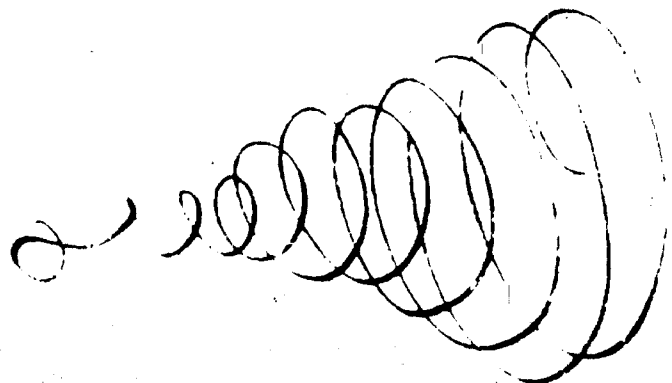
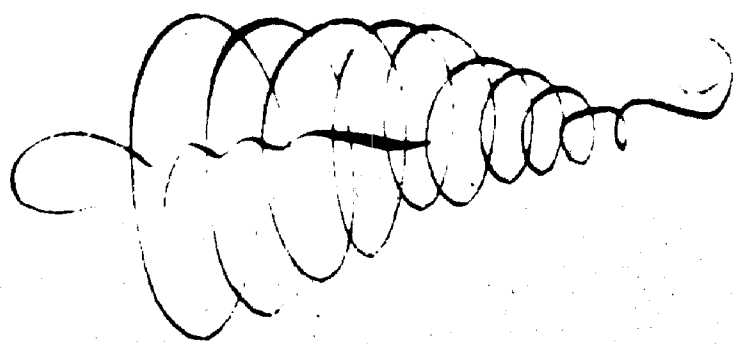


for the must of necessity come to a tryall though the words par-  
-doned a forwards, the said Roger replyed he did know it,  
and neither man nor woman nor Child should know it, but  
those that know it already. —

Roger Stracoe  
vide. Heere disguised

the said Richard Kirke is disguised, and the said Roger  
also



At a Council held at the City of St. Maries the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of March Anno Dni 1684:

the hon: } Lord Thomas Failer  
} Lord Vincent Lowe  
} Lord Henry Darwall  
} Lord Wm Digges  
} Lord Wm Sturms  
} Maj: Nicholas Swall

To the hon: the Dep: and Commission: by his L<sup>ty</sup>:  
appointed under the hon: the Hon: the Hon: the Hon: the Hon:  
the L<sup>ty</sup>: Govern: and chiefe Govern: of the Province

The humble Petition of Robert Sid. Cotton

In most humble manner sheweth

Rob: Sid. Cottons  
petition

That your Pet: out of a deep: grief: and nearly sorrow for his past  
ill bad life, as well as for the crime, whereof he hath in particular  
been convicted before your Honor, and for which sentence of death  
hath most justly been pronounced against him, calling to mind that  
he must also appeare before another Tribunal where he must  
render a strict acct: of all his actions in this life, and considering  
how altogether unprovided he is for that end, is compelled to fly  
to your Honor and prostrate himself at your feet for mercy,  
an attribute as desirable to the Judge of all as Justice itself,  
and which his L<sup>ty</sup> (whom you represent) hath taken no small  
pleasure to putt in practice. /

Your Pet: most humbly supplex your Honor to take into  
your most pious consideration and compassion his most  
miserable, and deplorable condition, without your Honor