poor that course of the of inocent, of it you are quilly discover you and large pre quilly discover you and large pre quit me an imagest answer; have you any familiarity of Lebelal The Examination village 24. Mar. 1091 Mr. Similarn What do you say ( graking to one affected) have with these spirits a No I have none but with god alone. How came you gick for kine is an o'll ligeousge yes, the beat me this morning As gail Have you been toust by this Woman ? of that in the menter of many -I am jul at my sumach -In a sulman in a grievas fit enjert out that Goody Nurge, Rese are two An Adman the chief & I have none but ody age you do know whillow you are quilly, & have familiarly with the Devil, & now when you are lass preport to Aligail williams complains of your turking them will the Duit, Genow when you are live preport to for ful a thing as they typing a black man whisweat do you gay to it I can juy define my Elevial faller Jam innovent, & god will clear my innovency but depres it, But if you be quicky Dray god discover you pering in your car, & Eid about you what do you It is all fally I am eleas' you are no with five sopiety you may apprehend you are no with five lawylations that way have you not been to spite by tumplations that way Then Hen : Kenny were up to speak Goodin: Henry what do jen jay I farler find that time this Muse came into the What a gad thing is it that a church member have & Longs he was going with an arranged condition now are deen of Jalen Bould be land accused and Here are not only luge but there is of wife of me the. petmen who accepted you by eschible information & that look of unjury air to iniquity, & of greaty bush Pring for fill into a newer fit, & enjet out a fill into - ing der. In novemb & clear & have not been able to get than what is common in nature? Camentable file. out of doors there 8.00. 9. Jugar. 127 Halman, give in what you have to say I have none nor never not in my life Then M. Elwand Julman gave in air relate Tolyon with theye juffer voluntary or involuntary Is this time Goody Nerse never in my life poperation yell p That is shange every one can judge No see these aways you , is it have try any you of huring them, cif you think it is Are you an imposent veryou relating to the Withough Here the first min with you, did you not till my both fed & dye - How of how you cal & drawly on land Afterward will what to think of the many 129 on the paid of the water the was for what her underwhat the year say to them On sort kelp me, & spread and her hands, & That rand aright what wer gail were the you think well then give an answer now, do you think affected were greworthy vixed Well then give an anner them, do you hind have suffer expanded that will or not the suffer expanded him will preprint they like you copied by read him by the following for the following apon the temperature allowed and the properties of the following apon the complete and an analysembly by your proposition for the following allowed and the properties are an analysembly to your properties of the following and the second and the properties are the following the second and the properties are the second and the seco Do you not get what a solemn condition thege Gim of the year and are longs the jupor and affecting the form which the first the first that th the Holland with the Che county had been penly awayed his of Raying House you are examined these perform are official a I care get no body to look in fur feel Here are these a grown persons mon a cup you we pay you? Again upon stiring to hand the afflicted paying To the you we live afterest program thear them arrive you the with strong of acre nor hand them. I am an innowen seized with violent file of towns Do you believe these afflicked persons are bewilled Je is very compute to all in per laye agonice It you an on Intelfor the charged with contracting with the Devil by the effect of it & get to be you gland with dry eyes when when this wilderaft came upon the plage these was of do think they are na pypicion of tiulo (mr panis & judian woman) The proper much love to that click Betty Paris, but there are so many white you do not know my heart is was an apparition did the mightief, or why You would do well if you are guily to coupy of give doll and you also be quilly, for your apparition geory to get Jam or clear as the child unborn Would you have me buy fully galf auchingly is West uncertainly time may be in apparitions of Low not, yet this with me plikes had upon you were the afflicted taken is saw: Paris seed what the had in character when from Mr stee Palmans that you are at this my prefer charged with fa-mitian spirit; this is your bodily prefer they final to they for now they see these familiar spirits come to your botily person now what he you say to that wife in her fitt West do you think of this. glair nene sim.

## (Examination of Rebecca Nurse)

[March 24, 1692]

The examination of <u>Rebekah Nurse</u> at Salem Village 24. mar. 1691/2

Mr. Harthorn. What do you say (speaking to one afflicted)

have you seen this Woman hurt you?

Yes, she beat me this morning

Abigial . Have you been hurt by this Woman?

Yes

Ann Putman in a grievous fit cryed out that

she hurt her.

Goody Nurse, here are two An: Putman the child &

Abigail Williams complains of your hurting them

What do you say to it

N. I can say before my Eternal father I am innocent, &

God will clear my innocency

Here is never a one in the Assembly but desires it, but if

you be guilty Pray God discover you.

Then **Hen:** Kenny rose up to speak

Goodm: Kenny what do you say

Then he entered his complaint & farther said that since this

Nurse came into the house

he was seizd twise with an amaz'd condition

Here are not only these but, here is the wife of Mr Tho:

Putman who accuseth you by credible information &

that both of tempting her to iniquity, & of greatly hurting her.

N. I am innocent & clear & have not been able to get

out of doors these 8. or 9. dayes.

Mr Putman: give in what you have to say

Then Mr Edward Putman gave in his relate

Is this true **Goody Nurse** 

I never afflicted no child never in my life

You see these accuse you, is it true

No.

Are you an innocent person relating to this Witchcraft.

Here Tho: Putmans wife cryed out, Did you not bring

the Black man with you, did you not bid me tempt

God & dye How oft have you eat and drunk y'r own damaon

What do you say to them

Oh Lord help me, & spread out her hands, & the

afflicted were greviously vexed

Do you not see what a solemn condition these

are in? when your hands are loose the pesons are afflicted.

Then Mary Walcot (who often heretofore said she had seen her, but never could say or did say that she either bit or pincht her, or hurt her) & also Eliz: Hubbard under the like circumstances both openly accused her of hurting them

Here are these 2 grown persons now accuse you, w't say you?

Do not you see these afflicted persons, & hear them accuse you.

The Lord knows I have not hurt them: I am an innocent person

It is very awfull to all to see these agonies & you an old Professor thus charged with contracting with the Devil by the effects of it & yet to see you stand with dry eyes when there are so many whet --

You do not know my heart

You would do well if you are guilty to confess & give

Glory to God

I am as clear as the child unborn

What uncertainty there may be in apparitions I know not, yet this with me strikes hard upon you that you are at this very present charged with familiar spirits: this is your bodily person they speak to: they say now they see these familiar spirits com to your bodily #[spirits com to your bodily] person, now what do you say to that I have none Sir:

If you have confess & give glory to God I pray God clear you if you be innocent, & if you are guilty discover you And therefore give me an upright answer: have you any familiarity with these spirits?

No. I have none but with God alone.

How came you sick for there is an odd discourse

of that in the mouths of many --

I am sick at my stumach --

Have you no wounds

I have none but old age

You do Know whither you are guilty, & have familiarity with the Devil, & now when you are here present to see such a thing as these testify a black man whispering in your ear, & birds about you what do you say to it

It is all false I am clear

Possibly you may apprehend you are no witch, but have you not been led aside by temptations that way I have not

What a sad thing it is that a church member here &

now an other of Salem, should be thus accused and charged

Mrs Pope fell into a grevious fit, & cryed out a sad

thing sure enough: And then many more fell into lamentable fits.

Tell us have not you had visible appearances more

than what is common in nature?

I have noe nor never had in my life

Do you think these suffer voluntary or involuntary

I cannot tell

That is strange every one can judge

I must be silent

They accuse you of hurting them, & if you think it is

not unwillingly but by designe, you must look

upon them as murderers

I cannot tell what to think of it

Afterwards when this was som what insisted on

she said I do not think so: she did not under-

stand aright what was said

Well then give an answer now, do you think

these suffer against their wills or not

I do not think these suffer against their wills

Why did you never visit these afflicted persons

Because I was afraid I should have fits too

Note Upon the motion of her body #[had] fitts followed upon the

complainants abundantly & very frequently

Is it not an unaccountable case that when #[they]

you are examined these persons are afflicted?

I have got no body to look to but God

Again upon stirring her hands the afflicted persons

were seized with violent fits of torture

Do you beleive these afflicted persons are bewitcht

I do think they are

When this Witchcraft came upon the stage there was

no suspicion of <u>Tituba</u> (<u>Mr Paris's</u> Indian woman)

she profest much love to that child **Betty Paris**, but

it was her apparition did the mischief, & why

should not you also be guilty, for your apparition

doth hurt also.

Would you have me bely my #[your] self --

she held her Neck on one side, & accordingly

so were the afflicted taken

Then Authority requiring it **Sam: Paris** read what

he had in characters taken from Mr Tho: Putmans

wife in her fitts

What do you think of this

I cannot help it, the Devil may appear in my shap.

(Reverse) This a true account of the sume of her examination but by reason of geat noyses by the afflicted & many speakers, many things are pretermitted

## Memorandum

Nurse held her neck on one sid & <u>Eliz: Hubbard</u> (one of the sufferers) had her neck set in that posture whereupon another Patient <u>Abigail Williams</u> cryed out set up <u>Goody Nurses</u> head the maid's neck will be broke & when some set up <u>Nurses</u> head <u>Aaron wey</u> observed that <u>Betty Hubbards</u> was immediately righted

Salem Village March. 24'th 1691/2
The Rever't Mr Samuell parris
being desired
to take in wrighting the Examination
of Rebekah Nurse hath Returned
itt as aforesaid

Upon heareing the afores'd and seeing what wee then did see together with the Charge of the persons then present -- wee Committed Rebekah Nurse the wife of fran's Nurce of Salem village unto theire Majest's Goale in Salem as p[er] a Mittimus then given out, in order to farther Examination \*John Hathorne ] Assis'ts

\*Jonathan. Corwin ] Assis'ts

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