

Overbury affair - the murder trial that rocked the Court of King James I.

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In the celebrated accusations brought against Buckingham by the Earl of Bristol, the poisoning of King James was placed last on the list, and the pages of history bear evidence of the summary mode in which they were, for the time, got rid of. In 1616 Frances was found guilty of murder, while her husband was found guilty of being an accessory after the deed when it was proven that he burned incriminating documents and made bribes to cover up his wife's involvement.

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Whether she was actually guilty or not is hard to tell, with the waters so muddied by the biased prosecution, but most historians agree that she was involved in the plot at least. Numerous attempts have been made to get Moody Monthly to either document or withdraw the charges made in these articles but fourteen years later neither has been done.

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But Rochester was still all powerful at court, and no one dared to utter a word to his discredit.

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And suppose I know, fornication is thought but a venial sin by the most part of the world, yet remember well what I said to you in my first book regarding conscience, and count every sin and breach of God's law, not according as the vain world esteems of it, but as God judge and maker of the law accounts of the same: hear God commanding by the mouth of Paul to abstain from fornication, declaring that the fornicator shall not inherit the kingdom of heaven, and by the mouth of John reckoning out fornication among other grievous sins that declares the committers among dogs and swine. . He planned to blow up the Parliament building while James was addressing the Parliament.

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