

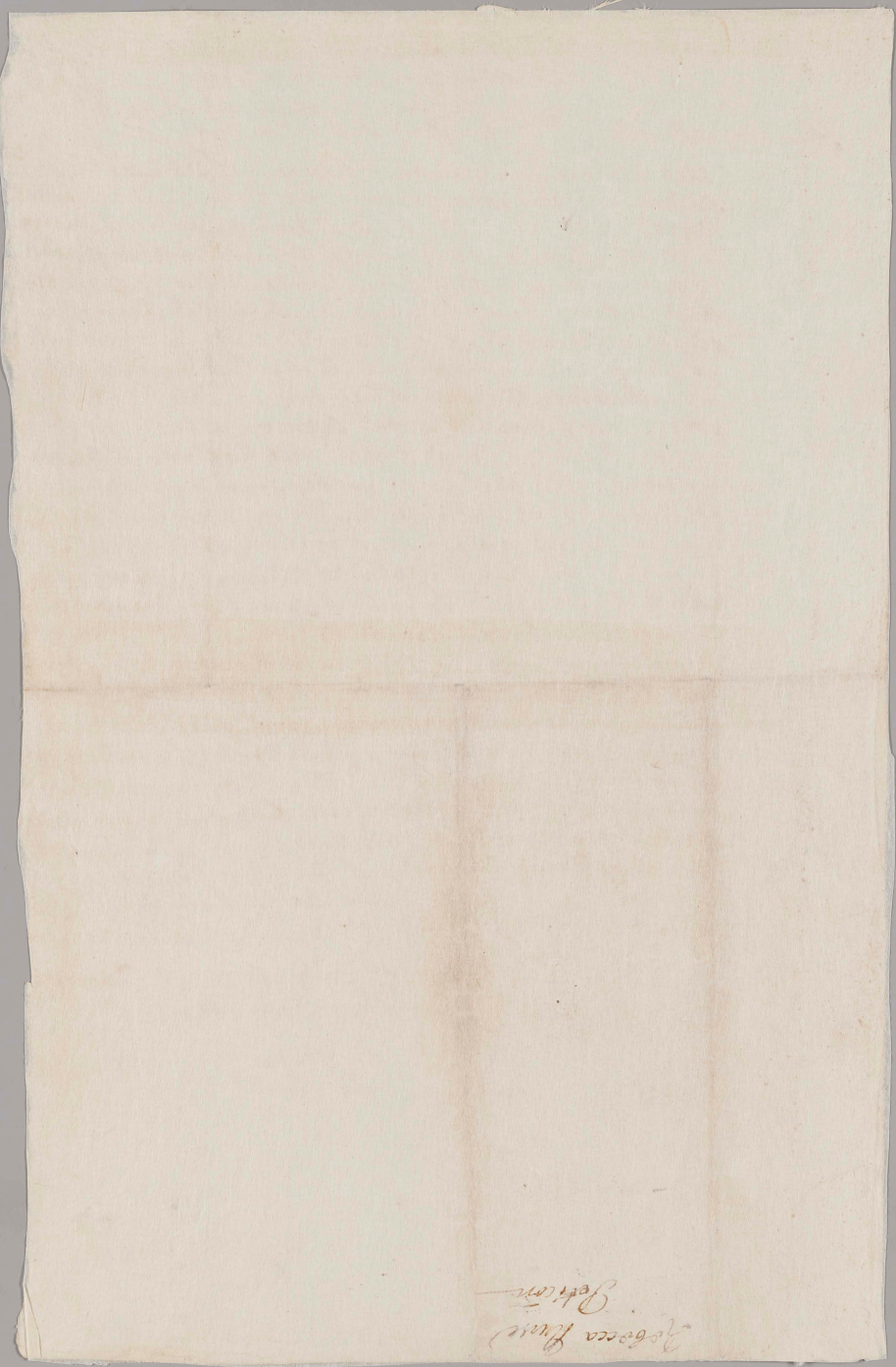
To y^e Hon^{ble} Court of Oyer and Terminer
now sitting in Salem, this 28th of June 1792
Humbley Sheweth
The humble petition of Rebecca
Nurse of Salem Village

That whereas some women did serve y^e Petitioner at
Salem, as y^e did then. Counting for some Supernatural
Marks, And then out of the said women, which is known
to be the most delirious & skillful person
of them all as to say such Counters: did Express her
self to be of doct^rary opinion from the fact And
did then declare that she saw nothing in or about
y^e place nor y^e petitioners. But what might arise
from a natural Cause: And y^e then rendered the said
persons as sufficient knowers & reasons as to the self
of the Hon^{ble} Cause & others. which was by Ex^{tra}or^d
= ing work & f^{acts}: depending partly from an und^{er}stood
of Nature and Difficult Exigencies that rather sh^{ould}
= have, and in the times of my childhood: And then for
y^e petition: Humbley prays that y^e Hon^{ble} Court
would be pleased to dismiss of some other women
to Enquire into this great: Concern, those that are
most hand and wise and skillful: Namely Mr. Higginson
and Mr. Harkness and Mr. Woodbury two of them being
Midwives: Mr. Dorrer, & others, with such others, as
may be Reason, on that Account: & if so I am brought
to my trial: All which I hope y^e Hon^{ble} will take
into y^e present Consideration, And find it requisite
to do: for my Life & how in y^e hands of
God: And being conscious of my own Innocency
I humbly beg that I may have Liberty to Manifest
it to the world partly by the Means abovesaid

And y^e said petitioners shall Endeavour
pray as in Duty bound &c

Rebecca Nurse
Rev. Mar. 28





Rebecca Plummer
Petition

