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"Still, Mr. Flint calls to the man to do his office. So be-  
 fore and in the time of his pulling of my clothes, I continued  
 speaking, telling them that I had so learned that for all Bos-  
 ton I would not give my body into their hands thus to  
 be bruised upon another account, yet upon this I would not  
 give the hundredth part of a wampum peague† to free it out  
 of their hands, and that I made as much conscience of unbut-  
 toning a button as I did of paying the 30*l*. in reference there-  
 unto. I told them, moreover, the Lord having manifested  
 his love towards me in giving me repentance towards God  
 and faith in Jesus Christ, and so to be baptized in water by a  
 messenger of Jesus Christ into the name of the Father, Son  
 and Holy Spirit, wherein I have fellowship with him in his  
 death, burial, and resurrection, I am now come to be bap-  
 tized in afflictions by your hands, that so I may have further  
 fellowship with my Lord, and I am not ashamed of his suf-  
 ferings, for by his stripes am I healed. And as the man  
 began to lay the strokes upon my back, I said to the people,  
 though my flesh should fail, and my spirit should fail, yet  
 God will not fail. So it pleased the Lord to come in and so  
 to fill my heart and tongue as a vessel full, that with an audi-  
 ble voice I brake forth praying unto the Lord, not to lay  
 this sin to their charge; and telling the people, that now I  
 found he did not fail me, and therefore now I should trust  
 him forever who failed me not; for in truth, as the strokes  
 fell upon me I had such a spiritual manifestation of God's  
 presence as the like thereto I never had nor felt, nor can with  
 fleshy tongue express, and the outward pain was so removed  
 from me that, indeed, I am not able to declare it to you; it

"indulgency of tender-hearted friends, without my consent, and contrary to my  
 judgment, the sentence and condemnation of the court of Boston (as is reported),  
 have been fully satisfied on my behalf, and thereupon a warrant hath been pro-  
 cured by which I am secluded the place of my imprisonment, by reason whereof  
 I see no other call at present but to my habitation, and to those near relations  
 which God hath given me there; yet, lest the cause should hereby suffer, (which I  
 profess in Christ), I would hereby signify, that if yet it shall please the honored  
 magistrates or general court of the colony to grant my former request under  
 their secretary's hand I shall cheerfully embrace it, and, upon your motion shall,  
 through the help of God, come from the island to attend it, and hereunto I have  
 subscribed my name 11th d. 6th m., 1651. JOHN CLARK."

† A kind of money current among the Indians, value one-sixth of a penny.