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Salem Village is going through difficult times at the moment. The increase in attacks by surrounding savages and the current and past wars against Frenchmen has brought fear into the lives of our community. These fears have translated into fallacies of witchcraft and unjust imprisonments, which must be addressed promptly. To help our colony through these inconvenient times, we must enact the best solutions to ensure the security and freedom of our people.

First of all, we must address the insanity of the witchcraft allegations going on in our village. It is imperative that this nonsense be put to rest. We must raise awareness about the inoculation and harsh realities of smallpox, as brought to light by my dear friend and local physician Dr. Manning. Also I encourage other leaders and representatives of the faith to raise awareness, through their sermons and writings, that these accusations are nothing but fallacious and a sinful attempt at supressing the lower castes. As said in Exodus 23:7: “Have nothing to do with a false charge and do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty”. Once people are informed of these realities, and the wrath that our God might lay upon us for our unruliness in the name of the faith, a fair election is to be held. It is my belief that such matters must be addressed democratically to promote freedom and good government, as to not repeat the arbitrary decisions made by former Governor Andros and the English imperialists. Furthermore, we cannot be fighting two wars at once and expect a historical success for our colony.

This is why we must afterwards address the current war with a unified and strong frontier. To stop the French and the Savages, we must come together and pray for victory, as my prayers often beget favourable results. That being said, I have quite the reputation as a successful wrestler, and would not shy to roll up my sleeves and quicken our enemies meeting with the devil. That is why we must adopt an active approach to show we are not a colony to be neglected. To do so, we need England to prove that they are not just a nuisance, but can also be useful by supplying us with arms and men so that we maintain our rule on land, fishing and fur.

It is my hope, that the representatives at our council will follow the wise words of our lord and saviour, to ensure these issues are dealt with to ensure prosperity for our people and their safety.

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