

That there were such creatures as witches he made no doubt at all, for, first, the Scriptures had affirmed so much. Secondly, the wisdom of all nations had provided laws against such persons, which is an argument of their confidence of such a crime. And such has been the judgment of this kingdom, as appears by that Act of Parliament, which has proved punishments proportionable to the quality of the offence, and desired them strictly to observe their evidence, and desired the great God of Heaven to direct their hearts in this weighty thing they had in hand: "For to condemn the innocent, and to let the guilty go free, were both an abomination to the Lord."

With this short direction the jury departed from the bar, and within the space of half an hour returned, and brought them in both "Guilty" upon the several indictments, which were thirteen in number, whereupon they stood indicted.

This was upon Thursday, in the afternoon, March 13, 1662.

The next morning the three children, with their parents, came to the Lord Chief Baron Hale's lodging, who all of them spake perfectly, and were in as good health as ever they were; only Susan Chandler, by reason of her very much affliction, did look very thin and wan. And their friends were asked at what time they were restored thus to their speech and health, and Mr. Pacy did affirm, that within less than half an hour after the witches were convicted they were all of them restored, and slept well that night, feeling no pain. Only Susan Chandler felt a pain like pricking of pins in her stomach.

After, they were all of them brought down to the Court, but Ann Durent was so fearful to behold them