

WARRENT FOR ARREST OF SARAH RICE

To: To the Constables in Reding You are in their Majesties names hereby required to apprehend and bring before us Sarah Rice the wife of Nicholas Rice of Reding on Tuesday next being the 31^t day of this Instant moneth. at the house of Lt Nathan^l Ingersalls at Salem Village aboute ten of the Clock in the forenoon, who stand charged with having committed sundry acts of Witchcraft on the Bodys of Mary Walcot and Abigail Williams & others, to their great hurt: &c in order to her Examination Relateing to the premises above's'd faile not Dated Salem May 28th 1692 [fig=BS30719a][[/fig] us *John Hathorne [unclear:] Assis^{ts} *Jonathan. Corwin (Reverse) In obedience to this warant I have brought the Body of Sarah Rice the wife of Nicolas Rice of Redding to the house of Leut nathan^l Ingersons in Salem Viledg the: 31 of this Instant May: 1692 Atest *John Parker Constable of Redding (Essex County Archives, Salem -- Witchcraft Vol. 2 Page 52) (Complaint v. Martha Carrier, Elizabeth Fosdick, Wilmott Reed, Sarah Rice, Elizabeth How, John Alden, William Proctor, John Flood, Mary Toothaker and daughter, and Arthur Abbott) Salem May the 28th 1692 Joseph Houlton and John Walcot both of Salem village Yeomen made Complaint in behalfe of their Majes^{ts} against Martha Carrier of Andover the wife of Thomas Carrier of s^d Towne husbandman Elizabeth Fosdick of Maulden or charlstown William Reed of Marble- head the wife of Samull Reed of s^d place Sarah Rice of Reding the wife of Nicholas Rice of s^d Towne Elizabeth How the wife of James How of Topsfeild Capt John Alden of Boston Mariner, William procter of Salem farmes, Capt John flood of Rowley marsh on boston Mary Toothaker, the wife of Roger toothaker of Belrica, and Mary Toothaker the daughter of s^d Roger Toothaker Arthur Abott that lives between Ips. Topsfeild & wenham for sundry acts of Witchcraft by them and Every one of them Committed on the Bodys of Mary Walcot, Abigail Williams Marcy Lewis Ann put nam and Others belonging to Salem Village or farmes Lately, to the hurt and Injury of their bodys therefore Craves Justice. *Joseph houlton *John Walcutt Carrier of Andover -- -Marshall Essex Reed of Marblehead -- Const -- Rice of Reding -- Const -- - How of Topsfeild -- -Const Wm procter -- -Const -- (Essex County Archives, Salem)

PETITION OF NICHOLAS RICE

To the honoured Generall Court now Sitting in Boston The humble Petition of Nicholas Rist of Reading Sheoweth that whereas Sara Rist wife to the petition^r was taken into Custody the first day of June last and ever Since laine in Boston Goal for witchcraft, thoin all this time Nothing has been made Appear for w^{ch} shee desur^d Imprisonment or death, the petition^r has been a husband to the Said woman above Twenty years, in all w^{ch} time he never had reason to accuse her for any Impietie or witchcraft, but the Contrary Shee lived wth him as a good Faithfull dutifull wife and alwise had respect # [to the respect] to the ordinances of God while her Strength Remain^d and the petition^r on that Consideration is Obliged in Conscience and Justice # [oblige] to use all lawfull means for the Support and preservation of her life, and it is deplorable that in old age the poor decriped woman should ly under Confinment so long in a Stinching Goal when her Circumstances rather requires a Nurse to Attend her May it therefore please yo^r hon^{rs} to take this matter in to yo^r prudent Considerations and direct Some speedy Methods whereby this ancient decriped person may not for ever ly in such Miserie wherein her life is made more afflictive to her than death, and the petition^r Shall as in dutie bound Ever pray Dated the 19th october 1692 (Reverse) 1692 The humble petition of Nicholas Rist of Reading (Mass. Archives Vol. 135 No. 63)