

John Torball being at the house of Thomas Putnam upon
the 20 Day of this instant march being the year 1692
upon discourse of many things I asked them some questions
and among others I asked this question whether the gentle
that was afflicted did first speak of goody nurse
before they mentioned her to her they said she told
them she saw the apparition of a pale fast woman that
sat in her grandmother's seat but did not know her
name: then I replied and said but who was it that
told her that it was good nurse: mercy Lewis said it
was goody Putnam that said it was goody nurse: goody
Putnam said it ^{was} mercy Lewis that told her: thus they
turned it upon one another saying it was you & it
was you that ^{told} her: this was before any was afflicted
at Thomas Putnam's beside his daughter that
they told his daughter it was goody nurse
Some will say I do testify too all above
written

(Statement of Samuel Nurse & John Tarbell for Rebecca Nurse)

[++ March 30, 1692]

John tarball being at the house of thomas putnams upon the: 28 day of this instant march being the yeare 1692 upon descource of many things i asked them some questions and among others i asked this question wheter the garle that was afflicted did first speack [of] of goody nurs before others mentioned her to her they said she told them she saw the apperishton of apale fast {=faced] woman that Sat in her granmothers seat but did not know her name: then i replyed and said but who was it that told her that it was good nurs: mercy lewes said it was goody putnam that said it was goody nurse: goody putnam said it was mercy lewes that told her: thus they turned it upone one an other saying it was you & it was you that told her: this was be fore any was afflicted at thomas putnams beside his daughter that they told his daughter it was goody nurs Samuel nurs doth testifie to all above written

(Reverse) John Tarball

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