *Lulworth-Castle* in or about the Month of *May 1729*, that there might not be any Uneasiness upon that Account; and that she the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, might not have any the least Pretence for not cohabiting with him at his own House, as by Law she ought to do; and so much the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld* very well knew,
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and was informed of; notwithstanding which, she refused to go down with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, and cohabit with him there, as by Law she ought to do.

9. That the said *Edward Weld*, finding he could not prevail with the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, his Wife, to go home with him to their Habitation at *Lulworth-Castle* afore-
 said, his the said *Edward's* Affairs requiring his Presence there, he the said *Edward*, in the Month of *July* 1729, was obliged, and did return to *Lulworth-Castle* afore-
 said, where he continued alone, without the Company and Conversation of his said Wife, until the latter End of *November* following, his said Wife continuing at her Father's, the said Lord *Aston's* House, at *Standon* afore-
 said.

10. That

10. That in or about the latter End of *November* 1729, the said *Edward Weld* being desirous, and hoping he might prevail with the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, his Wife, to return home with him to *Lulworth-Castle* afore said, did, about the latter End of *November* 1729, afore said, go to the House of the said Lord *Aston* at *Standon* afore said, where his said Wife then was, and there he the said *Edward* continued for the Space of about three Weeks, and then intreated and desired her to go with him, but finding he could not prevail with his said Wife to go home with him, left her at her said Father's House, and came to *London*, where he continued, without the Company and Conversation of his said Wife, until after *Christmas* Holidays then next following, and now last past; and from the Time of his leaving *Standon*

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don, as aforefaid, to this very Time, he the faid *Edward* hath not feen the faid *Catherine Elizabeth*, his Wife.

II. The Party proponent, for Supply of the Proof of the Premises of the eighth Article of this Allegation, and to all other Intents and Purposes in Law whatsoever, doth exhibit and hereunto annex the original Letter, in the faid Article mentioned, marked (A), * and doth alledge the faid Letter to be totally wrote, subscribed by, and with the proper Hand of the faid *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, and that the faid Letter was sent by the General-Post to, and received by, the faid Mrs. *Margaret Weld*, in the Month of *August* 1728; and doth farther alledge, That, *my Mr. Weld*, in the faid Letter mentioned, and *Catherine Weld*, by whom the faid Letter was wrote,

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* See Page 36.

subscribed, and superscribed, and *Edward Weld*, and *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, Parties in this Cause, are the same Persons, and not divers ; and doth also alledge, that *Mrs. Weld*, to whom the said Letter is directed, and the Party proponent's Mother in the said Article mentioned, is the same Person and not divers.



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ALLEGATION

GIVEN INTO

The Court of *Arches*, on
Behalf of Mrs. WELD, the
19th of *Jan.* 1730.

I. **T**HAT the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, alias *Aston*, being somewhat indisposed in her Health, did, at the Desire of her Husband, the said *Edward Weld*, or, at least, by and with his Consent, on or about the 23d Day of *October* 1727, the Time mentioned in the second Article of the Allegation, admitted in this
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Cause, on the Behalf of the said *Edward Weld*, begin her Journey from *Lulworth-Castle*, in the County of *Dorset*, for *London*, in order to take Advice of Physicians, as to such her Indisposition; that the said *Edward Weld* did accompany her, Part of the said Journey, as far as *Salisbury*, and the said *Edward* and *Catherine Elizabeth* lay together there all Night in one and the same Bed, and dined there together the Day following.

2. That the said *Edward Weld* soon after (to wit, on or about the 21st Day of *November* following) came to *London*, to his said Wife, and they, the said *Edward Weld* and the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, from that Time lived together at the House of ---- *Scabown* in *Great Ormond-Street*, and lay together there, in one and the same Bed, * *Sotus cum sola* & *nudus cum nuda,*

* *Alone and Naked.*

nuda, until the 4th Day of *December* following.

3. That the said *Edward* and *Catherine Elizabeth* went together from the said *Scabown's* House, in *Great Ormond-Street*, upon the said 4th Day of *December*, for *Lulworth-Castle*, and arrived there upon the 8th Day of the said Month, and from that Time, until the 6th Day of *July* following, lived together at *Lulworth-Castle*, and for, and during, all the said Time, lay together in one and the same Bed, *Solus cum sola & nudus cum nuda*.

4. That the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, being again indisposed in her Health, did again, at the Desire of the said *Edward Weld*, or at least by, and with, his Consent and Good-liking, upon the said 16th Day of *July* 1728, and not before, begin her Journey
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for *London*, in order to take the Advice of Physicians for such her Indisposition: That the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, at the said Time, went in the said *Edward Weld's* Coach from *Lulworth-Castle* to *London*, and the said *Edward Weld* did again accompany her, as far as *Salisbury*, Part of her Journey; and the said *Edward* and *Catherine Elizabeth* lay together, the same Time, all Night, at *Salisbury*, in one and the same Bed, *Solus cum sola* & *nudus cum nuda*; And the said *Catherine Elizabeth* did get to *London* upon the 18th Day of the said Month, and not before.

5. That during the Time of Absence of the said *Catherine Elizabeth* from the said *Edward Weld* the same Time, which was from the 17th Day of *July* 1728, until the 6th Day of *November* following, the said *Catherine Elizabeth*,
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after she had staid some short Time at the Lady *Howard's* House in *Ormond-Street*, to take the Advice of Physicians for such her Indisposition, lived with her Father, the Lord *Aston*, partly at *Standon* in *Hertfordshire*, and partly with his Lordship at *Tixel* in *Staffordshire*, and the said *Edward Weld* was privy and consenting to the same; that during the Time of such her Absence, the said *Edward Weld* corresponded with her by Letter, and promised, from Time to Time, that he would come to her, but did not at any one Time, during the Time the said *Catherine Elizabeth* lived apart from the said *Edward*, which was from the said 17th Day of *July* 1728; till the 6th Day of *November* following, go to visit her the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, nor ask or desire the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to come to him to *Lulworth-Castle*,

Castle, or shew any Inclination for her to come there to him.

6. That towards Supply of Proof of the Premises in the foregoing Article, and to all other Intents and Purposes in Law whatsoever, the Party proponent doth exhibit, and hereunto annex, a Letter, marked N^o. 1, * beginning thus (to wit) *My Dear, nothing could give me more Satisfaction,* and ending thus (to wit) *All that lies in the Power of the Person that calls himself your faithful Husband and humble Servant,* and subscribed *E. W.* and dated *Lulworth, October the 16th 1728*; which Letter, Subscription and Date, the Party proponent doth alledge, to be all of the proper Hand-writing of the said *Edward Weld*, Party in this Cause, and so known to be by the Persons who have seen him write, and are well acquainted with his
Manner

* See Page 9.

Manner and Character of Hand-writing, and was sent by him to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, during the Time she was at the Lord *Aston's* House the said Time.

7. That upon the said 6th Day of *November* 1728, the said *Edward Weld* came to *London* to the House of the Right Honourable the Lady *Howard* in *Ormond-Street*, where the said *Catherine Elizabeth* then was; and there being no Con-veniency for his lying there that Night, he went away, and returned to her there the next Day, where he cohabited with her at Bed and Board until the 12th Day of the said Month of *November*; and they the said *Edward Weld* and *Catherine Elizabeth*, went to *Standon* in the County of *Hertford*, the Seat of the Right Honourable the Lord *Aston*, and there the said *Edward* and *Catherine Elizabeth* cohabited

together, at Bed and Board, for upwards of three Weeks; and then the said *Edward Weld*, pretending to have Business at *Lulworth-Castle*, left the said *Catherine Elizabeth* at the said Lord *Aston's* House, and promised to return to her there as soon as he had settled his Affairs at *Lulworth-Castle*; that during the Time, the said *Edward Weld* cohabited the said Time with her the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, at the said Lady *Howard's* House, and at the said Lord *Aston's* House, he the said *Edward* did not once ask or desire the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to go with him home to *Lulworth-Castle*, or take any Notice, either to the Lady *Howard*, or the Lord *Aston*, or any of their Families, of any Intentions, or Desire he had of taking her with him, or of having her come to him there.

8. That the said *Catherine Elizabeth* continued at the said Lord *Aston's* House, with the Good-liking, Consent, and Approbation of the said *Edward Weld*, until his Return to her there, which was on or about the 18th Day of *February*, 1728; and the said *Edward Weld*, and *Catherine Elizabeth* did, during the Time of such their Absence from each other, correspond together by Letters, in a loving and affectionate Manner; and in some of the said Letters, the said *Edward Weld* did excuse himself to the said *Catherine Elizabeth* from such his Absence from her, and promised to return to her, as soon as he had settled his Affairs.

9. That for a Supply of Proof of the Premises, in the two foregoing Articles, and to all other

Intents and Purposes in Law whatsoever, the Party proponent doth exhibit, and hereunto annex, several original Letters, marked No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, which the said *Edward Weld* wrote and sent to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, in the Time of such his Absence from her, mentioned in the two foregoing Articles; and doth alledge, that the whole Series of all the said several Letters, marked No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and the several Subscriptions thereto, and Dates thereof, to be all of the proper Handwriting of the said *Edward Weld*, and so known and believed to be, by Persons who have seen him write, and are well acquainted with his Manner and Character of Handwriting, and that the same were sent by him to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*; and that by the Words, *My Dear*, wrote at the Top of the said several Letters, he the said

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Edward Weld did mean and intend the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, Party in this Cause.

10. That on or about the said 18th Day of *February*, 1728, the said *Edward Weld* came to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, then at the said Lord *Aston's* House in *Hertfordshire*, and lived with her there at Bed and Board until on or about the 20th Day of *March* following, and did not at any Time, during the said Time, ask or desire the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to go home with him then to *Lulworth-Castle*, or mention the same, or shew any Inclinations of his intending to take the said *Catherine Elizabeth* home with him then to *Lulworth-Castle*, either to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, or to her Father the Lord *Aston*, or to any of the Family, but promised to return again to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*

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Elizabeth to the said Lord *Aston's* House.

11. That on or about the said 20th Day of *March* 1728, and not before, the said *Edward Weld* left the said *Catherine Elizabeth* at the said Lord *Aston's* House, and went to *Lubworth-Castle*, and did not return to the said *Catherine Elizabeth* till on or about the 28th Day of *May* following; that the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, during such the Time of his Absence, continued at the said Lord *Aston's*, with the Good-liking, Consent, and Approbation of the said *Edward Weld*, until the Time of his said Return; and the said *Edward Weld*, and *Catherine Elizabeth*, during the Time of such their Absence from each other, corresponded by Letters in a loving and affectionate Manner; and in one of the said Letters which the said

Edward

Edward Weld wrote, and sent to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, in such his Time of Absence from her, to wit, on or about the 16th Day of *April* 1729, and not before, he the said *Edward Weld* did propose, to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, to be ready, in five or six Weeks Time, to go along with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, and in such Letter did propose to be with her at the Lord *Aston's* House aforesaid, before that Time.

12. That for Supply of Proof of the Premises in the two foregoing Articles, and to all other Intents and Purposes in Law whatsoever, the Party proponent doth exhibit, and hereunto annex several original Letters, marked N^o. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, which the said *Edward Weld* wrote, and sent to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, in such the Time of his Absence from her,

and doth alledge, that the whole Series of all the said Letters, marked No. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and the several Subscriptions thereto, and Dates thereof, to be all of the proper Hand-writing of the said *Edward Weld*, and so known and believed to be, by Persons who have seen him write, and are well acquainted with his Manner and Character of Hand-writing, and that the same were sent by him to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*; and that by the Words, *My Dear*, wrote at the Top of the said several Letters, he the said *Edward Weld* did mean and intend the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, Party in this Cause.

13. That the said *Edward Weld*, on or about the said 28th Day of *May* 1729, came to the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*, alias *Aston*, then at the Lord *Aston's* at *Standon* afore said,

aforesaid, and there continued with her till the 7th Day of *June* following, within which Time the said *Edward Weld* did ask the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to go home with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, and the said *Catherine Elizabeth* consented to the same, and agreed to go with him any Time he should think fit; and then the said *Edward Weld* and *Catherine Elizabeth*, on the 7th Day of *June*, went to the said Lady *Howard's* House in *Ormond-Street*, where they cohabited together at Bed and Board till the 29th Day of *June* following, and the said *Catherine Elizabeth* was duly in Expectation, all the said Time, of going along with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, and of his fixing a Time for their Journey; but the said *Edward Weld* did not at any Time, during the said Time they so cohabited together, at the said Lady *How-*

ard's House, once ask or desire the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to go home with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, or fix any Time for their Journey; but instead of so doing, did, upon the said 29th Day of *July*, begin his Journey for *Lulworth-Castle*, without the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, and left the said *Catherine Elizabeth* at the said *Lady Howard's* House, and desired her to continue there till his Return to her in three Weeks Time, or thereabouts.

14. That the said *Catherine Elizabeth* cohabited with the said *Edward Weld* at the said *Lady Howard's* House in *Ormond-Street*, at the especial Request and Desire of the said *Edward Weld*, or, at least, by and with his good Liking and Consent, and continued at the said *Lady Howard's* House, and at the said *Lord Aston's* in *Hertfordshire*,
 until

until his Return to her, which was not till on or about the 17th Day of *November* following, with the like good Liking and Consent of the said *Edward Weld*.

15. That the said *Edward Weld*, and *Catherine Elizabeth*, during the said Time from the said 29th of *July* 1729, to the 17th of *November* following, did correspond together by Letters after a very affectionate Manner; and the said *Edward Weld*, in some of the Letters he sent to her during the said Time, did promise, from Time to Time, to return to her, and excused himself for not returning to her by the Time he proposed to her, when he parted from her.

16. That for a Supply of Proof of the Premises, of the Three foregoing Articles, and to all other Intents and Purposes in Law whatsoever,

foever, the Party proponent doth exhibit, and hereunto annex, several Original Letters, marked No. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, which the said *Edward Weld* wrote and sent to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, at or about the respective Times of the Dates thereof, and doth alledge, that the whole Series of all the said Letters, marked No. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and the several Subscriptions thereto, and Dates thereof, to be all of the proper Handwriting of the said *Edward Weld*, and so known and believed to be, by Persons who have seen him write, and are well acquainted with his Character and Manner of Handwriting, and that the same were sent by him to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*; and that by the Words, *My Dear*, wrote at the Top of the said several Letters, he the said *Edward Weld* did mean and intend
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the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, Party in this Cause ; and that the said Letter, marked No. 18, was wrote and sent by the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, on or about the 11th Day of *November* 1729, at which Time the said *Edward Weld* was at the said *Lady Howard's* House in *Ormond-Street*, and had been there for a Week, or nine Days, before, improving himself upon the Harpsicord, with the Assistance of *Mr. Lally*, a Music-Master, mentioned in the Postscript of the said Letter.

17. That on or about the said 17th Day of *November*, 1729, the said *Edward Weld* came to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, then at the said *Lord Aston's* House, and continued to live with her there, and lay together, in one, and the same Bed, *Solus cum sola*, & *nudus cum nuda*, till the first Day of *December* following,

following, and then the said *Edward* pretending to have Business in *London*, went thither, and did not ask the said *Catherine Elizabeth* to go with him, but promised to return again soon to her at the said *Lord Aston's* House; but not coming so soon as he had promised, did send a Letter of Excuse to her, dated upon the 9th of *December* 1729, and did not return to her till on or about the 20th Day of the said Month, and, from that Time, continued to live with her there till the 8th Day of *January* following, and lay in one and the same Bed, *Nudus cum nuda, solus cum sola*: That within the last mentioned Time, to wit, on or about the last Day of *December*, the said *Edward Weld* did tell the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, that he intended, in two or three Days, to go to *Lulworth-Castle*, and did then ask the said *Catherine Elizabeth* if
she

she would not go with him ; that she the said *Catherine Elizabeth* did not then refuse to go with the said *Edward Weld*, or tell him that she would not go with him to *Lulworth-Castle* ; but considering that it was in the Winter, and a bad Time for Travelling, she did ask him, *How he did think her Father would like it, or approve of her taking so long a Journey in that Season of the Year* ; and the said *Edward Weld* did not, after that Time, during his Stay at the said Lord *Aston's* House, mention any thing to the said *Catherine Elizabeth* about her going with him to *Lulworth-Castle*, or taking any Notice to the Lord *Aston*, or any of the Family, that he was desirous of having her go with him there.

18. That for Supply of Proof of the Premises in the foregoing Article, and to all other
Intents

Intents and Purposes of Law whatsoever, the Party proponent doth exhibit, and hereunto annex the said Letter, dated the 9th Day of *December* 1729, marked N^o. 19, and doth alledge, that all the said Letter, Subscription thereto, Date thereof, and Supercription thereon, is all of the proper Hand-writing of the said *Edward Weld*, and so known and believed to be, by Persons who have seen him write, and are well acquainted with his Character and Manner of Hand-writing, and that the said *Edward Weld* did, on or about the Date thereof, send the same by the General Post, as directed to the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld*.

19. That the said *Edward Weld* did, on or about the 8th Day of *January* 1729, leave the said *Catherine Elizabeth* at the said Lord *Aston's* House, and came to *London*
to

to the Lady *Howard's* House afore-
 said, where he stayed for three or
 four Days, within which Time the
 said *Edward Weld* did acquaint the
 said Lady *Howard*, that he was
 going to *Lulworth-Castle*, and had
 asked his Wife to go with him,
 who had given him no direct An-
 swer ; and thereupon the said Lady
Howard told the said *Edward Weld*,
 that, *She believed the Lord Aston*
had been with Counsel, advising
about his not having consummated
his Marriage, which might be the
Reason of her giving him no positive
Answer ; and the said Lady *How-*
ard did then tell the said *Edward*
Weld, that, *He would do well if he*
would advise with Counsel also, con-
cerning the same ; to which the said
Edward Weld replied, that *There was*
no Occasion for That ; for altho' they
 did not *Bed* or *Lye* together (mean-
 ing himself, and the said *Catherine*
Elizabeth) they might live together

as Brother and Sister ; and that was all he desired, as the said *Edward Weld* did then express himself, or to the same Effect and Purpose.

20. That during all the Time the said *Edward Weld* and *Catherine Elizabeth* lived together, and cohabited at the said Lord *Aston's*, and the said Lady *Howard's*, as in the preceeding Article is mentioned, he the said *Edward Weld* was received and entertained by them with great Kindness and Civility ; and she the said *Catherine Elizabeth* behaved herself towards him in a very dutiful Manner ; and he the said *Edward Weld*, some short Time before his going to *Lulworth-Castle*, as in the preceeding Article is mentioned, was very kindly invited by the said Lord *Aston*, as also by the said Lady *Howard*, to continue and live at their respective Houses

Houfes with the faid *Catherine Elizabeth*.

21. That foon after the Premifes, to wit, on or about the third Day of *February*, mentioned in the 13th Article of this Allegation, he the faid Lord *Aston* did write and fend a Letter to the faid *Edward Weld*, then at *Lulworth-Castle*, and therein did again invite him to come and refide with his Wife at his the faid Lord *Aston's* Houfe, where he might have a more eafy Recourfe for the beft Advice and moft proper Remedies, to enable him to confummate his Marriage, than he could have at *Lulworth-Castle*, being fo great a Distance from *London*, or the faid Lord *Aston* did write and fend a Letter to the fame Effect to the faid *Edward Weld*; which Letter the faid *Edward Weld* did receive, but the faid *Edward Weld* did not fend any

Answer to the said Letter to the
said Lord *Aston*.

22. That in or about the Month
of *June* 1729, the said *Edward
Weld* being sensible of his own
Inability to consummate his Mar-
riage, did, in Discourse with the
said *Catherine Elizabeth*, tell the
said *Catherine Elizabeth*, that, *It
would signify nothing to advise with
Surgeons or Physicians, for that, in
another Year, they must part Beds*
(meaning thereby, when Three
Years after the Time of his pre-
tended Marriage were expired) at
which the said *Catherine Elizabeth*
being much surpris'd, said, *What,
part Beds!* He the said *Edward* did
make Answer, that, *They could not
in Conscience do otherwise, or ex-
pressed himself to the same Effect
and Purpose.*



A N
ALLEGATION

G I V E N I N T O

The Court of *Arches* on
Behalf of EDWARD
WELD, Esq; *July* 14,
1731.

I. **T**HAT *Edward Weld, Esq;*
Party in this Cause, is a
Person of the Age of twenty-six
Years, and has all the Parts of his
Body which constitute a Man per-
fect and intire, and more particu-
larly those Parts which Nature
formed and designed for Propaga-
tion of his Species, and the Act
of carnal Copulation, in full and
just

just Proportion, and was and is capable of carnally-knowing the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld* his Wife, or any other Woman, and so much the said *Catherine Elizabeth Weld* knows and believes to be true.

2. That within the Space of twelve Months, or thereabouts, after the Solemnization of the Marriage between the said *Edward* and the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, she the said *Catherine Elizabeth* being out of Order, as breeding Women usually are, did seriously, and in a grave Manner, say and declare to *Margaret Weld*, Mother to the said *Edward Weld*, and others, *That she did not know, for certain, whether she was not a Breeding.*



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ALLEGATION

GIVEN INTO

The Court of *Arches*, on
Behalf of Mr. WELD, the
3d of *Nov.* 1731.

I. **T**HAT during the Time
mentioned and set forth,
in the second Article of an Alle-
gation given in, and admitted, on
the Part and Behalf of the Party
proponent, *Edward Weld*, Esq; in
this Cause, and also in the fourth
Article of the Libel, given in, and
admitted in this Cause, on the
Part and Behalf of *Catherine Eli-
zabeth*

zabeth Weld, the Party in this Cause, the Privy-Members of the said *Edward* were often turgid, diluted, and erected, in such Manner as is usual and necessary to perform the Act of carnal Copulation; and so much was observed and taken Notice of by, and well known to the said *Catherine Elizabeth*, the Party in this Cause; and the said *Edward* did, at all such Times, endeavour to consummate his said Marriage, and did, several Times, consummate the same, by carnally-Lying-with, and Knowing, the said *Catherine Elizabeth* his Wife.

N. B. This *Fact* the LADY denies. Her *Answers* to all her *Husband's Allegations*, are in the former Part of these Proceedings, published by me,

JOHN CRAWFURD.

F I N I S.

