

THE FORNICATORS COURT

ROBERT BURNS

THE

Fornicators Court.

IN truth and honour's name.—Amen.
Know all men by these presents plain,
The fourth of June, at Mauchline given,
The year 'tween eighty five and seven ;
We Fornicators by profession,
As by extraction from each session,
In way and manner here narrated,
Pro bono amor congregated,
Are by our brethren constituted,
A court of equity deputed :



Saw ye my Maggie
Saw ye my Maggie
Saw ye my Maggie
Saw ye my Maggie
Comin o'er the sea?
1794

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