



Title: "A Dream Vision"

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"[A] fourth and final observation wee took, was the story of an *Indian* in those parts, telling us of his dreams many years since, which he told us openly before many witnesses when we sate at meat: the dreame [sic] is this, hee [sic] said 'That about two years before the *English* came over into those parts there was a great mortality among the *Indians*, and one night he could not sleep above half the night, after which he fell into a dream, in which he did think he saw a great many men come to those parts in cloths, just as the *English* now are apparelled [sic], and among them these arose up a man all in black, with a thing in his hand which hee [sic] now sees was all one *English* mans book; this black man he said stood upon a higher place then all the rest, and on the one side of him were the *English*, on the other a great number of *Indians*: this man told all that he would kill them for their sinnes [sic], whereupon he said himself stood up, and desired to know of the black man what God would do with him and his *Squaw* and *Papooses*, but the black man would not answer him a first time, nor yet a second time, untill [sic] he desired the third time, and then he smil'd upon him, and told him that he and his *Papooses* should be safe, and that God would give them *Mitcheu*, (i.e.) victuals [sic] and other good things, and so hee awakened.'"