

Grounds for Examination of a Witch

- 1 Notorious Defamation by Common report of the people. a ground of suspicion
- 2 a second ground for such examination is if a fellow witch give testimony on his Examination or death of such a person is a witch. but this is not sufficient for Conviction or Condemnation
- 3 if after Purging, there follows Death or at least mischances of the
- 4 if after quarrelling or threatening a person mischance of death follow for the party especially defamed after Purging do so of threatenings. Of which is a good Argument if it
- 5 if the suspected be the son or daughter the wife or kinsman friend, near Neighbor or old Companion of a known or suspected witch this also a Argument for witchcraft is an art it may be learned of a boy from man to man
- 6 if it follow out of a witch dying her death soon after a persons death of her witchcraft. if the suspected have a Devils mark for his thought is a Devils mark his Countenance he always bears this mark behind him to know it for his own sake if it is now evident
- 7 if a person can be given for such mark easily if the person be unacquainted with the contrary to himself in his answers thus mark for examination is usually given by the party himself by torture upon the

For Conviction it must be grounded on Just and  
Sufficient proofs

The proofs for Conviction of a witch: I found to be the suffi-  
cient from more sufficient

to be sufficient used in former ages by red hot iron and  
holding water. & by a woman's hand in one on

take up a y<sup>e</sup> of a witch's hand & by the shadow of her  
Convicted for a witch: but this way was early condemned

In some Countries and proofs justified by some of  
y<sup>e</sup> learned by casting y<sup>e</sup> bound into water. if she

sunk. Counted innocent. if she sink not, y<sup>e</sup> guilty  
but all those tryalls the Dutch Counts judge

Unwarrantable & wrong  
Although casting into y<sup>e</sup> water is by some justified

for y<sup>e</sup> witch having made a Confession of Devil the  
hall pronounced her bapt<sup>m</sup> & house & property

between her & water. but this is contrary to  
my off.

Proofs insufficient to prove of a witch is y<sup>e</sup> to swim  
of a wizard: who stands to show y<sup>e</sup> face of y<sup>e</sup>

witch to y<sup>e</sup> afflicted in a y<sup>e</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> face. but this is  
Counts dangerous. & death may

Counters dangerous. & death may  
warrant a y<sup>e</sup> of a witch

May y<sup>e</sup> after running & throats. & otherwise follows  
or a sick y<sup>e</sup> for like to die take at on his death

Just a one has bewitched him those who strong  
grounds of suspicion for strict examination but

not sufficient for Conviction

But y<sup>e</sup> two proofs sufficient for Conviction  
One of voluntary Confession of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> suspected

Or 2<sup>d</sup> the testimony of witnesses of good & honest  
Report concerning

adjudged sufficient proofs by both Deacons & lawyers

