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THE KING v. JOHN CHURCH.

THE Indictment charged, "That the Defendant, late of the parish of St. Mary, Lambeth, in the county of Surrey, on the 26th day of September, in the fifty-seventh year of the reign of George the Third, with force and arms, at the parish aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, in and upon one Adam Foreman, in the peace of God and our said Lord the King, then and there being, did make an assault, and him, the said Adam Foreman, then and there did beat, wound, and ill treat, so that his life was greatly despaired of, with intent, that most horrid and detestable crime, (among Christians not to be named,) with the said Adam Foreman, against the order of nature, then and there feloniously, wickedly, and devilishly, to commit and do, to the great displeasure of Almighty God, to the great damage of the said Adam Foreman, and against the peace," &c.

The second count charged a common assault.

The Defendant pleaded NOT GUILTY.

Counsel for the Prosecution—Mr. MARRYATT and Mr. BOLLAND; Solicitor, Mr. HARMER.

Counsel for the Defendant—Mr. GURNEY and the COMMON SERJEANT.

The Jury being sworn:—Mr. BORLAND opened the indictment, as follows—

May it please your Lordship, Gentlemen of the Jury—The Defendant, John Church, stands indicted for a

misdemeanour. He has pleaded Not Guilty, and your charge is to inquire whether he be Guilty or Not Guilty. Hearken to the evidence.

*Mr. Marryatt* then stated the case on the part of the Prosecution; after which the court proceeded to call witnesses: the first witness called was

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*Examined by Mr. Bolland.*—Will be twenty the first day of December next. Is an apprentice to Patrick, the potter, of Vauxhall. Has been with him about five years. Knows the Defendant, John Church, by sight. Has known him about two or three years. Church is a preacher. He, Witness, attended the congregation in the Chapel where Church preaches and has often seen him. Witness sleeps generally at his father's. There are occasions upon which witness sleeps at his master's house when he goes out of town. Church lived by his chapel, in St. George's Fields, the Borough-Road. Came to take up his abode at Mr. Patrick's the 25th of September, he came to sleep there that night. Witness slept there that night. Does not know whether he (Church) had been there before. Cannot say whether he had seen him there before. Knows that he slept there on the 25th September, and that he, witness, was there. Witness's master that night was out of town; but where he cannot say. Mr. Church, witness's mistress, the children, and the two maid servants, slept in the house that night. There was no other man in the house except himself and Church. Witnesses bed-room was the front parlour on the first floor over the kitchen. It is not a

bed-room in common in the house. Witness slept there, because there was no other bed-room that he could sleep in. There was a temporary bed, therefore, put up for him there. Witness retired to rest about one o'clock. The reason for his being up so late was because there was a kiln burning, and he (witness) was obliged to sit up to let the man into the kiln when he came. It was necessary for him to sit up to attend that kiln, and to give the key to the man, Thomas West. Witness went to bed about one o'clock,—went to sleep directly he went to bed. Had not been asleep more than half an hour before he was awake by some one putting his hands under the bed clothes, and laying hold of his private parts very tight. Witness put his hand out of the bed-clothes, and caught hold of him and asked him who he was? and laid hold of him, as near as he could guess, by the upper part of his arm; felt lower down, and found by the sleeve that he had got a man's shirt on; found the wrist was buttoned; knows very well it was a man; could not tell that from the feel of the flesh. Witness was here asked by *Lord Ellenborough* by what circumstance? and answered because he had got a man's shirt on. The person, in answer to what he said, answered—"Adam, don't you know me? I am your mistress," in a faint voice, like a woman; it was not the voice of his mistress, Mrs. Patrick; witness knew the voice directly he heard it; it was Mr. Church's voice; Church fled the room directly, that is he went out in a hurried step. Witness then got out of bed, and put on his small clothes and shoes, and went to the man up at the kiln. As he opened the door witness saw by the lamp that it was Mr. Church, and he had only his shirt on. The lamp that enabled witness to see the