to be given in evidence
of said agreement. The hypothesis on the part
of the State was that the grave was dug on Thursday
or Thursday night. That the deceased was killed
on Friday or Friday night. That the motive
for the perpetration of the murder was the resentment
caused by the fact that the prisoner had caught
a disgusting venereal disease from the deceased & had communicated
it to his paramour Anne Metton. The State
~~offered to [illegible] declarations [illegible]~~
~~of [illegible]~~ to prove declarations admissions of Anne
Metton. This testimony was objected to by
the prisoner. But the court being of opinion
that the evidence stated above & which was testified
by various witnesses was true ~~and that there was~~
and that it established an agreement
~~sufficient in authority~~ Prisoner excepted. Overruled the objection
various declarations of Anne Metton previous
to the alleged murder. Threatening vengeance against
Laura Foster, was proved. Declarations of hers on
the Thursday previous to the day on which she
was killed, stating that she had contracted a venereal
disease from the prisoner & that he had got it
from Laura Foster & that she intended to have
her revenge — or that she intended to kill her
or have her killed were proved by a witness —
There was evidence of a secret & private conference