

We whose names are under written being desired to go to good man
news his house to speak with his wife and to tell her that several of
the afflicted persons mentioned her: and accordingly we went and we
found her in a weak and low condition in body as she told us and had
been sick almost a week and we asked how it was of her wife with her
and she said she blessed god for it she had more of his presents in this sickness
than sometime she had had but not so much as she desired: but she
would with the apostle press forward to the mark: and many other places
of scripture to the like purposes: and then of her own accord she began
to speak of this affliction that was amongst them and in particular of
Mr. peris his family and how she was grieved for them though she
had not been to see them: by reason of fits that she formerly use to have
for people said it was a full tabernacle: but she pitied them with all her
heart: and went to god for them: but she said she heard that there was
persons spoke of that was as innocent as she was she believed and
after much to this purpose: we told her we heard that she was
spoken of all over: well she said if it be so ye will of the Lord down: she
said still awhile being as it were amazed: and then she said well
as to this thing I am as innocent as the child unborn but surely she
said what sin hath god found out in me unworthy of that he should
lay such an affliction upon me in my old age: and according to our
best observation we could not discern that she knew what we
came for before we told her

Israel porter
Elizabeth porter

To the substance of what is
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are ready to testify on oath
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