

A Full and True ACCOUNT of the Horrid, and most Execrable
MURDER of *Margret Keif*.

Housekeeper to Mr. JOHN AUDOUIN Surgeon, as it was Committed in his House in Wood-Street, on *Saturday Night Last*, being the 20th Inst. April, 1728:

Writ by a Person, who was an Eye witness at the Whole Proceeding.

Mr. DICKSON.

AS it hath not been known these many Years, of so horrid a Deed's being done in this City, as will appear by this Relation, I doubt not but the truth recommended from your hand will be acceptable to the Publick, Every one of which will be glad, I believe, to know what grounds they may depend on in this Case, which is as follows—— Being call'd on in an uproar by some Neighbours and Mr. Audouin, on Saturday Night last, We were led down to HIS Kitchen, where horrid to Sight! We saw the most Execrable Deed perform'd, that ever Eye look'd over.

A Creature hardly known for human, Lying all in a Gore of Blood on its Face, which when come to be Exam'd by Us and Search'd, appear'd to be the above said Wretched *Margret Keif*, but Oh! how shall I Write the Usage she receiv'd, for I believe the like was never before; Had 40 Villians been at the Murder of a Person who had sought all their Lives, they could not have done so much, for if 'twas possible, she was Murder'd an hundred times, having so many Wounds, that she appear'd all or'e one Wound, Ey's starting out, her Mouth in frightful Gape, Arms and Legs, thrown out, and Each side of her Throat Cut to the Neck bone in Different Places, many many Times, Stab'd in the Breast, Neck, Cheecks, & Ears, Head Batter'd, her Temples Bruis'd, and Face all Mortify'd, and Hands so hack'd that Every Finger appear'd to be Cut away with Multitudes of blows as if in a strong Struggle, she had strove for Life with her Destroyers, and had been only Subdu'd and Murder'd, when her Flesh could bear the Weapons from her Throat no Longer, being all hewn off her Joynts, by the Merciless Tygers that Undid her.—— Now as to the Circumstance of who it was that Did this Horrid Crime; that's yet but known to God, but as many Circumstances may Accounted for here, Take this—— It appearing to all, that Mr. Audouin who had rais'd the first Out Cry, of her Death, (and might be then Suspected) had no sign of Blood, or any thing Else about him to betray his Guilt, we (as it hath appear'd to Alderman

Curtis the Coroner, and the Worthy Gentlemen of the Inquest, Yesterday) Each one strove to find something of the Matter out, and Searching the House which Mr. Audouin said was Robb'd too of his Plate as well as his Poor Girl Murdered, we found over his Chimny Piece, a Pistol Loaded, and near the gripe where held on putting up, or taken down, the mark of three Fingers in Blood on the Wainscot, which was suppos'd to be left by them who did the Fact, and makes it be thought with other Circumstances.

That the Person who kill'd her, first in the struggle, as she strove to get to the street, struck'r down with the Cock of that Pistol, a mark of such being in'r Temple, on the Lower stair Case, from whence running, or tumbling to the Kitchen Floor or stun'd or dead, might give an Opportunity to her Murderer to mangle her at Leisure, without bespattering his Cloaths with her Blood, otherways he must, be he who he will, be in a horrid Condition with her, it being impossible for any thing who had grapp'd with'r when cut and stab'd so many times, to go off unbelmeard: Now Mr. Audouin (some of whose Actions Exam'd in this Affair) having said he was rob'd of much Plate, and naming it, we in search found some he describ'd laid in a by Cupboard, which for want of the Key was broke open, but those he yesterday Advertised to be gone, with the Reward of 100l. for the finding, could not be then heard of. The House was search'd for other Tokens but none observ'd or found, but an old & bloody Case knife, and 1 of Mr. Audouin's Gloves, near the dead body, with the Key of the Street Door, just near her head, tho' said to be stolen away, which all, make not for or against Mr. Audouin, nor any other circumstance but only one, which is, that Mr. Audouin Accus'd young Counsellor N—— before the Coroner, as if he suspected him for the Robbery and Murder, on this Ground, viz. Mr. N—— visiting Him often, and being very free at his house, where knowing he sometimes us'd to have considerable Sums, would still as any Gentleman who valu'd his Acquaintance might, be advising him to be careful of his House, least Russians hearing he had money there, might break in and Rob him, for which frindly Advice Mr. Audouin, thus Said of Him, but on second Thoughts and his Friends Exclamati-

abuse of the Publick and keep the unhappy Gentleman's being treated on this Account, worse than he may Deserve.

the Publick, (except his own Case which he intends to have made known) and I would have you if any such appear to advertise the Printers in your Gazette, which will both redound to your advantage, hinder the

except bail'd will be kept in Goal, and try'd next Term, for the Murder, none else being yet suspected, Let me further assure that if any other Account of this Affair be printed in Town it will be a vile imposition on

ons on his Folly, appear'd to be very sorry for it. What more remains, is only, The Inquest on Examination of these Circumstances brought in their Verdict --- *Wilful Murder, by Persons unknown, however Mr. Audouin*

I am Sir Yours, &c.

