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Upon Examination of y<sup>e</sup>. honnorable Court. Stamford May y<sup>e</sup>. 27<sup>th</sup>. 1692  
 The girl afflicted being asked if she y<sup>e</sup>. hon<sup>ble</sup>. Court whether she  
 know who twas y<sup>e</sup>. Sorcerer, she without any hesidancy freely  
 made answer y<sup>e</sup>. & y<sup>e</sup>. formerly she had seen Goody Plawson sitting  
 on a rool, & on y<sup>e</sup>. point of a chair. & y<sup>e</sup>. this day she saw Goody  
 Hipshod as she fell her, not knowing her name (another woman) this day  
 sitting on y<sup>e</sup>. bods troster. being demanded of her if she any other she  
 readily answered y<sup>e</sup>. & y<sup>e</sup>. her name formerly her name was mercy Hol-  
 bridge, & y<sup>e</sup>. now it was mercy Disbrow, twas demanded of her how she  
 know her name. her answer was y<sup>e</sup>. mercy twas her & also y<sup>e</sup>. she lived  
 at Compo, being ask<sup>d</sup>. how she know twas Compo. she s<sup>d</sup>. she had bene  
 there. farther it being demanded of her y<sup>e</sup>. hon<sup>ble</sup>. Court how she  
 came there, she answerd she went thither on foot y<sup>e</sup>. day, & y<sup>e</sup>. mercy  
 was her pilot, thither & back again, so those questions she answered  
 being in her right minde. before y<sup>e</sup>. hon<sup>ble</sup>. Court. & then immediately  
 fell into & a fit again.

Stamford 27 May y<sup>e</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. 1692

Nov. 5

At a Court <sup>for</sup> hold Goody Plawson being Reflexed on y<sup>e</sup>. a servant maide  
 of Sirjaunt Daniel Wescots to have a hand in afflicting of her y<sup>e</sup>  
 witchcraft, was examin<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. hon<sup>ble</sup>. Court. but cloth absolutely & p<sup>er</sup>sonally  
 deny her self to be any such y<sup>e</sup>son, or y<sup>e</sup>. she know of any means whereby  
 y<sup>e</sup>. afore s<sup>d</sup>. maide was so afflicted. but then acknowledged that there had  
 been a dispention betwix her & Daniel Wescot about eight or nine  
 years since. In order too her further deteccion. Mary Ambler, Sarah  
 Finch, Bethyah Widd, Sarah Struborn, & Martha Homos were  
 faithfully sworn, narrowly & truly to inspect & search her body, whether  
 any suspicious signy, or marks, did apper that were not common or y<sup>e</sup>.  
 were y<sup>e</sup>. barnaburill. & do with one voice <sup>returne</sup> their answer y<sup>e</sup>. they founde  
 nothing save wort on one of her arms;

At a Court hold in Stamford May y<sup>e</sup>. 20<sup>th</sup>. anny dom. 1692  
 Mercy Disbrow living within y<sup>e</sup>. bound of faintsild, at a place call'd Compo  
 being reflexed on y<sup>e</sup>. a servant maide of Sirjaunt Daniel Wescot, in being  
 accessory in afflicting her y<sup>e</sup>. witchcraft, was this day examin<sup>d</sup>. y<sup>e</sup>. hon<sup>ble</sup>.  
 Court. but denyd her self to be any such y<sup>e</sup>son, or y<sup>e</sup>. she any way know, or  
 was privy to any means whereby y<sup>e</sup>. girl was so afflicted. this she denyd m<sup>u</sup>lti  
 & absolutely without y<sup>e</sup>. least sick or hesidancy. moreover she avowd  
 y<sup>e</sup>. she never saw or <sup>know</sup> of y<sup>e</sup>. girl before y<sup>e</sup>. there was y<sup>e</sup>. she never heard  
 there was such a y<sup>e</sup>son in y<sup>e</sup>. words before now. In order to this y<sup>e</sup>ons  
 farther deteccion. Mary Ambler, Sarah Finch, Bethyah Widd, Sarah  
 Struborn, Widow Hardy, Martha Homos, & Elizabeth Clemence: were  
 appointed & faithfully sworn, severally to search her body, whether any

Any marks or signs of more more than ordinary or supernaturall, did approve  
having made search, do all unanimously agree, consent & affirm, yt  
they founde a <sup>or like</sup> spot in her privy parts, at Least an Inch Long w<sup>ch</sup>  
is not common in other women, & for w<sup>ch</sup> they can give no naturall  
Reason for. —

The afflicted person being carried into J. meeting house & mercy  
Disbrow being under examination w<sup>ch</sup> J. horribly scold & whist, she was  
speaking of girl came to her knees, & J. she heard mercy Disbrow  
saying nithall where is she, Endeavouring to raise her self, with her  
masters help got almost up, in J. open view of J. p<sup>nt</sup>, & mercy Disbrow  
Looking about on her, she immediately fell down into a fit again  
a 2<sup>d</sup> time she came to her self whilst in J. meeting house, & ask<sup>d</sup>  
wher<sup>s</sup> mercy, I hear her voice, & with that turned about her head (lying  
with her ~~face~~ <sup>face</sup> from her) & look<sup>d</sup> on her, then laying her self down in  
like posture as before, J. ty she, I am sure ty she, & presently fell into  
a like paroxisme or fit as she usually is troubled with.

Since Goody Clauson, & mercy Disbrow, have bene under J.  
Restraint of authority, ty observe <sup>the girl faith</sup> she hath not seen them or  
their appearance; but questions <sup>for</sup> ~~them~~ where her ma<sup>ys</sup> are speak-  
ing to J. woman yt appears to her, calling her goody hiphob.  
Telling her nithall, they are taken, & yt. she will be questioned  
quickly

Upon a 2<sup>d</sup> search made w<sup>ch</sup> J. women yt were formerly with J.  
addition of J. Widdow Hardy & Elizabeth Florence on J. body of  
goody Clauson. they do unanimously agree yt. there is nothing  
founde on her body yt is not common to other women

Upon a 2<sup>d</sup> search made by, the for<sup>d</sup> women ~~that were~~  
formerly appointed upon the body of mercy Disbrow  
they do unanimously agree: that there is found on  
her body of before they found. & nothing ely —