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The Deposition of Ann Putnam who testifieth and saith that on
the 25 of April 1692 at evening I saw the Apperition of John Willard
and I was very sorry to see him so that one that had helpt to tend
me was com to affect me: and I bid him let me alone and I would
not complain of him: but on the 27 of April being Sabbath day he
did so grievously affect me that he forced me to cry out against
him before all them that ware with me: and he being tould of it as
he tould me on the 25th of May he came personally to my father house
to talk with me and I tould him to his face it was so that he did
hurt me: But he denied it most dreadfully: But I also tould
him that if he would leave ofe and hurt me no more that I would
not complain of him: and for 3 or 4 days he did hurt me but very
little but then againe he did get upon me most dreadfully and
beat me and pinched and almost choaked me to death: threatening
to kill me if I would not writ in his book: for he tould me he had whip
my little sister Sarah to death: and he would whip me to death if I
would not writ in his book but I tould him I would not writ in his
book tho he did kill me: after this I saw the apperition of my little
sister Sarah who died when she was about ~~six~~ weeks old Crying out for
vengeance against John Willard I also saw the Apperition of a woman in
a winding sheet which tould me she was John Willards first wife and
that John Willard had a hand in her death: also I being carried to Wills
hill on the 15th of May at evening to see the affected persons there
there I saw there the Apperition of John Willard affecting of his
grandfather Willard and Daniel Willard: and Rebekah Willard: and
he also tould me that he would kill Daniel Willard if he could but he
had not power enuff yet to kill him: but he would goe to Mr. Burroughs
and git power to kill Daniel Willard: and also on the 18th of May being
the day of his examination I was most grievously affected by him
during the time of his examination for if he did but look upon
me he would immediately strick me down or almost choak me to
death: and also at the time of his examination I saw the Apperition
of John Willard goe from him and affect the bodies of Mary
Walcott Mercy Lewis Abigail Williams and Elizabeth Hubbard
Ann Putnam swm: on her oath which she had taken did after
the reading of this to have did owne it to be the truth: before us the
Juryes for Inquist: this 3rd day of June: 1692.

Just in Curia.

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