

veral other times since (as is suspected) by some wicked and detestable arts, commonly called witchcraft and sorcery, maliciously and feloniously practise and exercise upon the bodies of George Wood and an infant child of Ann Rogers; by which said arts the said George Wood, and the infant child (as is suspected) most dangerously and mortally fell sick and languished unto death. Ralph Hall, what dost thou say for thyself--art thou guilty or not guilty? Mary, the wife of Ralph Hall, was called upon in like manner. They both pleaded not guilty, and threw themselves to be tried by God and the country. Whereupon their case was referred to the jury, who brought into the court this following verdict, viz.

We having severally considered the case committed to our charge against the prisoners at the bar, and having well weighed the evidence, we find that there are some suspicions by the evidence of what the woman is charged with, but nothing considerable of value to take away her life; but in reference to the man we find nothing considerable to charge him with.

The court, thereupon, gave this sentence: That the man should be bound, body and goods, for his wife's appearance at the next sessions, and so on from sessions to sessions, as long as they stay within this government. In the mean while to be of good behaviour. So they were returned to the sheriff's custody; and upon entering into a recognizance according to the sentence of the court, they were released.

Appeals, actions, presentments, &c. entered for hearing and tryall at the generall court of assizes, to be held in New-York, beginning on the first Wednesday of October, 1670:

In the case of Katharine Harryson, widow, who was bound to the good behaviour, upon complaint of some of the inhabitants of Westchester, until the holding of this court. It ordered, that in regard there is nothing appears against her deserving the continuance of that obligation, she is to be released from it, and hath liberty to remain in the towne of Westchester, where she now resides, or any where else in the government, during her pleasure.

A release to Ralph Hall, and Mary, his wife, from the recognizance they entered into at the assizes:

These are to certify to all whom it may concern, that Ralph Hall, and Mary, his wife, (at present living upon the great Minifords island) are hereby released and acquitted from any and all recognizances, bonds of appearance or other obligations entered into by them or either of them, for the peace or good behaviour, upon account of any accusation or indictment upon suspicion of witchcraft, brought into the court of assizes against them, in the year 1665; there having been no direct proofs nor further prosecution of them since. Given under my hand at Fort James, in New-York, this 21st day of August, 1666.

R. NICOLLS.